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PARAROOS SQUAD FOR CANADA CLASH CONFIRMED

Pararoos Head Coach Kai Lammert today announced Australia's 14-player squad for this month's international friendly against Canada at Cromer Park – the Pararoos' first official match on home soil in nineteen years.

Lammert's squad features two potential debutants – youngsters Jeremy Boyce (15) and Timothy Blowes (17) – as well as one player – captain David Barber – who is set to make his 100th appearance in the green and gold on home soil.

The Pararoos, who are Australia's national men's football team for athletes with cerebral palsy, acquired brain injury or symptoms acquired from stroke, will assemble in Sydney a few days prior to the match which will kick-off at 5.30pm on Saturday, 30 November 2019.

The fixture is open to the public (tickets available via Pararoos.com.au) with 100 per cent of ticket sales invested back into the Pararoos' programme to assist with future opportunities.

"We notified the players a couple of weeks ago about their selections in the squad and all the boys were thrilled with the news," Lammert said.

"Since then the players have been working hard with their own programs and with their respective clubs to ensure that they arrive in camp as ready as possible to make the most of this great opportunity against Canada.

"Fans that come to the game on November 30 will see a team made up of a range of different ages, backgrounds, and experiences. Seven of our 14 squad members are in their teens, highlighting our focus on youth, however we also have some extremely experienced Pararoos who lead our team including captain David Barber, goalkeeper Christopher Pyne, attacker Benjamin Roche, and defender Ben Atkins," he said.

Australia's squad for the match against Canada combines players from four states, with New South Wales having eight representatives, Victoria three, Western Australia two, and Queensland one.

The Pararoos' match against Canada – which is being hosted with support from the Manly Warringah Football Association (MWFA) – has been made possible thanks to support received from the FIFA Forward 2.0 Football Development Programme.

FIFA Forward 2.0 helps fund and support initiatives pursued by its Member Associations, and FIFA's six Confederations, that enable football to reach its potential so that everyone that wants to take part in the world game can do so without barriers.

FFA has received FIFA Forward 2.0 funding not only to bring the Pararoos' home match to life, but to support training camps for the team in 2020 which will assist Australia's preparations for the IFCPF Nations Championships to be held in Sant Cugat, Spain next June.

Pararoos 14-Player Squad | Australia v Canada – International Friendly | Saturday, 30 November 2019 | Cromer Park, Cromer, NSW

Name	Club, Country	A-International Caps (Goals)
Ben ATKINS (27)	New South Wales	70 (8)
David Barber (C) (1)	Queensland	99 (70)
Christopher BARTY (35)	Western Australia	33 (0)
Timothy BLOWES	New South Wales	0 (0)
Jeremy BOYCE	New South Wales	0 (0)
Connor BUNCE (55)	Western Australia	7 (4)
Daniel CAMPBELL (53)	New South Wales	13 (2)
Cosimo CIRILLO (49)	Victoria	8 (1)
Matthew HEARNE (46)	Victoria	20 (2)
Taj LYNCH (51)	New South Wales	14 (1)
Angus MACGREGOR (44)	Victoria	10 (1)
Augustine MURPHY (52)	New South Wales	9 (1)

Pararoos v Canada – International Friendly

Date: Saturday, 30 November 2019

Venue: Cromer Park (South Creek Road, Cromer, NSW)

Kick-off: 5.30pm AEDT

Tickets: Tickets on sale now via www.pararoos.com.au (100 per cent of ticket sales invested back into the Pararoos)

FFA Board elections: Who's up for a spot?

Today, two new members will be elected to the board of the FFA, but who exactly is in line to hold a position to shape the future of the game in Australia?



ROBYN FITZROY

Robyn Fitzroy is the Principal of Ixion Corporation, a consultancy group specialising in board governance and company development. **Fitzroy was** nominated by Football Tasmania and seconded by Football Queensland.

She has over 20 years of experience in the banking and financial sector having previously been Executive Director of Macquarie Bank from 1992 till 2001 and is currently a non-executive director of Australian credit union Gateway Bank.

Fitzroy holds a Bachelor's Degree in Arts from Macquarie University and a Diploma in Information Technology and Business Application from the esteemed Harvard University.

If elected, Fitzroy would be the only board member with 'technology experience or qualification', which is a criteria on the Congress Review Working Groups' qualifications matrix.

She doesn't have football running through her veins but she brings with her business and financial acumen which may help plug the gap of financier Crispin Murray.

SHANE HEALY

Shane Healy has a wealth of experience in communications having been General Manager of radio stations 3AW, 6PR in Perth and Southern Cross Broadcasting.

He has been Director of Media Communications at Catholic Archdiocese in Melbourne since 2015 and was nominated by Newcastle Jets and seconded by Melbourne Victory.

Healy has made a career in the media industry but his formal qualifications fall in the range of education. He holds a Master's Degree in Education Administration and taught at Catholic College Bendigo in Victoria.

Healy enjoyed some time as a sports broadcaster and director while cutting his teeth at 3AW in the early 1990s calling VFL and AFL matches.

The board candidate, according to the Daily Telegraph, is focused on expanding revenue streams for the FFA with "key areas of rights management and negotiations and the sourcing of sponsors and revenue"

This is a necessary goal following the separation of the FFA and the A-League which severed the federation's biggest revenue stream.

A-League 6th Round Table

	TEAM	MP	W	D	L	GOAL	Pts
1	Melbourne City	6	4	1	1	13:9	13
2	Sydney FC	5	4	0	1	11:6	12
3	WS Wanderers	5	3	1	1	6:4	10
4	Western United	6	3	1	2	8:7	10
5	Adelaide United	5	3	0	2	9:7	9
6	Perth Glory	5	1	3	1	6:6	6
7	Brisbane Roar	5	1	2	2	5:6	5
8	Melbourne Victory	6	1	2	3	6:8	5
9	Newcastle Jets	5	1	2	2	5:8	5
10	Central Coast Mariners	5	1	1	3	6:10	4
11	Wellington Phoenix	5	0	1	4	5:9	1

A-League 6th Round Results

Sydney FC - Melbourne Victory 2-1
Brisbane Roar - Melbourne City 4-3
Western United - Newcastle Jets 0-1
Central Coast Mariners - Adelaide United 1-3

A-League Round 7

22.11. WS Wanderers - Melbourne City
23.11. Wellington Phoenix - Brisbane Roar
23.11. Adelaide United - Melbourne Victory
23.11. Perth Glory - Sydney FC
24.11. Central Coast Mariners - Western United