

# MAGPIES WELL TANGLED IN

**CAPTAIN-coach** of the Southport Magpies, Bob Webb, is a fair dinkum fitness crank and players know it — with his early pre-season training of old and new men.

Even some of the more rotund players like Davie Burns and Warren Burnes are starting to trim down to a svelte shape.

Keenness is at a high standard among all players and president, Allan MacKenzie, seems to think 1975 will be the year for the pennant to return to Southport.

Maybe he is somewhat influenced by some of the excellent imports that the Pies have obtained — big men like Bill Ryan, late of

Coorparoo, Queensland captain for the last two years and before that the Geelong and Victorian VFL player.

## Boys improving

They have also Steve Hunter, also late of Coorparoo, an excellent in-form player and a man who can play in a multitude of positions including half back flank, rover or ruck.

# BOB'S PHYSICAL FITNESS WEBB

Younger players like Zane Taylor, from Footscray Colts, Steve Merritt and Robert Matheson, both from Victoria — these boys are really starting to shape up with the Magpies.

The Pies committee is also pleased to see many of the oldtimers and last year's players, also in training. Club stalwarts like Polly Rankin, Barry

Rudd, Wayne Eastman and also a real Magpie die-hard, Mick Kelly.

In order to allow some of the new players to meet the local people, the Southport committee has organised a players meet the supporters night, in the Down Under Bar at the Pacific Hotel on Friday night, March 14.

Admission is \$2.50

per head and refreshments include a chicken and champagne supper. All are cordially invited.

The Magpies committee has also announced the appointment of Kevin Smith, of the Pacific Hotel, as club secretary. His appointment follows the recent sad loss to the club of previous secretary, Col Munro.

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