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BULLETTES NEWSLETTER

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From The President

December already?? That means there's only three months to go before the start of the new footy season!

Admittedly it's been a bit quiet at Lindblom Park lately as things begin to wind down ahead of the Christmas and New Year periods, but we're starting to ramp up the behind-the-scenes work for the women's team in preparation for Season 2013. All registered players from 2012 should receive a letter in the mail soon about next year and how you can be involved with the club both on and off the field.

You may have seen on our Facebook page our new training equipment supplied by Hart Sports as part of the Telstra Assistance Fund that our former team manager Kellie won for us (thanks again Kellie!) - we can't wait to use it! I am writing to Telstra and Hart Sports to thank them for their generous donation, and who knows? We may be able to get a sponsor out of it...!

It is with great sadness that we mourn the loss of a family member of one of our Bullettes; Blaike Finch, brother of Bullette Taila Finch, tragically lost his life in late November in a car accident. On behalf of the Pooraka Women's FC I offer our condolences to the Finch family during this difficult time, and I want to remind everyone that the team is here for anyone who needs support during times of hardship.



Steph Dawe Pooraka Bullettes Team President

On behalf of the Pooraka Women's FC I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and I hope to see a huge turnout for pre-season training on January 7!

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Pre-Season Training & Come-n'-Try Night

For more information, contact Kim (Ph. 0421 682 215)

Due to the Christmas/New Year break we have decided to scale back pre-season training in December and formal preseason training will begin with a Come-n'-Try night on Monday 7 January 2013, kicking off at 6:30pm at Lindblom Park.

On our Come-n'-Try night we'll have games, races, exercises and skills sessions aimed at

newcomers to AFL football and experienced campaigners alike, so you don't need to have played the game before to come down and join in! And it's free! Make sure to bring comfortable footwear (footy boots not required), comfy clothes to exercise in, and most of all a positive attitude! Water, sunscreen and mozzie repellant provided.

If you're still looking to keep fit and have a kick in December, feel free to post a message on our Facebook page and let us know you fancy a quick game of Marks Up, or want a friend to help practice your goal-kicking. Remember that footy is a team sport and there's no better way to build the team than getting out on the track with your mates!

SAWFL AGM and Pooraka FC AGM updates

On Monday 3 December I attended the SAWFL AGM with a group of Bullettes to learn more about the changes to League rules and the direction the League is taking into the New Year and beyond. Thanks to Kim, Sam, Steph K and Donna for coming with and representing your team, as President I really appreciate that these girls took time out to attend the AGM. We were also given the SAWFL 2012 Annual Report, complete with picture collage of our girls in action—you can check it out online at sawfl.org.au, just click on the "About Us" menu and follow the links.

On Sunday 9 December the Pooraka Sporting Club held their AGM for 2011 (yes, 2011), and a small group of Bullettes including Kim, Steph K, Mariah and Nikki were there to represent the women's side. Unfortunately we weren't included in the Senior Football report but we have asked to be included in the future, and we have also asked to have representation on the Senior Football Committee when it forms (hopefully sooner rather than later!). In lieu of the report I gave the Board a quick update on behalf of the girls and we had some positive feedback from supporters within the Sporting Club membership. Again I thank those girls who sacrificed their Sunday afternoon to be there and raise a voice on behalf of their team.

Pooraka Bullettes End of Season Footy Trip (thanks Nikkl for the photos!)





AFL 9s 9-a-side Touch Footy

A few of the Bullettes have been joining in the AFL 9s 9-a-side touch footy comp held at Gepps Cross on Thursday nights and have really enjoyed the short form of the game.

From the AFL: "AFL 9s is... a fast, free-flowing game that involves 9 players on each team playing on a smaller field. Best of all, it's 'touch football' with no tackling or

bumping, making it suitable for people of any age or skill level. Importantly, AFL 9s is easy to play, not too physically demanding and provides an environment where fun, enjoyment and safety are a priority."

The aim of the Bullettes is to play a few games of AFL 9s during the pre-season to add to the fitness program at Lindblom Park, as well as retain our footy skills and meet new people.

To find out more about playing AFL 9s with the Pooraka Bullettes girls, contact Mel Murray on 0437 080 143







PWFC Committee

The PWFC Committee is responsible for the management of the administration of the Bullettes women's football team.

We currently have positions vacant for Treasurer, Fundraising Committee Member and Team Manager. Position descriptions can be found on the back page of this

newsletter. At the moment the Committee does not have a firm regular meeting date but Wednesday nights after training is a possibility.

If you would like to be a part of the committee please contact Steph by email at sdawe.poorakawfc@gmail.com

Current Members:

President: Steph Dawe

Vice President: Kim Brooks

Secretary: Sam Geelen

Treasurer: *Position Vacant*

Fundraising: *Position

Vacant*

Team Manager: *Position

Vacant*

Player Profile: Mel Murray

Guernsey No: 32 Favourite AFL Teams: Crows only

Nickname: Meow Meow

field (that's why I have 32)

Position: Centre Half Forward/

Centre Half Back

Years Played: 1

Favourite Food: Mum's Spag Bol

Favourite Drink: Ice Coffee (FUIC)

Favourite Player: Roo and Danger-

Favourite TV Show: Don't have one real like anything but if had to

pick it would be

Castle

Funniest Team Mate/Why: Don't know maybe Mikky & Taila when

they get together

How would you spend your last \$50?: Let Bailey choose to do anything he wants

Why do you play AFL footy? Mikky roped me in but I love the game



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN: FUNDRAISING

Summer is the perfect time for us to get out into the community and raise funds for our footy team.

Last year we participated in cooking barbeques, both for the Pooraka Football Club as part of the Sunday poker tournaments and at Bunnings community barbeques, and had a successful garage sale/car wash day early in 2012 which was a lot of fun. We also took orders for tubs of cookie dough during the season and helped out at Club functions including the Mystery Flight Night to

Mexico and the Silent Auction dinner.

A successful fundraising drive needs people committed to the cause getting out and volunteering their time to raise money for

the footy team. The Committee is looking for fundraising suggestions for 2013 and appreciate all ideas. We are also looking for a Fundraising member on the Committee; if you're interested in helping out please email Steph at sdawe.poorakawfc@gmail.com.



WANTED: Team Manager



The Pooraka Bullettes Women's Football Club are seeking expressions of interest for the position of TEAM MANAGER for SAWFL Season 2013.

Responsibilities include managing player registrations, entering game day information into Sporting Pulse, organising payment of fees from players, ensuring players have up-to-date information regarding game times and locations, setting up for games (if at home ground), ensuring players have access to medical supplies, and other duties as performed by a sports team manager. The Team Manager will work closely with the Head Coach and President of the Pooraka Bullettes, as well as the Club Manager for the Pooraka Football Club.

Candidates should have prior experience with managing sports teams at club or school level, have advanced knowledge of Sporting Pulse, excellent time management skills, and a passion for our team and for AFL football.

For more information or to submit your application please email Steph Dawe at sdawe.poorakawfc@gmail.com