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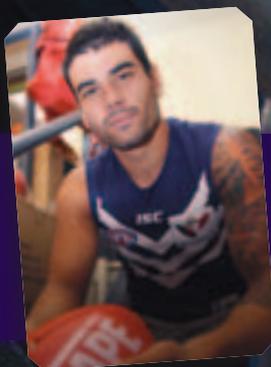
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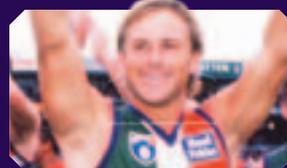
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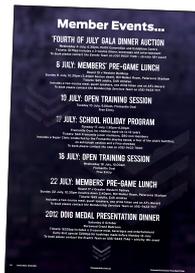
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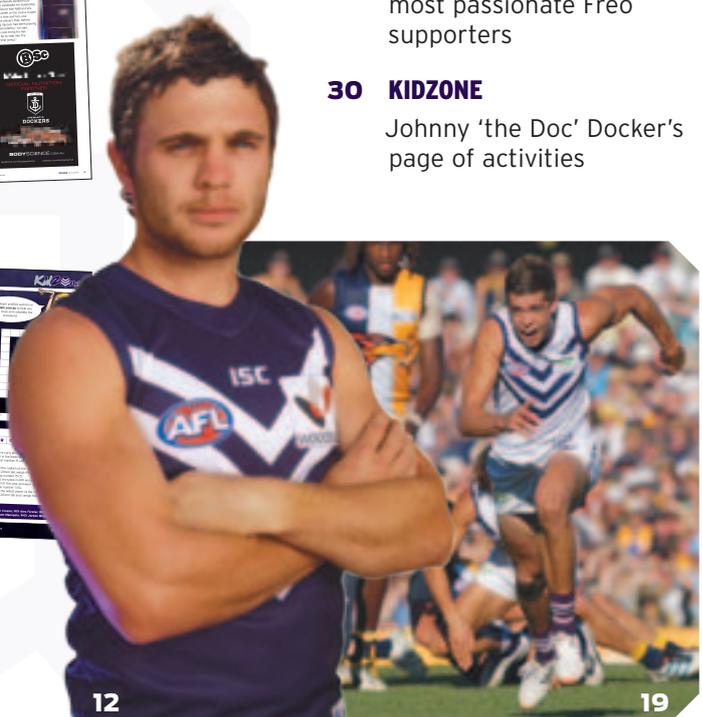
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# PURPLE POCKET

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## FROM THE BOUNDARY LINE

NOT LONG BEFORE Freo was set to take on St Kilda on a Friday night at Etihad Stadium, young gun Nat Fyfe was a late withdrawal because of a shoulder injury. Nat spoke to Channel 7's Bruce McAvaney on the ground in front of a national audience and handled himself just like he does his footy – with class. ‡



## JOHNNO'S LITTLE SLICE OF HEAVEN!

MICHAEL JOHNSON HAS delivered on the field and off it this season, with the arrival of his daughter Nevaya Anne Johnson on Tuesday 15 May.

A little sister for Ameliah and Levi, Nevaya has been 'a little gem' for Michael and his partner, Dayna.

"She's been amazing, just an absolute joy," Michael said.

The in-form defender said it was great to be able to grow his young family.

"I was one of five kids in my family, so it's great to have another one, not just for Dayna and myself, but also for Levi and Ameliah," he said.

When asked how they came up with Nevaya's name, Michael and Dayna said it originated from writing 'heaven' in reverse. They adjusted the spelling to make it simpler for people to pronounce. ‡



## LACHIE'S #1 FANS

WHILE MANY OF his teammates had already hit the showers following Freo's win over Port Adelaide at Patersons Stadium, Lachie Neale took the opportunity to greet his proud family members who had flown interstate to watch him play.

Pictured here with his little brother Will and sisters Amelia (left) and Sophie, Lachie said he enjoyed spending some time with his loved ones.

"It was great to have my family in the rooms after the win against Port. They had flown over from South Australia, so it's good to share a win with them and for them to be able to experience something new," he said.

"I know my little brother and sisters were really excited to be in there after the game." ‡



## FUTURE STARS PAY THEIR RESPECTS

ON ANZAC DAY, a group of Fremantle's emerging young players joined their development coaches Ashley Prescott, Roger Hayden and Steve Grace, along with player development co-ordinator Liam Casson at the Dawn Service to pay their respects to Australia's war heroes.

Freo assistant coach and senior development coach Simon Lloyd said it was an important exercise for the club's young players.

"It's about education and also recognising and honouring those that have served and are currently serving our country," he said.

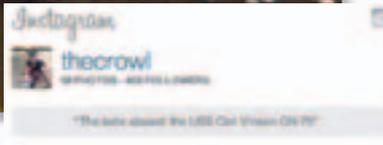
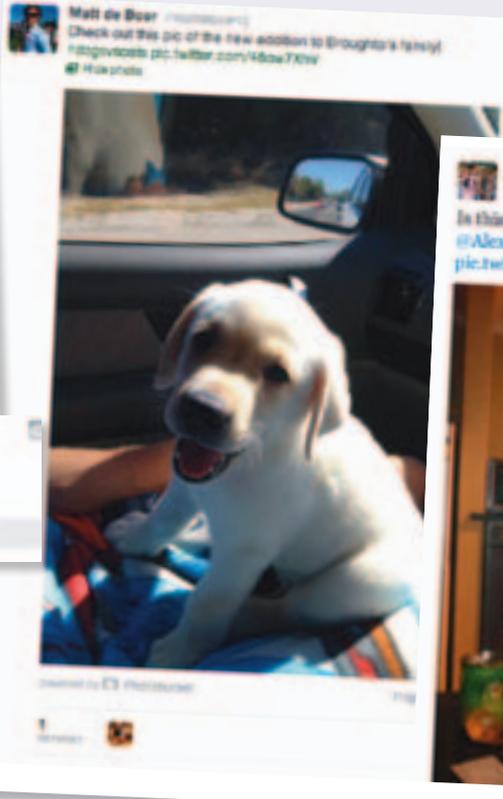
"To be able to go and listen to military people who have served the country, the players get an understanding of what troops have been through and sacrificed.

"There are some common themes in regards to teamwork and some of the values that are important to the Fremantle Dockers are also important to our troops." ‡



# FROM THE FREO SPHERE...

A look at what's been happening with the players on Twitter so far this season:



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# THE NEW CLANCEE

**At the end of the 2011 season, Clancee Pearce admits that he was at the crossroads of his career. Rather than accept his AFL journey was over, he cleaned out the cupboards and started again. Story: Costa Kastanis**

**W**HEN APPROACHED about doing this feature for *Docker*, Clancee Pearce's reaction was not that of a man who has become an integral and widely respected member of an elite sporting club.

"Who me?," he said with genuine surprise.

It seems that Pearce himself doesn't quite realise what all the fuss is about.

The football world has.

He has been among Fremantle's best players on a regular basis in what has been a strong rise up the ranks for the 21-year-old this season.

The beginnings of the remarkable turnaround in a career that was at the crossroads can be traced back to an early October day in 2011.

Called into a meeting with his coaches, Pearce was left shattered by what he was told.

"They didn't really say I was delisted, they said I wasn't required," Pearce, who was officially delisted later that month when Fremantle had to submit its squad changes to the AFL, recalls.

## **OPPORTUNITY**

However, he was offered the opportunity to train on with the squad by new senior coach Ross Lyon, with a possibility of being re-rookie listed in December.

Still suffering a bit of shock, Pearce went home, "chilled out" for a while, and spoke to his parents and his manager Jason Dover, who all told him to stay positive.

"I told them the situation, that I'd be delisted, but that they were going to give me a chance," he says.

"It's pretty hard to stay positive when something like that happens."

Pearce took a few hours of solitude

to think about his situation. His father, Des Pearce, came home from work to offer his support and some words of advice.

"Dad said 'you're not fully de-listed, they're going to give you a chance'," Pearce says.

Faced with a decision, Pearce asked himself: "Do I really want to be an elite sportsman?"

The answer was yes, but if he was serious about changing, he was going to do it properly.

The first step was to clear the cupboards.

Not just figuratively – he actually emptied all the food in his pantry he considered unhealthy.

"I went to the shops that afternoon, and I spent about \$400 on food that was more nutritious," he says.

## **TATTOO**

Pearce then embarked on a rigorous cardio and weights training program.

"My days would be a run, come home and do half-an-hour on the bike, and then do weights," he says.

"It was really just a mindset – that I wanted to train. As soon as I got into it, it became an everyday thing."

Back in mid-October, when he knew being delisted was imminent, Pearce began to ink a new sleeve-tattoo of a tiger on his left arm.

He admits it could be seen as a symbolic reflection of the new Clancee.

"I just decided to get it," he says.

"I like the tiger, it symbolises strength and courage."

Pearce, who was selected by Freo, again, with pick 75 in the 2012 Rookie Draft, says the changes in him have been all-encompassing.

"I think I've grown up since being delisted," he says.

"If you want to be an AFL footballer or an elite sportsman, you can't indulge as much as other people.

"I just try to lay low and let my football do the talking."

## **HUMILITY**

If there's one part of Pearce that hasn't changed, it's his humility.

"I try not to let it sink in," he says.

"I just think about where I came from. I'm still a rookie player. I'm not the best player going around. I'm not Chris Judd.

"I'm just a hard working football player that's trying to do his bit for the team."

And, it's the team that he credits a lot of his improvements to.

"My teammates and coaches have been fantastic," Pearce says.

"They are the reason why I've been going so well."

As it turns out, the worst day of Pearce's football career, being delisted, provided the impetus to reignite his AFL dream.

"It's probably one of the best things that's ever happened to me," he says.

"My training over the break is what I've built on. I'm so happy that I did it."

Pearce now feels better qualified to offer advice to anyone who finds themselves in a place similar to where he was at.

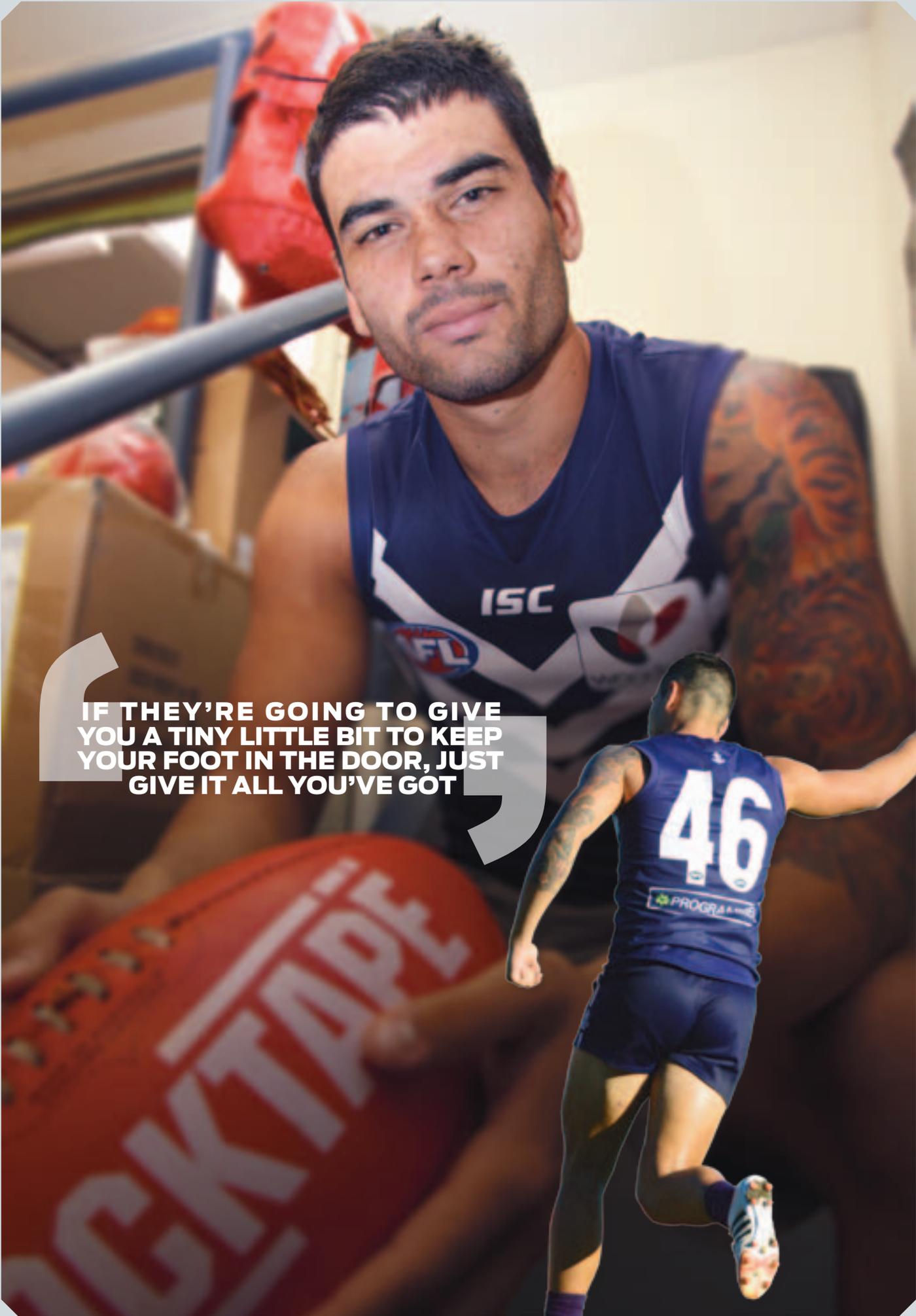
"Don't let it get you down," he says.

"If they're going to give you a tiny little bit to keep your foot in the door, just give it all you've got.

"Even if it means not having a break during the off-season. When you're playing good football and the team is going well, it's all worth it in the end.

"I wouldn't change a thing."

The only thing that's changed is Clancee Pearce.‡



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# EVERYDAY HERO, OUR NUMBER ONE

**In his speech on Doig Medal night 2011, senior coach Ross Lyon told his players it was what they did every day that either brought them closer to excellence, or further away from it. New Number One Ticket Holder, Corporal Ben Roberts-Smith lives every day of his life under a similar motto. When speaking to students at his former school, Hale, he said: "It's not the grand final you win, or the exam you pass, or receiving the Victoria Cross. Rather, it's what you do every day that defines you." Story: Costa Kastanis**

**C**ORPORAL BEN Roberts-Smith is used to fighting against the odds out on the battlefields while on duty in the elite Special Air Service (SAS) Regiment.

A Victoria Cross medal awarded in 2011 for his actions on 11 June, 2010 during a battle in the village of Tizak, in Afghanistan's Kandahar province, is the ultimate testament to that.

But that's not the only time Fremantle's Number One Ticket Holder has been outnumbered while serving his country abroad.

## AFGHANISTAN

A Freo Dockers fan since day one, Cpl Roberts-Smith faces another battle – the footy banter with his fellow soldiers in Afghanistan.

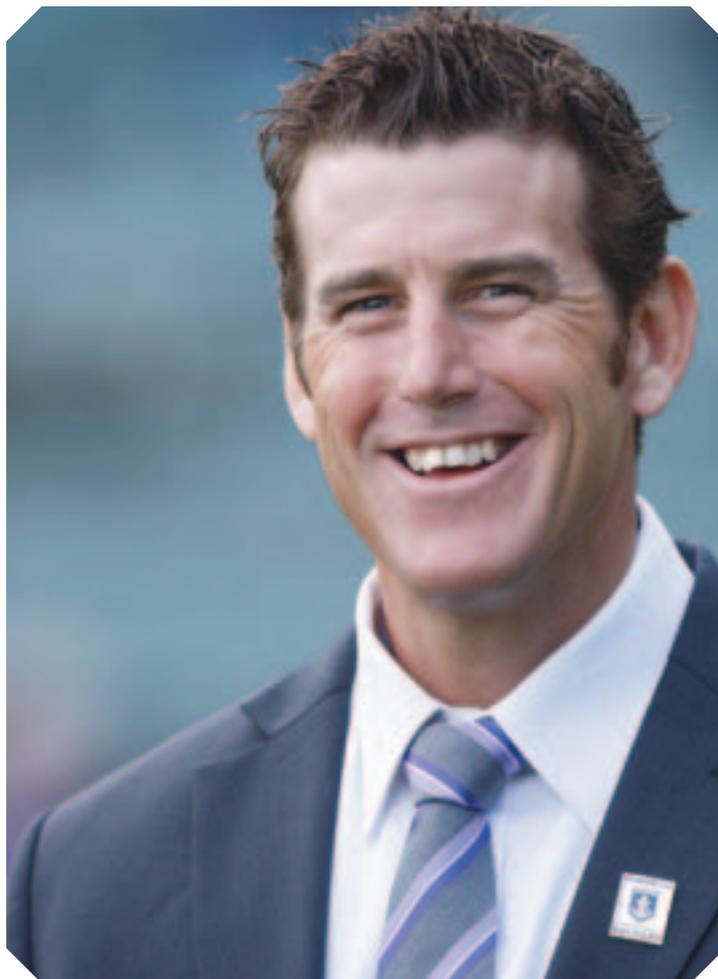
"There isn't actually a lot of West Australians in the SAS," Cpl Roberts-Smith says.

"There's probably about three or four of us and they're not from my squadron, so when we're away on duty, I'm the lone supporter."

Growing up in Perth, Cpl Roberts-Smith chose to become a Freo supporter as soon as the club was founded back in 1994 because of his love of the port city.

"I used to spend a lot of time in Fremantle," he says.

"I'd come down with my mates and go to the park down by the water, kick the footy around and have some fish and chips.



"The fact it was a new club and something that was home grown for me, I was able to take that away with me.

"Being one of those people who takes loyalty pretty seriously, regardless of the ups and downs, I've stuck with them and followed the club over the past 17 years," he says.

## CHERISHED

The game that sticks out as Cpl Roberts-Smith's favourite was in 2003, when Freo qualified for its first finals series and faced off against Essendon at Subiaco Oval.

"That was a big game for me," he says.

"It was a culminating point for the club to break into the finals. That was a pretty exciting time."

His most cherished memory is one that's still very fresh in his mind.

"It's today," he said on the day he visited the club back in March to meet his favourite Freo Docker, Matthew Pavlich, and accept the mantle as the club's Number One Ticket Holder.

"To be asked to be the Number One Ticket Holder is a pretty big privilege.

"This is something that I won't forget for a while."

Cpl Roberts-Smith will be busy fighting abroad for his country again in 2012. He takes his Freo beanie with him for the cold nights in the desert and wears it proudly when he gets the chance to watch a live Freo game, which are screened late at night in his time zone.

## PURPLE HAZE

When he's back home in Perth, expect to see his imposing figure at Patersons Stadium cheering his beloved Freo Dockers, not boisterously, because it's not his way, but definitely passionately.

"Every opportunity I've got when I'll be here, I'll be going to games," he says.

"This is another big year for me with work. I will be going away to serve overseas, so with that in mind, I will make as much time as possible to support the club.

"And not just on the field, the endeavours off the field, like Purple Haze and things like that." †

# Member Events...

## 'FOURTH OF JULY' GALA DINNER AUCTION

Wednesday 4 July, 6.30pm, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre  
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## 8 JULY: MEMBERS' PRE-GAME LUNCH

Round 15 v Western Bulldogs  
Sunday 8 July, 12.30pm (2.40pm bounce down), Bill Walker Room, Patersons Stadium  
Tickets: \$65 adults, \$45 children  
Includes a two-course meal, guest speakers, one drink token and an AFL Record  
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## 10 JULY: OPEN TRAINING SESSION

Tuesday 10 July, 9.30am, Fremantle Oval  
Free Entry

## 17 JULY: SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Tuesday 17 July, 1.30pm-4.00pm  
Fremantle Oval, for children aged six to 12 years  
Tickets: \$60 Fremantle junior members, \$80 non-members  
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## 18 JULY: OPEN TRAINING SESSION

Wednesday 18 July, 10.00am  
Fremantle Oval  
Free Entry

## 22 JULY: MEMBERS' PRE-GAME LUNCH

Round 17 v Greater Western Sydney  
Sunday 22 July, 12.30pm (bounce down 2.40pm), Bill Walker Room, Patersons Stadium  
Tickets: \$65 adults, \$45 children  
Includes a two-course meal, guest speakers, one drink token and an AFL Record  
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## 2012 DOIG MEDAL PRESENTATION DINNER

Saturday 6 October, 6.30pm  
Burswood Grand Ballroom  
Tickets: \$220pp includes a 3-course meal, beverages and entertainment  
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# Membership Matters

## NATIONAL DIABETES WEEK – OPEN TRAINING SESSION



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**T**HE FREMANTLE Dockers and associate charity partner Diabetes WA will join forces for the next Open Training Session to help raise awareness of the prevalence and affect of diabetes on the Aboriginal community.

As part of National Diabetes Week, we invite our members and fans to join us at Fremantle Oval on Tuesday 10 July from 9.30am to be part of the fun and festivities.



Aboriginal dance group 'HALO' will perform to mark the beginning of the session and young fans will have the opportunity to join them on ground after training to learn one of their dances.

There will be face painting, art demonstrations and diabetes risk assessment stations, along with prizes and giveaways.

Diabetes WA ambassadors Michael Johnson and Nathan Fyfe will join other members of the playing squad to sign autographs for fans along the boundary. Johnny 'the Doc' Docker and his sister, Jenny, will also be there to meet and greet fans.

So make sure you mark the date in the diary and join us for a great community event.⚡



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# LEADING TH

**They are leaders of men. Varying in age and experience, they come together as one to set and live the values the club holds itself to. They are the Fremantle Dockers' leadership group.**

**Comprising Matthew Pavlich, Aaron Sandilands, Luke McPharlin, David Mundy, Matt de Boer and Hayden Ballantyne, these players have an important role to play both on and off the field. They are expected to be the best 'modellers' and defenders of the team's trademark and underpinning behaviours. *Docker* takes a closer look at each member of this proud group of leaders. Story: Costa Kastanis**

## **MATTHEW PAVLICH – A LEADER AMONG LEADERS**

A member of the club since 1999 and Fremantle's captain since 2007, Matthew Pavlich is well-positioned to comment about the evolution of the leadership group.

Back when Pavlich began his career, there was no leadership group.

"We had joint captains, Shaun McManus and Adrian Fletcher, and from memory there were one or two assistants," he said.

"The leadership group in a sense was Shaun and Adrian, and there were probably a couple of senior players who took charge at various stages throughout the year.

"It has changed quite a bit."

Pavlich said that leadership groups came into vogue around 2002 and 2003.

"They were still very much in the formation of it back then and I don't think it really started to have the cut through, not only here at Fremantle but at other clubs throughout the AFL, until around 2004, 5, and 6," he said.

"There were a few programs introduced that really started to engage the playing group a bit more, and the football club, to account to a set of behaviours and a real strong trademark."

Pavlich said how a typical week pans out for the

leadership group has changed slightly this year compared to the past.

"The weekly meetings we have are on a bit more of a needs basis, compared to having it scheduled in every week," he said.

And, unlike in the past, each member of the group does not have a set-role.

"It's more all encompassing and making sure that what we really value and how we want each player to behave, we hold them to account, and we do that well ourselves on and off the field."

Pavlich said, as captain, he had to ensure that the leadership group was at the forefront of moulding a virtuous club culture for generations to come.

"Other than modelling the best behaviours as best as I can and ensuring that I challenge my teammates to continually model that behaviour, I think it's really an opportunity for me to push the group that I sit with," he said.

"I have to ensure a really strong sense of leadership and behavioural standards are left behind."

### **AARON SANDILANDS – FIRST OFFICER**

Fremantle no longer employs a vice-captain in its leadership model, but if there's a member of the leadership group who acts as a first officer to captain Matthew Pavlich, it's Aaron Sandilands.

"Pav' is such a good leader, he does take most of the responsibility, but the rest of the leadership group is trying to become better as leaders and learn from him, because he's so

good at it," Sandilands said.

"We try and help him out as much as we can because there is a fair load on his shoulders."

Sandilands, who was the club's vice-captain before this season, said he had enjoyed being in the leadership group.

But at 29-years-old, he was aware that he would one day have to take a step back and allow a younger player to take over.

"At some stage, the up and coming young guns will be in the leadership group and I'll be able to take a back seat," he said.

One of the players that Sandilands identified as a prime candidate for leadership in the future was Nathan Fyfe.

"He's been at the club a couple of years now and he's one of those players that, before getting injured, had been playing very consistently," he said.

"The next thing for him would be to step into the leadership group."



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## MATT DE BOER – LEADERSHIP LESSONS LEARNT

Now in his second year as a member of the leadership group, Matt de Boer learnt an important lesson in his first season – that age is no excuse in the role.

"I wasn't there only to learn and to just go along with it," he said.

"I'm here to have an impact and represent the team as best I can.

"Being of the younger generation, and we've got a young list right now, I feel like I'm representing them."

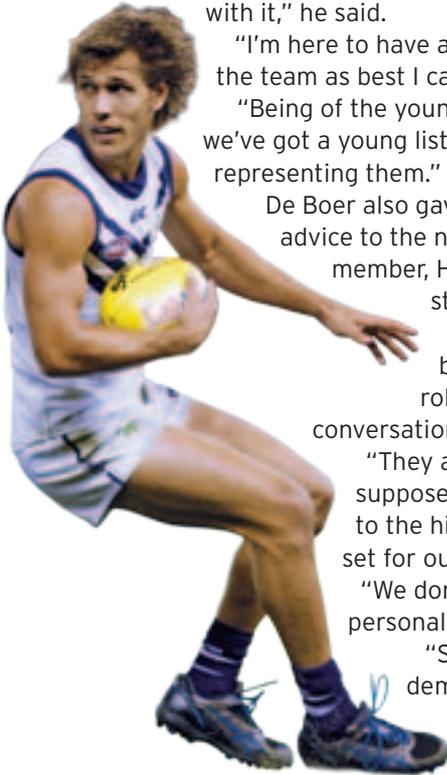
De Boer also gave the aforementioned advice to the newest leadership group member, Hayden Ballantyne, at the start of this year.

The 22-year-old said the biggest challenge in the role was having the hard conversations with teammates.

"They are your friends, but you're supposed to hold them to account to the higher set of values that we set for ourselves," de Boer said.

"We don't take anything personally, but it's sometimes hard.

"So you try and be demanding, without creeping into having a go at them personally."



## LUKE MCPHARLIN – LEADING BY EXAMPLE

If a footballer could be selected as an embodiment of a professional athlete being a role model, Luke McPharlin is a prime candidate.

A champion AFL defender, the 30-year-old has managed to balance his football career with a pharmacy degree, leading a music band and having a young family.

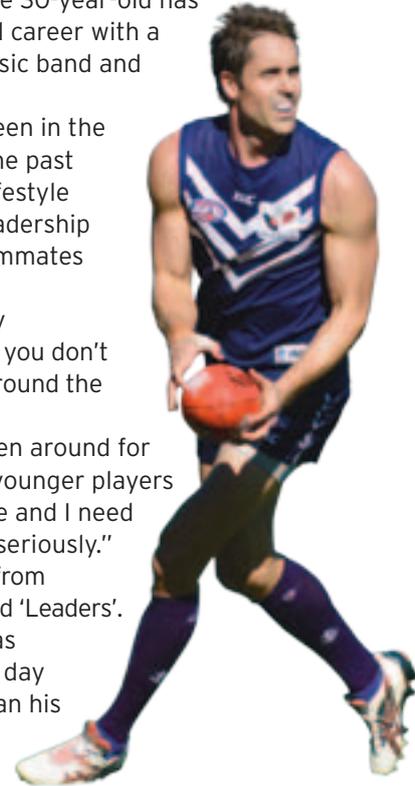
The father of two, who has been in the leadership group for seven of the past eight years, admitted that his lifestyle could be viewed as a form of leadership by example for his younger teammates and fans.

"While I'm very aware of all my deficiencies and faults, at times, you don't realise the influence you have around the place," he said.

"Given the fact that I have been around for a while, I must appreciate that younger players will look up to me as an example and I need to take that responsibility very seriously."

Coincidentally, the first single from McPharlin's latest album was titled 'Leaders'.

However, he said the song was more of a reflection on modern day leadership as a whole rather than his personal experiences in Freo's leadership group.



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The group meets for a presentation to enhance and develop their leadership skills

"I've always been one to observe what's going on in the community and the idea behind the song was to look at what it takes to be an effective leader in the community," he said.

"I think for that to occur, there needs to be a strong connection between words and actions.

"Unfortunately, there's many examples in society where there is a disconnect between these two.

"There must be a strong connection between what you say and what you do."

**DAVID MUNDY – THE DELEGATE**

In terms of age and games played, David Mundy sits right in the middle of Fremantle's leadership group.

But he said that does not mean a whole lot in the group's process.

"When we all go into that leadership group meeting, we all speak with the one voice," he said.

Mundy and Matt de Boer are the leadership group's delegates to the AFL Players Association.

It's their job to relay any items of discussion from the leadership group to the AFLPA and vice-versa.

"We liaise with Ian Prendergast at the AFLPA quite often, and when an issue arises, we then take it back to the leadership group and discuss it, and then filter it out to the players," Mundy said.

"If we have any issues that require the

AFLPA, they're generally brought up by the playing group and then the leadership group discusses it and we talk to Ian."

For now, Mundy isn't harboring any thoughts of captaining Fremantle when Matthew Pavlich retires.

"It's not something I really think about, to be honest," he said.

"I just try and improve myself, first of all as a footballer, to give the team what it needs, and then as a leader, to help out after that."

**HAYDEN BALLANTYNE – FIRST-YEAR LEADER**

When Hayden Ballantyne arrived at Fremantle in 2008, he didn't envisage himself becoming a leader of the club.

But in his fourth season, Ballantyne has been selected as a member of the leadership group by his peers.

And he's brought with him some fresh new perspectives into the group.

"I think I've brought a lot of drive," Ballantyne said.

"I'm a pretty passionate kind of guy. I try to drive my teammates as much as I can, as well as myself."

A few months into his new role,

Ballantyne said the biggest thing he'd learnt was the dedication required to be a successful leader.

"You've got to put a lot of effort into not just your own game, but into the younger guys as well," he said.

"I have to teach them the things I've learnt over the past

few years and then try and work on my game as well." †





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# THE SEASON

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## ROUND 1 v GEELONG

Saturday 31 March 2012, 4.45pm  
Patersons Stadium, Crowd 34,601

<b>Fremantle</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>(105)</b>
Geelong	4.0	9.2	12.7	15.11	(101)

Goals: Mellington, Pavlich 3    Disposals: Fyfe 30  
Marks: McPharlin 8                Tackles: Fyfe 7  
Subbed in: Barlow                Subbed out: Pearce



## ROUND 2 v SYDNEY

Saturday 7 April 2012, 2.10pm  
SCG, Crowd 22,242

<b>Fremantle</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>(81)</b>
Sydney	4.4	9.7	11.9	14.10	(94)

Goals: Mayne 4                      Disposals: Fyfe 28  
Marks: Johnson, Clarke 8        Tackles: de Boer 8  
Subbed in: Barlow                Subbed out: Mellington  
Milestone: Suban 50 AFL games



## ROUND 3 v BRISBANE

Saturday 14 April 2012, 2.40pm  
Patersons Stadium, Crowd 33,473

<b>Fremantle</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>6.13</b>	<b>8.16</b>	<b>(64)</b>
Brisbane	2.1	3.2	5.3	5.5	(35)

Goals: Pearce 3                      Disposals: Duffield 28  
Marks: Johnson, Pearce, McPharlin, Bradley 8  
Tackles: Barlow 8  
Subbed in: Mundy                Subbed out: Fyfe



**ROUND 4 v ST KILDA**

Friday 20 April 2012, 7.50pm  
Etihad Stadium, Crowd 30,172

Fremantle	3.2	6.3	11.6	14.8	(92)
St Kilda	4.3	6.9	8.10	11.13	(79)

Goals: Anthony, Mayne, Mzungu, Clarke 2  
Disposals: Barlow 30      Marks: Pearce, de Boer 8  
Tackles: Broughton, Mzungu, Ballantyne 6  
Subbed in: Neale      Subbed out: Suban  
Debut: Neale



**ROUND 5 v CARLTON**

Friday 27 April 2012, 6.45pm  
Patersons Stadium, Crowd 38,847

Fremantle	1.2	3.9	4.10	7.15	(57)
Carlton	2.1	6.2	9.4	10.5	(65)

Goals: Mayne, Ballantyne, McPharlin, Pavlich, Crowley, Hill, Clarke 1  
Disposals: Barlow 28  
Marks: Ibbotson, Pavlich 9      Tackles: Pearce 10  
Subbed in: Neale      Subbed out: Anthony  
Milestone: Anthony 50 AFL Games



**ROUND 6 v GOLD COAST**

Saturday 5 May 2012, 4.40pm  
Metricon Stadium, Crowd 11,670

Fremantle	3.0	5.3	10.7	14.10	(94)
Gold Coast	3.1	8.2	10.2	14.3	(87)

Goals: Mayne, de Boer 3      Disposals: Pearce 29  
Marks: Ibbotson, Johnson 10      Tackles: Broughton 7  
Subbed in: Spurr      Subbed out: Hill  
Debut: Spurr  
Milestone: Griffin 50 AFL Games



**ROUND 7 v PORT ADELAIDE**

Sunday 13 May 2012, 2.40pm  
Patersons Stadium, Crowd 30,079

Fremantle	2.8	6.9	8.14	12.15	(87)
Port Adelaide	3.2	3.4	6.4	7.5	(47)

Goals: Pavlich 4      Disposals: Duffield 28  
Marks: McPharlin, Pavlich 10      Tackles: Broughton 11  
Subbed in: Robertson      Subbed out: Neale  
Milestone: Pavlich 500 career goals



**ROUND 8 v HAWTHORN**

Saturday 19 May 2012, 2.10pm  
Aurora Stadium, Crowd 12,959

Fremantle	0.3	2.6	7.8	9.9	(63)
Hawthorn	2.4	10.9	13.12	17.17	(119)

Goals: Ballantyne 2      Disposals: Broughton 28  
Marks: Johnson 9      Tackles: Duffield 7  
Subbed in: van Berlo      Subbed out: Pearce  
Milestone: Ballantyne 50 AFL Games



**ROUND 9 v WEST COAST**

Sunday 27 May 2012, 2.40pm  
Patersons Stadium, Crowd 40,905

Fremantle	1.1	3.2	3.3	5.6	(36)
West Coast	0.4	2.8	7.14	11.18	(84)

Goals: Ballantyne, Clarke, Mayne, de Boer, Dawson 1  
Disposals: Barlow 25      Marks: McPharlin 9  
Tackles: de Boer 9  
Subbed in: van Berlo      Subbed out: Griffin



**ROUND 10 v ADELAIDE**

Saturday 2 June 2012, 2.40pm  
Patersons Stadium, Crowd 31,392

Fremantle	3.3	6.6	10.9	12.10	(82)
Adelaide	5.2	10.5	12.6	17.9	(111)

Goals: Pavlich 3      Disposals: Barlow 26  
Marks: McPharlin 12      Tackles: de Boer 7  
Subbed in: Crozier      Subbed out: Anthony  
Debut: Crozier  
Milestones: Mundy 150 AFL Games, Duffield 100 AFL Games



**ROUND 11 v RICHMOND**

Saturday 9 June, 2012, 1.40pm  
MCG, Crowd 43,801

Fremantle	4.1	7.3	9.6	12.6	(78)
Richmond	5.2	6.3	8.8	9.12	(66)

Goals: Pavlich 6      Disposals: de Boer 29  
Marks: Johnson, Mundy 7      Tackles: de Boer 13  
Subbed in: Crozier      Subbed out: Sandilands



**ROUND 12 – BYE**



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# MATTHEW PAVLICH 500 AFL GOALS

LATE IN THE ROUND 7 match against Port Adelaide at Patersons Stadium, following a pass from teammate Michael Johnson, Fremantle captain Matthew Pavlich lined up from the Subiaco end pocket for his fourth goal of the afternoon.

While Freo had the match well within its grasp at that stage of the game, Pavlich's kick held extra significance – it was for his 500th goal of an esteemed career at the port club.

As the ball sailed over the goal umpire's head, the parochial home crowd, well aware of the milestone, rose as one to celebrate the skipper's achievement.

Pavlich became the 51st player in VFL/AFL history to reach the mark, joining an illustrious list of forward greats.

After the game, he was typically humble about what he called a "nice moment".

"It's certainly not something that I've focussed on too much," Pavlich said.

"It was special to have such a big roar, but I tried as best I could to stay focussed on the game."



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# HAYDEN BALLANTYNE 50 GAMES

IT'S RARE FOR A PLAYER to have generated as much conflicting passion and discussion in the football world as Hayden Ballantyne has over the first 50 games of his AFL career.

He's as loved by the Freo fans as the opposition's supporters love to hate him.

To his teammates, Ballantyne is an inspiration, always giving 100 per cent effort and igniting the team with his relentless attack on the footy and animated goal celebrations.

The 24-year-old kicked two goals in his 50th game, against Hawthorn in Launceston in round 8, but the match was not a memorable one for the team after a 56-point loss.

Freo fans should be excited at the prospect of watching this dynamic footballer play in the purple jumper for many more games.

# NICK SUBAN 50 GAMES

NICK SUBAN PLAYED his 50th AFL game in the round 2 loss to Sydney at the SCG.

The 22-year-old had a quiet game, collecting 11 disposals.

After playing all 22 games in his debut season in 2009, Suban has been slowed by injuries in the past two years.

At his best, his long, left-foot kicking and ferocious attack on the ball is a real asset to the team.

Suban will be hoping to stay fit, cement his spot in the team and set course for the next 50 games of his young career.

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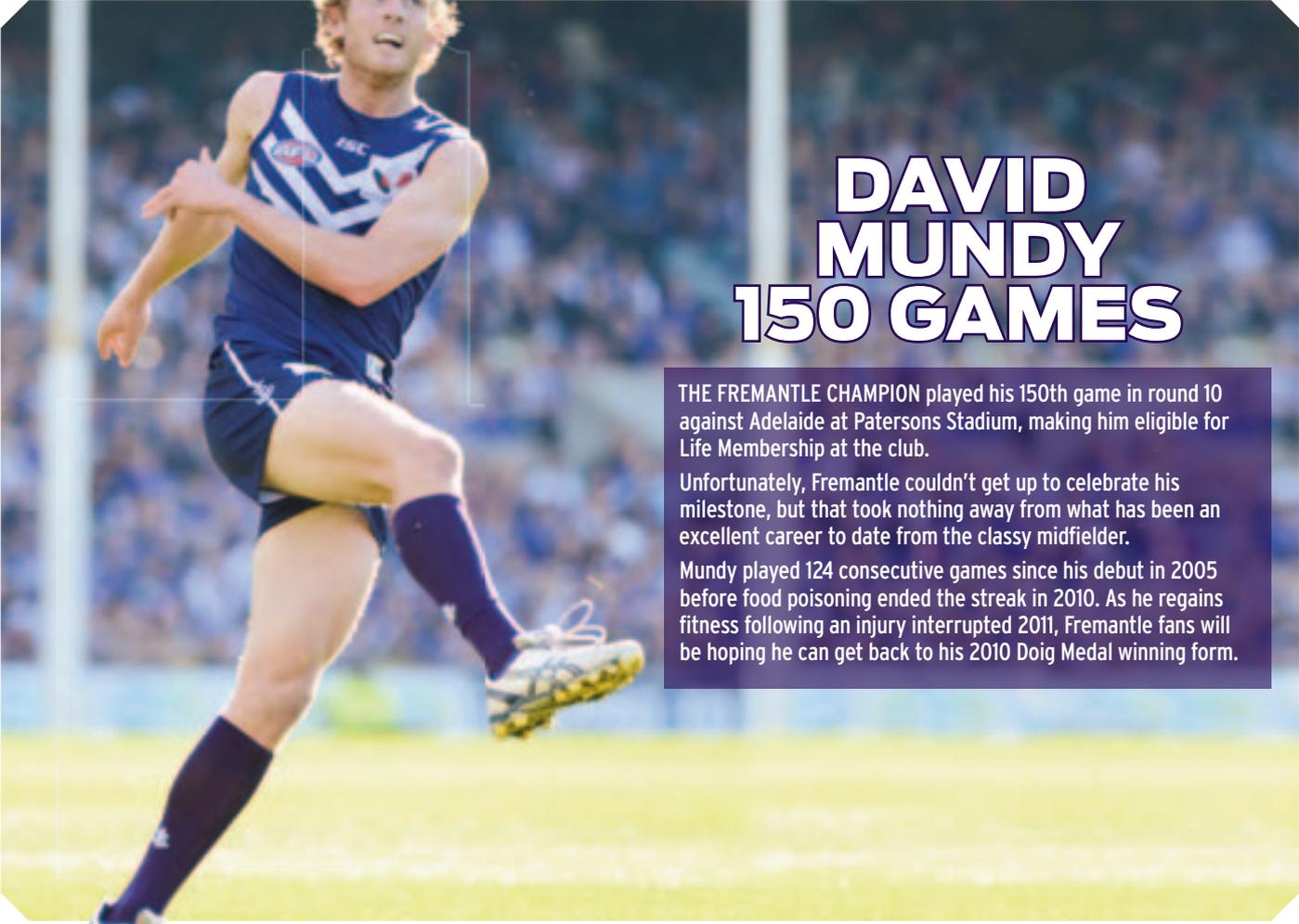
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A photograph of David Mundy, a Fremantle Dockers player, in mid-air during a game. He is wearing a blue and white striped jersey and dark shorts. The background shows a blurred crowd in a stadium.

## DAVID MUNDY 150 GAMES

THE FREMANTLE CHAMPION played his 150th game in round 10 against Adelaide at Patersons Stadium, making him eligible for Life Membership at the club.

Unfortunately, Fremantle couldn't get up to celebrate his milestone, but that took nothing away from what has been an excellent career to date from the classy midfielder.

Mundy played 124 consecutive games since his debut in 2005 before food poisoning ended the streak in 2010. As he regains fitness following an injury interrupted 2011, Fremantle fans will be hoping he can get back to his 2010 Doig Medal winning form.

A photograph of Paul Duffield, a Fremantle Dockers player, running on a field. He is wearing a blue and white striped jersey and dark shorts. In the background, other players and a large purple banner that says "100 GAMES" are visible.

## PAUL DUFFIELD 100 GAMES

DUFFIELD JOINED GOOD friend David Mundy (150 games) in celebrating a career milestone in the round 10 game against Adelaide at Patersons Stadium.

The classy Duffield has returned to good form in 2012, playing in his favoured half-back role.

He's averaged nearly 20 possessions a game to be a key contributor to the team.

A very popular player among the fans, Duffield is an integral part of Freo's plans and has thoroughly deserved his 100 game milestone.

# 2012 Starlight Purple Haze



IN 2010, Fremantle fans, in partnership with the club and Fremantle Ports, helped raise \$45,000 for the Starlight Children's Foundation.

In 2011, they rallied to smash that record with a total of almost \$71,000.

This year, for the 10th annual Starlight Purple Haze Game, proudly supported by Fremantle Ports, our extremely generous fans set an amazing new record with a grand total of \$80,101.60 raised for the Starlight Children's Foundation.

Our first home game at Patersons Stadium this season was the culmination of a number of events held across Perth in March to help reach this amazing target.

From the Dowson family in Kalgoorlie, who rallied their community to raise \$15,000 to our former #1 Junior Ticket Holder Jessica Sheehan, who held a Purple Haze Party and raised \$1500, so many great people did their bit to celebrate a great tradition.

We are proud to be able to bring football and our community spirit together to raise much-needed funds for a great cause.

## LOCAL BUSINESSES

It was particularly pleasing to have a very large number of local businesses on the Freo café strip drape their shop fronts and café's in purple for the week leading in to the Geelong game.



To the volunteers collecting money at the game, to the fans who gave so generously and to our very passionate player ambassadors in Chris Mayne, Matt de Boer, Aaron Sandilands,

Garrick Ibbotson and Alex Silvagni – thank you for making it the biggest and best Purple Haze to date.

To give you an idea of the difference we can make, the \$80,000 raised will help Starlight provide hospital programs to over 2,160 children and young people.

We look forward to celebrating another Starlight Purple Haze in 2013.♣



## FREO, THE WAY TO GO FOR U.S. NAVY

AUSTRALIA HAS ALWAYS enjoyed a strong relationship with its international allies, but there has always been one issue threatening global diplomacy – what, exactly, constitutes “football”?

To the Brits, it is a round ball and to the Americans it means donning a suit of armour and shouting numbers at each other. But we know the true meaning is all about Aussie Rules.

In April, sailors from USS *Carl Vinson* visited Fremantle principal charity partner Constable Care, and were shown the Australian Rules way. To make sure there was no doubt, Constable Care presented each of them with their very own Fremantle Dockers' footy.

As part of its Community Relations program, six sailors from the US Navy's visiting aircraft carrier gave up a day of shore leave to help refurbish part of Constable Care's Maylands site.

After a hard morning of sanding, painting and working on Constable Care's fleet of children's bicycles, the visitors were treated to an Aussie barbecue before heading back to work.

After downing tools at the end of the afternoon, the presentations were made and the sailors were guided through the finer points of AFL, before heading back to watch Freo take on Carlton, at Patersons Stadium.

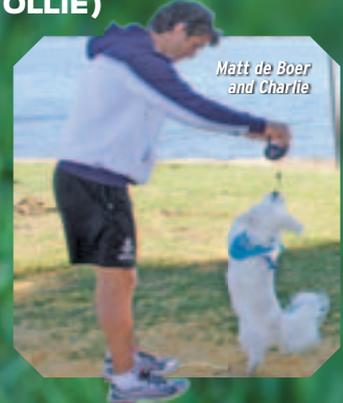
# A Big Day Out

(FOR CHARLIE, MOLLY, MILO, BEAR, ZOE, THE KERNEL & OLLIE)

**T**HEY SAY DOGS are man's best friend, and they also say they can be a lot like their owners.

If our players and their dogs are anything to go by, both these statements are very true.

At the RSPCA Million Paws Walk on Sunday 20 May, Matt de Boer with Charlie, Alex Silvagni with Molly, Chris Mayne with Milo, Paul Duffield with Bear, David Mundy with Zoe and The Kernel and Greg Broughton with Ollie all spent an enjoyable morning on the South Perth foreshore.



Matt de Boer and Charlie



Mayne and Milo



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Enjoyable because it was a fantastic morning shared with fellow teammates and their best friends.

Just before the walk commenced, you could see de Boer with a very obedient Charlie doing all sorts of tricks on command. Mundy had Zoe and The Kernel sitting patiently by his side while Mayne chased Milo around everywhere. Then there was Broughton and Duffield who just looked on as Ollie wrestled with Bear.

That sounds about right! The players were part of a record attendance with more than 16,000 people taking part in the

event. Alex Silvagni helped out on stage with a First Aid demonstration, which included some 'mouth to nose' resuscitation. RSPCA Ambassador Matt de Boer then got up on the main stage to help out with a quarantine demonstration.

Thank you to all the Freo fans who supported the event and wore their purple with pride. †



Zoe and The Kernel

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# Where have they docked? TONY MODRA

During Tony Modra's 165 AFL games, he kicked 588 goals and made his name as one of the most exciting high-flyers the game has ever seen. He joined Fremantle in 1999 and was a significant part of the club's first win at the MCG, where he booted a still-club record 10 goals. Docker caught up with the 43-year-old in his new home of Victor Harbor, South Australia.

## What did you do after you retired from the AFL in 2001?

We actually hung around Perth for a couple of years and lived on a property down in Baldivis. Then I had a motor home and travelled around Australia for a year.

## When did you move back to South Australia?

I moved to Victor Harbor a few years after I retired, after we had travelled around Australia for a year. We moved into a property that I had owned for over 20 years.

## What do you do for a living at the moment?

I run my own 100 acre breeding property and I also cart livestock with my truck.

## What do you find appealing about the lifestyle in Victor Harbor?

It's a good coastal community with a nice lifestyle on the sea. It was good to get back into the community spirit and play a bit of community cricket and football and things like that.

## You play footy for Encounter Bay?

Yes. I actually played cricket to start with. They enticed me to play so it just went from there. The footy and cricket are played and trained at the same ground. I wasn't too keen to play

footy again, but they enticed me to come down for cricket and it all went from there.

## What do you like to do with your wife Erica, and children Hailey and Luke?

We like driving around and going to playgrounds. We go down to the beach and things like that. Luke is six-weeks-old and Hailey is four-and-a-half-years.

## Is Hailey into AFL?

No, not at all. She just likes going to kindergarten.

## What was the highlight of your time at the Fremantle Dockers?

Winning our first Western Derby. Winning that for the first time for the Fremantle Football Club was a big highlight.

## What do you miss about WA?

The lifestyle, climate and beaches over there. I've got a couple of surfing mates over there, so I'm pretty keen to get over there at some stage when I get time.

## Do you still like to watch the current Freo team play?

Yeah, I actually enjoy listening to the Freo games on the radio when I'm driving around. It's good to see the side progressing under their new coach.



## Which of the current Freo players do you like watching?

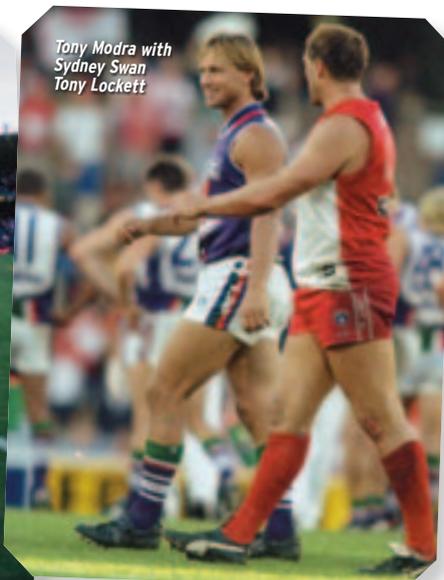
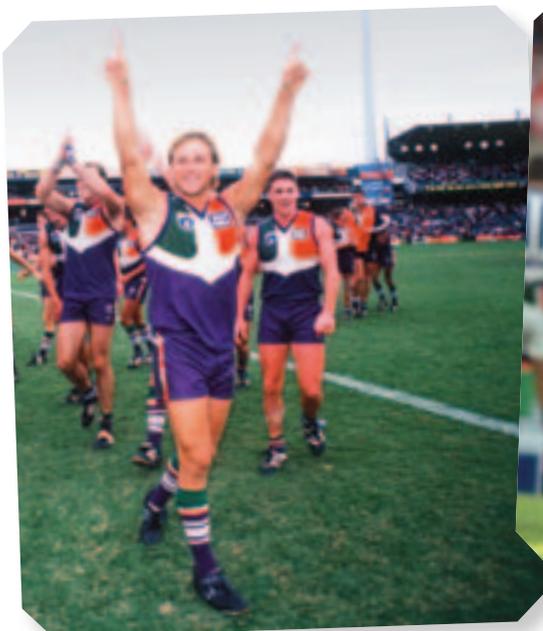
'Pav' has always been a favourite of mine, being an SA boy.

## What does it mean to you to still have the most goals kicked by a Freo Docker in a game (10 v Melbourne at the MCG in 1999)?

Have I still got that? It's always good to have a record, what was it? 10? I guess it's nice to leave your mark at a football club.

## Do you think that record will ever be broken, with the way footy is played today?

They said the same thing about the high flying marks, but I think over the last couple of years, that's come back into it. So it wouldn't surprise me if there will be a few players this year who will kick double figures. I think it will all depend if the coaches leave the players in the same position for the entire game, because they like to change it up a fair bit these days.‡



# WELCOME TO THE PURPLE PATCH!

We asked our supporters to email us photos for 'The Purple Patch' at [purplepatch@fremantlefc.com.au](mailto:purplepatch@fremantlefc.com.au) and we have received some fantastic shots! Here are some of the great entries sent for this edition of *Docker*.



## MY 'DOCKER DAUGHTER'

This is my daughter Mailee Harper Childs at just 13 weeks old. As you can see she loves FFC and I'm sure she is going to love heading to Patersons Stadium for the games with Mummy and Daddy. We have been members for four years now and can't wait to bring our daughter up as a Docker. She already enjoys watching replays with Daddy so I'm sure she will love season 2012.

*Donna Childs, Seville Grove*



## PURPLE PEAKS

Here's my husband, friends and I on top of Coronet Peak in Queenstown, New Zealand, in the middle of summer!

*Michael Le Page,  
Deb Duffy, Bibra Lake*



## PURPLE WARMTH

This is my wife Maria and I on our recent trip to Antarctica. We braved the cold wearing our FFC gear.

*Michael Le Page,  
City Beach*



## FAIRYTALE TRIP

My son Brodie Abrahams, 9, is a passionate FFC member and supporter. When we were in the USA in January he wore his cap and jacket everywhere. Piglet was most impressed when we visited him at Disney World.

*Jenny Abrahams, Winthrop*



## DOCKERS IN DAKOTA

My son Adam and four of his mates recently went to the 71st Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in USA. They hired Harleys in Los Angeles, rode up to Sturgis and then finished in New York. This photo shows the backdrop of Mount Rushmore in South Dakota.

*Ella Laycock, Bicton*



## VICTORY LAP

I thought FFC fans might like to see this classic photo of the Wadeye Dockers doing their victory lap after their Grand Final. Wadeye is a remote Indigenous community of 1600 people about 300km south west of Darwin. Clearly footy is very popular, as are the Dockers after winning this year's flag!

*Tavis Perry, Marrara NT*



## SUBBED OUT

My 7-year-old daughter Angela was upset at missing out on a chance to play Auskick this term after breaking her leg at school. Her big brother soon cheered her up when he brought home the arm tattoo sleeve from the junior members' pack which she used to cover the cast and cheer on her team from the couch.

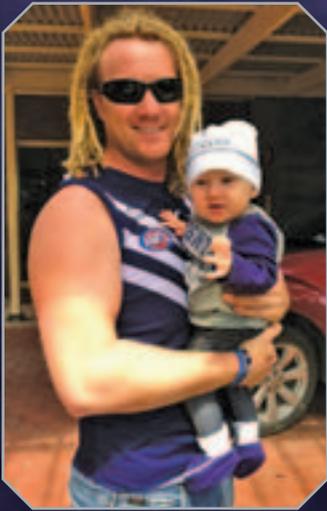
*Kelly Medin,  
Kardinya*



## FREO...WAY TO SNOW!

My grand nephews and nieces in Berkshire, England wearing their Christmas beanies, finally, after years of indoctrination by their auntie in Fremantle. One of these years, I'm going to take them to a game.

*Gail Walsmley, Kardinya*



### NAB CUP ROAD TRIP

This is me with my 6-month-old daughter Violet on our way to her first football game. We travelled all the way from Port Hedland to Victor Harbor so she could make it to the NAB cup match between Freo and Port Adelaide in March 2012.  
*Rob Justins, Port Headland*



### HANGIN' TEN WITH HILLY

This is a photo of my brother Jeff who lives in Queensland. He is a mad Freo fan and always wants to keep the team colours close. Here he is with his new Dockers' surfboard. He reckons the board goes like Stephen Hill heading for goals!  
*Glenn Fowler, Coogee*



### FROM GRANDMA'S BRAG BOOK

I thought I would show you our little supporters Molly, 3, and Phoebe, 6 months, before the Starlight Purple Haze Game. They really are very cute, and I'm not at all a biased grandmother!  
*Lorna Andrews, Canning Vale*



### HAYDEN VALENTINE

Here is a photo of my 4-year-old daughter, Sasha, attending a footy skills session with Decmil. She was so excited to meet Hayden Ballantyne and calls him Hayden 'Valentine'. I think she may have her first crush!  
*Kim Tully, Jindalee*



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Hi kids,

It's great having footy back and I love going to watch the boys at Patersons Stadium. Hopefully, you've all been able to make it to a game this season to help cheer the team on.

Make sure you check out *KidZone* at gate 8 when you go to our home games. There is heaps of cool stuff to do and you might be lucky enough to meet one of your favourite players. Also, don't forget to bring your *KidZone* activities passport along so you can get it stamped and go in the draw to win a visit from me at your next birthday party!

There has been so much happening with *KidZone* this year, so if you don't want to miss out on anything, make sure you sign up to *KidZone* Club. Simply send your details to [kidzone@fremantlefc.com.au](mailto:kidzone@fremantlefc.com.au) and you will be updated weekly via email with 'My Monday Message'.

See you on the flipside! *Johnny*



## KidZone at Gate

Have you been down to *KidZone* at gate 8 on game day at Patersons Stadium? At every home game it is the place *KidZone* Club members go to hangout before bounce down. There are plenty of activities and games you can do, including getting your face painted purple. There may even be a non-playing player down there you can chat to and get a signature from. You can also get your photo taken and go in the draw to win some great Freo prizes by being the 'Freo Fan That Rocks'. So make sure you put your purple gear on and head to *KidZone* at gate 8 at the next home game.



### CONSTABLE CARE SAYS

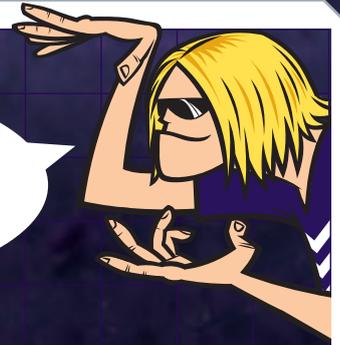
"Before the game  
The fun's at gate eight.  
Stay safe in the crowd  
And stick with your mate."

## Docker 4 A Day Competition Winner

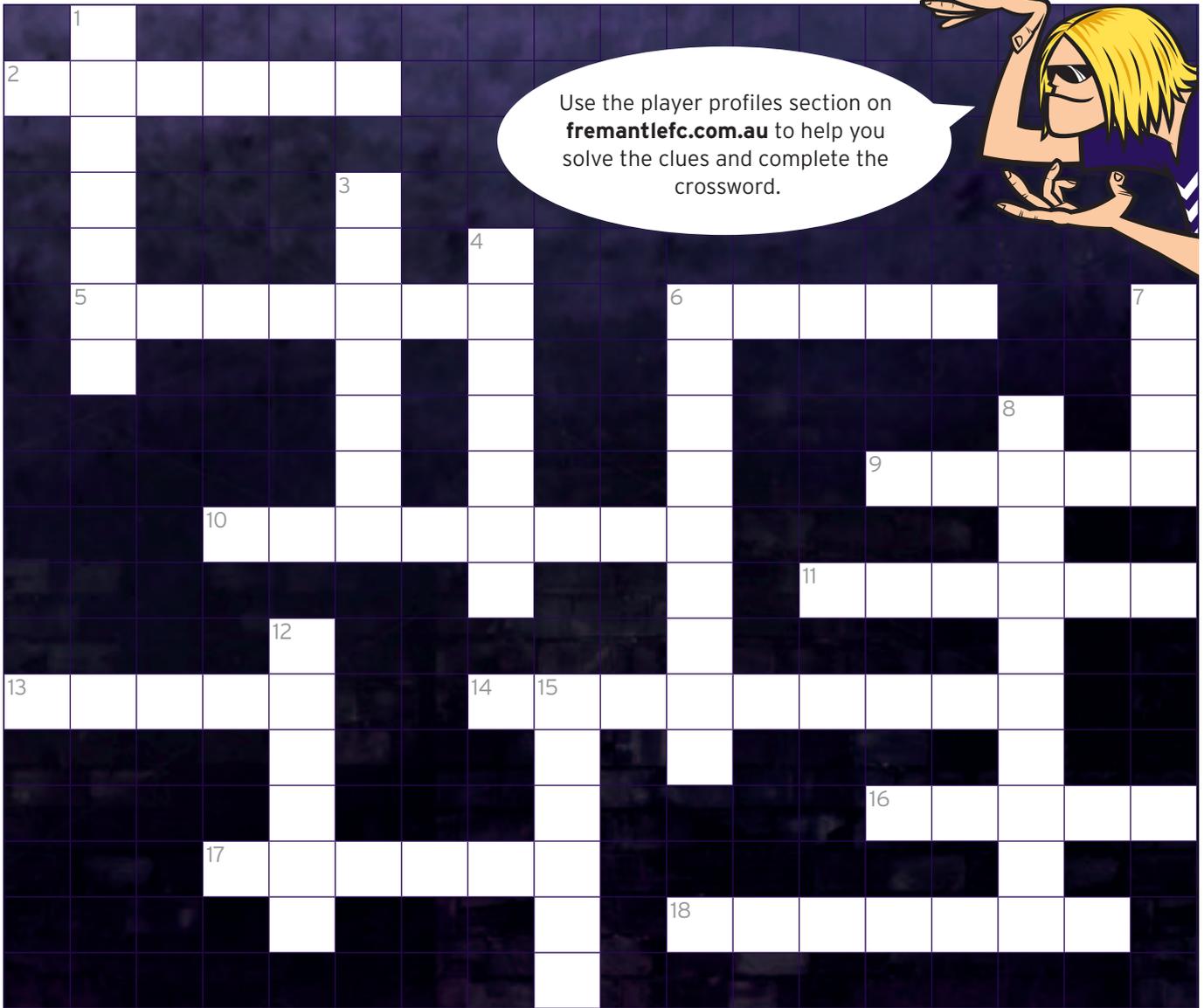
KIDZONE CLUB members were invited to enter a competition to go in the draw to be the Docker 4 A Day at our round 5 game against Carlton. The applicants had to re-create a celebration shot. There were so many great entries and the lucky winner was Kirk Norris from Greenwood. Check out Kirks celebration shots below, and a photo of Kirk as the Docker 4 A Day with Aaron Sandilands.

Well done Kirk!





Use the player profiles section on [fremantlefc.com.au](http://fremantlefc.com.au) to help you solve the clues and complete the crossword.



**W H O A M I C R O S S W O R D**

**Across**

- 2 I was recruited from Werribee, I weigh 92kgs and stand 191cm tall (6).
- 5 I am the youngest player at the club and I wear number 17 (7).
- 6 I wear number 8 and I turned 22 in May (5).
- 9 I played my first AFL game in round 4 this year (5).
- 10 I wear number 47, weigh 83kg and stand 186cm tall (8).
- 11 I was recruited from Williamstown and I wear number 28 (6).
- 13 I wear number 10 and debuted in round 19, 2006 (5).
- 14 I debuted in round 5, 2000 and I wear number 18 (9).

- 16 I have curly blond hair and turn 24 in November (5).
- 17 I am in the leadership group and I wear number 40 (6).
- 18 I wear number 19 and I also turn 19 in July (7).

**Down**

- 1 I am the captain of the club (7).
- 3 I am 201cm tall, weigh 99kg and wear number 12 (7).
- 4 I wear number 15 (7).
- 6 I was recruited in 2011 and wear number 35 (9).
- 7 I turn 21 this year and wear number 7 (4).
- 8 I wear number 1 (10).
- 12 I am the oldest player at the club (6).
- 15 I am 203cm tall and I weigh 92kgs (6).

**RESULTS FROM DOCKER EDITION 1, 2012:**

*The New Recruits: #3 Zac Dawson, #11 Tom Sheridan, #17 Hayden Crozier, #19 Alex Forster, #27 Lachie Neale, #33 Cam Sutcliffe, #34 Lee Spurr, #35 Haiden Schloithe, #39 Sam Menegola, #43 Jordan Wilson-King*

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