

Soccer player gets bond over assault

WANGARATTA City soccer player Mario Antonello was last week found guilty of unlawful assault against 16-year-old Albury player Tanner Browne.

Magistrate Stella Stuthridge placed the 32-year-old on a good behaviour bond and ordered him to pay Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital \$750 following a hearing into an on-field incident in July last year.

No conviction was recorded.

Antonello claimed that Tanner had been abusing him during a reserves' match when the assault took place.

Antonello had stepped on his opponent's foot but claimed he had no intention of injuring Tanner.

The court also heard that Antonello had shouldered Tanner in the back.

Ms Stuthridge dismissed charges against Antonello of recklessly or intentionally causing serious injury.

Crafty plan to deal with winter blues



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WINTER has descended, but it's no time to hibernate, and the Wangaratta Library has the ideal project for experienced or budding crafters who would love to help those in need.

In conjunction with its June Get Crafty program, the library is overseeing a 101 Beanie project.

It encourages locals to get out their knitting needles, grab a free pattern, and help create 101 beanies for Wangaratta Carevan to distribute throughout the community.

When completed, the beanies can be dropped in to the library in Docker Street.

Library manager Louene Twyford said the beanies could be a project for those coming along to the library's Sit and Knit sessions, to be held every Thursday during June from 4pm to 6pm, beginning tomorrow.

"People may like to work on beanies, or can bring along their own knitting project," Ms Twyford said.



GET KNITTING: Wangaratta Library's Ann Maree Phillips hopes local knitters and would-be crafters get involved with the Get Crafty sessions at the library, and at the same time help produce beanies for people in need.

PHOTO: Luke Plummer

"It will be a relaxed and friendly session, and library staff will be there to have a chat and help out."

Sit and Knit is open to all ages and skill levels, with tea and coffee provided, and no bookings are required.

The library also has sessions focusing on crochet (June 11) for all ages, and sewing (June 25 and July 9) for eight to 15 year olds - BYO sewing machine, spare needle and thread. Bookings are required for these sessions.

Ms Twyford said the craft

events were an opportunity to bring back basic craft skills which could otherwise be lost.

For more information about getting crafty at the library during June, phone 57212366 or drop into the library in Docker Street.

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