



TIGERS IN THE TERRITORY

Richmond Football Club will continue its ties with Northern Territory communities this weekend by embarking on its second trip to Alice Springs.

Players Richard Tambling and Clayton Collard, along with CEO Steven Wright, Football Director Greg Miller and assistant coaches Dale Weightman and Brian Royal, will visit the indigenous communities of Santa Teresa and Hermansburg.

The group will meet with representatives of AFL Central Australia, assist with training sessions and matches and provide insights into the running of an AFL club.

The Santa Teresa Football Club will visit Melbourne in the coming weeks to train at Punt Road Oval and compete in the curtain raiser to the Dreamtime at the 'G match between the Tigers and Essendon on May 24.

Richmond is also strengthening relationships with Northern Territory communities with the aim of offering opportunities to be involved in programs at its proposed Australian Indigenous Football and Training Institute, part of the planned redevelopment of Punt Road Oval. A funding submission to conduct this institute is currently with the Federal Government.

Another group from Richmond Football Club, including young Tiger Trent Cotchin, visited the Northern Territory earlier this year, speaking to community clubs and league officials.

Through these projects, and its involvement in the AFL Club Fostership Program, the club aims to:

- Build a strong relationship with the Alice Springs and Tennant Creek
- Assist the community and city teams through the coaches association offering both administrative help and player education
- Assist in improving school attendance level and academic results through mentoring and development programs
- Assist in reducing juvenile crime and substance abuse issues
- Help improve the regions community cohesion and sense of pride
- Increase levels of participation in sport and physical activity
- Improve general health and nutrition of community members
- A new level of safety and enjoyment for players and spectators at football matches

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