

2021 BFNL ANNUAL REPORT



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

Notice is hereby given that the 38th Annual General Meeting of the Bendigo Football Netball League Inc. will be held at the Bendigo Club (22 Park St, Strathdale), on Wednesday 19th January 2022 commencing at 7.30pm.

Business:

1. To confirm the Minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 20th January 2021.
2. To receive and consider the reports of the BFNL Chair and BFNL Manager, the Profit and Loss Accounts for the year ended 31st October 2021, the Balance sheet as at that date and the Auditors Report.
3. Election of vacant Board positions as per nominated candidates:

Board to consist of a minimum of 7 persons with maximum of 9 persons.

In accordance with Part 5, Division 3 of the BFNL Constitution: Carol McKinstry, Andy Walker, Sam McGee & Cheryl Elvey will retire as Board members by rotation.

Beres Fitch will remain on the BFNL Board with 1 year remaining in the term.

4. Appointment of Auditor for 2022.

5. General Business - General discussion in which matters may be raised for consideration of the Board.

Nominations for the BFNL Board and any other business to be transacted, must be delivered to the BFNL Manager prior to **6.00pm on Wednesday the 5th of January 2022.**

By Order of the Board

Cameron Tomlins
BFNL Manager

AGENDA OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

Agenda of the 38th Annual General Meeting of the Bendigo Football Netball League to be held at the Bendigo Club on Wednesday 19th January 2022 commencing at 7.30pm.

Business:

1. Welcome and apologies.

Motion that apologies be accepted:

Moved:

Seconded:

2. Minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 20th January 2021.

Motion that the minutes are recorded as a true and accurate record:

Moved:

Seconded:

3. Business arising from the minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

4. BFNL 2021 presentations:

a. Honorary BFNL Life Membership Awards

b. 1979 Michelsen Medal

5. Presentation of the Chair's Annual Report.

6. BFNL Manager's Report contained in the Annual Report booklet.

Motion that the Annual Reports of the BFNL Chair and BFNL Manager be accepted:

Moved:

Seconded:

7. AFL Central Victoria Commission Report contained in the Annual Report booklet.

8. Presentation of the Financial Report for the year ended 31st October 2021.

Motion that the Annual Financial Statement be confirmed as a true and fair record of the financial position of the BFNL during and at the end of the financial year:

Moved:

Seconded:

5. BFNL Managers Report: *(Taken as Read)*
General summary provided, report contained in the Annual Report booklet, no questions arising.
6. AFLCV Report: *(Taken as Read)*
Report contained in the Annual Report booklet, no questions arising.
7. Presentation of the Financial Report for the year ended 31st October 2020.
Financial performance summary provided, including:
- Overall lower revenue and expenditure resulting from COVID-19 abandoned seasons.
 - 2020 Interleague apparel and match day printing were received and paid for, however not required. Utilisation expected in future seasons.
 - AFL CV affiliation fees were reduced, but still incurred.
 - Only a small percentage of sponsorship revenue was collected.
 - Job Keeper submission for AFL CV staff assisted in lowering affiliation fees for the League, with similar financial relief passed to clubs.
 - Net loss of approximately \$21,000 was a good result overall. League cash reserves were critical to meeting League financial commitments throughout 2020 and will be equally as crucial to cover season 2021 start-up expenses prior to collection of any 2021 League revenue.
 - Commitment from the League to clubs to continue to investigate and provide financial relief where possible.
- Motion: That the Annual Financial statements be confirmed as a true and correct record of the financial position of the BFNL to 31st October 2020.**

Moved: Andy Walker (BFNL) **Seconded:** Sam McGee (BFNL) **Carried**

8. Election of Vacant Board Positions:
- Election of vacant Board positions as per nominated candidates.
Board to consist of a minimum of 7 persons no more than 9 persons.
- In accordance with Part 5, Division 3 of the Constitution: the following Board members retire by rotation:
Peter Davey, Beres Fitch, Barry Secombe
- One nomination was received for the vacant positions:
- Beres Fitch** **Nominated:** Chris Greene (Sandhurst) **Seconded:** Brendan Stewart (Golden Square)
- No further nominations received.
- In accordance with BFNL Constitution 52.1; **Beres Fitch** is returned for a further two-year term.
- *BFNL Chair indicated the Board will endeavour to recruit new Board members early in 2021 to meet minimum constitutional requirements.*

9. League affiliation 2021
Motion: That the BFNL affiliate with AFL Victoria, AFL Central Victoria, and Netball Victoria in 2020
Moved: Andy Walker (BFNL) **Seconded:** Hayley Smith (Kangaroo Flat) **Carried**
10. Appointment of Auditor (s)
Motion: That MGR Accountants be appointed as the BFNL auditors for the coming 12 months.
Moved: Cheryl Elvey (BFNL) **Seconded:** Andy Walker (BFNL) **Carried**
11. Other Business:
- Interleague NV Association champs:**
Unlikely that the 2021 football program will proceed. Ballarat not in a financial position to compete resulting from COVID-19 impact. Other major Leagues were approached with no interest arising for 2021. BFNL hold representative programs in high regard but are also conscious of outgoings following a tough 2020 financially resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Netball Victoria Association Championships – BFNL have committed to field both 17 & Under and Open netball teams in the tournament provided it proceeds.
- AFL Vic funding agreement:** Update offered by Carol Cathcart (AFL CV):
Negotiations have been undertaken with AFL Victoria regarding local funding agreements, the proposed funding agreement with AFL Victoria includes that the AFL CV Player Levy for football would be paid by AFL Victoria for season 2021. Once the agreement is signed, which should occur by the end of the month, official notification to clubs/leagues will be provided.
- Carol Cathcart extended thanks to BFNL Board, clubs, and staff for their tireless work during a difficult year. Given we will continue to experience various COVID-19 effects from some time, if any club assistance is required, clubs reminded to contact AFL CV via Carol Cathcart or Cameron Tomlins.
BFNL Board Chair extended thanks to the AFL Commission for ongoing work, whilst offering stable and strong leadership.
- AFL CV I'm Committed Preseason Competition:** Clubs to receive information outlining the finer details of the proposed structure in the next week or so, to seek interest of participation from all AFL CV clubs.
- Premier Data update:** Clubs (particularly senior coaches), were reminded to provide feedback on the webinar/presentation in late 2020, including interest in using the service.
BFNL reiterate such opportunities raise the standard and profile of the League. As a Major League, tools such as this differentiate us from other Leagues and act as an additional attraction for players.
- Court Sweepers:**
All clubs presented free court sweepers for their netball department, on behalf of Netball Victoria and Worksafe funding opportunities.
- BFNL Board Chair passed on condolences to Paul Whitfort for the recent loss of his mother, and families and friends of BFNL Hall of Fame members Ron Best and Graham Arthur who both recently passed away.
BFNL Board chair extended thanks to Eaglehawk FNC for hosting the meeting, whilst reiterating a "glass half full" outlook towards season 2021.

Meeting Closed 8.05pm



CAROL MCKINSTRY - CHAIR, BENDIGO FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE

Following on from the disappointment of the 2020 season, we had high hopes that football and netball would return in 2021, although played within COVID restrictions. While the start of the season was enthusiastically embraced by players and club supporters with large crowds turning out to watch and support their clubs, we encountered frequent challenges in the back half of the season.

The 2021 season was all about participation and the BFNL League Manager and Board had this as the major focus for the year. While we tried hard to have a normal season and then an abbreviated finals series, the lockdowns and COVID restrictions made that impossible. I would like to thank the club presidents and committees for their tireless work and goodwill as we sought to find ways to safely stage games. With high vaccination rates, we have optimism that 2022 will see more certainty around planning and having a season that has fewer disruptions. We are also looking forward to having interleague matches against the Ballarat Football Netball League and our netballers compete in the Association Games in 2022.

While completing a full season was not possible, the BFNL Board have continually looked strategically to position our league for the future, working with both clubs and the Central Victorian AFL Commission on a number of issues. We continue to advocate on behalf of clubs to ensure that there is a visible differentiation between the BFNL and other leagues in our region. We are continually looking for innovations that will improve the standard of competition and profile of the BFNL.

As in 2021, the BFNL Board continually monitored and considered the different financial environment both the League and BFNL clubs were operating in during this year. We reduced League fees for clubs and cut every possible cost. Again, we were fortunate that our past financial management enabled us to have reserves in place that we could use to get us through another difficult period.

Once again, I would like to particularly recognise and thank our League Manager Cameron Tomlins, for his tireless and exemplary work.



Cameron continued to meet every challenge in his usual professional and calm manner. Constantly problem-solving and working on various options occurred both before, during and post season.

I would also like to thank all our business and media partners for their support during these challenging times. Many thanks to our league naming rights partner, the Bendigo Bank for their long-standing support of our league. Their support of grassroots football is much appreciated as well.

Thanks also to Bendigo Mazda for their ongoing support of netball, Workforce XS, Harmac Homes, the Bendigo Club, Bart 'n' Print, AFS, SportsPower Bendigo, Coffee Storm, Cleanaway, Sherrin, Bendigo Party Hire, High St X-Ray, Great Ideas Awards and Gifts and Red Onion Creative for their valued support this year. We are fortunate to enjoy a very close relationship with our media partners (Bendigo Advertiser, Fresh FM, WIN TV, Nine News, Bendigo Times, Gold Central Victoria) who have continued to promote our league and clubs.

This year I would like to say a special thanks to Carol Cathcart who is stepping down as our Regional General Manager. Carol has also been our BFNL League Manager and the BFNL Board has valued the support she has provided to Cameron, the BFNL and our clubs. Her responsible financial management has never been more important than during the last two seasons. Many thanks also to the AFL CV Hub staff who have again worked tirelessly to get football and netball matches up and going.

Finally, I would like to thank all the BFNL Board Directors for their tireless commitment and considerable time this year. We are extremely fortunate the range of skills and experience across our Board. We look forward to a better 2022 where hopefully we will have vibrant competitions of football and netball, and also playing a significant role within our communities.

**Associate Professor Carol McKinstry
Chair, Bendigo Football Netball League Board**



CAROL CATHCART - AFLCV REGIONAL GENERAL MANAGER

Season 2021 has proved to be challenging for all involved in Community Sport.

Thank you to the Leagues and Clubs along with players, coaches, officials, and volunteers, who are involved in football and netball clubs throughout the region for their patience, persistence, and contributions in a difficult season. Although frustrating at times and disappointing to see all finals cancelled due to COVID lockdowns, we are extremely grateful that competitive community sport returned in some form during 2021, bringing joy and relief to so many.

We welcome Central Murray Football Netball League and Golden Rivers Football Netball League as affiliates. When AFL Central Murray ceased to exist, the Central Rivers Board affiliated both Leagues with AFL Central Victoria in February. AFL Central Victoria established an office in Swan Hill to administer the Leagues.

The Central Victoria Australian Football Commission provided financial relief to Leagues with a reduction to Administration Fees for Season 2021. A further reduction for Leagues will also be applied in Season 2022.

After not playing in 2020, we used the slogan I'm Committed to encourage people to come back to their footy/netball in 2021. Many clubs supported the initiative by using the I'm Committed template or slogan when announcing new signings. This culminated in AFL CV conducting preseason games for both football and netball in seniors and juniors. Thanks to those who participated and based upon positive feedback we intend to conduct the preseason competitions again in 2022.

Once again, we brought the region together and began the year with our Expo, although this year it was delivered online. Topics covered included COVID Protocols, Club Sustainability Program, Themed Rounds, Sports Chaplaincy, and financial opportunities.

The Bendigo Bank have continued to support community football with over \$15,000 provided to Clubs for referring new business to the bank. We thank the bank for their sponsorship of our leagues and encourage all clubs to promote the referral program.

Congratulations to all concerned in both State and Local Governments and all clubs for driving facility development within the region. This year facility development has included: pavilion for Koondrook Barham, away and umpire change rooms and netball courts at Kangaroo Flat, netball courts and updated change rooms at Birchip Watchem, behind the goal netting at Macorna, lights and shelter at Eaglehawk, lights and umpire and netball change rooms at Bridgewater, lights at Inglewood, Huntly and Weeroona. Construction has commenced on the new pavilion at Harry Trott and on the development at Catherine McAuley College.

Thanks to AFL Victoria and Worksafe, their commitment to make clubs safer, have provided Nyah Nyah West United with funding towards new goal post padding.

Maryborough and Sea Lake both received a grant through the AFL Victoria Energy Safe funding to purchase new equipment to improve the safety of their canteen.

Colbinabbin, Donald Inglewood, Kangaroo Flat, Kerang Women, Maiden Gulley YCW, Marong, Mount Pleasant, Newbridge, Nyah Nyah West United, Pyramid Hill and South Bendigo were all recipients of the TAC Club Rewards Program.

Castlemaine Football Netball Club received funding through the SCIF grant to assist with the development of a skills program and having role models attend sessions to grow and support junior girls' football.

As a code, Australian Football continues to grow in our region. Our Development Managers, Daniel Reid and Jake McLean based in Bendigo and David Alderuccio based in Swan Hill, have worked hard to promote football across the region. They have provided many promotional activities, sporting school programs, school competition support and clinics both in schools and at clubs. Free clinics were provided to NCFL club Boort, to HDFNL club's Heathcote and North Bendigo and LVFNL club Inglewood.

David conducted a successful four-week program for girl's football which we hope will lead towards the introduction of a female competition in 2022.

A successful virtual Community Camp was conducted with the Richmond Football Club for primary and secondary students.

We had a large increase in Auskick numbers this year and look forward to them transitioning to junior football in coming years. New Auskick centres commenced in Axedale and White Hills, in addition to the Isamic Auskick centre, and East Loddon reintroduced their centre after being in recess.

Inclusion continued to be a focus for the Development Managers, with a series of clinics conducted at Kalianna. Congratulations to Kyneton FNC, forming a new team in 2021, joining the Bendigo Suns to participate in the Central Victoria Conference FIDA (Football Integration Development Association) Football League. The competition provides people with an intellectual disability the chance to play competition level Australian Rules Football.

AFL Victoria and AFL Central Victoria supported coach development with the Junior Roadshow and virtual webinars. A player to coach program was conducted for the Central Victoria Football League Women competition. Congratulations to the winners of the Coach AFL Coach of the Year Awards.

Although interrupted from time to time with lockdowns, the Football and Netball Academy programs continued. The BJFL were fortunate to play Ballarat in the Interleague Games but unfortunately the Gala Day was postponed on a couple of occasions and then had to be cancelled. Congratulations to players selected to participate in VLine Cup; this has been postponed to April 2021.

The AFL provided assistance for the Club Champions Program which allowed us to assign support to a number of clubs in a variety of areas including governance, finance, leadership, marketing and volunteerism. Many of our clubs will benefit from the development of a new club website.

Our female numbers continue to rise with Kerang joining the Central Victorian Football League Women this year and the BJFL providing a complete competition pathway. AFL Victoria provided funding for two female advocates who assisted in developing our programs.

The BUA had umpires register in similar numbers to previous years. A successful new program targeting U/16 players to train as field umpires for the U/12s was introduced with 10 taking part in the inaugural year. Recruitment of boundary umpires within clubs resulting in 11 new boundary umpires for NCFL. Six umpires completed the mentoring program to transfer from boundary to field umpiring.

Thanks to Fosterville Goldmine for their support for netball umpires for the BFNL, HDFNL, LVFNL and NCNA. The support allowed AFL Central Victoria to provide umpires polo shirts to clubs, mentors for our umpires resulting in 10 C grade umpire badges, online workshop for club umpires and an introduction program for new umpires. We accredited 6 Intermediate Coaches and conducted a coaching workshop with Sue Hawkins focusing on attacking strategies.

AFL Central Victoria believe it has an important role in developing sport administrators/managers and have continued to host students from La Trobe University and SEDA to support the students' development and provide industry experience.

Thanks to Norm Sheahan, who resigned at the start of our year, for all his efforts to develop football within our region, but particularly with the BJFL and junior development.

Finally, we wish to recognise all staff at the Hub, they go above and beyond to assist our leagues and clubs. In what has been a particularly difficult year, they have remained positive and continually developed different scenarios in an effort to provide sport to their communities.

In what will be my final year, I would like to thank everyone for their support of me personally, and their contribution to football and netball. I have made many friendships and been made to feel welcome across the region. I look forward to seeing football and netball back in the community next year.

On behalf of the Commission
Carol Cathcart
Region General Manager



CAMERON TOMLINS - BFNL MANAGER

Mission Statement

“The Bendigo Football Netball League will provide a professionally administered league which is strong and vibrant. It prides itself on having a major competition status within regional Victoria.

The Bendigo Football Netball League legacy is to leave the game and community in better shape for current and future generations.”

A season of anticipation launched at Strathfieldsaye on Good Friday, in magnificent warm conditions akin to a final's atmosphere. Crowds turned out in force to welcome football and netball back after the global COVID-19 pandemic decimated the 2020 season, which ended in abandonment due to health concerns for the entire local community.

Six rounds into a largely uninterrupted 2021 season, there was growing positivity that the fabric of local football and netball clubs had returned, and community sport again resembled a level of post-COVID normality, with growing confidence completion of a full 2021 season was very achievable.

However, as we have come to accept, the situation again changed in an instant in late May. What ensued over the coming months were extended periods of frustration and uncertainty as the League and clubs were again required to pivot and demonstrate flexibility to work towards salvaging the remainder of the BFNL season as best as possible.

This season again demonstrated significant levels of resilience from players, clubs, volunteers, officials, spectators, and members, as the League and clubs worked tirelessly and remained patient, agile and flexible, aiming to understand and navigate the many changes and difficulties that presented community sport in general.

The ability of all those invested in the BFNL to remain focused and motivated to absorb the continual challenges is to be commended. Seasons 2020 and 2021 have been physically and mentally draining, but there is growing positivity the frustrating impacts of the COVID-19 global pandemic on community sport may now be largely behind us.



Most disappointingly, after significant efforts to pivot and demonstrate mid-season flexibility and patience, the ultimate result was a maximum of 1 competitive match playable after July 10, coupled with an inability to train for an extended period during late August to mid-September.

Without the provision of a clear return to competition plan by the State Government, along with ongoing local community health concerns, unavailability of players and volunteers under differing enforced lockdown restrictions, physical and mental concerns for players and several abandoned regular season rounds, the season was unfortunately again abandoned due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Only days later, the Victorian Government confirmed the difficult decisions most leagues had already arrived at, declaring all outdoor community sport was not permitted to return to competition across Victoria until at least November 2021.

COVID-19 again disappointingly derailed any hope of a 2021 interleague campaign. However, the league remain committed to returning to interleague representative programs as soon as possible and safe to do so.

We were thankful however that our 17 & Under netball representative program was able to recommence during 2021, and congratulate and thank all selected players, coaches, and support staff for their involvement.

Our elite junior 17 & under netballers blitzed the competition in an undefeated win in the Echuca DNA tournament, before qualifying for the Netball Victoria Association Championships final, by completing the Regional Qualifier in Bendigo as runners-up.

Thanks to head coach Jayden Cowling, ably supported by Nicole Donnellon and Sharni McPherson for their leadership, coaching, and development of the league's brightest netball stars.

We are grateful we returned to competition for a reasonable portion of season 2021 and remain optimistic and excited to again return in 2022, with the belief that next season will return to a level of post-COVID normality that starts to closely resemble community sport as we remember it.

Business and Media Partners

The continued support of our corporate partners is critical to our ability to coordinate successful, exciting, and vibrant competitions. We thank all partners of the league for the ongoing investment in community football and netball, during what have been some of the toughest seasons to navigate in many decades.

The meaning of community sport and local community in general has been reiterated across the past month, and the unwavering support offered to our League will assist us to achieve a sustainable future for our affiliated clubs.

The longstanding support of our major sponsor and naming rights partner, the Bendigo Bank, is vital to our League and region in general.



Their significant investment in to the BFNL, and country football/netball and local communities in general, is remarkable. The continued support of the Bendigo Bank allows us to grow participation, inclusion, social connection, and creates opportunity to support all physical and mental benefits of being involved in a local sporting association.

I encourage everyone to support local business and community in a time of need like no other. BFNL members can bring banking across to Bendigo Bank and your club will receive part of the profits directly from this.

Imagine the good that money could do. Speak to your local Bendigo Bank branch about the AFL Central Victoria referral program for more information.

Thanks to other major sponsors in Bendigo Mazda, the continued major sponsor of the netball competitions, and Workforce XS for the sponsorship of match day footballs and annual BFNL representative and Interleague programs. To Harmac Homes and the Bendigo Club, your support during another challenging season is greatly appreciated

During these difficult and uncertain times, please remember to support local whenever possible. Furthermore, we thank all loyal BFNL partners including Bart 'n' Print, AFS, Sportspower Bendigo, Coffee Storm, Cleanaway, Bendigo Party Hire, High St X-Ray, Great Ideas Awards and Gifts.

Thanks to Red Onion Creative for the ongoing provision of match day filming services and offering the BFNL TV website portal maintenance and support. The 'top 5 plays' social media content coordinated by the team at Red Onion introduced during 2021 was extremely popular, and in conjunction we will continue to grow our exposure and professionalism to reiterate our major league status in the region.

Under the current COVID-19 environment including potential future gathering restrictions, our recent trials to explore live streaming services may become more prevalent and essential in the future to keep the football community connected and up to date. We will continue to work with the team at Red Onion to identify and grow our digital offerings and overall access to the League.

To our media partners, we thank you for your coverage, and there were no shortage of stories during season 2021, even as actual competition ground to a halt.

Thanks to the Bendigo Advertiser, Fresh FM, WIN Network, Nine News, Gold Central Victoria, Bendigo Times, and ABC Central Victoria. Coverage across different media platforms is critical to the promotion of our League and was of great benefit to assist with informing all interested members of the BFNL to the ever changing and evolving COVID impacts to community sport.

Other significant contributions to BFNL Season 2021 include league photographer Steve Dilks at SAA Imaging, Nathan Dole for his insightful football and netball columns for the BFNL and AFL CV, BFNL historian Richard Jones, and Will Hogan for their continued in-depth contributions to the match day Records and the BFNL website. Not forgetting the friendly team at Bart 'n' Print who patiently and promptly provide the league and clubs printing and graphic design services during the season.

Summary

After a promising start, COVID-19 again had the final say on season 2021, however I am grateful we were able to take a step forward by returning to competition for just over half a regular season. The uncertainty, frustration, and challenges that were again presented to leagues and clubs alike were significant. Yet again, the ability of our club volunteers, committees, players, officials, and supporters to adjust and absorb the additional requirements of following the outlined protocols from the State Government, AFL Victoria and Netball Victoria is to be applauded.

Our club Presidents again showed resilience under extreme pressure, providing leadership, patience and understanding to keep our players, volunteers, members, and sponsors active, engaged, and connected. In what is a difficult position to hold at the best of times, thanks for your effort and support during another incredibly challenging period for community sporting organisations.

To all BFNL clubs, thank you for your understanding and cooperation during these unprecedented circumstances. To operate a competitive and vibrant league, we rely on the professionalism and standards set by our local clubs. This is certainly not the way anybody wanted the season to end, however your patience and flexibility during frustrating circumstances is greatly appreciated.

Although slightly different to season 2020, we pass on a sincere thank you to all BFNL players, officials, supporters, and most of all volunteers for being a part of your club and donating your time and effort to your club. We could not operate without you, or your passion that drives your club and the League towards on and off field success. Thank you for the incredible resilience, patience and support you have shown to not only your club, but the League in general.



Thank you to the Bendigo Umpire Association for their continued support, patience, and flexibility, especially Craig Findlay, Dean Goodridge and Sharon McColl for your cooperation and understanding. Much like the players, members of the BUA are involved for participation and the love of the game, we thank all BUA members for their efforts to keep the season on track.

Thanks to the City of Greater Bendigo and surrounding Shire Councils for their cooperation and flexibility, to allow opportunities for the League to pivot by amending season fixtures or ground bookings and requirements, with little fuss or hassle.

A huge thank you must be extended to Carol McKinstry and the BFNL Board who are all volunteers that invested countless hours to navigate the changing COVID landscape, along with all AFL Central Victoria staff members to understand and adapt to the ever-evolving challenges presented by a global pandemic. The application and dedication of all under moments of significant uncertainty and stress must be acknowledged. Thank you to Carol Cathcart, Laura Naughton, Jan Mannes, Sam Skinner, Nathan Williams, Daniel Reid, Jake McLean, for your varied support throughout the year.

After 2 seasons of interruption, it is with genuine optimism and excitement I look towards season 2022. I hope to see each of you back in those familiar match day roles as we gradually return to some form of post-COVID normality. It is with growing confidence I believe season 2022 will return to competition as we know it with only minor differences. We look forward to a full season, including crowds and finals, and all those other aspects of community sport we miss so dearly.



CASTLEMAINE FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

PRESIDENT: Caleb Kuhle
SECRETARY: Annette Kuhle
TREASURER: Maurie Molan
COMMITTEE: Tracey Watson, John Watson, David Stephens, Damian Sharrock, Ron Cawthon, Trevor Butcher, Stuart McLennan, Chris McKenzie, Shawn Rixon

2021 COACHING STAFF

FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Don Moran

RESERVES
David Stephens

UNDER 18
John Watson

NETBALL

A RESERVE
Darren Baker

B GRADE
Darren Baker

B RESERVE
Darren Baker

17 & UNDER
Christyn Passalacqua

2021 BEST & FAIRESTS

FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Liam Wilkinson

RESERVES
Nick O'Brien

UNDER 18
Camblar Kays

NETBALL

A RESERVE
Holly Giddings

B GRADE
Katina Hawken

B RESERVE
Lisa Clark

17 & UNDER
Kyla Byrne
Paige Langley

2021 was an exciting year for the club for more ways than one, with the obvious reason being the opportunity to play without restrictions for the most part. With where the club has been, this year was always targeted at being a year of growth and building community. We welcomed many new faces to the club and set ourselves up in good stead for the foreseeable future.

Without much luck on the winning front, our Under 18's and Reserves held a small beacon of light to what was a bleak year for the club. Even though results didn't fall our way, the playing groups were up and about and have built momentum going into season 2022.

Moving forward the club is positioned to find improvement across the board and we look forward to the challenges the BFNL set for us in 2022.



EAGLEHAWK FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

PRESIDENT: Paul Whitfort
SECRETARY: Gerard Ilesley
TREASURER: Rani Madden
COMMITTEE: Jeremy Brown, Andrew Reid, Peter Ritchie, Grant Rule, Brett Crapper, Archie Lenten, Deb Lawton, Jo Madden, Kate Clow

2021 COACHING STAFF

FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Travis Matheson

RESERVES
Brendan Tanner

UNDER 18
Nick Patching

NETBALL

A GRADE
Gayle Annan

A RESERVE
Eleisha Saunders
Jackie Gallagher

B GRADE
Paige Combridge

B RESERVE
Kara Thompson
Cathy Mylon

17 & UNDER
Elley Lawton

2021 BEST & FAIRESTS

FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Billy Evans

RESERVES
Matthew Hammond

UNDER 18
Aydan Hanley

NETBALL

A GRADE
Elley Lawton

A RESERVE
Amy Jackman

B GRADE
Lucia Dyer

B RESERVE
Montana Mylon

17 & UNDER
Casey Zass

It was a tough year for the club due to the Covid restrictions, 12 games and only 4 games at home hit our finances hard, it is very hard to run a club with no income. The players also did it tough with not one social function as every time we tried, we would get locked down.

On the football side, all teams performed well. The Under 18s started slowly but showed great improvement as the season went on and just missed finals on percentage.

Our Reserves, in what was an even competition, finished equal second but 4th on the ladder. At times due to Melbourne players not being able to attend, we had to find numbers and they still won games which shows the club had good depth.

Our Seniors would have just missed finals due to the draw but also performed well. Apart from 1 game, they had their chances to win all games with narrow losses hurting us - at one stage we had lost 3 games for a total of 12 pts. No doubt we were heavily impacted by not having our Melbourne players, but it is what it is, and we played by the rules.

Geoff took our open Women's footy team to its best ever season finishing equal second on the ladder. The girls had some top wins and were getting better every game and would have been a real chance to take out the premiership.

The netballers had a good year with 4 of the 5 teams making the finals which was a great effort.

A Grade got better as the year went on, getting some good wins against top teams and finished 5th.

Our A Reserve group bonded together well and ended the season in the top 3 and were a real chance for the flag.

Paige got the B Grade girls playing good team netball and even though they improved, the girls just missed out on finals.

B Reserve played good consistent netball in 2021 and would have also been a chance of finishing in the top 3.

Elley Lawton took on coaching the 17 and Under team and had them in the finals. It was a young list and all looks good for the future of netball at Eaglehawk.

Club Awards

George Ennor Best Club Person
The Madden Family

Committee Helpers Award
Netball: Renee Sheridan, Paige Combridge
Football: Jordan Baldwin

Life Memberships
Paul Whitfort, Shirley Wallis





GISBORNE FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

PRESIDENT: John Wood
SECRETARY: Mandy Dimasi
TREASURER: Debbi Brancatisano
COMMITTEE: Tony Brancatisano, Darren Mitchell, Adrian Stephens, Tony Andrews, Brad Spear

2021 COACHING STAFF

FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Rob Waters

RESERVES
Mark Lamplugh

UNDER 18
Rob Kerr

NETBALL

A GRADE
Tarryn Rymer

A RESERVE
Bronwyn Slater

B GRADE
Polly Salter

B RESERVE
Sharon Parfrey

17 & UNDER
Rylee Connell

2021 BEST & FAIRESTS

FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Brad Bernacki

RESERVES
Michael Steinbach

UNDER 18
Connor Flynn

NETBALL

A GRADE
Maddy Stewart

A RESERVE
Eloise Rodda

B GRADE
Bridget Salter

B RESERVE
Chelsea Kennett

17 & UNDER
Emily McDonald



Despite the disappointment of another interrupted season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Gisborne saw strong player numbers across all grades of football and netball.

Several U18 football and 17/U netball players made their playing debut in the senior football and A Grade netball teams, again demonstrating the club's commitment to promoting home grown talent.

All football teams performed creditably during the shortened season with the U18 contingent a standout in their grade of football. Gisborne netball teams were competitive across the board in their respective grades with the 17/U team showing particular strength.

There were a number of exciting off-field initiatives prior to the commencement of the 2021 season. Both the netball and football changerooms were redeveloped in time for the opening game of the season and, thanks to the generosity and tireless work of club volunteers, a second netball court was constructed.

Congratulations to the following award winners:

Best & Fairest Football

Senior Football – Brad Bernacki; Reserves Football – Michael Steinbach; U18 Football – Connor Flynn.

Best & Fairest Netball

A Grade Netball – Maddy Stewart; A Reserve Netball – Eloise Rodda; B Grade Netball – Bridget Salter; B Reserve Netball – Chelsea Kennett; 17/U Netball – Emily McDonald

Ben Watt Rising Star Award

Joint Winners: Olivia Floreani & Zac Vescovi



GOLDEN SQUARE FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

PRESIDENT: Brendan Stewart
SECRETARY: Scott Wilkinson
TREASURER: Wendy Donegan / Phil Delahunty
COMMITTEE: Greg Pain, Ian Symons, Mel Lowther, Dale Lowry, Dale Ashby, David Symons, Jon Coe

2021 COACHING STAFF

FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Christian Carter

RESERVES
**Jason Thomas
Jamie Hogan**

UNDER 18
Dean Strauch

NETBALL

A GRADE / A RESERVE
Benita Swatton

B GRADE / B RESERVE
Jody Richards

17 & UNDER
Jody Richards

2021 BEST & FAIRESTS

FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Jack Geary

RESERVES
Harry Donegan

UNDER 18
**Sam Lowes
Harry Law**

NETBALL

A GRADE
Abby Clohesy

A RESERVE
Georgie Rooke

B GRADE
Audrey Andrews

B RESERVE
Amy Badenoch

17 & UNDER
Abigail O'Sullivan



With the second consecutive season written off due to the global pandemic, we struggle to comprehend the implications and long term effects on our participants and club volunteers next season and beyond.

We entered 2021 full of optimism thinking that the worst was behind us, it all started well, then intermittent interruptions, short term lockdowns, fixture reshuffles, restructured finals series and then an inevitable season shut down.

As a club we have to regroup, again, and hope that next year will be a bright one for all players, members and supporters.

Golden Square FNC would like to acknowledge the BFNL Board and General Manager Cameron Tomlins for their efforts in attempting to keep our season afloat for as long as possible in such difficult and stressful circumstances.

To people outside our world, it is only a game, however we all know how intrinsically important football and netball clubs are to the community within it and the social and emotional benefits they bring should not be underestimated.

We also acknowledge and thank all of the BFNL clubs as we battled out 11 rounds of football and netball, often placing club volunteers under duress with the pressure of COVID compliance, restricted crowds and decimated revenue streams, particularly around social gatherings.

This pandemic will not go away in a hurry – we can only wish that season 2022 will play out to a conclusion.





KANGAROO FLAT FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

PRESIDENT: Leigh Bailey
SECRETARY: John Meagher
TREASURER: Paul Costigan
COMMITTEE: Todd Newman, Carl Roberts, Scott Mitchell, Leeanne Mitchell, Bryce Allison, Liam O'Keefe

2021 COACHING STAFF FOOTBALL

SENIORS
James Flaherty
RESERVES
Leigh Stevens
UNDER 18
Carl Roberts

NETBALL

A GRADE
Jayden Cowling
A RESERVE
Jayden Cowling
B GRADE
Nina Cass
B RESERVE
Kate Newman
17 & UNDER
Kath Schmidt

2021 BEST & FAIRESTS FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Mitch Trehwella
RESERVES
Hamish Lockhart
UNDER 18
Kaleb Crothers

NETBALL

A GRADE
Ash Ryan
A RESERVE
Ava Lowndes
B GRADE
Madi O'Nial
B RESERVE
Ashlye Faulkner
17 & UNDER
Rose Kennett



Go Roos

Season 2021 started as we would have liked, with the preseason being normal, we were looking forward to a positive year, given 2020, with no competition at all.

It was great for all our footballers & netballers to finally get out on the track and feel excited to get back into the normality they have been accustomed to.

Even though we only ended up having 13 rounds, as disappointing as this was, it was fantastic for all the players to get back involved, after such a long layoff. You could see that having back the competition return, brought back the enthusiasm, spirit and comradery in all the teams, that had been taken away, for what was the longest period in these young adult's lives.

Our young footballers were able to build as a group and also learn even more under our senior coach, James Flaherty.

They knew how tough it would be, but persevered and persisted, learning along the way, finishing the season with a greater understanding and the knowledge they need to take the next step and become even more competitive next year.

Our Netballers were so outstanding, under the leadership of our A Grade coach, Jayden Cowling, right down to the 17's & under.

Obviously, there was some disappointment that there wasn't a finals series, as most of our netball teams finished in the top two on the ladder. This we feel will give them the drive and enthusiasm to take that next step in 2022 and try to finish off what was started this year.

Off the field, we were very happy how we, as a club finished the year, it could have been a lot worse, but given there was 13 rounds, we were able to keep our heads above water, the committee did a fantastic job in ensuring the club stayed focused and committed to the future.

Obviously, without the support from our fantastic sponsors, who have been so loyal through this tough period of Covid, we wouldn't have been able to achieve on and off the field without them, so thank you.

And finally, to all the assistants, volunteers and supporters, we would really like to acknowledge your loyal contribution every week. This never goes unnoticed.

Thank you to the BFNL, BUA & AFLCV, lets hope 2022 will be an uninterrupted season, giving everyone back some normality in their lives.



2021 COACHING STAFF FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Paul Chapman
RESERVES
Jesse Grae
UNDER 18
Damien Zanic

NETBALL

A GRADE
Tylah Marchbank
A RESERVE
Lauren Anglin
Kirsty Viete
B GRADE
Di Guest-Oakley
B RESERVE
Di Guest-Oakley
17 & UNDER
Di Guest-Oakley

2021 BEST & FAIRESTS FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Ned O'Sullivan
RESERVES
Timothy Kirk
UNDER 18
Jack Hassett

NETBALL

A GRADE
Brooke Mangan
A RESERVE
Lauren Anglin
B GRADE
Loryn Savola
B RESERVE
Kristy Draper
17 & UNDER
Lauren Girvan



KYNETON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

PRESIDENT: Hayden Evans
SECRETARY: Natalie Korinsky
TREASURER: David Yunghanns
COMMITTEE: Julie Priestley, Jodi Prendergast, Nathan Thompson, Jonathan Beachey, Daniel Murray, Kirsty Murray, Loryn Savoia, Sarah Correa

What a year it has been for our great club! We only managed to play everyone once but overall, I think the club took some massive leaps forward. Some key achievements I would like to acknowledge are:

- Successful Club raffle - WOW
- Inaugural season for the FIDA football team
- Pride Cup event held in Kyneton which was a huge success
- Massive season launch day
- All grades in Football and Netball fielding a full complement of sides
- Record player registrations and sponsorship across the club
- New container for Netball spectators and players
- Production of club Videos to capture key club moments and assist club promotion
- Junior Football restructure
- Community Fund donations
- Home game revenue increased significantly
- Grants received and applications submitted
- Masterplan rework commenced
- Winner of 2021 AFL Most Inclusive Club Award





MARYBOROUGH FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

PRESIDENT: Brendan Roughead
 SECRETARY: Adam Lowery
 TREASURER: Tony Vadala
 COMMITTEE: Terry Hillier, Matthew Potter, Mitch McClure, Alicia Cassidy, Alisha Chadwick, Melissa Adams, Leanne Postle, Jamie Postle, Marc Cassidy, Jim McMillan, Trevor Templeton, Chloe Egan

2021 has been another COVID challenging year for the Maryborough Football Netball Club (MFNC) and a year in which our club community stood tall and with determination, supported the club. Unlike the 2020 season, we were able to play games of football and netball, however the season was hugely disrupted by COVID lockdowns with games rescheduled, our training program interrupted, unable to use change rooms, forced to play with no crowds and ultimately the season abandoned. Our players, coaches, support staff, sponsors, members, supporters, volunteers and committee all recognised the challenges that we faced as a club to play football and netball and took those extra steps to make it happen.

Our senior football team won one game from the limited 12 game season and in an unprecedented way, was ravaged by injury. With nearly half of our senior playing list injured at one part of the season it put pressure on players, our coaching staff and the medical room to get a competitive team on the field. These injuries significantly depleted our reserves, which unfortunately didn't win a game but we can be proud that we fielded a team for all games.

I would like to thank our senior coach Justin Abrams and reserves coach Jarrod Burman for their enthusiasm and commitment in what was a challenging year. Having fulfilled his 2 year contract with the club in which we were only able to play part of one season, Justin is moving on and we wish him and Ange all the best. Congratulations to Lachy Bond and Aiden Hare who both played VFL football in 2021 for Carlton and North Melbourne respectively. MFNC's goal is to provide a pathway to allow footballers and netballers to play at the highest level possible with Lachy and Aiden providing a wonderful example of this.

Our A grade netball fielded a young team that were well coached by Alicia Cassidy and performed very well in the very competitive Bendigo league competition. Our B Grade and B reserve teams were again well coached by Christie Chapple winning three and two games respectively. Our Under 17 netball team had a fantastic year under the coaching of Alisha Chadwick, were super competitive and were in finals contention which unfortunately didn't happen due to the season being abandoned.

Thanks to our committee who have all made a significant contribution to the club. Treasurer Tony Vadala, Secretary Adam Lowery, Chaplin Jim McMillan, Netball and Media Melissa Adams and Game day administration Terry Hillier to name a few have all been outstanding in their roles. 2022 is the 150th anniversary of the Maryborough football Netball Club. Thanks to Leanne Postle who has stepped in to organise this celebratory event. Let's make 2022 a year to remember for the club.



SANDHURST FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

PRESIDENT: Chris Greene
 SECRETARY: Danny Ellis
 TREASURER: Mark O'Farrell
 COMMITTEE: Kylie Ellis, Bill Robertson, Greg Murley, Cath Robertson, Dave Gallagher, Rose Gallagher, Len Nally, Matt Smith, Peter Watson, Damien Nihill

2021 COACHING STAFF

FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Ashley Connick

RESERVES
Ben Edwards

UNDER 18
Dave Gallagher

NETBALL

A GRADE
Tamara Gilchrist

A RESERVE
Gabriella Greene

B GRADE
Erica Dalrymple-Monro

B RESERVE
Rose Gallagher

17 & UNDER
Bec Mullen

2021 BEST & FAIRESTS

FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Lachlan Ross

RESERVES
Dylan Morris

UNDER 18
Matt Wilkinson

NETBALL

A GRADE
Sophie Shoebridge

A RESERVE
Holly Lockhart

B GRADE
Darcy Williams

B RESERVE
Isabelle Whiteley

17 & UNDER
Charlotte Sexton



Good day to all - 2021 proved to be more difficult than its predecessor.

The Sandhurst Football Netball Club was able to officially compete in a total of 14 games of season 2021. All teams competed well throughout the stops and starts of the season, and all were in the upper section of their respective ladders.

The season was ostensibly controlled by State Government and Covid 19 related decisions. The BFNL Board should be acknowledged and congratulated for their holistic efforts to ensure all clubs received the maximum benefits permitted under these varying and tiered state regulations.

The Coaches, their bench personnel and all players, should also be proud of their continued efforts over this season with many opportunities to sit back and wait for a game that may not happen, and which ultimately didn't. I am confident all can say their fitness and desire to play did not waiver throughout the shelved and rescheduled rounds.

I congratulate Ash and Tamara for their guidance of the players and the junior coaches with positive and purposeful training and direction to their playing groups. Now is the perfect opportunity to thank and highlight the Sandhurst Football Netball Club Committee. To a person they have been tireless in their season efforts and have the club in good stead going into 2022. Danny and Kylie have, as always, been tireless in the direction of roles and controlling all aspects of the club as required. The netball team of Cath and Rose once again did a terrific job to maintain numbers and stay upbeat over the journey. Billy and Dave have been great assistance to Ash and there was not an opportunity to assist that they didn't jump at. Len was able to educate and guide the neanderthal through countless zoom meetings, all of which had at least one memorable moment. The collaborative Treasurers, Mark O'Farrell and Peter Watson have kept the books tidy and the grants department busy. Although there was limited opportunity to open the kiosk, Jill and Trish grabbed every moment available.

Once again, we were unable to complete a full season, but all coaches, players and supporters should be proud of the performances of their respective teams. I would like to thank the players for their positive and holistic outlook toward the club and the playing season. Led by Ash, they all understood the season was not in local control and they would need to make the most of all opportunities presented. Overseeing the junior arm of the club, Cath and Damien again provided the club with great numbers and plenty of coaching and mentoring opportunities.

Personally, I hold grave fears for the state of the game in Regional Victoria with player payments once again ballooning out of control and the seemingly endless request and granting of points exemptions. The current climate is unsustainable, but it will not be the current committees that will be forced to "close the doors" as they will be long gone.

This leads me to our current crop of players who have been dealt 2 seasons of Covid 19. I am very proud of the player culture of the SFNC, their respect for the club and some of the collective decisions they have made to ensure the permanency of the SFNC. As a football netball club, we are looking forward to a completing a full season of competitive sport at all levels in 2022.

As always, our sponsors have been amazing and stood by us as we ploughed our way through these muddy waters. I have great appreciation for the struggle all business owners have endured over this period and greatly appreciate every minute these businesses dedicate to the SFNC. I was confident we would provide many games of enjoyment for all sponsors, members, parents and supporters in 2021 and hold the same belief and hope for season 2022.

I would like to thank all committee members, coaches, players and members who have assisted me over the past 6 years and wish you all the very best for your futures.





SOUTH BENDIGO FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

PRESIDENT: Alan Ellis
SECRETARY: Rob Robertson
TREASURER: Julie Drake
COMMITTEE: Rick Townsend, Gill Davey, Gary Bath, Nicole Georgeson, Shaun Langdon, Ron Hiatt, Jenny Arnold, Garry Smith, Ian Connaughton, Brian Clapham

2021 COACHING STAFF

FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Nathan Horbury
RESERVES
Jayden Sheean
Tim Arnold

UNDER 18
Zac Hare

NETBALL

A GRADE
Janelle Hobbs
A RESERVE
Liz Taylor
B GRADE
Vanessa Saunders
B RESERVE
Melanie Oldfield
17 & UNDER
Liz Taylor

2021 BEST & FAIRESTS

FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Cooper Leon
RESERVES
Lachlan Furness
UNDER 18
Declan McMahon

NETBALL

A GRADE
Chloe Langley
A RESERVE
Amy Morrissey
B GRADE
Paige Campbell
B RESERVE
Matilda Osborne
17 & UNDER
Ella Flavell



The no finals outcome was a hugely disappointing finish to the season for our club with 2 out of 3 football sides and 5 out of 5 netball sides finishing in their respective top 5's, a successful season by any measure.

It has been over 10 years since our senior football side qualified for finals and to have all grades of netball in the finals is an outstanding achievement by our netball Division. All involved were optimistic about our chances playing in the finals and were very keen to see how far our teams could go this year. The foundations have been laid for much better things to come.



STRATHFIELDSAYE FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

PRESIDENT: Glen Cowling
SECRETARY: Leone Patterson
TREASURER: Justin Gordon
COMMITTEE: Rod Barty (Vice President), Bill Ashby, Laura Barty, Tim Reed, Neil Mitchell, Allison Wilson, Dearne Cowling

2021 COACHING STAFF

FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Darryl Wilson
Shannon Geary
RESERVES
Lachlan Sharp

UNDER 18
Bart Leahy

NETBALL

A GRADE
Stephanie Freemantle
A RESERVE
Stephanie Freemantle
B GRADE
Elyse Morgan
B RESERVE
Lisa Moore
17 & UNDER
Fiona Schubert

2021 BEST & FAIRESTS

FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Jake Moorhead
RESERVES
Lachlan Monti
UNDER 18
Harry Welch

NETBALL

A GRADE
Steph Freemantle
A RESERVE
Elyse Morgan
B GRADE
Chelsea Crapper
B RESERVE
Alex Gilmore
17 & UNDER
Adele Barber



Following the disappointment of the cancelled 2020 season expectations that 2021 would return us to some semblance of normality created a buzz around the club.

The re-appointment of Darryl, Shannon, Bart and the addition of Lachlan Sharp to the Football coaching group had us all excited for the year ahead. Some key recruits and a number of players returning to the playing list had us in a strong position to contest finals in all grades.

Steph Freemantle took control of the Netball program and immediately made her presence felt with her group and at the club. With the support of Elyse, Lisa, Fiona and Katherine, the squad developed into a very competitive unit in all grades. With the building blocks put into place this year I am sure success will be assured for seasons to come.

With that all said Covid still had its impact and finished our season early. While we still had hope for a resumption of the season and a final series it wasn't to be.

I would sincerely like to thank our opposition clubs on their flexibility and understanding when it came to lockdown and restrictions. Although the season failed to conclude on behalf of the club I would like to thank all coaches, players and support staff for their efforts and cooperation during the course of the year. Also a big thankyou to our committee and volunteers who performed a magnificent job adapting between normal duties and covid duties. Another exceptional year was produced by our Facebook guru Mick well done.

Cameron Tomlins probably had the most difficult job in Central Victoria this year and held it together extremely well.

To our sponsors who have done it tough for two seasons now, thank you all for your support, as without you our community club would struggle to exist.

Finally to our club members and supporters you are the life blood of our club and I know for a fact that each and every player at our club appreciates you turning up week in week out to cheer them on (When you are allowed).

We can only look forward to 2022 now and know that we will all be back better than ever. Good Luck and go Storm.



Ladder standings at the time Season 2021 was abandoned after Round 12

SENIOR FOOTBALL

	P	W	L	D	FOR	AGST	%	Pts
Strathfieldsaye	12	10	2	0	1469	634	231.70	40
Golden Square	12	10	2	0	1433	769	186.35	40
Sandhurst	11	9	2	1	1192	685	174.01	40
Gisborne	12	9	3	0	1442	701	205.71	36
South Bendigo	12	9	3	0	1306	823	158.69	36
Eaglehawk	12	6	6	0	1319	776	169.97	24
Kyneton	11	3	8	0	791	1159	68.25	12
Kangaroo Flat	12	2	10	0	599	1434	41.77	8
Maryborough	12	1	11	0	648	1529	42.38	4
Castlemaine	12	0	12	0	335	2024	16.55	0



RESERVES FOOTBALL

	P	W	L	D	FOR	AGST	%	Pts
Strathfieldsaye	12	10	2	0	1052	332	316.87	40
Sandhurst	11	8	3	1	929	299	310.70	36
Gisborne	12	9	3	0	1031	352	292.90	36
Eaglehawk	12	9	3	0	947	342	276.90	36
South Bendigo	12	9	3	0	972	536	181.34	36
Golden Square	12	8	4	0	1044	353	295.75	32
Kangaroo Flat	12	3	9	0	655	771	84.95	12
Kyneton	11	2	9	0	445	689	64.59	8
Castlemaine	12	1	11	0	166	1787	9.29	4
Maryborough	12	0	12	0	91	1871	4.86	0



UNDER 18 FOOTBALL

	P	W	L	D	FOR	AGST	%	Pts
Gisborne	10	10	0	2	1173	227	516.74	48
Strathfieldsaye	10	8	2	2	733	301	243.52	40
Golden Square	11	9	2	1	941	484	194.42	40
Sandhurst	10	6	4	2	769	408	188.48	32
Kyneton	11	5	6	1	622	609	102.13	24
Kangaroo Flat	11	4	7	1	680	665	102.26	20
Eaglehawk	11	4	7	1	584	793	73.64	20
Castlemaine	11	2	9	1	462	986	46.86	12
South Bendigo	11	0	11	1	102	1593	6.40	4

2021 GOALKICKERS

SENIORS

Lachlan Sharp (Strathfieldsaye) 68

RESERVES

Jasper Stewart (Sandhurst) 40

UNDER 18s

Harry Law (Golden Square) 40

Goal tallies after the completion of Round 12 when season was abandoned. No goalkicking awards were acknowledged.

A GRADE NETBALL

	P	W	D	L	FOR	AGST	Pts	%
Sandhurst	14	10	1	3	693	364	48	190.38
Kangaroo Flat	14	10	0	4	670	354	46	189.27
Gisborne	13	8	2	3	601	378	42	158.99
South Bendigo	13	6	4	3	426	427	32	99.77
Eaglehawk	13	4	6	3	448	495	24	90.51
Strathfieldsaye	13	3	8	2	457	614	20	74.43
Kyneton	13	3	8	2	344	536	20	64.18
Golden Square	13	2	8	3	269	518	16	51.93
Maryborough	14	1	10	3	390	612	8	63.73

A RESERVE NETBALL

	P	W	D	L	FOR	AGST	Pts	%
Kangaroo Flat	13	11	0	2	607	332	52	182.83
Sandhurst	13	9	1	3	576	277	44	207.94
Eaglehawk	13	8	3	2	555	324	40	171.30
Gisborne	13	6	4	3	480	379	32	126.65
South Bendigo	14	6	5	3	543	342	28	158.77
Golden Square	13	4	7	2	420	389	24	107.97
Kyneton	14	2	9	3	374	509	16	73.48
Strathfieldsaye	13	2	8	3	346	478	16	72.38
Castlemaine	14	0	11	3	167	1038	4	16.09

B GRADE NETBALL

	P	W	D	L	FOR	AGST	Pts	%
Sandhurst	15	11	0	4	676	319	46	211.91
Kangaroo Flat	15	9	2	4	636	395	38	161.01
Gisborne	15	9	3	3	556	381	36	145.93
South Bendigo	15	8	3	4	560	360	34	155.56
Strathfieldsaye	15	8	3	4	563	384	34	146.61
Golden Square	15	5	7	3	500	460	20	108.70
Eaglehawk	15	4	8	3	463	526	16	88.02
Maryborough	15	3	9	3	418	526	12	79.47
Kyneton	15	1	11	3	273	626	4	43.61
Castlemaine	15	0	12	3	223	891	0	25.03

B RESERVE NETBALL

	P	W	D	L	FOR	AGST	Pts	%
Sandhurst	15	12	0	3	783	298	48	262.75
Kangaroo Flat	15	11	1	3	615	378	44	162.70
Eaglehawk	15	9	3	3	554	352	36	157.39
Strathfieldsaye	15	7	5	3	597	396	28	150.76
South Bendigo	15	6	6	3	618	431	24	143.39
Gisborne	15	6	6	3	603	465	24	129.68
Golden Square	15	6	6	3	478	433	24	110.39
Maryborough	15	2	10	3	300	570	8	52.63
Kyneton	15	1	11	3	241	749	4	32.18
Castlemaine	15	0	12	3	196	913	0	21.47

17 & UNDER NETBALL

	P	W	D	L	FOR	AGST	Pts	%
Gisborne	15	11	1	3	767	327	44	234.56
Sandhurst	15	11	1	3	577	282	44	204.61
Kangaroo Flat	15	10	2	3	720	393	40	183.21
South Bendigo	15	7	5	3	544	422	28	128.91
Maryborough	15	6	6	3	451	464	24	97.20
Eaglehawk	15	5	6	4	461	470	22	98.09
Golden Square	15	5	7	3	389	443	20	87.81
Strathfieldsaye	15	3	8	4	350	573	14	61.08
Kyneton	15	1	11	3	302	543	4	55.62
Castlemaine	15	0	12	3	221	865	0	25.55

YEAR	NAME	CLUB	TOTAL	YEAR	NAME	CLUB	TOTAL
1924	R. Scott	South Bendigo	78	1975	Ron Best	Sandhurst	145
1925	C. Nicholls	Castlemaine	58	1976	Ron Best	Sandhurst	108
1926	P. Forbes	Sandhurst	70	1977	Peter Woodford	Castlemaine	76
1927	Em Smedley	Castlemaine	79	1978	Ron Best	Golden Square	124
1928	J. Cook	South Bendigo	84	1979	Ron Best	Golden Square	137
1929	F. Ford	Sandhurst	62	1980	Ron Best	Golden Square	145
1930	Frank Crapper	Eaglehawk	108	1981	Wayne Crosby	Castlemaine	112
1931	R. Moore	Sandhurst	78	1982	Daryl Gilmore	Eaglehawk	113
1932	Frank Crapper	Eaglehawk	145	1983	Ron Best	Northern United	124
1933	Frank Crapper	Sandhurst	90	1984	Daryl Gilmore	Eaglehawk	120
1934	NOT AWARDED			1985	David Collins	Sandhurst	84
1935	Mancel Davies	Eaglehawk	82	1986	Gavin Exell	Northern United	87
1936	Mancel Davies	Eaglehawk	88	1987	John Jefferies	Castlemaine	73
1937	S. Sinclair	Rochester	82	1988	Danny Ellis	Sandhurst	78
1938	Mancel Davies	Eaglehawk	100	1989	Leigh Williams	Golden Square	102
1939 to 1945	World War 2			1990	Shawn McCormick	Northern United	79
1946	NOT AWARDED			1991	Daryl Gilmore	Eaglehawk	82
1947	V. Kelly	Rochester	49	1992	Steven Oliver	Castlemaine	136
1948	Harry Morgan	Eaglehawk	66	1993	Andrew McClellan	North Bendigo	112
1949	K. Connaughton	South Bendigo	54	1994	Shane McCluskey	Maryborough	100
1950	F. Scholes	Sandhurst	63	1995	David Lancaster	Kangaroo Flat	105
1951	Harry Morgan	Eaglehawk	78	1996	Steven Oliver	Castlemaine	84
1952	Harry Morgan	Eaglehawk	52	1997	David Lancaster	Kangaroo Flat	76
1953	Harry Morgan	Eaglehawk	107	1998	Steven Reaper	Kyneton	110
1954	K. Elliot	Golden Square	76	1999	Steven Reaper	Kyneton	100
1955	E. Parker	Echuca	86	2000	Steven Oliver	Castlemaine	132
1956	R. McHugh	Sandhurst	71	2001	Phil Hetherington	South Bendigo	72
1957	J. Waddington	South Bendigo	72	2002	Steven Reaper	Gisborne	70
1958	Ray Poulter	Castlemaine	81	2003	Steven Reaper	Gisborne	86
1959	R. Ford	Sandhurst	62	2004	Steven Reaper	Gisborne	75
1960	Clive Philp	Kyneton	75	2005	Steven Oliver	Castlemaine	77
1961	M. Hicks	Echuca	64	2006	Matt O'Toole	Golden Square	82
1962	Ray Willet	Rochester	67	2007	Damien Brown	Eaglehawk	59
1963	Ray Willet	Rochester	53	2008	Jordan Barham	Gisborne	75
1964	T. Nolan	Sandhurst	87	2009	Justin Maddern	Kangaroo Flat	81
1965	Kevin Shearn	Golden Square	76	2010	Grant Weeks	Golden Square	145
1966	Les Kaine	Kyneton	84	2011	Grant Weeks	Golden Square	125
1967	B. Jones	Rochester	68	2012	Grant Weeks	Golden Square	148
1968	Robert Morton	South Bendigo	108	2013	Justin Maddern	South Bendigo	67
1969	Ron Best	Golden Square	137	2014	Stephen Milne	Strathfieldsaye	89
1970	Ron Best	Golden Square	107	2015	Matt Gretgrix	Eaglehawk	82
1971	Greg Kennedy	Eaglehawk	139	2016	Dylan Johnstone	Golden Square	79
1972	Keith Raynor	Eaglehawk	69	2017	Lachlan Sharp	Strathfieldsaye	124
	Peter Hutcheson	South Bendigo	69	2018	Kaiden Antonowicz	South Bendigo	76
1973	Ron Best	Sandhurst	108	2019	Lachlan Sharp	Strathfieldsaye	129
1974	Ron Best	Sandhurst	135	2020	Season Abandoned		
				2021	Season Abandoned after 12 Rounds		

PREVIOUS PREMIERS

SENIOR FOOTBALL

YEAR	PREMIERS	RUNNER UP	YEAR	PREMIERS	RUNNER UP
1924	Eaglehawk 14.17 101	d Rochester 8.9 57	1992	Castlemaine 14.13 97	d Golden Square 14.8 92
1925	South Bendigo 7.2 44	d Castlemaine 6.4 40	1993	South Bendigo 20.22 142	d Sandhurst 11.11 77
1926	Castlemaine 13.18 96	d Sandhurst 8.16 64	1994	South Bendigo 20.15 135	d Golden Square 13.9 87
1927	Sandhurst 9.11 65	d Castlemaine 8.14 62	1995	Kyneton 18.13 121	d South Bendigo 11.10 76
1928	Echuca 11.9 75	d Castlemaine 10.10 70	1996	Kangaroo Flat 18.18 126	d Kyneton 15.20 110
1929	Sandhurst 18.11 119	d South Bendigo 11.10 76	1997	Kyneton 18.15 123	d Golden Square 7.14 56
1930	Sandhurst 17.9 111	d Eaglehawk 9.9 63	1998	Maryborough 19.11 125	d Sandhurst 12.6 78
1931	Sandhurst 10.14 74	d South Bendigo 8.14 62	1999	Maryborough 20.17 137	d Castlemaine 17.4 106
1932	Sandhurst 16.20 116	d Eaglehawk 7.9 51	2000	Castlemaine 12.11 83	d Kangaroo Flat 9.17 71
1933	Sandhurst 29.15 189	d Maryborough 10.12 72	2001	Golden Square 14.11 95	d Sandhurst 12.9 81
1934	Sandhurst 11.17 83	d Castlemaine 8.4 52	2002	Gisborne 21.13 139	d Golden Square 7.18 60
1935	Eaglehawk 11.15 81	d Sandhurst 7.17 59	2003	Gisborne 18.12 120	d Eaglehawk 11.7 73
1936	Kyneton 12.9 81	d Sandhurst 10.8 68	2004	Sandhurst 15.14 104	d Gisborne 10.15 75
1937	Sandhurst 16.16 112	d South Bendigo 6.15 51	2005	Gisborne 14.17 101	d Eaglehawk 10.10 70
1938	Golden Square 21.13 139	d Eaglehawk 14.7 91	2006	Gisborne 13.11 89	d Golden Square 9.10 64
1939	Golden Square 14.8 92	d Maryborough 12.12 84	2007	Eaglehawk 12.12 84	d Gisborne 12.10 82
1940	Sandhurst 13.18 96	d South Bendigo 13.13 91	2008	Eaglehawk 14.11.95	d Golden Square 12.17.89
1941	Eaglehawk 17.16 118	d South Bendigo 11.14 80	2009	Golden Square 16.12.108	d South Bendigo 10.11.71
1942 to 1944	League in recess due to World War 2		2010	Golden Square 11.21.87	d South Bendigo 8.10.58
1945	Golden Square 23.20 158	d Eaglehawk 8.9 57	2011	Golden Square 25.18.168	d Eaglehawk 5.3.33
1946	Eaglehawk 14.10 94	d Golden Square 13.12 90	2012	Golden Square 16.10.106	d Gisborne 14.19.103
1947	Sandhurst 18.19 127	d Golden Square 11.8 74	2013	Golden Square 14.18.102	d Strathfieldsaye 12.9.81
1948	Sandhurst 16.24 120	d Eaglehawk 8.9 57	2014	Strathfieldsaye 20.18.138	d Sandhurst 12.11.83
1949	Sandhurst 11.22 88	d South Bendigo 9.19 73	2015	Strathfieldsaye 8.12.60	d Sandhurst 8.5.53
1950	South Bendigo 10.12 72	d Echuca 6.10 46	2016	Sandhurst 12.18.90	d Golden Square 8.10.58
1951	South Bendigo 24.12 156	d Eaglehawk 20.8 128	2017	Strathfieldsaye 13.10.88	d Eaglehawk 7.14.56
1952	Castlemaine 15.9 99	d Sandhurst 9.16 70	2018	Eaglehawk 13.6.84	d Strathfieldsaye 9.5.59
1953	Eaglehawk 12.13 85	d Sandhurst 9.12 66	2019	Strathfieldsaye 14.10.84	d Eaglehawk 10.20.80
1954	South Bendigo 11.9 75	d Sandhurst 9.7 61	2020	Season Abandoned	
1955	South Bendigo 10.7 67	d Sandhurst 9.12 66	2021	Season Abandoned after 12 Rounds	
1956	South Bendigo 10.19 79	d Eaglehawk 9.15 69			
1957	Eaglehawk 14.17 101	d Kyneton 10.11 71			
1958	Rochester 8.11 59	d Castlemaine 7.10 52			
1959	Rochester 15.19 109	d Kyneton 12.6 78			
1960	Kyneton 9.8 62	d Rochester 8.11 59			
1961	Kyneton 12.13 85	d Rochester 9.6 60			
1962	Rochester 9.17 71	d Golden Square 7.20 62			
1963	Rochester 16.22 118	d Kyneton 10.14 74			
1964	Golden Square 10.10 70	d Rochester 9.7 61			
1965	Golden Square 12.19 91	d Rochester 11.11 77			
1966	Kyneton 15.6 96	d Golden Square 2.12 84			
1967	Echuca 12.13 85	d South Bendigo 10.15 75			
1968	Eaglehawk 8.16 64	d South Bendigo 8.10 58			
1969	South Bendigo 10.10 70	d Eaglehawk 9.13 67			
1970	Echuca 15.13 103	d Sandhurst 14.13 97			
1971	Eaglehawk 15.13 103	d Golden Square 3.10 28			
1972	Golden Square 14.12 96	d South Bendigo 11.9 75			
1973	Sandhurst 14.14 98	d Golden Square 7.10 52			
1974	South Bendigo 17.13 115	d Sandhurst 14.9 93			
1975	Golden Square 14.13 97	d Sandhurst 12.14 86			
1976	Golden Square 15.13 103	d Kyneton 9.7 61			
1977	Sandhurst 14.10 94	d Golden Square 9.19 73			
1978	Sandhurst 19.10 124	d Golden Square 18.13 121			
1979	Golden Square 21.14 140	d Sandhurst 8.1563			
1980	Eaglehawk 17.20 122	d Golden Square 19.6 120			
1981	Sandhurst 16.19 115	d Castlemaine 6.10 46			
1982	Eaglehawk 18.19 127	d Golden Square 6.12 48			
1983	Sandhurst 17.16 118	d Golden Square 17.9 111			
1984	Nth United 18.16 124	d Eaglehawk 12.10 82			
1985	Nth United 19.18 132	d Sandhurst 14.18 102			
1986	Nth United 25.18 168	d Eaglehawk 11.9.75			
1987	Nth United 23.15 153	d Eaglehawk 14.7 91			
1988	Golden Square 10.13 73	d Nth United 8.11 59			
1989	Golden Square 14.13 97	d South Bendigo 11.13 79			
1990	South Bendigo 15.24 114	d Golden Square 14.8 92			
1991	South Bendigo 14.14 98	d Castlemaine 10.16 76			

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YEAR	PREMIERS	RUNNER UP
1991	Golden Square 53	d Sandhurst 47
1992	Eaglehawk	d Golden Square
1993	Golden Square 40	d Eaglehawk 27
1994	Sandhurst 46	d Golden Square 45
1995	Sandhurst 32	d Eaglehawk 27
1996	Eaglehawk 36	d Sandhurst 33
1997	Kangaroo Flat	d Sandhurst
1998	Eaglehawk	d Sandhurst
1999	Eaglehawk 37	d Sandhurst 36
2000	Sandhurst 44	d Eaglehawk 19
2001	Kangaroo Flat 61	d Sandhurst 46
2002	Sandhurst 46	d Maryborough 40
2003	Kangaroo Flat 47	d Sandhurst 42
2004	Kangaroo Flat 62	d Golden Square 50
2005	Sandhurst	d Kangaroo Flat
2006	Sandhurst 46	d Golden Square 45
2007	Sandhurst	d Golden Square
2008	Golden Square 29	d Kangaroo Flat 25
2009	Kangaroo Flat 38	d Golden Square 25
2010	Kangaroo Flat 27	d Eaglehawk 26
2011	Golden Square 49	d Sandhurst 42
2012	Eaglehawk 31	d Sandhurst 30
2013	Gisborne 39	d Kangaroo Flat 38
2014	Kangaroo Flat 53	d Golden Square 35
2015	Golden Square 43	d Strathfieldsaye
2016	Kangaroo Flat 56	d Golden Square 47
2017	Sandhurst 48	d Golden Square 40
2018	Sandhurst 53	d Gisborne 47
2019	Sandhurst 42	d Kangaroo Flat 35
2020	Season Abandoned	
2021	Season Abandoned after 12 Rounds	