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Marist Australian Football Club – Season 2010

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You don't have to stop supporting your favourite team, you can still maintain your favourite team membership, go the Tassie Hawkes, but signing a pledge for ACT4GWS will bring the premier competition to our back yard and our grass roots footie will benefit.

To sign up contact our Club President by phone to arrange your pledge, or Brendan will be at Kingston Oval

Sat 11th Sept and Manuka Oval on the 18th Sept. If we get thirty pledges MAFC will be eligible to receive an Inaugural GWS Jumper, 60 we get two jumpers?

Thanks for your support. Brendan O'Rourke – President MAFC ... 0417 705 857



PRESENTATION NIGHT

Mark your calendar the MAFC presentation night for all teams will be held on Tuesday 12 October. Dress for all boys will be full uniform with blazer.

MAFC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER – DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

JUNIOR GRAND FINALS THIS WEEKEND SAT 11TH SEPTEMBER

Division	Final	Teams	Times	Venues
U12 Div 2	Grand Final	Calwell Swans vs Q'beyan/G'bourne Tigers	8:30am	Kingston Oval
U12 Div 1	Grand Final	Marist vs Ainslie	10:30am	Kingston Oval
U14 Div 2 A	Grand Final	Tuggeranong Hawks vs WildCats/Eastlake	12:30pm	Kingston Oval
U14 Div 2 B	Grand Final	Marist Royal vs Magpies	2:45pm	Kingston Oval
U14 Div 1	Grand Final	Ainslie v St Edmunds	9.00am	Football Park
U16 Div 2	Grand Final	Q'beyan Tigers vs Eastlake/Weston Creek	11.15am	Football Park
U16 Div 1	Grand Final	Eastlake Demons vs St Edmunds Tigers	1.30pm	Football Park



U18	Preliminary Final	Ainslie vs Belconnen Magpeis	9:30am	Manuka Oval 11th Sept
U18	Grand Final	MARIST vs Winner PL Final	9:30am	Manuka Oval 18th Sept

CONGRATULATIONS FOR BEST ON GROUND IN

Preliminary Final Nicholas Cooke U14 Div 2B Marist

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE BOYS ON THEIR AWARDS AT THE AFL CANBERRA JUNIOR LEAGUE AWARDS PRESENTATION NIGHT ON MONDAY EVENING.

Leagues U14 Div 2B Best & Fairest fifth place - Jacob Gaynor

Leagues U14 Div 1 Best & Fairest Runner Up - Marco D'Amico

Leagues Most Dedicated Umpire - James Hicks

Leagues Most Improved Umpire - Tom Izzard

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE BOYS ON THEIR SELECTION IN ACT REP TEAMS.

U13 CATS: Chris Kemp and James McMahon

U14 CATS: Marco D'Amico, Lewis Harman and Ryan Sanderson.

The Carnival will be held in Albury 4-7 October, all the best boys!

SUPER CLINIC

Come and see AFL legends Kevin Sheedy, Jason McCartney, Robert 'Dipper' Dipierdomenico and Tom Harley at the ACT 4 GWS superclinic. These greats of the game will put you through some skills before there is an opportunity to get some autographs!

WHEN: Wednesday 15th September

WHERE: Manuka Oval

TIME: 3:45pm for a 4pm start, concludes at 5pm

AGE: 5 - 18

You don't need to register for this event just turn up!!

All participants will receive a free sausage and drink



ACT4GWS ON THE COUCH FUNCTION

With the AFL Legends Kevin Sheedy, Jason McCartney, Robert 'Dipper' Dipierdomenico and Tom Harley will be held directly after the Superclinic.

WHEN: Wednesday 15th September

WHERE: Manuka Oval Function Room

TIME: 5:30pm for a 6pm start, concludes at 7pm

Registrations to the function are essential and to do this please send through your name to act.development@aflnswact.com.au *

*please note you will not receive a response



MATCH REPORTS:

Thanks to ALL the teams, team management, parents and supporters of Marist AFL, it has been another great year for Marist AFL. Record registration numbers, 9 teams all playing great footy, 5 teams into finals and three teams through to the grand finals, well done to all involved.

We will wrap up all the team thanks and awards on our Presentation night on the 12th October.

This being the penultimate edition for 2010 I would like to say thanks to all our TEAM REPORTERS for your wonderful contributions throughout the year and thanks to all our team supporters during the season, it has been just fantastic to see you all week after week turning up to support the boys.

Thanks to the grounds keepers and facilities management at Lindwall Oval for all the work you have done for us during the year and for assisting us to host the Preliminary finals at Lindwall Oval – but what a challenge the weather threw up...! Although we have never seen so much mud outside the fence or so much water on the oval, it held up very well and the three teams preparing for Grand Finals will still be able to train on it this week.

Thanks to all our volunteers who turned up on what was one of the wettest and muddiest days ever at Lindwall. But what a wonderful day we had, crowded in under the shelter of the canteen and onto the "balconies of the Loft" and in under the "Undercroft" to watch the U14 Div 2 Royal team pull off a great victory in the last 10 minutes of a freezing cold and wet day, well done to all.

Thanks to all the "cooks", canteen helpers, coffee makers, ground managers, time keepers and scoreboard attendants "point to Weston Creek" – a job well done under tiring conditions. More than one helper went home soaked to the skin, freezing cold and bluer than the team jumpers.

Everyone in the Club is invited down to Kingston Oval this weekend to support our two junior teams in Grand Finals!

We wish all boys in each grand final all the very best for their game.



The Under 12 Div1 team's Grand Final is at 10:15 this Saturday at Kingston Oval. Thanks to the coaches, Ash Colmer and Yr11 boys Daniel Burns, James Franklin and Ethan Miles and manager Debbie McInerney for the wonderful job you have done this year in preparing this team.

The Under 14 Div2 Royal team's Grand Final is at 2:45pm this Saturday at Kingston Oval. Thanks to coach Simon Dunphy and manager Peter Krajina for the wonderful work you have done this year preparing and presenting this team.

And again all the best to the 1st XVIII team as they prepare for their Grand Final the following week, Saturday 18th.

This will be the third grand final in succession that Marist has played in. It's a big ask, especially for the boys with the Year 12 Formal on Friday and the Under 18 Grand Final on Saturday morning and retreat on Sunday, but in those infamous words - you can do it!

Go Marist! Go! ... everyone is behind you and wishing you all the best - it's up to you now.

MARIST UNDER 12'S SEMI-FINAL - 28TH AUGUST 2010

MARIST 4.6-30

GUNGAHLIN JETS 3.9-27

Goal Kickers- B Izzard 2, K McLeod 1, X Mooney 1

Best Players- H McKenzie, D McInerney, M McCormack, B Izzard, J Crowe, J Bridges.

It was a beautiful, sunny, nearly Spring day for an important game, the semi-final. This was a crunch game for us having lost by one point to the Gungahlin Jets earlier in the season and then losing to them recently. The coach professed to be calm and not losing any sleep, Luke was seen chewing his nails before the match, Dr Phil was a bit jumpy and I'm sure all the parents were wondering how this match would play out. Marist were lead on by our Captain and Vice Captain, Crowey and Toby to tumultuous applause and encouragement by all present.

The game started with intensity and Gungahlin scored a behind followed by another soon after. Michael R did a flying leap for the ball ending up sliding on his tummy (just like the professionals) and Ben I scored a behind for us. Jezza worked hard in defence saving a certain goal by the Jets right in front of the goal and the Jets ended the quarter with another behind.

During the quarter time break Coach Ash told the boys it was a good defensive quarter and the boys needed to attack more in the next. The boys needed to get in front of the Jets, counteracting the big men on their team (and boy are there some tall boys on the Jets).

The second quarter started with a brilliant mark by Toby but the Jets soon got a goal. Soon after the ball was down our end and sure-footed Kyle had it in the bag with his first goal off the boot and Hi5's were everywhere (proud mum and dad watching on), with the parents cheering madly from the sideline. Kyle will now be forever known as 'Superboot' for his amazing effort. Marist followed up with another behind and we were getting close. Declan made the perfect mark and booted a huge kick to Hugh. Ben V in a new position for him in defence put in an almighty effort to keep the ball out of Gungahlin's hands. Shane collected the ball magnificently on the run (the twins have improved outstandingly every week in their first season in AFL) and Marist produced some excellent teamwork to get the ball down to our forwards. Gungahlin got a behind in this quarter and Marist were ready for a breather.

Coach Ash had plenty to say in the half-time break (all good of course). He wanted the boys not to worry about the big blokes as we were faster than them and Kyle got a special Hi5 and his new moniker. Coach Ash asked the boys to be totally committed, take the marks, to go for the football, to bump and shepherd, to man up and to look after their mates by backing each other up. The Jets were slowing down and we were getting faster. Dylan was producing good attack on the footy and Coach Ash's final words were 'they may have a taller team but we have a better team'.



The third quarter started with a behind to us and Crowey unfortunately hitting the post with a big attempt at goal. Jezza came down hard after a hit to the chest following a brilliant save and Nurse Jen (his wonderful mum) worked her miracle healing hands on her boy to get him back on the field after a break to get his breath back. Marist scored another behind, Crowey made a perfect mark and Ben I marked the ball, spun on his foot and kicked for goal. The supporters were on tenterhooks. Bomber put in an enormous effort throughout the match, no more so than in this quarter and Tom V put his body on the line smothering the ball. The Jets got another goal and after what looked like another certain goal by the Jets (with some quick whispered words by the Marist supporters-all in good faith of course!) they got a behind. The momentum was building, Marist were four points behind and the third quarter was suddenly over.

With the help of our new runner for the match, James, holding the team whiteboard for his dad, Coach Ash had some very encouraging words for the boys. He wanted more commitment; we were faster, the boys to get their bodies behind the ball, fifteen minutes to go, to do it for each other and to run till they fell over.

The last quarter started with a goal to the Jets and the Marist supporters were getting tense. Crowey Senior (are we allowed to say that??) worked hard as our Canberra Milk kid water boy making sure the boys stayed hydrated for this all-important quarter. Ben V made some saving tackles putting pressure on the Jets boys. 'Superboot' Kyle got a bit manhandled and we had a penalty but we were unlucky this time with the kick. Crowey got the ball and kicked a huge bomb to Ben I who marked perfectly and kicked a much-needed goal for us (the crowd went wild). In the next play of the ball Mikey Mc kicked to Ben I who kicked to Bomber who kicked onto the X man and he kicked a game-saving goal for the Marist team. The crowd went wilder, could we hope the game was now ours? The boys then put in the hard work as a team with saves by Dylan and Hugh, Dinan springing up to save the ball from the Jets, players putting their bodies on the line to smother the ball, Jezza marking and Bomber catching in sure hands.

The team were really supporting each other this quarter to keep their narrow lead. Toby made a brilliant tackle over the sideline and the final quarter finished with the mark of the season by Crowey catching it in the air. Marist had won by three points and we were into the Grand Final. Hard to believe and a very proud moment for all involved. The boys really got into the team song including Eric our master Russian dancer from last year with Liam in support. Tom V had a big moment in the centre of the celebrations with Happy Birthday chorusing across to the War Memorial. The final roundup by a very proud Coach Ash were Marist were a better team this week, they deserved to be in the Grand Final with players playing out of their usual positions and making the difference for the team. Coach Ash (with his connections ??!!), produced a flyover by the Roulettes to encourage the boys in the last quarter and maybe this was the difference. Whatever it was the boys played amazing football in that last quarter with a determination not seen for many weeks and they achieved their goal- The Grand Final.

Well done to all the boys and the coaching team. See you all for another nervous and tense day in two weeks time at Kingston Oval.

MAFC U14 DIV 1 1ST SEMI FINAL - SATURDAY, 28TH AUGUST 2010

MARIST	6.4	8.9	9.9	11.11	77
TUGGERANONG HAWKS	1.0	3.0	5.8	10.8	68

Goal Kickers: D. COX 2, M. Peterson 2, M. Pert, M. D'Amico , J. Kidd , C. Hall , L. Harman , C. Watson , L. Fairbairn-Cody

Best Players: M. D'Amico, L. Harman, J. Hicks, M. Pert, L. Tutty, J. Kidd

In what can only be described as footy's 'Great Escape' Marist U14 Div 1 withstood an inspired 2nd half challenge from the Tuggeranong Lions to emerge 9 point victors in a nail-biting semi-final at Kippax Oval. Given Marist had a week earlier beaten this same team by over 80 points only served to emphasise that finals footy can throw up some unexpected results. After Marist comfortably led 8.9 to 3.0 at the half time break history looked set to repeat itself.

The Lions, however, had other ideas. Momentum changed so dramatically in the 3rd quarter that onlookers could have sworn that the teams had swapped jumpers. At one stage in the final quarter the Lions had whittled down Marist's lead to just 3 points with 3 minutes on the clock. As things turned out Marist was able to weather the storm by kicking 2 late goals to save the match. All credit however must go to the Lions. Their effort in this match, especially after last week's poor performance, was truly outstanding. Marist, despite the 'ugly' footy in the 2nd half, should also be praised for finding a way to win in another desperately close match.

Marist began the match confidently enough scoring 6 straight unanswered goals. The Lions did manage to scramble a goal against the run of play near the end of the quarter but it was Marist that clearly had the upper hand in the 1st quarter. Moving the ball freely from defence



to attack and dominating virtually all stoppages Marist like the Titanic seemed invincible. Jasper Kidd, Marco D'Amico, Ryan Sandison and Lewis Harman propelled many of the Marist attacking forays inside 50. A successfully converted set shot from David Cox saw Marist post its first goal after 3 minutes.

Next a pin-point pass from Liam Tutty set up a Michael Peterson goal and then Lachie Fairbairn-Cody ran onto a long Marco D'Amico pass and scored his first. A brilliant screw around shot with a vicious curve brought up Michael Peterson's next goal and then Marco D'Amico landed a bouncing running goal from the edge of the 50. Lewis Harman then brought up Marist's 6th goal when a 50 metre penalty saw him popping it through from about 25 metres. Major ball winners for the quarter were Marco D'Amico with 9 disposals, Lewis Harman with 8 disposals & 2 marks, Jasper Kidd with 6 disposals and 2 marks and Ryan Sandison with 8 disposals and 3 marks.

Marist's domination continued into the 2nd quarter. Jasper Kidd put the Two Blues further in front with a nicely taken goal after receiving a slick pass from James McMahon. The Lions struck back at the 6th minute when they scrambled through another goal but this was almost immediately cancelled out when Chris Watson slotted through his first of the day from an acute angle. Despite Marist's domination there wasn't exactly much scoreboard action and this probably served only to help the Lions' confidence. So it came as no surprise that near the end of the quarter a long Lions lob inside 50 managed to roll through the 2 big sticks after clearing a line of Marist defenders.

For Marist major 2nd quarter contributors included Jasper Kidd with 10 disposals, Lewis Harman with 6 disposals and 3 marks, James McMahon with 6 disposals and 3 marks, Chris Watson with 7 disposals and Marco D'Amico with 9 disposals. Also notable this quarter was the strong forward pressure of Michael Peterson who brought up his 2nd holding the ball decision for the match. Meanwhile small men, Zac Sijacic, Liam Tutty and David Cox were seen constantly harassing their larger opponents and James Hicks was beginning to work into the game with a steadily building work rate that saw him play one of his best games of the year.

Exactly what happened in the 2nd half is open to speculation. Certainly the stats showed a major dive in virtually all key areas: marks, disposals and tackles. The Lions began the quarter with renewed vigour and it came as no surprise that the first goal of the quarter would be kicked by our opposition. David Cox cancelled this goal when he kicked his 2nd for the day soccer style but from here on the ascendancy was now all with the Lions. They kicked the next goal and then proceeded to pepper the Marist goal like a machine gun in a video game with unlimited ammunition.

When the smoke cleared Marist could count itself fortunate that poor kicking by the Lions had kept Marist in the game. The Lions had outscored Marist 2.8 to 1.0 for the quarter and to make matters worse our opposition seemed to barely have raised a sweat while Marist for all intents and purposes looked, at this stage, as spent as a team of NRL front rowers at the end of an Olympic Marathon. But while things certainly didn't look good for Marist a number of players including Lewis Harman, Jasper Kidd, James Hicks, Grange McMahon and Patrick Jackson kept battling hard to keep the listing, sinking Marist ship afloat.

As was expected the early momentum in the final quarter was again all with the rampaging Lions. By posting the first 2 goals the Lions looked set for the upset of the season. But their plans were temporarily upset when against the run of play Marist steadied with a goal to Campbell Hall from the goal square after a nice pass from Michael Peterson. 3 more goals to the Lions saw them set to pounce and take the lead. When the timekeeper indicated that only 3 minutes were left on the clock it was clear the match would go down to the wire. Fortunately for Marist the Lions runner's team message that only a couple of minutes remained was also heard by Marist ears and this seemed to elicit a final desperate effort to save the match.

With barely a minute left the Marist midfield, uncharacteristically quiet since half time, pumped the ball forward. Matthew Pert latched onto the resulting pass delivered wide into the pocket. The resulting set shot sailed over the goal umpire's hat and Marist was home and into a preliminary final. Like the 3rd quarter the final term was also down from statistics point of view. Marco D'Amico, Jasper Kidd and Lewis Harman topped the possession stats with half dozen disposals each while Ryan Catelli and James Hicks again took several important relieving marks when the match was in the balance.



MAFC U14 DIV 1 PRELIMINARY FINAL

SATURDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2010

On a very cold and wet day St Edmunds 11.16.82 defeated Marist 2.4.16

Although not a good outcome for our boys they are to be congratulated for the efforts for the year to finish up in a preliminary final is a great effort.

Thanks to all for your efforts, well done boys. Thanks to Coaching staff Martin Darcy and Tony Harman and Manager Maria Hicks.

MAFC U14 DIV 2 ROYAL - PRELIMINARY FINAL

SATURDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2010

MARIST	5.6.36
QUEANBEYAN	4.7.31

What a great finish to a very wet, windy and dirty day! What a great game of footy! Marist Lead all day and determinedly hung on to win by five points and never were a team so happy to have won.

To be there and see this team achieve such a great result was just awesome, just three weeks ago this team was fourth on the ladder and weren't going to play finals, but with a change to finals schedules and two great games look where we are – a Grand Final. Congratulations on a great finals campaign to date, well done, and all the best for the grand final.

To quote a couple of parents “i didn't realise how much i enjoy the afl until today”, “that took 'tikka' (heart) today boys and you earned it”, “how great are our young boys and our coach of course, that was the best footy I have been a part of ever”







MAFC UNDER 16 DIV 2 – 21ST AUGUST

MARIST	1.0	3.3	3.4	5.6	36
ST EDMUNDS	3.0	4.2	6.5	6.6	42

Best Players: Dudley, Fulton, Clark, Colmer, Fisher, Short

Goal Kickers: Hayden Jackson – 2, Jeremy Hopkins, Daniel Turner, Pietro Badalassi – 1

Well, winter is nearly over – but not yet! It was a cold, windy day at Hughes for last game for the U16 Div 2 boys. They were keen to end on a win but knew that after the previous game against St Edmunds, it would be a tough ask. It was great to have 22 players available and a few injured players cheering from the sideline. It was close for most of the game and but St Edmunds prevailed in the end to win by 1 goal. Although the season has come to an end and it has been a mixed season, results wise, there are a few things that are worth mentioning.

Firstly, a very special thanks goes to Bec McRae for the magnificent support to the coaches and players throughout the year. Knowing that the boys were in the capable hands of someone with physiotherapy experience was very reassuring for the parents. Bec showed great dedication and professionalism and was always ready when a player went down on the field. She also strapped numerous knees, ankles, wrists etc. prior to the games which meant that the boys could take to the field knowing that any niggling injuries would be minimised. Unfortunately in this last game Bec had to attend to three injuries, the worst of which was a broken collarbone for Hayden Jackson. We wish Hayden all the best for his recovery.

It has been a challenging year for the team as they had to deal with a high turnover of players due to long term injuries, players moving interstate and changing schools. A special mention to those boys that turned up to cheer on or assist the team even though they were injured. There were also times when a number of players were unavailable due to other sporting commitments. At various times we had to call on players from other teams to field a team and we thank those boys who played up for us when needed.

A special thanks to the coaches, especially Richard Fisher and John Clark, who filled in for the latter part of the season following the departure of Dean Logan. The coaches were positive and encouraged the boys to try their hardest. Thanks to Dean, Richard and John for your effort and for giving up your time to train the boys.

Although it has been challenging year, the boys showed grit and determination and always tried their hardest in every game. Their



commitment and dedication even when results didn't go their way, was great to see.

A big thank you to all the parents for the assistance they provided throughout the season. The game relies on volunteer managers, runners, water carriers, boundary and goal umpires, scorers and timekeepers.

We look forward to seeing everyone in season 2011.

MAFC UNDER 16 DIV 1

Extract from e-mail letter from Russell Fort – Coach

The gift that the parents presented after our last game was fantastic. Both Maddie and I were amazed that it was done and we thank all the parents for their generosity.

This year was a great year for the team. As a first year coach, I wasn't sure how the boys would respond to me or if they would show respect for myself. I think that my approach to football got me over the line. I was their coach, their mentor but also their friend.

At the end of the home & away season, it was clear we had a (huge) chance to take the flag, having beat every team besides Belconnen (with a draw), we were in with a shot. But we knew it required hard work.

However, the weekend's game showed that finals football becomes more competitive, with the Tigers stepping it up. They came out hungrier for the football and the first quarter was the match winning quarter.

With our heads held high in the last quarter, we out-scored them by 4 goals and walked off the ground with immense pride in our season accomplishments.

This is a team that, in the second half of the season, had every single player available, besides possibly one or two, each game, I thank both the players and the parents. It's not always easy getting your sons to football each and every week, and trying to fit both family and work commitments as well.

I also commend the boys for their training commitments. Usually only one or two away each training is fantastic. As the boys would know, training attendance was vital in the team's performance. To have that many numbers at training each week shows the boys commitment and enjoyment of the game.

This has been a great year for the team and the MAFC. With 5 teams in finals, it would be great to show your support for the club running into the finals.

I thank both Pat and Rick for their efforts this year. To have a trainer at each game and an assistant/runner is always great. Thanks also, to Maddie for her efforts this year. You can have a great squad, but the support staffs always makes the game day stuff more relaxing on me and I can concentrate on the boys and the game. Thanks to the parents for being supportive to Maddie for all match day responsibilities.

Lastly, I would like to thank the MAFC for the opportunity to coach one of their squads. MAFC is a great club and this is why I choose to come and coach at Marist. To go to school together, to train together, to socialise with each other is great and why I decided to coach at Marist. The boys work together, talk and support each other. I will definitely be putting my hand up for another coaching role next year if the club permits.

Thanks for the great year and look forward to seeing most, if not all next year.

Russell Fort – Coach MAFC U16 Div 1 – 2010.



FIRST XVIII - SECOND SEMI-FINAL VS AINSLIE 4 SEPTEMBER 2010

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MARIST	2.2	4.4	8.7	11.8	(74)
AINSLIE	4.0	4.1	5.1	7.2	(44)

Best Players: Dryburgh, Kelly, Campbell, Kane, Mahon, O'Halloran.

Goal Kickers Marist: Campbell 4, Kelly 4, Kazias, O'Halloran, O'Rourke each 1.

Despite the atrocious conditions at Manuka for the major semi-final, the Marist seniors took heart from a victory in similar weather over their opponents earlier in the season. The result only looked in doubt during the first quarter when despite the Two Blues having a majority of possession, Ainslie rebounded well and kicked straight.

From the beginning of the second quarter, Marist held sway and recorded a great team win. Coach Campbell's comment immediately after the siren when asked for best players was "Put the whole team down". The even-ness of the team performance was built on the coaches' instructions for the conditions – move the ball forward at all times, kick long, commit to the contest, support your team-mates.

There were highlights: great marking from Campbell, Kelly and Mahon particularly, a sliding contest for the ball from Gilly, Milky breaking clear from packs, John Kane in and under, and 'Slammer' McManus, despite not being 100 per cent, giving 100 per cent across the ruck. 'Wombo' Dryburgh, all heart and determination, played his best game ever for the Two Blues and deservedly was named man of the match.

The Two Blues now have a chance to write their own story in the grand final and add to a burgeoning Marist tradition in Canberra AFL.

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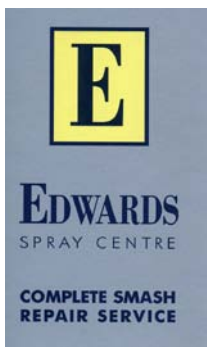


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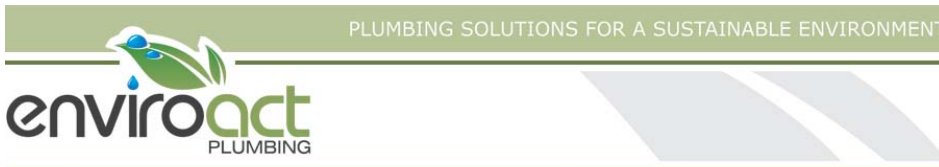
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