

28 November 2013

MS MELBOURNE CYCLE

Player, and keen cyclist, Mitch Skelly is organising an Ivanhoe AFC fundraising effort for people who suffer from Multiple Sclerosis (MS) with the MS Melbourne Cycle on Sunday 23 Feb 2014. It is a great cause and we are looking for any Ivanhoe people who would like to join us in cycling on the day, as well as donations to help the event get towards their \$750,000 target. If you want to participate or donate, please visit the Ivanhoe AFC team page by clicking [here](#). Let's get behind a wonderful cause.



2014 FIRST 3 ROUNDS ANNOUNCED

The VAFA have released details of the first three rounds for season 2014 in Division 2. Our season opens with an away match against relegated Glen Eira on April 5. Round 2 sees our first home game of the season when we host Old Paradians and in round 3 (after the Easter bye) we host Elsternwick AFC at Ivanhoe Park. For more information on the other match ups in rounds 1-3, check out the [VAFA website](#).

27 November 2013

GROUP BOXING TRAINING SESSION - SAT 7 DEC

We have organised a Saturday morning group boxing class on the 7 December at 9:15am for all players. It will be held at the [Leo Berry](#) boxing gym at 8 Gleadell St, Richmond. Cost will be \$10 per person and you need bring nothing other than yourself.

26 November 2013

PRE-SEASON OFF ON THE RIGHT (& LEFT) FOOT

Well the players have to be congratulated on last night's first pre-season session, with new coach Paul Harris getting 55+ guys along to Ivanhoe Park. It is a fantastic effort, and one that will help ensure Season 2014 is a beauty. Pre-season continues tomorrow night, so let's make it just as big, with those who couldn't get there last night, doing their best to get there tomorrow. Well done again boys.



21 November 2013

XMAS BREAK-UP FOR ALL IVANHOE PEOPLE

Ivanhoe AFC invite all Ivanhoe people, players, partners, supporters, past players and coaches, basically anyone with Ivanhoe in their veins, to our Xmas break-up. We will be holding this on Sunday 15 December at the East Ivanhoe Bowls Club between 12pm and 4pm. The cost of \$25 will get you bowls and food, with drinks available at the bowling club's prices, kids get free entry. A lovely afternoon is sure to be had, so we look forward to see you all there.

THANK YOU STEVIE G

After 2 years as Reserves coach, Stevie Graeme has announced that he will not be continuing in this role in 2014. The club would like to thank Stevie G for all his hard work over the past two years, managing to turn the Reserves not only into a finals team but a Grand Final team in 2012. In 2013, having gone up a grade, things were a bit tougher, but the team still showed it could mix it with the best teams throughout the year. Stevie has a new job which involves more travel and hence he isn't able to give enough time to coaching next year. Once again, thanks Stevie for a fabulous job as coach, it's a tough gig being the Reserves coach!



Coach Stevie G addresses the troupes

15 November 2013

LEADERSHIP GROUP FOR 2014

Newly appointed Senior Coach, Paul Harris, hasn't mucked around and is busy planning for Season 2014. He has already met with many players across all teams and has put together the leadership group for the Seniors, with the Reserves and Under 19s leadership groups to be added later. Congratulations to the leadership group for 2014, they are: Mali Jacobs, Jack Garth, Reece Cotter, Paul Walter, Ryan Fort, Tom O'Donnell, Glen Francis, Mitch Skelly, Mitch Lovell, Jack McDonald and Chris Kingsford. This leadership structure is similar to the one implemented in the last couple of years which has seen many young players grow both on and off the field. Well done boys and may Season 2014 be a great one for this group and the boys you lead.

SENIOR COACHING TEAM

Senior coach, Paul Harris, has also assembled a fantastic Senior coaching team with three assistants appointed. We congratulate and welcome back three former Ivanhoe AFC players, Adam McBrien, Ben Galloway and Matt Joyce.

Adam McBrien - playing history:



1999-2001 at Northern Bullants

2001-2003 at Epping

2003-2007 at Euroa

2008-2009 a fantastic 5 games at Watsy

2010-2011 at Ivanhoe



Ben Galloway - playing history:

1998-2004 at OP's

2005-2008 at Ivanhoe

2009 at Watsonia

2011 at Ivanhoe



Matt Joyce - playing history:

1996-2004 Old Paradians

2005-2011 Ivanhoe

7 November 2013

NEW SENIOR COACH ANNOUNCED

The Ivanhoe Amateur Football Club are proud to announce the appointment of Paul Harris as Senior Coach for Season 2014.



Paul leads the boys out to battle

Paul has been captain for the past two seasons, in which time he has won the D3 league Best and Fairest, been runner up in the D2 league Best and Fairest and taken out the club B&F twice to take his total to 4 for the club. Paul has been a true leader on the field, with his experience and talents leading our young team forward. Paul has decided to take the next step and in his football life after recently returning from Bali where he took the next step in his personal life. Paul will be a playing coach in 2014 and the club is delighted with his appointment. Well done Paul and may this be the start of a long coaching career.

PRE-SEASON BEGINS

With the announcement of Paul Harris as Senior Coach, he has set a start date for pre-season. Training will take place at Ivanhoe Park on Monday and Wednesday nights throughout pre-season for all Senior, Reserves and Under 19 players. It will kick off on Monday 25 November at 6:15pm. Have your runners ready!

VALE JOHN BENETTI

It is with sadness that the club informs our club family of the recent passing of former coach John Benetti. John coached our club in 1971, 1972 and 1973 and was known as a tough coach.



Photo courtesy Carlton FC

Having played 88 games for Carlton in the VFL (and was Serge Silvagni's cousin) and also represented Victoria against South Australia in 1963. At Carlton he spent time under Ron Barassi, and the game and training style John brought to Ivanhoe was not dissimilar to Barassi's. He was excellent at developing young players and worked with our boys like Andrew Ireland, Hayden Hughes, Peter Quinlivan and John Rojo. Being a back pocket player at Carlton, he had a big influence on Mick Callahan, developing him into a back pocket player who went on to be in the Ivanhoe Team of the Century and also a VAFA representative. After leaving Ivanhoe he was the developer who built

Warringal Village shopping centre. Thanks to John Lonergan for informing the club of John's passing and also providing some information, along with Phil Skeggs and Tim Robinson. We extend our best wishes to his family and friends. To read the Carlton FC obit, click [here](#).