



TIGER TALK

EPPING EASTWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

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President's letter

Well, we are almost at the halfway point in the competition & our results are mixed. Nothing unusual, some are doing well and some not so well. The reasons are many and it is really no different to what has occurred in past years and most clubs would say the same. Performance on the field is important. Everyone likes, indeed wants to win. This is one of the things that sport teaches so well – it reflects in many respects how we live life. We as individuals can only do our best and in our game, along with our fellow team members, we do what we can to improve our collective efforts whether we are in the U16/5's or in AA22. The important factor is that we enjoy the game, win, lose or draw and in so doing we build lasting friendships along the way at Epping Eastwood – the family club.

The world game is certainly in the news at all levels and in the last week in Sydney we have seen huge numbers of spectators at Homebush and I am aware that many of you went to the games. What a great experience!

Closer to home, GHFA announced we were moving forward with the development of a "Centre of Excellence" at Christie Park with a budget of over \$7 million. It is a bold plan with 3 synthetic full size fields, new change rooms, grandstands and lighting. It is seen as the future of sport – to be used year round by sport in the area.

At the local level, ELS Hall at North Ryde will be synthetic by years end and a massive redevelopment is planned at the YMCA also. It is a great boost for not only our sport but others will benefit also.

Moving closer to home you may have read in the NDT of \$1.3 million being allocated initially for

upgrading our beloved Boronia Park. This is Stage One, covering new playground equipment, BBQ facilities, and new pathways around the park as walking/running tracks. Tucked away in the Master Plan is a new 2 storey Club House / Canteen and other storage facilities. Whilst this is exciting, it is down the track. The upgrade will run into millions but at least Council recognize the need to improve the park. We as a club have been on Boronia for 60 plus years – this master plan is something for the future that should enhance the park. Your management committee will be keeping you updated. It is our understanding the \$1.3 million will be spent in the next 12 months. There are no plans to convert Boronia to a synthetic playing surface.

Thanks to Jarred Mitchell's efforts the limited canteen facilities at Epping Oval are well received and those who are assisting are providing a valued service to all who play on the ground between 8am and 11am. Our negotiations with Hornsby Council for a permanent canteen are slow. We are currently looking at a food truck facility – shades of how we started at Boronia decades ago!

Last Sunday we vacated Boronia for the 3rd year to assist in raising funds for 'Taloodles' which is an organization that acquires and trains Therapy and Assistance Dogs to assist in the care and treatment of people who have a disability that is attributable to one or more intellectual, cognitive, neurological, sensory or physical impairment. They do an excellent job. They are a wonderful group of people dedicated to helping others and their efforts raised over \$14 000 on the day. What a great effort.

Thanks to all the teams who participated in the

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team photos last Saturday. You all looked great and thank you for being on time, it was appreciated.

At Boronia we now have in stock the popular "Entertainment Books". These offer a wide variety of discounts on food, hotels, restaurants and are worth a look. We are told you recover the cost quickly on using the book.

Your club recognizes people who have played/ coached/ managed or a combination of all three as members of the "20 Year" Tigers

Club. It is surprising how many people are members and still are in the club today. This is our way of saying thanks for your loyalty & support. If you think you qualify please contact our Secretary, Ian Smith. Presentations are made at the Club Dinner – the date to be announced soon.

That's all for now, thank you for your continued support.

Go You Tigers Go!!

Ian Kendal

MATCH REPORTS

13/2'S MATCH REPORT 16 MAY 2015

PEPPING EASTWOOD TIGERS 0 GLENHAVEN 7

The score line definitely didn't reflect the effort put in by the boys. Starting without subs, injuries during the game reduced our numbers to 9 at stages. With accurate passing we still managed to create chances with narrow misses from Liam and Harry. Our defenders battled bravely but in the end the weight of numbers led to the goals being conceded.

Gabi

MATCH REPORT 15/2 VS SAINTS UNITED

After 2 losses to start the season & playing with a full team for the first time our boys hit the ground running. Lots of opportunities in the first half, but Saints were the first to score off a well hit free kick from just outside the box. Benson scored for us before half time making it look like it was going to be a tight contest.

Louis sprinted away from the kickoff & causally eased the first goal of the 2nd half into the far corner to give us the lead. Saints managed to reply levelling the score again. From that point on however Tigers dominated with another 2 goals from Louis & 1 each from Lachlan & Ethan. With



Tigers 13/2s fought hard without reward on Saturday



mostly new players it was great to see them all play well today. While I only mentioned the goal scorers this was a great team effort

& ALL Tigers played well today.

Stephen

PLAYER OF THE WEEK PROFILES U10/3s



Player of the Week 18/4/15

Name: Lily W

How long have you been playing with the Tigers?

This is my first season

Why did you get player of the week?

"According to Des and Don I made some great passes toward the end of the game".

Comments about the game:

"I think we played really well and all our team mates cooperated greatly. I don't think we could have done any better. There isn't much else to say than congratulations to everyone in the team."

Favourite soccer team:

Manchester United

Favourite soccer Player: David Beckham

Favourite Lolly: Chews



Player of the Week 9/5/15

Name: Philip W

How long have you been playing with the Tigers?

5 years

Why did you get player of the week?

"For calling for the ball when I was out in space"

Comments about the game:

"The team played pretty well. There were lots of corners and chances at goal"

Favourite soccer team:

FC Barcelona

Favourite soccer player: Lionel Messi

Favourite Lolly: Gummy bears



Player of the Week 16/5/15

Name: Will C

Why did you get player of the week?

"Because I did good goal keeping and saved three goals."

Match overview:

We played well during the game. We were a bit asleep in the first half and but I think we started playing a bit better in the second half.

Favourite Soccer team:

Liverpool

Favourite soccer player:

Steven Gerrard

Favourite Lolly:

Strawberry Creams



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A Short Reflection on Gallipoli

Epping Eastwood Tiger Life Member Anthony French and I had the honour of attending the Centenary Dawn Service at Gallipoli. We believe we went for the right reasons, not to glorify war but to commemorate and pay tribute to the thousands of men who did not come home from battle.

Security on the day was intense – identity searches, body searches, bag searches and machine guns.

The solemn service at Anzac Cove opened with the arrival of Princes, Presidents and Prime Ministers. The silence was total and in reverence to the men of that historic, epic tragedy. The temperature was freezing. There was no food or water for us – we dare not complain.

The ceremony continued with strict military precision and equanimity, with speeches, memorial tributes and the haunting “Last Post”. To hear that “Last Post” in that place was an experience to put us into another dimension – an experience to remember.

Next, the long march up the mountain to the Cemetery of Lone Pine. The mountain trail was steep, dangerous and presented us with more security checks and more machine guns. Why would the authorities choose to land an invading army in this forsaken place 100 years ago?

The tribute at the cemetery with thousands of graves and one pine tree was powerful.

There were more speeches and a splendid catafalque parade by serving Australian soldiers. The “Last Post” at this place was heard by thousands of Aussies with tears in their eyes. The “Last Post” was followed by an emotional bugle “Rouse”, but the spirits of those thousands of soldiers at Lone Pine will not rise to the “Rouse” to fight another day. We left this place enlightened but humbled.

Lest We Forget.

Eddie Du Pont

Ed Note: Eddie is one of the back room boys who would not be known to the vast majority of our members. He provides great service to your club and we thank him for this article.

