

Game

Ex-serviceman has troops battle-ready

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CHARLIE LYNN has run from Sydney to Melbourne and back more than once.

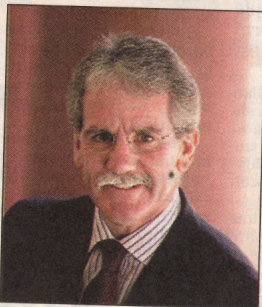
A former career army officer, he has also made numerous treks across the infamous Kokoda Track in New Guinea.

He has even carved out a new career path for himself as a Coalition member of the NSW Upper House.

Yet Lynn, who hails from Orbost in north-east Victoria, has strong blood ties to Australian football.

Brownlow Medallist and Brisbane Lions captain Michael Voss is a nephew, as is St Kilda's Brett Voss. It does not end there. Former Carlton player Tony Lynn is a nephew, too.

But Lynn wants to be remembered most as a pioneer of international Australian Rules. As a lieutenant in the ANZUK Force in Singapore he competed locally for Chia-Keng club in the services competition.



Warrior chief: Charlie Lynn

During his time in the army he also played for the Wilston-Grange Gorillas in the Queensland AFL, Seymour in the Victorian Goulburn Valley League and was captain-coach of the Army Termites team while posted in Sydney.

As the rookie coach of the Kokoda Warriors in *The Australian Footy Game*, Lynn wants

speed, skill, guts and experience in his squad.

"I've signed up a fortress defence built around Glen Jakovich, Ben Hart and Mick Martyn," he said. "The midfield is explosive, based on Michael Voss and Nathan Buckley and well supported by youngsters Brett Voss and Sydney's Brett Kirk."

"They provide the platform for creative attacking options while Jeff White's talents in the ruck should put the Warriors into an attacking mode at the centre bounce. I've gone for goal sneaks in Che Cockatoo-Collins and Gavin Wanganeeen to capitalise on every opportunity fed to them by Wayne Carey. Matthew Lloyd takes on the role of executioner in the goal square.

"A game of footy is no different to a war game and I would expect to see the opposition raise the white flag soon after half-time. My team of Warriors will be harder to crack than the Turks were at Gallipoli."

Charlie Lynn Kokoda Warriors

Full-backs: Michael Martin (Kan), Simon Prestigiacomo (Col),
Defenders: Glen Jacovich (WCE), Dale Kickett (Fre), David Wirrpunda (WCE), David Wojcinski (Gee), Ben Hart (Ade), Nathan Brown (Mel).
Midfielders: Michael Voss (Bri), Brett Voss (StK), Brett Kirk (Syd), Mark McVeigh (Ess), Nathan Buckley (Col), Shaun McManus (Fre), Tony Liberatore (Bul).

Forwards: Leo Barry (Syd), Wayne Carey (Kan), Che Cockatoo-Collins (PAD), Gavin Wanganeeen (PAD), Aaron James (Rch), Aaron Lord (Haw).
Full-forwards: Brendan Fevola (Car), Matthew Lloyd (Ess).
Rucks: Jeff White (Mel), Paddy Steinfort (Ric).