

**SORRENTO**



**SHARKS**

# Shark Bites

News from the  
**Sorrento Football Club**

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## From The President

The season launch at “Shark Park” was well attended last Thursday and it was great to see some new talent as well as the return of our current players. The new team members were presented with their jumpers and the players, netballers, supporters and guests all enjoyed a bar-b-que, skilfully prepared by Stephen Batty, Joe & Rosa with Albert supervising at a safe distance.

Some members have yet to renew their memberships and we urge you to do so prior to the first home game on April 26 as it will be a big day. Limited seats are available for the President’s pre-game lunch so call Lama quickly if you want to attend.

We have some great new offers from sponsors for our members including unbeatable rates to join the new Re-creation gym in Sorrento, and special deals from Coastcom. Have a look at our web site, under the “Sponsors” tab to get all the details. You will need to show your members card to receive the benefits.

We have many hard working members and sponsors who go unheralded. However, one of our members, Peter Schmidt was the recipient of an Australia Day Award recently – the AFSM (Australian Fire Services Medal). Peter is a senior officer with the CFA and he and his wife Amanda are keen Sharks supporters. Congratulations Peter from all at the club.

Enjoy the Easter break, and come along to support the Sharks on Saturday at Dromana.

## Coaches Report – SENIORS

**Sorrento 9.10.64**

**Red Hill 12.9.81**

The season started in a disappointing fashion for the senior team. We came up against a team that was more prepared and match hardened having played the week before. Full credit goes to Red Hill and former Sorrento coach Tony Blackford for getting the jump on us and finishing stronger. We had moments during the game where we had control, but ultimately our first half was poor. We were in trouble in the last quarter with Ryan Jefferies and Matthew Dobrowski both out with hamstrings and having a player sent off for 15 minutes.

Six players debuted on the weekend including 2 under 18s and we had 11 changes from last year’s grand final team. The 2 Tassie boys looked ok in bits and should only improve. Jarryd Ferguson was solid at half back and the 2 kids were ok. David Lawson and Grant Johnson were good and Kayle Stringer won his position. Other than that we didn’t have many winners and we won’t win many games with that output.

This week we take on Dromana at their ground for our annual Easter Saturday game. It will be a huge game with a big local crowd. Hopefully we will get Ben Schwarze, Leigh Treeby, Brendan Rinaldi, Guy Stringer, Trevor Mattison and new captain Dion Phillips back.

**Goal Kickers:** K. Stringer-Morris 3, T. Head 3, T. Schwarze, G. Johnson, L. Pohlke

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We look forward to the seeing as many sharks at the game as possible.

### **Coaches Report – RESERVES**

**Sorrento 8.8.56**

**Red Hill 3.5.23**

Having come off a hammering in last year's Grand Final, the Reserves welcomed some new faces into the side. Marcus Gardner, Lachlan Croad and Nat Diconza all have come up from the U'18 while Patrick Hall, Mitch Kennedy and Luke Soligo have come into the side for round one.

Sorrento kicked against a steady breeze in the first quarter and managed to hold off Red Hill's attack to gain a slight advantage at quarter time. Heading into the second period with a 7 point lead, I put it on the team to continue with a hard aggressive attack on the ball. The players responded magnificently, and in a tough, high standard match Sorrento gained the upper hand restricting Red Hill to 1 point in the second term while adding 4.4 ourselves.

After half time Red Hill upped their effort and kept us scoreless in the third term, but only managed to add 1.1 to their score. The Sharks however still played selfless tough football. Our tackling was first rate, and with efforts like Michael Patterson going back with the flight of the ball hard, Rikk Feldhofer using his speed to run rings around the opposition and

Jack Falck getting leather poisoning playing on the ball we stayed in control of the match.

We kicked away again in the last quarter to win with a score of 8.8-56 to 3.5-23. I was impressed by the fact that we played 4 complete quarters of football, and got a great contribution from all 22 players. Standouts on the day were Locky Croad, who gives it his all in the ruck; Jack Shepherd who has continued his good form from last season; Patrick Hall who plays fearless every week and Luke Soligo who has come into the club as a tough on baller who uses the footy well.

Finally we would like to wish Luke Brigden all the best. Luke broke his collar bone in the first quarter and will require surgery. Also Liam Callaghan who re-injured his knee and will most likely require a reconstruction. Both boys will miss a lot of football as a result so we wish them a successful recovery.

**Goal Kickers:** M. Gardner 2, J. Falck 2, N. Lever, L. Soligo, P. Hall, R. Feldhofer

### **Coaches Report – UNDER 18s**

**Sorrento 8.5.53**

**Red Hill 6.4.40**

Firstly, thank you to the Under 16's and Miles Polky for enabling us to have a full side for our first game on the weekend.

Also congratulations to Stevo & Shannon playing their first senior game on the weekend; they both did well.

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The 18's were involved in a very closely contested game in great conditions at Red Hill, we edged ahead in the first quarter thanks to some promising forward line entry's and sharp shooting by Seb Johnson.

The second quarter showed what happens when we over-use the ball and think that kicking with a strong wind means you can play from behind.

With scores level at half time we needed to lift and get back to basics. William went to centre half forward; Miles to full forward and Mc Gee on to the ball.

We started moving the ball more efficiently and led up at the ball, ending up 3 goals up at ¾ time.

Kicking the first goal in the last quarter made it difficult for Red Hill to get back into the game.

**Best Players** Will, Ethan, Mitch Towers, Seb and Ben Williamson

**Goals** Seb 4 Miles 2 Will 1 Tower 1

## **Next Game**

**Saturday April 19 v Dromana @ Dromana**

## **Footy Tipping Results**

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