

**SORRENTO**



**SHARKS**

# Shark Bites

News from the  
**Sorrento Football  
Netball Club**

25 March 2016 – Sorrento v Dromana

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## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

We've welcomed a lot of new blood into the club over the pre-season, including new head-coach Nick Jewell who is fired up and keen to get the home-and-away season underway. Some of the notable recruits are Scott Lockwood and Jack Egan, both from Mt Eliza, Nick Marston, from Old Brighton Grammarians, Nick Corp from Collegians, and Rosebud's best and fairest last year, Rob Forest. We also welcomed back some familiar faces with Kayle Stringer-Morris coming back from East Ringwood, Dalton Sanderson coming back from Manly Warringah and Dan Hickey coming back from Rosebud. We've also had Sharks-legend Brad Phillips take over as the Reserves coach, being ably assisted by another Sharks-legend in Bernie Lynch, and Senior-player Luke Tapscott taking the reigns of the Under 19s, with Glenn King assisting.

While most of the boys have had a great pre-season and have looked good in the practice matches, there have been a couple of really unfortunate injuries, including Rob Forest who has suffered his third season-ending knee injury, Ethan King who has suffered a season-ending shoulder injury and Jay Blair who was knocked out and suffered a broken hand and will likely miss a couple of months of footy. Rob has already undergone a shoulder reconstruction and Ethan will be going into surgery next week. All of the boys will be sorely missed this season and we wish them all a speedy recovery.

On a more positive note, there have been some really strong performances in the first three practice matches, including young-guns Chad Harris, Mitch Towers, Joey Boase, Jay Blair, Rhys

Byrns, Harry White and Jack Grant who are all under 19s this year and played practice matches in the Seniors.

Last year marked the end of an era as Troy Schwarze led the mighty Sharks for the final time, and the boys fell just short in a hard-fought preliminary final against Somerville. While getting to a preliminary final is still a great effort, the disappointment of that loss still burns for many of the Sharks players and supporters and they are all looking to put last season behind them as we run out for the first match of the season against Dromana this week.

Everyone will be watching on in great anticipation as the Sharks have their first proper hit out of the year. While we are all confident in the new recruits, the new members of the coaching staff and everyone's efforts over the pre-season, you never know how it will all come together during the start of the season.

Let's hope the boys in all three teams can bring it all together on Saturday and get the season off to a great start with three wins away at Dromana. We've had many a great battle against the Tigers in recent times and we're sure this week will be no different. We're expecting a big crowd so make sure you get there early to support all three teams and hopefully we will come away with the chocolates.

Look forward to seeing you all there!  
Go Sharks!!!  
Julian

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## NOTES FROM THE COACHES

### SENIORS

There is no better way to start the season than with what be a finals type like atmosphere. The boys have trained extremely hard over the last 3 months under Grub and are jumping out of their skin for Saturday to come around.

2016 brings many new faces. We have put together an exciting new list with some very good recruits committing to our club combined with some exciting juniors coming through who will play a big role for us in 2016. Again our terrific list of core group players who have enjoyed enormous success over a long period have raised the bar with their preparation to hopefully again be a contender at seasons end.

Congratulations to all of our leaders and to the new coaches. I am looking forward to working with you throughout the season.

Nick

### RESERVES

The reserves boys have all had a solid pre-season and are keen to start playing for points this week.

Numbers have swelled this last month as the practice games began with 3 solid hit outs against good opposition.

Several of the boys acquitted themselves well in the seniors which was very pleasing.

Some great form early has been shown by the skip Benny Feldhoffer, new ruck sensation Luke Brigden, in and under Paddy Hall and defender Jayden Seers.

We had some misfortune in the first hit out against Queenscliff, with Ethan King sustaining a dislocated shoulder. We wish Ethan a speedy recovery.

Going forward into the season we hope to build a good culture and team style of play the senior coach has set out.

Brad

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