

SOUTH YARRA



David Lawrence has launched a new book.

Novel kicks off footy story

A SOUTH Yarra author and comedian has combined his work and a love of footy for his latest novel.

David Lawrence's *Fox Swift* is a football book for children, complete with expert tips and training drills from Hawthorn superstar Cyril Rioli and cartoons by Jo Gill.

Lawrence said the book was about Fox Swift, an 11-year-old football star who moves to the country.

"Fox has to choose which of the town's two teams to join: the rich Dragons, which attract all the best young footballers, or the Diggers, a struggling club that battles to field a side each week," Lawrence said.

"Following a run-in with the captain of the Dragons, Fox decides to join the Diggers."

He said the book followed Fox on his journey recruiting new players and AFL

'magician' Cyril Rioli, who agrees to lend his football expertise to the team when they are struggling.

Lawrence said the book was aimed at encouraging more children to read. One of the author's highlights was working with Cyril Rioli, despite being a life-long Essendon supporter. "He's a really modest football star," Lawrence said.

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