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Teen's stadium dream **Manhunt**

By ANNA HARRINGTON

PLAYING on a professional ground is the stuff of many young footballers' dreams.

For Altona Meadows youngster, Jackson Menadue, it became a reality when, as part of the Round Nine match between the Western Bulldogs and St Kilda, he took to the Etihad Stadium field in a half-time game of AFL 9s.

Jackson's opportunity came through his involvement in The Whitten Project, a Western Bulldogs community initiative working to develop 40 local teenagers into the West's leaders of tomorrow.

"I've been wanting to do it for a while - I've always wanted to play on Etihad, so it was good fun," Jackson said.

A lifelong Bulldogs supporter, Jackson plays for local side Altona and is also part of the Western Jets' Brad Johnson squad, an early pathway to the TAC Cup Under 18s competition.

Western Jets talent manager Shane Sexton said he nominated Jackson for the program after the young midfielder's rapid development over the past year.

With the program to date also including an inspirational session with former AFL player Jason McCartney, Jackson said his participation in The Whitten Project had given him the drive to take on more leadership roles in the future.

"I've never been really that confident in front of groups ... but I think after the last four days it's helped me a lot," Jackson said.

"I've become a lot more confident and my leadership's



Local footballer Jackson Menadue played a half-time match at Etihad Stadium as part of his involvement with The Whitten Project. 100399 Picture: ANNA HARRINGTON

getting a lot better," he said. Currently completing his Year 10 studies at MacKillop College, Jackson will work with The Whitten Project for eight months in total, while he also hopes to take up AFL 9s over summer.

By NICOLE VALICEK

POLICE are looking for a 28-year-old man who is wanted for his alleged involvement in an aggravated burglary and theft in Williamstown.

Hussein Hussein is described as 175 centimetres tall with brown eyes, black hair, olive complexion and an obese build.

It is alleged Hussein was involved in aggravated burglary and theft in Williamstown in February 2013.

Warrants have also been issued for Hussein's arrest in relation to driving offences and failing to appear at the Sunshine Magistrates' Court.

If you know where to locate Hussein Hussein, call Crime Stoppers on 1800 on 1800 333 000 or report confidentially online at www.crimestoppers.com.au



Hussein Hussein was allegedly involved in aggravated burglary and theft in Williamstown. Police are keen to interview him. 100457 Picture: SUPPLIED

Wigs 'false alarm'

HOBSONS Bay's top cop Inspector Richard Paterson said "confusion and misreporting" marked two incidents in Williamstown and Upper Beaconsfield last week.

On Thursday 30 May, police received a report of a vehicle with two men wearing orange wigs driving past a school on Burton Rd, Upper Beaconsfield.

The vehicle did not stop and the men did not speak, according to the police.

Police made their way to the school on Tuesday 4 June to see if any further information was available.

Police said a report was filed on Tuesday 4 June after a staff member from a local primary school saw a vehicle being driven by a person in an orange wig.

They said the person in the vehicle did not stop or say anything, and the matter was reported only because the person had heard reports about the Upper Beaconsfield matter.

"At no stage during either incident was there any attempted abduction. No child was spoken to or touched by any person," Insp Paterson said.

He said police had taken the information, and detectives from the Dandenong Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Investigation Teams (SOCIT's) were making inquiries to ensure there wasn't anything of a criminal nature involved.

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