

# TIGER TALK

EPPING EASTWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

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## President's letter

Velcome! At last the 2011 Season has commenced. The trials have at last ended and last Saturday the Club as a whole commenced the competition. Thank you to all those who participated in the trials at Spurway (with its poor facilities) and on the last week at Tuckwell. A special thanks to those who setup and closed on those days.

Last weeks games showed a mixed bag of results, some doing better than others. Overall results show the Tigers are ready to play. It was especially good to see EEW teams playing at Boronia in all 7 matches scheduled on Saturday. This is most unusual. It is to be hoped that when the balance of the draw is issued we will see more of our teams at Boronia.

I also went along on Sunday afternoon to watch our All Age play at Epping Oval. It was good to see our seniors enjoying the game and to those who filled in in various grades we say thank you.

If there is one thing about our sport it is the fact that it is a team effort. If you are on the bench, for whatever reason, you are part of the team. Likewise, if you don't turn up for the game, unless you have a good reason, not only do you let the team down but you let yourself down as well. Football is all about team participation. For success we all have to be committed to the cause.

In my last letter I spoke about the Code of Conduct. Players, managers and club officials are all covered by the code. Parents and friends are also bound by this code. In the last few days we have heard of some alleged breaches within other jurisdictions and it is a timely warning that we must all uphold the Code or face the

consequences. This means that we should act responsibly and give encouragement to all players during the game and to officials, be they coaches, managers, parents or referees and to ensure that we act in a positive way. Your manager has a copy of the Code or you can pick one up at Boronia. Copies of the accident insurance contract, stating what is and is not covered is also available at Boronia if you are interested.

Now, to some housekeeping items. Firstly, dressing of grounds (Boronia & Epping Ovals). In the next 10 days your team manager will receive a roster for the season and he/she will tell you the dates your team will be required and at what time. We like to have the grounds dressed by 7:30am and it is the duty of the last team on the day to undress and pack away the gear and lock up. The same applies to the staffing of the canteen, morning and afternoon BBQ (all at Boronia). Everyone agreed to help when we all signed our registration papers. You should not be daunted by this if it is your first experience. We are all part of the Club and should want to play our part. Please don't leave it for someone else. Do your bit and when asked, say yes.

I would like to conclude by once again saying welcome to our new players and their parents who have joined us from other clubs. We always get a few but this year I detect a higher number. I hope that both my committee and I can ensure that you are made most welcome and that you stay will be long and happy with the Tigers.

Till next we meet, Go You Tiger's Go! Regards, Ian Kendal 9858 1605 Inside this issue

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## Match Reports April 2nd 2011

#### U/I I-I V'S NORMANHURST. WIN 4-2

Firstly, I'd like to welcome the new boys Lachlan Mewburn, Harrison De Lacy Peek, Slater O'Brien, Gordon Hessell, Riley Van Drunen and Lachlan Giulieri into the team. These boys all bring something special with them and I can't begin to tell you how pleased I am that they have decided to play for the Tigers. It is never easy against Normo and today was no exception. Our defence was air tight with Gordon and Nathan holding their positions and never giving the Normo attack a moments peace. Sam and Connor are the perfect partnership in the middle of the back four and Sam started where he left off last year with some superb tackling. Connor is the quiet one at the back. He just seems to nip in and steal the ball from the opposition without them knowing what just happened. Alex played some beautiful football out wide and was a deserved Man of the Match along with Riley who scored our 1st goal for the season and looked like he was really enjoying himself. Brian is simply brilliant. I'm not sure how rep sides have missed this boy as he is an outstanding player. Speaking of outstanding, Harrison terrorised the opposition defence every time he got the ball and scored 2 excellent goals and actually had the Normo camp wondering whether he was a ring in from Project 22. Nice compliment I thought. Lachlan M is a man on a mission. He brings that extra bit of strength I've been looking for to support Brian in the middle of the park. He is a true leader in the making. Lachlan G had some lovely touches on the ball and was very strong in defence. Considering he hasn't played in quite some time, I believe he will have a fantastic season. Slats did a great job in goal as did Jacob who also managed to score a terrific goal when he was put up front. What a brilliant start to the season and in front of a home crowd to boot. Well done boys. Pete & Andy

#### U/14-4 V'S WEST PENNANT HILLS. WIN 3-1

Terrific start to the year with a solid performance from us with 2 great goals from James Lee and 1 from Luke Chapman. All boys put in solid performances but I have to

single out our team Captain Kai Glennie. Kai put in an outstanding effort which really came as no surprise to me, but it was 2 passes which led to 2 of our goals that I think were world class. This boy has the ability to change the entire direction of a match with I kick of the ball. With Brannen alongside him in the back 4, I think it will take something special for the opposition to score against us. So far this year, including trial games, we have conceded 2 goals and both have come from direct penalty kicks. Matin was always causing West Penno problems and Kamran and Sean both reminded me why I have such high opinions of them as players. They were both rock solid in all departments. Brandon also created many opportunities and was probably unlucky not to score on more than I occasion. He will be a major force in this teams push for the title. Anthony and Steve were also solid across the park and Michael & Edward are becoming stronger players every week. James is going to torment every teams defence this year as he is an exceptional player and I think he will have a very high scoring season. I can see the boys confidence growing each week and it certainly showed in today's performance. At I-I at half time I don't think there was a boy in the team who didn't believe we would come away with the three points. Certainly the coach had no doubts whatsoever. I'll finish with a quote from the opposition coach "Well, looks like we've found the team to beat this year". Never a truer word spoken. Well done boys. Pete

#### **EEW 21/2'SV ROSELEA 21/2'S:**

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Some contentious calls and a red card within the first 30 minutes hindered the boy's chance of first day success. With little happening in the opening periods a second bookable offence for a very soft challenge saw Nathan in the change rooms with only 30 minutes played. The boys lifted however and were soon 1-0 up after a neat move down the right hand side of a very lush looking Boronia Park saw Adam Evans plant the ball in the back of the net. The game settled down until the half time whistle with only the poor challenges on Robert and the referee's ineptitude at awarding a free kick the only other stand

out events. The second half resumed much like the first with unfair challenges flying in left, right and centre that went unpunished and due to this roselea scored. A strong challenge produced a loose ball that the weary 10 man Tiger legs could not get to, leaving the Roselea player to fire an optimistic shot from quite some distance. The ball looped high and over a stranded Michael leveling the scores. By now the extra work of playing with 10 men was beginning to show as loose balls became a prominent theme of the second half. And with our defence beginning to tire we were hit on the break with Roselea scoring

again. The second half rounded out with a determined effort by the Tigers with Lindon almost clinching one back however, his shot sailed the wrong side of the post with the game ending 2-1 to the visitors. All in all a spirited effort with only 10 men for a large portion of the game. With a bit more fitness we will be a dominant team this year.

**Written by Cameron Laundry** 

### Around the Club

#### It's all Happening

It was so good to see so many attend the Junior Coaching In-service Course held at Boronia by Tim Thorne (GHFA). More important was the positive feedback we have received. There will be further opportunities during the season. Chris Salmon will keep you posted.

#### Who's putting in?

What a delight it's been to see that at last we are providing goal keeping classes to some of our juniors. A group of 3 keepers from Premier League have been at 'school' for some 5 weeks honing their skills and they have been passing on information and techniques to our juniors. It is a great example of putting something back and we thank Michael, Daniel and Mitchell for giving their time and to Mark McLaren for co coordinating this project. Let's do more!!

#### Yes it's coming

We have had some enquiries about "Entertainment Books". We will have them in stock from Saturday week. This has become a very popular fundraising method by schools in lieu of the dreaded chocolate drive. Why not support your Club's efforts. You can place orders now at Boronia. Ian Smith would love to be of assistance.

#### **Electronic Age**

We live in the electronic age, even football. GHFA has introduced electronic team sheets this season which should make your team manager job easier (all except Premier League). Which reminds us — make sure your team manager has your correct email address and if you change address please let the club know.

#### **Holiday Time**

Don't forget April 16th we have no games for U6/7/8's as it is part of the school holidays.

#### Welcome the Pizza

We are very pleased to welcome Pedros Pizza Epping who is sponsoring this years U21 side. The team looks great in their new shirts. Don't forget to tell Pedros you are from the Tigers – you are sure to be warmly greeted.

#### **Tasty**

It's a case of knowing your onions and ours come from Galluzzo Fruit Market corner of Malton Rd and Roma St North Epping! Thank you for supplying the onions for our BBQ – no more tears for the slicer! Call in & say "Hi I'm a Tiger".



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