

• NEW SENIOR PLAYERS AND ...

# Tassie rules ace to coach Magpies

The Southport Australian Football Club has signed up former Tasmanian Rules ace, Robert Burke, as senior coach for the 1969 season.

Burke is 26 years of age, 6ft tall weighs 12½ stone and normally plays at centre half forward or full forward.

He played 42 senior games with East Launceston in the Northern Tasmanian Football Association, also 40 games with North Launceston in the same association, during which time he won the club goal kicking award twice.

He then coached a district football club for three years, made the finals the first two years.

He moved to Brisbane late last year and played with Kedron. In his first game he kicked five goals.

Burke is keen to meet players who are already in training because he has a vigorous programme planned which will begin on Sunday at 10 a.m. at Owen Park, Southport.

## Seniors

The committee has also been fortunate in gaining the services of two, new senior players, Lee Saltzer and Peter Sopwell.

Saltzer is a former Wilston-Grange backman, who is 21 years of age, 6ft. 1 in., weighs 12 stone and played A grade football since he was 18.

Peter Sopwell aged 20 years, 6ft. tall and 11 stone, was captain under 14 at Sale in Victoria, then later played with Frankston High School, where he excelled at the centre.

## Top form

These two players join the ranks of senior players already at training such as Len Dickman, a consistent rugged backman; Ken Best, a brilliant and versatile player; Davey Burns, whose reputation on the Coast as a rover is well-known; Warren Burns, who is always a steady and reliable player; Peter McGrath, who this year rises from the under 17 team with a reputation as a half forward; Rae Morgan, who is training well and should have a good year.

Cliff Caswell is showing great promise. Jeff Alexander and Alan Watkins are both showing extreme keenness and shining at training. If hard work and enthusiasm are any guide, the Mighty Magpies should have a bumper season in all three grades.

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