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CAMPBELL RETURNS TO PUNT ROAD

The Richmond Football Club today announced the appointment of former Captain Wayne Campbell to the role of assistant coach.

Senior Coach Terry Wallace said the appointment was a major coup for the club.

"We are thrilled to have someone of Wayne's calibre and he is held in the highest regard at Richmond," he said.

"This appointment has been three years in the making. I spoke to Wayne soon after he finished playing. We both believed it was in his best interests for him to gain further experience at another club with the view to one day returning to Richmond."

"I always found Wayne to be a highly intelligent player. His football knowledge was as good as anything I have ever seen. I always thought he had a future in coaching," Wallace said.

Campbell enjoyed a long and distinguished career at Richmond, spanning 15 years and 297 games. He won the club best and fairest four times and was the Tigers' captain for four years, from 2001-2004.

"I'm really excited about the opportunity to return to Tigerland. I have plenty of great memories there and I can't wait to make a contribution," he said.

"I'm looking forward to working with Terry and the rest of the coaching staff. The Tigers have an impressive young list, and I hope to help the club's push back into the finals."

"I'd also like to thank the Western Bulldogs for the experience I have gained as an assistant coach in the last two seasons."

Campbell will come on board as midfield coach, while Brian Royal will move into the forward line coaching role. David King will continue as backline coach, while Jade Rawlings (Coburg coach) and Craig McCrae will look after player development.

Wayne Campbell playing career

Career: 1991-2005

Games: 297

Goals: 172

Average disposals: 21

Career high disposals: 41

All-Australian: 1995, 1999

International Rules: 1998-2000

Jack Dyer Medallist: 1995, 1997, 1999, 2002

Richmond captain: 2001-2004

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