

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to another season of amateur football. This year the Wellers will be fielding five teams, including Seniors, Reserves, Under 18s, Under 19s and Clubbies.

Our successful 2009 Under 19s Coach, Tim Killworth, has been appointed Coach of the Senior team, with Stuart Hillier agreeing to be the Reserves Coach. The Under 19s' coaching position is filled by Todd Sigalis (son of Zig), Howard Mitchell remains as our Under 18s Coach and Chris Kearon and Ryan Whitehead are in charge of the Clubbies.

Other important appointments include Phil Ballis as Football Operations Manager and more recently Warren Carlyle has been appointed Captain of the Senior team. He will be ably supported by Danny DeSanctis as Vice Captain and Ben Hart and Andrew Clarke as Deputy Vice Captains. Alex Lattuada has been appointed Under 19s Captain and the Under 18's leadership group has yet to be announced.

2010 promises to be an exciting year. Our Under 19s commenced last Saturday in Premier Division (the first for the club) winning convincingly against St Bedes Mentone Tigers, 14.17.101 - 3.11.29.

This Saturday, the Seniors and Reserves play Caulfield Grammarians away at Glen Huntly Oval and our Under 19s and Club 18s both play Old Melburians at Albert Park. The only home game this weekend is our Under 18s who play St Bedes Mentone at, I believe, 11.30 a.m. If you are not travelling to the away games, please feel free to ring Howard Mitchell, our Under 18s Coach, on 0418 328 166 as you may well be able to assist in the day's operations.

In the off season, the Committee has been extremely busy and you will note that the ground is now in A1 condition, in the words of some of the stalwarts of the Club "the best its ever been since my time at the Club". The clubrooms are only approximately three months off completion and they will eventually provide us with four change rooms, a gymnasium, a 160 seat social club facility with adjoining kitchen and associated storerooms. Located between two quality ovals, on completion we will have one of the best facilities in not only amateur circles, but in suburban football circles generally.

We have taken a step back this year from Premier B to Premier C grade, but I believe over the next 2 - 3 years it will be an exciting period for the football club given the talent of young footballers coming through our Under 18 and Under 19 teams. It's a credit to our coaching staff and football operations generally, which have assembled a depth of talent which, barring injury, should ensure a successful period for the club going forward.

Welcome to 2010. Go Wellers

Phil Cramer
President

P.S. Next week, Round 2, the Seniors/Reserves play Beaumaris at home so please come down to show your support and have a closer look at the new clubrooms.