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Kingborough Lions names 2014/15 Victory League coaching team.

The Kingborough Lions United FC is excited to announce its coach team for the 2014/15 Victory League Season:



Head Coach - Colin Robbins
Assistant Coach - Tim Dale
Goalkeeping Coach - Adam Coleman
Team Manager - Mike Davies
Sports Medical Director - Dr Stephen Crean
(Kingston & Hobart Chiropractic Centre)
Massage Therapist/Sports Trainer - Roman Meyer
Sports Trainer - Bernie Siggins
Nutrition & Hydration - Rejane Cowen (Hobart Health Hub)

The club was impressed with the benchmarks achieved by Robbins after he took over the role following Stephen Pitchford's resignation.

Robbins said *"It was really important for the Victory League team & High Performance program that the work started last season after taking over the role continued"*.

The club's High Performance Program's medical support team will also continue with the injury management initiatives introduced last season and Robbins wants to further grow this part of the program. *"To provide the best medical treatment, equipment, facilities and preventative measures will enhance our players to play at their peak, for a whole 90 minutes. Driving the return to play process is also fundamental to the team as a whole ensuring they perform at the highest levels, we cannot afford to have our best players sitting on the sidelines with injuries, we need to fix them & get them back playing within the shortest possible timeframes"* Robbins said.

The support team also includes experienced coaching staff Tim Dale & Adam Coleman, and Team Manager Mike Davies. Coleman will work with all goalkeepers from the Under 16 up to the VL level and together with Andrew Duncan will work within the newly created Youth SAP and Goalkeeper training program, coaching the club's Youth goalkeepers over the summer months. Both goalkeeping coaches have now attained their FFA Goalkeeping Licenses, further enhancing their knowledge of training techniques for goalkeepers.

Robbins will also continue his work also as a coordinator and coach within the Young Lions development program structure (Young Lions SAP and Young Lions Discovery Program) however overseeing responsibility has been taken over by the club's newly appointed Technical Director Simon Edwards.

Club President Brian Dale said *"all other KLUFC High Performance Program coaching roles will be announced once FFT confirms the underpinning structures to the Victory League for the 2014/15 season"*.

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Kingborough Lions Technical Director for 2014/15 Appointed.

The Kingborough Lions United FC is pleased to announce its Technical Director for the 2014/15 Victory League Season will be Simon Edwards.



Simon Edwards has been instrumental in growing the club's Junior & Youth programs over a number of years and is also a coach within the Youth female program. Edwards is working towards FFA C Licence coach accreditation, having undertaken the 2014 course.

"It's been a fantastic 12 months for the club with the establishment of the Young Lions SAP, the club's new Young Lions Discovery Program for 5-8 years olds and our Youth Skills Acquisition and Goalkeeping program" Edwards said.

2013/14 TD Colin Robbins will continue his work as a coordinator and coach within the Young Lions development program structure (Young Lions SAP and Young Lions Discovery Program) with overseeing responsibility taken over by Edwards.

"The Young Lions SAP enters it's 5th cycle and our relationship building with the next pillar clubs and schools has resulted in the program's success to date. , The improvement in the skills of many children is obvious to parents who engage their children & this is one of the key aims of the program" Edwards mentioned.

Work continues in both the Junior & Youth programs where the club has one of the highest membership bases of any club in the State.

The club will remodel the way we train our Juniors in 2015, moving towards a FFA Curriculum based model with age groups training in squads at the one venue, *"this will improve the support the club can provide to coaches, facilitate better coach education outcomes and create an improved learning environment for the children"* Edwards highlighted.

Edwards will be working closely with the newly appointed high Performance coaching team lead by Colin Robbins to help extend the club's team model across all of the club's programs. He will also be looking at ways of improving participation and retention of female players.

"Kingborough Lions United FC is at an exciting part of its development as an N.P.L. club and as it continues to implement best practice across its programs, the player development outcomes and high performance program results will become self evident." Edwards noted.

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