



THE LYSTERFIELD WOLVES

JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

ANZAC MEDAL ROUND – APRIL

On the Sunday closest to ANZAC day each team selects a player that best demonstrates the ANZAC spirit.

The underlying objective of the ANZAC Award is to educate the players on the importance of ANZAC and learn about the courage, endurance and mateship of those who served our country.

ANZAC award winners typically demonstrate Courage, Determination and Mateship

The award will be voted on by the families; 1 voting slip per family. The voting slip asks that you select 1 player who best demonstrates – courage, determination and mateship. In the event of a tie 2 medals will be awarded. (This voting occurs outside of the best and fairest voting for those age groups where B&F is awarded.)

To start creating the atmosphere and preparing the team in the lead up to the game it is strongly advised that the team start discussing the elements of what makes an ANZAC and how that can be translated into a game of football..

The best place for this is to start the dialogue at training this week, then blending it into the coach's pre-game speech; and carrying on the theme into the game, highlighting the players during the game demonstrating the traits of ANZAC.

Please Note: Black armbands are NOT to be worn as part of the ANZAC commemoration.

For those teams playing at home a pre-game commemoration ceremony will take place. It is wise to appoint a master of ceremonies to conduct the ceremony. The PA will need to be organised and in a position so everyone can hear the proceedings.

Typically the players line up on the ground – opposing teams facing each other in front of the pavilion

Please advise the opposing team and the umpire of the intention of the club to hold the ceremony and an invitation to participate in the ceremony. It takes no more than 5 minutes. This needs to be at least 10 minutes before the games scheduled start.

The ceremony follows the format below

- Welcome all present and ask all to stand – why we are holding a ceremony and the elements of the ANZAC Spirit as described above (20 sec).
- Recite The Ode (10 sec)
- Play Last Post (1min 30 sec)
- 1 minutes Silence (1 min)
- Play Rouse (32 sec)
- Thank audience for their attention

If the team is playing away the ceremony could take place in the rooms if the opposition team does not wish to participate.

After the award has been selected the name of the Award winner needs to be submitted to the President so the medals can be organised through the Boronia RSL.

The awards are presented at the Club Night after ANZAC Day, where the whole club acknowledges the winners in each Age Group.