

## **SOLICITORS v BARRISTERS**

### **FRANK GALBALLY**

#### **RECLINK FOOTBALL CUP 2007**

On 16 June 2007 between 1pm and 5pm the third Frank Galbally Reclink Charity Football match between Barristers and Solicitors will be played, back this year at Punt Road Oval.

2005 produced a game worthy of traditional rivals, but last year's demolition of the Solicitors side has created a note of desperate expectation only surpassed by that of Richmond supporters who this year find their side could not play any poorer. One thing is for certain - the Solicitors will not again this year suffer the humiliation of having to take on a couple of the Bar team just to make the game a bit more competitive!

Needless to say, the Bar side does not need even in adversity any confidence boost and it will be all that their coach can do to keep the egos in control and the focus on doing the basics well to enhance their chance of three wins in a row.

The Solicitors have recruited well and look forward to Nick "Duchy" Holland creating some spine down the middle in his debut from Holding Redlich. Matt Finnis has asked to relinquish his captaincy of the Solicitors and it appears Nick may get the nod for one of the toughest gigs in the game.

Legend coaches Allan Jeans and another mystery profile coach will be presiding over the sides, this year with Allan returning to the Solicitors to spin his wisdom and wily strategic moves to hopefully get us over the line.

We are promoting the Day as a family day of fun and Camp Australia will be providing children's activities; there will be a jumping castle available all day. BBQ and drinks will be available and an after match drink and presentations in the Richmond Social Rooms between 3.30pm and 5pm.

The big game will start at 1pm after a curtain raiser from the Reclink homeless football league, which now boasts 16 teams in two divisions.

I would encourage all readers of the LIV Journal to come along and support a very worthwhile cause and have some fun in the process. Entry to the ground for the day is any donation to Reclink and we are this year hoping to hit the \$20,000 in net proceeds for the day. The money will be directed to Reclink sport and recreation programs which now involve participants from over 150 welfare agencies in Melbourne, Ballarat and Bendigo.

Any firm wishing to sponsor this great day or anyone wishing to volunteer or indeed play can contact Hayden Legro at [hayden@legrolawyers.com.au](mailto:hayden@legrolawyers.com.au) or Damian Harriss at [dharriss@landers.com.au](mailto:dharriss@landers.com.au).

Thanks go to the generous sponsors of the day on board so far: Lander and Rogers, Clerk Paul Holmes, Greens List, Galbally and O'Bryan, Devers List, Flexitime Personnel, ANSTAT, Slater and Gordon, Spark and Cannon, Fran Harriss and Associates, Phillips Fox, Clerk Roberts, Pattisons, Hayden Legro Lawyers and PKF.

By way of background, Reclink (short for “recreation link”) is an inter-agency organisation set up to coordinate sports and recreational opportunities for Melbourne’s homeless people with drug and alcohol problems or mental illness. Reclink now has 15 sporting and recreation structures, including a women’s program.

150 agencies in Melbourne, Ballarat and Bendigo are involved in Reclink, including, among numerous others, Sacred Heart Mission, St Kilda, The Brosnan Centre, The Salvation Army, Odyssey House, Ozenham House and the Malmsbury Juvenile Justice Centre.

The sporting and cultural competitions run by Reclink are numerous and include an inter-agency football competition, indoor soccer, lawn bowls, indoor cricket, basketball and a fitness and leadership program. Many of these agencies provide teams filled by men and women in need of the respective agencies’ assistance in Reclink’s sporting competitions.

**As founder of Reclink Peter Cullen A.M. has said: “There is a lot in welfare that stops people from drowning but not a lot that helps them to swim”. Reclink sees its goal as using sport and recreation to assist the most vulnerable to integrate back into mainstream community.**

Reclink receives limited government funding and relies significantly on external donations for its revenue.

To register your interest, male or female, to assist on the day as a player, please go to the Law Institute of Victoria website under “Sporting Competitions” and register. There is a playing registration fee of \$45 which includes a light snack after the game. This is terrific value to be coached by an AFL legend coach/player as all of your contributions will go directly to charity.

To register as a sponsor or volunteer, please email me at [hayden@legrolawyers.com.au](mailto:hayden@legrolawyers.com.au) or telephone (03) 9747 9679.

For more about the day please visit our website – <http://www.reclinkfooty.com>.

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