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JOHNSON SPONSORS THE GAP AUSKICK PROGRAM!

The brand new Auskick Program run by The Gap Dragons Football Club has been officially launched and is now up and running! The AFL Queensland Auskick program is a first for The Gap with Federal Member for Ryan and Opposition Whip, Michael Johnson, officiating the launch held last month.

As a major sponsor of the new program, Mr Johnson gave a personal donation of \$500 which contributed towards jerseys for all team members.

"Getting our young kids active and involved in team sports is essential to their development," Mr Johnson said.

The launch took place on Saturday, 28th March at Wittonga Park, The Gap, with team members turning up for their first game.

"Congratulations to The Gap Dragons Junior Football Club President, Craig Telfer, for organising this fantastic new program," Mr Johnson said.



Michael with team members and Bernie Vegas - the Brisbane Lions Club mascot



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A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR FEDERAL MEMBER



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Mr Michael Johnson, MP
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Dear Mr Johnson

I would like to formally thank you on behalf of AFL Queensland and The Gap Dragons Junior Australian Football Club for your wonderful support to the club.

Your generous donation to the club will certainly assist as they embark on their inaugural season in the AFL Brisbane Juniors Competition. It was great to see a Federal Member of Parliament donating his time, engaging the local community and assisting a newly formed committee and club.

As you know there are many problems affecting the Australian community at present, with one of the biggest and most pressing issues being childhood obesity. We at AFL Queensland, realize the difference we can make as an organisation in providing opportunities for many children to enjoy themselves through physical activity in a safe and controlled environment, with an emphasis on fun and total participation. The formation of The Gap Dragons in 2009 is another means for AFL Queensland to deliver this opportunity.

The day was tremendously successful with several participants signing up to play for the new club, the clubs 'In Season' Auskick Program (aimed for 5 & 6 yr olds) and many more enquiring about club training times. I certainly hope that you enjoyed your time in assisting to promote the club and that you received something in return from your perspective.

I hope that we can work together again in the near future to provide more children with the opportunity to have fun whilst being physically active.

Once again on behalf of AFL Queensland and The Gap Dragons Junior Australian Football Club, thank you for donating your time and money to assist the club in their inaugural season.

Best Regards

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RYAN ROCKS!!

Do you have musical talent and want the opportunity to perform locally?

Then enter the "Ryan Rocks" Music Competition and Festival!

Ryan Rocks is open to primary and secondary school students in the Ryan Electorate.

The competition and festival will incorporate a variety of categories and styles from rock to pop and country. Individual artists and bands are invited to enter.

For further information, please contact Michael Johnson's electorate office by phone on (07) 3378 1599 or email: michael.johnson.mp@aph.gov.au.

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WOULD YOU PAY \$200 A MONTH FOR BROADBAND?

Under the most "optimistic case" broadband users will have to pay at least \$200 a month to use Labor's \$43 billion fibre to the premises broadband network, the CEO of Australia's third largest telecommunications company has predicted.

AAPT CEO Paul Broad provided ABC's Lateline Business program with detail regarding the likely costs of using Labor's network which the Government is either unable or unwilling to provide.

Mr Broad told Lateline on the 8 April 2009: "Well if you project yourself 10 years ahead, you have a \$43 billion investment. On any sort of reasonable return, say of 10 per cent, you've got to generate \$4.3 billion just to make a return on the investment. And you add up all the bits to run a wholesale and retail business, you'll see that the average punter will be paying something like \$200 a month for this service."

Mr Broad also told Lateline: "We couldn't see the economics stacking up for a fibre to the node, so we obviously don't see the economics stacking up for fibre to the home."

"Mr Broad's comments add to the growing concerns within the business community regarding the commercial viability of Labor's broadband proposal," Mr Johnson said.

"The reality is Labor cannot guarantee that a sufficient number of Australians will be prepared to pay premium prices to use this service, in order to make a \$43 billion project viable," Mr Johnson said.

"Without any detail or projections from the Government about likely take-up rates and costs the only information we have to go by is from the industry experts and analysts who have very real concerns," Mr Johnson said.

SENIOR AUSTRALIANS PAY THE PRICE OF LABOR'S DEBT TRAIN

The Coalition will oppose the Rudd Government's plan to strip 22,000 senior Australians of their entitlement to the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card (CSHC).

"At a time when many senior Australians are doing it incredibly tough, the Government is intent on pursuing their plan to strip them of entitlements" Mr

Johnson said.

Many senior Australians have had their life savings frozen by the Rudd Government's bungled handling of the bank deposit guarantee. Now Mr Rudd is determined to make life even tougher for them through a policy he did not disclose prior to the last election.

"There are a number of Ryan residents who have contacted me to express their concern."

Through the Harmer Pension Review, the Rudd Government appears to be looking at imposing tougher income and assets test rules, which may even force senior Australians out of their family homes.

"The Coalition Government worked hard for over a decade to pay off Labor's \$96 billion debt, which enabled us to extend support to senior Australians. After plunging Australians into debt, and without a clear economic strategy, Labor are making senior Australians pay the price and rolling back entitlements."

"The Opposition will continue to pressure the Government to drop plans to change eligibility for the CSHC," Mr Johnson said.

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