



**ANNUAL REPORT
2022**



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Senior Football Premiers Gisborne FNC and A Grade Netball Premiers Sandhurst FNC



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NOTICE OF BENDIGO FNL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - SEASON 2022

Notice is hereby given that the 39th Annual General Meeting of the Bendigo Football Netball League Inc. will be held at the Bendigo Club (22 Park St, Strathdale), on Wednesday 18th January 2023 commencing at 7.30pm.

Business:

1. To confirm the Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 19th January 2022.
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 2022, 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: Beres Fitch will retire as a Board member by rotation.

Carol McKinstry, Andy Walker, Sam McGee, Cheryl Elvey, & Ellyse Roper will remain on the BFNL Board with 1 year remaining in their term.

4. Appointment of Auditor for 2023.

5. General Business - General discussion in which matters may be raised for consideration of the BFNL 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 4th of January 2023.

By Order of the Bendigo FNL Board of Management



Cameron Tomlins
BFNL Manager

AGENDA OF BENDIGO FNL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - SEASON 2022

Agenda of the 39th Annual General Meeting of the Bendigo Football Netball League, to be held at the Bendigo Club, on Wednesday 18th January 2023 commencing at 7.30pm.

Business:

1. Welcome and apologies.

Motion that apologies be accepted:

Moved:

Seconded:

2. Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 19th January 2022.

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

Moved:

Seconded:

3. Business arising from the minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

4. Presentation of the Chair's Annual Report.

5. 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:

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

7. Presentation of the Financial Report for the year ended 31st October 2022.

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:

8. Election of vacant Board positions.

Board to consist of a minimum of 7 persons, and a maximum of 9 persons.

In accordance with Part 5, Division 3, Election of Board Members & Tenure of Office of the BFNL Constitution:

Beres Fitch will retire as a Board member by rotation.

Carol McKinstry, Sam McGee, Andy Walker, Cheryl Elvey and Ellyse Roper will remain on the Board with 1 year remaining in their respective terms.

No further nominations received.

9. League affiliation 2023

Motion that the BFNL affiliate with AFL Victoria, AFL Central Victoria, and Netball Victoria for season 2023:

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

10. Appointment of Auditor(s)

Motion to appoint Kelly & Partners / MGR Accountants as the League's auditor for the coming 12 months:

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

11. Other Business:

- a. Amend/review current \$2 purchase price of regular season match day "Record".
(Submitted by Ian Symons, GSFNC)
- b. Review/discuss discounted match day gate entry prices for "away" club members.
(Submitted by Ian Symons, GSFNC)

12. Meeting Closed.

MINUTES OF 38TH BENDIGO FNL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - SEASON 2021

Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting of the Bendigo Football Netball League, held at The Bendigo Club, on Wednesday 19th January 2022.

Meeting opened: **7.32pm**

Attendance:

Board Members: Carol McKinstry, Beres Fitch, Andy Walker, Sam McGee, Cheryl Elvey, Ellyse Roper, Cameron Tomlins (BFNL Manager)

BFNL Clubs: Caleb Kuhle (Castlemaine), James Hanley (Eaglehawk), Mandy Dimasi, Tony Brancatisano, Debbie Brancatisano (Gisborne), Ian Symons, Gill Sawyer (Golden Square), Leigh Bailey, (Kangaroo Flat) Hayden Evans (via Zoom) (Kyneton), Brendan Roughead, Kelvin Noonan (Maryborough), Rick Townsend (South Bendigo), Luke O'Keefe (Strathfieldsaye).

Guests: Craig Armstead, Gavin Hore (AFLCV), Lauren Bowles, Jayden Cowling, Shane Cowling, Brian Watts, Karen Wellington, Gayle Campbell, Kylie Ellis & Danny Ellis (Sandhurst FNC).

Apologies: Nicholas Rolfe (AFLCV), John Wood (Gisborne), Rod Barty (Strathfieldsaye), Richard Jones.

Business:

1. Welcome and apologies

Welcome to Country, Board Chair extended warm welcome to all new and returning Presidents, BFNL Board members, Life members, guests in attendance on behalf of the AFL Central Victoria Commission and other attendees in general.

a. Condolences to Betty Thompson

BFNL offer condolences to family and friends of BFNL netball identity Betty Thompson who sadly passed away in January 2022

Motion that apologies be accepted

Moved: Leigh Bailey **Seconded:** Rick Townsend **Carried**

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: Tony Brancatisano **Seconded:** Leigh Bailey **Carried**

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

No business arising.

4. BFNL 2021 presentations:

a. Honorary BFNL Life Membership awards

- i. Life Membership presentation to Kylie Ellis (Sandhurst FNC)
- ii. Life Membership presentation to the family of Kevin McNaughton (Sandhurst FNC)
(Karen Wellington/Gale Campbell)

b. 1979 Michelsen Medal

- i. Retrospective presentation to the family of Gary Cowling (Lauren Bowles & Jayden Cowling)

5. Presentation of the Chair's Annual Report.

a. BFNL Board chair provided a verbal report summary, highlighting:

- i. Reflection on 2021 season - significant interest, increased crowds
- ii. Disappointed that season and finals were unable to be completed
- iii. Thanks to all BFNL sponsors for continued support
- iv. Thanks to media outlets for building profile and interest
- v. Thanks to General Manager

Clarification requested from the BFNL Chair regarding decision for all 2021 league awards not being presented.

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

a. BFNL Manger provided a verbal report summary, highlighting:

- i. Special thanks to all BFNL members involved in a challenging 2021 season
- ii. Special thanks to ongoing sponsors, local council, BUA, BFNL Board and AFLCV staff for dedication during difficult season.

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

Moved: Mandy Dimasi **Seconded:** Luke O'Keefe **Carried**

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

a. Report contained within Annual Report booklet (Taken as read)

- i. Acknowledge significant contribution to AFLCV/BFNL of outgoing AFLCV RGM Carol Cathcart

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

a. Brief financial overview offered by BFNL Manager:

- i. Question received regarding BUA change of 2022 leadership, brief overview from offered from BFNL Board member Beres Fitch.
- ii. Overview on revenue, expenses, sponsorship, club reimbursements, and financial grants
- iii. Preview financial projections and challenges for season 2022

Motion: 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: Debbie Brancatisano **Seconded:** Tony Brancatisano **Carried**

9. Election of vacant Board positions.

Board to consist of a minimum of 7 persons, and a maximum of 9 persons.

In accordance with Part 5, Division 3, Election of Board Members & Tenure of Office of the BFNL Constitution:

Carol McKinstry, Sam McGee, Andy Walker and Cheryl Elvey will retire as Board members by rotation.

Beres Fitch will remain on the Board with 1 year remaining in his term. Five nominations were received for the vacant positions:

Carol McKinstry

Nominated: Brendan Stewart (Golden Square FNC) Seconder: Chris Greene (Sandhurst FNC)

Sam McGee

Nominated: Brendan Stewart (Golden Square FNC) Seconder: Chris Greene (Sandhurst FNC)

Andy Walker

Nominated: Brendan Stewart (Golden Square FNC) Seconder: Chris Greene (Sandhurst FNC)

Cheryl Elvey

Nominated: Brendan Stewart (Golden Square FNC) Seconder: Chris Greene (Sandhurst FNC)

Ellyse Roper

Nominated: Brendan Stewart (Golden Square FNC) Seconder: Chris Greene (Sandhurst FNC)

**Ellyse Roper submitted an official nomination after being appointed by the BFNL to fill a vacant position following the 2020 BFNL AGM.*

No further nominations received.

In accordance with the BFNL Constitution 52.1, **Carol McKinstry, Sam McGee, Andy Walker, Cheryl Elvey** and **Ellyse Roper** are returned to a further 2-year term of office.

10. League affiliation 2022

Motion that the BFNL affiliate with AFL Victoria, AFL Central Victoria, and Netball Victoria in 2022:

Moved: Leigh Bailey **Seconded:** Ellyse Roper **Carried**

11. Appointment of Auditor(s).

Motion to appoint MGR Accountants as the League's auditor for the coming 12 months:

Moved: Rick Townsend **Seconded:** Cheryl Elvey **Carried**

12. Other Business:

a. Club Resolution submission/s (MFNC & KFNC)

- i. Upon BFNL request for consideration, MFNC & KFNC agree to deal with the 2 submitted resolutions jointly given the similar content.

Maryborough FNC speak in favour of the proposal:

- i. Outline proposal for BFNL to convene a minimum of 3 formal 'General Meetings' of the BFNL annually, in addition to the AGM, for seasons 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.
- ii. Proposal to amend voting rights of all BFNL member clubs at such general meetings regarding question/s tabled.
 - a. Offer example of potential future topic to trigger club voting rights, referencing BFNL consideration of presenting season 2021 individual awards tabled as an instance of the purpose of such amendment.

Gisborne FNC speak against the proposal:

- i. Role of BFNL Board similar to that of a club committee. Elected by members, with view to make decisions in the interests of and on behalf of the club.
- ii. Concerned for management of league governance via consensus, and evidence of club self-interest in decision making processes.
- iii. All clubs already possess the ability to call a special general meeting which allow for voting provisions.
- iv. Such change in constitution is not warranted and not supported by the Gisborne FNC.
- v. Any amendment of wording within the Constitution must be considered a change to the Constitution.
- vi. BFNL Board are accountable and can be replaced, whilst Board vacancies currently exist for person/s who wish to nominate.

BFNL respond to the proposal:

- i. 30 days' notice period required for voting rights, amongst other formalities.
- ii. Previously, BFNL didn't see a need to call general meetings prior to COVID-19, however clubs possess the ability to call a special general meeting.
- iii. Clubs need time to consult committees before being held accountable by way of vote at league meetings, which is the purpose of outlined notice periods.
- iv. Grievances received by the BFNL during 2021 were generally specific to fixturing, of which the BFNL possess decision making authority.
- v. Fixturing complexities aren't necessarily achievable by club vote, an independent Board should retain a key role in such decision making.

vi. BFNL feel adequate consultation, engagement and feedback was sought during 2020-2021 to make critical COVID decisions, consensus difficult to achieve.

vii. Unclear on the proposed process for determining the nature of future questions or matters which would be decided by way of club vote.

viii. Regular BFNL procedure is to convene 3 'Presidents' meetings annually.

Motion (part 1): Allow clubs voting rights for any question raised at a general meeting of the League during seasons 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

Moved: Brendan Roughead

Seconded: Hayden Evans

Vote FOR: 5

Vote AGAINST: 4 (Sandhurst absent)

Motion carried

Motion (part 2): Board to convene a minimum of 3 'General Meetings' in addition to the annual general meeting each year during seasons 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

Moved: Brendan Roughead

Seconded: Tony Brancatisano

Votes FOR: 7

Votes AGAINST: 2 (Sandhurst absent)

Motion carried* (refer to Notes on page 6 of this document)

b. Official welcome to AFLCV Region Manager Craig Armstead

- i. BFNL officially welcome Craig Armstead to the position. Craig offered an overview of personal/professional background, goals, and motivations for accepting the role.

c. 2022 representative program update

- i. Interleague matches have been cancelled as Ballarat no longer wish to participate, BFNL remain committed to 17 & under, and Open Netball teams entered in the 2022 NV Association Championships.

d. 2022 AFLCV 'Play On' campaign update

- i. Update on the AFLCV participation campaign theme, clubs have already received digital assets for use. AFLCV investigating hosting invitational 2022 preseason competitions again, further detail to follow.

e. 2022 Premier Data update

- i. Confirm statistics analysis platform will launch in season 2022, major naming rights sponsor has been signed/confirmed. BFNL to consult all clubs ASAP to seek individual commitment.

f. 2022 COVID-19 update

- i. Recent training/match day protocols update received from Netball Victoria, anticipating AFL Vic to provide similar updates soon. Expectation that changing restrictions and protocols will remain for the entirety of season 2022.

13. Meeting Closed: **8.49pm**

Notes: *An error in procedure occurred at the BFNL Annual General Meeting on 19th January 2022 during voting on item 12 of the agenda 'Club Resolution Submission/s', specifically related to voting processes under Item 39 of the BFNL Constitution: 'A special resolution is passed if not less than three quarters of the club member delegates voting at a general meeting vote in favour of the resolution.'

Consequently, the BFNL Board convened an additional Special General Meeting to reconsider the tabled motions (parts 1 & 2), at which the BFNL sought a club member to move the motions, however neither motion was moved.

Motion (part 1): Allow clubs voting rights for any question raised at a general meeting of the League during seasons 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

Motion (part 2): Board to convene a minimum of 3 'General Meetings' in addition to the annual general meeting each year during seasons 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

Moved: Nil **Seconded:** Nil **Motion failed**



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.”

It has been a long, unique, and challenging journey across the past few years, however with a renewed sense of belief the worst of the prolonged COVID-19 pandemic is now behind us, we are incredibly grateful to complete the first entire BFNL season since 2019. When we crowned the champion teams on the final day of season 2019, we had no idea of the challenges community sport, and community in general, would face during the midst of a global pandemic.

It is terrific to again be able to congratulate all our Premiership teams on an incredible season, along with the hundreds of devoted support staff and volunteers on their tireless effort and dedication to season 2022. This season was built on the back of 2 years of interruption, disconnection, uncertainty, and frustration. It is a credit to all members of the BFNL who have remained loyal and patient, that we now return to competition for the most part in the way we all remember.

The Gisborne FNC broke their Senior football Premiership drought, by overcoming a perennially successful Strathfieldsaye Storm team in some of the dourest Grand Final weather conditions in living memory. Underlining the success of the Bulldogs 2022 campaign was the fact that all three football teams and three netball teams qualified for their respective Grand Finals – eventually including premierships to the Under 18 football, 17 & under netball, and A Reserve netball team's.

Shifting focus to the netball, the powerhouse Sandhurst A-Grade team created history achieving the incredible feat of 4 Premierships in a row in treacherous conditions. Such is the current brilliance of the Sandhurst netball program, 4 of 5 netball teams qualified for Grand Finals, for 3 Premierships (B-Reserve, B-Grade, and A-Grade). Congratulations to all Premiers, it was rewarding to reach the pinnacle of the season once again and crown our champion teams.

Another welcome return for season 2022 was our annual Michelsen Medal presentation ceremony. To be able to celebrate another successful season by recognising several outstanding individual performers in their respective competitions is a wonderful highlight for the League. The night ended in announcing two highly deserved winners of the highest individual honours in the BFNL, it was incredible to have a presentation season return in all its prestigious glory.

Congratulations to Jake Moorhead on his deserved Michelsen Medal win for a stellar season, whilst now dual-Betty Thompson medallist Madeline Stewart added the 2022 medal to sit alongside her 2018 victory, and dual Runner-up awards in 2016 and 2017. Both were popular winners amongst the wider BFNL community who have been proven consistent vote getters in previous years.

We congratulate the 2022 Ron Best Medallist Joel Brett from Golden Square, kicking 92-goals to claim the award named in honour of BFNL Hall of Fame and Legend inductee Ron Best, which was presented on the night by Ron's best mate and fellow inaugural BFNL Legend inductee Tony Southcombe. Brett finished agonisingly short of the magical 100 mark, eventually ending on 98-goals as his Golden Square team bowed out in a nail-biting Preliminary Final loss to Gisborne.

Thank you and congratulations to all our successful coaches and volunteers of our 2022 BFNL representative teams for committing to manage incredibly successful 2022 Netball Victoria Association Championship campaigns.

Thank you to every selected player for accepting the challenge to proudly represent the BFNL, whilst continuing your individual development at the highest possible level. Well done to both teams on making the Finals, and the Open team for finishing Runners-up.

We acknowledge all appointed coaches and players of BFNL 2022 netball representative teams. Jayden Cowling led the returning Open team which was unable to compete in 2019 due to VNL fixturing clashes, then missed during COVID affected seasons 2020-2021.

Nicole Donnellon and Sharni McPherson returned to co-coach the 17 & Under team; inspiring, developing and leading the league's brightest netball stars.

A successful representative program for both teams included the 17 & under netballers qualifying for the Netball Victoria Association Championships Finals following a successful qualifying tournament. The 17 & under team proudly represented the League against quality opposition at the Finals. Our Open team demonstrated the current calibre and strength of BFNL netball, narrowly edged out by Goulburn Valley in the overall Final to be crowned runners-up.

During the regular season, we proudly supported and hosted several valuable themed rounds, and we thank all associated organisations, foundations, individuals, and clubs for their support.

We are privileged to have an opportunity to use community football and netball as a platform to publicly support and raise awareness for important causes that ultimately have a positive impact on our local communities. Many of our players are role-models for emerging generations, and we thank them for their involvement and investment into such educational programs.

Some themed round highlights included the Ron Best memorial match between Golden Square and Sandhurst celebrating the life and unparalleled goal-kicking record of the BFNL Hall of Fame Legend, a hugely successful Indigenous round supported by the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation featuring Golden Square hosting Castlemaine, and the inaugural Pat Cronin Foundation round featuring Sandhurst and Eaglehawk to help educate players about appropriate responses to anger and aggression - both on and off the playing field.

Business and Media Partners

The continued support of our corporate partners is critical to our ability to coordinate a successful, exciting, and vibrant competitions.

We thank all new and returning partners of the league for the ongoing investment in community football and netball, as we recover from the recent financial challenges endured as a direct impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As community sport continues to recover, the unwavering support offered to our League by our loyal partners will assist us to achieve a sustainable future for our affiliated clubs.

There is no greater supporter of local community sport, including football and netball, than the Bendigo Bank.

The continued support of the Bendigo Bank allows us to grow participation, inclusion, social connection, and creates opportunity to support the varied physical, social, and mental benefits of being involved in a local sporting association.

Under the fantastic referral program initiative developed to direct filter funds back to community clubs, BFNL club members can bring banking across to Bendigo Bank and your respective 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.

We express our gratitude to our loyal continued major sponsors of the BFNL:

- Bendigo Mazda, the continued major sponsor of all BFNL netball competitions
- Workforce XS for the sponsorship of match day footballs, BFNL representative and Interleague programs, and for managing Finals security requirements.
- Harmac Homes who is our Reserves competition sponsor
- Sportspower Bendigo, our Under 18 competition sponsor
- The Bendigo Club, hosts of the annual Michelsen Medal presentation ceremony
- Bart 'n' Print who sponsor the highly anticipated Rising Star awards, along with providing all our annual printing needs and producing the match day Record
- The Bendigo Advertiser, who supported the 2022 rollout of Premier Data
- Goal scoring partners Coffee Storm
- We sincerely thank all other partners for their varied support including Sherrin, Bendigo Times, Gold Central Victoria, Bendigo Party Hire, Great Ideas Awards and Gifts, High St X-Ray, and Cleanaway.

We also welcomed some new exciting and enthusiastic partners for season 2022. Thank you to Barry Plant Bendigo, premier real estate agents in the Central Victoria region, who signed on for 2-seasons as our major broadcast partner, allowing the League to implement and subsidise exciting developments in 2022 such as our new statistics analysis partner Premier Data which has raised the profile of and access to the BFNL, whilst also significantly reducing the burden on coaching staff to carry out internal match analysis. Long-time BFNL partner the Bendigo Advertiser are also a major supporter of the Premier Data platform which has increased national exposure and access to the BFNL.

We similarly extend our special thanks to new BFNL partners in 2022 - Simon Rosa Landscaping, and the Neverland Store (Bendigo Marketplace) for their support and commitment to supporting grass roots community sport, and we look forward to building our relationship in years to come.

The BFNL are grateful for the great coverage from our media partners invest in the League. 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 2022 pre-Michelsen Medal count, and the Bendigo Advertiser for their extensive and in-depth analysis of all things BFNL football and netball.

We extend thanks to Red Onion Creative who film all BFNL senior matches for club and public viewing. Red Onion assist us to continue to branch out into new progressive fields such as live streaming which again raises access and the profile of the League. As we still move out of an era of isolation periods and with impacted members unable to physically attend events at times, our move to live stream one football match of the round weekly was a welcomed and successful innovation. We will continue to investigate and expand on such advances that provide an attractive point of difference for the BFNL.

A sincere thanks to a host of other individuals that provide quality services to the BFNL:

- Steve Dilks from SAA Imaging for his incredible photography services throughout the season, covering weekly matches and several special BFNL events
- Kylie Ellis, the long-serving and best vote-caller in the business who called the Michelsen Medal and pre-count events
- MC Benny Jones, for successfully hosting the Michelsen Medal
- MC Joel Peterson who again hosted the Season Launch and all Grand Final presentations
- Nathan Dole providing in-depth previews and analysis of football and netball matches weekly
- Historian Richard Jones for his regular amazing recollections relating to over 140-years of BFNL history.

Summary

The fabric and passion of community clubs, and their unique and irreplaceable value to our local communities has for the most-part returned. At times volunteering for and administering a club can be challenging and draining. Volunteers become stretched and tired yet front up each week because they love it. The value of a community football and netball club, and the associated social, mental, and physical benefits will not be taken for granted again.

Season 2022 was always considered our final step towards post-COVID recovery, with an understanding prior to the season that challenges, and hiccups would certainly occur, but the League and clubs were united in an approach to complete a full season as best as practically possible. At times it wasn't perfect, but ultimately together we knew that achieving a full season and Finals Series would be a great platform to return to a relatively 'normal' 2023.

Our club Presidents and club Committees again showed resilience, leadership, patience. The tireless work behind the scenes these volunteers invest may at times go unnoticed or unrewarded, but from speaking with many of these individuals during the season they were just excited and grateful that our competitions had returned. I urge all club members to consider taking on small volunteer roles at clubs where possible, to lighten the load on too few current club volunteers.

A sincere thank you to all BFNL players, coaches, 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 Michael Hockley, Dean Goodridge, Sharon McColl, and the entire team from the Bendigo Umpires Association for the development and provision of umpire appointments during the season. At times, it is a difficult job for our umpires. We certainly thank all umpires for their service, dedication, and willingness to be part of our strong competition, 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.

We have a great relationship with the City of Greater Bendigo and surrounding Shire Councils and thank them for their cooperation and support to allow opportunities for the League and clubs to utilise local facilities. It is exciting that funding continues to be pledged to various facility upgrades, which is necessary as participation and usage requirements increase – particularly considering the continued growth of junior, girl's, and women's football competitions.

A huge thank you must be extended to BFNL Chair Carol McKinsty and the entire BFNL Board who are all skilled volunteers that donate and invest their time, effort, and support to the League, along with Craig Armstead and all staff members from AFL Central Victoria for their varied and amazing support and assistance provided during what is a long season. After 3-years of pressure and stress, the challenges faced by staff at times have been immense and overwhelming.

Finally, as mentioned it has been a long and tiring journey at times, but after now achieving a result in 2022, it is with enthusiasm and anticipation we prepare for season 2023. The worst of the global pandemic is now absolutely behind us, and I am convinced that BFNL participation, competitiveness, and general interest is at its highest level for many years. I firmly believe the league will continue to go from strength to strength as we confirm our status as the premier football and netball league in Central Victoria.

Cameron Tomlins
BFNL General Manager



PROFESSOR CAROL MCKINSTRY - CHAIR, BENDIGO FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE

Football and netball seasons resumed in 2022 with pleasing crowds and support from fans, players, and officials. It is not until you have missed something that you appreciate what its value is. Again, the season was all about participation and even though we did have some matches impacted by COVID, forfeits were kept to a minimum. The regular season and then the finals series created much interest within our communities, and it was pleasing to see nearly all clubs participate in the finals series. Apart from the weather during the grand finals, we had enjoyed great games for netball and football with Gisborne taking out the senior football and Sandhurst winning their fourth grand final in a row in the A Grade netball. Congratulations to all premiers in both netball and football competitions.

This year saw the introduction of Premier Data statistics for football which was made available to clubs, the media, and supporters.

Along with a greater social media presence, this initiative raised the profile of our league and benefited our clubs, sponsors, and fans. Live streaming of a senior football match in each round was another initiative that raised the profile of the BFNL and clubs.

The BFNL Board and manager have worked hard to ensure financial stability and where possible, reduce financial burden on clubs. In 2022 a subsidy was again given to the first BFNL fee instalment to each club. Where possible, we have continued to subsidise the BFNL Record and video recording of each senior football match.

Another significant event for our league was the achievements of our netballers. The 17 and Under netballers qualified for the Association Games and gained valuable experience playing against quality teams from throughout the state. Our open team went perilously close to winning the Association Games, being beaten by Goulburn Valley FNL in the final by 2 goals. Congratulations to all players, coaches, and team managers who represented us with great distinction. Special thanks to Jayden Cowling our senior coach, and Nicole Donnellon and Sharni McPherson our 17 and Under coaches. While we had hoped to resume footballer interleague, we were unable to find an appropriate rival and therefore this was put on pause.

Our Michelsen Medal Presentation evening was back with great support from the clubs. Congratulations to all football and netball best and fairest winners and especially to Maddie Stewart on winning the Betty Thompson Medal and Jake Moorhead on winning the Michelsen Medal. Congratulations also to Gisborne for winning the McCann Club Champion award.

I would like to thank the club presidents and committees for their tireless work and support throughout the season. Your patience in getting the season started with new software systems was very much appreciated. Many thanks also to the BUA who had challenges with COVID impacting the availability of umpires but worked hard to consistently supply our League with umpires.

I would like to particularly recognise and thank our League Manager Cameron Tomlins, for his tireless and exemplary work. Cameron's attention to detail, professional and calm manner, and endless hours of commitment to the League may go unnoticed by some however his work to raise our profile and initiate improvements and strategies to further enhance our football and netball has been greatly appreciated. We are also fortunate to have the support of staff from the AFL CV Commission Regional Administration Hub and I thank Craig and his team for their support and dedication throughout the 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, Barry Plant Bendigo who came on board in 2022 as a broadcast and statistics analysis partner, Workforce XS, Harmac Homes, the Bendigo Club, Bart 'n' Print, 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 also welcomed Simon Rosa Landscaping and Neverland Store Bendigo as new and valued league partners this year.

We are fortunate to enjoy a very close relationship with our media partners Bendigo Advertiser (who also support the Premier Data statistics platform), Fresh FM, WIN TV, Nine News, Bendigo Times, Gold Central Victoria, who have continued to promote our league and clubs.

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. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Beres Fitch on his outstanding contribution to our league as Board Director. Beres is not seeking re-election after being on the Board for over 10 years.

Professor Carol McKinstry
Chair, Bendigo Football Netball League Board



CRAIG ARMSTEAD- AFLCV REGIONAL GENERAL MANAGER

The Year

Following significant interruptions during 2020 and 2021, undoubtedly the greatest highlight from 2022 was that we were able to complete a full home and away season of football and netball, and then enjoy exciting finals series. While COVID still had an impact with teams missing players, coaches and volunteers week to week, and club's having administrators unavailable, we were very impressed by the commitment and support of all clubs to ensure we completed the year.

Prior to the season every league prepared COVID Guidelines and Protocols to ensure awareness and clarity of how we would manage the challenges COVID presented, and these proved valuable throughout the course of the year.

Coming off the back of 2 difficult years we developed a "Play on 2022" marketing campaign. Various graphics were designed and used by AFL Central Vic, and every League and Club. This assisted us gaining exposure and momentum with the start of the season and continued throughout the year.

A concerning trend we saw throughout 2022 was unacceptable behaviour, especially on match days. Issues were noted at both junior and senior levels, with bad behaviour being demonstrated by club officials, spectators and players. While the behaviour was directed at varying people, the abuse towards umpires was particularly disturbing. This trend was seen across all competitions in country and metropolitan Victorian, and in fact across all sports. We are evaluating activities to address the issue in 2023.

As was the case in 2021, this year the Central Victoria Australian Football Commission provided financial relief to Leagues with a reduction to Administration Fees for the season 2021. It has been pleasing that AFL Central Vic has been able to provide this financial support and manage our finances to ensure deliver a satisfactory result for the year.

Congratulations

Completing a full season had many benefits and our congratulations go to all involved with teams who won premierships in 2022. Having no finals in 2020 nor 2021, this year was a good reminder how difficult it is to win a premiership, and we hope those who did have fond memories of their success.

Congratulations to all those who won individual awards in 2022 either at League or Club level. Where Leagues presented Club based awards, be they for on-field or off-field performance, we hope all people responsible were able to celebrate those wins.

Thank You

It takes so much work by so many volunteers to operate teams, clubs, competitions and leagues week to week, and complete the season. We specific wanted to say thank you to our important stakeholders:

- Thousands of volunteers enable our clubs to function and games to occur every weekend. So many people are required on match days to ensure games can be played and that all other requirements on game day occur.
- With over 400 matches played every weekend across netball, football and hockey, we have a heavy reliance on umpires. Umpiring all sports can challenging however they played a crucial role in our competitions. This year many umpires participated in multiple games on the same day and weekend to support those players and clubs.

It is also important to recognise and thank the many club-based supporters and officials who undertook umpiring duties where we did not have sufficient Umpire Association umpires to support those matches.

- AFL Central Victoria are fortunate to have a large portfolio of organisations who partner with us, and our Leagues and Clubs. These partners deliver support and benefits through a range of initiatives and activities. Our community sport has a significant footprint across Central Victoria, and through this network our partners are able to deliver benefits to local communities and to their organisations. The contribution of these partners ultimately allows AFL Central Vic to maintain our fees as low as we possibly can, and ensure our sports are affordable. A special mention to our Major Partner, Bendigo Bank, who are also a major partner of the BFNL, BJFL, BUA, CVFL, LVFNL, HDFNL, NCFL & AFL CV Academy. The Bendigo Bank have continued to support community football with over \$7,000 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. We also enjoy 4 community partners – TAC, Headspace Bendigo, Love the Game, and the Pat Cronin Foundation.
- Tribunals are a necessary and important of all sports. In both Bendigo and Swan Hill, we have a group of volunteers who give their time to fulfill this function. It can be a difficult process and environment and the time and expertise they provide is much appreciated.
- In our local communities, the media are an important source of information. That is certainly the case for community sport. Thank you to staff at all of the newspapers, radio and television stations who provided content to promote, preview and review our competitions and those who participate. A special mention to those who delivered live broadcasts.

Floods

While not occurring until the completion of our seasons, the recent floods have had a massive impact on individuals, families, property, sports clubs and communities across the AFL Central Victoria geography. At the time of writing many areas and communities are still at risk and we hope for positive outcomes. We have all been impressed with the way individuals and communities have come together to help each other.

AFL Central Vic have been working to provide assistance where possible. Our focus has been predominantly with information and assistance on funding available to assist affected clubs. We have worked with the AFL who have already provided cash directly to 5 clubs in our region.

Participation

In 2022 we have seen some new and existing programs being delivered with some fantastic results:

- NAB Auskick Program
- AFL Primary Play Programs (free AFL program delivered to primary schools)
- AFL Kinda Play Programs (free AFL program delivered to kindergartens)
- Footy4Fun
- Junior X and AFL 9's



In Bendigo and surrounding regions, the program was delivered to 146 Schools between term 1 and 3 reaching over 100 schools in term 2 which was the highest in the state. In Swan Hill and surrounding regions, the program was delivered to 67 schools. In Term 4 Central Victoria have attended 25 Kindergartens delivering the new Kinda Play program.

Conducting these programs enabled AFL Victoria to promote NAB AFL Auskick and Community Football to transition participants into community leagues and clubs.

Across the region we also ran several Footy4Fun programs focusing on come and try, especially for girls and inclusion for everyone. This was a great success seeing new participants registering. With the success of the Footy4 Fun Girls programs we have seen new female community competitions start which was a huge success across the region enabling new teams and pathways form.

The Junior X program has been a huge success in Bendigo running an 8-week competition with over 80 junior boys and girls participating. We aim to run a modified competition in Swan Hill in early 2023. The aim of Junior X is a short format game, focused on development, fun and enjoyment. This is a social aspect of the game which is played outside our traditional season.

Development & Pathways

An uninterrupted year enable AFL Central Vic to provide a full year of football and netball academies in Bendigo and Swan Hill. It was fantastic to see young athletes able to participate in these programs and develop a range of skills. Similarly, the academies provide a great pathway for coaches who are looking to learn and develop.

AFL Central Vic junior football teams played representative games in Ballarat against their junior teams, and also against Goulburn Murray Junior League at Strathfieldsaye. Our Central Vic Football League senior women's team played high quality football in a representative match against Northern Country Women's League at the QEO.

All leagues in our region had interleague netball teams who attended tournaments along with association championships. This included age groups from 13 and under right through to open age. The netball academy players participated in a tournament in Melbourne.

This year saw two V/Line Cup carnivals for our best under 15 female and male players. Both carnivals were held in Shepparton across the most talented under 15 players across all areas of country Victoria.

The 2022 V/Line Cup was held in the regular time period of September, with 2 boys' teams and 1 girls team competing. Unfortunately, the 2021 V/Line Cup did not occur due to COVID, with the carnival being held over until April 2022 school holidays. It was great to see these players demonstrate their skills. Thanks to the coaches and other volunteers who made both events a success.

During the year we held gala days where junior footballers and netballers from the various leagues in our region were able to come to one location and compete against each other.

Across both netball and football, AFL Central Vic provided multiple programs and activities for the education and development of coaches and umpires. These programs involved on court/field and classroom formats for delivery and were facilitated by very well credentialed presenters.

Infrastructure

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: major pavilion development at Harry Trott oval in Kennington featuring new change and social rooms and landscaping, major development at Lord Nelson Park in St Arnaud featuring new change rooms for football, netball and hockey, and new pavilion, and player and umpire change room upgrades at various clubs. Construction is well advanced on the major development at Catherine McAuley College in Junortoun.

A major upgrade at Donaldson Park in Wedderburn has commenced which will include new facilities and unisex change rooms for players and umpires.

Finally, we wish to recognise all staff at the hubs, both in Bendigo and Swan Hill. They go above and beyond to deliver high quality competitions and assist our leagues and clubs. Specific thanks to Sam Skinner, Jake McLean and Daniel Reid who finished working with AFL Central Vic and AFL Vic during the course of the year for their contributions.

In what was my first year in the role, I would like to thank everyone for their support of me personally, and their contribution to football and netball. As with anybody new to a position it takes time to learn, and everybody has been very patient and made feel welcome across the region. I look forward to seeing more football, netball and hockey next year.

On behalf of the Commission
Craig Armstead
 Region General Manager



2022 COACHING STAFF FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Don Moran

RESERVES
Brodie Martin

UNDER 18
John Watson

NETBALL

A GRADE
Gary Cooke, Fiona Fowler

A RESERVE
Gary Cooke, Fiona Fowler

B GRADE
**Sharyn Dredge,
 Kylie Giddings**

B RESERVE
**Sharyn Dredge,
 Kylie Giddings**

17 & UNDER
Kelly Hartmann, Jess Lord

2022 BEST & FAIRESTS FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Tommy Horne

RESERVES
Wilson Staples

UNDER 18
Ben McConachy

NETBALL

A GRADE
**Fiona Fowler,
 Jane O'Donohue**

A RESERVE
Zoe Douglass

B GRADE
Shae Denahy

B RESERVE
Katina Hawkin

17 & UNDER
Megan Wilson

CASTLEMAINE FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



PRESIDENT: Caleb Kuhle
SECRETARY: Melissa Usher
TREASURER: James Collie, Maurie Molan
COMMITTEE: Caleb Kuhle, Melissa Usher, John Watson, David Stephens, Liam Wilkinson, Georgia Banks, Damien Sharrock, Trevor Butcher, Ron Cawthorn, Chris McKenzie, Shawn Rixon, Stuart McLennan, Annette Kuhle, Tracey Watson

Season 2022 was a vast improvement on the club's performance from the previous year and a big turnaround from our last full season in 2019. Under 18's, Reserves and Seniors all registered wins in the one year which hasn't occurred since 2018.

The Under 18's were coached very well by Senior player, John Watson, which led the side to a handful of wins and was competitive for three to four games which should have been wins. With a loss of players due to injury and senior call ups, the team remained resilient across the year. If all players remained on the park, it looked probable of a finals birth for the first time in many years for the grade and club.

Reserve's football was an uphill battle at times and was extremely tough for the coaching staff and leadership group. Jordan Cochrane and Luke Pritchard fought admirably to keep the side going each week, while coach Brodie Martin tried his best to help develop future talent for the Seniors. Having just the one win, it was dismal, but the boys had some fun which is the main thing in that situation.

The drought was broken for the Senior football group, having not registered a win since 2018 it was good to have a little light shining at the Camp Reserve. The young group was primarily made up of local players that had played through their junior careers at Castlemaine, which was a great spectacle for many of our supporters. After getting two wins against rivals, Maryborough, it was Eaglehawk at the Camp Reserve that haunted the group moving forward, falling agonisingly close to the Borough by a lonely one-point loss.

With one of the highest profile netball recruits the League has seen, Fiona Fowler joined the Magpies to co-coach alongside Gary Cooke. Fowler is a former Suncorp Super Netball (SSN) player, a Scottish International having played at dual World Cup and Commonwealth Games.

Alongside her was Cooke, a former Men's State representative and Victorian Netball League (VNL) coach, with the pair guiding the clubs return to A Grade netball for the first time in several years. And for the first time in the clubs history, A Grade and A Reserve made the finals in the same year.

With several local players returning to the club, and joined by some high profile recruits, the club instilled a strong work ethic into its players, which translated into on-court results.

Off court, there was a move to a more professional club, with the administration and management working together and guiding the club out of its past and looking towards the future.





EAGLEHAWK FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



PRESIDENT: James Hanley
 SECRETARY: Gerard Ilsley
 TREASURER: Rani Madden
 COMMITTEE: Andrew Reid, Paul Whitfort, Brett Crapper, Jeremy Brown, Archie Lenten, Oscar Madden, Peter Ritchie, Kate Clow, Deb Lawton, Paige Combridge

2022 COACHING STAFF

FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Travis Matheson

RESERVES
Bryce Balsillie

UNDER 18
Nick Patching

NETBALL

A GRADE
Elley Lawton
Eleisha Saunders

A RESERVE
Eleisha Saunders
Jackie Gallagher

B GRADE
Marnie Ross

B RESERVE
Tess Doran

17 & UNDER
Elley Lawton

2022 BEST & FAIRESTS

FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Noah Wheeler

RESERVES
Ethan Hanley

UNDER 18
Jordan Holland

NETBALL

A GRADE
Morgan Keating

A RESERVE
Rylee Gallagher

B GRADE
Tia Reaper

B RESERVE
Deanna Duane

17 & UNDER
Poppy McPherson

Last season was a trying, but enjoyable season for the club.

With crowd numbers down due to aftereffects of covid, it was very hard to set budgets to make sure everything ran smoothly.

On the field, we had 3 teams make the finals: Reserves and Women's football, and B Reserve netball, which was a top effort by those 3 teams.

The Seniors and Under 18s were not far away and proved they could match it with the top sides, but injuries at the wrong time of the season hurt them badly.

Like our football teams, our netball teams were in a rebuilding stage, however, produced some great results and should be proud of their 2022 efforts.

We would like to thank all our coaches support staff and players for their efforts in 2022 and we hope you all make it back in 2023.

Off the field, new president James Hanley's first year was both enjoyable and full of learning. The season was tough at times, but with his hard-working committee they were able to guide the club in the right direction to finish off with a feeling 2022 was a success for the club.

It was great to have so many supporters put up their hand and give the committee a hand when needed. It was also great to see our supporters stick by us throughout the season.

A highlight for the 2022 season was the awarding of a life membership to long time committee person Brett Crapper which was well deserved.

To sign off, 2023 is looking very exciting for our club so make sure you jump on board.

Club Awards

Life Membership: Brett Crapper

Best Club People: Kim Holland, Jo Evans, Nicole Tucker



GISBORNE FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



PRESIDENT: John Wood
 SECRETARY: Mandy Dimasi
 TREASURER: Debbie Brancatisano
 COMMITTEE: Tony Brancatisano; Darren Mitchell; Tony Andrews; Brad Spear

2022 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-Anna Salter

B RESERVE
Shelley Farrugia

17 & UNDER
Rylee Connell

2022 BEST & FAIRESTS

FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Flynn Lakey

RESERVES
Jacob Murphy

UNDER 18
Cameron Freake

NETBALL

A GRADE
Madeline Stewart

A RESERVE
Eloise Rodda

B GRADE
Bridget Salter

B RESERVE
Hannah Weier

17 & UNDER
Emily McDonald

The 2022 season proved to be a very successful year for the Gisborne Football Netball Club. All three grades of football and five grades of netball finished top three, ensuring a double chance in finals.

In testament to the Club's success across all grades, the GFNC was awarded the prestigious BFNL David McCann Champion Club award at the Michelsen Medal presentation. The night was made even more special as young local Gisborne players featured prominently in individual League Best and Fairest awards.

Madeline Stewart won her second Betty Thompson medal in A Grade netball, as one of only a few in the history of the League to have won this medal twice.

Tori Skrijel was the winner of the 17 and Under netball Carol Sing Medal with teammate, Emily McDonald, finishing runner-up.

The Hammill/McDonald Medal for Reserves football saw teammates Jacob Murphy and Boyd Nalder finish as joint winners - a feat made even more remarkable by the fact that the Gisborne Reserves team only played 15 of the 18 home and away games due to the COVID functional framework protocols.

A special mention should go to senior player, Brad Bernacki who, despite missing 7 games due to VFL duties with Essendon, finished equal runner-up in the Michelsen Medal on 15 votes, just four votes behind the winner.

Under 18s player, Harry Luxmoore finished as leading goal kicker with 64 goals for the season.

The year culminated on Grand Final Day with Gisborne having six teams competing for cups, bringing home four of the eight premierships on offer. These included Senior football - the first premiership since 2006; Under 18s football with a fantastic come from behind win; 17 and Under netball who finished premiers and undefeated champions; and A Reserve netball who won the Club's first ever A Reserve netball cup.

The results of 2022 were just reward for the hard work and effort of all those involved at the Club, particularly over the last 7 years - the players, coaches, medical staff, team support staff, volunteers, members, sponsors and supporters.

It has been a very special year.





GOLDEN SQUARE FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



PRESIDENT: Ian Symons
 V/PRES: Rick Jenkyn, Chris Richards
 SECRETARY: Gill Sawyer
 TREASURER: Wendy Donegan
 COMMITTEE: Nick Carter, Wendy Donegan, Greg Pain, Dave Symons, Jon Coe, Tanner Rayner, Dean Norris

Our December 2021 AGM saw several new members join the committee for season 2022. Vice Presidents became Rick Jenkyn and Chris Richards, Gill Sawyer secretary, and Ian Symons as President. New or returning committee members were Nick Carter, Treasurer Wendy Donegan, Greg Pain, Dave Symons, Jon Coe, Tanner Rayner, and Dean Norris. Credit and our sincere thanks must go to Brendan Stewart and Scott Wilkinson, President, and Secretary for the previous 5 years, especially during the difficult 2020 (no games) and 12 game 2021 COVID effected years.

We have achieved a significant amount during the year building on the solid foundations of work done by previous committees and would like to highlight the strategic work we as a committee have initiated this year.

The strategic planning session facilitated by Paul Hamilton early in 2022, enabled the committee to start considering a bigger picture approach and development of framework to support a strong positive culture and a more professional structure to build on what is already a very successful club. Whilst we are yet to fully implement the strategic plan, an Advisory group will be established in 2023 to provide recommendations to the committee as to implementation of the strategies identified to continue to maintain momentum in moving the club forward.

This Advisory Group will consist of some GSFNC committee members and key external stakeholder representatives (ie Sponsors, BFNL and AFL) to progress this work during the 2023 season.

Other highlights include being involved in some significant events that contribute to the broader community including Pink Ladies Day, Indigenous and TAC round.

It is fantastic to have the club give back to the community through involvement of these events and recognise the support the club receives from the community and its members.

A ground-breaking innovation occurred this year, when we became the first club in Australia to grant pay equity to our senior football and netball players. This received wide media coverage and great publicity. Coincidentally soon after, we received news of a \$500,000 Federal Government grant to renovate and update our facilities, to promote greater involvement in women's sport.

Reserves Coach Jamie Hogan coached during 2022 for the final time, with GSFNC the benefactor of coaching our club over many years.

And what about that wet, wet, wet Grand Final victory by 5 goals! Congratulations to everyone involved: Jamie, Brad, Dennis, Dave, Jake, and our players, including those that may have missed out on a place in our Grand Final team.

Finally, thank you to everyone that has been a part of the club this year. We have had a sensational year with great results on the field/court and a very enjoyable time off the field.

Our coaches have been so dedicated in providing the best opportunity for players to succeed. Todd, Benita, Ally, Lauren, Paul, Jason, and Rowan, Hoges, Christian, Jack and Hamish have been sensational.



2022 COACHING STAFF FOOTBALL

SENIORS **Christian Carter**

RESERVES **Jamie Hogan**



UNDER 18 **Paul Hamilton
Rohan Warfe
Jason Thomas**

NETBALL

A GRADE **Benita Swatton**

A RESERVE **Benita Swatton**

B GRADE **Ally Symons**

B RESERVE **Ally Symons**

17 & UNDER **Lauren Swatton**

2022 BEST & FAIRESTS FOOTBALL

SENIORS **Jack Geary**

RESERVES **Jack Threlfall**

UNDER 18 **Macey Eaton**

NETBALL

A GRADE **Cass Humphrey**

A RESERVE **Charlotte McMurray**

B GRADE **Maddy Gerdes**

B RESERVE **Hannah Smidt**

17 & UNDER **Holly McPhee**



KANGAROO FLAT FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



PRESIDENT: Leigh Bailey
 V/PRES: Carl Roberts
 TREASURER: Peter Leersen
 COMMITTEE: Scott Mitchell, Leeanne Mitchell, Haley Smith, Liam O'Keefe, Todd Newman, Liam Murphy

2022 COACHING STAFF FOOTBALL

SENIORS **James Flaherty**

RESERVES **Leigh Stevens**

UNDER 18 **Steve Balcke**

NETBALL

A GRADE **Jayden Cowling**

A RESERVE **Nicole Donnellon**

B GRADE **Nina Cass**

B RESERVE **Kate Newman**

17 & UNDER **Kath Schmidt**

2022 BEST & FAIRESTS FOOTBALL

SENIORS **Liam Collins**

RESERVES **Louis Mott**

UNDER 18 **Ryan Savy**

NETBALL

A GRADE **Chelsea Sartori**

A RESERVE **Ella Wicks**

B GRADE **Zoe Magnussen**

B RESERVE **Molly Drum**

17 & UNDER **Amaya Schmidt**

It was really refreshing having a full season this year. You could really tell that the footballers & netballers enjoyed a year without any setbacks, like the previous Covid affected seasons.

The preseason went well, recruiting for our football sides was low-key again, still maintaining a strong focus on the core group of younger players we have. It was great to see the return of some key players, who had spent a couple of years away from the club. Our on-field results didn't reflect the hard work that players put in over the year, but the lessons learnt will go a long way to building character and reminding the players what's required to take the next step.

The netballers started the year with some unfinished business, especially A Grade, who were so dominant last year, wanting to carry the momentum into this season. All five netball teams had what you could categorically say was a successful year.

Every year, there is an enormous amount of work that goes on behind the scenes, so thank you to all the players, coaches, support staff, volunteers, and committee for your hard work. A big thank you to our fantastic members and supporters as well.

A massive thank you to all our wonderful sponsors, especially our major sponsors, Bendigo Mazda, Race Services, Todd Newman Builders, Underground Cabling, & IGA. Without your support, we as a club wouldn't be able to function, so thank you, each one of you.

Thank you to the BFNL, AFLCV, BUA, and to all the other BFNL clubs

Behind the scenes, the amount of work still continues, with the committee, football & netball departments working tirelessly to make this club stronger and better going forward. It's pleasing to know we have all our football and netball coaches locked in for 2023, and we have the full support of all our fantastic sponsors going forward.

The Club welcomes Nathan Johns as Senior Football Coach for the next three years. Thank you to James Flaherty for the last three years as our senior football coach, his assistant Mick Haysman, and also our reserves coach Leigh Stevens.

It was great to finally have the goal nets and goal posts installed this year. Well overdue, but greatly appreciated. After such a turmoil with our netball courts having to be ripped up and redone, it was a relief to see them finally completed just in time for the start of the season. With the wonderful grant we received from the Kangaroo Flat Community Enterprise, we were able to purchase an electronic scoreboard for the courts, so thank you to Geoff Bowyer and the team for that.

We say goodbye to Leeanne Mitchell and Liam O'Keefe from the committee, we thank you very much for your dedicated and tireless work. Without the volunteering commitment from people like yourselves, we wouldn't be able to function. Good luck for the future and I'm sure we'll continue to see you around the club.





KYNETON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



PRESIDENT: Hayden Evans
 SECRETARY: Vinitha Pinto
 TREASURER: David Yunghanns
 COMMITTEE: Travis Prendergast, Daniel Murray, Luke Beattie, Sarah Correa, Eloise Forbes, Loryn Savoia, Ashleigh O'gara, Jodi Prendergast

The KFNC have worked so well as a team this year and as a club we couldn't be prouder of every single person who has contributed in 2022.

This is just a small list of achievements below:

- U16 Girls and U12Es made it to the Preliminary Finals this year.
- Donations to several local organisations who help those in our community in need
- Junior Football structure and planning review
- Communication with local schools and grass roots pathways
- Extensive recruitment across all grades and sports
- Coaching recruitment
- Netball Electronic Scoreboard purchase
- New front Ticket box
- Off site training planning due to ovals and weather
- Sponsorship record year
- Membership record year
- Record gate numbers
- Master plan for ground redevelopment and planning
- Raffle planning and massive success AGAIN
- Season launch and 2022 family day success
- Reviewing Club processes and procedures ongoing
- Grant application submissions
- Trainer recruitment
- Umpire recruitment
- Volunteer management and planning
- Planning for the 2023 season and communication with AFL Vic
- New sponsor ground signs installed
- Daffodil parade participation
- Home game events
- Presentation night at Crown Casino with over 200 in attendance



2022 COACHING STAFF FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Paul Chapman

RESERVES
Jesse Grae

UNDER 18
Rhys Magin

NETBALL

A GRADE
Di Guest Oakley

A RESERVE
Tayla Young

B GRADE
Tegan Butler

B RESERVE
Kirsty Draper

17 & UNDER
Sam Brown

2022 BEST & FAIRESTS FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Dean Bartrop

RESERVES
Jack Hassett

UNDER 18
Sam Pyers

NETBALL

A GRADE
Brooke Mangan

A RESERVE
Steph Penning

B GRADE
Loryn Savoia

B RESERVE
Kirsty Draper

17 & UNDER
Emily Cumming



MARYBOROUGH FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



PRESIDENT: Kelvin Noonan
 SECRETARY: Adam Lowery
 TREASURER: Tony Vadala
 COMMITTEE: Terry Hillier, Brendan Roughead, Melissa Adams, Alisha Chadwick, Leanne Postle, Marc Cassidy, Jim McMillan, Troy Bursill, Brett Campbell, Sally Neill, Rachael Palmer, Cameron Skinner

2022 COACHING STAFF FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Rick Andrews

RESERVES
Callum Rowe

UNDER 18
Brady Neill

NETBALL

A GRADE
Alicia Cassidy

B GRADE
**Keely Hare
 Maggie Tranter**

B RESERVE
Dale Harrison

17 & UNDER
Alisha Chadwick

2022 BEST & FAIRESTS FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Aidan Hare

RESERVES
Matthew Berry

UNDER 18
Jai Howell

NETBALL

A GRADE
Keely Hare

B GRADE
Alex Williams

B RESERVE
Celeste Lean

17 & UNDER
Abbey Nalder

To all our volunteers, most of whom have busy lives looking after family, themselves, children, work and all the other things that busy people do, a sincere thank you to all of you for your time, effort and care you have provided to support our Club and its players.

To all our coaching, medical and umpiring staff, at all levels of football, netball, seniors and juniors, it is always a challenging role in any football / netball club and one where you learn a lot about yourself when the going gets tough, but also immensely rewarding being in a position to encourage, mentor and direct the minds of young people to achieve individual and collective success. The rewards of that are powerful driving forces.

The highlights of the year have been well documented, a very competitive U18 football side that made finals, the U17 netball side that also made finals and were put out by the eventual premiers side, a premiers in the U16B BJFL division and finalist in the U14A division.

Our strong results at junior level are largely based on our Auskick program and the U15 netball team. It highlights the vital importance of being involved at this entry level. We should never under-estimate the importance of our involvement in these programs.

Our Masters Team keeps evolving and whilst it is not a "Magpie" team, we are proud to have them under our banner. Their efforts to assist the Newbridge Football Club after the floods was inspiring and reflects well on our Club.

Our 150th year celebration was the social highlight of the year and thank you to Leanne Postle and the loyal band of workers. The Club benefited greatly from the historical, community and financial aspects of the night.

Our other social functions were very well organised by the Social Club members and the addition of a couple of new members to that group has had a huge impact on the fund raising and the culture of the Club.

Our major fundraisers are the Platinum Membership and our Sponsors. In order for us to survive and thrive, we need to increase our aspirations in these areas, and these are areas we are working on now to improve. To our Sponsors, we are extremely grateful for your support.

On a sad note, I also take the opportunity of respectfully noting the contributions of all the players, coaches, volunteers and supporters, who during the 2022 season, passed away.

2023 will bring us many challenges and opportunities and I look forward to the challenge.





SANDHURST FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



PRESIDENT: Mark O'Farrell
 SECRETARY: Len Nally
 TREASURER: Peter Watson
 COMMITTEE: Danny Ellis, Bill Robertson, Kylie Ellis, Cath Robertson, David Gallagher, Rose Gallagher, Matt Smith, Bryan McCormick

2022 COACHING STAFF FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Ashley Connick

RESERVES
Jake McLean

UNDER 18
Jeremy Rodi

NETBALL

A GRADE
Tamara Gilchrist



A RESERVE
Beck Mullen

B GRADE
Erica Dalrymple-Monro



B RESERVE
Rose Gallagher



17 & UNDER
Rose Gallagher
Carol Cathcart

2022 BEST & FAIRESTS FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Hamish Hosking

RESERVES
Billy Robertson

UNDER 18
Luke Salvador

NETBALL

A GRADE
Ruby Turner

A RESERVE
Kelsey Ralph

B GRADE
Briona Giddings

B RESERVE
Isabelle Whiteley

17 & UNDER
Polly Robertson

At Sandhurst we have had a terrific season 2022, with solid and competitive performances across all our football and netball teams, and our terrific club culture saw us face the season united and well supported. We all loved being back for a full season finally in 2022!

Congratulations to our netballers and especially to Tamara and all our coaches for leading the girls to continued amazing results week to week and in the finals. To have the A Grade win for the 4th season in a row is incredible. Well done to all the netball teams for making finals this season and B Grade and B Res also for their premierships wins.

Our thanks to Ash Connick and the football department for your efforts during the season, again with all teams making the finals. While none took the premiership, it was promising in that it was a year we will look back on as a building block to our next premierships. With our U18 group growing in talent and discipline, making it all the way to the grand final, and in our senior group, we used (on average) the second lowest amount of player points and we saw the continued development of a high number of young players.

Our Junior Football, Netball and Auskick all continued to grow the opportunities and development for our young players. Evident in our junior football and netball teams showing great growth, and the majority competing strongly in finals, with a number of premierships. A validation of the magnificent support and mentoring of our club coaches, junior sub committees and volunteers. We are grateful particularly to Neki Tzouroutis and Pino Artavilla, Cath Robertson and Alex Ingram and Martin Leyden for their leadership and investment in our junior programs.

Our 2022 club committee was again an amazing collective group. With countless hours donated to the running of our club by these individuals, we thank them all. It was particularly validating for this group when at our awards night, so many of our players and coaches spoke to their love of our club and what a strong sense of community we have.

Our coterie group the Golden Dragons continued to strongly support our club, providing professional networking connections for our club to our vibrant supporting business community. And continuing to invest in the health of our club wellbeing and junior development programs. Well done and thank you very much to our GD coterie group president Ion Hann, and committee Shane Meade, Kevin Walsh, Peter Watson and Robert Walsh.

We are grateful to our major sponsors, Grilled and the Rising Sun Hotel, for their continued partnership, and to all our many sponsors who so generously support the mission of our club.

Finally, thank you to each and every volunteer that assisted the club this year. The terrific support in running all our teams development, matches, social and club events is what makes them such a success.

Go Dragons . . . as we aim for 8 team premiers in 2023!



2022 COACHING STAFF FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Nathan Horbury

RESERVES
Tim Arnold
Jayden Sheean

UNDER 18
Shaun Leech

NETBALL

A GRADE
Janelle Hobbs

A RESERVE
Liz Taylor

B GRADE
Janelle Hobbs

B RESERVE
Melanie Oldfield

17 & UNDER
Vanessa Saunders

2022 BEST & FAIRESTS FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Nathan Horbury

RESERVES
Liam Shiel

UNDER 18
Zavier Holmes

NETBALL

A GRADE
Chloe Gray

A RESERVE
Sarah Nash

B GRADE
Emily Bakes

B RESERVE
Georgia Kinder

17 & UNDER
Hannah Tyndall

SOUTH BENDIGO FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



PRESIDENT: Rick Townsend
 SECRETARY: Michelle Forrester
 TREASURER: Dylan Robertson
 COMMITTEE: Alan Ellis, Ian Connaughton, Brian Clapham, Ron Hiatt, Gary Bath, Gill Davey, Trevor Wright, Martin Harrington, John Pawsey, Nicole Georgeson, Mel Dillon, Jenny Arnold, Dujon Fuzzard, Shaun Langdon

Reflecting on Season 2022 provides the opportunity to acknowledge the hard work put in by many at the club.

From a football perspective the senior side started slowly, however as the season progressed, we were able to gain momentum to finish in the finals. To succeed in our first final against arch-rival Sandhurst was a great triumph, however whilst we were unable to progress further, we see the season as a success in many ways as our young side continues to develop.

Congratulations to our coach Nathan Horbury on a great year by coming runner up in the Michelson Medal and winning the club B & F.

With a lack of depth and injuries our Reserves side battled well under the circumstances throughout the season.

Our Under 18 side showed a lot of character and resilience. After starting the season with some heavy losses, to the boys credit, they never dropped their heads or gave up and posted some stirring wins as the season progressed.

On the Netball side of things all 4 senior teams made the finals again which is a testament to the coaching and playing group for your consistency. A great effort by our B Grade team to make the Grand Final only to go down narrowly.



Lead by Janelle Hobbs as Director of Coaching and A Grade Coach, the professionalism of the program will no doubt see us continue to improve to be in the mix with the top teams in the competition.

A highlight was to see Sarah Nash win the A Reserve League Best and Fairest.

A huge thanks to all the coaches, assistants, and support staff for your great work commitment for season 2022 both on and off the field / courts.

To our volunteers at the club, you are our rock, and we would be nowhere without you. I know you all do it for the love of the club along with the comradery and connections which makes life at the club so much fun. Thank you for your loyalty and commitment.

Two people to highlight in particular are Gary Bath and Gill Davey who manage our Football and Netball Operations respectively. Your outstanding work and commitment ensure the players and coaches can go out there and concentrate on just that.

We have a strong and loyal group of sponsors at South Bendigo. We value your support and partnership with the South Bendigo FNC.

To our loyal member and supporter base, a huge thanks for your support and whilst not large in numbers, it is in quality. Thank you all for supporting the Bloods in many ways.

I would also like to acknowledge the great work done at Junior level at both Football and Netball. We are growing a strong junior base and pathway to senior football and netball at South Bendigo. Thank you to the hard-working committee, coaches, and parents for your dedication.

It's also a privilege to be aligned with Bendigo FIDA Suns all abilities teams and highlight the work done by our committee member Jenny Arnold who is the club's passionate representative on the Suns committee.

To the Committee and Executive of South Bendigo FNC, thank you for your great work and commitment for the season to ensure the club runs smoothly.

Finally, season 2022 saw us play our last home game at our home of 129 years at the Queen Elizabeth Oval. It's certainly a bittersweet moment for many at the club as this place hold so many great memories, however we now have the opportunity to link in with the community of the southern suburbs of Bendigo and to have our own home base for the sustained future of our club.



STRATHFIELDSAYE FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



PRESIDENT: Rod Barty
 SECRETARY: Leone Patterson
 TREASURER: Justin Gordon
 COMMITTEE: Luke O'Keefe (VP), Bill Ashby, Dearne Cowling, Glen Cowling, Dustin Cluff, Allison Wilson, Neil Mitchell, Russell Ratcliffe

2022 COACHING STAFF

FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Darryl Wilson
Shannon Geary

RESERVES
Lachlan Sharp

UNDER 18
Jordan Wilson
Bill Higgs

NETBALL

A GRADE
Stephanie Freemantle

A RESERVE
Stephanie Freemantle

B GRADE
Elyse Morgan

B RESERVE
Lisa Moore

17 & UNDER
Fiona Schubert

2022 BEST & FAIRESTS

FOOTBALL

SENIORS
Jake Moorhead

RESERVES
Lachlan Monti

UNDER 18
Carson James

NETBALL

A GRADE
Ava Hamilton

A RESERVE
Jackie Geary

B GRADE
Bonnie Barkmeyer

B RESERVE
Claudie Petri

17 & UNDER
Layla O'Shea

It gives me great pleasure to give the 2022 edition of the Strathfieldsaye Football Netball Club Presidents report, in what was a welcome return to our first full season of football and netball action since 2019.

The year started strongly with a big preseason and some enjoyable practice matches against some quality opposition, the players and coaching staff definitely performed admirably.

It was quite a testing season as the Covid situation started to bite as the colder months set in, to the point where for the first time in our short history we had to forfeit one grade of football.

On a more positive note, we had 4 teams represent the Mighty Storm in finals action, and although we didn't win the ultimate prize, we were once again in the BFNL Grand Final, a true testament of the hard work of all involved.

Our social functions were once again well supported and the Ball was our night of nights with everyone in great spirits despite us having to change the date, again, due to Covid issues.

As a club we got to witness one of the great, individual playing performances which culminated in a Michelson Medal for Jake Moorhead, a truly deserving recipient.

I would like to thank the tireless work of our fantastic coaching groups, both football and netball always have the club and players well being as their first thought, great professionalism and great to work with.

To the committee and our beloved volunteers, strong and successful clubs don't just happen, its 100% because of your time and efforts that our players are fortunate enough to have their local club being operated by such a committed group of people.

A special thanks to Carol and the BFNL Board, along with Cameron Tomlins for your continued work and support of not just Strathfieldsaye, but the whole Bendigo Football Netball League.

Finally, I would like to wish all office bearers and committee the very best of luck for season 2023.

Best of luck to all, Go the Mighty Storm.



GRAND FINAL MEDALS



NALDER MEDAL

The Nalder Medal is presented to the best player on the ground in the first eighteen grand final.

It is named of Alan Nalder a former South Bendigo and Kennington player. Alan played for South Bendigo during the McDonald Era and moved on to Kennington where he coached them to their only premiership in 1956.

A very talented on-baller, he was tragically killed in an accident on the way home from Benalla at the young age of 32.

The Golden City Football League named the league senior best and fairest award in his memory.

When the Bendigo and Golden City leagues combined they initially kept two divisions, but in 1983 the League became one division.

At that point the league decided to continue his memory by recognising the best player on the ground in the grand final.



2022 NALDER MEDALLIST

Braidon Blake

GISBORNE



TURNER MEDAL

For anyone who grew up in Bendigo the name of Roy Francis "Dick" Turner was well known and respected.

Dick was the truant officer in Bendigo and many young students got to know Dick well.

Passionate about his community he served on council for 17 years and wore the mayoral robes on three occasions.

His true love was the Golden Square Football Club and he is credited with giving the boys from Country Vet Oval the Bulldog as its emblem.

He called football on 3BO for over 30 years and was Chairman of the newly formed Bendigo Football League before standing down due to ill health.

A bust of Dick sits in Golden Square keeping an eye on his favorite part of town.



2022 TURNER MEDALLIST

Dylan Hird

GOLDEN SQUARE



ASHMAN MEDAL

Linking the best player on the ground for the Under 18 competition to Rod Ashman is a perfect fit.

An outstanding junior for Eaglehawk he won the Symons Medal for the Best & Fairest of the Bendigo Football League in 1971.

Making his name initially as a goal-kicker his size saw him move to on-ball roles. Carlton saw something in him at a young age and he went on to become one of Carlton's great players in their great era. He finished with 236 games and 370 goals and had premierships medallions from 1981 and 1982.

His service was recognised by being inducted into both the Carlton Hall of Fame and their Team of the Century.

In 2007 he became player welfare officer at Carlton.



2022 ASHMAN MEDALLIST

Jarrod Ainsworth

GISBORNE

PREVIOUS LEADING GOALKICKERS

YEAR	NAME	CLUB	TOTAL	YEAR	NAME	CLUB	TOTAL
1924	R. Scott	South Bendigo	78	1978	Ron Best	Golden Square	124
1925	C. Nicholls	Castlemaine	58	1979	Ron Best	Golden Square	137
1926	P. Forbes	Sandhurst	70	1980	Ron Best	Golden Square	145
1927	Ern Smedley	Castlemaine	79	1981	Wayne Crosby	Castlemaine	112
1928	J. Cook	South Bendigo	84	1982	Daryl Gilmore	Eaglehawk	113
1929	F. Ford	Sandhurst	62	1983	Ron Best	Northern United	124
1930	Frank Crapper	Eaglehawk	108	1984	Daryl Gilmore	Eaglehawk	120
1931	R. Moore	Sandhurst	78	1985	David Collins	Sandhurst	84
1932	Frank Crapper	Eaglehawk	145	1986	Gavin Exell	Northern United	87
1933	Frank Crapper	Sandhurst	90	1987	John Jefferies	Castlemaine	73
1934	NOT AWARDED			1988	Danny Ellis	Sandhurst	78
1935	Mancel Davies	Eaglehawk	82	1989	Leigh Williams	Golden Square	102
1936	Mancel Davies	Eaglehawk	88	1990	Shawn McCormick	Northern United	79
1937	S. Sinclair	Rochester	82	1991	Daryl Gilmore	Eaglehawk	82
1938	Mancel Davies	Eaglehawk	100	1992	Steven Oliver	Castlemaine	136
1939 to 1945	World War 2			1993	Andrew McClellan	North Bendigo	112
1946	NOT AWARDED			1994	Shane McCluskey	Maryborough	100
1947	V. Kelly	Rochester	49	1995	David Lancaster	Kangaroo Flat	105
1948	Harry Morgan	Eaglehawk	66	1996	Steven Oliver	Castlemaine	84
1949	K. Connaughton	South Bendigo	54	1997	David Lancaster	Kangaroo Flat	76
1950	F. Scholes	Sandhurst	63	1998	Steven Reaper	Kyneton	110
1951	Harry Morgan	Eaglehawk	78	1999	Steven Reaper	Kyneton	100
1952	Harry Morgan	Eaglehawk	52	2000	Steven Oliver	Castlemaine	132
1953	Harry Morgan	Eaglehawk	107	2001	Phil Hetherington	South wBendigo	72
1954	K. Elliot	Golden Square	76	2002	Steven Reaper	Gisborne	70
1955	E. Parker	Echuca	86	2003	Steven Reaper	Gisborne	86
1956	R. McHugh	Sandhurst	71	2004	Steven Reaper	Gisborne	75
1957	J. Waddington	South Bendigo	72	2005	Steven Oliver	Castlemaine	77
1958	Ray Poulter	Castlemaine	81	2006	Matt O'Toole	Golden Square	82
1959	R. Ford	Sandhurst	62	2007	Damien Brown	Eaglehawk	59
1960	Clive Philp	Kyneton	75	2008	Jordan Barham	Gisborne	75
1961	M. Hicks	Echuca	64	2009	Justin Maddern	Kangaroo Flat	81
1962	Ray Willet	Rochester	67	2010	Grant Weeks	Golden Square	145
1963	Ray Willet	Rochester	53	2011	Grant Weeks	Golden Square	125
1964	T. Nolan	Sandhurst	87	2012	Grant Weeks	Golden Square	148
1965	Kevin Shearn	Golden Square	76	2013	Justin Maddern	South Bendigo	67
1966	Les Kaine	Kyneton	84	2014	Stephen Milne	Strathfieldsaye	89
1967	B. Jones	Rochester	68	2015	Matt Gretgrix	Eaglehawk	82
1968	Robert Morton	South Bendigo	108	2016	Dylan Johnstone	Golden Square	79
1969	Ron Best	Golden Square	137	2017	Lachlan Sharp	Strathfieldsaye	124
1970	Ron Best	Golden Square	107	2018	Kaiden Antonowicz	South Bendigo	76
1971	Greg Kennedy	Eaglehawk	139	2019	Lachlan Sharp	Strathfieldsaye	129
1972	Keith Raynor Peter Hutcheson	Eaglehawk South Bendigo	69 69	2020	Season Abandoned		
1973	Ron Best	Sandhurst	108	2021	Season Abandoned after Round 17 (12 Rounds completed)		
1974	Ron Best	Sandhurst	135	2022	Joel Brett	Golden Square	92
1975	Ron Best	Sandhurst	145				
1976	Ron Best	Sandhurst	108				
1977	Peter Woodford	Castlemaine	76				

2022 Ron Best Medallist

JOEL BRETT GOLDEN SQUARE



Senior Goalkickers

Joel Brett	Golden Square	92
Rhys Magin	Kyneton	75
Brock Harvey	South Bendigo	64
Pat McKenna	Gisborne	61
Cobi Maxted	Sandhurst	59
Lachlan Sharp	Strathfieldsaye	54
Jayden Burke	Golden Square	53



Reserves Goalkickers

Jasper Stewart	Sandhurst	43
Jacob Plowman	Kyneton	40
Luke Crawford	Sandhurst	40
Hayden Doricic	Gisborne	39
Koby Gibson	Eaglehawk	35
Jakob Finch	Strathfieldsaye	31



Under 18 Goalkickers

Harry Luxmoore	Gisborne	64
Jack Barras	Kangaroo Flat	57
Dayten Uerata	Sandhurst	52
Rowan Fox	Strathfieldsaye	46
Darcy Lockens	Gisborne	38
Archer Day-Wicks	Sandhurst	37
Baxter Gurd	Golden Square	37

AS AT END OF HOME & AWAY ROUNDS 2022

FOOTBALL & NETBALL PREMIERS

SENIOR FOOTBALL

YEAR	PREMIERS	RUNNER UP
1924	Eaglehawk 14.17 101	d Rochester 8.9 57
1925	South Bendigo 7.2 44	d Castlemaine 6.4 40
1926	Castlemaine 13.18 96	d Sandhurst 8.16 64
1927	Sandhurst 9.11 65	d Castlemaine 8.14 62
1928	Echuca 11.9 75	d Castlemaine 10.10 70
1929	Sandhurst 18.11 119	d South Bendigo 11.10 76
1930	Sandhurst 17.9 111	d Eaglehawk 9.9 63
1931	Sandhurst 10.14 74	d South Bendigo 8.14 62
1932	Sandhurst 16.20 116	d Eaglehawk 7.9 51
1933	Sandhurst 29.15 189	d Maryborough 10.12 72
1934	Sandhurst 11.17 83	d Castlemaine 8.4 52
1935	Eaglehawk 11.15 81	d Sandhurst 7.17 59
1936	Kyneton 12.9 81	d Sandhurst 10.8 68
1937	Sandhurst 16.16 112	d South Bendigo 6.15 51
1938	Golden Square 21.13 139	d Eaglehawk 14.7 91
1939	Golden Square 14.8 92	d Maryborough 12.12 84
1940	Sandhurst 13.18 96	d South Bendigo 13.13 91
1941	Eaglehawk 17.16 118	d South Bendigo 11.14 80
1942 to 1944	League in recess due to World War 2	
1945	Golden Square 23.20 158	d Eaglehawk 8.9 57
1946	Eaglehawk 14.10 94	d Golden Square 13.12 90
1947	Sandhurst 18.19 127	d Golden Square 11.8 74
1948	Sandhurst 16.24 120	d Eaglehawk 8.9 57
1949	Sandhurst 11.22 88	d South Bendigo 9.19 73
1950	South Bendigo 10.12 72	d Echuca 6.10 46
1951	South Bendigo 24.12 156	d Eaglehawk 20.8 128
1952	Castlemaine 15.9 99	d Sandhurst 9.16 70
1953	Eaglehawk 12.13 85	d Sandhurst 9.12 66
1954	South Bendigo 11.9 75	d Sandhurst 9.7 61
1955	South Bendigo 10.7 67	d Sandhurst 9.12 66
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 8.15 63
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

YEAR	PREMIERS	RUNNER UP
1992	Castlemaine 14.13 97	d Golden Square 14.8 92
1993	South Bendigo 20.22 142	d Sandhurst 11.11 77
1994	South Bendigo 20.15 135	d Golden Square 13.9 87
1995	Kyneton 18.13 121	d South Bendigo 11.10 76
1996	Kangaroo Flat 18.18 126	d Kyneton 15.20 110
1997	Kyneton 18.15 123	d Golden Square 7.14 56
1998	Maryborough 19.11 125	d Sandhurst 12.6 78
1999	Maryborough 20.17 137	d Castlemaine 17.4 106
2000	Castlemaine 12.11 83	d Kangaroo Flat 9.17 71
2001	Golden Square 14.11 95	d Sandhurst 12.9 81
2002	Gisborne 21.13 139	d Golden Square 7.18 60
2003	Gisborne 18.12 120	d Eaglehawk 11.7 73
2004	Sandhurst 15.14 104	d Gisborne 10.15 75
2005	Gisborne 14.17 101	d Eaglehawk 10.10 70
2006	Gisborne 13.11 89	d Golden Square 9.10 64
2007	Eaglehawk 12.12 84	d Gisborne 12.10 82
2008	Eaglehawk 14.11.95	d Golden Square 12.17.89
2009	Golden Square 16.12.108	d South Bendigo 10.11.71
2010	Golden Square 11.21.87	d South Bendigo 8.10.58
2011	Golden Square 25.18.168	d Eaglehawk 5.3.33
2012	Golden Square 16.10.106	d Gisborne 14.19.103
2013	Golden Square 14.18.102	d Strathfieldsaye 12.9.81
2014	Strathfieldsaye 20.18.138	d Sandhurst 12.11.83
2015	Strathfieldsaye 8.12.60	d Sandhurst 8.5.53
2016	Sandhurst 12.18.90	d Golden Square 8.10.58
2017	Strathfieldsaye 13.10.88	d Eaglehawk 7.14.56
2018	Eaglehawk 13.6.84	d Strathfieldsaye 9.5.59
2019	Strathfieldsaye 14.10.84	d Eaglehawk 10.20.80
2020	Season Abandoned	
2021	Season Abandoned after Round 17 (12 Rounds completed)	
2022	Gisborne 5.20.50	d Strathfieldsaye 2.10.22

A GRADE NETBALL

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 Round 17 (12 Rounds completed)	
2022	Sandhurst 48	d Kangaroo Flat 33

2022 FOOTBALL GRAND FINALS



SENIOR FOOTBALL GISBORNE

Gisborne	0.2	2.9	2.12	5.20.50
Strathfieldsaye	1.3	1.3	1.10	2.10.22

Goals: Gisborne - Luke Ellings 2, Bradley Bernacki, Ethan Minns, Matthew Merrett

Strathfieldsaye - Lachlan Sharp, Boden Alexander

Best: Gisborne - Braidon Blake, Jack Reaper, Bradley Bernacki, Pat McKenna, Ethan Minns, Jack Scanlon

Strathfieldsaye - Shannon Geary, Bode Stevens, Benjamin Lester, Jake Moorhead, Daniel Clohesy, Callum McCarty

NALDER MEDAL
Braidon Blake (Gisborne)

WORKSAFE AFL VICTORIA MEDAL
Jack Reaper (Gisborne)



RESERVES FOOTBALL GOLDEN SQUARE

Golden Square	3.5	3.5	5.7	7.8.50
Gisborne	0.0	2.3	2.4	3.5.23

Goals: Golden Square - Dylan Hird 4, Paul Symons, Brodie James, Will Thrum

Gisborne - Clinton Young, Daniel Davie, Harry Thomas

Best: Golden Square - Dylan Hird, Jack Threlfall, Callum Draper, Will Thrum, Nic Ross, Tanner Rayner

Gisborne - Elijah Bretherton, Harry Thomas, Matt McDonald, Jacob Murphy, Rohan Nicol, Matthew Jinkins

TURNER MEDAL
Dylan Hird (Golden Square)



UNDER 18 FOOTBALL GISBORNE

Gisborne	1.0	2.5	3.7	5.8.38
Sandhurst	2.7	2.8	4.11	4.12.36

Goals: Gisborne - Zach Paterson 2, Harry Luxmoore 2, Samuel Wilson

Sandhurst - Luke Salvador, Oliver Morris, Mason Hartland, Timothy Long

Best: Gisborne - Jackson Kerr, Jarrod Ainsworth, Kne Minns, Connor Bills, Cameron Freake, Shane Clough

Sandhurst - Luke Salvador, Sebastian Morris, Xavier Austin, Declan Delaney, Ryan Domaille, Archer Day-Wicks

ASHMAN MEDAL
Jarrod Ainsworth (Gisborne)

WORKSAFE AFL VICTORIA MEDAL
Luke Salvador (Sandhurst)



A GRADE NETBALL SANDHURST

**Sandhurst 48
Kangaroo Flat 33**

MOST VALUABLE
PLAYER IN
GRAND FINAL

**Imogen
Sexton**
(Sandhurst)



B RESERVE NETBALL SANDHURST

**Sandhurst 48
Gisborne 46**

MOST VALUABLE
PLAYER IN
GRAND FINAL

**Isabelle
Whiteley**
(Sandhurst)



A RESERVE NETBALL GISBORNE

**Gisborne 29
Sandhurst 27**

MOST VALUABLE
PLAYER IN
GRAND FINAL

**Paige
Ryan**
(Sandhurst)



17 & UNDER NETBALL GISBORNE

**Gisborne 44
Kangaroo Flat 34**

MOST VALUABLE
PLAYER IN
GRAND FINAL

**Emily
McDonald**
(Gisborne)



B GRADE NETBALL SANDHURST

**Sandhurst 37
South Bendigo 35**

MOST VALUABLE
PLAYER IN
GRAND FINAL

**Jeanette
Ross**
(South Bendigo)



2022 BFNL AWARD WINNERS

UNDER 18'S - GEORGE SYMONS MEDAL

Macey Eaton, Golden Square	26
Dayten Uerata, Sandhurst.....	24
Jai Howell, Maryborough.....	19
Carson James, Strathfieldsaye.....	17
Tom Myers, Maryborough.....	17

RESERVES - MCDONALD MEDAL

Boyd Nalder, Gisborne	18
Jacob Murphy, Gisborne	18
William Lee, Golden Square	14
Billy Robertson, Sandhurst	13
Jye Formosa, Strathfieldsaye.....	12
Mark Storey, Eaglehawk.....	12

SENIORS - MICHELSEN MEDAL

Jake Moorhead, Strathfieldsaye	19
Bradley Bernacki, Gisborne.....	15
Nathan Horbury, South Bendigo.....	15
Callum McCarty, Strathfieldsaye.....	14
Flynn Lakey, Gisborne.....	14
Lee Coghlan, Sandhurst.....	14
Tommy Horne, Castlemaine.....	14

17 & UNDER - SING MEDAL

Tori Skrijel, Gisborne.....	28
Emily McDonald, Gisborne.....	23
Maggie Keating, Sandhurst.....	21
Megan Wilson, Castlemaine.....	21
Rose Kennett, Kangaroo Flat	21

B RESERVE - B RESERVE MEDAL

Isabelle Whiteley, Sandhurst.....	28
Hannah Schmidt, Golden Square	25
Deanna Duane, Eaglehawk.....	23
Hannah Weier, Gisborne	23
Molly Drum, Kangaroo Flat	21

B GRADE - B GRADE MEDAL

Briona Giddings, Sandhurst.....	30
Tia Reaper, Eaglehawk.....	20
Zoe Magnusson, Kangaroo Flat.....	20
Bonnie Barkmeyer, Strathfieldsaye	17
Chelsea Kennett, Gisborne	15

A RESERVE - HOLBORN MEDAL

Sarah Nash, South Bendigo.....	28
Ella Wicks, Kangaroo Flat	21
Eloise Rodda, Gisborne.....	18
Ashlee O'Shea, Kangaroo Flat.....	17
Charlotte Sexton, Sandhurst	14
Paige Ryan, Sandhurst.....	14

A GRADE - THOMPSON MEDAL

Madeline Stewart, Gisborne.....	29
Chelsea Sartori, Kangaroo Flat	26
Meg Williams, Sandhurst.....	24
Ashley Ryan, Kangaroo Flat.....	22



DAVID McCANN MEMORIAL CUP 2022 CHAMPION CLUB AWARD

Gisborne FNC

2022 ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP OPEN PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Maddy Stewart, Gisborne



2022 NETBALL CHAMPION GOAL THROWING AWARD

Sandhurst



2022 ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP 17 & UNDER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Amaya Schmidt, Kangaroo Flat



2022 BART 'N' PRINT NETBALL RISING STAR

Shae Clifford, Sandhurst



2022 BART 'N' PRINT FOOTBALL RISING STAR

Hamish Yunghanns, Kyneton



2022 BFNL GOALKICKING

UNDER 18S

Harry Luxmoore, Gisborne 64 Goals



RESERVES

Jasper Stewart, Sandhurst 43 Goals



SENIORS RON BEST MEDAL

Joel Brett, Golden Square 92 Goals



MICHELSEN MEDALLIST
Jake Moorhead (Strathfieldsaye)
SENIOR FOOTBALL



THOMPSON MEDALLIST
Madeline Stewart (Gisborne)
A GRADE NETBALL



HOLBORN MEDALLIST
Sarah Nash (South Bendigo)
A RESERVE NETBALL



MCDONALD MEDALLISTS
Jacob Murphy (Gisborne) and Boyd Nalder (Gisborne)
RESERVES FOOTBALL



GEORGE SYMONS MEDALLIST
Macey Eaton (Golden Square)
UNDER 18 FOOTBALL



B RESERVE MEDALLIST
Isabelle Whiteley (Sandhurst)



SING MEDALLIST
Tori Skrijel (Gisborne)
17 & UNDER NETBALL



B GRADE MEDALLIST
Briona Giddings (Sandhurst)

**2022
MICHELSEN
MEDALLIST**



**JAKE
MOORHEAD**
STRATHFIELDSAYE FNC

**2022
BETTY THOMPSON
MEDALLIST**



**MADELINE
STEWART**
GISBORNE FNC