



TIGER TALK

EPPING EASTWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

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President's letter

Welcome to Season 2013 and to those of you who are new to the Club we hope you enjoy your time with the Tigers. To those returning – welcome back to Epping Eastwood, the family club. Your club committee will do all they can to ensure that no matter what the results, that we all enjoy this season together.

Let me talk about "the family". It is certainly the players, coaches and managers but also includes the parents and other supporters who are a vital part of the Club and importantly Club life and sometimes this is not always appreciated by some.

A case in point is when a parent takes a player to training we expect that the parent will stay at the training session. Your team coach is not running a child minding service. He can't always hang around waiting for someone to do a pick up. At the same time it is an opportunity to meet other parents and I am sure in discussion you will talk about the same topics for example, school work etc. We don't all live in a perfect world, it is not always possible. We all have other commitments and are time poor but we are a family and we share within the family. We are all collectively part of the family that is the Epping Eastwood Football Club.

At this time of the season I reflect on our founders 61 years ago where from very humble beginnings this Club was born and of all those who followed in subsequent years who have served, played and participated in the Tigers and those of us here now continuing their ideals of providing sport, friendship and commitment. I am confident we will continue in that spirit together.

Moving on to other items:

Night Training scheduling has been quite a

challenge as we lost Epping Oval on Wednesday nights. Our 35/1's are still able to train there thanks to NER who now have the ground. Our teams are coming together on the remaining grounds and times available. We may make further adjustments once things settle down. Let's hope for a dry winter!

Speaking of Epping Oval we were aware that on Saturday mornings the ground was not being used. As a result the Club management, in light of small sided games (SSG's) being extended to U11's, has had the oval remarked to suit SSG's and full sized games. The idea being (we hope) that EEW will play SSG's on Epping Oval thus reducing travel time for parents and players.

The down side is we have no canteen on that ground (any ideas?) and it will take a little longer to dress and undress the ground but we believe it is a good option.

It has been a busy preseason with gradings and trials and some of our communications – well let's say we could have done it better. It is always easy to look back but communication is one of the hardest things to get right. For years we have talked about how to improve it and we do. This season we are working to improve it again.

The online registration has been a help. As you have entered the data it should be accurate and with the improvements of the computer systems it has provided us with improved facilities. Scott McGoogan, as Club Registrar has spent an unbelievable number of hours working to get us onto the field of play and we are indeed fortunate to have him in this role. We are indeed blessed with a group of people who are in the background assisting.

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I started talking about our football family and let me finish with a story that makes me so happy to share with you. I just love seeing our mini teams at training, all running around happy and usually not listening to the coach! Kicking balls in the wrong direction – but here we are looking at the future of your club, maybe just maybe a future player for Australia – why not?

One such player is Emily Mitchell who came along just to have a kick around. After 10 minutes she wanted to sign on! So what you may ask. Well you see Emily was born to play because at just 2 weeks of age she was an avid spectator as her dad brought her here to watch whilst he played. At this time Emily became the real 'pass the parcel' with Mrs McLaren and Mrs McGoogan looking after her and I expect to see both

ladies at some time during the season watching one of her games. The coach is a very proud A/A playing Jarrod, her uncle Anthony in the 35's and her grandparents Lorraine and Alan are keen supporters of this club.

EPHING EASTWOOD – THE FAMILY CLUB – YOUR CLUB – BE PART OF IT!

Well that's all for this issue. Remember we welcome feedback.

Till next we meet,
Go You Tiger's Go!

Ian Kendal

A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

Some clubs seem to go through a constant change to the club colours partly as an upgrade and in some cases to avoid strip clashes with other clubs.

Here at the Tigers we have maintained our colours for 60 years. Yes we have changed the style of the shirts but never the colours. Today we only clash with one club, Holy Cross College (HCC) whose colours are gold and maroon. As a result we have to change colour when playing them during the season. The rule is visitors must change. Team managers should pick up a change of strip the week before from Boronia and return it washed and ready for re-issue the following week.

EPHING OVAL CONVERSION

Due to the increase in small sided games up to and including U11's and the oval not being fully used on Saturday mornings we have decided to have Epping Oval double marked to accommodate small sided games. It is hoped (but not guaranteed) that our SSG teams will play the majority of their games at Epping Oval thus reducing travelling times previously experienced. To accommodate this we have invested in new SSG goal posts (portable) which will add a little extra time to the ground dressing

time both in the morning and the undressing at midday when the ground returns to a full sided field.

HAVE YOUR SAY

At last year's Annual General Meeting it was suggested that the Articles of Association (Constitution) were in need of an update. They were last reviewed some years ago. As a result, in late April/early May we will have a "Special General Meeting" for you the members to vote on the proposed changes.

A selected committee was given the task and it will be of interest to see what their recommendations will be and if the members agree with the proposed changes. One item will deal with electronic communications, for example, giving written notice of say the AGM versus electronic/social media. Who knows what other recommendations will come but you the members will have your chance to review the proposed changes.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We don't play mini football (U6, 7 & 8's) during the middle of the holidays ie Saturday 20th April – NO GAMES FOR MINIS.



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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

For those of you who have played with the Tigers in previous seasons you will notice a change in the sponsors name on the playing shirts of our Juniors. We welcome "Epping Realty" which is the new name for Eppings' Premium Real Estate Company. The management has not changed, just the company name, why not check their web site www.eppingrealty.com for more information on our sponsor. The slogan as far as we at the Tigers are concerned is still the same – 'giving back to the community', as they have done for well over a decade. Not many can hold their heads high and say we are proud to continue our support of local sport. Let's hope we can support Epping Realty as they move forward with a new name. Also changing is the name of Premier League to Super League Division One. We have had some clubs playing in Super League Division 2 for some years. The change was made at the direction of FFA who wanted to retain the title for their competitions. All Associations had to go along with the change. All those years as 'Prem's' has now passed into history – it will take some time for some of us to get used to the new title of Super League!

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Alexanders Netball Club is a small, family orientated club that would like to build on its numbers to help ensure the club will survive for another 50 years. Season 2012 is the first year we have not had a "baby" team as we like to call them. In fact, we "lost" 2 teams in 2012 compared with 2011 numbers. The club can no longer afford to wait for players to come to us as there are many clubs out there with a higher community profile so we have decided to be pro-active this year by using what we have to our advantage – advertising, community spirit, school contacts and enthusiasm! We feel that it is through our babies – 8 and 9 year olds that the club will continue to grow and be competitive in the Eastwood Ryde Netball Association competition.

At Alexanders, each team has a qualified and very patient coach who, along with parental help and encouragement, teaches the children the rules. Players aged 8 and 9 learn to play netball using modified rules to suit their age, capabilities, size and strength. This allows the children to get used to the rules and learn the skills in a more relaxed setting while having fun and enjoying the learning at the same time as participating in a team sport. Each player has the opportunity to play all positions so they can then chose or perhaps be guided toward a position that best suits their ability and strengths. Coaches often join the children in their laughter as they try different skills – drop a ball or forget what they are doing, while continuing to encourage them to try again and praising them for their efforts no matter what the result is.

While our registrar Scott McGoogan has very strong ties to the Epping Eastwood Football Club, his wife Dianne has equally strong ties to Alexanders Netball Club and is their treasurer. Through this common link, both clubs have been working together in an effort to expand player numbers. One initiative saw both clubs provide a "Come 'n' Try" session at Epping Heights Public School aimed at 8 & 9 year olds with all children thoroughly enjoying themselves.

If you have a sister, friend, neighbour or perhaps even yourself would like to play netball, Alexanders would love to hear from you. You would be joining 5 other Tigers families who have already made the connection – all be it unknowingly! Sisters of players from the under 11's right through to wife of our Super League coach are already playing netball with Alexanders.



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