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2008 LOOKING PROSPEROUS

It's a new year for the Ravens and already 2008 is looking great. The fantastic turnout for the new flag football competition has been a really positive start to the year. An early sign-on day held in February has allowed the club to begin operational preparations early, with the new apparel pack for players to be introduced at the commencement of training.

Plenty of new faces were on hand for sign-on, with the return of many from last year to see strong squads assembled in junior and senior divisions. In a first for the club, and likely the league, the Ravens have introduced a 'Redshirts' division. The Redshirts concept will allow 12/13 year olds to participate in non-contact Flag Football format between themselves to be able to learn and develop skills ahead of their joining the club as a full junior member in years to come. Already a handful of younger brothers are ready for this redshirt season.

2008 will be the second season in the new strip, keen to see the success of the first year in true bayside colours continue and even further develop, with playoff hopes for both teams.

Official club training will commence for juniors in Mid April and in early May for seniors. Stay tuned for more details.



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FOUR RAVENS EARN STATE SELECTION

Bayside Ravens seniors Harry Alderton, Chris Josey, Christian McCarty and Matt Nugent will wear the maroon colours this April as part of the Queensland Sundevils campaign for the National Championship.

Alderton and McCarty have already represented the state, with Nugent and Josey earning their first full 'cap'.

The quartet will head to the Gold Coast from the 26 April for what beckons to be a great tournament between rival states at Runaway Bay Sports Super Centre.

Visit the Gridiron Queensland website for more details – www.gridironqld.asn.au

RAVENS TRIVIA

- 1) Only one Bayside Ravens member has ever worn #1 on the field as a member of the club. Who was it?
- 2) Who was the Ravens senior rookie of the year in 2004?
- 3) What colours did Bayside Ravens seniors wear in their inaugural game in 2001?

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FLAG FOOTBALL SUCCESS

The inaugural Ravens Flight League Flag Football competition is underway!

Nine (9) teams have nominated for this year's competition, with past, present and future Ravens, joined by a Wildcats team for the competition.

Despite some early rain impacting the competition, games were successfully played in Week 2 with some good skill on display.

Follow all the action online by clicking 'flag football' on the Ravens homepage.

RAVENS TRIVIA ANSWERS

- 1) Lachlan McIntyre, 2001 Bayside Falcons
- 2) Sam Hazell
- 3) Maroon jersey, some gold pants, some orange pants

ANNUAL AWARDS NAMING HONOURS

The 2007 end of season awards for the Ravens saw the announcement of some new naming rights recognition for major junior awards. Two of these awards were presented for the first time with their new naming recognition, with one more to be introduced in 2008. The new names are:

Thompson Sunerton Junior Defensive Player of the Year Award

Lachlan McIntyre Junior Offensive Player of the Year Award

Timothy 'Bob' Cottis Junior Man of Steel Award

These awards will honour the contribution of the three inaugural Bayside Ravens juniors, players who have gone onto represent their state, country and now the senior program.

AGM AHEAD

Bayside Ravens Annual General Meeting will be held April 16, 7.15pm at Judy Holt Park Clubhouse.

This meeting will see a new committee for 2008 elected, with incumbent President Steve Box suggesting the time was right for some new blood on the committee.

Interested parties can contact the current committee for more information.

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

As is always the case, the club will be busy with fundraising activities this year to ensure we can keep our costs for players to the minimum. With our growth in numbers and goals in outfitting our players, extensive fundraising will be needed. Look for chocolate drives, raffles, ebay garage sales and more to return in 2008. Anyone who may know of a sponsorship or fundraising idea is encouraged to contact the committee. We thank you in advance for your participation.