

## 'Captain Blood' honoured at \$290m Richmond apartment precinct

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Dyer St at the Jaques precinct in Richmond is named in honour of Tigers hero Jack "Captain Blood" Dyer.

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**LATE Tigers great Jack Dyer was honoured at the official opening of a new \$290 million residential and retail development in Richmond today, with a laneway named after him.**

The "Dyer St" sign was unveiled by Dyer's son, Jack Dyer Jr, alongside City of Yarra mayor Amanda Stone, to mark the completion of the redevelopment of the former Jaques Bros Foundry.

Mr Dyer said his father — an Australian Football Hall of Famer — would have been “very, very proud” of the tribute.

“Dad was more or less born in Richmond, spent all of his teenage life in Richmond, loved the Richmond people and the Richmond Football Club,” he said.

“He only lived about 1km from here in Fraser St and also in Docker St, which is about a drop-kick and a five iron away.”

Richmond Football Club chief executive Brendon Gale also hailed Dyer at the launch: “Arguably there is no greater player at our club than Jack Dyer ... and in terms of connection with the community, Jack Dyer was the personification of that.

“He was a champion for hardworking, struggling people who had so much pride. He enforced the law on the field and off the field as a copper doing the beat. He ran a milk bar and a florist shop.”

Gale said the Richmond footy club was founded in the same year as Edward Jaques and Edwin Philips launched the Jaques Bros Foundry in 1885 when Richmond was a “struggle town”.

“The players were very much entrenched in the community — they lived here, worked here and went to school here, and ultimately played football,” he said.

Known as ‘Captain Blood’, Dyer played 312 games for Richmond from 1931 to 1948, kicked 443 goals, helped the team to win two premierships in 1934 and 1943, and won six Best and Fairest awards.

He was the captain from 1941 to 1949 and coached from 1941 to 1952, after which he turned to the media and commentating. Dyer died, aged 89, in August 2003.



City of Yarra mayor Amanda Stone and Jack Dyer Jr unveil the Dyer St sign at the completed Jaques residential and retail development in Richmond. Picture: Timothy Burgess. Source: Supplied

The five-year Jaques urban renewal project by the Riverlee Group and Macquarie Real Estate Equity Funds saw the 1ha former foundry site, which produced rock crushing machinery, become 360 apartments and 17 townhouses with 2530sq m of open space for amenity.

Crafted over three stages, Jaques features five integrated buildings ranging from four to 10 levels and incorporates brick, steel, timber and copper materials.



Jaques architect Karl Fender, of Fender Katasalidis Architects, Riverlee Group founder Clement Lee, Planning Minister Richard Wynne, Jack Dyer Jr, City of Yarra mayor Amanda Stone and Richmond Football Club chief executive Brendon Gale in front of the Jack Dyer memorial at the entrance to the Jaques development in Richmond. Source: *Herald Sun*

It features the factory's original red brick tower at the southwestern entrance, which bares plaques detailing the history of the site, the Jaques family and Dyer's achievements.

Original drawings and blueprints for the manufacturing of the rock crushing machinery are on display inside three of the buildings, while five have been named in honour of the site's history — Boiler Shop Building, Hammerhill Apartments, 5 Tonne Apartments and Iron Works Building.



Stage 1 of the Jaques residential and retail development features the original factory walls from the Jaques Bros Foundry, dating back to 1880s. Source: *Supplied*



Riverlee Group spokeswoman Kristine Lee said locals had embraced Jaques, with the majority of buyers having lived within a 5-7km radius of the site.

She said about 70 per cent of buyers were owner-occupiers, and fewer than 6 per cent resided offshore.

With the exception of a penthouse, set to hit the market next month, all three stages of Jaques have sold out.

Residents have been moving in since the first stage was completed in 2013.

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