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Picture: Carlton bad boy **Brendon Fevola** auditioning for a job at **Seaworld**

“JUST FOR KICKS!”

MORE TESTIMONIALS

“Smashing!” **S.Piercy**

“A real corker” **Wolf Blass**

“Out of sight” **Ray Charles**

“The nips are getting bigger” **B.Hume**

THE PREZ SAYS...

Firstly, congratulations to all Tigers for **Norm Yeen-ing** up last week. All three Grades can be very proud of their performances and left nothing on the field in our own Norm-andy conquest.

Congratulations to junior Tigers **James Dix** and **James Tate** for making the Northern Territory Under 13s side in the National Festival of the Willow played in Darwin in June 2008. Well done to the NT for snaring an unprecedented two wins and to the boys for their own good performances during that week as well! **July and August** see a number of important events around Tigerland, including:

1. On **Sunday, 20 July 2008** - Nightcliff's last **T-20 game** at **Nightcliff Oval** on what will be a Gala day at the Oval. There will be activities for the kids (including face-painting), a DJ as well as food and drink amenities. Come on down to the Den for what will be a fun day.
2. **Sunday, 27 July 2008** – the T-20 Final at **TIO Stadium** on the drop in wicket that the Aussies will be playing in. Nightcliff has qualified already and depending on how it goes on 20 July 2008, will be playing in the Final or the Runners Up Final.
3. Darwin Cup Breakfast, **Monday, 4 August 2008** – NCC is looking to arrange a Darwin Cup Breakfast at **Nightcliff Oval** with a full buffet breakfast, racing experts and a phantom Darwin Cup Race which there will be a sweep for. **Breakfast with the Stars!**
4. **Nightcliff CC Annual Quiz Night** – **Saturday, 9 August 2008** at **7.30pm** at the **Nightcliff Sports Club**. There will be a commercial quantity of prizes and fun to be had by all. If you have any **prizes you are able to donate** for the night (including perhaps bags of goodies from your business) then please see me or a Committee member.

As a final note, I wish to remind all players and Captains that Tigers should all ensure their proper behaviour and conduct on and off the field and when representing the Nightcliff Cricket Club. This is an important issue for the entire senior and junior Club to keep in mind, one we *all* must remain vigilant to ensure we conduct ourselves in an appropriate manner.

Eye of the Tiger, people, good luck to your families.

Alex Krepapas - NCC President



International Phenomenon – Even the Turkish National soccer team cannot wait to get their hands on the last few copies of *the Growl*.

FEELING LUCKY, PUNKS?

*What is black and white and red all over?
A Collingwood fan, after messing with Brad Hatton!*

*What is red and white and black and blue all over?
Waratah A-Grade, after messing with Brad Hatton!!*

*What is black and red and white all over?
Two Essendon fans after a talcum powder fight...aah, work with us here!*

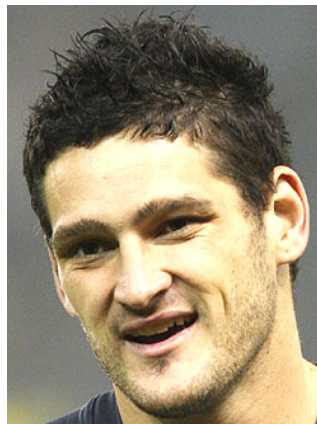


"I'm so tough I use aftershave...before!!"



"It's not a ten-for, but my six-for right here should do the job!"

**DISGUST AT COLLINGWOOD FAN WHO SPAT AT
BRENDAN FEVOLA**



Spitting image - Fevola

COLLINGWOOD Football Club has apparently denied that a man dressed in Black and White and caught on camera spitting on Carlton's **Brendan Fevola** after their Round 11 clash was a member of their Club....

However *the Grawl's* AFL correspondent can now reveal the man in question has since been made a *Life Member* and immediately elevated to a senior Pies Cheer Squad role!

UPCOMING DRAW & DATES – JULY/AUGUST 2008

A GRADE:

Sat 12 & 19 July 2008: vs **DARWIN** at CAR-LYNN
Sunday, 20 July 2008: **T-20 GAME V DARWIN** at LITTLE MUMBAI
Sunday, 27 July 2008: **T-20 FINALS** at TIO STADIUM!
 Sat 2 & 9 August 2008: vs **TV DINNERS** at LITTLE MUMBAI

B GRADE:

Sat 12 & 19 July 2008: vs **DARWIN** at LITTLE MUMBAI
 Sat 2 & 9 August 2008: vs **TV DINNERS** at THE DEATH STAR

C GRADE:

Sat 12 & 19 July 2008: vs **DARWIN** at MARRARA #2
 Sat 2 & 9 August 2008: vs **TV DINNERS** at WANGURI AIRPORT

D GRADE:

Sunday, 13 July 2008: vs **TAH-TAH LIZARDS** at LITTLE MUMBAI
 Sunday, 20 July 2008: vs **SOUTHERN & DRY** at FREDERICK'S PASSOVER
 Sunday, 3 August 2008: vs **DARWIN** at LITTLE MUMBAI
 Sunday, 10 August 2008: vs **UNICYCLES** at DEAD MAN'S CREEK (UNI)

E GRADE:

Sunday, 13 July 2008: vs **TAH-TAHS WHITE** at MARRARA #1
 Sunday, 20 July 2008: vs **SOUTHERN & DRY** at WANGURI AUTOBAHN
 Sunday, 3 August 2008: vs **DARWIN** at KAHLIN
 Sunday, 10 August 2008: vs **UNICYCLES** at LITTLE MUMBAI



1. **Friday 1 August 2008 – MILO CLINIC RESUMES** from **5.30pm**. The MILO Clinic will run **each Friday thereafter** at the same time at Nightcliff Oval until mid-August. All welcome, kiosk and bar (for parents) open + a constellation of Nightcliff stars assisting with training!
2. **Sunday 20 July 2008 – T-20 DAY AT NIGHTCLIFF!** A Gala Event, with entertainment, drinks, food, dancing, singing and swinging. Come on down to the Den to watch a colourful day's entertainment – DJ, Kanga cricket, \$\$\$ on offer for 'crowd catches'.
3. **Saturday, 9 August 2008 at 7.30PM – NIGHTCLIFF CC ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT** – At the N/C **Sports Club**, a monster truck load of prizes, games, quizzical exercises, loads of fun.

MATCH REPORTS

A-GRADE

The Crouching Tigers started off their two day campaign against the Hidden Dragons of Palmerston with a 193-360 loss at Powerade Park. After PNG left-arm lightning **Jacob Mado** had bowled like a man possessed early, procuring more nicks than a Greek wedding (which unluckily mostly found the grass like a Jamaican student) and wicket machine **Brad-man Hatton** snared a few early, the Palms piloted themselves to a formidable total with a strong rearguard action. The Tigers lustily pursued this total, but apart from a polished 55 from new kid on the block **James de Terte** and a gritty 33 from **Samuel “Mel” Gibson**, there was not much to write home to Momma about.

The next week saw the all-important Norm Yeend Round against the Tah-Tah Lizards at the Gardens. After brutally carving up Tah-Tahs for 97 (**Brad-man Hatton** 4-for) and then letting them back in the game by losing 9-50 on their way to 115 (**Vani Morea** 42, **De Terte** 20-odd), the game was back in the balance after the first week.

The pivotal turning point for this game undoubtedly occurred *off* the ground and in the Tah-Tahs Clubhouse on the first Saturday night as the **NCC Quiz Team Crouching Tiger** turned it on like Donkey Kong in the Tah-Tahs Annual Quiz Night. Our Quiz Masters smashed the set questions and seized their prizes in front of a sea of red and white, before departing quickly in vehicles left running out the front. A listless Tah-Tahs side fronted up the next weekend in body only and were rocked like the Number 10 Bus at midnight along Bagot Road for 150, with **Brad-man Hatton** massacring their line-up with six for very little, to end up with an unbelievable 10-43 for the match. Openers **Vani Morea** (with a dazzling **89 not out**) and **Michael Pearson** (45) then took the Tigers to the brink of victory, before **Sam-I-Am Gibson** strode out and put the baby to bed for an emphatic victory. Lovely. Tigers entrenched in the four. Onwards and upwards!

B-GRADE

The **B-Mine Tonights** lost a narrow one at Little Mumbai against the Palm Pilots, with **Benny Mitchell** (70-odd) and Supercoach Bremner (50) starring with the bat in a 100-run partnership to steer the Tigers to 180 chasing about 207 set by the Palmerston cheeses the week before (**Kym “You keep me hanging on” Wyles** a devastating 7-41).

The Bs then also fronted up to Tah-Tahs on a first day Little Mumbai wicket that unfortunately more resembled the moon’s surface after some less than ideal preparation and a tsunami of wickets followed with the Tigers teetering at 9-60 chasing an equally risible 78 all out.

After getting knocked over on 1st innings the Tigers were ultimately set about 210 to win off about 20 overs, having taken 9 Tah-Tahs down (**S.Kenny** 4/53, **D.Clark** 3/48) and had a red-hot go with **S.Kenny** completing a good day at the office with 50 off about 8 balls (**Supercoach** also slapped a quick-fire 21), but at 4-121, time was not on their side and our lads were left to contemplate their navals and a key upcoming game against Darwin this week.

C-GRADE

Riding high on the back of **Tom Foley's** majestic victory over the Palm Pilots (196 to 185) with more than a little help from his friends, the **C-Shanties** played in what became the Norm Yeend decider last fortnight. Defending a less-than ideal total of 140, the Tigers pounced to roll Tah-Tahs for 131 with the Crazy Canine **Nathan Byrne** snaring 5/44 and **Griffo** a majestic 5/22, to record a famous victory and also lift the C-Minors within sight of the Major round. Our guys came back on and dog-paddled to 9-76 in the second dig, but nobody really wants to hear about that, well done Tigers, Norm Yeend is ours again!!

D-GRADE

The **D-Mob are back** on the block after two strong team-effort inspired wins against highly-fancied Palmerston at the **Tom Foley Arena** and Pints of Beer at M2, important wins that came hot on the heels of a controversial and stinging loss to Jabiru.

One of the stories of the last month, apart from the combining team efforts that have underpinned these most recent victories, has been the Pound Sterling form of the 'comeback kid' Tiger tri-athlete **Mick Best**, who has shown more application than crazy glue with some fine batting and bowling displays to please Premiership skipper **John Fryar** and his Merry Men. Still unsure if the Best Man has yet kicked in his 'Starter's Carton' however.

E-GRADE

The E-Streets recorded two losses in the last fortnight, but a few devastating spells from **Christopher "Supercat" Wicks** and promising form shown by juniors such as Kyle McKenzie and Jake Collins, along with splashes of individual brilliance from the likes of **O'Neil Padilla**, the wily **Graham Tribe**, the 'Soft Cell' of Tigerland One-Hit wonder **Dave Knowler** (23no) and new bowling sensation **Sukhvinder Singh** continue to give this E-Grade unit hope of a breakthrough victory before the Season is out.

HOWARD'S END

Former Australian front man **John "Hello Workers, I'm your friend!" Howard** has unfortunately broken his post-election sounds of silence.

The Little fellah has come out punching and recently heavily criticised an apparent **Rudd-erless** and "*shameless*" Labor Government for being "*dishonest*", lacking credibility and a "theme" and suggesting they are only there for the joyride of being in government.

Honestly John, isn't that going a bit (children) overboard?



“THEY SAID IT” - QUOTABLE QUOTES

<p><i>“Table tennis. Your serve champ!”</i></p>	<p>Recently departed all-rounder David “Morse” Coady to a Southern Districts E-Grade rock-thrower, who after having been straight-batted for six down the ground and through the goal posts, turned and asked the Tiger athlete what sport he thought he was playing!</p>
<p><i>“If I’m feeling adventurous later, I’ll give you a call.”</i></p>	<p>Tigerland English (Patient) recruit James Needham to the Man-with-the-plan, Nathan “Mad Dog” Byrne amidst discussions of potential post-training activities. If you have to ask, you cannot afford it!</p>
<p><i>“Does my butt look big on this?”</i></p>	<p>Nightcliff chicken-nugget magnet Michael “Dude, where’s my bus” Pearson to a shocked driver and onlookers as his rear end suddenly came up close and personal with the front windscreen of the Mystery Bus.</p>
<p><i>“And the winner is...”</i></p>	<p>Tah-Tahs Quiz Master Derryk “Rex” Hunt could hardly get the words out to announce that Nightcliff CC’s own “Crouching Tiger” had absolutely Norm Yeened a slick field to take out the 2008 Tah-Tahs Annual Quiz Night, with Chris “Supercat” Wicks taking out the PTA Team Award for the night.</p>

ROAD TO ATHENS!

Club President and resident Jack-of-all-Trades **Alex Krepapas** has recently put his hand up to assist with some pitch preparation at Nightcliff to help out around the Club.

We can report exclusively in *the Grawl* that the wicket preparation is proceeding swimmingly – but the early mail is that the new Nightcliff wicket will no longer be so receptive to spin...



FESTIVAL OF THE FUME

Decided to mosey along to Darwin's Hidden Valley Racecourse for the V8 **Festival of the Fume** last weekend for some fun in the sun. Here are some happy snaps from the weekend's action...

No idea who won the actual car races. Who was even racing for that matter?



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Here's a recent (further) email sent by Club Secretary **Anthony "Sleeping Beauty" Snell** to glorified fish & chips wrapping, The *NT News*, regarding the countless misspellings of our star Papua New Guinean batsman's name...

Re: Vani Vagi Morea

Hi there,

Just wanted to send a further email confirming the correct spelling of Nightcliff CC's Papua New Guinean opening batsman. First name **Vani**. I'll even put it in a poem for you:

*Vani, Vani,
Josh Mahoney,
How does your Season go?
Hard work being done,
To score runs in the sun,
But we're glad you're enjoying the show!*

Thanks a lot, keep up the good work.

Anthony Snell
Secretary- NCC

IS THIS THE DUMBEST MAN IN THE UNIVERSE?

Certainly the dumbest man with a former Miss Universe...Meet **Jake “Rahul Dravid” Wall** recent boyfriend of the ‘Hawk’ Australian Idol **Jennifer Hawkins** who is alleged to have been cheating on her with some trailer trash skank from his sordid past. Now that is one incredibly dumb bunny. Seriously, when your I.Q hits ten, sell!



“Hello, I’m so stupid even blondes and Americans tell jokes about me!”



Gawking at ‘the Hawk’. Jennifer Hawkins in a new ‘Make a Wish’ shirt she apparently designed herself... I wish I was a t-shirt!!

ODD SOCKS

THE NCC COMMITTEE FINANCIAL TIP OF THE WEEK

Never accept a personal cheque from a homeless person.

RECIPE FOR A TIGER ON THE GO – “BACON”

Ingredients	Mmmmm, bacon. Preferably middle rashers. Mmmmm, bacon fat!
Method	Fry it, or barbecue it. As additional extras, add steak, eggs, bread even, but for that porky, rindy hit of bacony goodness, just try it ‘neat’, straight off the hotplate!

THE GROWL WORD OF THE MONTH

<p>Psychoeducation</p>	<p>No, this does <i>not</i> mean an institute of learning willing to take former Tiger one day seamer Trevor Williams as a student...</p>
<p><i>Sigh-ko-ed-dew-kay-shone</i></p>	<p>Basically it refers to education afforded to people who suffer a mental illness, so that they might learn more about their illness and the process of treating (and/or properly medicating) their condition and understanding why certain emotions and symptoms do occur.</p>

I LITIGATE THEREFORE I AM



Folically challenged Sheffield Shield legend Jamie Siddons is apparently suing Cricket Australia for compensation - because he hurt himself throwing cricket balls.

Siddons claims he seriously injured his right shoulder on the **2005 Ashes tour of England**. The former ace batsman was then Australia's assistant coach, and would spend hours in the nets with the team. He says his continuing shoulder problems are a result of being required to throw cricket balls on a *“constant, repetitive and forceful basis”*. Are you sh*tting me, you silly clown?

Anyway, right on the back of this pending litigation, **Siddons’ twin brother Jason Bremner Supercoach** has instructed his lawyers to file a similar suit against NT Cricket in the Northern Territory Supreme Court.

In related litigation news, **Alexander the Tate** will also be reportedly suing for **damages from neck strain** suffered by him from the many times he has had to duck to avoid injury when bowling in the nets against batsmen looking to brutally drive him out of the nets.



Tate – Under Siege like Steven Segal in the nets.

ON THE REX HUNT

"I Punt therefore I Am"

Well *the Grawl* officially saluted last month after the **Mighty Dons** handed Wooden Spoon-elects the **West Coast Coolers** a lesson in love, and the **Spanish Harlems** did the business by kicking the fjord out of a gallant Swedish outfit in the first round of Eurotrash 2008, before going on to take out the whole Tournament!

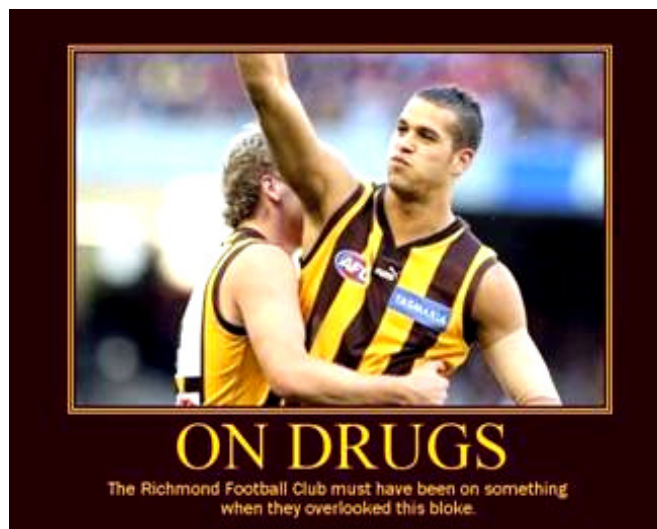
Now as Gough Whitlam had uttered on his behalf, "*It's Time*". Time to roll up the sleeve, open that wallet, get that spare cash from under the pillow and in the children's' piggy banks, call in loans from friends, and **back Geelong earnestly and often to win the 2008 AFL Flag**. Shop around - best odds right now I have seen is even money. But it is easy money, people.

Geelong to win the 2008 AFL Flag = \$2.00

The **Hawks** are a very good side, but will not have a full uninjured side ready and firing by Grand Final time and they are losing the race against time. Wait until they pick up drug-fiend running machine **Benjamin Cousins** in the off season (so that **Lance Franklin & Co** can deal with him more easily, at training face-to-face) and have a crack at them in 2009.

The **Bulldogs** are also a very good side and playing the type of football that will take them far into the finals series, perhaps even into the Big One. But one suspects they will fall well short of the powerful and resourceful Cats. The only other realistic hope, **Sydney**, is playing good footy, but with cracks starting to appear in their harmonious world and a list that is not getting any younger (albeit rejuvenated with some youthful talent), one fears they will also fall short of ultimate glory in 2008 and the Cattery will also be able to pick them off if required to.

If you are considering backing **any other team**, donate your money to Charity instead so that something meaningful can be done with your hard-earned cash. For those of you looking for a more immediate return this weekend, you could do worse than to take a look at the surging **Essendon Bombers at \$2.40** against BrisVegas at Thunderdome on Saturday night!



JOKE

While stitching up the hand of a 75 year-old Queensland farmer, who got cut on a gate while working cattle, a rural doctor struck up a conversation with the old man. Eventually the topic got around to Kevin 07 and his appointment to Prime Minister of Australia.

“Well, ya know” drawled the old farmer, “this **Rudd fella** is what they call a fencepost turtle.”

Not being familiar with the term, the doctor asked him what a fencepost turtle was.

The old farmer said, “When you're driving along a country road and you come across a fence post with a turtle balanced on top, that's called a fencepost turtle.”

The old farmer saw a puzzled look on the doctor's face, so he continued to explain... ‘You know he didn't get up there by himself, he definitely doesn't belong up there, he doesn't know what to do while he is up there, and you just gotta wonder what kind of dills put him up there in the first place!’”



OOPS, I DID IT AGAIN!

Apparently the Swans are proposing a radical gear change for serial spiller **Big Bad Bruising Bazza Hall** to try and keep him out of further Tribunal trouble in 2008 – velcroing his arms to his side unless he is going for a mark!

Coach **Paul Roos** said he did not care for Bazza's excuse that **Wakelin** had apparently said something derogatory about Hall's “Where's Wally” socks.

Apparently the **Lost Arc** has now also offered him a job as a Bouncer.



YOU'RE GROUNDED!

This early collision (**below**) was a pivotal moment in the recent **Dons v Blues MCG clash**, both as a show of strength by Essendon skipper **Matthew Lloyd** and also the resulting lessening of the impact Carlton Golden Child **Christopher Judd** had upon the game, which a rampaging Essendon juggernaut won.

However the Carlton runner almost seems to be laughing at the fact **Judd** appeared to have just been hurt by someone old enough to be his father (well, if they were living in **Collingwood!**).

Apparently about **\$4,750.00 cash** also flew into the air and onto the ground after Judd was knocked over and the game had to be stopped for 30 minutes after thousands of fans rushed the ground to try and collect the loot.



JESUS CHRIST, SUPERSTAR!



Gazza the Second. Rampant Brownlow fave Garry Ablett Jr or “*Jesus*” is getting so many possessions in 2008 that his arms & legs have almost fallen off and need to be taped back together each week!

LOOK-ALIKES

Can you spot the difference?



THE END. SIX LEGITIMATE DELIVERIES (OVER).