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ably above them.
 The BFL is ranked No.10 in country Victoria.
 The BFL interleague team has been coached by Brad Nicholls for the past few years and Hartman said Football Geelong had spoken to him about staying involved in some capacity.
 "The results for the Bellarine haven't been the best so we are throwing up all positions," Hartman said.
 "We know we have got some interest already from people who will apply."
 The BFL has not won an interleague game since 2007.
 "The pool results in the last two years come back as a reflection on the Bellarine clubs and the league," Hartman said.
 The BFL will travel to Bendigo to play the Murray league on Sunday, May 22.
 Meanwhile, Terry Bright will continue as the GFL's interleague coach.
 The GFL meet the Ballarat Football League in Ballarat, also on May 22.

American leads NZ Open

AMERICAN golfer Robert Gates shot a 5-under 67 yesterday to take a one-stroke lead over Australia's Andrew Dodt (68) after the second round of the New Zealand Open.
 Gates had a 12-under 132 total at The Hills in an event which is the season opener for the US Nationwide Tour and co-sanctioned by the Australasian PGA.
 American D.J. Brigman (69) was three back at nine under and countrymen Kevin Chappell (66) and Darron Stiles (69) were eight under

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REV IT UP: Jason Richards is competing in the first round of the Rotax Pro Tour Karting in Geelong. Photo: PHILLIP STUBBS

V8 star karts himself back to his roots

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STAR V8 supercar driver Jason Richards is returning to the sport that launched his motor racing career when he straps in to contest the Rotax Pro Tour at Beckley Park Raceway, starting today.
 Richards, a two-time New Zealand Touring Cars champion, started his ascent towards supercar driving as a wide-eyed eight-year-old surging around karting tracks in New Zealand in the mid 1980s.
 The Team BOC member spearheads a start-studded field in the two-day event,

which is the first stop of the four-leg national series and is a qualifier for the prestigious Rotax World Tour.
 Richards, who has never raced in Geelong before, is using this weekend's event to rediscover the rhythm of racing after a Christmas lay-off and hopes to impart some inspiration on some emerging V8 drivers.
 "I've been out of car since December, we go to Abu Dhabi to race first round of the championship next month so this is helping me get my mind back into racing," he said.

"Quite honestly, this is good preparation for me and it's just a lot of fun. I race cars for living, but this is where it all started for me, from eight to 16 (years old) I was racing karts and followed my dream to become a race car driver.
 "It shows the kids who are wanting to be in my shoes in years to come that this is the correct step, the correct way forward to follow their dream."
 Karting has emerged as a pathway to motor racing glory for several V8 stars, with Mark Winterbottom, Jamie Whincup and Michael Caruso

all starting their career in karts.
 Event promoter Ian Black, of IKD, said the event was the highest level of Rotax racing in Australia, featuring some of the sport's biggest names.
 "David Sera is competing, he has won about nine Australian titles and is the No. 1 ranked Rotax driver, he's the current Australian champion and has been dominant for a couple of years now," he said.
 Qualifying kicks off this morning before the action intensifies from 11am tomorrow when the best of the best battle it out in the finals.

Aussie swim coach quits amid rift