



## Collingwood Industrial Magpies

# President's Report

Week ending 29 April 2011

### Looking forward from Anzac Day

With a short week and the usual deluge of post Easter commitments it is impossible to provide the usual report and deep background speculation about the significance of the Anzac Day outcome. However, at the end of the day, the more significant development in round 5 may well have been the Hawthorn v Geelong game which indicated two likely challengers to the Pies for the 2011 flag. Once again the positioning of Franklin by Alistair Clarkson indicates a different approach to the Hawks' game plan, although, so far questionable. The resurgence of Geelong and a mini replay of the 2008 Grand Final displayed very different potential approaches to the Collingwood "press" which seemed to be based on the expectation that the sub rule will open games up. This was certainly the case on Anzac Day, and, as Harry O observed, this enabled Essendon to force Collingwood to change the shape of their game. Maybe Arizona and a little more maturity was the difference.

On a positive note, it is questionable if Geelong has the forward line structure and potency that Essendon was able to assemble and Hawthorn's defence against the Pies attack would seem to be wanting.



**Aaron Sharpe**

### Aaron Sharpe

Aaron has been recovering from an injury he sustained playing in a A-grade amateur practice match and was recently in Alice Springs for a family reunion during the Lighting Carnival.

Aaron has returned to Melbourne with his partner and infant daughter and we continue to support his project.

See the article below on the social event for more information on how you can continue to support Aaron.



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### Clontarf

A recent email showed some photos of a Yuendumu-Clontarf junior football project, without explanation. The link to the Clontarf website is below. Clontarf is an indigenous youth program primarily designed to improve school attendance. It was established in 2003 by Gerard Neesham. Clontarf has significant infrastructure and staffing, at least to Alice Springs secondary colleges and has been extremely successful in significantly improving regular school attendance by indigenous students. It has long been an ambition of the Yuendumu community to achieve a Clontarf presence in the school infrastructure of the community. CiM has, on a number of occasions, lobbied Clontarf and it appears that talks between the school, the community leadership and Clontarf are moving towards the establishment of an outreach program and the football trip to Alice Springs, complete with the special black and white jumpers, is part of the process of engagement between Clontarf and the community. A more substantial presence is subject to funding.

<http://www.clontarffootball.com/>



Normally CiM would have provided a valuable prize and trophy at the Lightning Carnival held over Easter in Alice Springs, however, because of the feuding in the community Yuendumu did not officially enter the carnival. A team playing in a different strip from Yuendumu played in the carnival but because players from one of the feuding families were excluded, in the interests of harmony, the football club and the community elders decided that it was inappropriate, as a matter of respect, for a



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Yuendumu Magpies team to play in the community strip. We were also advised that, in these circumstances, in order avoid any appearance of taking sides that we should not award a prize or trophy at this carnival. Hopefully, in a strange way this may be a sign that it is expected that, perhaps by the time the AFL season commences, there will have been some easing of tensions in the community which would allow the football team to take the field in the club's colours This also shows how important a component a unified football club is for the community and the value that they place upon their football club.

### **MCG Queens Birthday Weekend**

As everyone would know by now, for those making their membership contribution by 31 May 2011 enter into a draw which includes an excellent day out with full catering at a corporate box at the MCG to watch Collingwood v Melbourne. In addition we have some tickets available for the box at the heavily discounted price of \$100 per person courtesy of our generous sponsor, who prefers to remain anonymous. If you would like to participate could you please reply to this email and we will compile a list of those wishing to participate and advise you on a 'first come first served' basis of the availability.

### **20 May 2011**

Keep this date in your diary for a social event starting at 6pm we are close to finalising our special guest arrangements and will announce them next week. The details are:

- 6pm
- Arnold Bloch Liebler
- Level 21, 333 Collins St Melbourne (Please note, upwards lifts to the venue cease operating at 6:30pm).

All funds raised at this event will go towards supporting Aaron Sharpe.

### **Richard Tambling**

If anyone would like to read a personal story of an AFL footballer from the Northern Territory and how important the pathways are that we are working to provide, you could follow the link below. It perhaps seems incredible, but the fact of the matter is that this story is all too familiar and could just as easily apply to Liam Jurrah or Aaron Sharpe. <http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/sport/afl/richard-tamblings-driving-force-his-nanna/story-e6frecoc-1226043512420>