



THE POUCH

The kangaroo pouch, closely associated to the nourishment, development and protection of the young kangaroo.

NEWSLETTER OF THE OFFICER KANGAROOS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's been a great start to season 2019 and we are now well into the swing of the footy season. I've been able to have a look at most teams and its great to see the smiles on the kid's faces, the teamwork and playing "the Officer way", with great sportsmanship.

The week of 20-16 May, we celebrated National Volunteer's Week. Like all community clubs, the Officer Kangaroos Junior Football Club would not function without the generous support, time and dedication of all our volunteers from the dedicated committee, coaches, team managers and all the support of parents within teams.

As community and family-based club, I want to thank each and every volunteer for their generous contribution to ensure our kids

can enjoy a game of Footy every Sunday.

Off the field, we've fed 350 people at the Anzac Day dawn service, again cementing ourselves as the go to club for such events. We've held our annual trivia night, again going down as a night not to be missed, with plenty of fun and laughs. A great effort led by Vice President Steve Hobson and the social committee team.

Be proud to be Officer.

We've also been working to try and 'Officer up' the areas around Heatherbrae. You'll notice the tear drop flags as players enter the highway oval, we are getting some more made for the railway oval as well. We have also had a marquee made with the club logo, to be used at fete's and events but will also be used as the timekeeper's

tent for the highway oval. The timekeepers loved it the first week!

As the weather gets colder and you need a hot coffee, tea or hot chocolate to warm up, look out for the Roo Café in the heated main room between the two ovals. A trained barista will make your hot drinks while the team in the canteen gets your breakfast/brunch or lunch - you can't go wrong!

Look out for information regarding Not On My Watch - YES its on again! A call for help in organizing this amazing night has gone out. Please help if you can.

Cheers
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ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Sadly, there has been several incidents across the league of anti-social behavior (such as swearing, sexist comments or racial vilification), including some that have involved our club. This is a reminder it is the responsibility of all of us, committee, coaches, officials, players and spectators to ensure that we provide a safe Match Day environment for everyone to attend matches across our league.

We will be vigilant in calling out anti-social behaviour including swearing or threatening behaviour (to any person) that may escalate into something more violent. Prevention is much better than issues management.

We are putting this simply. This type of behaviour is not accepted at our club and we will have no hesitation in asking someone to leave if it continues, this is applicable to players, parents and supporters.

SAUSAGE SIZZLES

Sausage sizzles can be held on any training night, for all teams. If you want to run a BBQ on your training night, you are welcome to do so, but remember it's for anyone at the club, not just your team. The BBQ is in the cage, if you purchase sausages and bread for the night (Wednesday nights they go through over 100!), the club will reimburse you.

Sausages and water can be purchased for \$2 each.

HELP NEEDED

Putting the call out again and will continue to do so. We are coming up to half way through the season, so as well as the two below requests, start to have a think about joining the committee for season 2020.

- Gareth is after some help with sponsorship. If you can talk to people and computer savvy, we need you. Without sponsorship, fees go up. If you can help email Gareth at admin@okjfc.com.au
- Jayson needs some help with Footy Operations. If you can help him out as a Property Steward, please contact footballops@okjfc.com.au.

MADDIE'S LACES BACK FOR 2019

Let's get behind this great cause! Oliver Bailey (U10's Black) & his teammates have been active supporters of 'Maddie Riewoldt's Vision'. Last year 4 Officer teams joined in the fun, resulting in over \$700 raised for 'MRW'. This year Oliver has big goals & is hopeful of every team getting behind this great cause because next year he wants to take it to the League...so ROO KIDS lets get behind it! Buy a pair of 'Maddie Laces' & wear proudly for 'OFFICER MADDIE ROUND' – Sunday 30th June

We need your commitment & payment by Sunday 16th June – Laces are \$5. See your Team Manager to order. Let's aim for 377 pairs!

EVENTS

Friday 31 May

OKJFC Academy

6:30pm-8:00pm

Sunday 2 June

Round 7 U18-U15

Round 6 U17

Wednesday 5 June

Committee Meeting

7:30pm @ Castellos

Hotel (near KFC)

Wednesday 5 June

– Monday 10 June

Interleague games

Fixture at

<http://www.aflsout>

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Friday 7 June

OKJFC Academy

6:30pm-8:00pm

Sunday 9 June

No Games

Friday 14 June

OKJFC Academy

6:30pm-8:00pm

Sunday 16 June

Round 8 U18-U15

Round 7 U17

MILESTONES & ACHIEVEMENTS

Let's acknowledge the fantastic achievements of our players

DFS Scholarships

On Saturday 11 May, DFS ran their Elite Masterclass Session at Heatherbrae. Coaches were asked to nominate 3-6 players per team to attend. Those who attended had the chance to win a DFS scholarship, chosen by the DFS coaches based on players' attitude, willingness to learn and skill. These players received scholarships worth \$875 of DFS development programs.

Koby Baxter (U10 Black)

Jet Buckland (U10 White)

Keenan Boi (U11 White)

Jackson Honey (U12 White)

Thomas Purcell (U10 Blue)

Molly Reimers (U12 Girls)

Elias Temba (U11 Blue)

Ryan Yeates (U12 White)

Milestones

50 Games – Mitch Ferguson (U11), Bryce Hobson, Angus Barrett (U12), Lucas Shipway, Daniel Sheean, Dom D'Angelo, Bailey Dorey (U13), Harry Howat (U14)

100 Games – Jack James, Josh Orgill (U15), Lachlan James (U17)

Selected in Interleague squads

Brody Snooks (U13 White)

Chelsea Barkwith (U15 Girls)

Shelby Crothers (U15 Girls)

Xavier Shidders (U15)

Cooper Wright (U17)

SPONSOR PROFILE

Choice Bathroom Supplies

We are very pleased to have Choice Bathroom Supplies back as a Club Sponsor for 2019. Choice is proudly Australian owned and operated. They are suppliers of taps, toilets, baths, showers, mixers, water tanks, sinks, spa's, air conditioners, solar hot water and everything else you need, they have it! Everything you purchase from Choice comes with supplier backed warranties. With staff having years of experience, Choice offers sound advice and knowledge with confidence.

Check them out at

www.choicesupplies.com.au or

www.facebook.com/choicebathroomkitchensupplies or

visit the showroom at 2/820 Princes Hwy Springvale.

You can also buzz Nick Chase directly on 0438 516 077 he will look after you.



MARKETING

Sponsorship Packages

We have a number of packages that can suit a small business right up to big business! Simply head to okjfc.com.au/sponsorship-packages/ for all the details. We would love to have you on board.

To better serve our sponsors and give them additional exposure, the club has purchased two pull up banners, two tear drop flags and put a large sign in the RG Porter Social rooms (see photos). There are still some further initiatives coming in the next few weeks - stay tuned!!

NOT ON MY WATCH 2019

We have again joined forces with the Officer Cricket Club hold Not On My Watch, a charity football match to raise awareness and funds for mental health awareness and we need your help and involvement. Not On My Watch was held in 2016 and such was the success it was brought back in 2017. Such was the success and work to plan the night, it was decided to run it every 2 years. Our clubs are concerned at the number of people in our community suffering from mental health issues and do not want to lose any club or wider community members to this horrible illness.

We are putting the call out for people within the club to join the committee (mix of cricket and football club) to plan the night and build on what we've achieved so far. If you want to help, please contact Shayne 0400 242 802. We really need help making this happen! For more info and see photos and videos from past events go to

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1086190954850652/>

STARLING ROAD UPDATE

For those families that have joined us in the last 4 years, the Officer Recreation Reserve at Starling Road Officer, is our spiritual home and where we played our games until 2016 when plans were made to turn the ground and we also required 2 grounds. Starling Road is currently a construction site. The ground has been dug up and turned, fencing has been placed around the ground and irrigation installed. Along with the other user groups, we have been successful in obtaining the \$1.5m funding required to build new social rooms. Hopefully work can start this year on the social rooms and we can enjoy games and social nights at new facilities at Starling Road from 2021. For more updates and information, like the Officer Rec Reserve Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/officerrecreserve/>

DFS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Dynamic Footy Skills (DFS) who ran our preseason Parklea Academy Program and the Elite Masterclass session on 11 May, now sets its sights on running their school holiday program on 8 July at Heatherbrae, and is looking forward to having many keen Officer Kangaroos footy fanatics in their programs. School Holiday Programs are for all primary school students (Grade 2 – Grade 6). Places are strictly limited at each location, so it is important that you do register fast.

See attached flyer.

OKJFC PARKLEA FOOTBALL ACADEMY

Our Friday night academy sessions have been a big success, with 35 players on average attending each week. After only 5 weeks, parents have approached us, already thanking us, after noticing their child's development, especially with a new kicking technique, picking up ground balls correctly and having more awareness on the ground.

When: Friday nights 6:30 - 8.00pm at Heatherbrae

Who: All U11-U17 registered OKJFC players can participate free. Also, open to any parent interested in coaching or current coach wanting further development

More Info: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/382361625698125/>

TEAM PHOTOS

Team photos have all been done & dusted. don't forget to visit the website on the email you received to purchase your photos. If you didn't receive an email from "Sports In Focus" please contact your TM and we'll get straight on to it.

ANZAC DAY

Thank you to all our families who woke up early on Anzac Day to pay their respects to our fallen. Despite the works going on at Starling Road, the morning was again a success, with a massive than you to those who put their hand up to help out with car parking, getting the egg and bacon rolls together and serving them to the hungry masses. It was again noted by the wider community how our club comes together to make things happen.

TRIVIA NIGHT REVIEW

If you missed the Trivia Night, you missed a great night. The entertainment provided by not only the Quizmaster Andrew, but the dancing and singing of our parent group was something to be seen. We may even have found a talented singer in the crowd. A massive thank you to all our families for donating to the baskets and digging deep in the silent auction. The biggest thanks though go to Steve Hobson, Nicole Liddle, Cam & Tanya Barron, Gary & Donna Plunkett and Lurrece McEwan for helping put the night together and ensure the rooms looked amazing.

Be sure not to miss out on our end of season social night in July/August. Details to come soon.

