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2026 GRAND FINAL

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2026



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Tom King



Welcome to 2026 Bendigo Bank Bendigo Football Netball League Grand Final day.

The 2026 season has been one to remember for me personally and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to BFNL matches throughout the season, meeting new people and continuing to build trust and relationships with BFNL people.

Congratulations to all teams and clubs who are competing today, along with the hundreds of devoted support staff and volunteers, for their tireless effort and dedication to season 2026.

The 2026 Finals Series has been an incredible one, with 8 of our 9 BFNL Clubs having a team play at least two matches. The weather has absolutely turned it on for the first five days, putting us in a great position heading into what is a highly anticipated BFNL Grand Final Day under glorious spring sunshine.

Grand Final Day is ultimately a day of celebration for both the league and all clubs for what has been a hugely successful Home & Away and Finals Series thus far. Participation, competitiveness, and interest continue to thrive, and as a league, we look forward to what the future holds with anticipation.

Before I get stuck into a lengthy thank you list, I thought I'd share some of my personal highlights for the BFNL in 2026:

- **Broadford v South Bendigo Season Opener** – There was a lot of unknowns for that late March season opener but the sheer joy the Broadford community showed on that day and throughout the 2026 season has been fantastic. While acknowledging they have a long way to go on the field, the community support and love for the club is undeniable.
- **Interleague day against the O&M** – My clear highlight of the season. Five teams all in the Blue & Gold showcasing our very best talent at our home, the QEO. A stacked Open Netball team that showed why we're the best regional netball competition and a Senior football team led by a league legend who banded together and produced a famous victory for the BFNL.
- **Harry Trott & Tannery Lane host BFNL Finals** – For the first time in 20+ years, the BFNL played Finals away from the QEO. Blessed by perfect weather it showcased two of the BFNL's best venues while providing valuable fundraising opportunities for the Clubs. While it wasn't without its challenges, I can confidently say the trial was a success.

First up, I want to sincerely thank the staff at AFL Central Victoria for their support throughout 2026, with a special shout out to AFL CV Region Manager, Cam Tomlins, Operations Manager, Jay Cathrine and

BFNL Netball Operations, Karen Pascoe for their ongoing support that helps make the BFNL what it is.

I also want to thank the BFNL Board, including Chair Brett Fitzpatrick, who have supported me throughout 2026, volunteering their time to serve the League from a governance standpoint while continuing to expand our commercial portfolio and investigating new revenue streams.

To all BFNL clubs, regardless of whether you are represented today or not, we thank and appreciate your efforts. The success of the league reflects the hard-working people behind the scenes, including officials, volunteers, and supporters who get the job done week in, week out, all year long. The tireless work of club volunteers runs all calendar year long, not just whilst the season is in operation.

We extend our sincere thanks to all BFNL sponsors who have supported us during season 2026. Particularly our major partner, the Bendigo Bank, who once again provided significant support to the BFNL along with many other local sporting communities. The Bank are long time supporters of the BFNL and without them, the League would look vastly different.

We also thank Bendigo Mazda for their continued support of our Netball competition. Richard and the team at Bendigo Mazda are long time backers of our netball program and we thank them for their ongoing support.

We thank Workforce XS who once again supported our representative teams in 2026, including another home edition of Interleague Football & Netball in Bendigo as we hosted the O&M for two football matches – Under 19's and Seniors and three netball matches. More about that below. Without the support of Richard Carrabott and the Workforce XS team, Interleague and Representative Netball would not be possible, so we thank them for continually giving back to local community football and netball.

Our partnership with Kieser Bendigo entered its second year helping us to continually improve our livestreams and stats analysis throughout the season. The Kieser Volunteer Recognition of Service Award also saw its second season and was presented at our Michelsen & Thompson Medal ceremony to co-winners, Golden Square's Wendy Donegan and South Bendigo's Laura Power.

The Bart 'n' Print team is an integral part of the BFNL designing and creating our weekly Record while also contributing to our annual Rising Star award where we recognise the best up and coming talent in both football and netball. We thank Steve, Mark, Jodie and everyone at Bart 'n' Print for their continued support in 2026.



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We also acknowledge new commercial arrangements with Red Onion Creative & Local Footy Hub who provide us with services and a platform to broadcast our livestreams, match replays, match statistics & highlights.

To our goal kicking partner Coffee Storm, The Bendigo Club who once again were able to host a successful Michelsen & Thompson Medal event, the Asahi Group, La Trobe University, Simon Rosa Landscaping, Drummond Golf Bendigo, Sherrin, Guzman y Gomez, Gold Central Victoria, Bendigo Party Hire, Great Ideas Awards and Gifts, High St X-Ray, Premier Data, Cleanaway – we thank you all for your various support, helping us to reach Grand Final day.

The BFNL receives great coverage from our media partners, which we are grateful for. Thank you to Fresh FM 101.5 for their continued broadcast and comprehensive coverage of the BFNL competition throughout the season, including another successful broadcast of the 2026 pre-Michelsen Medal count, which continues to go to the new levels.

It's been a big year for the crew from FreshFM as they celebrate their 40th year of broadcasting Bendigo football. We congratulate all involved, both past and present on this enormous achievement.

We recognise Nathan Dole who also provides a power of weekly content, previews, and analysis of football and netball matches weekly, and the knowledgeable Richard Jones for the provision of ongoing BFNL history-based content.

We sincerely thank Steve & Jack Dilks from Fort Bend Film Club (formally SAA Imaging) for their high-quality photography and video services throughout the long season, covering the action across a range of BFNL football and netball matches weekly, as well as our interleague campaign along with many other BFNL special events. The volume and quality of coverage achieved by Steve & Jack weekly is unbelievable, as he continues to capture all the memories of our matches and events.

Thanks to Kylie Ellis, for her exemplary vote calling services at the both the Michelsen & Thompson Medal and pre-count event, along with the smooth Joel Peterson for hosting the Michelsen & Thompson Medal and our 2026 Season Launch.

Congratulations to all winners announced at last Sunday's 2026 Michelsen & Thompson Medal. To be able to celebrate another successful season by recognising several outstanding individual seasons in their respective competitions is a great highlight on the calendar for the League.

The prestigious evening was capped with a spectacular Michelsen Medal Count with Eaglehawk's Ben Thompson using 3-votes in the final game of the season to jump a tie between Kangaroo Flat's Angus Macpherson & Gisborne's Pat McKenna on 17 votes.

Kangaroo Flat FNC star goaler, Ruby Barkmeyer claimed her maiden Betty Thompson Medal as the BFNL's Best & Fairest player in our A-Grade competition on an outstanding 33 votes.

The Betty Thompson Medal is another piece of recognition for the magnificent player that Ruby is. Having returned to Kangaroo Flat in 2025 after her stint with the Vixens, Ruby has slotted in seamlessly.

We also congratulate 2026 Ron Best Medallist Pat McKenna from Gisborne, whose 78-goals saw him claim the award named in honour of BFNL Legend inductee Ron Best. Pat had a remarkably consistent season, managing to hit the scoreboard in all matches he played.

In 2026, we started a new Interleague journey, re-igniting an old rivalry with the Ovens & Murray Football Netball League on a two-year Interleague agreement.

The O&M is a high-quality and professional League which is widely regarded as the best country football and netball competition in the state and with three matches of netball – 15 & Under, 17 & Under & Open and two matches of football – Under 18's and Seniors, fans were treated to the best of the best in community sport with all five teams playing hard all the way to the end.

Our 15&U and 17&U teams each got off to a slow start but stormed back bravely to fall agonisingly short losing by a goal each. Best on court for the 15&U was Sandhurst's Sienna Raco while Strathfieldsaye's Sophie McDermott was judged best on court for the BFNL in the 17&U match.

Our Under 18 footballers will rue poor accuracy in front goal, controlling large portions of the game against a classy O&M team. The squad led, by captain Anthony Gray (South Bendigo) managed more scoring shots than their opponent but unfortunately fell short by 15 points. Golden Square's Josh Kelly was named as best on ground for the BFNL, winning the Robert O'Connell Medal.

Our Open age netballers really are the jewel in our crown. Coached by Gisborne's Tarryn Rymer, the squad assembled only twice before match day but that didn't matter as they ruthlessly put the O&M to the sword, controlling much of the match in front of a strong crowd to claim a 34-goal victory. Kangaroo Flat's Ruby Barkmeyer was named as the best on court and was presented her medal by BFNL Hall of Fame Member, Carol Sing.

Next up was the Senior match which was one of the most highly anticipated community football matches I can remember.

Led by head coach Simon Rosa and his team of Assistants, Troy Coates, Nathan Thompson, Bryce Curnow, Wayne Mitrovic, Tyrone Downie & Nick Carter, our final team of 22 players that was led by Captain Fergus Greene, fully committed to the meaning of wearing the BFNL jumper and executed one of the most staggering opening quarters you'll see, taking a 47-7 lead into quarter time.

From there, the BFNL stood strong to grind out a fantastic 20-point victory which will stand as one of the best Representative results for the BFNL in over 30 years. Gisborne FNC tough nut, Dylan Johnstone was named as our 2026 Derrick Filo medallist.

Interleague does not happen without our amazing coaches, Simon, Jason, Tarryn, Sharni, Nikki & Steph who fostered a strong culture with their squads which in turn led to the strong buy-in that was evident when looking at the teams we fielded.

These are volunteer positions and without the hours upon hours of dedication and work put in by all coaches, we would not have had the day we did.

To the players, thank you for buying all the way in on the Blue & Gold and embracing what it means to be a BFNL Representative player. 2026 is another step on the Interleague journey and I hope to see you all back again in 2027.

See you in Albury for 2027!

Thank you to Colin Lane, Michael Hockley, Dean Goodridge and the entire team from the Bendigo Umpires Association for the development and provision of umpire appointments during the season. The role that umpires play is never underestimated by the BFNL and its Club's and we acknowledge the hard work that everyone at the BUA puts in.

We sincerely thank all umpires for their service, dedication, and willingness to be part of our league and encourage any interested prospective umpires to reach out and give it a go—our umpires love the great game just as much as players and supporters.

But most importantly, congratulations to all those teams who will take to the field and court today. Remember all the hard work and dedication you have put in through long preseasons and training sessions was in search of playing on this very day. Leave nothing in the tank on your quest towards premiership glory, and I wish each of you well in achieving the ultimate BFNL prize.

Stay and tuned to our BFNL social channels across the off-season for more photos, videos and other content. See you in 2027!



AFLCV Report

Cameron Tomlins, Region General Manager



Celebrating BFNL Grand Final Day

On behalf of AFL Central Victoria, I congratulate every player, coach, volunteer, official and supporter who has contributed to the 2026 season and helped their teams reach Grand Final day in the Bendigo Football Netball League. As Central Victoria's premier football and netball competition, the BFNL continues to set a strong benchmark for community sport and today is a fitting celebration of another outstanding season.

Reaching a Grand Final is a significant achievement, reflecting months of preparation, commitment and sacrifice by everyone connected with the competing clubs. While premiership success will be celebrated today, local football and netball clubs deliver far more than results on the field. They strengthen communities, create connections and provide opportunities for people of all ages to participate and belong.

At the heart of every successful club and competition are its volunteers. Their contribution can be seen in every match played, facility prepared, meal served and supporter welcomed throughout the season. Grand Final day is an opportunity to recognise not only those competing for premiership glory, but also the many people whose efforts make community sport possible.

One of the defining stories of the 2026 season has been the return of Broadford Football Netball Club following two years in recess. While the transition into a major league competition has presented challenges, the club has established a strong platform for future growth. Located within a significant growth corridor and drawing from an different talent pool, Broadford is well positioned to become a destination club in the years ahead. The club's committed leadership group should be commended for its vision and determination as it continues to build towards 2027.

The highly successful addition of Under 15 netball competition has further strengthened the BFNL pathway, providing emerging athletes with greater opportunity to continue their development and participate at the highest level of community netball. The competition has helped extend pathway connections, support player retention and create a stronger bridge between junior and senior programs. AFL Central Victoria looks forward to the ongoing emergence, growth and success of this competition in the years ahead.

The historic re-emergence of BFNL interleague football and netball was another season highlight, with thrilling contests against country powerhouse Ovens & Murray FNL. It was a highly memorable encounter, with the A Grade netball and Senior football teams both taking the honours and further underlining the BFNL's current standing as one of Victoria's premier major leagues.

The 2026 season has also been another important year of progress for football and netball across Central Victoria. AFL Central Victoria's Region Council has maintained a strong focus on the long-term health and sustainability of clubs, leagues and competitions while supporting participation opportunities and pathways throughout the region.

The success of the Northern Futures Project has been demonstrated through the establishment of the new 16-club Central Murray Football Netball League competition. Importantly, every club achieved representation across football and netball finals, highlighting the depth, balance and opportunity created through the new structure.

The strategic evolution of this work has contributed to the development of the AFL Central Victoria Region Council's Sustainable Competitions Strategy. Developed through regional data, evidence and consultation, the strategy establishes key pillars and guiding principles to help inform the sustainable future direction of football and netball across Central Victoria.

Another major area of progress has been the AFL Victoria Regional Administration Centre transition project. The continued evolution of leagues towards self-administration is creating a stronger platform for local ownership, responsive decision-making and future success across the region.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL	U/18	9.15am	Strathfieldsaye v Sandhurst
	Reserves	11.50am	Sandhurst v Eaglehawk
	Seniors	2.20pm	Sandhurst v Gisborne
NETBALL	15 & Under	8.15am	Sandhurst v South Bendigo
	17 & Under	9.40am	Strathfieldsaye v Sandhurst
	B Reserve	11.05am	Gisborne v Kangaroo Flat
	B Grade	12.30pm	Gisborne v Strathfieldsaye
	A Reserve	1.55pm	Kangaroo Flat v South Bendigo
	A Grade	3.20pm	Kangaroo Flat v Sandhurst

As the BFNL looks ahead to 2027, several significant club movements will shape the competition landscape. AFL Central Victoria extends its sincere thanks to the Gisborne Football Netball Club, which will conclude a proud 26-year association with the BFNL after joining the competition in 2000. During that period the Bulldogs secured premiership success and made a lasting contribution to the League both on and off the field. We wish the club every success as it commences a new chapter in the Ballarat Football Netball League.

Similarly, we thank the Maryborough Football Netball Club for its long-standing contribution to the BFNL since 1992. Following two years in recess, the club will begin an exciting new chapter in the Maryborough Castlemaine District Football Netball League, and we extend our best wishes for the future.

We also congratulate Marong Football Netball Club on its upcoming entry to the BFNL from 2027. Following a sustained period of success in the Loddon Valley Football Netball League, the move represents an exciting opportunity for the club and the growing Marong community.

Our region also benefited from AFL Community Camp visits during 2026, with players from Essendon's AFL men's program and Richmond's AFLW program connecting with local communities and inspiring the next generation. These experiences continue to strengthen the connection between community football and netball and the elite game.

The continued improvement of football and netball facilities also remains a significant regional priority. AFL Central Victoria will continue to advocate for investment in safe, inclusive and contemporary facilities that support participation and strengthen clubs across our communities.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Bendigo Football Netball League Board and all Directors for their leadership and commitment throughout the season. We acknowledge incoming Chair Brett Fitzpatrick as he oversees the first full season under a new-look Board and helps position the League strongly for the future.

We also thank every football and netball umpire for their essential contribution. Matches simply do not take place without them, and we encourage all players, coaches and supporters to continue demonstrating the respect and support that our officials deserve.

Finally, congratulations and best wishes to all teams competing today. Regardless of the result, reaching a Grand Final is an achievement of which every player, coach, volunteer and supporter should be proud. May today be a memorable celebration of competition, community and everything that makes football and netball so special across Central Victoria.



Chair's report

Brett Fitzpatrick



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We welcome everyone to the 2026 BFNL Grand Finals across nine grades of Football and Netball at the iconic Queen Elizabeth Oval.

Whilst we congratulate all sides who are participating today, we recognise the efforts of the Gisborne FNC for their wonderful contribution to the Bendigo FNL since they entered in 2000. Today, the Bulldogs will compete in a B Reserve and B Grade Netball Grand Final while also making it to a Senior Football Grand Final after finishing fourth on the ladder after our 18 home & away rounds.

The club has won Premierships in all grades of Football and Netball along with numerous League Medal winners across all grades. The club has also invested into our Representative programs and has been acknowledged with several Life Members and Hall of Fame members including Luke Saunders who was inducted into the HOF in 2025.

We thank them for their contribution to our competitions over the course of 25 years and wish them all the best for today and on their journey ahead in the Ballarat FNL.

We also acknowledge all the work that has been put into all clubs throughout the season from the volunteers, participants and supporters for making the 2026 season a very enjoyable and rewarding season.

Sunday evening saw the presentation of all our individual award winners throughout all grades of Netball and Football, along with recognising the Sandhurst FNC for again winning the coveted David McCann

Champion Club Award whilst special recognition was given to Fresh FM for their amazing contribution to the Bendigo Football League for 40 wonderful years for which we are most grateful.

Interleague was highlight of 2026 as we welcomed the Ovens & Murray FNL to Bendigo for the first of a two year agreement.

I thank all coaches, players, support staff and sponsors who helped bring together a magnificent day of football & netball. I am very proud of the way all five team represented the Blue & Gold, especially the Open netball and Senior football squads who came away with fantastic victories.

We acknowledge all of the BFNL's commercial partners, firstly our Major Naming Rights Partner, the Bendigo Bank who once again provided significant support to the BFNL along with many other local sporting communities.

See a full list of our commercial partners on the first page of this record.

Many thanks to Tom King and all the staff at the AFL Central Vic Hub for all their work behind the scenes. With further ongoing improvements we continue to raise the standards and quality of our league.

Lastly, I think the other eight BFNL Board Members who give up their time in a volunteer capacity to help govern and administer the Bendigo FNL. BFNL Board Members include Caleb Kuhle, Colin Rosa, Craig Findlay, Ellyse McNish, Jeremy Brown, Keely McDonald, Rick Townsend & Todd Deary.



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Preliminary Finals Scores

SENIORS

Eaglehawk	2.4	6.6	6.8	7.9.51
Gisborne	2.5	3.8	6.12	9.17.71

Goals: Eaglehawk: J. Mifsud 3, O. White 2, J. Donat 1, C. Evans 1

Gisborne: P. McKenna 3, S. Clough 3, M. Merrett 1, T. Werner 1, B. Bernacki 1

Best: Eaglehawk: N. Wheeler, O. White, J. Mifsud, C. Heath, D. Hanley, J. Donat

Gisborne: Z. Vescovi, W. Elliott, D. Johnstone, J. Gray, B. Bernacki, L. Carnell

RESERVES

South Bendigo	2.5	4.6	4.9	4.13.37
Eaglehawk	2.1	4.5	5.9	6.11.47

Goals: South Bendigo: R. Harvey 1, C. Balnaves 1, W. Purcell 1, A. Long 1

Eaglehawk: M. Ronchieri 2, C. Roberts 1, C. Blandthorn 1, I. Phillips-Adams 1, R. Wellington 1

Best: South Bendigo: T. hardingham, C. Balnaves, T. Rojewski, W. McCaig, C. Brooks, B. Bacon

Eaglehawk: S. Dean, J. Vroom, J. Leersen, E. Hanley, D. Marsh, C. Webb

UNDER 18'S

South Bendigo	2.1	2.1	7.2	8.4.52
Sandhurst	2.2	5.6	5.10	9.12.66

Goals: South Bendigo: L. Howell 2, H. Warne 1, L. Magee 1, H. Purcell 1, Z. Ralphs 1, A. Gray 1, C. Daniel 1

Sandhurst: L. Cameron 3, K. Uerata 2, M. Armstrong 1, D. Warren 1, C. Reid 1, T. Byrne 1

Best: South Bendigo: R. Newman, Z. Ralphs, C. Wood, E. White, J. Kramer, L. Magee

Sandhurst: T. Byrne, D. Warren, T. Smith, L. Cameron, J. Kelly, C. Reid

A GRADE

Preliminary Final				
Gisborne	43	It	Sandhurst	47

A RESERVE

Preliminary Final				
Gisborne	36	It	South Bendigo	41

B GRADE

Preliminary Final				
Strathfieldsaye	35	d	Kangaroo Flat	34

B RESERVE

Preliminary Final				
Kangaroo Flat	52	d	South Bendigo	26

17 & UNDER

Preliminary Final				
Sandhurst	38	d	Golden Square	29

15 & UNDER

Preliminary Final				
Golden Square	39	It	South Bendigo	40



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Drawn Games, Extra Playing Time

Football: After the goal umpires confirm that the full time scores are equal, the central umpires will resume the match as follows:

* Teams shall change ends and play 2 x 5 minute periods with time on. Teams will change ends again after the end of the first 5 minute period.

* If scores are even at the end of these two periods a further 2 x 5 minute periods with time on shall be played in a similar manner to the first.

* If scores are even at the end of the second period of extra time, the teams will change ends and resume play. The team that scores a goal first will be declared the winner.

* Coaches may address their players at the completion of normal time while scores are being checked. Once a draw is confirmed all coaches must leave the ground immediately. Coaches shall not be permitted to address their players after the beginning of the first extra time or at any change over. Players shall not be permitted to meet during any change of ends.

Netball : At the end of full time there is an interval of two (2) minutes. The first Centre pass in each half is taken by the team entitled to the next Centre pass. Extra time consists of two (2) halves of five (5) minutes each. With a half time interval of one (1) minute. At the event of a tie at the remaining of extra time, a visual sign will be placed at the official bench to indicate that the play will continue until one team leads by two goals.

Match Duration

The match conditions for the finals football games are:

Under 18: Duration: 2 x 20 minute quarters (no time on) followed by 2 x 15 minute quarters (plus time on) - Breaks are 5 minutes, 15 minutes, 5 minutes

Reserves: Duration: 2 x 20 minute quarters (no time on) followed by 2 x 15 minute quarters (plus time on) - Breaks are 5 minutes, 15 minutes, 5 minutes

Seniors: Duration: 4 x 20 minute quarters (plus time on) - Breaks are 5 minutes, 15 minutes, 5 minutes

2026 Footy Scores & Goals

Season Launch: 28 March

Broadford 2.13.13 lt Sth Bendigo 32.26.218

Round 1: 3 & 4 April

(Good Friday)

C'maine 14.10.94 d Golden Square 12.14.86

Gisborne 26.20.176 d Kang Flat 7.10.52

S'saye 17.14.116 d Sth Bendigo 16.13.109

(Easter Saturday)

Eaglehawk 11.10.76 lt Sandhurst 16.18.114

Bye: Broadford

Round 2: 11 April

Sandhurst 25.20.170 d Broadford 2.0.12

Gld Square 7.10.52 lt Eaglehawk 10.19.79

Kang Flat 8.14.62 lt C'maine 23.12.150

Sth Bendigo 12.19.91 d Gisborne 13.11.89

Bye: Strathfieldsaye

Round 3: 18 April

Eaglehawk 17.10.112 d Kang Flat 11.7.73

C'maine 11.9.75 lt Sth Bendigo 15.21.111

Gisborne 17.13.115 d S'saye 11.14.80

Broadford 6.3.39 lt Gld Square 24.17.161

Bye: Sandhurst

Round 4: Split Round

25 April (Anzac Weekend)

Sth Bendigo 14.8.92 d Eaglehawk 10.15.75

2 May (Pat Cronin Round)

S'saye 16.9.105 d Castlemaine 6.14.50

Sandhurst 11.11.77 d Golden Square 6.13.49

K Flat 21.25.151 d Broadford (PCF) 9.4.58

Bye: Gisborne

Round 5: 9 May

Eaglehawk 8.14.62 lt S'saye 9.15.69

Castlemaine 9.13.67 lt Gisborne 8.20.68

Sandhurst 18.13.121 d K Flat 3.6.24

Bye: Golden Square, Broadford

& Sth Bendigo

Round 6: 16 May

S'saye 36.21.237 d Broadford 2.2.14

Gisborne 14.18.102 d Eaglehawk 14.11.95

Sth Bendigo 14.14.98 d Sandhurst 6.14.50

Kang Flat 9.7.61 lt Gld Square 13.22.100

Bye: Castlemaine

Interleague: 23 May

Bendigo FNL 14.13.97 d O&M 11.11.77

Round 7: 30 & 31 May (Indigenous Round)

Broadford 1.1.7 lt Gisborne 35.18.228

Eaglehawk 13.10.88 d Castlemaine 9.12.66

Gld Square 11.7.73 lt Sth Bendigo 19.11.125

Sandhurst 9.11.65 lt S'saye 12.12.84

Bye: Kangaroo Flat

Round 8: 6 June

Castlemaine 35.14.224 d Broadford 2.5.17

Gisborne 10.15.75 lt Sandhurst 13.8.86

S'saye 15.9.99 d Golden Square 8.12.60

Sth Bendigo 16.17.113 d Kang Flat 12.9.81

Bye: Eaglehawk

Round 9: 13 June

Broadford 2.4.16 lt Eaglehawk 32.32.224

Sandhurst 13.10.88 d Castlemaine 7.15.57

Golden Square 11.8.74 lt Gisborne 14.13.97

Kangaroo Flat 4.10.34 lt S'saye 15.20.110

Bye: Sth Bendigo

Round 10: 20 June

Sandhurst 10.9.69 d Eaglehawk 7.6.48

Golden Square 11.13.79 lt C'maine 12.17.89

Kangaroo Flat 2.9.21 lt Gisborne 31.17.203

Sth Bendigo 11.16.82 lt S'saye 16.13.109

Bye: Broadford

Round 11: 27 June

Broadford 3.0.18 lt Sandhurst 37.25.247

E'hawk 22.14.146 d Gld Square 7.2.44

Castlemaine 16.15.111 d K Flat 6.9.45

Gisborne 17.11.113 d Sth Bendigo 8.11.59

Bye: Strathfieldsaye

General Bye: 4 July

Round 12: 11 July

Gld Square 30.23.203 d Broadford 3.4.22

K Flat 5.7.37 lt Eaglehawk 18.18.126

Sth Bendigo 18.14.122 d C'maine 5.11.41

S'saye 15.8.98 d Gisborne 12.14.86

Bye: Sandhurst

Round 13: 18 July

Broadford 8.4.52 lt K Flat 27.21.183

Eaglehawk 19.14.128 d Sth Bendigo 11.14.80

Castlemaine 10.14.74 lt S'saye 17.10.112

Golden Square 6.7.43 lt Sandhurst 11.21.87

Bye: Gisborne

Round 14: 25 July

Sth Bendigo 33.17.215 d Broadford 1.2.8

S'saye 5.5.35 lt Eaglehawk 13.25.103

Gisborne 11.12.78 d Castlemaine 8.6.54

Kangaroo Flat 7.9.51 lt Sandhurst 18.16.124

Bye: Golden Square

Round 15: 1 August

Broadford 3.3.11 lt S'saye 35.22.232

Eaglehawk 18.13.121 d Gisborne 10.16.76

Sandhurst 12.19.91 d Sth Bendigo 8.6.54

Gld Square 4.3.37 lt Kangaroo Flat 10.13.73

Bye: Castlemaine

Round 16: 8 August (Bendigo Health Round)

Gisborne 40.18.258 d Broadford 2.4.16

Castlemaine 9.8.62 lt Eaglehawk 13.13.91

S'saye 9.9.63 lt Sandhurst 9.10.64

Sth Bendigo 11.15.81 d Gld Square 6.12.48

Bye: Kangaroo Flat

Round 17: 15 August

Broadford 4.3.27 lt Castlemaine 26.19.175

Sandhurst 12.11.83 d Gisborne 11.12.78

Golden Square 14.6.90 d S'saye 7.9.51

K Flat 8.10.58 lt Sth Bendigo 10.11.71

Bye: Eaglehawk

Round 18: 22 August

Eaglehawk 55.29.359 d Broadford 0.0.0

Castlemaine 4.5.29 lt Sandhurst 24.14.158

Gisborne 13.8.86 d Golden Square 9.11.65

S'saye 15.20.110 d Kangaroo Flat 3.6.24

Bye: Sth Bendigo

Qualifying Final

S'saye 12.17.89 lt Eaglehawk 18.10.118

Elimination Final

Gisborne 16.9.105 d Sth Bendigo 7.11.53

Second Semi-Final

Sandhurst 11.13.79 d Eaglehawk 11.9.75

First Semi-Final

S'saye 10.9.69 lt Gisborne 16.11.107

Preliminary Final

Eaglehawk 7.9.51 lt Gisborne 9.17.71

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Pat McKenna	Gisborne	78
James Schischka	Strathfieldsaye	68
Brock Harvey	South Bendigo	61
Cobi Maxted	Sandhurst	37
Michael Hartley	Castlemaine	36
Nick Keogh	Kangaroo Flat	34
Nick Thompson	Eaglehawk	32

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Reserves

Seth Cooke	Golden Square	33
Will Purcell	South Bendigo	29
Jye Stephens	Strathfieldsaye	27
Matthew Wiegard	Kangaroo Flat	25
Sam Dean	Eaglehawk	24
Aidan Goddard	Castlemaine	23



Under 18s

Miller Armstrong	Sandhurst	50
Jack Archer	Castlemaine	49
Anthony Gray	South Bendigo	46
Ezekiel Cousins	Strathfieldsaye	40
Harvey Meacham	Gisborne	36
Carter Reid	Sandhurst	26
Max Matheson	Castlemaine	23
Aydin Price	South Bendigo	23

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Grand Final Preview

Sandhurst stands in the way of Gisborne marking an historic moment as they compete for the Bendigo Advertiser premiership cup to cap a superb Bendigo Bank Bendigo FNL senior footy season.

Stung by defeat a year ago, Sandhurst has worked incredibly hard to be in the match which matters most at Queen Elizabeth Oval for a fourth consecutive year.

There have been plenty of challenges for co-coaches Bryce Curnow, non-playing, and Fergus Greene, and the squad to deal with across the home-and-away series as the club chases a 30th senior premiership.

A four-point win against Eaglehawk in the second semi-final put the Dragons into the decider.

They are up against an opponent riding a huge wave of momentum built on wins in its previous three finals.

The Rob Waters-coached Gisborne is striving to be the first team since the Brian Walsh-coached Golden Square won its way from an elimination final to be premiers 25 years ago.

It's also hurrah for Gisborne as it will play in the Ballarat FNL from next season.

The Bulldogs joined the league in 2000 and quickly made their mark as they had four wins across six consecutive grand final appearances from 2002 to '07.

Both of this season's matches between the grand finalists went the way of the Dragons.

Co-coach Bryce Curnow said Sandhurst's second-half fightback to win by nine points on Gisborne's turf at Gardiner Reserve on the King's Birthday weekend was a crucial turning point in the team's run.

When they met in the 17th round on the QEO it was the Dragons who fought on for an 83-78 victory.

For both teams it's the ability to apply and deal with the pressure and the key moments which will go a long way to determining who is the league's premier team.

Both line-ups have plenty of pace and skill in the on-ball and midfield groups.

Sandhurst ruckman Connor Sexton was outstanding in the second semi-final and will again play a key role in directing taps to Cooper Smith, Dayten Uerata and Matt Wilkinson at ground level.

A brilliant forward who was the competition's goalkicker in 2024, Fergus Greene has starred from a wing for most of this season for the maroon and blue.

A formidable on-ball group for Gisborne includes Flynn Lakey, Dylan Johnstone and James Gray.

A jaw injury to gun ruck-rover/centreman Brad Bernacki less than 10 minutes to go in the preliminary final rocked Gisborne.

In what will be the 12th game of his senior footy career young ruckman Lucas Carnell has a significant role to play at centre ball-ups and stoppages.

Carnell's leap and reach were key factors in being among Gisborne's best in the preliminary final win to end Eaglehawk's run at back-to-back premierships.

A Sandhurst defence led by Liam Ireland, Wilson Butler and Bart 'n Print Rising Star award winner Jaxon Howard faces a huge task.

Gisborne's attack is brilliantly led by Pat McKenna who has kicked 89 goals in 17 matches and earned the Ron Best Medal as the competition's leading goalkicker.

The quick movement into the forward 50m arc and passes to the fast-leading and strong-marking McKenna was a key factor in Gisborne's second-half dominance last Saturday.

Other key targets in Gisborne's attack include Dominic Sullivan, Zac Denahy at Matt Merrett.

Sandhurst has the marking power of Hugh Schmetzer and Lachlan Wright in its forward line and the "footy smarts" of the classy Nick Stagg and Eamon Austin at ground level.

Gisborne captain Zach Vescovi has had an outstanding season in defence and teams up with Jed Denahy, Will Elliott and Frank Schipano.

It's a huge day for Sandhurst FNC as it chases a premiership trifecta.

The Dragons take on Eaglehawk in the Drummond Golf reserves.

It was one-all in the home-and-away series before Sandhurst won the qualifying final against the Hawks by 29 points.

Grand final day kicks off with the Sportspower under-18s between Strathfieldsaye and Sandhurst.

It was one-all in the home-and-away series.

Sandhurst is chasing a premiership hat-trick as Storm strives to be under-18s champions for the first time since 2017.

Joint winners of the George Symons Medal as league fairest and best, Sandhurst's Jack Moresi and Strathfieldsaye's Sam O'Bree will play crucial roles.



There are so many exciting match-ups as Kangaroo Flat faces Sandhurst in the Bendigo Bank Bendigo FNL's A-grade netball grand final.

There's skill, athleticism and premiership-winning experience in all thirds of the court.

Strength of both squads was reflected in Team of the Year selection as the Roos and Dragons both had three players earn honours.

A powerful mid-court for the Jayden Cowling-coached Kangaroo Flat includes Chelsea Sartori, a dual winner of the Betty Thompson Medal in the centre against Shae Clifford.

Both were in the Team of the Year as wing attack and centre respectively.

The Thompson medallist a year ago, Clifford was runner-up in this year's race.

Kangaroo Flat's gun goal attack Ruby Barkmeyer was a runaway winner of this season's Betty Thompson Medal vote count.

Barkmeyer teams up with Teal Hocking to complete a formidable attacking combination for the green and white.

The Kangaroos also have the experience of Ash Ryan through mid-court, plus Alicia McGlashan and Abbey Ryan in their line-up.

For the Tamara Gilchrist-coached Sandhurst the play of Meg Williams in mid-court and Sophie James will be a key factor in upsetting the Kangaroos' flow into its scoring zone, as well as setting up chances for goaler Bec Smith.

The versatile Heather Oliver is a dual league medallist and multiple premiership winner for the maroon and blue.

Other players to watch for Sandhurst include Bart 'n' Print Rising Star winner Harriet Whiteacre and defender Ruby Turner.



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When these teams last met in round 14 it was the Kangaroos who fought on for a 64-60 victory on their court at Bendigo Mazda Oval in Dower Park.

The round five contest at Queen Elizabeth Oval ended in a 60-50 victory for the Kangaroos.

Being in an A-grade grand final is what both clubs, especially Sandhurst has become accustomed to.

A year ago it was the Jayden Cowling-coached Kangaroo Flat which achieved a long-awaited premiership victory as it beat Sandhurst by eight goals to cap an unbeaten season.

Now the Roos are a win away from being undefeated champions once again.

They face a well-drilled and talented team coached by Tamara Gilchrist.

An incredible run by the Gilchrist-coached Sandhurst included the premiership hat-trick from 2017-19 before the Covid-hit seasons of 2020 and '21.

The Dragons fired up to win the '22 grand final against Kangaroo Flat by 15 goals.

Some of the players involved in that contest will be on court once again.

Awarded life membership at Sandhurst FNC earlier this season, Tamara Gilchrist has played a significant role in the club's long-time success, not just in the highest grade, but all levels.

A big day for the Gilchrist clan includes Reese coaching a 15-and-under team which includes younger sister, Elle on court.

Five clubs are represented across grand final day.

A big day for Kangaroo Flat includes the A-reserve and B-reserve contests.

Sandhurst also features in three matches as 17-and-under and 15-and-under teams take to the court.

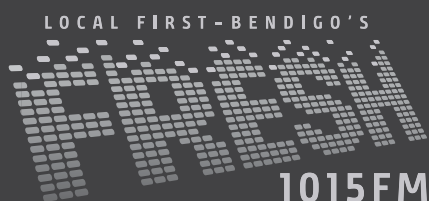
South Bendigo and Strathfieldsaye have two teams vying for premiership success.

It's also the grand finale for Gisborne which has the B-reserve and B-grade teams aiming to end the season and the club's time in the competition on a high.

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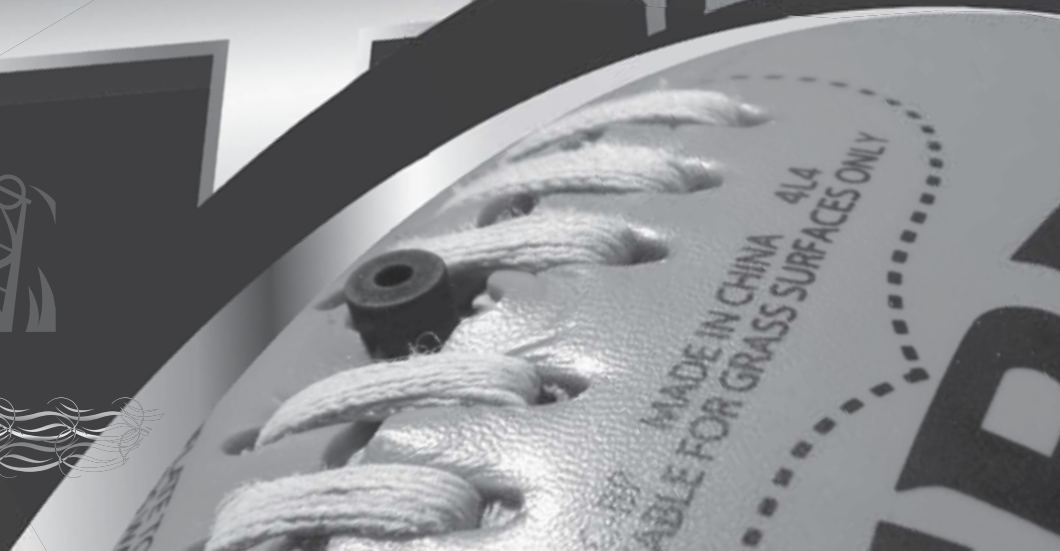
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HF	Fergus GREENE (SH)	James SCHISCHKA (Storm)	Tyson McKENZIE (Storm)
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2026 Medallists



Thompson swoops to claim Michelsen Medal by a vote

EAGLEHAWK on-baller Ben Thompson capped another dramatic calling of votes to be declared the Michelsen medallist as fairest and best in Bendigo Bank Bendigo FNL senior footy for the '26 season.

A maximum three votes in the Borough's record-breaking win in the 18th round meant Thompson surged past Gisborne forward Pat McKenna and Kangaroo Flat ruckman Angus Macpherson to etch his name in league history.

After the final card was called by Kylie Ellis it was Thompson who led the tally on 17 votes from McKenna and Macpherson on 16.

Thompson was presented with the medal by Gisborne's four-time premiership star, 2005 Michelsen medallist and Bendigo FNL Hall of Fame member Luke Saunders.

Thompson is the 12th player representing Eaglehawk to have earned the league's highest individual honour.

Reflecting on his footy journey with awards MC Joel Peterson, Ben Thompson said he gained a lot more confidence in his play in recent seasons.

"I am more mature, reading the play a lot better and getting to the right sports more often."

Most of his time was in an on-ball role, but he also became a threat in attack and slotted some superb goals from near or beyond the 50m arc.

A highlight of a big season was representing Bendigo in its big win against Ovens and Murray on Queen Elizabeth Oval.

A career high for Ben Thompson was playing in last season's senior premiership win with older brother, Sam, and younger brother, Jack.

Thompson family links to Eaglehawk FNC stretch back decades.

Selected in the club's Team of the Century, Darren Thompson still plays a key role as runner for the senior team and the club's under-18s vie for the Darren Thompson Medal as club best and fairest.

A joint runner-up for the medal, Pat McKenna will chase another premiership victory as Gisborne tackles Sandhurst in Saturday's grand final.

Hawks' ruckman Callum Heath and Gisborne's James Gray polled 15 and 13 votes to be fourth and fifth.

The David McCann Champion Club award again went to Sandhurst FNC.

Joint recipients of the Kieser Volunteer Recognition of Service awards were Laura Power from South Bendigo, and Wendy Donegan from Golden Square.

Highly commended was Eaglehawk's Kevin Price.

A special presentation was made to Radio Fresh fm 101.5 to mark 40 continuous seasons of calling Bendigo FNL matches.

The award was capped by commentators John Hunter and Fr Jackson Saunders on behalf of the Fresh fm on-air and off-air teams.

Individual and team awards were presented across the night:

Alan McDonald Medal, reserves football: Ethan Hanley, Eaglehawk, 19 votes.

George Symons Medal, under-18s football: Jack Moresi, Sandhurst, 17 votes; and Sam O'Bree, Strathfieldsaye, 17 votes.

Bart 'n' Print Rising Star, senior footy: Jaxon Howard, Sandhurst.

Representative team awards:

Derrick Filo Medal, senior footy: Dylan Johnstone, Gisborne.

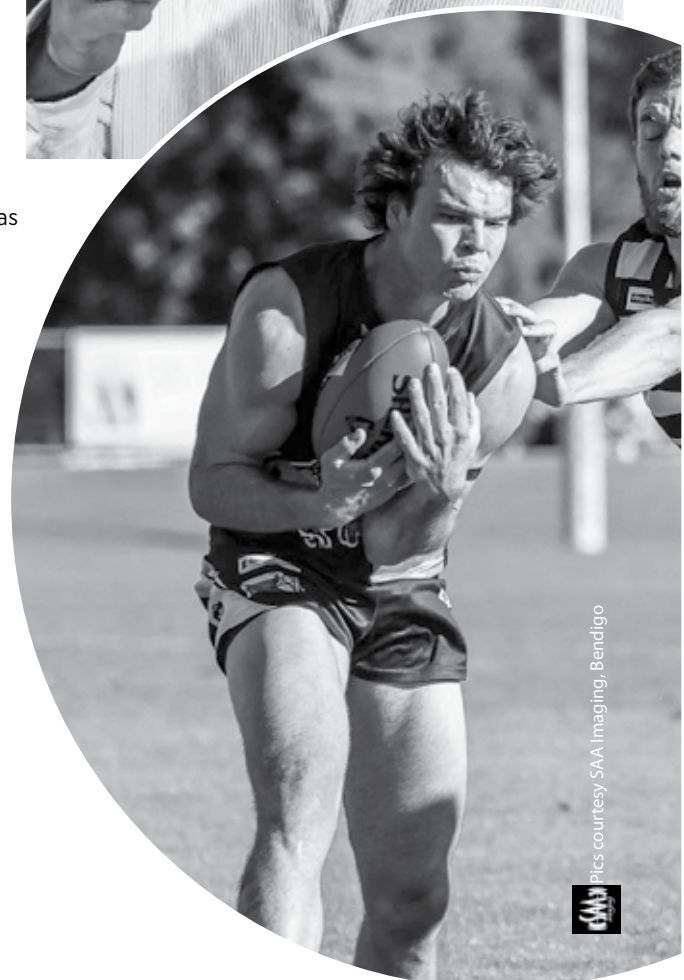
Robert O'Connell Medal, under-18s footy: Josh Kelly, Golden Square.

Coffee Storm goalkicking awards:

Ron Best medal, seniors: Pat McKenna, Gisborne, 78.

Reserves: Seth Cooke, Golden Square, 33.

Under-18s: Miller Armstrong, Sandhurst, 50.



Pics courtesy SAA Imaging, Bendigo

Barkmeyer a runaway winner of Betty Thompson Medal

KANGAROO Flat goal attack Ruby Barkmeyer was a runaway winner of the Betty Thompson Medal as fairest and best in Bendigo Bank Bendigo FNL A-grade netball for the '26 season.

Barkmeyer was nine votes clear of Sandhurst centre and the previous season's Thompson medallist, Shae Clifford after the final card was called by Kylie Ellis at Sunday night's vote count at Bendigo Club.

It's also the first Medal win by a designated goaler since Kangaroo Flat's Joanna Brown did 20 years ago.

At four rounds to go in the '26 race it was Barkmeyer and Clifford who led the race on 25 and 21 votes.

Barkmeyer earnt two votes in round 15 and the maximum in the 17th and 18th rounds to be an emphatic winner on 33 votes.

Clifford earnt three votes in Sandhurst's round 18 clash at Castlemaine's Camp Reserve.

It was another maximum of three votes for Barkmeyer in the last round at Strathfieldsaye's Triple M Park.

"The individual accolades are not what you strive for," Barkmeyer said shortly after being presented with the medal by Gisborne great Tiana Newman who in career of 300-plus games was a triple premiership player and dual Betty Thompson medallist.

"A premiership is what I and all the team are chasing," Barkmeyer said.

Family links for the Barkmeyers to Kangaroo Flat stretch back many seasons.

"Kangaroo Flat is an amazing club to be with," Ruby said.

Long-time A-grade coach Jayden Cowling was credited by Barkmeyer as being a key driver in the team's success, not just through tactical nous but the way to keep training fun and keen to do.

A key cog in Sandhurst's mid-court set-up, Meg Williams was fourth on 19 votes.

The consistency of Gisborne defenders Kirby Elliott and Tilly Shepherd earnt 20 and 17 votes as they finished in third and fifth place.

An historic moment was in the 12th round when Broadford's Caitlin Hinrichsen became the club's first player to poll an A-grade vote.

Hinrichsen earnt one vote in Broadford's match played on Golden Square's court at Country Vet Oval in Wade Street.

The night included presentations across all grades of netball.

A-reserve, Jenni Holborn Medal: Ella Wicks, Kangaroo Flat, 25 votes; Elle Gilchrist, Sandhurst, 17 votes.

Carol Bingham Medal, B-grade: Olivia Fenn, Gisborne, 20 votes; Paige Campbell, South Bendigo, 18 votes, and Rylee Connell, Gisborne, 18 votes.

B-reserve: Megan Kelly, Kangaroo Flat, 19 votes; Sophie Ingram, Kangaroo Flat, 17.

Carol Sing Medal, 17-and-under: Ese Phillips, Sandhurst, 26 votes; Peyton Chambers, Kangaroo Flat, 22.

15-and-under medal: Elle Gilchrist, Sandhurst, 18 votes; Ava Hope, Golden Square, 17.

The Bart 'n' Print Rising Star was Sandhurst's Harriett Whiteacre.

Best for representative teams were Kangaroo Flat's Ruby Barkmeyer, open; Strathfieldsaye's Lexie Fennell, 17-and-under; and Sandhurst's Evie Gretgrix, 15-and-under.

Sandhurst poured in 4844 goals to earn the Coffee Storm goalscoring award.





Hardinge reaches 200th in South's massive 2010 win

South Bendigo celebrated skipper John Hardinge's 200th senior game in style at the QEO in late June, 2010, with a 199-point annihilation of Kyneton.

The Bloods feasted on 10-goal terms in the first and last quarters on their way to a 31.26 (212) to 1.7 (13) victory.

Some South supporters were hoping the final margin had reached 200 points, not 199, to really celebrate the No. 1 ruckman and captain's 200th game.

But it wasn't vitally important some of them told me later at the QEO post-match function.

The massive win boosted South's percentage by 30.16% heading into the following weekend's blockbuster against undefeated ladder leader Golden Square.

[Although we weren't to know it in mid-season 15 years back Square was on its way to the second in a five-season premiership stretch: 2009-2010-2011-2012-2013.]

And why was I covering the Hardinge milestone game for the Addy? Well, that's the game I was assigned to by the Addy sports writing team. I go to the BFNL match where I'm allotted.

One name, apart from Hardinge's, jumped out at me from the Monday, 21st June 2010 edition of the Addy.

In my report I'd mentioned two players who turned out for their clubs despite concerns from their Bendigo Bombers' VFL club officials about the muddy (and supposedly unsafe) surface condition of the QEO.

And apart from Kyneton's dynamic midfielder Shane Page, who should the other be?

Yes, the Bloods' electric small forward Steven Stroobants who ended up drilling eight goals and being named best afield. Of course, 'Stroobs' is still going around for South 15 seasons later, in 2025.

According to my match report Stroobants' efforts "drew plenty of derisive comments about the VFL Bombers' stance from non-aligned spectators, as well as diehard South supporters."

There's not much of a match report, apart from the performances of Stroobants and Hardinge, to take up much more time for readers.

Hardinge started his special game at full-forward at the city end with Tiger defender Ben Edmonds by his side. He nailed two of South's 10 first quarter goals.

Both majors came ager he and Kyneton defender David Romer collided in marking contests at centre half-forward.

Although the impacts leg Hardinge winded, he kicked both majors following the hard contacts.

And actually Hardinge drilled the second ager the quarter-time siren had sounded. Mercurial Alex Galea booted two goals in that opening term and two more in the second.

Stroobants had three majors to his name at half-time along with Jackson Ireland.

The Tigers first score of the day --- a point to half-back Matt Hosburgh --- wasn't registered until the 12-minute mark of the second stanza.

Leigh Cook slotted the Tigers' only six-pointer for the day with just 20 seconds leg on the clock in the first half. And then the Bloods slammed home 14.16 in the second half with the Tigers able to add just four, measly behinds.

Stroobs banged home the Bloods' 21st goal just ager the three-quarter time siren had sounded with the race to 30 majors well and truly on.

The chase ended just over-the-line as South added 10.7 to three behinds in the last term to end the game with 31.26 (212).

South coach Rick Coburn had one or two worrying thoughts post-match. "I'd rather have played a really hard game with next week against unbeaten Square in mind," he told me.

But he was, naturally, delighted his players had won so convincingly for Hardinge's milestone game.

"John's been an absolute stalwart for the club, so today was a great reward for him. And looking forward to Square, forwards Leigh Davies and Dayne Frew are well in contention to play the Dogs here at the QEO," Coburn said.

Golden Square was another BFNL side to register a huge win in that split round, belting Kangaroo Flat by 141 points at Country Vet Oval. Full-forward Grant Weeks nailed another double-figure goal tally that day, drilling 11 goals against the overworked Roo defence.

That took him to 88 majors for the season, well ahead of the Roos' Justin Maddern in the chase for the Ron Best medal. Maddern's three majors landed him on 56 (and second place) in 2010.

Nathan Dole reported on the Battle of the Magpies with Maryborough disposing of Castlemaine by 10 goals at the Camp Reserve.

Ma^hew Brown (7) and Cameron Rinaldi (4) contributed 11 of Maryborough's 17 majors with the Maine defenders unable to match the key forwards' marking skills.

Mids Joel Malone and Cole Roscholler, who both nailed two majors, were in charge of the battles around the ball although Maine's last quarter burst of 3.5 was their best term for the day.

Lachlan Ford and Luke Walters were the best afield for the Camp Reserve Pies.

Final scores 2nd weekend of split round, June 2010: Maryborough 17.16 (118) def. Castlemaine 7.13 (55); Golden Square 29.21 (195) def. Kang. Flat 7.12 (54); South Bendigo 31.26 (212) def. Kyneton 1.7 (13).

Previous Saturday: Eaglehawk 19.15 (129) def. Gisborne 15.6 (96) and Sandhurst 22.17 (149) def. Strathfieldsaye Storm 14.12 (96).

Ladder: Golden Square 10 wins, 0 losses, 40 prem. points; South Bendigo 9-1, 36; Eaglehawk 8-2, 32; Sandhurst 6-4, 24 and M'borough 6-4, 24.

Then followed: Kangaroo Flat 4-6, 16; Strathfieldsaye 3-7,

78%, 12; Gisborne 3-7, 65%, 12; Kyneton 1-9, 4 and C'maine 0-10, 0.

Leading goalkickers: Grant Weeks (GS), 11, 88: Justin Maddern (KF) 3, 56; James Condos (Kyn) 0, 47 and Matt Gretgrix (Eh) 8, 46.

Footballer of the Year: Grant Weeks (GS) 32 votes; Ben Deuscher (Sh) 26; Nathan Bell (GS) 20; Casey Summerfield (Gis) 19; Troy Coates (Eh) 19; Blair Holmes (Sh) 19 and Josh Bowe (Eh) 16.

Round 11, coming up: South Bgo vs. G. Square; Kyneton vs. Castlemaine; Maryborough vs. Sandhurst; Kang. Flat vs. Gisborne and Strath Storm vs. Eaglehawk.

Richard's Grand Final Tips 2026:
Football: Sandhurst Netball: Kangaroo Flat



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2026 Umpire wrap up

As an ex-player, Grand Final day has always made me jealous. Everyone involved in footy in whatever manner longs to be in the action in the last game of the season. Over 15 seasons of senior footy, I was fortunate enough only twice as a player and would watch every year we missed out with a huge amount of envy. This continued after I'd retired, feeling disappointed that I could no longer be out there in the big one, my career having reached its end.

So to all involved today, congratulations, enjoy the experience, and know that so many people watching on are envious of you!

But since taking up the umpiring caper, I again have created an opportunity to be there on Grand Final day, on the field, part of the game, playing a role, enjoying being part of watching the two best sides battle it out for premiership glory.

If that's you today, a spectator wishing you could be out there, why not think about giving umpiring a go next season? Whether it be the cut and thrust of field umpiring, the physically challenging role of boundary umpire or the important decision-making role of a goal umpire, there's something for everyone in umpiring.

Congratulations to all our Grand Final umpires today, your selection is a reflection of a committed and successful season.

Colin Lane
BUA Manager



2026 Grand Final Umpires

Under 18s – Strathfieldsaye v Sandhurst				
Field	Matthew Bourke	Paul Hutchinson	Charlie Nielsen	
Boundary	Cooper Scholes	Izak Cole	Chris Mason	Isaac Manley
Goal	Bailey Norton	Eliza Rotherham		
Reserves – Sandhurst v Eaglehawk				
Field	Ethan Fletcher	Dale Caldwell	Jason Seipolt	
Boundary	Etta Place	Myles Dobbin	Oliver Robinson	Carter Andrews
Goal	Russell Marriott	Damien Nolan		
Seniors – Sandhurst v Gisborne				
Field	Nathan Dunn	David Carter	Joel Wood	
Boundary	Logan Poke	Charlie Bannan	James Brown	Connor McKenzie
Goal	Paul Martin	Wayne Ford		



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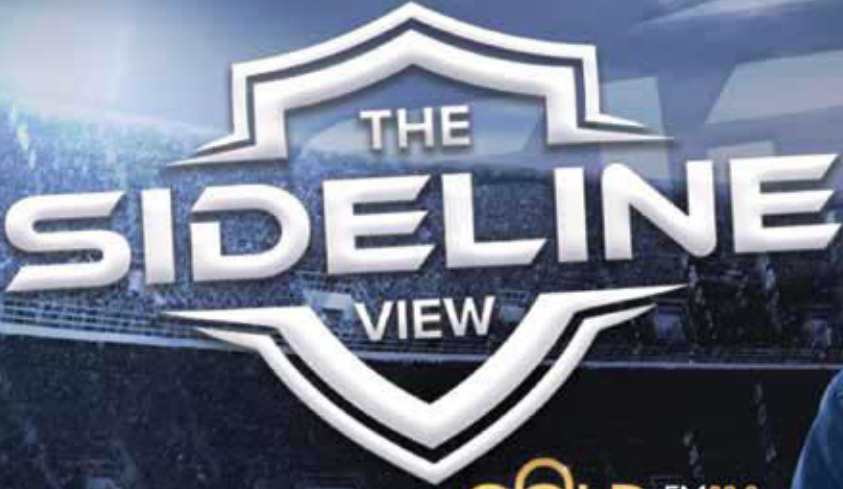
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MIXED OPEN TEAM COMPETITION

NO TACKLING, 9 v 9 MATCHES, OPEN TO EVERYONE

- WEDNESDAYS FROM 6.00PM
- STARTING 4TH NOVEMBER - 25TH NOVEMBER
- \$35 PER PARTICIPANT WHEN YOU JOIN A TEAM
- AGES 18+ (CAN BE 17 TURNING 18 IN 2026)

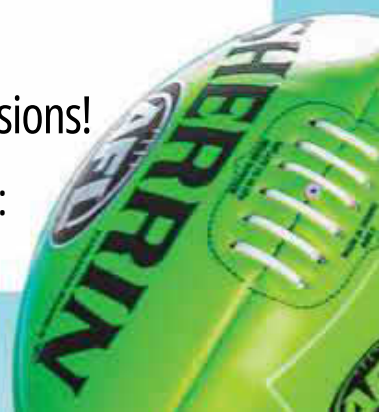
You do not need to be a current Bendigo FNL club or registered player to participate.

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

- MIXED open-age teams
- Open to EVERYONE (clubs, workplaces, social groups, mates)
- No tackling
- No training commitments
- Great prizes to be announced
- Perfect for team building, fitness, and fun
- Mix up the boring preseason training or running sessions!

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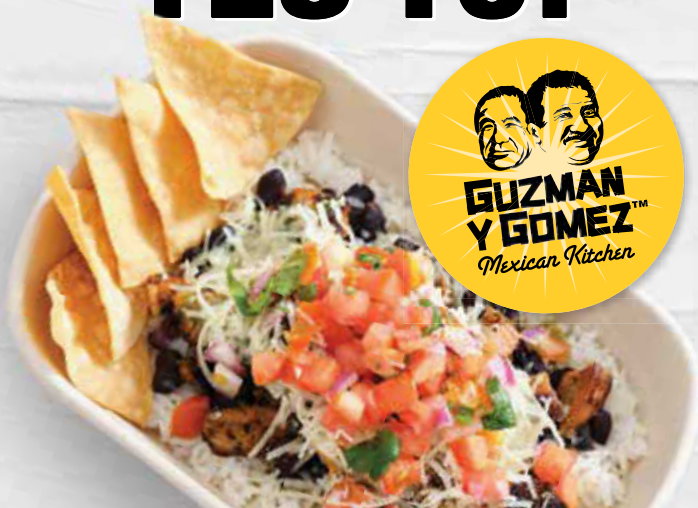
TLA PUMA OFF FIELD RANGE EMBELLISHMENT

65608_03 LIGA POLO
657304_06 TEAM RISE TOP & ZIP
657305_06 TEAM RISE JACKET
656580_03 TEAM GOAL HOODY
657245_03 TEAM RISE ALL WEATHER JACKET
657960_03 TEAM LIGA PADDED VEST
658799_03 LIGA PADDED JACKET
657300_06 TEAM RISE TRAINING PANTS
658438_03 WOVEN SHORTS
076855_05 TEAM GOAL BACK PACK

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Previous Football Premiers

YEAR	PREMIERS		RUNNER UP	YEAR	PREMIERS		RUNNER UP
1924	Eaglehawk 14.17 101	d	Rochester 8.9 57	1976	Golden Square 15.13 103	d	Kyneton 9.7 61
1925	South Bendigo 7.2 44	d	Castlemaine 6.4 40	1977	Sandhurst 14.10 94	d	Golden Square 9.19 73
1926	Castlemaine 13.18 96	d	Sandhurst 8.16 64	1978	Sandhurst 19.10 124	d	Golden Square 18.13 121
1927	Sandhurst 9.11 65	d	Castlemaine 8.14 62	1979	Golden Square 21.14 140	d	Sandhurst 8.1563
1928	Echuca 11.9 75	d	Castlemaine 10.10 70	1980	Eaglehawk 17.20 122	d	Golden Square 19.6 120
1929	Sandhurst 18.11 119	d	South Bendigo 11.10 76	1981	Sandhurst 16.19 115	d	Castlemaine 6.10 46
1930	Sandhurst 17.9 111	d	Eaglehawk 9.9 63	1982	Eaglehawk 18.19 127	d	Golden Square 6.12 48
1931	Sandhurst 10.14 74	d	South Bendigo 8.14 62	1983	Sandhurst 17.16 118	d	Golden Square 17.9 111
1932	Sandhurst 16.20 116	d	Eaglehawk 7.9 51	1984	Nth United 18.16 124	d	Eaglehawk 12.10 82
1933	Sandhurst 29.15 189	d	Maryborough 10.12 72	1985	Nth United 19.18 132	d	Sandhurst 14.18 102
1934	Sandhurst 11.17 83	d	Castlemaine 8.4 52	1986	Nth United 25.18 168	d	Eaglehawk 11.9.75
1935	Eaglehawk 11.15 81	d	Sandhurst 7.17 59	1987	Nth United 23.15 153	d	Eaglehawk 14.7 91
1936	Kyneton 12.9 81	d	Sandhurst 10.8 68	1988	Golden Square 10.13 73	d	Nth United 8.11 59
1937	Sandhurst 16.16 112	d	South Bendigo 6.15 51	1989	Golden Square 14.13 97	d	South Bendigo 11.13 79
1938	Golden Square 21.13 139	d	Eaglehawk 14.7 91	1990	South Bendigo 15.24 114	d	Golden Square 14.8 92
1939	Golden Square 14.8 92	d	Maryborough 12.12 84	1991	South Bendigo 14.14 98	d	Castlemaine 10.16 76
1940	Sandhurst 13.18 96	d	South Bendigo 13.13 91	1992	Castlemaine 14.13 97	d	Golden Square 14.8 92
1941	Eaglehawk 17.16 118	d	South Bendigo 11.14 80	1993	South Bendigo 20.22 142	d	Sandhurst 11.11 77
1942 to 1944	League in recess due to World War 2			1994	South Bendigo 20.15 135	d	Golden Square 13.9 87
1945	Golden Square 23.20 158	d	Eaglehawk 8.9 57	1995	Kyneton 18.13 121	d	South Bendigo 11.10 76
1946	Eaglehawk 14.10 94	d	Golden Square 13.12 90	1996	Kangaroo Flat 18.18 126	d	Kyneton 15.20 110
1947	Sandhurst 18.19 127	d	Golden Square 11.8 74	1997	Kyneton 18.15 123	d	Golden Square 7.14 56
1948	Sandhurst 16.24 120	d	Eaglehawk 8.9 57	1998	Maryborough 19.11 125	d	Sandhurst 12.6 78
1949	Sandhurst 11.22 88	d	South Bendigo 9.19 73	1999	Maryborough 20.17 137	d	Castlemaine 17.4 106
1950	South Bendigo 10.12 72	d	Echuca 6.10 46	2000	Castlemaine 12.11 83	d	Kangaroo Flat 9.17 71
1951	South Bendigo 24.12 156	d	Eaglehawk 20.8 128	2001	Golden Square 14.11 95	d	Sandhurst 12.9 81
1952	Castlemaine 15.9 99	d	Sandhurst 9.16 70	2002	Gisborne 21.13 139	d	Golden Square 7.18 60
1953	Eaglehawk 12.13 85	d	Sandhurst 9.12 66	2003	Gisborne 18.12 120	d	Eaglehawk 11.7 73
1954	South Bendigo 11.9 75	d	Sandhurst 9.7 61	2004	Sandhurst 15.14 104	d	Gisborne 10.15 75
1955	South Bendigo 10.7 67	d	Sandhurst 9.12 66	2005	Gisborne 14.17 101	d	Eaglehawk 10.10 70
1956	South Bendigo 10.19 79	d	Eaglehawk 9.15 69	2006	Gisborne 13.11 89	d	Golden Square 9.10 64
1957	Eaglehawk 14.17 101	d	Kyneton 10.11 71	2007	Eaglehawk 12.12 84	d	Gisborne 12.10 82
1958	Rochester 8.11 59	d	Castlemaine 7.10 52	2008	Eaglehawk 14.11.95	d	Golden Square 12.17.89
1959	Rochester 15.19 109	d	Kyneton 12.6 78	2009	Golden Square 16.12.108	d	South Bendigo 10.11.71
1960	Kyneton 9.8 62	d	Rochester 8.11 59	2010	Golden Square 11.21.87	d	South Bendigo 8.10.58
1961	Kyneton 12.13 85	d	Rochester 9.6 60	2011	Golden Square 25.18.168	d	Eaglehawk 5.3.33
1962	Rochester 9.17 71	d	Golden Square 7.20 62	2012	Golden Square 16.10.106	d	Gisborne 14.19.103
1963	Rochester 16.22 118	d	Kyneton 10.14 74	2013	Golden Square 14.18.102	d	Strathfieldsaye 12.9.81
1964	Golden Square 10.10 70	d	Rochester 9.7 61	2014	Strathfieldsaye 20.18.138	d	Sandhurst 12.11.83
1965	Golden Square 12.19 91	d	Rochester 11.11 77	2015	Strathfieldsaye 8.12.60	d	Sandhurst 8.5.53
1966	Kyneton 15.6 96	d	Golden Square 2.12 84	2016	Sandhurst 12.18.90	d	Golden Square 8.10.58
1967	Echuca 12.13 85	d	South Bendigo 10.15 75	2017	Strathfieldsaye 13.10.88	d	Eaglehawk 7.14.56
1968	Eaglehawk 8.16 64	d	South Bendigo 8.10 58	2018	Eaglehawk 19.8.122	d	Strathfieldsaye 11.7.73
1969	South Bendigo 10.10 70	d	Eaglehawk 9.13 67	2019	Strathfieldsaye 14.10.94	d	Eaglehawk 10.20.80
1970	Echuca 15.13 103	d	Sandhurst 14.13 97	2020	No Competition - COVID Pandemic		
1971	Eaglehawk 15.13 103	d	Golden Square 3.10 28	2021	Season Abandoned after Round 17 due to COVID Pandemic		
1972	Golden Square 14.12 96	d	South Bendigo 11.9 75	2022	Gisborne 5.20.50	d	Strathfieldsaye 2.10.22
1973	Sandhurst 14.14 98	d	Golden Square 7.10 52	2023	Golden Square 10.11.71	d	Sandhurst 9.11.65
1974	South Bendigo 17.13 115	d	Sandhurst 14.9 93	2024	Sandhurst 10.8.68	d	Gisborne 10.4.64
1975	Golden Square 14.13 97	d	Sandhurst 12.14 86	2025	Eaglehawk 14.10.94	d	Sandhurst to 12.12.84

2025 Premiers Eaglehawk



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A big thank you to our photographer Steve Dilks from SAA Imaging for bringing all the action from the football and netball - great job Steve!



PAT MCKENNA

GISBORNE

**2026
Ron Best
Medallist
78 Goals**

**2026 BFNL
Goalkicking Awards
sponsored by:**



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Previous Leading Goalkickers

YEAR	NAME	CLUB	TOTAL	YEAR	NAME	CLUB	TOTAL	YEAR	NAME	CLUB	TOTAL
1924	R. Scott	South Bendigo	78	1963	R. Willet	Rochester	53	1995	David Lancaster	Kangaroo Flat	105
1925	C. Nicholls	Castlemaine	58	1964	T. Nolan	Sandhurst	87	1996	Steven Oliver	Castlemaine	84
1926	P. Forbes	Sandhurst	70	1965	K. Shearn	Golden Square	76	1997	David Lancaster	Kangaroo Flat	76
1927	E. Smedley	Castlemaine	79	1966	L. Kaine	Kyneton	84	1998	Steven Reaper	Kyneton	110
1928	J. Cook	South Bendigo	84	1967	B. Jones	Rochester	68	1999	Steven Reaper	Kyneton	100
1929	F. Ford	Sandhurst	62	1968	R. Morton	South Bendigo	108	2000	Steven Oliver	Castlemaine	132
1930	Frank Crapper	Eaglehawk	108	1969	Ron Best	Golden Square	137	2001	Phil Hetherington	South Bendigo	72
1931	R. Moore	Sandhurst	78	1970	Ron Best	Golden Square	107	2002	Steven Reaper	Gisborne	70
1932	Frank Crapper	Eaglehawk	145	1971	Greg Kennedy	Eaglehawk	139	2003	Steven Reaper	Gisborne	86
1933	Frank Crapper	Sandhurst	90	1972	Keith Raynor	Eaglehawk	69	2004	Steven Reaper	Gisborne	75
1934	NOT AWARDED				P. Hutchesson	South Bendigo	69	2005	Steven Oliver	Castlemaine	77
1935	M. Davies	Eaglehawk	82	1973	Ron Best	Sandhurst	108	2006	Matt O'Toole	Golden Square	82
1936	M. Davies	Eaglehawk	88	1974	Ron Best	Sandhurst	135	2007	Damien Brown	Eaglehawk	59
1937	S. Sinclair	Rochester	82	1975	Ron Best	Sandhurst	145	2008	Jordan Barham	Gisborne	75
1938	M. Davies	Eaglehawk	100	1976	Ron Best	Sandhurst	108	2009	Justin Maddern	Kangaroo Flat	81
1939 to 1945 World War 2				1977	Peter Woodford	Castlemaine	76	2010	Grant Weeks	Golden Square	145
1946	NOT AWARDED			1978	Ron Best	Golden Square	124	2011	Grant Weeks	Golden Square	125
1947	V. Kelly	Rochester	49	1979	Ron Best	Golden Square	137	2012	Grant Weeks	Golden Square	148
1948	Harry Morgan	Eaglehawk	66	1980	Ron Best	Golden Square	145	2013	Justin Maddern	South Bendigo	67
1949	K. Connaughton	South Bendigo	54	1981	Wayne Crosby	Castlemaine	112	2014	Stephen Milne	Strathfieldsaye	89
1950	F. Scholes	Sandhurst	63	1982	Daryl Gilmore	Eaglehawk	113	2015	Matt Gretgrix	Eaglehawk	82
1951	Harry Morgan	Eaglehawk	78	1983	Ron Best	Northern United	124	2016	Dylan Johnston	Golden Square	79
1952	Harry Morgan	Eaglehawk	52	1984	Daryl Gilmore	Eaglehawk	120	2017	Lachlan Sharp	Strathfieldsaye	124
1953	Harry Morgan	Eaglehawk	107	1985	David Collins	Sandhurst	84	2018	Kaiden Antonowicz	South Bendigo	76
1954	K. Elliot	Golden Square	76	1986	Gavin Exell	Northern United	87	2019	Lachlan Sharp	Strathfieldsaye	129
1955	E. Parker	Echuca	86	1987	John Jefferies	Castlemaine	73	2020	No competition - COVID Pandemic		
1956	R. McHugh	Sandhurst	71	1988	Danny Ellis	Sandhurst	78	2021	Season abandoned after Round 17 due to COVID		
1957	J. Waddington	South Bendigo	72	1989	Leigh Williams	Golden Square	102	2022	Joel Brett	Golden Square	92
1958	R. Poulter	Castlemaine	81	1990	Shaun McCormick	Northern United	79	2023	Lachie Sharpe	Strathfieldsaye	93
1959	R. Ford	Sandhurst	62	1991	Daryl Gilmore	Eaglehawk	82	2024	Fergus Green	Sandhurst	80
1960	Clive Philp	Kyneton	75	1992	Steven Oliver	Castlemaine	136	2025	Brock Harvey	South Bendigo	48
1961	M. Hicks	Echuca	64	1993	Andrew McClellan	North Bendigo	112				
1962	R. Willet	Rochester	67	1994	Shane McCluskey	Maryborough	100				



**RON BEST MEDALLIST
SENIOR GOALKICKING**
Pat McKenna
(Gisborne)
78 Goals



RESERVES GOALKICKING
Seth Cooke
(Golden Square)
33 Goals



UNDER 18s GOALKICKING
Miller Armstrong
(Sandhurst)
50 Goals

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2026 Award Winners

UNDER 18'S GEORGE SYMONS MEDAL

Jack Moresi (SH)	17
Sam O'Bree (SS)	17
Brian Shafik-Eid (CM)	16
Ben Jardine (CM)	14

RESERVES MCDONALD MEDAL

Ethan Hanley (EH)	19
Gus Hay (SH)	14
Jaxon Vroom (EH)	14
Jarryd Wiegard (KF)	14
Drew Barrett (GS)	13
Dean Norris (GS)	13

SENIORS MICHELSEN MEDAL

Ben Thompson (EH)	17
Angus Macpherson (KF)	16
Pat McKenna (GIS)	16
Callum Heath (EH)	15
James Gray (GIS)	13

15 & UNDER MEDAL

Elle Gilchrist (SH)	18
Ava Hope (GS)	17
Alana Borchard (SH)	14
Scarlett Ramsey (GS)	12

17 & UNDER SING MEDAL

Ese Phillips (SH)	26
Peyton Chambers (KF)	22
Phoebe Priest (GIS)	21
Rachael Flood (GIS)	20

B RESERVE MEDAL

Megan Kelly (KF)	19
Sophie Ingram (KF)	17
Simone Edgley (SB)	16
Holly Brewer (GIS)	14

B GRADE BINGHAM MEDAL

Olivia Fenn (GIS)	20
Paige Campbell (SB)	18
Rylee Connell (GIS)	18
Alex Rusbridge (KF)	17
Imogen Currie (SS)	16
Georgia Murray (GIS)	15

A RESERVE HOLBORN MEDAL

Ella Wicks (KF)	25
Reese Gilchrist (SH)	17
Sarah Nash (SB)	14
Ava Hamilton (KF)	13
Olivia Treloar (SB)	13

A GRADE THOMPSON MEDAL

Ruby Barkmeyer (KF)	33
Shae Clifford (SH)	24
Kirby Elliott (GIS)	20
Meg Williams (SH)	19
Tilly Shepherd (GIS)	17
Chelsea Sartori (KF)	17

DAVID MCCANN MEMORIAL CUP 2026 CHAMPION CLUB AWARD

Sandhurst

2026 ROBERT O'CONNELL MEDAL UNDER 19 INTERLEAGUE BEST ON GROUND

Josh Kelly (GS)

2026 DERRICK FILO MEDAL SENIOR INTERLEAGUE BEST ON GROUND

Dylan Johnstone (GIS)

2026 15 & UNDER REPRESENTATIVE NETBALL BEST PLAYER

Evie Gretrix (SH)

2026 17 & UNDER REPRESENTATIVE NETBALL BEST PLAYER

Lexie Fennell (SS)

OPEN NETBALL - BEST REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER

Ruby Barkmeyer (KF)

2026 BART 'N' PRINT RISING STAR

Jaxon Howard (SH)	Football
Harriett Whiteacre (SH)	Netball

2026 BFNL GOALKICKING AWARDS

UNDER 18s	Goals
Miller Armstrong (SH)	50

RESERVES

Seth Cooke (GS)	33
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SENIORS RON BEST MEDAL

Pat McKenna (GIS)	78
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**MICHELSEN MEDALLIST
SENIOR FOOTBALL**
Ben Thompson
(Eaglehawk)



**THOMPSON MEDALLIST
A GRADE NETBALL**
Ruby Barkmeyer
(Kangaroo Flat)



**HOLBORN MEDALLIST
A RESERVE NETBALL**
Ella Wicks
(Kangaroo Flat)



**BINGHAM MEDALLIST
B GRADE NETBALL**
Olivia Fenn
(Gisborne)



**B RESERVE
MEDALLIST**
Megan Kelly
(Kangaroo Flat)



**SING MEDALLIST
17 & UNDER NETBALL**
Ese Phillips
(Sandhurst)



**15 & UNDER
MEDALLIST**
Elle Gilchrist
(Sandhurst)



**McDONALD MEDALLIST
RESERVES FOOTBALL**
Ethan Hanley
(Eaglehawk)



**SYMONS MEDALLIST
UNDER 18 NETBALL**
Jack Moresi
(Sandhurst)



**SYMONS MEDALLIST
UNDER 18 NETBALL**
Sam O'Bree
(Strathfieldsaye)



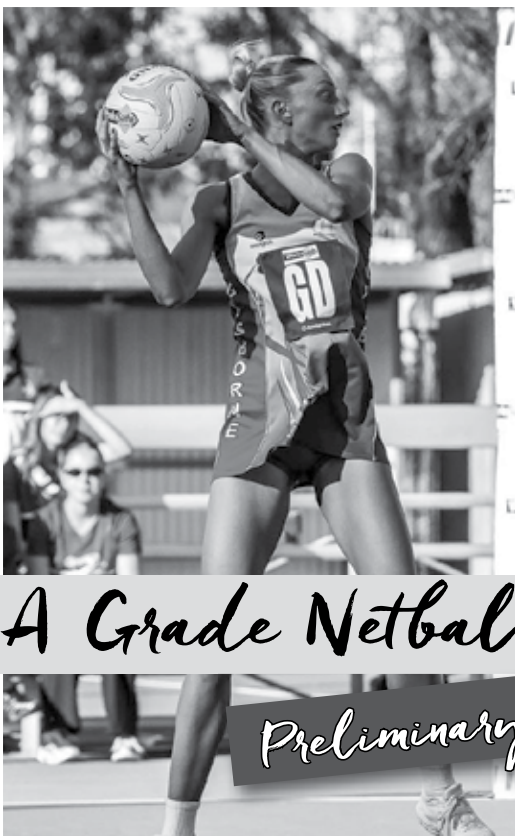
**BART 'N' PRINT
RISING STAR FOOTBALL**
Jaxon Howard
(Sandhurst)



**BART 'N' PRINT
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Harriett Whiteacre
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A Grade Netball

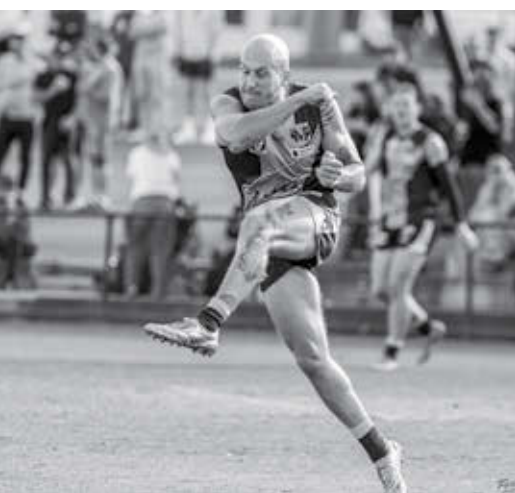
Preliminary Finals





Senior Football

Preliminary Finals



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Harrison Free

Position: Backline

Age: 24

Nickname: Freeza

Previous: Kew Rovers JFC

Best BFNL Player seen: Lachlan Tardrew

Favourite Drink: Coffee

Favourite food: Eggs on toast

Favourite movie: Cars

Favourite Aussie + sportsman:

Adam Scott

Five people you'd invite to dinner: Adam Scott, Dustin Martin, Tiger Woods, Buddy Franklin, Tom Hardy

Mentor: Liam Ireland

Most looking forward to: Game time.

Keep an eye on: Cooper smith

One AFL player and why: Dustin Martin, 3 normies



4

Cobi Maxted

Position: Full Forward

Age: 23

Nickname: Cob

Previous Club: Boort

Best BFNL Player seen: Lachie Tardrew

Favourite Drink: Sunkist

Favourite Food: Enchiladas

Favourite Movie: The Wolf of Wall Street

Favourite Aussie: Scotty James

Favourite Sports Person: Roger Federer

Five people you'd invite for dinner? Scotty James, Jeremy Cameron, Carl Barron, Roger Federer and Margot Robbie

Mentor at your club: Fergus Greene

What are you most looking forward to about Grand Final Day? Playing with my mates

Keep an eye on: Dayten Ureta

One AFL player and why: Gary Ablett junior because he'd have 45 and kick 3



8

Nick Stagg

Position: Mid/forward

Previous club: Sandhurst

Best BNFL player seen: Kristian Height & Lachie Tardrew. Can't split them

Favourite drink: Coke zero

Favourite food: GYG

Favourite movie: Law abiding citizen

Favourite sports person: Fergus Green

Five people you'd invite to dinner: Paul Stagg, Maree Stagg, Matt Stagg, Kellie Stagg & Jamie Stagg

Mentor at your club: Brendan Walsh

What are you most looking forward to

Grand final day: Seeing what kit Wilson Butler arrives in

Keep an eye on: My boy Ollie Morris

One AFL player and why: Fergus Green, feel like he'd be a good coach



26

Darcy Mills

Position: Backline

Age: 23

Nickname: Millsy

Previous Club: Banyule

Best BFNL Player seen: Lachlan Tardrew

Favourite Drink: Coke

Favourite Food: Pizza

Favourite Aussie: Steve Irwin

Favourite Movie: Shawshank Redemption

Favourite Sports Person: Min Woo Lee

Five people you'd invite for dinner: Adam Sandler, Pitbull, Matthew McConaughey, Jason Momoa, Kevin Hart

Mentor at your club: Liam Ireland

What are you most looking forward to about grand final day: Game Time

Keep an eye on: Liam Ireland

One AFL player and why: Dustin Martin - Big game player



Sandhurst



1 DAYTEN UERATA
He oozes talent. Puts bums on seats. Something exciting will occur when he has the football.



2 OSCAR CAIL
He knows where the big sticks are! Classy skills and forward pressure to match.



4 COBI MAXTED
Cobi is a booming kick of the ball, a great contested mark and an even better bloke off field.



6 CONNOR SEXTON
One of the biggest men in the competition. A Dragon through and through.



8 NICHOLAS STAGG
A courageous hard nut for the Dragons. Nick attacks the football ferociously and loves tackling.



9 HARRISON FREE
A much missed team mate last year, has been huge in his return. Brings competitiveness and drive off the half back.



10 HUGH SCHMETZER
Obsessed with footy. Works extremely hard on bettering himself each session. Terrific vertical to assist with his ruck craft.



11 FERGUS GREENE
All class. Fergus has an incredible leap for the ball and has beautiful skills to match.



13 LIAM IRELAND
The General. Liam's selflessness is loved by his team mates, always gets the job done down back.



14 WILSON BUTLER
A lockdown defender who can pinch hit in the ruck. Gives nothing but his best all day!



15 LACHLAN WRIGHT
Lachie has exceptional hands, can run all day and can play at either end of the ground.



16 CALEB CONNICK
The gut running machine. Caleb will be seen at one end saving goals and at the other kicking them.



18 MATT WILKINSON
Constantly being one of the best players each week. Phenomenal running capacity and can impact the scoreboard.



20 OLLIE MORRIS
One of the most courageous players for his size. Utility that works his backside off to apply pressure.



23 JACOB AUSTIN
The definition of speed. Impact player that loves to take the game on. Don't take him on though, he will mow you down.



26 DARCY MILLS
Mr Reliable. Doesn't get beaten on defence and provides run and dash off half back.



27 JACK KEATING
Phenomenal year, slices teams open with the best kick in the league.



28 COOPER SMITH
Captain, inspirational leader who has an impact wherever he is. Get the ball in this man's hands!



29 GUS HAY
Mr. Fix it. Gus can play all three lines on the ground and will look to take the game on with his run.



35 JAMES COGHAN
The epitome of a dragon's player. Throws his body into every contest, will do anything for his teammates.



41 JAXON HOWARD
Our Rising Star, Jaxon reads the ball incredibly well for a first year player. Loves playing on the oppositions best forward.



53 EAMON AUSTIN
Excitement machine, has a side step that rugby players would be jealous of. Loves to get to his speed!



60 NOAH WILLITS
The Bendigo Pioneers captain, who is the type player who can play anywhere on the ground.



SANDHURST

COACHES:



Bryce Curnow



Fergus Greene

		Goals	Behinds
1	Dayten Uerata		
2	Oscar Cail		
4	Cobi Maxted		
6	Connor Sexton		
8	Nicholas Stagg		
9	Harrison Free		
10	Hugh Schmetzer		
11	Fergus Greene		
13	Liam Ireland		
14	Wilson Butler		
15	Lachlan Wright		
16	Caleb Connick		
18	Matthew Wilkinson		
20	Oliver Morris		
23	Jacob Austin		
26	Darcy Mills		
27	Jack Keating		
28	Cooper Smith (c)		
29	Gus Hay		
35	James Coghlan		
41	Jaxon Howard		
53	Eamon Austin		
60	Noah Willits		



GISBORNE



COACH:



Rob
Waters

		Age	Height	Goals	Behinds
1	Brad Bernacki	26	180		
2	Ryan Bourke	26	180		
3	Dom Sullivan	27	190		
5	Harry Luxmoore	21	194		
6	Tom Werner	26	183		
7	Flynn Lakey	23	176		
9	James McKibbin	19	180		
10	James Gray	20	179		
11	Shane Clough	21	180		
12	Liam Rogers	29	178		
13	Zac Vescovi	24	185		
14	Lachlan Evans	20	185		
16	Frank Schipano	24	180		
18	Dylan Johnstone	22	185		
21	Harry Thomas	23	194		
22	Kobe Zerafa	16	169		
24	Campbell Johns	19	179		
25	Adam Brancatisano	25	184		
26	Boyd Nalder	27	190		
27	Zac Denahy	27	193		
28	Jed Denahy	21	201		
30	Lucas Carnell	19	200		
31	Riley Evans	17	192		
35	Matt Merrett	23	188		
36	Harry Bryant	20	183		
40	Will Elliott	18	184		
46	Lucas Hannon	19	178		
48	Pat McKenna	30	189		
51	Blake Freeth	18	172		



13

Zac Vescovi

Position: Defender.

Age: 24.

Nickname: Brick.

Previous Club:
Gisborne Rookies.

Best BFNL Player seen: Pat McKenna.

Favourite Drink:

Strong Soy Cappuccino

Favourite Food: Choc

Favourite Movie:

Star Wars: Empire Strikes Back.

Favourite Aussie: Carl Barron

Favourite Sports

Person: Dustin Fletcher.

Five people you'd

invite for dinner? Matthew McConaughey, Boyd Nalder, Jurgen Klopp, Jack Reaper, Barack Obama.

Mentor at your club: Jarrad Lynch.

Most looking forward to: Playing in front of Gissy crowd

Keep an eye on in the grand final: Harrison Bryant.

One AFL player and why: Stewie Dew - can turn a game



48

Pat McKenna

Position: Full Forward.

Age: 30.

Nickname: Patty.

Previous Club:
Gisborne Rookies.

Best BFNL Player seen: Brad Bernacki.

Favourite Drink:

Coffee.

Favourite Food:

Killa's half time lollie's.

Favourite Movie:

Lord of the Rings.

Favourite Aussie: Jack Reaper.

Favourite Sports Person:
Steve Smith.

Five people you'd invite for dinner? Steven Reaper, Luke Saunders, Jordy Barham, Darren Farrugia & Jarrad Lynch.

Mentor at your club: Anthony Belcher.

Most looking forward to: Winning the Premiership.

Keep an eye on in the grand final: Lucas Hannon.

One AFL player and why: Max Gawn - 8 time.



7

Ted Denahy

Position: CHB.

Age: 21.

Nickname: Prospect.

Previous Club:
Castlemaine.

Best BFNL Player seen: Frank Schipano - he's a superstar in my eyes.

Favourite Drink:
Coconut Water.

Favourite Food: Pasta.

Favourite Movie: The Peanut Butter Falcon.

Favourite Aussie: Rob Waters.

Favourite Sports Person:
Lebron James.

Five people you'd invite for dinner? John Barlow, Lebron, Zac Denahy, Worm & Cheeks Murley.

Mentor at your club: Zac Vescovi.

Most looking forward to: Winning.

Keep an eye on in the grand final: Shane Clough.

One AFL player and why: Pat McKenna - because he's the GOAT!!



18

Dylan Johnstone

Position: Midfield.

Age: 22.

Nickname: DMAX.

Previous Club: Macedon.

Best BFNL Player seen: Brad Bernacki.

Favourite Drink:
Lemon & Rhubarb Tea

Favourite Food:
Gluten Free Chicken Parma.

Favourite Movie:
Ratatouille.

Favourite Aussie:
Steve Irwin.

Favourite Sports Person:
Ben Cousins.

Five people you'd invite for dinner? Peter, Lois, Chris, Brian & Stewie Griffin.

Mentor at your club: Boyd Nalder.

Most looking forward to: Running out with a bunch of my best mates.

Keep an eye on in the grand final: Shane Clough.

One AFL player and why: Dan Gorringer for small morale boosts.



Gisborne



1 BRAD BERNACKI
Midfield/Forward
- Our 2024 Michelson Medal winner. Great endurance, skilful & runs both ways. The heart & soul of our great club.



2 RYAN BOURKE
Midfield/Fwd/Defence - A versatile player, a fierce competitor who can find the goals.



3 DOMINIC SULLIVAN
Forward - High leaping marking forward option with great speed around the contest and endurance.



5 HARRY LUXMOORE
Forward - A strong high flying marking option & can kick a timely goal when needed.



6 TOM WERNER
Forward/Midfield - Great endurance & runs both ways. Tough in the contest.



7 FLYNN LAKEY
Midfield - Tough & skilful ball magnet, who is always in & under the pack, firing out handballs to team mates.



10 JAMES GRAY
Midfield/Forward - Good presence up forward or in the Midfield. Strong marking option for his size..



11 SHANE CLOUGH
Forward/Midfield - Very versatile, can dominate all over the ground and be that match winner.



12 LIAM RODGERS
Defence - Tough Backman who reads the ball well & runs well off half back.



13 ZAC VESCOVI
Defence - A brilliant Captain who leads from the front, never gives in playing on the best forwards in the comp each week.



14 LACHLAN EVANS
Defence - Very speedy & versatile, can dominate all over the ground.



16 FRANK SCHIPANO
Defence - Tough Backman who reads the ball well & runs well off half back.



18 DYLAN JOHNSTONE
Midfield/Forward - A strong & versatile runner, can dominate up the ground with his lethal left foot.



21 HARRY THOMAS
Defender - Reliable player with the ability to run all day & a beautiful disposer of the footy.



24 CAMPBELL JOHNS
Forward - A versatile runner, who can dominate in the air up forward for his size.



25 ADAM BRANCATISANO
Forward/Midfield - A tough player with the ability to run all day & turn a game off his own back.



26 BOYD NALDER
Midfield - Tough Ruckman who reads the ball well & plays key a role with the absence of Braidon Blake.



27 ZAC DENAHY
Forward - A strong high flying marking option, that will crash packs & kick bags of goals.



28 JED DENAHY
Defence - A great defender with the ability to leap and intercept.



30 LUCAS CARNELL
Midfield - A promising young Ruck with a magnificent leap.



31 RILEY EVANS
Defender - A promising young player who can take a strong mark & the ability to pinch hit in the ruck.



36 HARRISON BRYANT
Midfield/Forward - Great young player with great goal sense & the ability to open a game up.



40 WILL ELLIOTT
Defence - 2026 Rising Star Nomination, plays way above his age.



46 LUCAS HANNON
Midfield/Forward - Great young player with great goal sense & the ability to open a game up.



48 PAT MCKENNA
Key Forward - 2026 Ron Best Medallist. A great leader on & off the field. A great key marking target & goal kicking presence.

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STRATHFIELDSAYE



Coach: Lachie Ratcliffe

		Goals	Behinds
1	Charlie Elliott		
2	Harrison Whitfield		
3	Mack Elkington		
4	Sam Gibson		
5	Sam O'Bree		
6	Josh Mundy		
7	Will Bartlett (c)		
8	Jordan Matthews		
10	Archie Stevens		
11	Aydan Hand		
12	Nathan Stibbe Jones		
13	Benjamin Jorgenson		
14	Lachlan Hargreaves		
15	Harrison Bennett		
16	Riley O'Donnell (c)		
17	Jesse Webster		
18	Seamus Doherty		
19	Will Mayes		
20	Jack De Araugo		
21	Jake Schubert		
22	Ned Patterson		
23	Angus White		
26	Lachlan Edwards		
30	Ollie Long		
33	Nicholas Loorham		
34	Zeke Cousins		
35	Tyson Sherwell		
36	Jack Oldham		

1/4 TIME

1/2 TIME

3/4 TIME

FINAL SCORE

SANDHURST



Coach: Darcy Mills

		Goals	Behinds
1	Carter Reid		
2	Oliver Stewart		
3	Miller Armstrong		
5	Harry Byrne		
6	Hudson Banfield (C)		
7	Nicholas Long		
8	Lachlan McKay		
9	Charlie Bombardieri		
11	Miller Nihill		
12	Nicholas Harvey		
13	Drew Warren		
17	Patrick McNamara		
18	Luke Cameron		
19	Cooper Richardson		
20	Zane MacDonald		
22	Jack Moresi		
23	Tommy Byrne		
24	Maurice Nihill		
26	Duncan Strachan		
27	Kingston Uerata		
28	Tom Smith		
29	Jaxon Kelly		
31	Oscar Doak		
32	Rafferty Brasier		

SANDHURST



Coach: Lachlan Prest

		Goals	Behinds
2	Oscar Cail		
12	Will Long		
17	Angus Dickson		
19	Finlay Lockhart		
21	Lachie Watson		
22	Harvey White		
24	Paddy O'Farrell		
25	Hamish McNamara		
30	Charlie Robinson		
31	Darby Whatley		
32	Henry Edwards		
33	Murdoch Mulqueen		
34	Lachlan Borchard		
36	Louis Bandfield		
37	Declan Stevenson		
38	Kobi MacDonald		
39	Fraser Walsh		
40	Daniel Nooden		
43	Billy Bassett		
44	Wil Pinniger		
47	Thomas Farrelly		
49	Shannon Tardrew		
50	Harvey Sims		
52	Charles Duke		
54	Maxwell Campbell		
61	Jonty Davis		
65	James Vlaeminck		

1/4 TIME

1/2 TIME

3/4 TIME

FINAL SCORE

EAGLEHAWK



Coaches: Ryan Wellington / Rhys Foster

		Goals	Behinds
3	Mitch Ronchieri		
4	Corey Roberts		
22	Jordan Mangan		
23	Bailey Ilsley		
26	Brody Brown		
31	Ethan Hanley (C)		
33	Sam Dean		
34	Ryan Wellington		
35	Jaxon Vroom		
36	Rhys Foster		
37	Zack Bulger		
38	Corey Webb		
39	Jake Dickens		
40	Liam Drummond		
41	Jack Leersen		
42	Austin Spiteri		
43	Noah Eliades		
45	Tyler Eliades		
46	Cahal Blandthorn		
47	Jordy Holland		
51	Isiah Phillips-Adams		
52	Ballie Gahan		
53	Kyran Turton		
55	Jakeb Hanley		
56	Thorne Wilson		
57	Jack Kerr		

1/4 TIME

1/2 TIME

3/4 TIME

FINAL SCORE

Under 18 Player Profiles



Strathfieldsaye

1

CHARLIE ELLIOTT

Elite at reading the play, not so elite at reading the time. Luckily his wheels and goal sense make up for it.

2

HARRY WHITFIELD

Another elite runner. Won the club's preseason 2km time trial. Runs all day on the wings.

3

MACK ELKINGTON

Not sure who he has covered for speed! Some serious Talent, too bad he puts it into being sick twice a month.

4

SAM GIBSON

Destined to become a doctor with his precision and IQ. DUX of Strath Storm!

5

SAM O'BREE

Has a tendency to kick the ball to Dossy at every opportunity. Favourite question, where is Dossy?!

6

JOSH MUNDY

Thinks he is Luke Jackson but has the ruck craft of a grandma with an impressive sidestep!

7

WILL BARTLETT

Absolute star and Co-Captain, trade off is, his Hammy is made of tissue paper! Rebel Sports top customer.

8

JORDAN MATHEWS

Tackling and pressure machine who's obsessed with Neapolitan Ice-Cream, We aren't sure what his favourite flavour is though.

10

ARCHIE STEVENS

Has not figured out what a clock is, reliably late. Has the best board shorts in football.

11

AYDAN HAND

Wouldn't want to let him off his leash, can do some real damage. Must kick ball to Sam O'Bree!

12

NATHAN STIBBE-JONES

5 gears in and no sign of slowing down, not even a knee injury could slow him down. Reckon he has a 6th gear in him!

13

BEN JORGENSEN

Spoken word count of 10, Literally lets his footy do the talking.

14

LACHIE HARGREAVES

Got plans to go to turkey in the offseason, Ready to go shirtless for a preseason of ground balls.

15

HARRY BENNETT

Was absolutely flying this season before a season ending injury. Clean player, good skills by foot.

16

RILEY O'DONNELL

Co-Captain. General down back, pretty sure has a 7ft wingspan spoils or marks everything within reach and even beyond.

17

JESSE WEBSTER

Dynamic line-breaker off half-back who loves to run and carry. Right leg is a cannon; social media game needs work.

18

SEAMUS DOHERTY

Tall, Strong, Unbelievable hands, very skillful player for his size. Unfortunately, a serious injury ended his year too early.

19

WILL MAYES

Body of a 25-year-old man, an absolute specimen! Mind of a 16-Year-old still!

20

JACK DEARAUGO

Calls himself the Postie for his delivery into Fwd 50 self-proclaimed best inside 50 kick despite 2 handed ball drop.

21

JAKE SCHUBERT

There is not a good enough excuse for him being late to home games. Rumoured that the size of his Quads slow him down!

22

NED PATTERSON

Put literal blood, sweat and tears into this season working hard to be better every week. An elite team man!

23

ANGUS WHITE

Strong young lad, Makes Harley Reid fend-offs look weak. Have not seen anyone tackle him yet!

26

LACHIE EDWARDS

Covers some serious KMs from boarding school! Blistering speed must be a result of his legendary Sandals

30

OLLIE LONG

Would be our top tackler, If Longy gets a hold of you good luck getting out of it, just ask Schubert!

33

NICK LOOHRAM

No fuss operator. Our lockdown defender. Always up for the challenge. Very valuable teammate.

34

ZEKE COUSINS

Best hands in 18s. Clunks contested pack marks for fun. Will try to take hanger just for the extra challenge.

35

TYSON SHERWELL

Exceptional knee slide, just like his work on the fryers. Golden Fist almost as golden as his fried chicken!

36

JACK OLDHAM

Crawls like a cat, pounces like a lion, could outrun a Kelpie. Precision operator of a lethal left foot kick.

Sandhurst



1 CARTER REID
Midfielder who impacts inside and outside the contest, damaging by foot, definitely a player to watch

2 OLIVER STEWART
Midfield, hard at the contest, breaks lines with his run and carry. Loves hitting the scoreboard.

3 MILLER ARMSTRONG
Full Forward, Claimed the U18's League Goal Kicking with 50 goals, crafty whether the ball is in the air or on the ground and a beautiful kick.

5 HARRY BYRNE
Midfielder who does his best work in the contest, explosive and powerful impacts all over the ground.

6 HUDSON BANFIELD (c)
Winger, Huddo leads from the front through voice and action. Finds space where others can't

7 NICHOLAS LONG
Key Position, Longy plays at both ends and through the ruck, powerful player with a booming left foot.

8 LACHLAN MCKAY
Defender, Lach oozes class, he is clean and skillful with the unique ability to make time slow down. Some would say Pendlebury like.

9 CHARLIE BOMBARDIERI
Forward, Bomba is a real impact player, manic defence and pressure, sharp off the mark and a real heartbeat of the team.

11 MILLER NIHILL
Full Back, Mil rarely gets beaten, gets the job on the best opposition Forward week in week out. He is a great intercept and rebounder and impacts through the ruck.

12 NICHOLAS HARVEY
Ruck/Forward, Nicks tap work in the ruck gives us great first use and he attacks the ball well up forward.

13 DREW WARREN
Half Back, Drewy is a huge presence on the ground, overhead ability, skill, run and carry make him a great rebounder and playmaker.

17 PATRICK MCNAMARA
Midfielder, Tough and combative in the contest. Pat sets the tone in our midfield, thriving in clearance, with skill and tenacity

18 LUKE CAMERON
Center Half Back, Luke's game is built on contest, power and skill. A presence on the ground whatever position he is thrown in, hits the scoreboard up forward with a great pair of hands, provides great intercepting in the backline and a bull in the contest.

19 COOPER RICHARDSON
Spends time at both ends, Richo has a beautiful set shot, reads the ball well and is classy inside 50.

20 ZANE MACDONALD
Spends time at both ends, skillful by foot Z-Mac provides great ball movement coming out of the backline. Incredible goal sense. Look for a bit of magic come Saturday.

22 JACK MORESI
Midfield/Forward, Jack claimed the Symons Medal for Under 18 league Best and Fairest. Strong in the contest and very lively up forward, Jack's ability to take on the tackle, his Fending off ability and booming boot are great assets. Extremely powerful and a high impact player.

23 TOMMY BYRNE
Midfield, Tommy's game is built for finals. Combative, high pressure and clearance. Tommy's effort and drive stand out, thriving when the game is hot, tough in the contest and the heartbeat of our team.

24 MAURICE NIHILL
Defender, Maurice's silky left foot is a massive asset, cutting through defences, Maurice also spends time through the wings. Also provides great lockdown on opposition small forwards.

26 DUNCAN STRACHAN
Ruck/Key Defender, Dunc is loved at Sandhurst. Always straight lines the contest, never takes a backward step. Dunc's game is built on contest, a ruthless tackler and spoiler, sets the tone from the first bounce.

27 KINGSTON UERATA
Forward, Kingy is a livewire in the forward line, provides a great contest in the air and hits the scoreboard. He brings great pressure and tackle.

28 TOM SMITH
Wing, Smithy's workrate and effort are major parts of his game, great at working back and supporting the defence, his run, carry and skill carve through defences. Watch him patrol the wing all day.

29 JAXON KELLY
Midfielder/Half forward, Jax provides an unreal link between midfield and forward. Classy and skillful, his speed and step make him dangerous, not to discount his work in the contest.

31 OSCAR DOAK
Forward, Doaky has developed incredibly throughout the year. He provides a great contest in our forward line and really brings our small's into the game.

32 RAFFERTY BRASIER
Defender, Raff gives 100% in every moment of the game, he has quickly become one of our most reliable defenders and provides great lockdown.

Reserves Player Profiles



Sandhurst

2

OSCAR CAIL

He knows where the big sticks are! Classy skills and forward pressure to match.

12

WILL LONG

First year back at the club, love the way he goes about it no fuss

17

ANGUS DICKSON

What can't this man do, does so much for the club and leads from the front foot.

19

FINLAY LOCKHART

A hard running forward who can take a clunk. He can play at either end of the ground.

21

LACHIE WATSON

Hulking ruck. Watch for his gargantuan limbs to rise above a pack and take a clunk.

22

HARVEY WHITE

Cool, Calm and Collected. The running machine. Good luck chasing this guy all day

24

PADDY O'FARRELL

Captain courageous. Will lead from the front. May faint from excitement in pre-game speech.

25

HAMISH MCNAMARA

Silky in the air and on the ground really smart with footy in hand.

30

CHARLIE ROBINSON

Midfield dynamo. Watch for him to hit some bodies early on. Dangerous around the sticks.

31

DARBY WHATLEY

A real general in our midfield brigade, look for him to lead from the front and take charge.

32

HENRY EDWARDS

Silky and Smooth watch for the tap to him and then straight into our forward line can't do anything wrong.

33

MURDOCH MULQUEEN

The enforcer. Watch out for this guys first contest.

34

LACHLAN BORCHARD

Mr consistent wing/back. A mid-season European high altitude training camp has him playing his best footy at the perfect time.

36

LOUIS BANDFIELD

The Golden fist down back nothing gets past Swiss, look for him on the last line of defence.

37

DECLAN STEVENSON

Has class and great skills, found his spot in the back six and cemented it, in for a big day!

38

KOBI MACDONALD

Can play forward or up the ground look for that racking left boot

39

FRASER WALSH

What position can't he play, key back, key forward ruck all day, will run all day and not stop.

40

DANIEL NOODEN

Key forward with a long boot get it in his hands and he will do the rest

43

BILLY BASSETT

So good to see him get a good run at it his year, could be B.O.G for the celebrations

44

WIL PINNIGER

When the ball is in his hands you know something magical will happen, has plenty of time like Pendlebury.

47

THOMAS FARRELLY

Sauce crafty forward that can swing into defence, been solid all year.

49

SHANNON TARDREW

A mid-season European high altitude training camp has him playing his best footy at the perfect time.

50

HARVEY SIMS

Crash and bash with no fear, make sure you get out of his way

52

CHARLES DUKE

Silky and smooth can do smart things with footy in hand

54

MAXWELL CAMPBELL

Quick and nimble wingman never seems to get tackled.

61

JONTY DAVIS

Solid contributor with pace to burn good luck catching him, he will leave you in his wake.

65

JAMES VLAEMINCK

The wizard around the goals, has started laying tackles and kicking straight, in for a big showing.



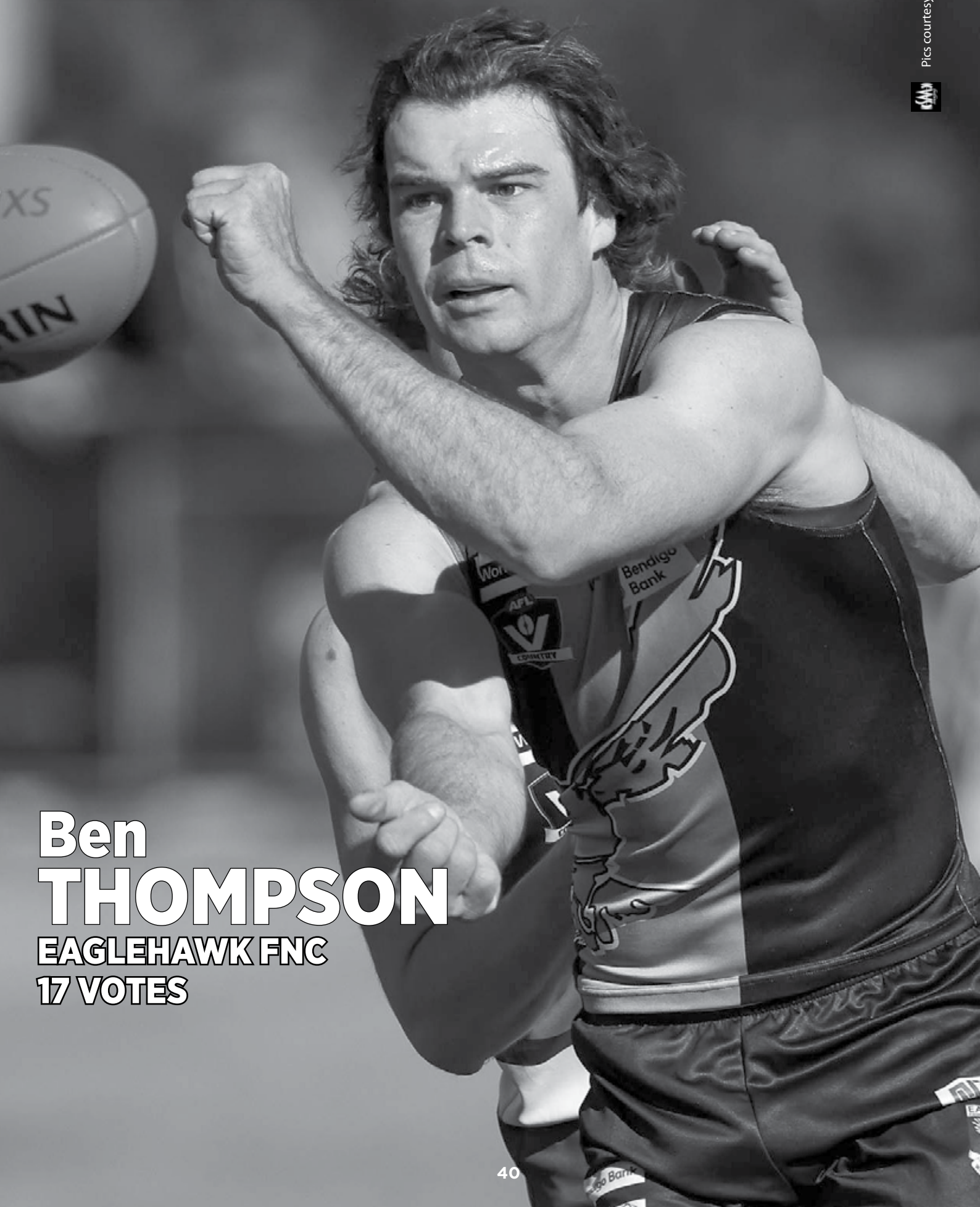
Eaglehawk



- 3 MITCH RONCHIERI**
Speedy onballer who can go forward and kick goals.
- 4 COREY ROBERTS**
Onballer who runs all day loves it tough.
- 22 JORDAN MANGAN**
Big ruckman who runs all day always makes it a contest.
- 23 BAILEY ILSLEY**
Back up ruckman who goes forward and kicks goals.
- 26 BRODY BROWN**
Pacy wingman with good skills.
- 31 ETHAN HANLEY**
Onballer captain who leads by example.
- 33 SAM DEAN**
Can play key forward or back great kick to position.
- 34 RYAN WELLINGTON**
Co coach full forward gives his all for the team always makes it a contest.
- 35 JAXON VROOM**
Colourful onballer really enjoys his footy and teammates.
- 36 RHYS FOSTER**
Co coach close checking defender.
- 37 ZACK BULGER**
Pacy wingman who knows where the big sticks are.
- 38 COREY WEBB**
Backman the defensive general who leads his troops by example.
- 39 JAKE DICKENS**
Key defensive player who does not like to lose a contest.
- 40 LIAM DRUMMOND**
Great team player who will play wherever he is required.
- 41 JACK LEERSEN**
A attacking defender with great skills.
- 42 AUSTIN SPITERI**
Plays on the wing very quick.
- 43 NOAH ELIADES**
Hard as a nut onballer gets to the bottom of the packs.
- 45 TYLER ELIADES**
Experienced wing forward who can kick a vital goal.
- 46 CAHAL BLANDTHORN**
Forward onballer who runs all day loves to celebrate a goal.
- 47 JORDY HOLLAND**
Very quick winger runs all day always gives his all for the team.
- 51 ISIAH PHILLIPS-ADAMS**
Young forward still learning his craft good kick for goal.
- 52 BALLIE GAHAN**
Flanker or winger pacy who likes to take his opponent on.
- 53 KYRAN TURTON**
Not much of him plays up forward loves it tough.
- 55 JAKEB HANLEY**
The blanket most reliable defender in the team.
- 56 THORNE WILSON**
Another of the tight knit defensive group who never gives up.
- 57 JACK KERR**
Full back very underrated rarely beaten attacks the ball.
- 58 COREY JACOBS**
Experienced goal kicker who can play on ball.



**2026 Michelsen
Medallist Winner**



**Ben
THOMPSON**
EAGLEHAWK FNC
17 VOTES



**15 & UNDER
BEST REPRESENTATIVE
PLAYER**
Evie Gretgrix
(Sandhurst)



**17 & UNDER
BEST REPRESENTATIVE
PLAYER**
Lexi Fennell
(Strathfieldsaye)



**UNDER 19 INTERLEAGUE
BEST ON GROUND**
ROBERT O'CONNELL MEDAL
Josh Kelly
(Golden Square)



**SENIOR INTERLEAGUE
BEST ON GROUND**
DERRICK FILO MEDAL
Dylan Johnstone
(Gisborne)

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RISING STAR AWARD 2026



Jaxon Howard



Harriett Whiteacre

Congratulations to our 2026 Rising Stars!

The Bart 'n' Print team is thrilled to congratulate Jaxon and Harriet on taking home their 2026 Rising Star awards!

They're now part of an impressive line-up of Rising Star winners from years gone by, and we can't wait to see where their football and netball journeys take them.

Well done, Jaxon and Harriet — what a fantastic achievement!

Pics courtesy SAA Imaging, Bendigo

PREVIOUS WINNERS

FOOTBALL

2008	Dustin Martin	Castlemaine
2009	Lee Coghlan	Sandhurst
2010	Dylan Clohesy	Kangaroo Flat
2011	Angus Fortune	Castlemaine
2012	Hamish Morcom	Golden Square
2013	Blake O'Halloran	South Bendigo
2014	Billy Mahony	Maryborough
2015	Harry Conway	Strathfieldsaye
2016	Max O'Sullivan	Kyneton
2017	Jack Scanlon	Gisborne
2018	Lachlan Bond	Maryborough
2019	Liam Spear	Gisborne
2022	Hamish Yunghanns	Kyneton
2023	Taj Bond	Maryborough
2024	Ryan Eyre	Castlemaine
2025	Jack McMahon	Golden Square

NETBALL

2008	Maddison Exell	Sandhurst
2009	Abby Gilmore	Sandhurst
2010	Olivia Thomas	Eaglehawk
2011	Chloe Watson	Sandhurst
2012	Jacqueline Dupuy	Golden Square
2013	Madeline Stewart	Gisborne
2014	Chelsea Sartori	Kangaroo Flat
2015	Abbey Ryan	Golden Square
2016	Ruby Barkmeyer	Kangaroo Flat
2017	Melinda Luke	Gisborne
2018	Bree Heiden	Golden Square
2019	Chloe Langley	South Bendigo
2022	Shae Clifford	Sandhurst
2023	Charlotte Sexton	Sandhurst
2024	Dasha Taylor	Gisborne
2025	Claire McGee	Sandhurst



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EchucaLocal@mindaustralia.org.au
222 Ogilvie Avenue, Echuca VIC 3564

Victorians aged 26 years and over can get support closer to home from their new Mental Health and Wellbeing Local in Bendigo and Echuca (servicing Greater Bendigo, Loddon and Campaspe). All support is **free** and you don't need a referral.

You can talk to staff who have their own experiences of mental health challenges and/or alcohol and other drug use. They can introduce you to a variety of options for connection, information, and support that suit your needs.

Your Mental Health and Wellbeing Local in Bendigo and Echuca is supported by the Victorian government and delivered by Mind Australia in partnership with Echuca Regional Health, The Salvation Army, Bendigo Health, Bendigo District Aboriginal Cooperative (Greater Bendigo) and Thorne Harbour Health.



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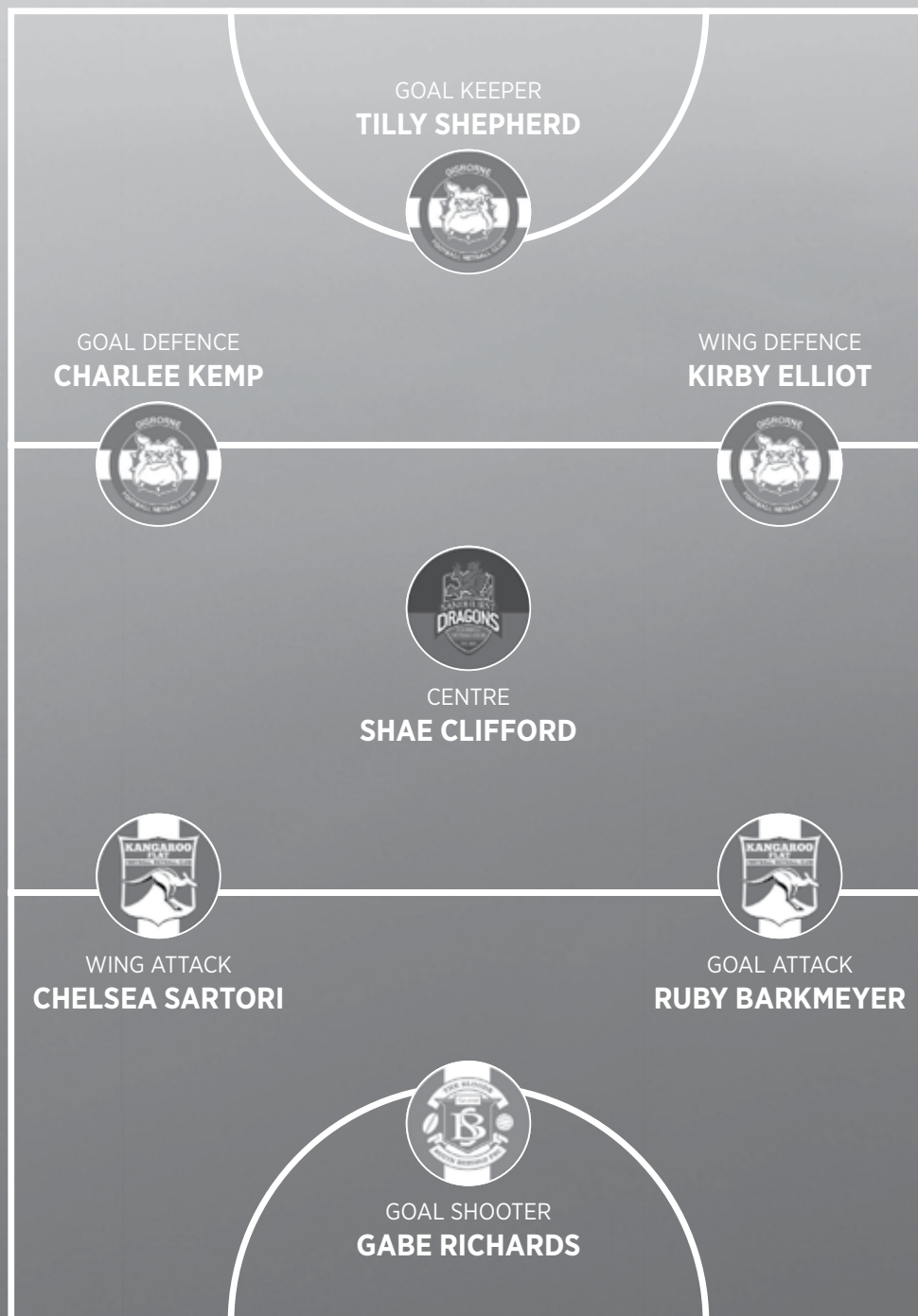
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COACH
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WILLIAMS**



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**CHLOE
LANGLEY**



INTERCHANGE
**ASH
RYAN**



INTERCHANGE
**TORIE
SKRIJEL**



INTERCHANGE
**SOPHIE
JAMES**

Season Launch: 28 March

Broadford 25 lt Sth Bendigo 27

Round 1: 3 & 4 April

(Good Friday)

Castlemaine 32 lt Golden Square 71
Gisborne 39 lt Kangaroo Flat 42
Strathfieldsaye 42 lt Sth Bendigo 44

(Easter Saturday)

Eaglehawk 35 lt Sandhurst 56
Bye: Broadford

Round 2: 11 April

Sandhurst 99 d Broadford 28
Golden Square 39 lt Eaglehawk 72
Kangaroo Flat 96 d Castlemaine 17
Sth Bendigo 40 lt Gisborne 47
Bye: Strathfieldsaye

Round 3: 18 April

Eaglehawk 36 lt Kangaroo Flat 70
Castlemaine 29 lt Sth Bendigo 79
Gisborne 45 d Strathfieldsaye 22
Broadford 35 lt Golden Square 72
Bye: Sandhurst

Round 4: Split Round

25 April (Anzac Weekend)

Sth Bendigo 58 d Eaglehawk 52

2 May (Pat Cronin Round)

Strathfieldsaye 61 d Castlemaine 25
Sandhurst 72 d Golden Square 47
Kangaroo Flat 95 d Broadford 16 (PCF)
Bye: Gisborne

Round 5: 9 May

Eaglehawk 48 lt Strathfieldsaye 49
Castlemaine 19 lt Gisborne 65
Sandhurst 50 lt Kangaroo Flat 60
Bye: Golden Square, Broadford & Sth Bendigo

Round 6: 16 May

Strathfieldsaye 80 d Broadford 26
Gisborne 60 d Eaglehawk 33
Sth Bendigo 47 lt Sandhurst 60
Kangaroo Flat 82 d Golden Square 44
Bye: Castlemaine

Interleague: 23 May

Bendigo FNL 83 d O&M 49

Round 7: 30 & 31 May

(Indigenous Round)

Broadford 13 lt Gisborne 89
Eaglehawk 56 d Castlemaine 33
Golden Square 53 lt Sth Bendigo 68
Sandhurst 68 d Strathfieldsaye 31
Bye: Kangaroo Flat

Round 8: 6 June

Castlemaine 57 d Broadford 43
Gisborne 40 lt Sandhurst 44
Strathfieldsaye 55 d Golden Square 47
Sth Bendigo 48 lt Kangaroo Flat 81
Bye: Eaglehawk

Round 9: 13 June

Broadford 11 lt Eaglehawk 59
Sandhurst 70 d Castlemaine 37
Golden Square 36 lt Gisborne 58
Kangaroo Flat 71 d Strathfieldsaye 40
Bye: Sth Bendigo

Round 10: 20 June

Sandhurst 68 d Eaglehawk 31
Golden Square 80 d Castlemaine 39
Kangaroo Flat 54 d Gisborne 47
Sth Bendigo 63 d Strathfieldsaye 44
Bye: Broadford

Round 11: 27 June

Broadford 12 lt Sandhurst 97
Eaglehawk 55 d Golden Square 54
Castlemaine 28 lt Kangaroo Flat 105
Gisborne 43 d Sth Bendigo 33
Bye: Strathfieldsaye

General Bye: 4 July

Round 12: 11 July

Golden Square 77 d Broadford 37
Kangaroo Flat 59 d Eaglehawk 47
Sth Bendigo 74 d Castlemaine 21
Strathfieldsaye 20 lt Gisborne 67
Bye: Sandhurst

Round 13: 18 July

Broadford 16 lt Kangaroo Flat 106
Eaglehawk 75 d Sth Bendigo 60
Castlemaine 38 lt Strathfieldsaye 44
Golden Square 49 lt Sandhurst 70
Bye: Gisborne

Round 14: 25 July

Sth Bendigo 88 d Broadford 21
Strathfieldsaye 50 lt Eaglehawk 60
Gisborne 59 d Castlemaine 19
Kangaroo Flat 64 d Sandhurst 60
Bye: Golden Square

Round 15: 1 August

Broadford 25 lt Strathfieldsaye 61
Eaglehawk 37 lt Gisborne 50
Sandhurst 53 d Sth Bendigo 42
Golden Square 47 lt Kangaroo Flat 88
Bye: Castlemaine

Round 16: 8 August

(Bendigo Health Round)
Gisborne 75 d Broadford 11
Castlemaine 38 lt Eaglehawk 68
Strathfieldsaye 26 lt Sandhurst 88
Sth Bendigo 65 d Golden Square 60
Bye: Kangaroo Flat

Round 17: 15 August

Broadford 37 dr Castlemaine 37
Sandhurst 40 lt Gisborne 44
Golden Square 50 lt Strathfieldsaye 67
Kangaroo Flat 82 d Sth Bendigo 57
Bye: Eaglehawk

Round 18: 22 August

Eaglehawk 67 d Broadford 25
Castlemaine 31 lt Sandhurst 77
Gisborne 58 d Golden Square 19
Strathfieldsaye 38 lt Kangaroo Flat 81
Bye: Sth Bendigo

Qualifying Final

Gisborne 55 d Sandhurst 52

Elimination Final

South Bendigo 67 d Eaglehawk 54

Second Semi-Final

Kangaroo Flat 51 d Gisborne 37

First Semi-Final

Sandhurst 72 d South Bendigo 56

Preliminary Final

Gisborne 43 d Sandhurst 47



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**2026
Thompson
Medallist**

**Ruby
BARKMEYER**

KANGAROO FLAT FNC

33 Votes



Ashley Ryan

Position: WA/C

Age: 29

Height: 168cm

Nickname: Ash

Previous Club: Eaglehawk/ Square

Best BFNL Player

Seen: Maddy Stewart

Footy/Netball

Highlight: Winning the 25' flag

Footy/Netball

Lowlight: losing multiple Grand Finals

Footy/Netball

Ambition: Win another grand final

Favourite Drink: DC (Diet Coke)

Favourite Food: Home made pizza

Favourite Movie: Shrek

Favourite Aussie: Chris Hemsworth

Favourite Sports Person: Bree Masters

Five People You'd Invite for Dinner:

Restricted, Florence and the Machine, Snoop Dog, Gordon Ramsey, Alan Ritchson



Alicia McGlashan

Position: GD

Age: 41

Height: 181cm

Nickname: Leash

Best BFNL Player

Seen: Ruby Barkmeyer

Footy/Netball

Highlight: All 8 Premierships with Kflat

Footy/Netball

Ambition: Win the 2026 Flag

Favourite Drink: Coffee

Favourite Food: Sushi

Favourite Movie: The Notebook

Favourite Aussie: Chris Hemsworth

Favourite Sports Person: Cathy Freeman

Five People You'd Invite for Dinner: 1. My kids 2. My mum 3. Taylor Swift 4. Carrie Bickmore 5. The roo girls



Abbey Ryan

Position: GS

Age: 28

Nickname: Abb

Previous Club: Eaglehawk

Best BFNL Player

Seen: Ruby Barkmeyer (Betty)

Footy/Netball Highlight: Winning the 2025 GF

Footy/Netball Lowlight: Losing 22/24 premierships

Footy/Netball

Ambition: Play competitive netball for as long as I can.

Favourite Drink: Coke Zero

Favourite Food: Home made pizza

Favourite Movie: Shrek

Favourite Aussie: Dan Gorringer

Favourite Sports Person: Steele Sidebottom

Five People You'd Invite for Dinner: Restricted, Michael B. Jordan, Sopha Dopa and Bailey, Living Legend and King Julien



Ava Lowndes

Position: GK

Age: 27

Height: 185cm

Nickname: Av, Avy, Lowndesy

Previous Club: Once a roo, always a roo

Best BFNL Player

Seen: Ruby Barkmeyer

Footy/Netball

Highlight: Winning GFs and hanging out with my friends weekly

Footy/Netball Lowlight: Losing finals/ GFs

Footy/Netball Ambition: To play alongside both of my sisters so we can be like Ashley and Abbey Ryan

Favourite Drink: Solo/Gatorade

Favourite Food: Pasta

Favourite Movie: Shrek

Favourite Aussie: Lucy Lang

Favourite Sports Person: Milly Wicks

Five People You'd Invite for Dinner: Shannon Murphy, Ella Wicks, Nina Cass, Snoop Dogg and Florence Welch



Claire McGee

Position: GA/GS
Age: 18
Height: 188cm
Nickname: Claire Bear
Previous Club: Sandhurst
Best BFNL Player seen: Heather Oliver
Footy/Netball Highlight: Winning 2024 17/u & B res GFs with a best on court.
Footy/Netball Lowlight: Losing the 2023 u/17 GF by a point
Footy/Netball Ambition: To play championship level in the VNL
Favourite Drink: Vanilla Chai Latte
Favourite Food: Anything Italian
Favourite Movie: Little Women
Favourite Aussie: My Mum
Favourite Sports Person: Jo Weston
Five people you'd invite for dinner: Jalen Brunson, Zendaya, Jeff Buckley, Florence Pugh and Olivia Dean



Kelsey Ralph

Position: GA
Age: 27
Height: 180cm
Nickname: Ralphy, Wreck it
Previous Club: Strathfieldsaye
Best BFNL Player seen: Heather Oliver
Netball Highlight: 2x A Reserve Premierships
Netball Lowlight: Paige Ryan leaving Sandhurst
Netball Ambition: an A grade premiership
Favourite Drink: Hugo Spritz
Favourite Food: Pesto pasta
Favourite Movie: The Proposal
Favourite Aussie: Kath and Kim
Favourite Sports Person: Laura Geitz
Five people you'd invite for dinner: Princess Diana, Jennifer Aniston, Hailey Bieber, Beyonce & Margot Robbie



Shae Clifford

Position: C
Age: 22
Height: 172cm
Nickname: Shae Bae
Previous Club: Castlemaine
Best BFNL Player seen: Heather Oliver
Footy/Netball Highlight: Winning the 2022 grand final
Footy/Netball Lowlight: losing the 2023 grand final
Footy/Netball Ambition: to play the highest level possible



Favourite Drink: a margarita
Favourite Food: pasta
Favourite Movie: anyone but you
Favourite Sports Person: Meg Williams
Five people you'd invite for dinner: Sopha Dophia, Lucy Sherriff, Hailey Bieber, Ava Perez, Dogga Walsh

Harriet Whiteacre

Position: GK/GD
Age: 19
Height: 183cm
Nickname: H
Previous Club: Sandhurst FNC
Best BFNL Player seen: Charlotte Sexton
Footy/Netball Highlight: 2024 U17 premiership and best on court
Footy/Netball Lowlight: 2025 grand final loss A res
Footy/Netball Ambition: Strikers Championship team VNL



Favourite Drink: Tropical Smoothie
Favourite Food: Any pasta
Favourite Movie: Hunger Games series
Favourite Aussie: Margot Robbie
Favourite Sports Person: Kelly Jackson
Five people you'd invite for dinner: Zendaya, Jake Shane, Bruno Mars, Kevin Hart and Kelly Jackson



Kangaroo Flat

Pics courtesy SAA Imaging, Bendigo



Coach:
Jayden Cowling



CHELSEA SARTORI
C (Captain)
Our exceptional skipper is a dual Betty Thompson Medalist who bleeds the green and white. Chelsea's tenacity and never say die attitude see's her win a high amount of ball and sets the tempo of the game through the middle.



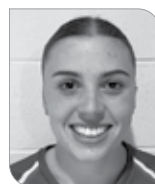
TEAL HOCKING
GS/GA/WA
Tealy is our sharp shooting superstar who is cool, calm and composed and can shoot from anywhere. Teal slots into any combination seamlessly and brings plenty of elite level experience.



AVA LOWNDES
GK/GD
Having a break out season stepping up into a full time A Grade position. Tenacious and strong, never gives up, shuts down goal shooters, and dominates rebounds with determination and grit.



RUBY BARKMEYER
GA/GS/WA
Rubes gives our attack end so much composure and control and has exceptional playmaking. Rubes is the runner up Betty Thompson Medalist for season 2025 and can bomb those shots from absolutely anywhere in that goal circle.



MEGAN WILSON
WD/GD
Megans ability to read the play and win ball from the back is exceptional to watch. She has taken on the challenge of the WD bib this season and has flourished. Megan's biggest strength is the ability and timing to deflect the ball from a goalers shot.



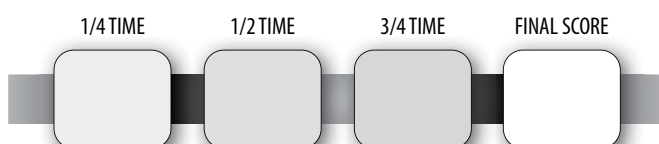
ABBEY RYAN
GS/GA
One of the smartest goalers in the league, Abbey is the playmaker in the goal circle and sets up some amazing play. Abbey's long bombs are a highlight to watch and makes impact as soon as she hits the court.



ALICIA MCGLASHAN
GD/GK
Alicia brings over 300 BFNL games experience to our team and isn't slowing down any time soon. Alicias closing speed and reach over the shot creates many opportunities for our side. Her knowledge and leadership is vital for our back end of the court.



ASHLEY RYAN
WA/C
With speed to burn, Ash's change of direction and pace is untouchable. Ash's work rate in attack and polish on the feed is her strength of her game. 2026 has been an outstanding season for Ash.



Sandhurst



Coach:
Tamara Gilchrist



BEC SMITH

GS - The teams 'Fun Auntie Becca' The GS that makes everyone else's job easy. Pulls in just about any ball and often has to when her teammates take her shaking head as an invitation to launch it from half court! League standout best part of a decade.



KELSEY RALPH

GA/GS - An absolute legend on and off the court, she's dangerous from long range, loves getting a sneaky tip or intercept down court and always keeps the team laughing. Someone stop her this weekend before we see another egg!



CLAIRE MCGEE

GA/GS - One of our young guns having a standout year in A grade. In GA or GS she is a force to reckoned with in the goal circle. Relentless with the chatter and always ready with a joke - if you asked or not!



MEG WILLIAMS

WA/C - Someone everyone can rely on in crucial situations. She is a strong and amazing leader on and off the court. Battling a tight defender or illness, she always pulls through for her team. Smiling her way through the game.



SHAE CLIFFORD

C/WA - An incredible dynamic player that is able to use her agility and speed to outsmart and outplay her opponents. Her growth over the years has shown through time and time again making her one of the best in the league. Our Poppet!



HEATHER OLIVER

WD/GD - The ultimate athlete ready to take on any position needed. Her versatility and composure have allowed her to dominate A grade for years! Tough is an understatement. She's loved by all... but feared by anyone paired against her in the training demo.



HARRIETT WHITEACRE

GK/GD- The rising star playing well beyond her years. Strong ring defender who is light and quick on her feet. Takes a bit to get a smile out of her after an intercept. A true crowd favourite and one to watch.



RUBY TURNER

GD/GK - The ability to fly and read the intercept is next level. The most relaxed team mate on game day, never knowing what time she'll arrive for a game. Rubes makes action shots look perfect like she makes defending look easy.



DARCY WILLIMAS

WD/C - The ultimate impact player who can change the game in a second. Her anticipation and timing are next level, clutch intercepts her speciality. Always smiling and one of the kindest teammates. Impossible not to love.



SOPHIE SHOEBRIDGE

GD/WD- Strong defender across the line or in the circle, our captain lead by example! Now carrying the biggest job on the bench - working the iPad!!



REESE GILCHRIST

GA/GS - Fast moving goalie, loving the long bomb! Works the circle and front space with smart set ups. Biggest voice on or off the court, we all know what she's thinking.



LUCY SHERRIF

WD/C - Strong middle matched with speed, owns the middle channel and is tough on the hard ball get. Everyone's friend off the court, with the perfect case of white line fever!

1/4 TIME

1/2 TIME

3/4 TIME

FINAL SCORE



Kangaroo Flat v South Bendigo

Coaches: Jayden Cowling, Ashley Ryan



LANI BURNS

GS/GA: Strong holding goaler, composed and dependable, anchoring the shooting circle with confidence and control.

JESS HOLDSTOCK

GS: First year as a Roo girl and has made immediate impact. A strong holding accurate shooter, bringing calmness and control in attack and brings a wealth of experience.

AVA HAMILTON

GA/GS/WA: High work rate, strong takes, versatile player with a fantastic defensive game and reliable presence out front.

BELLA PITTO

WA/C: Tall, strong, sharp change of direction; drives to circle edge with calm, accurate feeds into the shooters.

LAYNEE RHODES

WA/C: First year player with the Roos, Laynees quick movement and sharp direction changes make her extremely tough to defend. Laynee feeds into the goalers beautifully with confidence.

ELLA WICKS

C/WA: A back to back league medallist, Ell is a midcourt workhorse, cunning in defence, calm in attack, embodying relentless effort and hard work.

EMMA MORONEY

WD/C: Fierce, hardworking leader, exceptional at wearing down opponents and creating crucial turnovers for the team.

BRONTE DEARY

GD: Relentless and gritty, works hard to set up play and create turnover opportunities for teammates and gives 110%. Brontes leadership has grown in season 2026.

KATE BURTON

GK/GD: Returning to the Roos, Burto is extremely tenacious and hard working. Her vision and exceptional read of the game allows her to fly for many intercepts and is an amazing leader on court for the team.

1/4 TIME

1/2 TIME

3/4 TIME

FINAL SCORE



Coach: Lauren Bowles

Assistant Coach: Amanda Walters



SARAH NASH

(C) 'Nashy' our ever-reliable captain with an aerial jump as high as you have seen, brings the energy and intensity week in and out. She provides ongoing drive and defensive pressure, while always finding another gear.

KATELYN PARRY

(VC) Strong and controlled in defence, 'KP' has a beautiful defensive reach and gains plenty of ball with her rebounding abilities. Lookout for her rejections.

OLIVIA TRELOAR

(VC) Liv is a strong reliable goaler under the post providing a strong presence, with the ability to hold space while remaining accurate. Taken her game to the next level this year.

LAUREN BOWLES

With experience and consistency, our fierce leader Loz provides composure in high pressure moments while running all day in the midcourt providing plenty of drive, speed and connection through the court.

OLIVIA MASON

Liv is a creative playmaker in the goal circle, confident to turn and shoot, with the speed and defensive pressure to create turnovers through the midcourt. Strong return to the court this season, playing in her first senior GF.

CARISSA BROOK

Strong in the attacking midcourt, Carissa will drive hard all day with effective centre pass receives and goal assists while using her speed and court smarts to create endless options in attack. Loves a long bomb and gets the crowd up and about.

SHELLEY DEARAUGO

Shelley is cool, calm and collected goaler, even loves a stint in WA, a steady head and a knack for making magic happen in the circle.

KIRA BALDWIN

Kira is a defensive powerhouse with incredible closing speed, great communication and a beautiful ability to read the play before it unfolds.

REMI KUHN

Remi has had a stellar year from our GD/WD, who loves to fly, stands tall under pressure and always seems to clinch the big moments.

AMY MORRISSEY

A welcome return to the court for Moz. Our GD/GK takes on the tallest goalers, causes chaos in the circle, and has her number one supporter, Lenny, cheering on his Mum.

1/4 TIME

1/2 TIME

3/4 TIME

FINAL SCORE



Gisborne v Strathfieldsaye



Coach: Rylee Connell
Team Manager: Kerry Ranieri

RYLEE CONNELL

Rylee is a dominant goal shooter whose strength and holds in the ring are near impossible to beat.

TAYLAH RANIERI (C)

A hard-working goaler, Taylah combines strong attacking play with relentless defensive pressure when the opposition has the ball.

TARRYN RYMER

Tarryn is a clever midcourter whose finesse, vision, and adaptability lift the team at crucial moments.

MONTY PATON

Quick and confident, Monty glides across the court with precision and controls the game beautifully.

LULU SLATER

Dogged and determined, Lulu's athleticism and smart positioning make her a weapon through the centre third.

CHARLOTTE MCMURRAY

Charlotte's sharp footwork and tight marking make her a defender no attacker wants to face.

GEORGIA MURRAY (C)

Calm and composed, Georgia reads the play well, can lock down opponents and transitions the ball cleanly from defence to attack.

OLIVIA FENN

Olivia is a springy, agile defender with excellent timing and a vertical leap that troubles tall shooters.

LILY PRATER

Lily's speed and timing see her take intercepts all over the court with powerful, hands-over pressure.

BRIDGET SALTER

A clever defender, Bridget reads play effortlessly and is always ready to pounce on loose balls or rebounds.

PHOEBE PRIEST

Phoebe is a sharp shooter with impressive accuracy, equally effective holding space or moving with speed.



Coach: Jo Artavilla
Asst Coach: Carlie Brennan
Team Manager: Tanya O'Gorman

CHIARA ARTAVILLA

Chiara is a calm, intelligent goal shooter and team player who thrives under pressure. Player Comparison: Jack Gunston

IMOGEN CURRIE

Imogen is an accurate shooter and fierce competitor who gives everything for her team. Player Comparison: Jeremy Cameron

MAKAYLE DOLE

Captain of the team, Makayla is a versatile player who leads by example across multiple positions. Player Comparison: Patrick Dangerfield

MACEY O'SHEA

Macey is a consistent defensive midcourter with excellent stamina, pressure and work rate. Player Comparison: Max Holmes

ELLA PITSON

Ella is a fast, specialist wing defence who shuts down opponents and creates crucial intercepts. Player Comparison: Isaac Quaynor

MAEVE CASS

Maeve is an exciting young defender who defends strongly and confidently drives the ball forward. Player Comparison: Harris Andrews

MACEY MURPHY

Macey is a competitive young defender and strong rebounder who brings intensity to every contest. Player Comparison: Jacob Weitering

OLIVIA ERWIN

Olivia is an impact player with timely intercepts, pinpoint passing and has had an outstanding finals series. Player Comparison: Izak Rankine

SIENNA EDDY

Sienna is a calm, versatile goaler and midcourter who continues to improve tremendously. Player Comparison: Ed Richards

BRIDGET ABE

Bridget is an experienced, intelligent and versatile player who makes an impact across multiple positions. Player Comparison: Mark Blicavs

CHELSEA CRAPPER

Chelsea is an experienced 250-game player with outstanding consistency, stamina and work rate. Player Comparison: Scott Pendlebury

MACKENZIE STRAWBRIDGE

Mackenzie is an athletic, fierce competitor who has become a strong and reliable target in goals. Player Comparison: Patrick Voss

1/4 TIME

1/2 TIME

3/4 TIME

FINAL SCORE

1/4 TIME

1/2 TIME

3/4 TIME

FINAL SCORE

Gisborne v Kangaroo Flat



Coach: Shelley Farrugia
Team Manager: Marissa Brewer

SHELLEY FARRUGIA

An experienced goaler who leads by example, combining calm finishing under pressure with valuable coaching and guidance for the team.

LILY PRATER

A relentless midcourter who never quits. Her speed, determination, and work rate make her a constant force on court.

BEC MERRETT

Tenacious midcourter and defender with great closing speed, relentless pressure, and a knack for making things difficult for her opponents.

SAPPHY MCCARTHY

A composed attacker with great vision and accuracy, consistently delivering smart, well-timed feeds to create scoring opportunities.

CAYTLYN WALKER (C)

Co-captain and dependable defender who consistently leads by example, bringing composure, determination, and strong defensive pressure to every game.

MACEY DRAYTON

Energetic defender with a great vertical jump and sharp anticipation, consistently disrupting attacks and creating opportunities for her team.

BRIDGET SALTER (C)

A versatile co-captain who can dominate at both ends of the court, bringing fierce competitiveness, adaptability, and determination to every game.

HOLLY BREWER

A determined midcourter who has a crack at anything, bringing relentless energy, resilience, and a fierce competitive spirit to every contest.

POLLY SALTER

An experienced defender who leads by example, bringing composure, consistency, and strong communication to the defensive end.

ADELE MCKIBBIN

An accurate goaler who thrives under pressure, playing with composure and maturity well beyond her years.

MONIQUE MCKIBBIN

A composed and dependable midcourter who delivers accurately, elevates her teammates, and brings a team-first attitude to every game.

1/4 TIME

1/2 TIME

3/4 TIME

FINAL SCORE



Coach: Nina Cass
Assistant Coach: Bonnie Roberts

SOPHIE INGRAM

GS, GA - Our sharpshooter Sophie! Runner-up in the league Best & Fairest, Sophie is incredibly reliable and strong in the goal circle. Her composure under pressure and ability to finish makes her such an important part of our attacking end.

MEG KELLY (Co-Captain)

GA, GS - Our very own League Best & Fairest! Meg is strong, relentless and incredibly hard to stop. Her shooting ability, movement and determination make her a constant threat in the goal circle.

KARLY BINGHAM

WA, C - Vintage Bing! Karly still has complete control over the attacking end and creates some incredible play. Her experience, vision and ability to deliver the ball exactly where it needs to go make her such a valuable part of this side.

MADELINE DOWLING

C, WA - Strong, smart and speedy, Mads is an absolute workhorse through the middle. She covers an incredible amount of court and is always there to provide an option, apply pressure and help drive the ball into attack.

HANNAH EVANS

WD, GD - Hannah is dangerous in defence, with the ability to pick off even the hardest-to-get balls and shut down her opponent in an instant. Her defensive pressure and determination create opportunities for us all over the court.

MILANA WHITEACRE

GD, GK - Milana has an incredible ability to pull in intercepts and rebounds that look almost impossible. Smart, athletic and composed, she reads the play beautifully and is a huge presence in our defensive end.

LAURA BENBOW (Co-Captain)

GK, GA, WA - Laura's tenacity and strength shine no matter where she takes the court. She contests everything, never gives her opponent an easy ball and brings a level of determination that lifts the entire defensive end.

LUCY LANG

GK - With her height and strength, Lucy is a force to be reckoned with in GK. She provides a huge presence in the circle, contests strongly and gives our defensive end another fantastic option.

KIARAH WARREN

C, WA - Kiarah brings speed, smarts and strength every time she steps onto the court. Her versatility and ability to make an impact wherever she is needed make her an incredibly valuable member of this team.

PEYTON CHAMBERS

GA, GS - Excellent goaler who can play multiple positions, Under 17 Runner Up in League Best & Fairest.

AVA MCCLURE

GD, WD - Young Strong defender who has also stepped up from our under 17's. Reliable and tenacious.

MAGGIE LAMB

C, WA - Speedy, safer and reliable. Maggie is a star of the future in the midcourt who always creates opportunities for the goalers.

1/4 TIME

1/2 TIME

3/4 TIME

FINAL SCORE



Strathfieldsaye v Sandhurst

Coach: Fiona Schubert
Asst Coach: Julie Fennell
Team Manager: Julie Fennell



ADY NEILSON

Ady is an accurate goaler with strong shooting consistency, composure under pressure, and the ability to create scoring opportunities.

SOPHIE MCDERMOTT

Sophie is a versatile player with accurate shooting, strong movement, defensive pressure, and the ability to confidently transition between attack and defence.

DEMPEY MCDONNELL

Dempsey is a dynamic mid-court player with strong vision, movement and defensive pressure, who can confidently transition into the goal circle.

LEXI ARUNDELL

Lexi is a quick mid-court player with tight one-on-one pressure, relentless defensive effort, excellent court awareness, and strong attacking movement.

CHLOE TWEED

Chloe is an experienced mid-court player with excellent vision, strong passing, and the ability to consistently link with goalers.

CHELLA FITZGERALD

Chella is a quick defensive mid-court player with good court awareness, consistent pressure, and the ability to support both attack and defence.

RANIA JACKSON-LEAHY

Rania is a tall defensive mid-court player with good court awareness, reliable pressure, versatility, and the ability to confidently swing into defence.

LEXIE FENNELL

Lexie is an strong defender with quick reactions, strong anticipation, relentless pressure, and a natural ability to create turnovers, with the versatility to confidently swing into the goal circle.

MATISSE SHEAHAN

Matisse is a reliable defender with strong anticipation, consistent pressure, and the ability to disrupt opposition attacking play.

EDEN POLLARD

Eden is a strong young defender who closes down attacking space, applies relentless pressure, anticipates play, and consistently challenges opponents.

FOREST JACKSON-LEAHY

Forest is a consistent young mid-court player with a reliable work rate, good court awareness, and a strong ability to contribute across the court.

DARCEY WHITSED

Darcy is a dynamic young goaler with athletic movement and the ability to consistently create scoring opportunities.

1/4 TIME

1/2 TIME

3/4 TIME

FINAL SCORE



Coaches: Carol Cathcart, Rose Gallagher



MIA COX

A sharp shooter with an incredibly accurate eye for goal. She's a true machine on the court, consistently delivering under pressure. When the game is on the line, you can count on her to step up and nail the clutch shot.

LILLY TEUMA

A big jumper and skater with a versatile game that makes her a constant threat across the court. Relentless in every contest and powerful in attack, she brings energy and determination to every play. Known as the rock of the team, she can always be relied on when the pressure is on.

ESE PHILLIPS

Vice Captain, B&F - A beast on the court, bringing fierce competitiveness and relentless energy to every contest. A true powerhouse whose strength and determination make her a constant threat. A cornerstone of the team, she leads by example and never backs down from a challenge.

EVA GRANT

Captain - Eva is a powerhouse of strength, with strong leads and an ability to create space when her team needs it most. A reliable anchor on court, her strength and muscles make her a formidable presence in every contest. A natural leader, Eva leads by example with confidence, consistency and determination.

MAYCEE RINALDI

Maycee is a sharp feeder and an attack queen, creating opportunities with her clever playmaking and quick decision-making. A true pocket rocket, she brings plenty of flash, energy and excitement to the court. Consistent and confident, Maycee is a dynamic player who keeps defenders guessing and drives her team forward.

EVIE GRETGRIX

Evie is a determined ball hawk and a graceful guard, always ready to read the play and make a crucial interception. Known as the denier, she works tirelessly to shut down her opponent and protect her team's circle. With her funny personality and strong defensive presence, Evie brings energy, confidence and plenty of character to the court.

MILA CHILDS

Mila is an athletic firecracker, bringing energy, agility and speed to every moment on court. Known as a strong defender, she reads the play brilliantly and uses her quick movement to shut down her opponent. With her confident personality and signature "Corny Mil" charm, Mila brings determination to every game.

BLESSING JOHN

Blessing is our goaler, a smiling assassin who combines thoughtfulness with a steady, consistent approach. Exceptional under pressure, she rules the circle with confidence and skill, earning her title as the circle queen. With a strong hold and unwavering determination, Blessing is a formidable presence in every game.

SIENNA RACO

Sienna is our work engine: speedy, agile and elite, with the instincts of a prodigy and the vision of a true playmaker. She drives the team forward with relentless energy, creates opportunities with confidence and skill, and brings a powerful, dynamic presence to every game.

SARAH CROWLEY

Sarah is a versatile and energetic player who contributes effectively across multiple positions. She combines quick movement with strong court awareness, allowing her to identify passing options, create space and support attacking transitions. Sarah gets many deflections with her big long arms. Sarah applies consistent effort throughout each game.

ELLE GILCHRIST

Elle is a quick goaler with excellent court awareness and sharp shooting skills. Confident and agile, she moves swiftly around the circle, creates opportunities and makes a strong impact in attack.

1/4 TIME

1/2 TIME

3/4 TIME

FINAL SCORE



Sandhurst v South Bendigo



Coach: Reese Gilchrist

ALANA BORCHARD

VC - Known for being able to read the play, unbelievable defender and great leader down in the defence end. Great encouragement skills towards all her teammates.

ALEXIS CARUANA

VC - Quiet achiever, known for taking an intercept at anytime. Improving her leadership skills every week. Great court awareness and an excellent team player.

ALICIA CROWLEY

Awesome defender, great hand over pressure. Takes on the contest and never gives up. Loves a great rebound and a deflection.

CHRISTINA NAPOLEON

Specialist GK, great pressure over the ball. Her strength is hard 1 on 1 defence. You will always catch her with a smile on her face.

ELIZA MAIN

Unreal speed and rebounding power. Awesome shooting ability from range. Has improved out of sight this season. Great vision and all round great team player.

ELKE FLETCHER

TP - Great asset to our team, has done every job under the sun and now gets the opportunity to be rewarded and play. Awesome encouragement skills towards everyone.

ELLE GILCHRIST

Captain - Our leader, great speed and long range shooting ability. Absolutely leads by example and has experience and knowledge beyond her years.

ELLIE MCCUMBER

Chompers! Known for her quick speed and unreal defensive pressure. Has awesome court awareness and communication skills.

HARPER GORDON

Excellent GS, Great ability to hold ball side and be in the best spot she can. Awesome rebounding power and great shooting ability.

MACEY WHITE

Unreal vision, known for her long bombs into the circle. Great netball brain and loves a thread the needle pass. Awesome encouragement skills.

RUBY KELLY

Hard ball defender, loves a good contest and never backs down. Makes her player work very hard, but also loves a good lolly on the bench.

1/4 TIME

1/2 TIME

3/4 TIME

FINAL SCORE



Coach: Rox Hayes

BELLA CAIL

Captain reliable and versatile. Often found arguing with the coach and lacks focus if her hair is out of place.

EILY ELLIS-FEDKE

Relentless defender with excellent footwork and read of play. Loves a laugh, sometimes even a giggle or squeal mid-game.

EMILY DULLARD

A goaler that's now also a defender and absolute dynamite when switched on. However known to forget her netball shoes often, yet never forgets a Tiktok transition.

HARPER SMITH

Speedy midcourter always hunting for a sneaky intercept. Official team lolly supplier, eyebrow raiser and funniest member.

INDIE COLLEY

Calm, super strong and tall goal shooter. Always has a signature stylish fancy hair do and is known as the team lolly thief.

IVY PINNER

Quiet and unassuming utility player with great composure, ball precision and netball IQ beyond her years. Ruthlessly self-disciplined with self imposed no-lollies-until-after-the-game rule.

LAILA CAIL

Dependable goaler finally fully back on court after long term injury. Selective hearing to coach's instructions.

LILY DISS

Quiet midcourter getting the job done with calm presence and a knack for keeping everyone guessing. Never one to make a fuss, but always manages to pop up exactly where she needs to be.

LILY HEARPS

Our specialist all-round impact player, with excellent on court communication and motivation. CEO of Tiktok transitions.

RUBY POLSON

Midcourter with excellent body work, our smiling assassin and master of a front cut. Team dinner connoisseur.

PERRY WESTLEY

Smart high pressure mid courter with speed and agility that causes absolute chaos for opposition. Known to not bring a water bottle so she can drink her cousin's iced water.

INCA BOLTON

Stoic, super competitive and unstoppable defender - a complete headache for opposition. Never backs down from a contest and has a habit of making attackers question all their life choices.

EMMALENE POLLOCK

Sadly sidelined with injury early in the season, yet continues to be our team's backbone. The kindest and most motivational team member, resident statistician and loves a chat.

1/4 TIME

1/2 TIME

3/4 TIME

FINAL SCORE

Club Notes



SOUTH BENDIGO

WELCOME TO GRAND FINAL WEEK!

What a special week for our club as South Bendigo prepares to take part in Grand Final day for the first time since 2022!

A huge congratulations to our A Reserve and 15/U girls on earning their place in the Grand Final.

We are incredibly proud of both teams and cannot wait to see plenty of red and white support on the sidelines this weekend.

Good luck, girls. Play for each other, give it everything and bring it home!

After the games, we welcome all players, families, supporters and members back to the clubrooms on Saturday night to celebrate the day together.

Then join us again from 11:30am on Sunday for Silly Sunday at Harry Trott!

Let's make it a weekend to remember. Go Bloods!

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Netball - Under 15's: South 15s were determined to start strong this week in the prelim against Golden Square having not beat them before throughout the season.

It was a hard-fought game with South down by anywhere from 2 to 8 goals for the first three quarters. To their credit, the girls never gave up, won plenty of the ball and continued to back each other. South stayed in the game and took advantage of a lapse and took the lead by 3 late in the 4th quarter. Holding on by 1 goal at the final siren! Well-done team we are now officially grand final bound!

B Reserve: B Res went into the prelim so ecstatic to be there, but also filled with nerves knowing it was do or die.

The girls knew it was going to be a tough fight as proven throughout the home and away season, however they were willing and ready to bring it all and do our best to take us into that grand final.



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Flat got a great jump on us right from the get-go and continued to push out the margin quarter by quarter. Unfortunately, our South girls couldn't bring it back, ending result being 52-26.

An outstanding season by our B Res girls unfortunately came to an end, but we couldn't be prouder of how far we all came and are ready to take it a step further next season!

A Reserve: Stepping out in the prelim final, A Res knew we had an absolute battle on our hands, coming up against Gissy for the fourth and final time this year.

The game could only be described as an absolute rollercoaster. Gissy got the jump on us early, taking a six-goal lead just five minutes into the first quarter. Thankfully, that woke us up, and we clawed our way back to finish the quarter with a two-goal lead.

The second and third quarters saw a monster effort from our midcourt and goalers, capitalising on our centre passes and converting off the relentless work of our defence.

Despite heading into the final quarter with a five-goal lead, the pressure never eased. It was a hard-fought battle from start to finish, but we held strong to secure a 41-36 win and book our place in the grand final.

It was a special moment, not only for our team but for our entire club, with 2026 marking the first time in South Bendigo history that our A Reserve team has made a grand final.

As captain, it's hard to put into words how proud I am of this group and the bond we've built over the past 12-24 months. We've worked incredibly hard to get here, and I know the entire club will be behind us next week when it really counts.

One more.

Football - Under 18's: South Bendigo's Under 18's season came to an end on Saturday, going down to Sandhurst in the Prelim in a hard-fought contest. The two sides were locked together through the opening term, with just a point separating the teams. Sandhurst used a strong second quarter to establish a break that the Bloods fought hard to overcome in the third. The last quarter was an arm wrestle where the boys could not quite get the job done, with a kick after the final siren extending the final margin to 14 points.

Despite the disappointing result to end the year, the performance reflected the growth this group has shown across the season. The competitiveness of the team against a strong Sandhurst outfit was a credit to the effort and structure the players have built into their game, and the fight shown in the third term, outscoring the opposition to give us a chance, was a fitting reflection of the character within the group.

While the season has ended one game short of where the group wanted to be, it has been defined by genuine improvement, growing team cohesion, and a willingness from every player to hold themselves and each other accountable. That foundation leaves the players well placed heading into next season.

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IT'S IN THE BLOOD



EAGLEHAWK

Well its here the big dance grand final day well done to our reserves team who are representing our club today give it your best shot boys we will all be up on the famous hill cheering you on.

Last week we lost our senior team bad luck boys to Travis Clayton their helpers and players thanks for a great year you

gave it your best shot but could not get over the line have a good rest then we will have a crack at 2027.

As this is our last day we wish to thank the following who contribute to keeping our club and league going all our sponsors from major down to award donors players and support staff coaches canteen and bar helpers gate people trainers ground crew our committee and all our sensational one eyed supporters we love and thank you all. The BFNL Tom King the board BUA Bart N Print the Addy Bendigo Weekly Fresh FM thank you for another sensational season.

To our league and club award winners we say well done you deserve your recognition.

Today after the reserves game we will be going straight back to Canterbury Park to reflect on the day and season all welcome bar will be open from 2-30 pm.

On Friday 2nd October we are having a club night at the greyhounds' gates open at 6 pm . Turn up in club colors to see if we can take home some cash . It's a great night, we have drawn box No.2 in the club challenge race . The winner gets \$3000- go you good thing.

The best and fairest presentation night will be held on Friday 9th October at 6 pm in social rooms all welcome drinks at bar prices BYO food make sure you are there.

Eaglehawk wish the Gisborne Football Netball club all the best on the new chapter for their club our 2 clubs have had a great relationship and respect for each other over the years which is something we will miss good luck in Ballarat.

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To you all thank you for your ongoing support.

Well to our reserves today good luck we know you will give it your best shot go get em boys.



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As our under 17 Netballers, B Grade Netballers and Under 18 footballers prepare for their respective Grand Finals, we wish all those competing the very best of luck as we stand here and cheer you on.

For the rest of our playing group who competed in this year's finals series, or who didn't quite make it, thank you for the contribution you have made to our great club, on and off the field throughout the 2026 season, enjoy the break and get ready to go again next year with renewed enthusiasm.

Thank you to our Senior, Junior football and Junior netball committees who have worked tirelessly all year to provide a safe, respectful and encouraging environment for our players to compete and grow, your passion, enthusiasm and support of our players and volunteers is inspiring. The SFNC would like to extend a particular thank you to our outgoing senior president Luke O'Keeke and our Junior Football President John McNerney, great leaders make great clubs, we say goodbye to 2 great leaders.

Thankyou to our coaches, assistant coaches, medical team, team managers and all their support staff who have been

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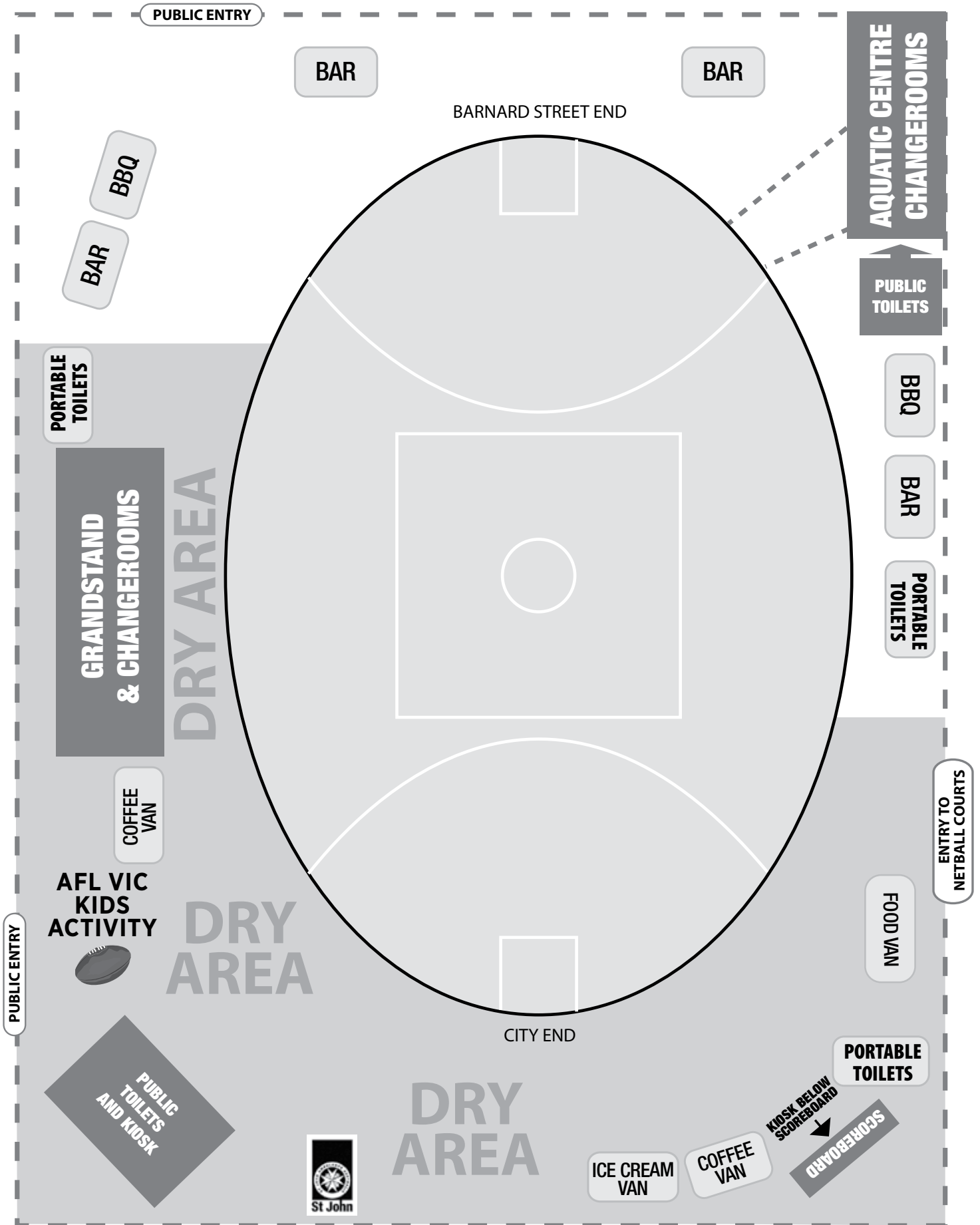
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