



# Byron Australian Football Club



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## News from the Nest News from the Nest

April Edition 2017

[Welcome to the April edition of the Mighty Magpies – News from the Nest!!!](#)

[WOW!!!](#) The 2017 QAFA Northern Rivers footy season is just around the corner... WHAT JOY - WHAT RAPTURE... Are you as EXCITED as I am - to see Aussie Rules back on the sporting calendar???

[AFL Queensland](#) have been busy during the “Off Season” establishing several exciting inclusions to this season’s competition that will increase player participation. Thus seeing this great game and the Northern Rivers Australian Football League’s continued development and growth throughout the Region.

- ✚ The four (4) Cross Conference Rounds with NSW North Coast AFL that were so successful last year will continue this season. The new format will include both Leagues under the one (1) competition for the first time, with 16 rounds during the regular season, followed by a combined final series that will certainly increase interest in both regions.
- ✚ A sanctioned Reserves’ competition for 2017 has been enthusiastically received. New side Casino Lion’s AFC enters this competition which comprises of 15 rounds and a final series. Looking forward to seeing the Lions’ progress during the season.
- ✚ The introduction of an AFL Women’s competition in 2017 has created plenty of interest. Sides from Ballina AFC, Lismore AFC & Tweed Coast AFC will play alongside their male counterparts during the season, competing over 9 rounds. Great to see young girls that are now with the Junior League, having the opportunity to continue playing at senior level.

[The Club’s AGM](#) saw Michael Young returned as President, while Dean Baulch joins the committee in an executive role. The continued stability in the Front Office is a huge factor in the club’s recent and future success and the re-appointment of Brett *the Boss* Porter as Head Coach was their first priority. Michael Young and Adam Ian Dock have been appointed joint Reserves’ Coaches for the year.

*Byron’s pre-season build-up* has been good. The retention of most of the 2016 Premiership list and the recruitment of several quality players has the magpies confident of another strong campaign this year.

*This season has all the elements* to be one of the best competitively. I expect Ballina to take another step forward, while Tweed Coast should be a force once again, after a poor 2016 and Lismore can beat anyone on their day. The addition of the AFL North Coast clubs into the mix guarantees there will be NO gimmies games in 2017.

*The season commences on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April* with Byron travelling to Pottsville as the Rivalry continues against Tweed Coast.

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This will be a *Rip Snorter* of a season, so be a part of it and join the Nest...

Until next time, have a Safe and Happy Easter. See you at the FOOTY!!!

*The Keeper of Time...*