

There is Moore than meets the eye about Collingwood's fighter against racism

Darcy Moore, the captain of the Collingwood Football Club, grew up very close to the team. His dad, Peter Moore, was a famous Collingwood player who won two Brownlow Medals. As a kid, Darcy would play footy at the club before the games even started. He went to a private school and had many opportunities growing up.

Even though Darcy's life was very different from the experiences of many First Nations peoples, he has become a strong leader in the fight against racism at Collingwood. In 2021, a report called the Do Better Report found that Collingwood needed to make changes. It showed that racism had been a problem inside the club for a long time. The club promised to do better.

Since then, Collingwood has changed leadership, and Darcy has become a key part of helping the club move forward. He has spoken to his teammates about the hard truths in the report and the need to create a safer, fairer club for everyone.

Part of what motivated Darcy was reading about the experiences of Leon Davis, a proud Ballardong Whadjuk Yuat Yamatji man and former Collingwood star. Leon was a hero for Darcy growing up. But Darcy learned that during his time at Collingwood, Leon faced racism and often felt excluded. Even though Leon loved the club, he once walked away because of how badly he was treated. Hearing Leon's story was very upsetting for Darcy, but it made him even more determined to create change.

Darcy also took part in a special healing ceremony at Victoria Park to remember an important moment in Australian football history. Thirty years ago, Nicky Winmar, a proud Noongar man, stood up to racism by lifting his guernsey and pointing to his skin after being abused by the crowd during a game against Collingwood. Darcy admitted that, in the past, Collingwood was not on the right side of history. But after speaking with Nicky Winmar himself, Darcy gave a heartfelt speech at the ceremony, promising to work towards a future where everyone is treated with respect.

Darcy said he felt honoured to meet Nicky and to be part of a new movement at Collingwood, one that celebrates strength, solidarity, and healing. He repeated this message at another special AFL event, reminding everyone that true leadership means standing up, even when it's hard. Darcy Moore is showing that being a good leader is about more than winning games. It's about listening, learning, and standing up for what's right so that everyone can belong.

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