



Nick Alvino, Tim Ginever, Joe Maiorana, and Matt Carey promote the charity match.

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Footy grudge match to help sick children

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AN ANNUAL grudge match between Happy Valley and Flagstaff Hill football clubs this weekend will support seriously ill children.

The club's A-Grade sides will fight it out for the annual Wal Baxter and Bob Farrell Shield this Saturday (July 5), and at the same time raise money for the Little Heroes Foundation.

Former Port player Tim Ginever, until recently the Foundation's relationship manager, will be manning the gates and the barbecue.

"The Foundation raises money for kids with cancer and the services and equipment they need," Mr Ginever says.

"It also raises money for kids that have got really rare diseases and they might not have a charity or body

specifically for them, so someone has got to support and look after them in their hour of need."

Happy Valley Vikings life member Joe Maiorana says the match will be a battle between the two clubs "on the hill".

Mr Maiorana, a sales consultant at Elders Tagni Real Estate at Happy Valley, which is a major sponsor of the club, says the Vikings

have won every shield since it started in 2002.

"But there could always be a first for the other team," he says.

Happy Valley is sitting fourth on the Southern Football League's A-grade ladder and Flagstaff Hill is fifth.

The match will be at the Happy Valley oval, Taylors Rd West, Aberfoyle Park. Gates open at 8.30am.