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Corryong to receive a flying visit from AFL's Western Bulldogs

Eight players from the Western Bulldogs will fly in to the Corryong Airport tomorrow, Wednesday 18 February, as part of the North East Border AFL Player Visits. In addition to conducting football clinics with local primary and secondary school students throughout the day, a community lunch will be held at the Corryong Recreation Reserve from 11.30am.

Towong Shire Council Mayor said that the visit was fitting for the sports-oriented Towong Shire community.

"Traditional team sports, especially football and netball, are part of our culture here in Towong Shire," said Cr David Wortmann. "In fact, recent statistics show that about 85% of our teenage boys are involved in local football which demonstrates how much the sport is valued in our communities".

"The passion our communities have for local football is not surprising when you consider our history of producing professional players," explained Cr Wortmann. "So it is an honour to have the Western Bulldogs and the AFL recognise the contribution that our local clubs and country football as a whole makes to the sport," said Cr Wortmann.

Among those from the Upper Murray who have played football at a professional level are Bob Chitty (Carlton) and his brother Peter (St Kilda), Darryl Herrod (Geelong and Fitzroy) and Jon Collins (North Melbourne and St Kilda). A more recent recruit, Shaun Atley, was picked by North Melbourne in the 2010 draft.

"We hope that many more players will get a great start to their career right here in Towong Shire and that this visit by the Western Bulldogs will inspire the next wave of locally produced AFL greats," said Cr Wortmann.

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EVENT INFORMATION

10.30am - 12noon: Primary School Clinics (9 - 12 years)

11.30am - 1.00pm: FREE community lunch at Corryong Recreation Reserve

- Meet the players
- Prize for the best dressed Footy Fan

1.00pm - 3.00pm Corryong College Clinic