

## **Next Coach Program 2017 – commencing March 29**

The Next Coach Program commenced in 2009. Since then more than 60 aspiring coaches have participated in the Program including the first participant West Coast Coach Adam Simpson. New Melbourne Coach Simon Goodwin has also been through the program along with another 34 coaches who are currently at AFL clubs.

The Next Coach Program has established a wonderful reputation, however it has previously only been offered to current AFL coaches or players. The program is now open to suitably credentialed coaches wishing to be educated alongside current and aspiring coaches from the AFL ranks.

Information about the Next Coach Program for applicants.

1. There are 6 criteria for participation:
  - a. A genuine desire to pursue a career in coaching;
  - b. A Level 2 Coaching qualification would be favourably considered;
  - c. An intellectual capacity to understand Coaching concepts and ideas;
  - d. A willingness to research Coaching by reading documents, articles and books and watching selected videos;
  - e. Enthusiasm to commit to the course involving 10 interactive sessions on Wednesday evenings, which may be attended in person in Melbourne or on a Video Conferencing meeting link which will allow you to join from any location; and
  - f. Commitment ... you will be expected to submit all written assignments.
2. You will need to submit a written application to be considered to participate in the program, which will address:
  - a. How you meet the Participant Criteria outlined above;
  - b. Details of a Referee from your Club who will confirm your suitability; and
  - c. Any other study commitments you will be undertaking in 2017.
3. The cost of the Next Coach Program is \$3,000 +GST and payable prior to beginning the program.
4. To receive a Next Coach Certificate and a written testimonial from David Wheadon, participants must meet the following standards:
  - a. Submit each of the written assignments; and
  - b. Participate in at least 70% of group sessions in real time (sessions will be available on the occasions you are not able to join live).
5. Applications for the 2017 Next Coach Program close on Wednesday March 22.

**Those wishing to participate in the 2017 program need to:**

- **Register via the following link:**  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUzq4Rz6lqV9ly4heySkiTYH3vnYNVnQ-dwqUh7OMdevL0OA/viewform>
- **Submit a written application in reference to the criteria above - [ron.watt@afca.com.au](mailto:ron.watt@afca.com.au)**

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