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## Upcoming Events

- March 8th – Season Launch / Training Commences, ELS Hall (see Page 4)
- March 20<sup>th</sup> – Coaches/Managers meeting, Riverview College
- March 25<sup>th</sup> – Jumper Presentation Night, ELS Hall

Dear Members,

Welcome to the North Ryde Dockers Junior AFL Club for Season 2011.

Our club endeavours to provide a safe, supporting, encouraging and inclusive environment for boys and girls of all ages who have an interest in learning about, and playing Australian Rules Football.

As with all clubs of this nature, support from the parents is an essential element to the ongoing growth and success of the club, and of course, to the children's enjoyment of the game. We do ask that you become involved in the club and lend some assistance with the necessary tasks from time to time.

Throughout the season, still photographs and video images of the children may be taken by various members of the club, these may be used in products such as the club newsletter and newspaper articles. If you do not wish images of your child to be made public, please notify your team coach/manager *in writing* as soon as possible.

New to season 2011 is the Youth Girls program which aims to get girls aged 11-14 involved in playing Australian Rules Football, an opportunity which has not previously been available to girls in this age range. This program is the first of its kind in the Greater Sydney region, and North Ryde are the leading force behind its establishment.

Finally, by becoming a member of the North Ryde Dockers Junior AFL Club, you agree to abide by all Codes of Conduct, Laws, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations established by the Club and the AFL.

Once again, welcome, and we hope that you have an enjoyable and successful season here at North Ryde.

Regards,

*Stu Goldfinch*

*Vice President*

## Docker's Vision

*Our vision is to establish a state-wide reputation for excellence as a sporting club; a well equipped, enthusiastic club of motivated young persons, treating the game and opponents with respect, supported by a proud parent group.*

## Docker's Mission

*Our mission is to compete and succeed in the sporting, to assist in encouraging youth participation, and to promote the profile of Australian Rules Football within our community.*

## Docker's Values

The Docker's values of honour, respect, courage, integrity and loyalty:

*...guide our behaviour, how we treat each other, define what is important - they bind us together. Values are a source of strength; they are a source of moral courage to take action. The importance of these values is such that if individual members cannot accept them and consistently apply them, then they have no place at the North Ryde Dockers Junior AFL Club.*

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The Club Code of Conduct applies to **all** of our officials, volunteers, members and supporters.

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### COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Coaches are required to sign the AFL Code of Conduct as part of the Level 1 Accreditation requirement. All coaches must be accredited to coach in our league.

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### PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Play by the rules – the rules of your club and the laws of the game
- Never argue with an umpire or other official – without these people you can't play football
- Control your temper - verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players doesn't help you enjoy or win any games
- Be a team player – It's a team game, treat it that way
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated - fairly
- Co-operate with your coach, the umpires and team-mates
- Play for your own enjoyment & to improve your skills
- Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you'll let down your coach, team-mates and family if you do – & many such comments are actually now illegal

### PARENTS, SUPPORTERS & OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game
- Encourage participation, but don't force it
- Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses – supporters are there to support not downgrade
- Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires and spectators – physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated
  
- Recognise all volunteers who are giving up their valuable time
- Never publicly criticise umpires – raise personal concerns with club officials in private
- Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability – you'll let down your family and yourself if you do – & many such comments are actually now illegal

# Club Announcements

## Registration Fees for 2011:

Auskick	\$90
Under 9 & 10	\$115
Under 11 to 16	\$145

We work really hard to keep our fee's to a minimum and provide good value for money so there are no discounts for families. Shorts and socks are separate and can be bought prior to the season at training sessions at our ground prior to the season starting. Jumpers will be allocated to each player at the beginning of the season. In exceptional circumstances only, payment plans may be negotiated (50% Deposit payable with registration renewal) with a Club Registrar.

If you haven't registered/paid yet, you are urged to do so as soon as possible.

## Bronze Level Quality Club:

THE North Ryde Dockers Junior Australian Football Club has been awarded Bronze level accreditation as part of the AFL Quality Club Program.

The AFL Quality Club Program helps community football clubs improve their administrative operations and overall club environment, which ultimately benefits all club participants – whether they are a player, spectator or volunteer. The program achieves this by providing the opportunity for all clubs throughout NSW and the ACT to benchmark their club operations and administration via a ranking system.

Other benefits of participating in the Quality Club program include:

- Providing an environment which helps attract new participants, officials, members and sponsors, as well as retaining those the club already has;
- Creating a best practice guide for club committees;
- Minimising many risks associated with running a sporting club; and
- Participating in a sport that can continue to promote itself as a leading sport where quality is valued highly.

AFL Community Football Manager, Andrew Knott, stated that strengthening clubs at grass-roots level is an important objective of the AFL. "It is widely acknowledged that community football clubs and leagues are the foundation of Australian football, and that the future growth of the game will depend on the strength and viability of community football. With this in mind, AFL NSW/ACT is striving to assist community football clubs to enhance their operations for the betterment of football," said Knott.



# North Ryde Dockers Season Launch!

Are you itching for a kick of the footy? Are you desperate to get into the 2011 footy season? The Season Launch of the North Ryde Dockers is coming up and we would like as many club members to attend!

Not only will you get a chance to kick off the season with the first training session of the year, but you will also get a chance to meet some **Sydney Swans stars**, who will be there to share their tips and tricks with you.

We would also like all club members to bring along a friend to give AFL a go! Anyone who brings a friend along will get a small reward.

Hope to see you all there! I'm sure you'll get a kick out of it!

**5:00 to 7:00pm Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, ELS Hall Park, Kent Rd., North Ryde**

For 2011 club registration and general club information call **David Beauchamp** on **0414 227 727**.

**YOU KICK LIKE A GIRL**  
Good for you!



## Hey girls - like to try AFL footy?

Well now you can because in 2011 the all new Youth Girls AFL program is starting.

**No AFL experience necessary - it doesn't matter if you haven't played AFL at all, we'll teach you!**

Games will be played under semi-modified rules with the focus being on enjoyment. AFL is a great game to play and anyone can play. So if you're between 11 and 14 and you like having fun playing sport then this is for you.

And by the way - by playing Youth Girls AFL with North Ryde in 2011 you'll be part of history as one of the first players in the only youth girls competition in the Greater Sydney Region.

Tell your friends and join us! And no need to form a team we'll find one for you!!  
This is going to be great fun!! Registrations are now open, so get on board.

*Ph: David - 0414 227 727 for more information*

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