

**SORRENTO**



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# Shark Bites

News from the  
**Sorrento Football Club**

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## From The President

After three winning home games we now have all three teams on top of their respective ladders. It's a great position to be in at this time of the season.

The crowd was a little smaller on Saturday as is usual for this time of the year but those attending the pre – game luncheon enjoyed an update from the under 18's coach Merv Harbinson who shared some of his coaching tactics.

Also entertaining was Peter McKenna our guest speaker who recounted many entertaining anecdotes from his years as a Collingwood star and also as a Channel 7 commentator.

I think everyone wanted to win the special prize donated by our guest sponsor **Linen House** who enjoyed their day at the footy; as did Johnny Dawson from Oakdale Meats who celebrated his birthday with family and friends.

We'll see you at Hastings next Saturday.

and talented team on the up so the lads needed to be on their game. From the outset to lads really played with a level of intensity and drive that allowed us to get on top early and control the flow of the game. By half time we had opened up a 10+ goal lead and limited Somerville to just 3 goals. Most pleasing was our defensive intent at half time.

The second half, with the game in our keeping, the boys continued to push and work the contest out to the final siren to record a 100 point win. A pleasing outcome but in the second half we did have some defensive lapses that allowed Somerville to kick 7 goals. A pleasing win but still some room for improvement as we ramp up over the next month building to finals.

Fantastically for the club we currently sit atop of all three ladders which is a credit to Sticky and Bern and Merv and Gerry for all of their hard work. This week we head across to Hastings for a danger game against a side with plenty of talent but has probably under achieved against their own expectations. We had a great supporter group at Bombers away and it would be great to have similar numbers at Hastings as well.

## Coaches Report – SENIORS

**Sorrento 26.18.174**

**Somerville 10.9.69**

The weekend's game against Somerville on paper looked like a game we should win comfortably. However Somerville is a young

## Coaches Report – RESERVES

**Sorrento 17.16.118**

**Somerville 5.1.31**

The Sorras welcomed back club champion Grant Johnson for his first game of the season after a double hernia operation. Once again

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the Reserves fielded a strong side to come up against a middle of the road team in Somerville. The boys looked focused during the warm up and began the game magnificently. James Peart at full forward marked everything that came his way and kicked accurately for a 4 goal return in the first quarter, and with the back line defending strongly yet again we took a 32 to 7 lead into the first break. Our tackling pressure was a standout in the second period, and we were able to restrict our opposition to 2 goals led by Heath Connolly at half back. We walked in at half time with a comfortable 36 point lead, but with room for improvement in certain aspects of our play.

The boys ran out for the third term confident that we can improve on our first half. To the players credit there hardness at the ball and the man began to overwhelm a young Somerville outfit. Atiba Jackson back from a hamstring injury was piling up the possessions in the midfield, and he was well supported by Grant Johnson who looked like he hasn't missed a beat. We added 4.4 to our score in the third term to take an 83 to 31 lead heading into the final term.

Our link up handball has improved in the last few weeks, and that along with our physical pressure completely dominated Somerville in the last quarter. We kept them scoreless for the term while adding 5.5 ourselves. The end result was a 118 to 31 victory and again we had 22 contributors that got the result. Kyle Parker was outstanding in the ruck and up forward, even after continuing to play after suffering a Grand Canyon sized cut to the side

of his face. James Peart ended up with 6 goals for the game and Heath Connolly and Matthew Littlejohn who came back after a two game stint in the seniors held up the back line.

The Reserves are now on top of the ladder by percentage, so if we can continue our good form we can hopefully pluck top spot on the ladder after the home and away season.

## **Coaches Report – UNDER 18s**

**Sorrento 11.17.83**

**Somerville 7.7.49**

It was a very good win by the boys this week, which should now guarantee a top 2 position at the end of the Home & Away games.

Somerville dropped a couple cack from the ones so it was a tough game as they needed to win to keep alive their finals chances.

They double teamed Tomkins all day and made it difficult to score.

Best Players William, Ethan, and Nathan, who are all bottom aged boys.

We will now be moving into a four week period of extra training to prepare for the Finals.

## **Next Game**

**Saturday July 6**

**Sorrento v Hastings @ Hastings**

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**Footy Tipping**

We don't believe the rumours that the WADA enquiry has extended its terms of reference to include Eileen's performance in the footy tipping. She has the full support of the club and you'll hear breaking news here first! Good to see Croady and Max Strahan in second place narrowing the gap.

Rank	Score		10	11	12	13	14
1st	92 Schillabeer, Eileen		7	4	5	2	6
2nd	89 Croad, David		6	4	6	4	6
2nd	89 Strahan, Max		8	5	6	4	6
4th	87 Baker, Steve		7	5	6	4	7
4th	87 Soapy		6	6	6	4	6

All results are on the website:  
[sorrentosharksfc.com.au](http://sorrentosharksfc.com.au)

**Vale**

Our thoughts are with club stalwart Ian Lamerton, his wife Fran and their family on the sudden passing of Lama's mother on Friday.