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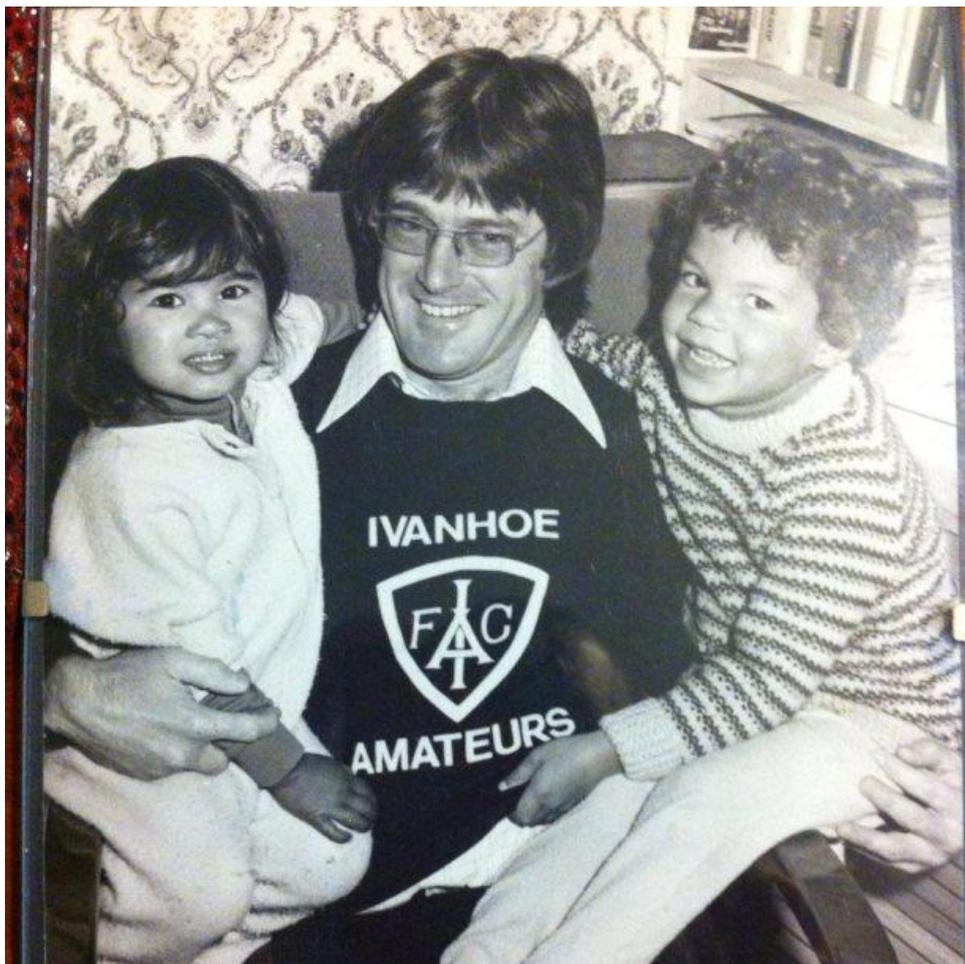
PRE-SEASON KICKS OFF THIS WEEK

This week sees the return of training for all players for Season 2015. Training will be held at Ford Park (Oriell Rd Ivanhoe) and will begin at 6:15pm. It will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the next four weeks before we have a break for Christmas. That's only 8 sessions, so get along and start your preparations for a big 2015. All new players are welcome to come along. For any questions, give coach Paul Harris a call 0452 224 703.

18th November

LUKE CONTINUES BLACKWOOD HISTORY

When newly appointed President Luke Blackwood took over the role, he continued a long relationship between the Blackwoods and the Ivanhoe Amateur Football Club. Now the third generation to have a major off field role, you don't get much more Ivanhoe than Luke. In this weeks Heidelberg Leader, Phil Skeggs has written a wonderful piece on this story. To view the article, click [here](#).



Luke with his father and sister (photo courtesy Luke Blackwood)

16th November

2015 COACHING PANEL COMPLETE

It is with great pleasure and excitement that the club can announce the completion of our coaching panel for season 2015. After taking the Under 19s to our drought breaking premiership this year, Bill Emerson has accepted the role of Reserves coach for 2015. A great football person, Bill has shown he is a fantastic coach and true Ivanhoe person. Prior to working as Assistant coach of the Under 19s in 2012 and 2013 and Under 19 coach in 2014, Bill spent many years working with the Ivanhoe Junior Football Club. This year Bill was awarded life membership at the juniors. He isn't just important to the teams on the park, he has been and continues to be part of the committee, so he's a very hard working man around the club. Congratulations Bill and we look forward to even more success with you in 2015 and beyond. If you want to chat to Bill about playing in 2015, click [here](#) for his contact number.



Photo courtesy Phil Skeggs

The final piece of the puzzle is the new Under 19s coach and it is also with great pleasure to announce Matthew Franich as the 2015 Under 19s coach. Like Bill, Matthew is a long serving member of both our great club and the Ivanhoe Junior Football Club where he grew up playing. Matthew has played over 100 games for our club but unfortunately injury cut his playing days short, retiring a couple of years ago after being a key member of Senior team, including the 2012 grand final. Matthew has a passion for football and our club and is very keen to help develop our young men in the Under 19s, a great win for the club and the young men who will be playing under him. If you or someone you know is interested in playing in 2015, click [here](#) for Matthews contact number.



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THANKS RAWLS

The club would also like to thank 2014s Reserves coach, Peter Rawley, for all his hard work which culminated in a Grand Final appearance. Peter, who plays a large role in all things Ivanhoe stepped down as coach at the end of Season 2014, despite having loved the job. He will still be involved heavily in 2015, but again Peter, the club thanks you for an amazing 2014!



Photo courtesy Phil Skeggs

13th November

BILL NOMINATED FOR COACH OF 2014

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Bill Emerson, Premiership Coach, has been nominated for VAFA Junior Coach of 2014. It is a well deserved recognition for Bill, who has been working with our young men over the last three years, culminating with being the Coach of this years Under 19 North Premiership team. The club congratulates Bill and wishes him luck when the decision is announced. Well done Bill!



Bill (left) with Leighton and the 2014 Premiership Cup. Photo courtesy Phil Skeggs.

11th November

PRE-SEASON BEGINS

As announced by coach Paul Harris at last Friday nights BBQ, pre-season will begin on Tuesday 25 November. It will take place at Ford Park in Oriell Road, beginning at 6:15pm. Training will continue on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Ford Park for four weeks before a break for Christmas. It's now we start preparing for round 1, so get all your mates on board!



Pre-season under blue skies!

29th October

APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Ivanhoe Amateur Football Club has an exciting new partnership which will help our players find apprenticeships or traineeships in a variety of fields. If you're looking for one of these, please get in touch with Ross Toogood, rosstoogood@gmail.com or 0412 766 355.

28th October

SEASON 2014 HIGHLIGHTS IN PICTURES

Phil Skeggs has selected 20 of his favourite photos he took throughout Season 2014 and put them together on his Flickr page. Take a look to see what made the cut from the thousands he took! Click [here!](#)

22nd October

PRE PRE-SEASON GET TOGETHER – FRIDAY 7 NOV

Coach Paul Harris and the committee invite all players, girlfriends, wives, parents and past players to the clubrooms for a BBQ get together on Friday 7 November from 6pm. On the night Paul will be chatting to, and asking for input from, the players about what pre-season will look like, starting date, preferred nights etc. It is a really important step in committing to a massive opportunity that is within our grasps, so we would like to see everyone there. It isn't just a night for the players, we would love to see the partners, parents, family and past players there getting to know one another, so please bring them along. \$10 all you can eat BBQ and refreshments will be available at bar prices. Please RSVP to either Paul Paul.Harris@nga.net or new President Luke Blackwood luke@inspectorhawkeye.com.au by Friday 31 October so that we can cater appropriately.

19th October

APPEAL ARCHIVAL PICTURES

In today's world we have an abundance of photos documenting our successes and like, but for previous generations it wasn't so easy. We often have enquiries about photos of past teams and sometimes we can help but other times we regrettably can't. An example of this has come to hand, with one past player, Randal Glennon, looking for any photos from the mid 1970s. Randal was part of the 1974 Under 19s team and would love some photos from that era, so if you can help it would be greatly appreciated. If you have photos you would be happy to share with the club, please forward them to our email address ivanhoeafc@gmail.com. Ideally we would like player, team or match photos, with a caption detailing the photo. All photos published will be credited to you, so please include the photographers details as well. We thank you in anticipation.

2nd October

AGM 2014

On Wednesday night the Ivanhoe Amateur Football Club held their Annual General Meeting at Ivanhoe Park. At the AGM there were a number of changes to the committee for the year ahead. The club wishes to thank all the committee members who have put in many hours, days and years of unpaid work for our club. A special mention to both Grant MacKenzie (President) and Howard Neilson (Secretary) who have been the mainstays of the club over the last 5-6 years, a massive thank you. The other outgoing committee members we'd like to thank are David Neilson, Kate McKendrick, Tony Mulchay, John Kingsford and Paul Robinson.

Returning from the previous committee are Luke Blackwood as President, Jane Homewood as Secretary, Ben Joyce as Treasurer and Bill Emerson. Joining them are Ross Toogood as Vice President, Marcus Clayton, Colin McDonald and Peter Rawley. We look forward to the Pre-season and Season 2015 after such a wonderful 2014 season, bring on more premierships!!!



2014 Harry winners, Howard & Valerie Neilson (photo courtesy Phil Skeggs)