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Pilbara Spotlight

ALL GIRLS SUPERKICK STARTS IN KARRATHA

An all-girls Superkick Centre has commenced in Karratha during March and April, in an effort to get more females involved in Football and started on their own football journey.

Superkick is a new program for the AFL for kids 8-12yrs who want to learn or develop in football without the pressure. You learn new skills through skill-based activities each week, then get to show them off in games straight after.

The girls attending this program are learning from a range of female coaches and assistance coaches.

The Karratha program is about successfully building capacity and confidence in both the participants and the coaching group.

Fast and fun sessions are held at Karratha Leisureplex, Wednesday at 4pm.

Planning is underway for a new center to commence in Term 2 in Wickham.



EVENTS

- 2 Mikayla Western Girls Football Clinic
- 3 Superkick & Yth Girls - Karratha
- 4 Play Hq Training - online
- 10 SDFC Community Football Carnival- Karratha
Superkick & Yth Girls - Karratha
- 11 Umpire Workship - Newman
- 12 Warlawurru Cup - Newman
Club Admin Training - Newman
- 15 Nightfields - Wakathuni
Umpire Workshop - Tom Price
- 16 Club Admin Training - Tom Price
- 17 Superkick & Yth Girls - Karratha
- 18 Play HQ Training - online
- 20 NPFL - round 1
- 23 Volunteer & club Support Program - Para
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- 26 FNFL - round 1
- 27 NNFL -round 1

PILBARA NEWSLETTER

2024 will see the creation of a Pilbara monthly newsletter coming out to clubs, leagues and community stakeholders.

This will be an informative celebration of what has happened or going to happen in the football community throughout the Pilbara.

We will be including some specific spotlights on our fantastic volunteers, clubs and leagues along the way, so we can all get to know the personal side of our football families..

If you have something you would like to see in the newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact:

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LEGENDARY LEAGUES

League name: Newman National Football League
Nickname: NNFL
Number of clubs: 4
Club Names: Centrals, Saints, Pioneers and Tigers.
Established: 1972
Grades: Senior Men's only

About us:

We are a unique league with all four clubs with colourful clubhouses positioned around the one ground. We have been running for over 50 years. We provide an opportunity for all people of Newman living and working residential or FIFO.



THE CLUBROOM - SOUTH HEDLAND SWANS....



Name: South Hedland Swans football club
Nickname: Swannies
League: North Pilbara Football League
Grades: League, Reserves, Womens
Established: 1974

About us: We are an extremely proud club, rich with pride, culture and success. We are extremely multicultural and encourage people from all walks of life to join. We pride ourselves on the encouragement of being embedded in our community, we have extensive family ties to the community many of our players are born and bred in Port Hedland, so community engagement is very high on our priority list.

Over many years we have created and implemented many community engagement activities which has included primary and high school engagement activities, running football programs and teaching youths about the importance of living healthy lifestyles.

Mental health and member wellbeing is of utmost importance to the club, as over many years every single member of our club has either been directly or indirectly affected by mental health issues. We consistently highlight the importance of good mental health and provide support and resources for our members to access should they need. We have also run Mental Health and Wellbeing sessions in partnership with Hedland Senior high school (aimed at 14 to 18yrs old) in recent years.



Shout out to some important volunteers:

Josh Nannup: for many Josh has become encased in the local football in town specifically involving himself in the volunteering space, Josh was nominated and won the WAFC Pilbara volunteer of the year award in 2018 which gives you an idea of the type of team man he is, he has held various positions in the football club which include, Reserves coach, league coach (when needed), treasurer, vice president, president along with pulling the boots on whenever needed. He is a huge support to club, members, community and league.

Steele Viti: Steele is a premiership player in 2015 and has since gone on to become our league coach in 2023&2024, Steele's drive is to create a safe space for members of the community affected by domestic violence, he has aligned the club with domestic violence advocacy groups to create an avenue for those affected to feel part of a club/community and play football.

Trevor Dhu jnr:

Over the many years at Swans, Trevor implemented many initiatives such as the mental health awareness conversations in the club and at the local high school, Trevor has over many years strengthened Swans community ties by involving the club in many community engagement sessions involving mental health.

THE SCHOOL YARD

Name: Tarryn Lea Kenworthy
Nickname: Tazzer
School: Tambrey Primary School
Speciality: Physical Education



Favourite Player: Retired Player - David Wirrpanda
 Current Player - Jeremy McGovern
AFL Team: West Coast Eagles

Why do you think it's important to have football programs in the school: It is important to expose students to AFL football at the primary school level to build their confidence in sport, leadership skills, teamwork and fitness. Developing a love for sport early usually results in students staying in sport throughout their schooling life and into their adulthood.

What is the best thing about your schools programs:

All students participate and have a thirst to improve their skills. We are an inclusive school and cater for all our students and their diverse needs. Running AFL sessions in school has seen a large number of our upper primary female students enrol in and attend training sessions for AFLW outside of school.

KARRATHA- DOCKERS SHIELD & CUP CARNIVAL

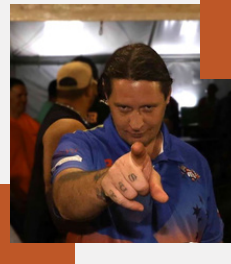
March, saw the annual Dockers Shield and Dockers Cup being played at Bulgara oval in Karratha between the Primary schools in the Karratha, Dampier and Wickham areas for year 5/6 girls and boys.

The carnival is rife with interschool rivalry with a bright, colorful and fun display of football throughout the day. It is a fitting

end to the weeks of teacher lead training sessions in the weeks leading up to the carnival.

2024 again did not disappoint with some tight games had, with Baynton West Primary School being successful in taking out both boys and girls events.





UMPIRES RED CARD

Name: Jac Malcolm Donaldson
Nickname: Jacary
League: Newman National Football League
Club: Centrals
Years umpiring: Newman - 2nd yr, but over my football life, I have previously umpired junior levels in Perth from Auskick-under 16's.

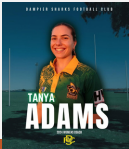
Why did you start umpiring: To help improve my knowledge of rules and modern game, but more so to build a better relationship between umpire, coaches and players. Also to help with my sideline coaching and way I interact with umpires on game day.

Best umpire moment: In Perth when involved with Perth Demons. I umpired at Wesley college, a game involving a young Lance "Buddy" Franklin. Even at 15 I knew this kid was getting drafted.

Worst umpire moment: I was 15 on school work-experience with my old centrals coach, Craig Hoyer. We were in Punmu for a smoke and alcohol-free sport event. I had opportunity to umpire the grand final, being a young kid and in a remote aboriginal community I definitely felt the pressure. Even more so when the final siren rang, and I made a mark call right on the siren in front of the goal which would've allowed the home team to snatch victory, a big uproar started, and the game was called. Resulting in the away team winning. Was I scared, yes hahaha but definitely help me to learn stick by my decisions.

Favourite Rule: Holding the ball, there are a few interpretations but overall, the same result. Plus who doesn't like doing the arm moves?

COACHES BENCH



Name: Tanya Adams
Nickname: Tans
League: NPFL
Club: Dampier Sharks Football Club
Coaching for how long: This is my first year!
Grade: Womens

Why did you start coaching: I got into coaching because I love the game and love watching the girls grow into being the best AFLW players they can be.

Most memorable coaching moment:
 In my short pre season, already so many! From seeing girls finally nail a ball drop to watching a complex transition or drill come to life and executed perfectly, coaching is such a great feeling. Truly though, I love seeing the girls being proud of themselves and each other, and getting around the club with the tunes pumping and smiles all round.

Worst or funniest coaching moment:
 Ha! There are probably already so many of these too! Like trying something and realizing it's absolutely a disaster and asking the girls to please erase that drill or tactic from their brains forever 😊 or thinking the girls would get a kick out of me partaking in the training and then trying to describe the next drill while being out of breath 😊

Favourite drill:
 Square decision!

All about wanting the ball, focusing the entire time and being ready to be front and centre. A great one for players that zone out at the back of the line 😊



THE AUSKICK PACK



Name: Dampier Sharks Auskick
Nickname: Sharks
Based: Windy Ridge, Dampier
When: Term 2 - Wednesdays 4.45-5.45pm

About us: Nothing brings a community together more than a strong footy club. Established in 1970 with blokes working in Hamersley Iron began the steppingstones of forming the Dampier Sharks and setting their Green and Gold in stone.

Dampier Sharks Auskick is a great way to involve our younger people in the footy club. Dampier Sharks Auskick has traditionally been run on Monday evenings for the past 14 years, there is nothing better than kicking a football with the Auskickers overlooking the ocean and watching the sunset. Building strong foundations for their skills and engaging with the wider Sharks community.

We are continuously blown away by the dedication and commitment of community members who continue to put in their energy and time at Dampier Sharks Football Club.



We are proud to have names like Dean Cox and Zac Langdon who started their footy career right here in Dampier and not to forget our very own Kristian 'Dicko' Dicton leading his path as GM for Football operations for Subi FC.

Amazing the talent, energy, and drive that comes from our little town. The Sharks, the Jnr Sharks, the Ladies league and our Auskick kiddos are a driven, focused, and hard-working committee, bring on the 2024 season.

'GO YOU SHARKERS'.

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