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I'm sure everyone has enjoyed the week off for Easter 2022. We were certainly lucky to have such great weather over the break and we welcome everyone back for the round 3 match against Mt Lofty.

The first couple of weeks have seen the Raiders play last year's grand finalists. Both matches have been competitive but Covid certainly has impacted the club over the first few weeks. Our Round 2 home game was to be our Sponsor, Life Member and Viking Club day but due to the overwhelming number of volunteers and players not available, due to Covid, this was postponed.

Given the impact Covid had it was a great effort to be able to successfully field our teams and run our home match. Club President, Simon Bryars, wants to pass on his thanks to everyone who helped on the day. There was a special thanks to Catherine Houlahan and Simon Dring who took on an enormous amount of work to make the day happen. So if you see any of our volunteers around today please take the time to say hello and offer some thanks for the effort they all put in. Also if you can help out during the year, at some stage don't hesitate to let someone at the club know. Even just an hour or so in the canteen or on the BBQ once during the year is a great help.

We certainly wish all those playing today the best of luck. Let's get around the teams today and show our support for all of our players and support staff. This will be a warm up for the Cutting Cup that will be played in Round 12 at Mt Lofty on July 2nd. Mark it in the calendar as it is a huge day for both clubs.

The next game will be here at Aztec oval against Blackwood.

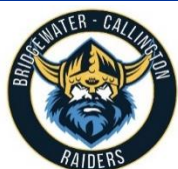
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SPONSOR, LIFE MEMBER, VIKING CLUB DAY

AZTEC OVAL 7TH MAY (ROUND 5)

As mentioned above Covid has seen a date change for the day the club shows, in a small way, it's appreciation to our Sponsors, Life Members and Viking Club members. **As always a big thanks to all of the sponsors who support our club and ensure we continue to provide community sport, we couldn't do it without them.**





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FROM THE COACH



Sam Miles

Sam Miles, our senior coach, enters his second year at the Raiders helm. I'm sure the first couple of rounds have been testing when you look at the opponents and off field factors that have impacted player depth. It's always great to get some thoughts from the coach and Sam has answered a few questions that were posed to him just after round 1. As many would know being a playing coach is certainly a complex task and reflecting on last year Sam explained it was an enjoyable task, a great opportunity and challenge to coach the Raiders in

their first year back in Division 1. Preseason was competitive with some really solid nights. As a result of the work at the oval preseason was at the Mylor oval. When asked about how he went about adjusting as the year went on Sam said, *"As the coach I'm always learning and thinking about how things can be done better or differently. If everyone is thinking the same, then no one is thinking. Nothing stays the same for long in football, so you always need to be looking at what comes next."*

There are some new faces around this year that should add some experience to the youthful Raiders team. Sam provided some brief points for us on these players saying, *"Cam Armiento is a big bodied midfielder who has spent the last few years in Sturt's system. Joel Van Paridon is a midfielder who is dual premiership player and a past best and fairest winner at Ironbank. Jai McMurtrie is a tough utility who comes across from Jervois. It has also been magnificent to have Matthew Jaensch with the group over the preseason. His experience at the highest level and his success at Hills level speaks for itself."*

The Round 1 encounter against Hahndorf was described as a tough encounter with an excellent defensive effort and hunger for the contest. Sam wants this to be a trademark of the team. As always the team has to learn from each contest and look to improve through the year.

This years A Grade coaching panel consists of Scott Madsen (senior assistant), Paul Scamoni (interchange and opposition), David Bennett (runner) and Thomas Miller (team manager and stats).

It will be great to see Sam further develop this year in the playing coach role and I'm sure everyone wishes him and the team all the best for 2022 and beyond.

2022 SOCIAL PROGRAM

7th May – Sponsor, Life Member, Viking Club day

14th May – Quiz Night @ BSSC

4th June – Premiership Reunion Day @ BSSC

2nd July – Cutting Cup @ Heathfield Oval after match @ BSSC

23rd July – Round Function @ Raiders Ball @ BSSC

20th Aug – End of Minor BSSC

October – Presentation Dinner at The Bridgewater Mill