

New cash award for the Magpies

SOUTHPORT Australian Football Club president Leo Busch yesterday announced that in addition to existing awards, a \$100 cash award would go to the senior best and fairest players this year.

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As well a \$50 cash award will be awarded to the reserve and under 19 best and fairest players.

The club wishes to thank the donor of these awards who at this stage wishes to remain anonymous.

Southport officials have been working strenuously behind the scenes this year and are pleased to report to their supporters that they have secured the services of ex-Hawthorn VFL 6ft 2in 14½ stone ruckman, John Bray.

As his teammates will vouch after last week's game against Western Districts, John amazed everyone by his great ruckwork, marking, and his speed around the ground for such a big player.

Queensland centre half back and ex-Western Districts star John Cheelas has been cleared to Southport and looks set for a tremendous season.

Ex-Tasmanian representative side player Jeff Jordon turned in a great game against Western Districts last week and will make his presence felt in the ruck roving division this year.

Another new recruit to show out well was ex-Fawkner (Vic) YCW player Peter Higgins. Latest recruit to the Magpies ranks is 6ft 5in ruckman John Hall who should literally "lay them in the aisles" this season.

Ken Best has returned to full time football and along with Dave Burns, Peter Sapwell, Heydon Sutherland and Ross Gillett will give the Magpies a top side again this season.

A big welcome back to champion half back flanker Ron Brown after his army stint.

Southport club is still looking for under 19 recruits and no doubt the cash incentives will appeal to players.

Southport Colts side is being coached this year by former state rover "Doc" McKenzie. Doc puts his Colts through their paces Tuesday and Thursday nights at Owen Park at 4.30 p.m.

This Sunday we take three teams to play Sherwood for the grand opening of their new clubrooms.

Transport for under 19 players has been arranged and cars will leave Owen Park at 8.30.

The reserves game start at 11.30 and the senior game at 1 p.m. Players are required to be at the Sherwood ground with white shorts one hour prior to commencement of games.

A big night will be held at the club rooms, Pacific Hotel, Southport next Thursday at 7.30 p.m. when umpires' coach Jack Cavanagh will address players and coaches on the game.

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