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## North Hobart Football Club Newsletter May 18, 2018

### Congrats to our Tassie Mariners boys

Huge congrats to Will Peppin, Mitch O'Neill, Jake Steele and Baxter Norton for being part of the most successful Tassie Mariners team of the modern era.

The Mariners went through the season undefeated and an extraordinary 13 Tassie Mariners boys have now been selected to play for The Allies in the Division 1 Under 18 National Championships including Mitch and Baxter.

Huge congrats boys everyone at North Hobart is very proud of you.



From left: Mitch O'Neill, Will Peppin, Jake Steele and Baxter Norton at training on Thursday night

## **Colin Garland back at North Hobart**

We are absolutely delighted that former North Hobart and Melbourne player Colin Garland has come on board this year as a playing assistant coach.

Drafted from North Hobart as a teenager, Colin gave distinguished service to the Melbourne Footy Club over 141 fine games and was runner-up in the club's Best and Fairest in 2013.

He is coaching the forwards and will don the boots in the game on Sunday May 20 at the Twin Ovals against Kingborough.

His influence on our group has already been profoundly positive and we are absolutely delighted to have a person of Colin's quality at the footy club.

In more good news our inspirational skipper Hugh Williams will return after injury against Kingborough on Sunday and Mariner Jake Steele will make his senior debut too.



*Colin (left) at training during the week with Cooper Leek (middle) and Brad Tilbury.*

## Retain the TSL Round this weekend – 19-20 May



The TSL clubs - who are united as one in campaigning to retain the TSL - have organised for round 8 to be Retain the TSL round.

As you may be aware there are no guarantees coming out of the AFL Steering Committee that the TSL will be retained so in a show of unity all players and coaches will wear red armbands at matches this weekend.

On Wednesday next week (23<sup>rd</sup> May) Paul Gadmowski, President of Kingborough and Thane Brady President of North Launceston will address all the Steering Committee members at their meeting in Melbourne.

Some of the key points they will make include:

- All TSL clubs are financially viable.
- We have healthy playing lists and have been able to attract high calibre people like Sam Lonergan, Tom Couch, Aaron Cornelius, Paul Kennedy, Jeremey Webberley and Colin Garland to the TSL in recent times.
- This calibre of people will not come here to coach and play in regional footy because the competitions are simply not professional or good enough.
- Our seven TSL clubs are centres of excellence that have well qualified and accredited coaches and assistant coaches, line coaches, strength and conditioning programs and staff, video reviews, physios and proper recovery programs.
- There are 102 boys in AFL academies connected to TSL clubs.

- 13 have been selected in the Allies this year; and the Mariners went through the carnival undefeated – these kids didn't just become good footballers by being in the Mariners program they have been part of TSL clubs' programs too.
- If the TSL goes we'll have the state's best footballers and career/aspirational coaches leave to go to the mainland because they'll get poached and because they will not be challenged playing/coaching in regional football.
- Some clubs are already reporting that some of their players are being approached given the uncertainty around the TSL. Removing the TSL would rip the heart out of Tassie footy. Surely that is not the intention of the steering committee.
- All TSL coaches, some with coaching and playing experience in mainland competitions, including the AFL, state that the TSL must stay for the reasons cited above.
- If the TSL is replaced by a VFL team and the next level of footy is regional footy a major stepping stone in the development pathway will be taken away and we'll see terrible mismatches when TSL sides play the regional sides. Can you imagine, for example, what North Launceston would do to an NTFA side?

### **Info session Thursday May 10**

The club held an information session for players, members, parents and members of our junior clubs on May 10.

The key messages were:

- We have a very exciting group of young players including 16 in AFL Tasmania academy squads.
- If we stick together we will achieve on-field success in the next three years.
- The footy program is excellent and a great environment for developing footballers and young people.
- The club will selectively recruit some bigger bodied experienced players to complement the talented young players at the club.
- The club is in a very healthy state in an off-field sense. We have over 475 members, \$40,000 worth of sponsors, we have money in the bank and are forecast to make a profit this year.
- Imagine what it would be like to part of another North Hobart dynasty. With the people we have at the footy club in both an on-field and off-field sense it's now a very real possibility.



*There was a good turnout to the information night on May 10.*

### **North Hobart's premiership teams during 1987-92 to be inducted into the Hall of Fame on June 23**



*Darryn Perry, Dan Keegan, Terry Moore and Neil Noye were a big part of the golden era of 1987-1992*

Speaking of celebrating North Hobart dynasties, keep Saturday Night, June 23, free Demons supporters because our four premiership teams of the golden era from 1987-92 are being inducted into the Tasmanian Football Hall of Fame that night.

These were some of the greatest teams that ever graced the field in Tasmanian footy and we ruled Tasmanian football during that wonderful era.

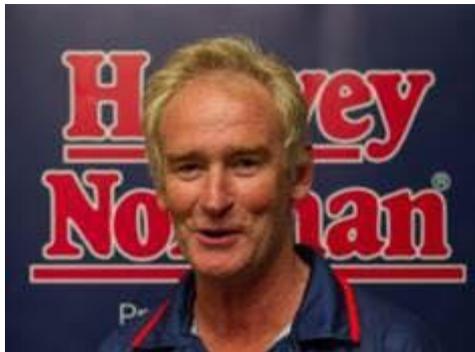
We beat Glenorchy in the 1987 grand final, Hobart in 1989, North Launceston in 1991 and Hobart again in 1992.

Coached by Garry Davidson in '87 and '89 and Mark Yeats in '91 and '92, these teams are legendary and we would love to see as many of the Red and Blue army at Wrest Point on June 23.

To book tickets or book a table contact Paul Curtain on 0409 312 889 or email [gm@nhfc.net.au](mailto:gm@nhfc.net.au)



**Congrats to Greg Grubb and members of our ladies team**



*Greg Grubb*

Congrats to our ladies team coach Greg Grubb for being appointed assistant coach of the SFL representative team and to seven of our ladies for being selected in the SFL rep squad.

The SFL will play an AFLW North team on June 9, most likely at Campbell Town.

It's a great endorsement of our footy program led by Greg and the quality of our players, huge congrats to everyone.

Our players selected in the rep squad are:

Paige	Flakemore
Rebecca	Griffin
Krystal	Kelly

Jaymee-lee	Mansfield
Amy	Massie
Taylah	Purton
Taelah	Stubbs

## **Membership**

Club Membership is now over 475 (that number excludes the players) and remember if you become a member you get a Harvey Norman Discount Card that entitles you to staff rates at all Harvey Norman stores. We'd love to hit the magic 500 mark soon!

Sign up here: <https://www.nhfc.net.au/membership/>

## **New Scoreboard**

We will have a new scoreboard façade at North Hobart by June 15, weather permitting. Work will start in late May. The new scoreboard will enable digital content to be displayed including replays and advertising which is great for our game day experience and our sponsors.

Huge thanks to the Hobart City Council for doing this it's very much appreciated.

## **Deepest sympathies to the Collins family**

The North Hobart football community is deeply saddened at the passing of Carole-Ann (Kate) Collins recently.

She was a wonderful person. She lived life to the full, had a great sense of humour and a deep love for her family. Our thoughts are with her husband David ('Dickie'), son David, daughter Shelley and grandsons Sam and Will and all members of the Collins family at this very sad time.

Our Development League and Senior teams will wear black armbands as a mark of respect on Sunday May 20 against Kingborough.

## Big thanks to our partners and sponsors

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