



## Collingwood Industrial Magpies

# President's Report

## Pie Warmer "On" - Budgies burnt

Let's not forget the budgies were the wooden spooners in 2010 and the bullies seem to be getting on a bit so a lot of what was trashed at the G yesterday was the Perth media hype and a few commentator reputations. The return of Maxwell to defence for the opening stanzas told on the scoreboard during the first half when the Pies immediately took control by squeezing the sandgropers attack so hard that the ball was barely wobbling through the behind posts. The Collingwood backline looked in



**Luke Ball**

control and the midfield had done their homework on the much vaunted West Coast ruck combination. The coaches must have worked that one out a treat. Wood wasn't the greatest but he was good playing a role to blunt the edge of what loomed as a threat on paper. It wasn't the freewheeling, player lead, Harlem globetrotters like, exhibition from the 11 goal blitzkrieg against the Crows. Rather a gruesome relentless suffocation and then decapitation that the wise one takes so much pleasure in. It was four quarters of Mick's plan. It must have been a distinctly unappealing prospect to play against Malthouse on a half forward flank back in the day, "no gain without pain". Which was the takeaway for the Worsfold mob yesterday. The tackling went the Pies way both numerically and effectively and the coasters couldn't get flow into their forward delivery, the press was on but there seems to be a subtle variation in the game plan.

The highlights were all in black and White, Daisy and Krak, the usual suspects. Deeper in, the stories were, Luke Ball just when they think that Swan is down and try to stop it there the Pies play through Luke who was a machine. McCarthy, who is going to make it as an AFL player and would be in the starting 18 at just about every club below top 5 and will only get better and fitter. Buckley, whose kicking efficiency is excellent and has only played 27 AFL games after yesterday. So, better adjustment to the absence of Jolly, a midfielder who can step up and a half back flanker who can step up for Johno or Heater and is seriously competing for a steady starting spot. And last but not least Leon going superbly as a sweeper.

What's to come Jolly, Johno, more from Swan and Didak more from Tooves and Maxwell, in recovery mode, and the rumour is Nathan Brown could be back back this year. Blair, Goldsack, McCaffer and Dick the depth and maybe Fasolo knocking on the door. Great to see the end of all those patchy performances.



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### Aaron Sharpe

Aaron returned to Melbourne from Alice Springs last Friday after spending several weeks with his partner and infant child who is very ill and was transferred from the Alice Springs hospital to the Royal women's and children's hospital in Adelaide, last Monday.



Aaron Sharpe

Naturally, Aaron's preparation has been interrupted. He will train with the Collingwood VFL team and resume playing with the Fitzroy Stars until he can regain sufficient fitness and touch to be in the mix for possible selection for the Collingwood VFL team.

We continue to support Aaron financially and in other ways. We have prepared a funding application to Centrecorp in Alice Springs to assist Aaron's project, on his behalf, which is currently under consideration. We plan to have Aaron with us in the corporate box at the MCG on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Bruno Wilson Visit

Bruno Wilson from Yuendumu, whose law studies at the University of NSW were tragically interrupted by the sudden death of his father will be a guest of CiM together with his partner at the Melbourne v Collingwood game on June 13. CiM has established a mentoring network for Bruno to support him in his project to obtain a law degree to enable him to represent Warlpiri people in the courts. Bruno has been in mourning and attending to very significant ceremonial and cultural responsibilities which fell to him due to his position within the Warlpiri tribe. We are hoping Bruno may be able to resume his studies in the second half of 2011.

### Game at Anmatyerre

Some of you may have seen the article by Sam Edmund in the Herald Sun last week. Here is a link to a photo gallery of a game at Anmatyerre which is a community close to Yuendumu.

[http://www.heraldsunonline.com.au/soundslides/dhs/sport/afl/red\\_dust/index.html](http://www.heraldsunonline.com.au/soundslides/dhs/sport/afl/red_dust/index.html)



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### The Ride to Football Park for Epilepsy

On August 6th Collingwood travel to footy park to take on the Power. On July 30th Joffre Pearce, father of Port Adelaide's Danyle Pearce, and Joffa Corfe will leave Melbourne by bike and ride to Football park. The trip will take us 7 to 8 days travelling some 100kms in distance per day, we will be doing this for epilepsy awareness and first aid seizure. Along the way we will stop over in towns and greet the people, already we have some football clubs inviting us to stop over and be a guest at club functions. JT Cycles of Adelaide have donated bikes for the ride and we are currently chasing sponsors to get us guys safely over the border into S.A and on to Football Park. We are hoping the ride will raise awareness for epilepsy. The event is already attracting media interest and if anyone wants to get on board please contact Joffa on 0407 545 228.

It is estimated some 220,000 people living in Victoria will have epilepsy in their lifetime (That's more people than two blockbusters at the MCG.) It is estimated that up to 4 percent of Australians will have epilepsy during their lifetime (892,000) The number of people significantly affected by epilepsy in Australia is therefore estimated to be approximately 3.6 million. It's quite sad to think that epilepsy in 2011 still carries a stigma and still very much not understood. We need to raise awareness, we need to say it's ok if you have epilepsy.



Joffa

Side By Side.

Joffa Corfe.

Joffre Pearce.

### Local Indigenous Kids to watch the Pies

In cooperation with the Collingwood Football Club CiM is arranging for a number of local indigenous kids to have a day at the football. The club will provide the tickets as part of the community bay programme and CiM will provide a game day budget for food and gear to make for a good Magpie experience. CiM Board member Troy Austin an indigenous engagement officer with the Victorian Department of Justice will coordinate the programme.

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