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150-year AFL celebrations tomorrow

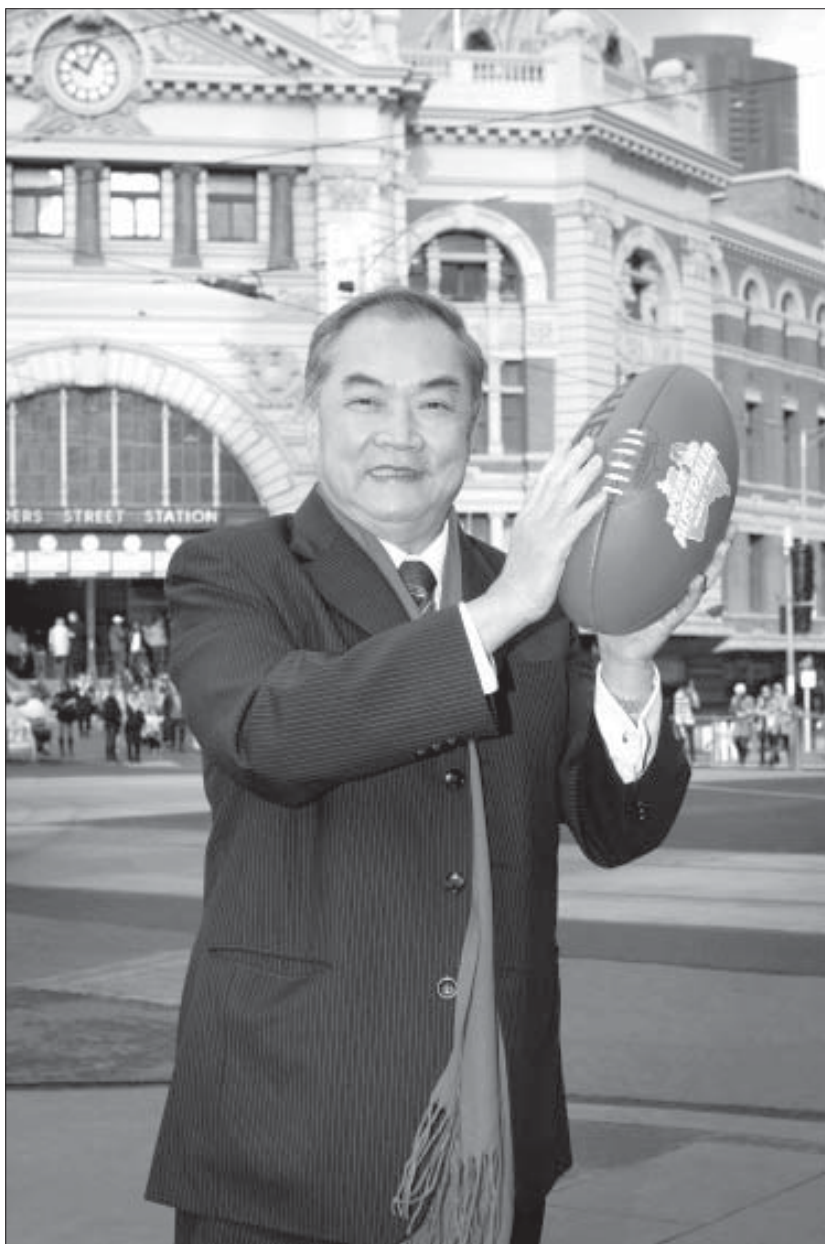
City of Melbourne Lord Mayor, Cr John So, is the latest Australian identity to join the countdown to Kick Around Australia Day, which will take place tomorrow (Thursday, August 7); the day that marks 150 years since the first recorded game of Australian Football.

Kick Around Australia Day will provide an opportunity for all Australians to join in the celebrations and wear their football colours or bring a footy to work or school and have a kick.

Australian Football 150 Years Ambassador, Kevin Sheedy, said the event would be another opportunity for all supporters to celebrate Australian Football.

"I encourage all Australians - students, families and workers across the country - to get involved in the Kick Around Australia Day festivities by having a kick wherever they are on the day," Sheedy said. "Don't leave the house without a football; when I go to work I always have a footy in my car."

In the lead up to tomorrow's celebrations, Australian identities from across the sporting, political, community and



Lord Mayor Cr John So celebrates football's 150th anniversary

entertainment worlds will feature with a football on 150years.com.au

Primary and secondary schools around the country have been busy preparing for football's big day, with many schools taking part in one of the football themed curriculum programs that have been tailored to help students learn and celebrate 150 years of Australian Football.

School students will be taking part in activities including, wearing their footy colours to school, competing in kicking and handballing competitions and completing football themed lessons.

AFL players will also help students celebrate Australian Football 150 years with a number of AFL players visiting schools to take part in the Kick Around Australia activities.

Organisations across Australia are invited to take part in Kick Around Australia day by setting up their own football related activities and encouraging employees to wear their team's colours to work on the day or to bring a football and have a kick.



Latest From The Locker Rooms

More stadia needed

Fascinating to see the comments of AFL chief executive Andrew Demetriou, saying that the League needed to construct a new 'boutique' stadium in Melbourne to accommodate matches for an expanded competition.



Andrew Demetriou

Did he have that idea whilst driving the M1 Monash Freeway, past the old VFL Park at Waverley? His view in some way supports the ongoing use of stadia such as Princes Park (a.k.a. Optus Obal), Moorabbin, Footscray ...

Back to Saturday finals

The Northern Football League (formerly Diamond Valley Football League) will return to a Saturday afternoon Grand Final this year, at the Preston City Oval. The new NFL executive says it believes it will maximise attendances by returning to a four-week finals series.

Refusal to pay \$3500 fine

Narre Warren South Lions Junior Football Club is reportedly refusing to pay a \$3500 fine imposed by the Dandenong and District Junior Football League. The fine is said to relate to a letter penned by a club official, suggesting improvements that could be made within the League. A League official is said to have told the Dandenong Leader that the fine was for bringing "the game into disrepute."

This Week's Matches

Round 19 (Tom Wills Round)

Friday, August 8

Melbourne v Geelong (MCG) (N) 7.10pm

Saturday, August 9

Carlton v Port Adelaide (TD) 2.10pm

Hawthorn v Brisbane Lions (AU) 2.10pm

Collingwood v St Kilda (MCG) (N) 7.10pm

Sydney v Fremantle (SCG) (N) 7.10pm

Sunday, August 10

Nth Melb v W Bulldogs (TD) (E) 1.10pm

Adelaide v Richmond (AS) 2.40pm

West Coast v Essendon (S) 2.40pm

Club must be re-paid

Three teenagers who stole more than \$500 of alcohol, lollies and food from the Irrewarra-Beeac Football Club have been ordered to each pay \$1000 to the club. Pleading guilty were Alexander McKewon, 19, of Donaldson St, Colac; Dylan Park, 19, of Edgar St, Colac; and Ashleigh Clark, 18, of Main St, Elliminyt. Each young man must also hand-write a letter of apology said Magistrate Stephen Myall.

Slammin' Sam at dinner

Farmers in Victoria's north-west have relied on football legend, Slammin' Sam Kekovich, to give them advice about promoting local produce. Kekovich was invited to be keynote speaker last week at the Swan Hill Town Hall for the 'Celebrating Swan Hill Agriculture' function. The \$50-a-person dinner aimed to "have a laugh".

Observer Sports Results

State Tennis

Tennis Victoria State Grade Pennant - Results and Ladders for Round 14, played August 3. The home team is listed first.

WOMEN

MCC TC 6-12-76 def Dendy Park TC 0-1-23

Singles: D Dominikovic (E) def G Rowe 6-4 4-6 6-2. E Dominikovic def A Whitehead 6-2 6-0. E Cioffi def S Nguyen 6-0 6-1. K Filippou def Y Rowe 6-2 6-0

Doubles: E Dominikovic/E Cioffi def G Rowe/Y Rowe 6-0 6-0 (injury). K Filippou/C McGann def S Nguyen/A Whitehead 6-3 6-3

Beamaris Lawn TC 0-1-23 lost to North Ringwood TC 6-12-75

Singles: J Adams lost to V Stuckey 3-6 5-7. A Tsinanis lost to E Pelikan 6-2 2-6 2-6. G Bongiovanni lost to B Chapman 1-6 1-6. P Hiscock (E) lost to J Butts (E) 3-6 2-6

Doubles: J Adams/A Tsinanis lost to V Stuckey/B Chapman 2-6 3-6

2. G Bongiovanni/P Hiscock (E) lost to E Pelikan/J Butts (E) 2-6 1-6

Royal South Yarra LTC 6-12-82 def Grace Park LTC 0-2-54

Singles: O Rogowska def S Miller 7-6 6-0. L Newman (E) def K Pinchbeck 7-6 7-6. L Harkness def

C Brooksbank (E) 6-4 6-3. K Douglas def L Dougherty 6-4 1-6 6-4

Doubles: L Harkness/J Engels def S Miller/K Pinchbeck 5-7 6-1 6-0. L Newman (E)/K Douglas def C Brooksbank (E)/L Dougherty (E) 6-2 7-5

Royal Park TC 1-2-44 lost to V Kooyong Lawn TC 5-10-68

Singles: J Karaitiana def L D'Amelio 6-3 6-3. L Withers lost to K Wlodarczak 0-6 5-7. J Wilson lost to E Arnott 4-6 4-6. C Kelly lost to M Springall 5-7 3-6

Doubles: L Withers/C Kelly lost to K Wlodarczak/E Arnott 4-6 3-6. J Karaitiana/J Wilson lost to L D'Amelio/M Springall 3-6 1-6

MEN

Dendy Park TC 2-4-44 lost to MCC TC 4-8 56

Singles: M Barker lost to B Ellwood 5-7 1-6. A Leeder-Chard lost to D Spierings 3-6 2-6. B Goltz def C Young 6-1 6-3. D Ellis (E) lost to a Karlovic 2-6 4-6

Doubles: M Barker/A Leeder-Chard lost to D Spierings/C Young 3-6 0-6. B Goltz/D Ellis (E) def A Karlovic/I Peter-Budge 6-2 6-1

Kooyong Lawn TC No 2 2-5-53 lost to North Ringwood TC 4-9-75

Singles: J Salter lost to R Phillips 6-4 4-6 0-6 (ret). J Lee def C Phillips 6-3 6-4. M Turljeski def J Robinson 4-6 6-4 7-5. T Oliver (E)

lost to D Green 5-7 1-6

Doubles: J Harvey (E)/M Turljeski lost to R Phillips/C Phillips 3-6 3-6. T Oliver (E)/J Lee lost to J Robinson/D Green 1-6 1-6

Royal South Yarra LTC 1-3-55 lost to Grace Park LTC 5-11-77

Singles: R Haybittel lost to M Staniak 5-7 6-3 4-6. S Bell lost to M Hicks 1-6 2-6. V Causevski def A Hampson 4-6 6-1 6-4. S Richter lost to K Jackson 4-6 3-6

Doubles: R Haybittel/S Bell lost to M Staniak/M Hicks 5-7 5-7. V Causevski/S Richter lost to A Hampson/K Jackson 2-6 2-6

Donvale TC 3-7-58 def Kooyong Lawn TC No 1 3-6-56

Singles: R Williams lost to P Arber 2-6 6-3 4-6. L Miles def M Coghlan 7-5 6-2. J Savage def A Graetz 7-6 6-3. C Beaton lost to G Busby 2-6 4-6

Doubles: R Williams/L Miles lost to L Pearson/M Coghlan 2-6 0-6 (ret). J Savage/C Beaton def A Graetz/P Arber 6-1 6-0 (ret)

LADDERS

Women. 1. Kooyong Lawn, 218. 2. Grace Park, 195. 3. Royal South Yarra, 189. 4. MCC, 188. 5. Royal Park, 116. 6. Dendy Park, 116. 7. Beamaris Lawn, 68. 8. North Ringwood, 52.

Men. Top 4. 1. Grace Park, 242. 2. MCC, 201. 3. Kooyong Lawn No 1, 172. 4. KL No 1, 135.

Sponsors

Advertising sponsorship is being used as a fund raiser by the Sunraysia Football Netball League. Steve McGlashan is offering advertising packages on the 'big screen' at the SFNL Grand Final, with packages available from \$200.

Biff fines

The West Footscray Roosters and Hoppers Crossing clubs in the Western Region Football League are being fined at least \$100 each for a melee at the Shorten Reserve in West Footscray last month. Roosters president Robbie McGhie termed the biff as "good old fashioned football". No-one was reported or sent-off from the field.