

SQUIRTS SUCCESS



Moreton Bay football clubs, like Albany Creek, have had success with the Squirts program.

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BOARS HOST GOODNA

The Pine Rivers Boars, fresh from thrashing Brisbane Irish last round, play Goodna at John Oxley Reserve tomorrow. The match starts at 3pm. Meanwhile, the Pegg Cup side plays Ipswich, also at the club's Murrumba Downs home field.



EXTENDED BREAK

Dayboro will have another week off with their Round 9 opponent, Nundah Devils, already forfeited. Meanwhile, Pine Rivers Bears, who top the Northside 1 rugby league ladder, will play Brothers Juniors at Gibson Park tomorrow, from 3pm.

Dolphins drop two in a row but still third

RUGBY LEAGUE: Redcliffe coach John Dixon has laughed off suggestions the Dolphins could be panicking after dropping their second straight game last weekend.

The Dolphins fell short of a determined Souths Logan Magpies 25-18, although they have nonetheless retained third spot on the ladder.

The result could easily have gone the other way Tom Butterfield looked certain to cross late in the game to give the lead to Redcliffe, but he had the ball punched loose by Magpies fullback David Milne.

"No, no panic stations, we haven't won our last two but we have been in our last two games, we are not far away," Dixon said.

"We are not too happy with what has happened, but we are just learning things we need to do."

Dixon said the form of Nick Slyney, Matt Handcock and Joe Bond had been exemplary during the match.

Both Bond and Slyney are new additions to the Dolphins.

"We did a good job there (recruiting the duo and other players Ryan Carr and Justin Hunt), if we can get them all on the park at the same time it would be nice," Dixon said.

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Squirts is a winner for clubs, kids and parents



GAME ON: Jack Daley of Ferny Hills and Joshua McCulloch of Albany Creek get stuck into a Squirts session.

SOCCER: Moreton Bay soccer clubs have some of the best numbers for the Squirts soccer program, with clubs recording a 400 per cent growth since the concept's inception.

The Squirts Soccer program, catering to children aged 3 to 5, focuses on developing co-ordination and motor skills amongst participants.

Football Queensland's football operations manager Bruce Dinsdale said the Moreton Bay region had been the fastest to adopt the Squirts program, with more than 250 enrolled at clubs in the area.

"Three of the biggest five Squirts programs are from the Moreton Bay area," he said.

"To have over half of the total participation of a program in one area tells us that the clubs in the region are running the Squirts program well."

Albany Creek Excelsior president Claude Sorbello said he was proud of how the program had grown.

"Before the Squirts program kids had to wait until they were six years old before they could participate involved in any sort of organised physical activity," he said.

"Every kid comes off the field with a smile on their face and I have been told by a number of parents it is the highlight of their child's week."

The Albany Creek program goes for 13 weeks and is run by accredited coaches from the Albany creek club.

The will run another intake of the Kindy Soccer Program after its ongoing success this year and will run an open day for the program on May 28, to give parents and children a free trial.

The day will include an appearance by Brisbane Roar mascot Roary and the Brisbane Roar inflatable field, with every child who registers online before the event receiving a free sausage sizzle and drink on the day.

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Buckley eyes college football sides

GRIDIRON: Morayfield State High School student Darrell Buckley could be headed for big things in gridiron, after playing for the Queensland Sundevels in the national championships.

Buckley came away with a Most Valuable Player award in Queensland's 47-16 win over Victoria in the final game.

He said he was happy with his effort for the tournament.

However, the challenge does not stop there for Buckley – he had a tryout for a college in Hawaii earlier this week and will also have another tryout for Arizona West later this year.

"I just go down and run a couple of drills and the coach tells me what is what," he said.

Fellow Sundevel and former Morayfield State High School student Stuart Dingle was named Offensive MVP at an awards dinner following the tournament.

The Sundevels lost their first match to Western Australia 41-16, before bouncing back in a thrilling win against NSW.

Dingle scored the final touchdown for Queensland to win that game 21-20, after leading 13-6 at half time.

Both Buckley, an defensive tackle, and Dingle, a running back, were named in Gridiron Australia's Future Stars team.

The team played in the 2011 Samoa Bowl, held in American Samoa earlier this year.



STAR QUALITY: Darrell Buckley shone for Queensland at national titles.