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## A Message from our President

Once again, I am fortunate enough to express the pride mums and dads, coaches, sponsors, volunteers and committee members are feeling about the wonderful group of young adults, girls and boys who make up our club. The manner in which you have all approached training and practice matches is a credit to you all, and those who have brought you up with fantastic values. I am certain that you will all take this pride with you on to the field in coming weeks when the season commences.

I would like to take this opportunity once again to thank the fantastic people who have freely given their time to get everything organized for this season – countless hours have been spent making sure everything is in place for the smoothest possible running of our growing club. There are a few issues to be finalized, but please be aware there are people working furiously behind the scenes to make sure our kids have the best possible football season.

*Thanks again – Brendan Selby.*

## ALAN CORRIE, You are a STAR!

For those who don't know Alan, he was the Calamvale Senior Club's best and fairest AND leading goal scorer for season 2006. I am sure a close relative with the same surname was playing for Brisbane Lions last year. Alan is playing for Robina on the Gold Coast this year, but rang recently with fantastic news. He kicked a "Super Goal" at Carrara earlier this year, at a match where NAB offered an incentive for any super goal kicked. The reason for Alan's call was to let us know that he had nominated Calamvale Leopards Junior AFC as the recipient for NAB's incentive. Having confirmed details with NAB, a cheque for \$1,000 is on its way to the club, courtesy of Alan's Goal kicking prowess.

On behalf of all of the kids and parents who appreciate this gesture more than words can state, I would like to say.....Alan – You are an absolute star – thank you!

## A MILESTONE.

In the club's 7<sup>th</sup> season, we are the equal 3rd largest club in Brisbane, with only Aspley and Redlands nominating more teams, and Morningside nominating the same number of teams. This in itself is a huge success for the club, and one where all past and present parents, players and volunteers can pat themselves on the back.

## BRISBANE LIONS ACADEMY GAME

This coming Sunday (25th March) the Brisbane Lions Academy is playing a game against a Secondary School team from Essendon Vic. The game is at 2pm and is being held at Morningside AFL ground.

The Lions Academy team has been selected from the first group of players inducted into the Academy in 2005 and includes Dominic Beer from Calamvale Leopards. Neville (Nifty) Miller, the Queensland (Scorpions) state U16 coach will be coaching the Academy team.

Our congratulations to Dominic – we would love it if any Calamvale players or parents can support the Academy team (and Dominic) on the day.

## TAIPANS SELECTIONS

Three of our U/16 players have been selected into the initial squad of 44.

**Dominic Beer**  
**Jason Vergunst**  
**Brandon Symons**

Congratulations to the 3 players listed above for making the initial Taipans Under 16 representative squad, after their strong performances in the Trial Day held at Yeronga Football Club. Good luck to the boys – we hope you go on to proudly represent yourself, your club and your families!



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## **LETHAL LEOPARDS CLAIM ANOTHER SCALP**

This week the under 14's were on the road again, this time to Mt Gravatt. It was only a practice match but Mt Gravatt had beaten Logan Cobras by a rather large margin where as we had only managed a 40 point win against the Cobra's.

This was always going to be a game that showed where the team was in relation a harder opposition.

The boys arrived wandering who was training on the field. We heard the boys saying "gee they're tall are they under 16's ?" after enquiring with Mt Gravatt we found they were actually the under 14's that we were playing. They obviously had a bit more height than us but there was a game to play.

We were down a few players and had to draw on 2 of their players to fill the side. We also had Troy from the under 12's fill in which was great. Our Captain for the day was Liam and he started on the right foot by winning the toss. We took to the field with great anticipation. Michael in the ruck, Liam and Aaron on the ball which made our centre line strong. Leopards kicked the first goal but Mt Gravatt led at 1/4 time. Michael kicked our first 2 goals, but was strongly supported by Liam, Aaron and Jordy. Rubin also showed us that he can mix with the rough stuff.

By 1/2 time Mt Gravatt had increased there lead. Stitches kicked a goal and was gaining confidence. Fly, Brandon and Jason all contributed to our forward thrust with Fly and Dylan giving good shepherds to our running players. Mitch did all our ruck work for the 2nd quarter and did well. In the 3rd Quarter we matched Mt Gravatts scoring with Troy kicking a goal and Calam, Ding Dong, Happy and Tom put in hard yards. Beau filled in the ruck work. The last 1/4 came and the boys left the best till last, we outscored Mt Gravatt and in fact kept them scoreless.

The final score was: Leopards 8-6-54  
Mt Gravatt 6-6-42

Goal kickers were Michael Stitches Troy Jason & Beau.

Both Fred and Jeff have been happy with the endeavor and teamwork shown by all players. It must be remembered the hard work is yet to come in the season proper.

*Well done guys keep up the good work!*

## **COACHING COORDINATOR'S COLUMN**

On Sunday, I had the pleasure of sitting in the coach's box with our under 14's coach's (Geoff and Fred). What a game it was with our boy's showing the vultures from the mount that they were here to play! As the coach's match report will say they walked off heads very high. One thing I did notice was when you have co-coach's, it is amazing how one's brain rattles and the other's mouth opens at the same time without a word between them. On Sunday our under 14's boys, new and old, bonded together as though they have been playing together for years - well done guys

When you are coaching a youth football team, there are two types of teenagers who come along to play AFL. There is the footballer who has lived the game from an early age, and the athletic type who may have come from a different sporting background and is developing an understanding of the game. A few player's are lucky enough to have both.

Football teaches you discipline and teamwork - how to understand, accept and appreciate your individual role within a club structure, and the importance of doing what is expected of you .It's a winning formula in football and has just as much importance in everyday life

As I always say : **To be in the memories of your child tomorrow you need to be in their life today.**

**See you around the ground - Ray Cole**

## **BOB IS DOING WELL**

Having undergone two lots of surgery, Bob Trapnell is recovering well. He is itching to get back into football, but doctors have advised that he take things a little slower than he would normally – a point very well supervised by his lovely wife Bernadette. Our thoughts are with the Trapnell family – we wish Bob a speedy (but safe) recovery.

## **COACHES REQUIRED.**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we require the assistance of 2 coaches for under 9 age group, and 2 or 3 for under 8's. Please see Shane Hackles for further details – remember, without volunteers, the club cannot operate.

## **Coming Events**

***Keep an eye on this space for all coming events throughout the season.***

**2007 BRISBANE JUNIORS AFL SEASON STARTS WEEKEND OF 21<sup>ST</sup> / 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL.**

## FIRST AID

Leading up to the start of the season it is very important that we round up **First Aid** volunteers. A volunteer from each team would ensure no-one misses their own child's game at any time, so please see a committee member if you can help. Please keep in mind this is an essential match day requirement - a game can not be played without first aid available.

## METEAST AND METWEST TRIALS

**Congratulations to Ben Auld** who has been selected to play in the **Logan District Rep Team** which will be part of the selection trials for the Met East team. A wonderful achievement & we wish Ben all the best for the regional trials.

Below is the calendar for the District trials – if you are interested please speak to your school sports coordinator for more information.

District	School	District Trials
West Taylor Bridge	Indooroopilly SS	TBC
West Akuna	Jamboree Heights SS	3/04-4/04-Kenmore J AFC 3:30
Inala	Acacia Ridge SS	TBC
Central District	Goodna SS	18/4 Goodna 4:00
Ipswich	Ipswich Central	19/03 & 26/03-Limestone Park 4pm
Greenbank	Yugumbir SS	26-30 March
Sunnybank	Alger SS	TBC

## TAIPANS SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

Join the fun of the Western Taipans school holiday camp this Easter. From April 12 - 13, you can learn all about the great game as well as receive professional coaching from the Western Taipans staff. For more information about the Western Taipans School Holiday Camp go to:

[www.westerntaipansaf.com](http://www.westerntaipansaf.com)

## TEAM SPONSORS REQUIRED

If you (or your employer) are interested in sponsoring your child's team (or you know someone who might be interested), please contact Brendan Selby – Sponsors are a key part of our club and are encouraged at every level

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Canteen rosters will be available prior to the first game – all teams will need to provide parents on a number of occasions across the year, and the more parents who help out, the lighter the load for all. Whilst this has been an issue of discomfort for a small number of parents in the past, please remember it is a small cost to donate a little of your time for your son/daughter's ultimate benefit.

## POWERBALL PLUNDER!

Watch this space next week for our first major fundraiser, or see Brendan or Vanessa for details.

## STRUDDIES DISCOUNT

Please remember that your 10% discount at Struddies Sports, Browns Plains does not expire on 31<sup>st</sup> March, but extends right across the year and applies to all products in store – from socks and memorabilia, to balls and gym equipment. It is worth a visit to see their range – Matthew and his team will be only too glad to help with any of your sporting requirements.

## FOOTY TIPPING 2007

Alger Sports are running a tipping competition for information please contact:

Dennis on **0412 414 355**

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