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NEWSLETTER

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From the President

On behalf of the Bridgewater Raiders Football Club welcome to the 2009 HFL season. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Sponsors for 2009 (see over) most of them having been long time supporters of the club. To our life members and supporters I thank you for your continued support. To all of the many people that have been working very hard during the off season thank you for your valued assistance.

This year teams will start wearing black arm bands and I ask you all to take the time to read about Fay Moller and Elliott Stapleton-Coory. They will both be missed at our club.

Finally both of our senior teams will kick off the season using Sherrin Footballs (HFL Sponsor) badged with Telstra insignia. I take this opportunity to thank Telstra for the \$1000 worth of equipment they have supplied.

I, like all of you, should be looking forward to a far more positive 2009 season. Let's show our support for the club and enjoy 2009. See you at the games.

John Schneemilch
President BRFC

Wearing of the black arm bands

By Nicole Healey

After the conclusion of the 2008 season the Bridgewater Raiders suffered the tragic loss of Fay Moller and Elliot Stapleton-Coory.

Fay Moller was a supporter and volunteer at the Bridgewater Football Club for over 50 years. Fay got involved when her husband David became a sports trainer for the "Wee Wackers" now known as the Raiders. Despite having 3 daughters Fay travelled to far away places such as Sedan, Palmer and Milang. Helping out in the Canteen and volunteering whenever needed. Then with great pride Fay's only son Robert donned football boots for the mighty Raiders. It was here that Fay started her statistic books on Robert, with every touch, kick, handpass, mark, goal and point recorded.

As a Nan, her love of watching Bridgewater was rewarded when her Grandson's Jack and Leigh Bevelander began to play, and then both went on to win mail medals in the same year. The statistic books continued with both boys.

I will always remember her Great Grandsons William and Liam Healey running to her car yelling "Nan, Nan how many kicks did we get?" as her stat books were extended to a third generation. It didn't matter if you won or lost, it was, did Nan see it and was it recorded in the stats book. We laugh as a family now as at times it appeared that there may have been that extra touch or two written in the stats book.

Fay's great love of the Bridgewater Raiders will be continued through the involvement of her family with Jack, Leigh, William and Liam still playing, Vernice, Robert, Jill, Kate and I still supporting and volunteering.



Nan we will miss you this season and every season to come.

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Wearing of the black arm bands (cont.)

Elliot Stapleton-Coory enjoyed playing football for the Raiders as a youngster. After a couple of years away, Elliot returned to the Raiders to play U17's under Coach Keith Isgar who described Elliot as "the quickest and most fearless player" that he had seen. "Elliot was a pleasure to coach as he was always willing to listen and learn, and as a coach that's what you want. He wasn't just a good footballer, he was a genuine nice kid."

Elliot moved up to play B Grade under Coach Robert (Bob) Moller. Robert developed an admiration for the way Elliot played and enjoyed coaching him due to Elliot's never-ending passion and endeavour. As the sports trainer while Elliot was playing I got to spend a lot of quality time with Elliot on the sidelines, as he got hurt a lot. A lot of this time was spent talking about his love of motorbikes and his Mum. It was hard to look after a player like Elliot as he would get quite badly hurt and I would ask him to try not to go in head first into packs, but Elliot only knew one way to play and that was full on, 110%, which is the way he lived his life. Elliot left the Raiders to move to Queensland to start his motorbike apprenticeship. Elliot was only 19 when he passed away. I asked around the club for a few words to describe Elliot this is what I got. Always smiling, great guy, quick, passionate, funny bloke, tough as nails and all round nice guy.

Elliot was admired and loved by his team mates and everyone around the club. We miss his wonderful smile.

Trash and Treasure

Thanks to all those who helped out on Saturday with our Trash and Treasure at the oval. The day was a success and we could not have done it without those who donated their time and goods.

A special thanks to Vernice Bevelander, Jill Healey and Diana Healey who helped man the sale, Kane Goodrich who helped set up, Jill, Vernice and Diana who donated lots of yummy treats to sell and Elda Fraser who donated some beautiful plants and baking.

Thanks also to those who helped clean up, it seemed like hard work at the time but without your help it would have taken us all night.

A great start to the season, thanks again.

Upcoming Events

GET YOU DIARIES OUT PEOPLE! With the first round soon to be under our belts, there are a few events coming up to put on your calendars.

- Quiz Night - 23rd of May - tickets available soon
- Ladies Night - 13th of June
- Bridgewater Ball - 27th of June

All of these events will be held at the club and we will continue to keep you updated on how to be a part of these events; you can also check the website (www.bridgewateraiders.org.au) and our Facebook page for further information.





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