

New coach for Demons

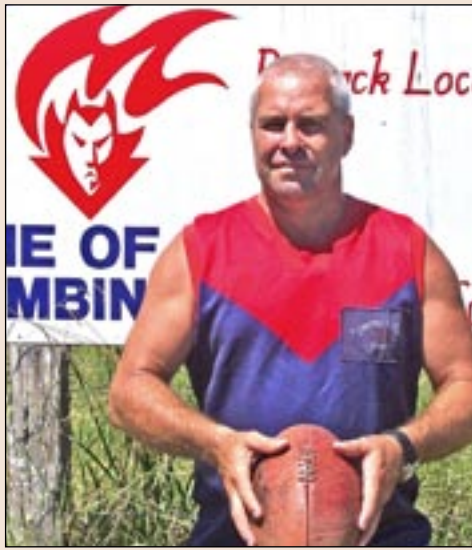
Nimbin Demons have appointed their new coach for the year.

Stephen George moved into the area from Brisbane four months ago, and has a very fine Aussie Rules pedigree. He grew up in Melbourne and was drafted by Footscray FC as a talented 13 year old. He was the vice-captain of the Victorian schoolboys team and represented both Victoria and Tasmania in his playing career, during which he played for 20 different teams in Victoria, Tasmania and Northern Territory.

He has played in 11 grand finals and has won 7 premierships, several as captain/coach, and he has been employed as a professional coach in the states mentioned. Steve has come to Nimbin football club with the clear stated intention of winning a flag for the Demons.

At the Demons Season Launch on the Nimbin Hotel veranda, Steven said, "We're going back to the grassroots, a club that belongs to the town, where the townspeople are the backbone of the club. We're 'living under a cloud' of winning the first premiership for the town – that's our slogan for the year."

The Demons have recruited well so far in the off-season with several new talented players, and are excited about the return of Demon stalwarts such as Frank Reid, Frank Summerville, Jimmy, Rohan, James and Will, Kenny and Grant, also the return of our Goori contingent led by Billy Walker



and his brother Andy, and have confirmed the return of a former best-in-the-league player, Cameron Hatty.

With new coach Steve's football experience and commitment, along with an increasingly talented line up of players and a raft of new sponsors, all at Nimbin are expecting to replicate their season 2003 success which saw the club contend for the premiership in the SAFL grand final.

All people who have any interest in Australian football, who have been past players or supporters of the Demons or who want to be part of an exciting community venture are encouraged to get involved. Contact James Alexander on 6689-1017.

"A Breath of Fresh Air"

Nim-FM is supporting a fundraiser to purchase an oxygen concentrator, valued at \$2,200, for Nimbin Hospital.

Nimbin Hospital Auxilliary will also assist in the purchase of this vital equipment, which at present has to be hired for local patient Don Sharpe and others to use.

Fundraising events will include donating the proceeds from the sale of food and refreshments at Nimbin Hall kitchen on the night of the 39 Hours Short Film Festival screening on Sunday 16th March. Don's film 'Cullen Street Rainbow' won the 39 Hours competition last year.

Supper Raffles will also be held at the Oasis Café on the Brackets and Jam music night, Thursday 20th March.

Watch out too, for the main raffle on the street – prizes are still being organised.

Donations of money and raffle prizes are welcome. Contact Judy Hale through the Nim-FM office, on 6689-0279, or through Nimbin Community School on 6689-1477.



The Beautiful Night

Featuring

- The Nomad Dancers
- Shivarra • Karinya

A night of Middle Eastern Dance, Music, Food

Saturday 22nd March 7.00pm

Tuntable Falls Community Hall
\$15 adults children free

All systems go for Headers

The Nimbin Headers have held two very successful soccer sign-on days over the past few weeks and all signs are that 2008 will be another bumper year.

With more than 25 new signings the prospect is that the Club will field junior teams in all age divisions from 6 to 16.

The introduction of Small Sided Games for Grades 6, 7 and 8 should ensure the little ones have more fun this year while their parents can become involved without necessarily needing special coaching skills or knowledge.

There will be a Women's team, the Over 35's are backing up again, and the Premiership winning Fifth Division boys are going up a grade in their latest quest for glory. Senior games commence on 12th April and juniors kick-off from 1st May.

Early season training for all grades is on Thursdays after school, while those



All ages A rare quiet moment for the sign-on desk at the Headers Field. Logo comp closes 14th March.

who are more competitive can also attend Tuesday's fitness and technical training from 5.30pm. For further information about player registration, sign-on costs, team numbers etc. please contact the Club Registrar Mark Wright on 6688-8181 or the Club President Nigel Hayes on 6689-1352.

Nigel can also be reached

for any further queries regarding the Club and the upcoming season, which is shaping up to be even bigger and better than last year. This is especially true in regard to off-field activities such as our Logo Competition and fundraising efforts such as our Mardi Grass stall and major raffle.

Go the Mighty Headers!

In the swim

Nimbin Central School's secondary swimming carnival was a splashy affair at Lismore pool in February – fun-filled and marked by some sterling individual performances.

The success was photographed for *The Northern Star*, showing lots of smiling faces.

Well done to all involved.



Get wet A ragged, but enthusiastic start to the all-age relay (above); teacher Amanda Collier watches Marc and Chris in the pool (left).

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March Gig Guide

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| Friday 7th | The Anti Bodies |
| Friday 14th | The Hoochers |
| Sunday 16th | George Scott
Market Sunday 1.30-5pm |
| Friday 21st | Casual Projects HipHop |
| Friday 28th | DJ Nite featuring Sista Ray & Luke Hopkini, Laser Show
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| Sunday 30th | Hannah Pearl |

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