

Dear Members,

It's been a busy couple of weeks at the Ashy Redbacks. We kicked off the season with practice matches, an official Season Launch, Anzac Day Cup and we've enjoyed a couple rounds of footy too.

We thank you for all of your support during the start of our footy season. Whether it is helping out behind the scenes, playing a role out on the field or turning up to enjoy our events – we can feel the #Ashypride from our members as our sense of community keeps building.

We are super proud to have 635 players across 31 teams wear the Ashy jumper this year. For the Committee, it isn't about how many players we have but how the good the experience is for each and every one of you. On that note, we are asking you to give us your feedback in a mini online survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BL2BHTK> Tell us what's working well, what's not and what your ideas are.

As we head into Round 3, our third week of grading for older divisions, we have captured much action on and off the field. For all footy news, please keep an eye on our "Redbacks Review" that can be found under our new Ashy Blog on our website <http://www.ashyredbacks.org.au/ashy-blog/> Each week, coaching teams will complete this match summary so that you can all track the highlights of the round. A slide show will also be posted on Instagram and Facebook so make sure you get around it!

Can you believe that it is only 4 weeks until our Ashy Ball? Tables are selling fast so book your tickets today (www.trybooking.com/KVFT) and start planning babysitters and outfits – the rest will be organised by us!

Ashy Committee

PS We look forward to seeing you at our first Club Night of the season this Sunday, 1st of May from 5:30pm. Please

RSVP <http://www.trybooking.com/LHEB> so we can confirm our catering order.



The dunking machine was a hit



2016 Season Launch – What a night!



ASHBURTON UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB INVITES YOU TO OUR

ASHY BALL

SATURDAY 28 MAY
7:30PM - MIDNIGHT
 Lincoln of Toorak, Level 2, Trak Centre
 455 Toorak Road, Toorak

*\$95.00 per person includes a three-course dinner, beer and wine.
 Place together a table of 10 or book individual tickets at
www.trybooking.com/KVFT
 For any ticketing assistance or to convey dietary requirements,
 contact social@ashyredbacks.org.au*

*Dress to impress
 by wearing a splash of
 red, green, black or white*

#AshyRedbacks
 #2016AshyBall
www.ashyredbacks.org.au



Welcome Glenice and Angela – our new Ashy Canteen Coordinators

DIARY DATES

For more information on Club Events, go to <http://www.ashyredbacks.org.au/new-events/> or pick up your free 2016 fridge magnet in our club rooms

1 May

Sunday Night Club Night

5:30pm – 8pm
 Burwood Reserve

RSVP:
trybooking.com/LHEB

5 May

Trainers Education Information Session

7:15pm – 9:30pm
 PhysioWorks,
 Camberwell Road,
 Camberwell

RSVP:
susanfrancis@physioworks.com.au

13 May

Friday Night Club Night

6pm – 10:30pm
 Burwood Reserve

RSVP on trybooking
 – invites coming soon!

28 May

2016 Ashy Ball

7:30pm – Midnight
 Lincoln of Toorak,
 Level 2 Trak Centre,
 455 Toorak Road,
 Toorak

5 Jun

Sunday Night Club Night

5:30pm – 8pm
 Burwood Reserve

19 Jun

Club Photos

Schedule to be announced
 Burwood Reserve

30 sleeps until the 2016 Ashy Ball on Saturday 28 May

FOOTY OPS

On field performance, Rounds 1 and 2

Gav Hynes, Footy Ops gives us a run down on how our teams are going across all divisions

Well what a great start to the season for all our teams. Our **U8 & U9's** are loving the opportunity to get out on the field and just play footy. Their training sessions have been first class with all coaches and assistants very impressed with the boys' efforts and smiles at training and on game day (Parents are enjoying it just as much!).

Our **U10's** have been adjusting to the new game conditions (now playing 18 per side and a full field) and again, coaches are impressed with how the boys are preparing themselves for training and game day. New players seem to be adjusting well and have been made feel very welcome. I'm told there are a few future rising stars amongst this group!

Our **U11 & 12's** have found that as they rise through the age groups it becomes a little bit more serious and these lads have all risen to the challenge. New game plans have been implemented. Coaches have noticed many improvements and are impressed with how well they are adapting. The results have been varied but the focus and dedication to get the best out of themselves have been fantastic to watch.

The **U13 & 14's** have had a challenging start with both age groups running three teams, each in different divisions.

These two age groups have graded their teams with team balance being one of the priorities so it's still a work in progress as new team mates connect. With two more grading matches to play, there's an opportunity to cement themselves in their respective divisions. Both these age groups have several players in the YJFL development squads who will play a tournament over the long weekend in June. Stay tuned...

The **U15's** have also had a challenging start with turning 29 players into 24 for game day. The "rostering off" system has been implemented and seems to work well within the group. They have started in Div 2 and have had a great start to the season. From all reports, Ryan McDonough, new coach, has got their attention. Ryan has set them all challenges both in preparation and how they play on game day. There are a few Ashy representatives in YJFL squads as well. An impressive start!

The **Colts** have had their challenges with new coaches and players so they too are a work in progress but the boys are keen to impress. The Colts are also running the "rostering off" policy with nearly 30 boys per team. Once the grading games are finished the boys will be able to settle in their divisions and from all reports are working well with Brett, Ben and Simon. It's a tough gig trying to juggle school sport, rep footy and Ashy Redbacks footy but the boys are up for the challenge. A successful year of footy is to come.

Coach's Spotlight : Ryan McDonough

This month we're placing **Ryan McDonough, Ashy Redbacks Coach for U15 Boys** under the spotlight.

What do you love about coaching?

I love developing young athletes into better sportsmen on and off the field. The relationships that are created out of coaching, with children and parents is one of the best things I can achieve from coaching.

Who has been the most inspiring coach you have had and why?

The most inspiring coach has been my father (mainly because he has been my only coach for my sporting life). He is an outstanding role model and if I can become half the coach he is then I will be doing a lot of things right.

What has been the best advice a coach has ever given you?

"If you put in the work the rest will take care of itself"

Which AFL coach do you most admire?

I admire Nathan Buckley for his openness and communication. I am a massive advocate for communication and that is a quality that I hope to use well with my football team.

What qualities do you think a successful coach needs to have?

I think organisation and communication are the most important qualities for a coach. If you are organised and prepared it will lead to success and communication ensures transparency for everyone. If everyone is informed it will make it a lot easier for the team as a whole.

How do you think the U12 boys will go this year?

I think the boys will do well. They have already proved that by winning two in a row which is one more win than they had all last year ;)

Nickname

Superman, Clark Kent, Tom Hawkins

Playing Experience?

This will be my 4th year playing football in Premier A division with the De La Salle Football club

Coaching Experience?

10 years coaching Basketball from ages 8-18
 3 years coaching Football and Basketball at Caulfield Grammar High School

Your AFL club

Collingwood



Ryan, celebrating his birthday on Anzac Day – coaching footy, of course!



A half-time pep talk



U15s, Round 1

Team Manager Talk

This month we talk to Jess Shinnick, about her role as Team Manager for U10 Red.

Jess, how long have you been a part of Ashy?

I have been a part of the Ashy Redbacks since 2012 when my oldest son, Aden, first started in Tackers. He was only in Grade 2 then and I had a new baby so I didn't get to see much footy that season, but I have made up for it since then! This is my second year being Team Manager for Aden's team, who are now the U12 Green team. My younger son Noah is in his second year with Ashy Redbacks in the Under 10 Red team.

What do you most enjoy about the role of Team Manager?

It has been nice to be more involved with Aden's footy team and the Ashy Redbacks Club. Our U12 team is full of great kids and families so it's lovely to spend each Sunday morning with them and feel as if I am doing my bit to support the team. So far my son likes his mum being Team Manager and I am not sure how long that will last so I am making the most of it!

Tell us about your funniest moment as Team Manager?

I think there are lots of funny moments when you are hanging out with a group of 11 and 12 year olds, but the one that comes to mind is at a game late in last year's season when our coach, Bill, was talking to the team about something I had done as Team Manager. One of the players put their hands up and asked "Who's Jess??" and it quickly became apparent that quite a few boys had no idea who I was despite being well into the season. I guess that was a good sign and meant that everything ran smoothly!

How do you think your team will go out on the field this season?

We had a really tough season in 2015 in the Brown section and only won a couple of games, which was really hard for the kids. This season we are giving it a go in the green section and fingers crossed the boys will have a great year.

What do you love most about being a part of the Ashy Redbacks?

It is very rewarding giving something back to an organisation that provide such great sporting opportunities for our kids, and it is a wonderful community to be a part of.



Jess, Aden and Noah

GIRLS FOOTY



Jumper presentation for U15 girls



U18 Girls – they're a force to be reckoned with!



Tayla, Iila & Rach

Kim Ledder, Girls Footy Manager tells us how the Ashy girls are travelling.

It's been an excellent start to the season for our Ashy girls. The Youth Girls had an outstanding first round, a 37 goal win to Ashy sums up better than any superlatives. A very successful start to the season!

In Round 2 the girls faced a stronger side, but note worthy performances by Sarah, Pacey, Emmy and Alliyanna, whose aerial skills had the crowd gasping with some spectacular overhead marks. With 8 different goal scorers, Ashy's relentless pressure saw the team come out on top with a 12 goal to 1 victory. The 15 Reds have also tasted success in both matches with strong opening games – firstly against Blackburn, and a 178 point win against Brunswick. Yes, that's not a typo, 178 points! The U15 Greens have not yet posted a win yet but our younger team is developing quickly and should get a breakthrough soon.

It was a privilege for our under 15's to represent the Club in Anzac Day attending the East Malvern RSL Dawn Service. After the ceremony the girls and their families were invited by the RSL to enjoy their annual 'Gunfire Breakfast'. After a hearty bacon and egg meal, our girls hit the field for their first game and had a convincing win against the Camberwell Sharks. We met stiff opposition in the Grand Final against East Malvern, going down but not without a spirited fight in the second half.

Thanks to everyone that organised this wonderful event. We look forward to it again next year #LestWeForget

Player Profiles: Pacey Jackson and Alliyanna Tipiloura

Tell us a little bit about yourself.

Pacey – My name is Pacey Jackson and I come from a small community called Elliott, almost halfway between Darwin and Alice Springs. I have a younger brother and sister.

Alliyanna - I come from a small community called Port Keats, west of Darwin. But my father is from the Tiwi islands. I have 1 brother and 6 sisters.

Why did you decide to join the mighty Ashy Redbacks?

Pacey – I decided to join the Ashy Redbacks because I really love playing football. Going to training for the first time for the Ashy Redbacks was fantastic. All the girls were welcoming and very nice. I joined because I heard that the Ashy football club was a great club.

Alliyanna - Because everyone at the club was very welcoming and very nice and I also heard that it was a great footy team and club.

Pacey and Alliyanna, you have both played footy before so what's a skill that you're proud of in your game?

Pacey – Kicking a lot of goals and being a team player. I like getting to know a lot of people.

Alliyanna - Getting myself some nice tackles and also some very nice goals.

What other sports do you play?

Pacey – Softball, basketball and netball.

Alliyanna – Netball, basketball, softball and tennis.

Which AFL side do you support?

Pacey – Sydney Swans

Alliyanna - Collingwood

Who is your favourite AFL player?

Pacey – Adam Goodes

Alliyanna – Scott Pendlebury and Marley Williams

If you could go on a holiday to anywhere in the world, where would you choose?

Pacey – New York

Alliyanna – New York and LA

The Ashy Youth Girls have had strong wins in Round 1 and 2. How do you think the girls will go for the rest of the season?

Pacey - I think we will get even better than we are now. I am looking forward to a lot more wins.

Alliyanna - I think they will do very good because of the confidence and skills that the girls have.



Pacey and Ally, before the first U18s victory #girlsfooty

MERCHANDISE

New Ashy merch is kicking goals

Our new Ashy merchandise is clearly kicking goals with Ashy members.

Why be cold standing on the boundary line this season, when you can stay warm and dry with your Ashy beanie, Ashy scarf and Ashy umbrella and show your Ashy colours! You can order and pay for merchandise on our website anytime ashyredbacks.org.au/merchandise/

Don't forget you can click and collect from the canteen each Sunday.



Harry modeling the Ashy pom pom beanie and all three Ashy caps



Free Boot Swap

Keen to bring us your old boots and swap them for a new pair? Ask one of the Committee to show you where they are kept. All sizes welcome.



32 members battle it out in our Ashy Redbacks Footy Tipping Comp. The top three tipsters after Round 5 are:

- Raven : 35 points
- Sandro : 35 points
- lwm : 34 points

Bringing up the rear is Harry on 17 points (a late inclusion to our comp, we think!)

We like to be liked, followed and re-tweeted. It's a great to be socially connected to @AshyRedbacks

Mini online member survey – tell us what you really think

Please complete our 10 question online member survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BL2BH7K> and give us feedback on what your thoughts have been on our registration days, pre-season training, season launch, communications and merchandise. Tick the boxes, write comments if you wish but promise to be honest – that's how we'll keep improving for you.

SPONSORSHIP

Tony Raikes, thank you for being a Team Sponsor of U12 Red

Tony Raikes is a financial adviser working for Morgans Brighton, just 20 minutes away from Ashburton. Tony is one of nine advisers at Morgans Brighton which is the largest retail stock broking firm in Australia, with over 500 advisers.

Tony provides personalised strategic advice to his clients helping manage their superannuation, share and investment portfolios and their personal insurance requirements. He provides his clients with a plan now so that when his clients retire they are able to live a comfortable life. In a world where the markets are constantly changing and evolving and the government continually changes legislation around superannuation and investments, it's important to see someone to help you with your finances to ensure that you are in the best possible position when the time comes to retire. Additionally, Tony also provides stock and fixed interest advice.

Tony, how long have you been a part of the Ashy Redbacks?

I became involved with Ashy Redbacks when my son Stephen started playing footy in U9s as a 7 year old back in 2005. Previously he participated in Auskick at Burwood Reserve as we lived near the Club. We moved to the area about 17 years ago and have been involved in the Ashy Redbacks Footy Club for 10 years. Stephen is now 18 and finished playing in the Colts in 2014. We are still involved in sport in the area with the Burwood Cricket Club.

What have you loved about being a part of the Ashy Redbacks?

One of the highlights for my son Stephen and I was being involved in a premierships with Ashy with the U14s. Stephen was a player and I was the team runner. I have always been involved in Stephen's sport and at Ashy, I filled many roles including the team runner, assistant coach and being on the parent roster.

As a past parent involved in the club, I still have a number of connections with parents and children from Ashy Primary School, St. Benedict's Primary School and at the Burwood Cricket Club. The dads from SBFSA are involved in the AFL9s and last year a number of us ran in the Melbourne 1/2 marathon.

Whilst my son does not play at Ashy anymore, the area and the broader community around Ashy and Burwood Reserve have provided us with many fond memories. The community spirit is fantastic, and it is very rewarding being involved with local sporting clubs.

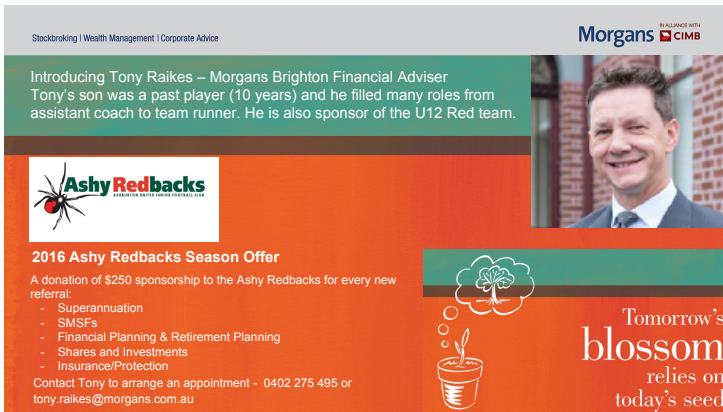
As this is my first year as sponsor of a team at Ashy and look forward to being involved with U12 Red this season, which will be ably coached by Phil Hine who I know through the SBFSA (St. Benedict's Fathers Sporting Association) and St Benedict's.

To take advantage of Tony's expertise and his offer for all members at the Ashy Redbacks (see promotion left), make sure you mention "Ashy Redbacks" when you contact Tony directly on <http://bit.ly/1VNckTd>

Phone: 03 9519 3509 Mobile: 0402 275 495

Tony, on behalf of the Ashy Redbacks community, we thank you for supporting us.

To find out more about the value-packed sponsorship packages we can offer your business this year, please contact Peter Wells sponsorship@ashyredbacks.org.au



Stockbroking | Wealth Management | Corporate Advice

Introducing Tony Raikes – Morgans Brighton Financial Adviser
Tony's son was a past player (10 years) and he filled many roles from assistant coach to team runner. He is also sponsor of the U12 Red team.

2016 Ashy Redbacks Season Offer
A donation of \$250 sponsorship to the Ashy Redbacks for every new referral:

- Superannuation
- SMSFs
- Financial Planning & Retirement Planning
- Shares and Investments
- Insurance/Protection

Contact Tony to arrange an appointment - 0402 275 495 or tony.raikes@morgans.com.au

Tomorrow's blossom relies on today's seed



Noel Jones Glen Iris
03 9885 2444

In our May newsletter we will hear from our platinum sponsor, Noel Jones

CLUB EVENTS



First Aid Course – 10th of April
Thank you to all the Trainers that attended First Aid Course by Michael Bennett



Practice matches – Sunday 11th of April



Season Launch – Friday 15th of April



Season Launch – Our Super Boots of 2016



Round 1 - U10 White went down by 3 points but still smile



Anzac Day Dawn Service



Round 1 - Colts Red rally around at half time



Round 2 – Anzac Weekend pre-match ceremony for U12 Green #wewillrememberthem



Anzac Day Cup – “Don’t argue!”