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Meet the Footy Coaches Day

Sunday February 9th saw many Members and Sponsors gather to meet the Sharks footy coaching panel and the players at the Sorrento Portsea RSL. Many there met Graeme Yates for the first time. Graeme was a skilful and consistent defender/wingman, he played 182 games with Melbourne, including 13 finals and the 1988 Grand Final. Graeme later won a VFL premiership as coach with Sandringham. Tappy and "Sticks" (Brent Kenyon) were also present. It was a great day and we thank all those who attended and the RSL for hosting the day.

The other exciting news is that we will have a U19's team this year.

Bernie Balmer (President) welcoming all parties (with some "help" from Simmo)



There are some more photos [Click Here](#)

Quick Guide to the New Footy Recruits

Robbie Turnbull-
Mt Eliza FC & Frankston VFL
Midfielder, elite balling winning

Jake Steinhart-
Trinity FC
Intercepting & running back/wing

Nathan Ryan -
Mt Eliza FC
Silky left footer

Jacko Allen -
Rye FC
Running machine

Luke Bakewell-
Berwick FC
Outer East Interleague VC

Nick Mclardy -
Old Melb VAFA

Harry Batten -
Old Xavs FC VAFA

Darcy Holden -
St Bedes Mentone FC

Tom Mcpherson -
St Kevin's FC

Ben Cromb -
Wantirna south FC

For those players I have not caught up with I apologise and will add your profiles before the start of the season.

Sponsors Corner

Again, we thank all those sponsors who have come on board again this year and encourage others to sign up. In a powerful show of community support, one of Australia's most iconic brands COUNTRY ROAD has joined with the SNFC to support both football and netball. We welcome COUNTRY ROAD as a sponsor.

To those generous sponsors who have increased their level of sponsorship (e.g. Dexion), we thank you.

As always, we ask that all those associated with The Club to support our sponsors whenever possible. For further information regarding Sponsorship please contact Marcus Derham md@derham.com.au.

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Netball Pre-Season Report

Pre-season fitness training is well underway. With fitness sessions continuing through November and December the girls only took a break for the busy January month. The Sorrento Park bought some welcome relief for training on those hot days.

We have had some changes to our numbers with a large group of our players heading to Melbourne for study and some are taking a break to become mothers. We can't wait to see a new generation of members arrive. The committee and coaches are working hard to recruit and sort out teams. If anyone in the club knows of players looking for a club please ask them to contact us for a chat. Practise matches have been organised and skills sessions started last week.

The Netball Committee is thrilled to announce the following coaching panel.

U17's Maddi Gerloff

D Grade Laurie Meaker

C Grade Briana O'Hehir

B Grade Rachel J C Day

A Grade Bec Kelly

Specialist Coach and Coaching Director - Danni Taylor

We are excited about the possibilities that this enthusiastic and dynamic group will be able to bring to 2020. We would like to express our gratitude to Alana de Wolde for her dedication and hard work last year. Lans has decide to take a break from coaching. She will still be playing, helping at training and cheering as loudly as ever.

A huge congratulations to our superstar Hannah Mundy for being selected in the 2020 Victorian 19 & Under State Team. She and her Big V teammates will compete at the National Netball Championships in Hobart in April. Hannah is off heading for the big stage, and we are excited to see how far she will go.

Membership

The membership cards have arrived, and we have started to process the forms we have already received. I would encourage everyone to buy their memberships early as the first home game will be a sold-out block buster against Rosebud on Easter Saturday and it will be difficult to process everyone on the day. I will have memberships available at the ground each training night (currently Wednesday). [Membership form is available Click Here.](#) The AFLSE Nepean Division 1 2020 season [Fixture](#) is available [Click Here.](#)

Practice Matches

We are finding it difficult to gain access to grounds at this time of the year. We have however, confirmed The Battle of the RIP over at Queenscliff for Saturday 21st March. I will update the website as soon as more information is available. (www.sorrentosharksfc.com.au)

Presidents Lunch

Our legendary Presidents Lunches will be on again at all home games this year. The arrangements are the same as last year with Dez again stepping up to take all bookings. Thanks, Dez, much appreciated.

- **Time:** From Noon
- **Cost:** \$90 per head cash please
- **Booking** Dez Dickeson (Single booking point)
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