

Fremantle Hospital and Health Service



Footballers visits Children's Ward

The South Fremantle Football Club continued their links to Fremantle Hospital when eight footballers paid a visit to sick and injured children in our Paediatric Ward.

Organised by SFFC Football Manager, Jason Burton, and our Nurse Manager Nora Lane, the visit was a great success.

Patients, staff, relatives, visitors and even the Radio Lollipop volunteer were happy to see the players.

Footballers Reece Adams, from Jandakot, Toby McGrath (Yangebup), Tim Malseed (Willagee), Damian Haywood (Boddington), Keren Ugle (Rockingham), Scott Delmenico (Mt Pleasant), Toby Bairstow (Como) and Nathan Phillips (Coogee) made the night-time visit.

The SFFC have a strong relationship to the hospital - one of their greatest footballers John Gerovich worked here for many years - and the footballers made the visit as part of the club's commitment to the community.

Photo above: Reece Adams, Toby McGrath, Tim Malseed, Damian Hayward, Keren Ugle, Scott Delmenico, Toby Bairstow, Nathan Phillips and Dorothy Taylor, Radio Lollipop and Red Cross Volunteer.

Below: Nathan Phillips and Toby Bairstow.



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Toby McGrath, Keren Ugle, Reece Adams, Nathan Phillips and baby Ashton Clement.

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Above: Damian Hayward, Scott Delmenico (front), Nathan Phillips, Tim Malseed with patient Dior Letizia .

Below: Damian Hayward, Tim Malseed, patient Jessica Gill, Scott Delmenico, Toby Bairstow.

The players visited the Radio Lollipop room, all patients and talked with a range of mothers and visitors.

Gifts of footballs, posters, flags and other club paraphernalia were distributed. The footballs not distributed were left behind for future patients.

Toby McGrath, who led the football group, said the club and the players always appreciated coming into the hospital.

“We are able to train, keep fit and play football and some of these children, certainly at the moment, are unable to do any of that so it is a good reality check just to visit the ward,” Toby said.

“It is important that our footballers understand more about the community they live in and the Children’s Ward is so close that our players can simply walk around the block and pay a visit.

“I am glad that I was able to be here because you get an appreciation of just how brave are some of these children.”

Mr Burton said that the club would be interested in any women staff of the hospital who might want to play Australian Football.

“We now have a women’s football team and anybody interested should contact the club on 9335 1555,” Jason said.

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