

Will the Bulldogs bite?

Ballarat Football League throws out the lure and begins the waiting game

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IT HAS made its pitch, now all the Ballarat Football League can do is bide its time as Gisborne decides on an offer to switch from the Bendigo Football League.

A convoy from the Ballarat Football League, led by chief executive Rod Ward, made its play to the Bulldogs committee last Wednesday night to entice the club over for the 2010 season.

Confirming it had made an offer to

Gisborne early last month, Ward estimated the club would be \$40,000 better off by switching leagues, in addition to cutting down travel time by up to 50 per cent.

Re-outlining the advantages of the proposed change at the meeting last week, Ward said he believed the league had "put (its) best foot forward".

"We were thrilled. We thought it was a very positive meeting and we really appreciate the opportunity to present our case," he said.

"But we think we got a fair hearing and certainly outlined the financial benefits, the rivalry benefits, the travel benefits.

"We're expecting they'll probably get back to us in a couple of weeks."

Speaking last week, Gisborne president Graeme Love said that would be the case.

He said the committee would "give ourselves a couple of weeks to think about it" before meeting to discuss a final decision.

"They've spoken to us and now it's

time for us to sit down and analyse the pros and cons," Love said.

"I'm making no comment (on the proposal) as I don't want to influence anybody one way or another.

"Everybody's got to have their own thoughts on what they want. When we have the meeting I'll put what I think, people can put what they think. We'll go from there."



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