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TIME FOR SIGN ON

After an off-season that has just flown on by, the Ravens are set to begin the official action for the 2007 season with Sign On Day to be held on Saturday 18 March, 2pm at Judy Holt Park.

Returning players and newcomers are invited to officially register for the season and be part of what beckons to be a huge year for the club in both Senior and Junior Ranks. Coach Paul Knight will return to steer the Ravens Senior Squad whilst Steve Box will assume the position at the Head of the Junior Program.

All intending players are required to bring an initial \$100 fees deposit to commence the payment process. Junior players are asked to bring proof of age (birth certificate, learners permit, drivers license, school ID etc).

Following the official Sign On activities, the afternoon will turn its focus to flag football from 3-5pm. More details will be available shortly about the training program, but training times will remain as previously with Juniors on Monday and Wednesday 5-7pm and Seniors 7-9pm on the same days. See you at Sign On!

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RAVENS FLAG SUCCESS

Bayside Ravens social pre-season Flag Football events have been a major success in 2007, attracting our best ever numbers.

Plenty of newcomers and old faithfuls have done the rounds and enjoyed the friendly competition.

With the success of this venture and the activities in Flag Football on the Gold Coast, the Ravens are looking to expand the flag format in 2008 to be a formal competition with set teams and weekly fixtures. To facilitate this the club has applied for Sport and Recreation QLD Funding under the Club Development Program. Fingers crossed for this round of funding. More details will follow.

RAVENS TRIVIA

- 1) Ravens Head Coach Paul Knight has worn three different jersey numbers in his games for the Ravens. What are they?
- 2) What colour jerseys have the Ravens worn in their six year existence?
- 3) Who was the first ever Ravens Rookie of the Year?

KELLY MAKES INTERNATIONAL DEBUT

Ravens Wide Receiver Ryan Kelly became the first Ravens Senior Player to represent Australia in January, part of the Australian Outback team against Korea in the World Cup Qualifier. Unfortunately, the Aussie lads went down, but Ryan achieved well in his limited action.

He did make a good impression with a nice catch (in Ravens uniform) on Sports Tonight in the lead up to the International Fixture.

A number of Junior Ravens will be part of the Junior Outback's International game in June vs a visiting San Francisco outfit. More info will be revealed as it is known.

2007 RECRUITMENT DRIVE

The more the merrier, we always say and to prove it, the Ravens have two exciting recruitment campaigns underway.

In senior ranks, size does matter as we are looking for 'The Big Catch'. The Ravens are especially keen to have some more big fellas in the team this year and any current player who brings in a new full fee-paying recruit has an opportunity to win a fees rebate. On Jersey presentation day, a 'weigh-in' will be held to determine who is 'The Big Catch' the recruiter earning a rebate of 50c/kg if their recruit is the heaviest.

In juniors we are chasing new players of all shapes and sizes. Any current Raven who recruits a full fee-paying junior will get their name put in the draw to win an NFL Jersey of the team of their choice. The official draw will be held at the Trophy Presentation.

So what are you waiting for? Get Recruiting!

TRIVIA ANSWERS

- a) #15, #81 and #3
- b) Maroon, Black, Red, White, Green
- c) Warren Sheehan. Tight End

ANNUAL AWARDS WINNERS

Bayside Ravens officially concluded their 2006 season on Saturday 25 November with the staging of Annual Awards Presentation at the Judy Holt Park clubhouse.

Ryan Kelly capped an impressive season taking out the Senior MVP having been a standout at WR and in special teams returns duties. In the Juniors it was RB Mitchell Eve who collected the award in a tight race, having had an impressive year running the ball for the junior birds.

The inaugural Raven of the Year award, a special award chosen by the club president acknowledging a standout individual who contributed to the success of the club and to its spirit was awarded to Floyd Nevis who as a rookie player was heavily involved in off-field activities and responsible for delivering the Eagle Boys sponsorship.

The full list of winners were:

Senior MVP - Ryan Kelly, WR
Junior MVP - Mitch Eve, RB
Raven of the Year - Floyd Nevis
Senior Offensive Player - Matt Nugent, WR
Senior Defensive Player - Thompson Sunerton, LB
Junior Offensive Player - Jake Neale, TE
Junior Defensive Player - Jesse Williams, DL
Senior Eagle Boys Man of Steel - Duane Miller, QB
Junior Eagle Boys Man of Steel - Mitchell Bruin, LB
Senior Rookie of the Year - Tim Cottis, DE
Junior Rookie of the Year - Limbie Kelegai, LB
Senior Most Improved - Jeff Neale, LB
Junior Most Improved - Phil Cottis, DB/QB
Senior Best Lineman - Andrew Martin, OL/DL
Junior Best Lineman - Jesse Williams, DL

JUNIOR STATE REPS

Five Ravens Junior players will don the Maroon and Gold this year for the Queensland Sundevils Junior State Team in the National Championships on the Gold Coast. Mitch Eve, Limbie Kelegai, Will Sunerton, Phil Whap and Jesse Williams will fly the Ravens flag proudly. Congratulations to all selected players!