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Community Camps 2006

The Gold Coast was lucky enough to have both the Essendon Bombers and Melbourne Demons visit as part of the AFL community Camp Program designed to promote AFL in regional areas. The Demons enjoyed an action packed week interacting with junior footballers and supporters at a variety of events including the NAB AFL Superclinic and Supporters BBQ, Gold Coast Stingrays Talent Squad Training, Community Forum and Melbourne FC Charity Golf Day and Charity Auction Luncheon at Robina Woods Golf Club.

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The Bombers also dropped in and attracted over 150 young Bombers to the Essendon Football Club superclinic held at Carrara Oval. The kids at Mudgeeraba Special School were also treated to a visit from Bombers Adam McPhee, Ben Jolley and Andrew Welsh who said "It is always good to meet these kids that are facing some challenges. We had some fun kicking the footy around and bouncing on the trampoline and it put a smile on their face."

The Bombers also put a smile on the faces of many other Gold Coast kids when they visited the Gold Coast Hospital and helped out at training at many of the junior clubs on the Gold Coast. In an action packed week on the lead up to their first round match against the Brisbane Lions in the NAB Cup the Bombers also dined with supporters at the Banquet with the Bombers held at Southport and were the star attraction at the Community Forum where talented juniors learned all about playing in the AFL and coaches were able to learn from some of the best in the business at the Coaching Forum with Kevin Sheedy, Dean Wallis, John Quinn, Gary O'Donnell and Gary Ayres. The Bombers did manage a little bit of time to check out the local tourist attractions with several players hitting the slides at Wet 'n' Wild while James Hird, Andrew Welsh and Jason Winderlich were getting to know a few of the locals at Seaworld.



LEVEL 1 AUSKICK RULES/YOUTH COACHING COURSE & UPDATES SATURDAY 11th & SUNDAY 12th MARCH 2006

The Level 1 Auskick Rules/Youth Coaching Course will be held this weekend at the Surfers Paradise AFC. The course runs from 9am to 4pm on Saturday the 11th of March and from 9am to 12 midday on Sunday the 12th of March. Those coaches that only need to update their accreditation are only required to attend on Sunday. For more information please contact the AFL Gold Coast Juniors Office on 5528 6344.





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Stingrays Victorious in NAB CUP Curtain Raiser

On the 24th of February the U18's Gold Coast Stingrays played against the Brisbane West Tiapans as the Curtin Raiser to the Brisbane v Essendon match at Carrara. This match was a lead up to the state carnival, which starts on March the 9th. It was a hard fought and scrappy game which highlighted the good players from the bad. Haydn Kiel and Dane Eaton were named best on ground, both showed their class by linking up in the middle and providing their forward line with a endless supply of leather. The Stingrays were victorious by 3 points, and look in good shape for the carnival. The Stingrays are nearing the end of a very heavy program with there coach Jarrod Field. Their campaign started at the start of December and has gone right trough to March. The Stingrays have a lot of belief in there squad and are quietly confident of bringing home the bacon!

Dane & Hadyn
AFL Q Trainees

2006 U14 Young Stingrays Development Squad

It's that time again and for the forth year running we will be conducting our hugely successful "Skill and Education Day" as the first step in the process of selecting our U14 Young Stingrays Development Squad. This will be held in the Easter school holidays and we are fully aware that some players could be absent due to holidays, but this does not mean that they miss out as there will be further opportunities later on.

All Clubs are requested to nominate a maximum of 10 players to attend this years selection trial, which will include skill and fitness testing and games. As well as this there will be an educational session, outlining the processes and requirements of the Gold Coast Stingrays Development Program from U14 to U18 level.

It is expected that between 80 and 100 players will be in attendance, which will be the largest ever participation numbers. This will give a broader base of players an awareness and exposure to the Gold Coast Stingrays Development Squad Programs.

From these players, two squads of 20 to 25 will be selected and will commence training in separate Northern and Southern Coast Squads. The final squad of 25 players will then compete for the Gold Coast Region at the State Championships to be held on the Sunshine Coast from June 26 to 30.

"Skill and Education Day" Details:

- Date:** Wednesday, April 12, 2006
- Time:** 12.00pm – 4.30pm
- Venue:** Labrador AFC
- Equipment:** Football training gear (boots, socks, shorts, jumper, and mouth guard) runners, sun screen, snacks and drink bottle
- Qualification:** Nomination by Club Coach (Only nominated players are permitted)

Nomination Forms will be sent to Club's on Wednesday, March 8, 2006.

U 14's Important Dates

April
12 Skill & Education Day



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Update on U16 Selection Process

As the Club Day was unfortunately cancelled, we will be inviting all players, who have been nominated by their Club Coaches (listed below), to attend the training sessions outlined below. Could Club's please ensure these players are aware they have been nominated and inform them of their commitments?

Squad Training	Wed Mar 8	4.45pm – 6.30pm	Robina AFC
Red v Blue Game	Mon Mar 13	4.45pm – 6.30pm	Robina AFC

The session on Wednesday will go ahead even if it is raining as we will also have a meeting to discuss the program with both the players and their parents.

From these two sessions we will select a squad of about 30 and we will continue to watch practice matches and Club games to add and delete players over the next month. This way we are assured of not missing anyone and all players are given a fair chance.

Broadbeach Brendan Bagley Joseph Barille Steven Bugeja Luke Cocks Ryan Dienjes Travis Fraser Jordan Gauder Cheyne Hutchinson James Kelly Mark Perkins Tayler Rolfe Joshua Searl	Burleigh Corey Hart Koray Hudaverdi Mitchell Wright Coomera William Howell Mudgeeraba Dayne Beams James Fitzgerald Sean Goedheer Chris Handley Alex Lobianco	PBC Curtis Allen Daniel Bourke Leigh Hughes Jack Tremelling Southport Zac Callinan Daniel Cross Dion Jarvis Sam Mairs Lachlan Moir Daniel Ramage	Surfers Chris Ac Guy Addams Sean Atkinson Max Davis Jesse Haberfield Amaron Johanson Tweed Coolangatta Elliott Bath Ben Dovey Mark Lock Harry McDonnell Fred Sleeth
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U 16's Important Dates

March
13 Red v Blue Game

U 18's Important Dates

March
9 U18 State Carnival
Stingrays v Raiders
Coorparoo @ 6pm

15 U18 State Carnival
Stingrays v
Bushrangers
Carrara @ 7pm

18 U18 State Carnival
Finals @ Coorparoo

U18 Stingrays Ready for State Championships

The final 25 player squad was announced last night at the Annual Jumper Presentation and the team is looking forward to defending their title.

The first game commences on Thursday night with the 2005 Grand Final Replay between the Stingrays and the Northern Raiders at Coorparoo at 6.00pm. Game 2 is against arch rivals the South Eastern Bushrangers, which is shaping up as the game of the Championships. This game is to be played at Carrara on Wednesday, March 15 at 7.00pm so we urge all Gold Coasters to come along and support the team and witness some future draft prospects in action. The finals will then be played at Coorparoo on Saturday, March 18.

We wish the players all the best in their attempt to be the first Region to win 3 Championships in a row. Below is the final Squad:

Matt Boston	Michael Cooke	Evan Duryea
Jackson Emblem	Daniel Frawley	Alex Hombsch
James Mulligan	Brent Renouf	Joel Tippett
Stephen Clarke	Nick Coster	Dane Eaton
Regan Finlay	Dane Grant	Haydn Kiel
Ricky Petterd	Aaron Rolfe	Tauryan Zimmer
Tom Clough	Jesse Derrick	Wayde Edwards
Sam Folan	Ben Headland	
Fraser Pope	Jacob Spackman	



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NAB AFL AUSKICK TERM 1

AFL Auskick is bigger than ever on the Gold Coast with a total of 18 Auskick Centres in Term 1 and in excess of 1,000 kids registered for the program.



AFL Auskick has kicked off bigger and better in 2006 with NAB becoming the major sponsor of the most successful junior sports participation program in Australia.

For more information about AFL AUSKICK check out the website www.aflauskick.com.au

<u>AUSKICK CENTRE</u>	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>AUSKICK CENTRE</u>	<u>Numbers</u>
St Brigid's	51	Gaven SS	29
Helensvale SS	106	Banora Point SS	37
Cedar Creek SS	28	Biggera Waters SS	43
Cunungara SS	22	Musgrave SS	40
Merrimac SS	34	St James	15
Upper Coomera SS	54	Currumbin SS	87
Miami SS	33	Pacific Pines SS	94
Surfers SS	37	Robina SS	67
Varsity SS	114	St Kevin's	69

All of these centres are running our 8 week program with two or three of these centres to run a modified program that will cater for the older kids by playing games from week 4.

With Club AFL Auskick well underway at all clubs other than Palm Beach Currumbin JAFC and Southport JAFC (who start on the 22nd March), numbers are a little down. All clubs need to get to the school AFL Auskick in their area to recruit kids into their under 8's program.

NAB AFL Auskick grid games at Carrara will take place on these dates:

- 16 April 2006 Melbourne v Adelaide
- 13 May 2006 Hawthorn v Brisbane

There is another 18 AFL Auskick Centres starting in Term 2. These centres are spread all over the Gold Coast and provide great geographical coverage for all kids on the Gold Coast.



NAB AFL AUSKICK CENTRES TERM 2

<u>AUSKICK CENTRE</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>AUSKICK CENTRE</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Start date</u>
Southern Tweed PS	Monday	TBC	A.B. Patterson	Thursday	TBC
Mudgeeraba SS	Monday	TBC	Ashmore SS	Thursday	TBC
Trinity	TBC	TBC	Guardian Angels	Thursday	TBC
Lindisfarne College	TBC	TBC	Jubilee College	Thursday	TBC
Tamborine SS	Tuesday	TBC	Broadbeach SS	Friday	TBC
Ormeau	Tuesday	TBC	Hillcrest College	Friday	TBC
Burleigh Heads SS	Wednesday	TBC	Palm Beach SS	Friday	TBC
Gilston SS	Wednesday	TBC	Southport JAFC	Saturdays	22 March
St Andrews	Wednesday	TBC	Palm Beach Currumbin JAFC	Saturdays	22 March



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What's On!

March

- 9 U18 State Carnival (Game 1)
Stingrays v Raiders
6pm @ Coorparoo
- 11 Swans v Tigers NAB Match @
Carrara
- 11,12 Level 1 Auskick Coaching
Course - Surfers AFC
Reaccreditation on 12th
- 12 U18 State Carnival (Game 2)
- 13 Basic Umpires Course (Part 1)
Surfers AFC 5.30 - 7.30pm
- 13 Stingrays U16 Trials
Red v Blue Game
- 14 U15 Hinterland/Private
Schools Trials
4-5pm Emmanuel College
- 15 Basic Umpires Course (Part 2)
Surfers AFC 5.30 - 7.30pm
- 15 U18 State Carnival (Game 3)
Stingrays v Bushrangers
7pm @ Carrara
- 18 U18 State Carnival (Final)
- 22 AFLGCJ Board Meeting
- 24 U15 Broadwater District
School Trials
1.30-3pm Labrador AFC
- 25 Auskick to Club Sign-on
- 29 U12 GC South Trials
3.30 - 5pm Burleigh AFC
- 30 U15 South Coast Trials
9-3pm Labrador AFC
- April**
- 1 AFLGCJ (Round 1)
- 1,2 Level 1 Auskick Rules
Coaching Course - Coorparoo
- 5 BOD Meeting
- 8 AFLGCJ (Round 2)
- 12 U14's Stingrays Skill Day
- 16 AFL Game @ Carrara
Melbourne v Adelaide
- 21,28 U12 GC North Trials
3.30-5pm Southport AFC
- 22 AFLGCJ (Round 3)
- 29 AFLGCJ (Round 4)
- May**
- 2 U12 South Coast Trials
9 - 3pm Southport AFC
- 13 AFL Game @ Carrara
Brisbane v Hawthorn

School Football

School Footy will kick off late this term in the Southern Primary Schools Competition with numbers still increasing with a venue still to be confirmed. We are looking forward to the Northern Primary School Competition and hoping for growth in that comp as well.

The U15 and U12 school boy trials are all under way or about to start in the next couple of weeks, so make sure you check the 'Whats On' section or check with your school or club to find out when and where the trials will be held.

AFL Queensland Trainee Trains with the Bombers

Southport Sharks AFL Queensland premiership player and AFL Old Sports-ready Trainee, Haydn Kiel has kicked off the 2006 season in similar fashion to that which he finished 2005 – on a high. The 18-year-old forward was invited to train with the Essendon Bombers during their AFL Community Camp visit to the Gold Coast.

Kiel, a Queensland U18 representative last year joined the AFL heavy-weights in a full session at Carrara after the free Super Clinic. It is part of a program initiated by the AFL and AFL Queensland to expose talented young Queenslanders to AFL clubs and give them a taste of what is required at

New AFL Gold Coast Staff

Doug Ferguson Regional Service Officer

Doug has recently returned from a working holiday in the UK and has taken over from Wayne Diplock who is now managing the Mt Gravatt State League side. Doug has completed a Sports Management and Education degree and has 7 years experience working in the sports industry.

Haydn Keil Office Trainee

Haydn is 18 and currently playing football for the Southport Sharks and was lucky enough to play in the 2004 premiership. Hadyn took on the AFL Sportsready Traineeship because he loves AFL and enjoys teaching the AUSKICK kids skills they can use.

Dane Eaton Office Trainee

Dane is 18 and currently contracted to the Southport Sharks and has been selected for the Gold Coast Stingrays. Dane took on the AFL Sportsready Traineeship to continue his football development and to kick start a career in the sports industry.

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