

## **BFC SENIOR COACHING APPOINTMENTS FOR SEASON 2018**

The Blackburn Football club is delighted to announce the appointment of Brendan Allen to the position of Senior Coach for 2018. Following a distinguished football career in the country, Amateurs and Southern League, Brendan commenced his coaching career in the Southern League with Murumbeena and Canterbury Football clubs. For the past 6 years Brendan has been involved at State League level with AFL aligned Sandringham where he has been Senior Assistant Coach and midfield coach for the last 4 years.

With his exposure to the elite AFL/VFL programs at St. Kilda and Sandringham, Brendan brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Blackburn which will continue to grow our program allowing the club to successfully compete at the top level of EFL football. Football Manager Kon Karavias is thrilled to have a person of Brendan's calibre at the club stating that "he is an outstanding individual and leader who will invest in and build on what we already have in place here at the Burners".

Brendan comments "I'm extremely honoured and humbled to be appointed as the senior coach of the Blackburn football club for the next two seasons. I'd like to thank the committee, playing group, members, sponsors and the Blackburn community for entrusting me to continue the club on the path that has been extremely well constructed by Kon over the past two seasons. I look forward to working with Kon in his role as Football Manager and the current coaching team, in order to achieve the potential the playing group is capable of. It's an exciting time to become a Burner".

We welcome Brendan and his wife Naomi and four children Jordan, Charlotte, Lillie and Jack to the Blackburn family and look forward to the next few years under his guidance and leadership.

In further coaching news, Alan Love our Development Coach for the past three seasons has accepted the role as Senior Coach at Chirnside Park. We thank Lovey for his exceptional work as Development Coach at the Burners which culminated in a flag for the Reserves in 2016 and an undefeated season in 2017. He leaves on great terms and we wish him every success at Chirnside Park for the coming years.

Anthony Allen, Senior Assistant Coach to Kon in 2017, will take on the role of Head Development Coach in 2018. Anthony's credentials and experience will be a bonus to the Burners in this role and the assistance he can provide new coach Brendan Allen (no relation) will prove invaluable.