



CDFNL 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

PARTNERS



LIFE MEMBERS

SURNAME	FIRST NAME	STATUS
Balderas	Geoff	300
Bentley	Don	300
Brien	Graham	
Callahan	Eva	Netball
Cobbledick	Phil	
Edwards	Robert	300
Fish	Jenny	Netball
Frith	Narelle	Netball
Gannon	Matt	300
Harrison	Michael	300
Hawkins	Neil	HMNFNL
Hickey	Peter	CDFNL
Hickey	Sharon	Netball
Hillman	Jenny	Netball
Hunt	Bryan	

SURNAME	FIRST NAME	STATUS
Ivermee	Ted	
Langdon	John	
Lucas	Peter	
Maloney	Brad	300
Mason	Bob	
McGrath	Lindsay	
McKenzie	Colin	300
McNamara	Adam	300
McVilly	Brendan	HMNFNL
Middleton	Maurice	
Mulheron	Peter	
Murnane	Brendan	300
Parker	Kevin	300
Rodger	Lorraine	Netball
Rodger	Elissa	

SURNAME	FIRST NAME	STATUS
Rodger	Rachel	300
Russell	Val	Netball
Sell	Travis	300
Spokes	Murray	
Stannard	Adam	300
Tillack	Stephen	300
Vessey	Dave	300
Wheadon	Donald	300
Whelan	Pat	300
DECEASED		
Koop	Gwen	
McVilly	Reg	
Rodger	John	
Robb	Evan	

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CHAIR REPORT

JIM ALLAN

Season 2023 will be one to remember, with Alvie lifting the hoodoo of the past twenty-three years & Irrewarra-Beeac showing us their dominance in netball.

We must thank the ten clubs for their cooperation and support; and to all the volunteers that help each club, your efforts do not go unrecognised.

To the many players that turn up each week, as well as coaches and support crews, you do an amazing job. The fantastic crowds that supported their sides and the record amount of people that supported the final series we must thank all of you.

To our media group that supported the league this year: 3CS/MixxFM, Colac Herald and Witsell Media thank you for your coverage this season.

A big thank you to the Umpires for all your efforts this year knowing the difficulties in getting numbers, it has been a great effort on your behalf.

To Michael, Simon, Lachlan, Sophie, Chloe and Jock from AFL Barwon I would like to thank you all for your efforts in helping the league run smoothly.

Our sponsors are: RSL, Bulla, McDonald's, Greg Allan Farm Machinery, Colac Herald, Sports Power, Steve Finn Car Sales, and Colac Dairies; and without their help we would not even get the season started.

Finally, to the CDFNL board, it has been a massive effort from you all. Well done.

Thank you all for the year!





NETBALL OPERATIONS & UMPIRING REPORT

LORRAINE RODGER

The 2023 netball season started with lots of promise, all ten clubs fielded six grades and seven clubs a D grade side. The season did not disappoint, with 9 of the 10 clubs finishing the season playing finals, resulting in our best finals series to date.

Congratulations must go to all clubs on the enormous work that went into the pre-season which resulted in this incredible effort. Clubs with two courts and seven teams had matches running side by side for the first time, enabling them to finish early and watch some football, which created a more club-oriented atmosphere.

Our representative sides had another successful year competing in the ten-week Barwon Junior Champions from February to May, with 17 & Under winning the competition. Six teams competed in the Association Championships at Altona in June, with both 17 & Under sides reaching the finals.

At the Association Championships our umpires Melissa Kettle and Leah Perkins officiated in finals. Leah has been invited to take part in a junior umpiring program running from October 2023 to May 2024.

Three sides also represented the League in interleague against Central Highlands in Colac with great success.

Many thanks to our representative co-ordinator Tracey Tann and all coaches, not only for the many hours of preparation and training but also the friendship and guidance they offer the girls.

In our CDFNL season A Grade was a repeat of 2022 with old rivals Alvie and Irrewarra-Beeac playing another brilliant grand-final.

The Bombers revenged their defeat of the previous year by one goal in the final two seconds. All other premier clubs, Irrewarra Beeac: D Grade, 15 & Under and 13 & Under who were premiers and champions. Birregurra: B grade, Colac Imperials: C Grade and Western Eagles who were premiers and champions in 17 & Under.

Congratulations must go to our Best & Fairest winners - A Grade: Ruby Bowers (Alvie). B Grade: Jamika Hickey (South Colac) & Sophie Morrissy (Irrewarra Beeac). C. Grade: Genevieve Erskine (South Colac). D Grade: Rachael Baker (South Colac), 17 & Under: Remy Duynhoven (Western Eagles), Zara Walker (Irrewarra Beeac) and Olivia Roberts (Birregurra). 15 & Under: Georgia Oates (Western Eagles). 13 & Under: Molly Fish (Western Eagles).

The 19 & Under Emma McVilly rising star award went to Colac Imperials Leah Perkins. Congratulations must also go to the girls who made Team of the Year voted for by their peers.

We must also thank our sponsors who without their continued support we could not run such a successful competition. Thanks also to the friendly AFL Barwon staff for their assistance and work they do for the board and CDFNL clubs.

I work also like to thank the Board and clubs for all the hard work that has gone into making 2023 such a successful season.







AFL BARWON COMMISSION REPORT

MICHELLE GERDTZ

2023 is a year to be proud of on many levels. It's the first year since 2019 that felt 'normal' and football and netball again took the focus off our weekends and there was a certain freedom about playing, watching and officiating unrestricted.

We also took major steps in setting the future direction of the region.

Our consultation process started by gathering feedback from all football and netball clubs in the region about what the key focus areas should be in the next three to five years.

Some of these focus areas remain the same such as the need to recruit and retain our football and netball umpires, upgrade facilities and help with the recruitment of volunteers, but two particular focus points resonated with the Commission; greater visibility of netball and creating a better plan for competition structures.

Netball deserves to be seen as an equal and should be elevated and celebrated on many levels. Our Clubs are now at least a fifty/fifty split of males and females and netball should be prioritised whether it's on social media or in our future planning.

It was a changing of the guard in some respects with the AFL Barwon Commission in 2023. With Craig Keating completing his final term as Chair, I proudly assumed the role and through a recruitment process in late 2022, it was a Commission made up of many new faces and new ideas.

Our mantra was about spreading the load in 2023. With that several Commission sub-committees were developed to support the AFL Barwon staff group with key operational and strategic work.

Finance, Risk and Audit, Football & Netball Operations, Stakeholder Engagement, People & Culture and Future of Football & Netball sub-committees were developed with a Commission member assuming the chair position of each. With this initiative, we also changed the structure of the AFL Barwon Commission meetings from monthly to by-monthly allowing for each sub-committee to meeting in the off month.

I thank each of the Commission in 2023 for their hard work and dedication to these new structures. In my first year as chair, I have felt the support and enjoyed sharing ideas and the robust discussions that come with that.

I would like to thank Robert Hallet who finishes with the Commission at this next AGM after a 10-year term. Thanks, Bob, for your hard work and dedication to AFL Barwon. You will be missed.

Finally, a massive thank you to our wonderful group of staff led by Edward Wilson. We are so fortunate to have a dedicated and passionate group that care so deeply about football and netball in our region.





REGIONAL MANAGER REPORT

EDWARD WILSON

Immense success.
Immense progression.
Immense opportunity.

Every day leading AFL Barwon is an absolute privilege and to do so in a region that is immensely reach, brings great responsibility to support our Clubs, competitions, and leagues, to leave them in a better place than we found them.

For AFL Barwon in 2023, encapsulating this into everything we do was vital as we expanded our service delivery, and elevated the quality for which we led competitions and the region at large. For us, we cannot deliver these competitions and leagues, led community initiatives and drive positive outcomes for the region's 23,000 participants, if it wasn't for a dedicated cohort of volunteers and Club representatives, who even 17 months into my time with AFL Barwon, continue to amaze me with their passion and generosity.

The return of the AFL Barwon Community Awards in 2023 we hope as a small token of our appreciation for the incredible contributions many throughout our community made this year. As an organisation, we truly believe that all 51 affiliated Clubs are more than places to kick a footy, and shoot a netball, but rather are part of the fabric of their local community, and the wealth of formative developmental initiatives are testament to this.

In May 2023 following eight months of development, the AFL Barwon & Geelong Cats Strategic Partnership was launched. This partnership since its inception, has provided significant value to our community in-line with the partnership's five pillars – Community Engagement, Partnerships, Facilities & Environments, Membership & Participation, and Organisational Resourcing. The significant engagement experienced through the jointly delivered Female Festival of Sport week, the establishment of a 15-team U9 Girls Football competition (original aim of 4-6 teams in 2023)

and collective visions to driving facility development and growth across the region, has all been mutually beneficial aspects of this partnerships, in its initial months. To the Geelong FC CEO Steven Hocking, Chief of Strategy & Growth Marcus King, Head of Community Will McGregor and Community Engagement Manager Jess Dangerfield – thank you for your engagement with AFL Barwon, and we look forward to expanding our strategic partnership in 2024 to create greater club engagements, and elevate our region across a range of unique, outcome-driven opportunities.

The onboarding of the Club Development Officer and the subsequent recruitment of a full-time Club Development Lead, has presented for the first time, a full-time resource for Clubs to support their areas of opportunity and their individual ventures for growth and sustainability. The investment into this role, as well as the recent recruitment drive for a Group Manager – Operations, speaks to our belief that we need to be more than competition administrators, we need to actively support and drive greater value for our Clubs, to ensure Football & Netball continue to be the sport of choice, for so many across the Barwon region.

These changes elevate the value of our affiliations and furthermore, with Michelle Gerdtz assuming the AFL Barwon Commission Chair role in December 2022, AFL Barwon has experienced a governance evolution that drives greater decision making capacity and efficiency. The development of four sub-committees – across the streams of Finance, Operations, People & external engagement, have supported the internal team significantly and have increased the value we're able to deliver to all 51 Clubs, and our community partners. Thank you to Michelle, Deputy Chair Ashley West and the entire AFL Barwon Commission, for their continued support, engagement and expertise, which in my professional experience is second to none.

The partnership establishments, the role recruitments and governance evolutions detailed above, have all stemmed from the finalisation of AFL Barwon's new multi-year Strategic Plan. This document driven by actionable deliverables, has framed the strategic direction for the organisation, post significant consultation with all affiliated Clubs, community and government partners. AFL Barwon continues to be immensely proud of the community which we have the privilege of working a part of, who drive us for greater outcomes and in turn, supports our initiatives to capitalise on success, progress our region and support opportunities. Whether the establishment of the Colac Otway U10 & U12 15-team Football competition (original objective of 4-6 teams), the fourth season in-a-row of at capacity mid-week Netball competitions (despite playing across three venues – a first for AFL Barwon), or the change in Female Football age groups to promote greater development and support for players – these are just the start of the new Strategic Plan, delivering actionable deliverables within the region.

As aforementioned, it is a privilege to lead AFL Barwon and this privilege is elevated further by the incredible team that lead AFL Barwon every day. With a wealth of tenure, expertise and transferrable skills, their contributions and enthusiasm is admired and valued daily. We're proud to restore organisational culture, and role stability across the team, which has delivered greater outcomes for all stakeholders as a result. The internal team, in-line with the Commission, are committed to growing our delivery model to relief Club operational stress and therefore, increase the value our Clubs and competitions, provide to all community members.

To our state sporting body partners AFL Victoria and Netball Victoria, thank you for your continued resourcing and support in 2023, to support the growth and opportunities within the Barwon

region. Through both state sporting organisations, AFL Barwon's capacity to support Clubs and drive growth opportunities, wouldn't be possible to its current breath, without these engagements. We look forward to continuing mutual, progressive and growth positive relationships with both organisations in 2024 and beyond.

2024 presents immense opportunity for AFL Barwon. We are humbled by the recent engagement by all 51 affiliated Clubs to date, in the AFL Barwon Future of Football & Netball Project, as we collaborate and devise models of competition and operation, that elevate our region across Male & Female, Junior & Senior, Football & Netball, to ensure all 23,000 participants are able to compete in competitions and environments that promote growth and retention. Our region is rich with history and as an organisation, the responsibility to preserve, respect and grow with this base, is not taken for granted.

Thank you to all members of our community for your support and continued commitment, to providing all players and members alike, the opportunity to participate in AFL Barwon's Football & Netball Leagues and competitions. We look forward to 2024 and thank all within our community for their continued engagement and support.





FOOTBALL REPORT

MICHAEL LIMB

The CDFNL 2023 season commenced on the 25th of March, featuring an exciting clash between Irrewarra-Beeac and Alvie at Central Reserve.

Alvie Swans achieved a remarkable feat, ending a 23-year premiership drought by securing their thirteenth senior premiership. They accomplished this by defeating Colac Imperials in the Senior grand final with a convincing 36-point lead. In the Reserves category, Simpson emerged victorious in a closely contested match, narrowly beating Lorne by 3 points. Meanwhile, Irrewarra-Beeac displayed their prowess in the Under 18 division, clinching the premiership, prevailing over Lorne by 13 points. In the Under 14.5 competition, Irrewarra-Beeac topped the ladder with 17 wins and only 1 loss, securing back-to-back 14.5 premierships by defeating Birregurra with a commanding 35-point victory.

Congratulations are in order for all the League Best and Fairest winners, with the prestigious Mahoney Medal being awarded to Irrewarra-Beeac Bombers' Tyler Flanigan. Alvie's star player, Dominic Dare, continued his dominance by clinching the Goalkicking award for the fourth consecutive year with an impressive tally of 113 goals. The Max Gray award for the best Under 21 player went to Colac Imperials' Campbell Scott.

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The Under 18's Best & Fairest award was won by Western Eagles' Jack Fish, with South Colac's Riley Westlake securing the runner-up position. In the U18 Colts division, Irrewarra-Beeac's Charlie Morrissy led the goal-kicking charts with an impressive 79 goals.

Moving on to the Under 14.5 category, Western Eagles' Angus Borgia claimed the Best & Fairest award, with Irrewarra-Beeac's Blake Middleton securing the runner-up trophy. The leading goal-kicker in this division was Irrewarra-Beeac's George Vickers, with an impressive tally of 62 goals.

It's important to recognize the tireless efforts of all the CDFNL clubs. The dedication and hard work of these clubs do not go unnoticed by the AFL Barwon staff, who worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth running of CDFNL 2023. At this juncture, I extend my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the CDFNL Board for their unwavering support throughout 2023. Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to Chairman Jim Allan for his invaluable support, which has made my role in working with the CDFNL an immensely enjoyable experience.





NETBALL REPORT

SOPHIE ALLISON

It is evident that there is appetite for netball in the CDFNL. 2023 saw 774 participants involved in Colac & District netball over 68 teams, inclusive of 45 NetSetGo participants. We are seeing continued growth in the region, with all but three clubs fielding D grade, with Colac Imperials fielding a second D Grade. Thank you to all clubs and officials for their support during 2023. 2024 will certainly be bigger and better, and we cannot wait to get started.

The 2023 Grand final saw Alvie take on Irrewarra-Beeac in a rematch of the 2022 Grand final. Congratulations to Irrewarra-Beeac for taking out an absolute nail biter against Alvie. It was a hard-fought battle, and we hope you were able to enjoy the celebrations.

Alvie and Irrewarra-Beeac also featured highly in the Val Russell Best and Fairest count, with Ruby Bowers (Alvie) taking out top honours, and Grace Garner (Irrewarra-Beeac) finishing as runner up. Congratulations to both players on stellar seasons and we look forward to seeing you both back in 2024.

I'd also like to take a moment to congratulate Peter Hickey on receiving life membership of the league. Peter has been a stalwart and a driver for the CDFNL for some time, and to be awarded a life membership is incredibly well deserved.







To the sponsors of the CDFNL - Borne Apparel, Bulla, Colac Herald, Colac RSL, Corio Bay Health Group, Greg Allan Farm Machinery, McDonald's Colac, MixxFM, Snap Fitness Colac & Steven Finn Car Sales – without your continued support and contributions, the league would not be what it is today. We value your support and look forward to continuing these relationships in 2024.

Lastly, my job would be a lot harder if I did not have the support of such great people. To Lorraine, Eva, Mel, Sally and Sue, and the greater board, thank you for entrusting me to administer this great competition and for all the guidance and direction you provide.



JUNIOR NETBALL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

The representative program looked a little different this year with the return of 'Barwon Junior Netball Championships' – a competition entered into by representative teams only, to ensure players are regularly playing against the best in the region.

CDFNL NETBALL INTERLEAGUE RESULTS			
	55	13&U	14 
	42	15&U	20 
	60	17&U	23 

3 teams participated in the 12-week competition and saw great development over the course of the season, with the 17&U team ultimately causing an upset and defeating Ballarat FNL in the grand final!

Interleague also took place this year, at Elliminyt Recreation Reserve against the Central Highlands Netball League. The CDFNL displayed dominance taking out all three matches.

Thank you to the coaches of this program for their investment in the program over the entire duration. To Tracey, your leadership, knowledge and passion for junior development in the Colac region ensures that this program is able to thrive. We thank you for your dedication to the future of Colac Netball.



JUNIOR FOOTBALL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

PETER HICKEY

We had our annual junior matches against central highlands at South Colac. This proved to be a very successful day for all concerned. The under 13 matches, was very entertaining and kicked off what was the first of 3 very good matches. We thank the South Colac club for assisting on the day and making their facilities available to us.

Adam McNamara coached this team and the group of players selected in the squad certainly enjoyed Adam and his team of selectors during the process. Every player that participated acquitted themselves extremely well. The team that ran out on the Sunday had a lot of fun and came home with a win which was pleasing for the work put in.

Simon Dewar took charge of the Under 15 and like the Under 13s, the squad had fun and enjoyed one another's company. Again, the team came away with a win but really did themselves proud with their sportsmanship and the way they played on the day.

Rob Elborough and his helpers took charge of the Under 18 squad. This squad took to the task and really tested themselves at training to get the best out of themselves. This game was a real highlight with the competitive nature and the toughness in the contest. The boys just fell short of a win but the way it was played was fantastic.

Our junior program run by each club is held in high regard and the number of players pushing through to senior football is a tribute to the work that is being put in.

We as a board thank all the coaches and volunteers that give their time to help run our junior competitions. This at times is a thankless task but if we keep at it our league will not only survive but prosper for many years to come.

Thank you and see you all in 2024.







CDFNL FOOTBALL INTERLEAGUE RESULTS				
	57	U13	45	
	76	U15	28	
	40	U18	44	



Image by Sylvia Tyrer



Image by Colac Herald





FOOTBALL UMPIRING REPORT

JOCK HILLGROVE

It is with great pleasure that I present our 2023 AFL Barwon Umpiring Department Annual Report for the CDFNL.

Firstly, and foremost, I would like to thank all umpire's, Club and League appointed, in the Region for their dedication, commitment and particularly those that officiated in multiple games each weekend, without these dedicated people umpiring could not have delivered the service to as many games as we were able to do.

Our aim in 2024 is to have all "Club" Appointed Umpires to be registered, appointed, and paid for their roles, building access to online umpire match day reports, replacing hard copy version's and in person and online umpire coaching access across the Region and raising more investment back into umpiring.

We know in doing so will allow us to grow the "AFL Club Umpire Engagement Program" to greater benefit umpiring in our Region and raise a greater investment into our umpire people and development resources.

AFL Barwon League Umpire numbers in Colac are down 20% since 2020 and is in urgent need of more umpires, particularly field and goal, to avoid Senior CDFNL football having to utilise club appointed umpires in 2024. This will be a key focus area for the AFL Barwon Umpiring Department for 2024, club buy in is paramount to assist in the dwindling numbers and help regrow umpiring in the CDFNL.

In the CDFNL we had 3 persons who umpired as "League" appointed each week below Senior Grades with all other junior positions filled by "Club" umpires.

In total we had 76 (Geelong 67, Colac 9) new "League" umpires who began their umpiring journey with AFL Barwon, there were a further 45 new "club" umpires registered.

AFL Barwon continues to invest in umpiring by significantly increasing the coaching, resource, and development budgets, dedicated AFL Barwon staff resources, and passing on a 5% match fee increase to all levels and disciplines of umpiring and guaranteeing a further 3% to all match fees increasing in 2024. A total of 8% increase, from 2023 – 2024 after 0% increase from 2020.

Our AFL Barwon Umpiring Coaches and match day observers, the mentors and key support staff in Geelong and Colac who once again delivered an outstanding job. I would like to personally thank you all in your approach, support, and development of the umpire groups.

The role of our coaches is very time-consuming, managing appointments, observations, assessments, and skill development training / coaching sessions up to twice per week. We will be looking to restructure how this is delivered to greater efficiency in 2024 by investing and using greater online video technology along with the further development of the Officials HQ Platform and the new Umpire Accreditation framework being released in November 2023.

I would like to thank David Anderson (Colac) retiring, Eden Stubbing (Geelong), moving into an MDO role 2024, trainers Alan Doherty and Deb Tingiri (Geelong) and Sports Conditioning Austin Tattersall (Geelong) for their dedicated service to umpiring support and coaching. Whilst they are stepping away and pursuing other opportunities and family time, we know we will see you around.

AFL Victoria asked AFL Barwon to be part of the Women & Girls Development Coach Facilitator and Education Program pilot (AFL Victoria funded), which we greatly appreciated the opportunity to participate, Julie Ford was appointed as our facilitator for 2023 .

The objectives of the pilot program were:

- To become the main point of contact for female umpires within the umpire clubs
- To become a structured position within the AFL Barwon Umpiring Department
- Marketing material to be specifically distributed through club/league networks by the liaison - focusing on benefit of umpiring to players/clubs (skills, money, resourcing) and investigating potential funding sources for positions
- Deliver education sessions with coaches - focusing on inclusive selection processes, ensuring the inclusion training module has been completed, creating the best possible environment, and recruitment strategies that are specific to diversity

Creating a gender inclusion networking point within Community Umpire Clubs and supporting the education of existing coaches in creating inclusive environments and implementing equitable selection policies.

Julie was able to implement a contact network engaging our female umpires specifically whilst also those of non-gender or fluid identities, attending AFL Victoria shared workshops and being a “real” conduit of umpire coach and umpire relationships.

We hope to continue this role in 2024 irrespective if adopted and funded by AFL Victoria after its pilot year.

Although too many to individually mention in this report, we would like to acknowledge all umpires who achieved major milestones from their first games to debuting in Senior Men’s and Women’s Football and reaching major finals adding to their development and experience. Congratulations to all those that have achieved their goals and successes to date.

As the “Club” Umpire program expands in 2024, we look to involving more clubs who have already indicated their want to be involved. It is worth noting that these “Club” Academies are not restricted to just junior players and could be aimed at older players in higher age groups including seniors.

AFL Barwon Umpiring Department thanks the CDFUA and GFUL for their ongoing support of umpires and their members, a rewarding and challenging role for your Board’s, by working all together for the betterment of umpiring in the Region is and should always be the focus, thank you to Douglas Evans (CDFUA) and David Chaston (GFUL) for your leadership.

In closing I would like to thank David Harris for his time with the AFL Barwon Umpiring Department, before moving to a role with AFL Victoria, he has assisted us enormously, David has made a big impact to AFL Barwon Operating team having also managed the AFL Barwon “All Abilities” competition.

Will Ross took up the opportunity to replace David and I have thoroughly appreciated Will’s drive and enthusiasm to help support and grow umpiring in 2023. Will’s role will be further expanded in 2024.

To David Harris and Leigh Bulwalda (AFL Victoria), the AFL Umpiring Department, we thank you for your ongoing support to us in 2023.

Thank you to Jim Allen and your board and clubs in the CDFNL in enabling umpiring to become a greater focal point in the direction of football within your League. There’s still a lot of work that needs to be done and with the help of all Clubs we can succeed together.

To all my fellow colleagues at AFL Barwon I am immensely proud of all your work in 2023, we have had many changes and challenges thrown at us in 2023, yet I strongly believe we have delivered a very successful and enjoyable year.

2023 UMPIRE BREAKDOWN

ROLE	GEELONG	COLAC	CLUB
Field	167 (+67)	17 (-4)	201 (-7)
Boundary	119 (+12)	23 (-)	0
Goal	63 (+5)	11 (-2)	0
Total	349 (+57)	49 (-6)	201 (-7)

There were 19 additional Umpire Coaches, Match Day Observers and Support people.

Some + field umpires are Club Aligned "League" Umpires, those who do club games as an official umpire or officiate in other games.

TOTAL REGISTERED 618 (+46)

GDFNL UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS ACHIEVED IN 2023

FIELD	BOUNDARY	GOAL	TOTAL
313	340	392	1045

As we look to 2024, if you know of anyone wanting to explore becoming an umpire or your club wishes to start a "Club Umpiring Program" please contact william@aflbarwon.com.au or jock@aflbarwon.com.au.





FOOTBALL AWARD WINNERS

SENIOR FOOTBALL

Best & Fairest Winner Tyler Flanigan
Mahoney Medal Irrewarra-Beeac

Best & Fairest Runner Up Campbell Tanis
Colac Imperials

Leading Goal Kicker Dominic Dare
113 Goals Alvie

U18 FOOTBALL

Best & Fairest Winner Jack Fish
Western Eagles

Best & Fairest Runner Up Riley Westlake
South Colac

Leading Goal Kicker Charlie Morrissy
79 Goals Irrewarra-Beeac

RESERVES FOOTBALL

Best & Fairest Winner Harvey Martin
(Joint) Lorne
Mitchell Williamson
Alvie

Best & Fairest Runner Up Corey Ferrari
Otway Districts

Leading Goal Kicker Christian Kelly
83 Goals Birregurra

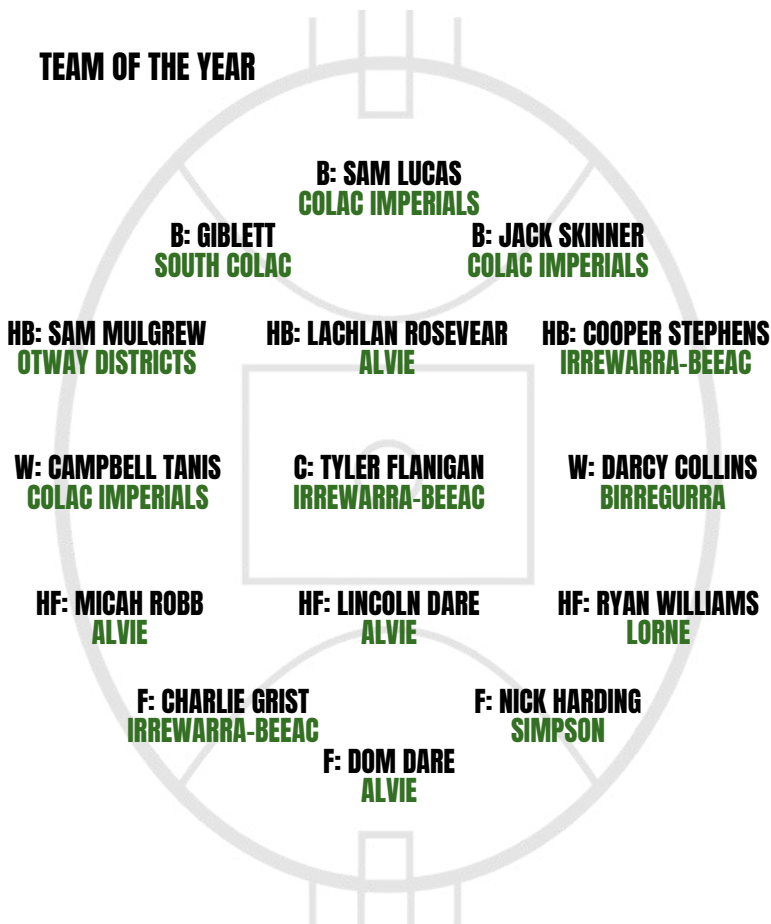
UNDER 14.5 FOOTBALL

Best & Fairest Winner Angus Borgia
Western Eagles

Best & Fairest Runner Up Blake Middleton
Irrewarra-Beeac

Leading Goal Kicker George Vickers
62 Goals Irrewarra-Beeac

TEAM OF THE YEAR



LEAGUE AWARDS

U21 Player of the Year Campbell Scott
Max Gray Memorial Colac Imperials

McDonalds Junior Club Champion Irrewarra-Beeac FNC

FOLLOWERS

LEVI DARE
ALVIE

CAMPBELL SCOTT
COLAC IMPERIALS

OLLIE BUTLER
BIRREGURRA

COACH: JOE DARE
ALVIE

INTERCHANGE

ELIJAH REID
WESTERN EAGLES

JAMES ROWAN
BIRREGURRA

MATTY DRAYTON
SIMPSON

LACHY MULDER
ALVIE



NETBALL AWARD WINNERS

A GRADE

Best & Fairest Winner <i>Val Russell Medal</i>	Ruby Bowers Alvie
Best & Fairest Runner Up	Grace Garner Irrewarra-Beeac

B GRADE

Best & Fairest Winner <i>(Joint)</i>	Jamika Hickey South Colac Sophie Morrissy Irrewarra-Beeac
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C GRADE

Best & Fairest Winner	Genevieve Erskine South Colac
Best & Fairest Runner Up <i>(Joint)</i>	Jorja Parker South Colac Olivia Theodore Irrewarra Beeac

D GRADE

Best & Fairest Winner	Rachael Baker South Colac
Best & Fairest Runner Up	Georgia Arndell Simpson

17 & UNDER

Best & Fairest Winner <i>(Joint)</i>	Olivia Roberts Birregurra Remy Duynhoven Western Eagles Zara Walker Irrewarra-Beeac
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15 & UNDER

Best & Fairest Winner	Georgia Oates Western Eagles
Best & Fairest Runner Up	Ruby Hall Irrewarra-Beeac

13 & UNDER

Best & Fairest Winner	Molly Fish Western Eagles
Best & Fairest Runner Up	Luella Hutchinson Birregurra

EMMA MCVILLY AWARD

Leah Perkins / Colac Imperials

TEAM OF THE YEAR

COACH: AMY ELLIS COLAC IMPERIALS



INTERCHANGE

JESSICA CROKER
LORNE

EMMA SUTHERLAND
OTWAY DISTRICTS

GRACE GARNER
IRREWARRA-BEEAC



LEAGUE LADDERS

COLAC RSL SENIOR FOOTBALL

		P	PTS	%	W	L	D	B
1	 ALVIE	18	64	254.24	16	2	0	0
2	 COLAC IMPERIALS	18	64	167.10	16	2	0	0
3	 IRREWARRA-BEEAC	18	52	193.00	13	5	0	0
4	 LORNE	18	44	160.36	11	7	0	0
5	 BIRREGURRA	18	44	144.18	11	7	0	0
6	 SOUTH COLAC	18	32	105.31	8	10	0	0
7	 OTWAY DISTRICTS	18	32	79.06	8	10	0	0
8	 SIMPSON	18	20	98.17	5	13	0	0
9	 WESTERN EAGLES	18	8	32.14	2	16	0	0
10	 APOLLO BAY	18	0	18.71	0	18	0	0

COLAC HERALD RESERVES FOOTBALL

		P	PTS	%	W	L	D	B
1	 ALVIE	17	62	205.30	15	2	0	0
2	 BIRREGURRA	18	60	303.81	15	3	0	0
3	 SIMPSON	18	60	265.20	15	3	0	0
4	 LORNE	17	54	328.43	13	4	0	0
5	 IRREWARRA-BEEAC	18	40	167.91	10	8	0	0
6	 SOUTH COLAC	18	28	61.23	7	11	0	0
7	 OTWAY DISTRICTS	18	24	58.61	6	12	0	0
8	 COLAC IMPERIALS	18	20	73.49	5	13	0	0
9	 APOLLO BAY	18	8	27.23	2	16	0	0
10	 WESTERN EAGLES	18	4	14.30	1	17	0	0



LEAGUE LADDERS

MCDONALDS UNDER 18 FOOTBALL

		P	PTS	%	W	L	D	B
1	IRREWARRA-BEEAC	18	72	723.40	18	0	0	0
2	SOUTH COLAC	18	52	149.79	13	5	0	0
3	LORNE	18	48	204.26	12	5	0	0
4	WESTERN EAGLES	18	44	125.70	11	7	0	0
5	BIRREGURRA	18	40	102.39	10	8	0	0
6	COLAC IMPERIALS	18	36	98.80	9	9	0	0
7	APOLLO BAY	18	36	94.25	9	9	0	0
8	ALVIE	18	16	38.51	4	14	0	0
9	OTWAY DISTRICTS	18	8	37.46	2	16	0	0
10	SIMPSON	18	8	29.56	2	16	0	0

BULLA UNDER 14.5 FOOTBALL

		P	PTS	%	W	L	D	B
1	IRREWARRA-BEEAC	18	68	854.66	17	1	0	0
2	BIRREGURRA	18	64	422.95	16	2	0	0
3	SOUTH COLAC	18	52	207.30	13	5	0	0
4	COLAC IMPERIALS	18	44	157.82	11	7	0	0
5	WESTERN EAGLES	18	44	69.99	11	7	0	0
6	LORNE	18	32	88.22	8	10	0	0
7	ALVIE	18	24	34.19	6	12	0	0
8	APOLLO BAY	18	20	34.03	5	13	0	0
9	OTWAY DISTRICTS	18	12	24.75	3	15	0	0
10	SIMPSON	18	0	20.40	0	18	0	0



LEAGUE LADDERS

A GRADE NETBALL

		P	PTS	%	W	L	D	B
1	IRREWARRA-BEEAC	18	64	137.56	16	2	0	0
2	ALVIE	18	56	126.81	14	4	0	0
3	SOUTH COLAC	18	48	113.16	11	5	2	0
4	OTWAY DISTRICTS	18	44	101.45	11	7	0	0
5	COLAC IMPERIALS	18	40	104.75	10	8	0	0
6	LORNE	18	32	109.77	8	10	0	0
7	APOLLO BAY	18	28	89.23	6	10	2	0
8	WESTERN EAGLES	18	28	88.20	7	11	0	0
9	BIRREGURRA	18	10	81.38	2	15	1	0
10	SIMPSON	18	10	71.79	2	15	1	0

B GRADE NETBALL

		P	PTS	%	W	L	D	B
1	BIRREGURRA	18	66	161.76	16	1	1	0
2	COLAC IMPERIALS	18	66	142.40	15	0	3	0
3	IRREWARRA-BEEAC	18	58	148.46	14	3	1	0
4	SOUTH COLAC	18	50	126.90	12	5	1	0
5	OTWAY DISTRICTS	18	30	90.79	7	10	1	0
6	WESTERN EAGLES	18	28	91.98	6	10	2	0
7	ALVIE	18	22	96.25	5	12	1	0
8	LORNE	18	22	81.79	5	12	1	0
9	SIMPSON	18	18	74.06	4	13	1	0
10	APOLLO BAY	18	0	41.13	0	18	0	0



LEAGUE LADDERS

C GRADE NETBALL

		P	PTS	%	W	L	D	B
1	COLAC IMPERIALS	18	64	211.33	16	2	0	0
2	SOUTH COLAC	18	64	177.53	16	2	0	0
3	IRREWARRA-BEEAC	18	64	175.84	16	2	0	0
4	BIRREGURRA	18	44	132.56	11	7	0	0
5	ALVIE	18	40	131.87	10	8	0	0
6	WESTERN EAGLES	18	28	84.13	7	11	0	0
7	SIMPSON	18	20	67.09	4	12	2	0
8	APOLLO BAY	18	20	56.80	5	13	0	0
9	OTWAY DISTRICTS	18	12	48.56	2	14	2	0
10	LORNE	18	4	34.80	1	17	0	0

D GRADE NETBALL

		P	PTS	%	W	L	D	B
1	SOUTH COLAC	16	60	144.42	13	3	0	2
2	IRREWARRA-BEEAC	16	56	130.98	12	4	0	2
3	COLAC IMPERIALS BLUE	16	54	136.31	11	4	1	2
4	COLAC IMPERIALS WHITE	16	52	139.07	11	5	0	2
5	SIMPSON	16	38	93.90	7	8	1	2
6	BIRREGURRA	16	24	82.34	4	12	0	2
7	ALVIE	16	20	62.29	2	12	2	2
8	OTWAY DISTRICTS	16	16	50.00	2	14	0	2



LEAGUE LADDERS

17 & UNDER NETBALL

		P	PTS	%	W	L	D	B
1	WESTERN EAGLES	18	72	297.34	18	0	0	0
2	SOUTH COLAC	18	64	185.20	16	2	0	0
3	IRREWARRA-BEEAC	18	54	169.09	13	4	1	0
4	BIRREGURRA	18	48	155.20	12	6	0	0
5	COLAC IMPERIALS	18	36	118.54	9	9	0	0
6	APOLLO BAY	18	36	108.46	9	9	0	0
7	SIMPSON	18	24	85.08	5	11	2	0
8	OTWAY DISTRICTS	18	16	46.34	4	14	0	0
9	LORNE	18	10	39.26	2	15	1	0
10	ALVIE	18	0	20.97	0	18	0	0

15 & UNDER NETBALL

		P	PTS	%	W	L	D	B
1	IRREWARRA-BEEAC	18	68	241.55	17	1	0	0
2	WESTERN EAGLES	18	68	196.11	17	1	0	0
3	SOUTH COLAC	18	56	158.80	14	4	0	0
4	COLAC IMPERIALS	18	48	129.42	12	6	0	0
5	ALVIE	18	38	107.40	9	8	1	0
6	OTWAY DISTRICTS	18	26	82.97	6	11	1	0
7	APOLLO BAY	18	24	59.97	6	12	0	0
8	SIMPSON	18	16	56.19	4	14	0	0
9	LORNE	18	12	52.66	3	15	0	0
10	BIRREGURRA	18	4	50.79	1	17	0	0

13 & UNDER NETBALL

		P	PTS	%	W	L	D	B
1	IRREWARRA-BEEAC	18	72	268.32	18	0	0	0
2	WESTERN EAGLES	18	64	248.71	16	2	0	0
3	BIRREGURRA	18	56	204.51	14	4	0	0
4	LORNE	18	40	91.00	10	8	0	0
5	COLAC IMPERIALS	18	36	104.30	9	9	0	0
6	SOUTH COLAC	18	36	93.91	9	9	0	0
7	SIMPSON	18	32	84.44	8	10	0	0
8	ALVIE	18	16	61.99	4	14	0	0
9	OTWAY DISTRICTS	18	8	40.41	2	16	0	0
10	APOLLO BAY	18	0	17.75	0	18	0	0



ALVIE

The Alvie Football & Netball Club are pleased to acknowledge another successful year for 2023, with our Senior Footballers coming away with the ultimate prize of the Premiership Cup.

A bittersweet end for our A Grade Netball team losing the Premiership in the final seconds by 1 goal.

Our Reserve Footballers and 15 & Under Netball girls just couldn't get over the final hurdle to play on Grand Final day, both teams just falling short in the Semi & Preliminary finals respectively.

Coaches of all Football and Netball teams worked extremely hard throughout the season to ensure that all our teams played the best they could throughout the home & away season.

Congratulations to Dominic Dare - who kicked over 100 goals in 2023, Ruby Bowers - who won League A Grade Best & Fairest, and Mitchell Williamson - joint winner in the League Reserve Best & Fairest.

Overall, as a Club, we could not be happier with our season. To have 4 Football teams and 7 Netball teams is a big achievement and we cannot forget to acknowledge our 12 & Under Football team as well.

Our goal was to bring everyone together as a united Club and work towards the same vision; to develop our players to be the best that they can be.

FOOTBALL OFFICE BEARERS

President Luke McLennan

Treasurer Gerard Barrow

Secretary Dale Hynes

NETBALL OFFICE BEARERS

President Elisa Hanlon

Secretary Meghan Spokes

Umpire Coordinator Georgia Robinson

FOOTBALL

GRADE	COACH	BEST & FAIREST	R/U BEST & FAIREST
Seniors	Joe Dare	Levi Dare	Lincoln Dare
Reserves	Liam Williamson	Mitchell Williamson	Adrian Moor
Under 18		Paddy Carmody	Max Permezal
Under 14.5		Jordan Groves	Callum Ivermee

NETBALL

GRADE	COACH	BEST & FAIREST	R/U BEST & FAIREST
A Grade	Chelsea Hillman	Ruby Bowers	Rosie Barrow
B Grade	Jaymie Lowe	Angela Hogben Keely Holt	Grace O'Sullivan Rachael Cahill
C Grade	Simone McLaren	Sufi Licayan	Kaila Morris
D Grade	Courtney Driscoll	Ella Milverton	Molly Ketelaar
17 & Under	Georgia Robinson/ Lulu Riches	Tess Meesen	Bronte Dunhill
15 & Under	Kylie McLennan/ Paula Phillips	Sophie Bell	Tess Hynes
13 & Under	Keely Holt	Lila Morris	Millicent Henry



APOLLO BAY

Season 2023 has been an enjoyable year for the Club. Whilst we did not enjoy any finals success, we measured our success in other areas.

All of the Club Coaches along with our army of parents, supporters and volunteers did a fabulous job of bringing people together, donning the brown and yellow to get out there and enjoy the competition.

It was great to see many of our Junior Football and Netball players be selected in the CDFNL Interleague teams, congratulations to them all.

The club once again, was very proud to be part of the annual indigenous game vs Birregurra. We were also excited to finally remedy the problems we were having over the last 3 years with the oval lights & scoreboard.

Our strong and dedicated committee worked hard behind the scenes to ensure the club ran smoothly. We thank our sponsors, members, supporters, players, trainers, umpires and volunteers.

We now look forward to season 2024.

FOOTBALL OFFICE BEARERS

President	Sally Cannon
Vice President	Jack James
Treasurer	Jane Johnston
Secretary	Tina Clissold
Football Manager	John Lugg
Junior Coordinator	Gavin Clissold
Committee	John Constantini Jarrod Wight Brendan Murnane

NETBALL OFFICE BEARERS

President	Danielle Noy
Umpire Coordinator	Michelle Carney

FOOTBALL

GRADE	COACH	BEST & FAIREST	R/U BEST & FAIREST
Seniors	Tyson Holt	Richard Kangars	Hudson Harrison
Reserves	TJ Neighbour	Tamar Holt	Zac Evans
Under 18	Sean Maloney	Tamar Holt	Ethan Marriner
Under 14.5	Michael Allen	William Sandford Axel Allen	Hayden Firman

NETBALL

GRADE	COACH	BEST & FAIREST	R/U BEST & FAIREST
A Grade	Monique Adams/ Kath Speirs	Jayde Bertrand	Georgie Custance
B Grade	Karen Slater	Hannah McDonald	Cara Hudson
C Grade	Lauren Nicholls/ Belinda Dear	Belinda Dear	Annie Costin
17 & Under	Emma Faliszewski	Bonnie Kininmonth	Kelsy Sandford
15 & Under	Cara Hudson	Tayla Bertrand	Elsie Murnane
13 & Under	Jayde Bertrand	Romy Hanrahan	Octavia Geekie



BIRREGURRA

Birregurra enjoyed a successful season with seven teams represented in the finals and B Grade Netball taking home the cup. Record membership and participation rates placed further pressure on our crumbling infrastructure and we otherwise continue to lobby three tiers of government for much needed funding for new rooms. The upgrade of match grade lighting luminosity will allow the BFNC to apply for night games in the 2024 season and has already enhanced the training experience for the Netball girls. The BFNC hosted a comprehensive Auskick and U12/ U10 program in 2023, with Junior participation rates anticipated to continue to grow into 2024. Volunteer engagement was strong in 2023 but attracting people to executive positions will remain a challenge as the roles become more complex and onerous including administrative burden and time constraints. The Club is accessing an online platform tidy HQ to ease this burden here forward.

Mick Paddick / Club President 2023

Birregurra Netball Club has had a very successful 2023. Fielding teams all age groups. We had 2 Junior teams and 2 Senior teams play finals with the B Grade claiming back-to-back Premierships. Our 'little girls' netball program is growing stronger every year with Net Set Go, U9 & U11 being as popular as ever, providing a vital and fun platform for the girls to develop their basic netball skills. We have had strong umpire representation throughout the year; Olivia Roberts successfully obtained her C grade badge. We had 7 girls represent the Colac and District Inter league teams resulting in Olivia Roberts being Talent ID from Association Champs and Luella Hutchinson winning best on court medal in CDFNL vs Central Highlands game. For season 2023 we moved to a 2-court venue schedule and feel this worked well, allowing players, parents, and spectators to finish all netball games earlier than previous years. We have full intentions to continue to run the 2-court venue schedule for future years.

Kirsty Roberts / Netball Manager 2023

FOOTBALL

GRADE	COACH	BEST & FAIREST	R/U BEST & FAIREST
Seniors	Kane Leersen	Oliver Butler	James Rowan
Reserves	Andrew Malone	Lachlan Rowan	Jarrod Groves
Under 18	Nathan Maslen	Will Jarvis	Oliver Coulson
Under 14.5	Matt Slater	Hamish Darroch	Hugh Coulson

NETBALL

GRADE	COACH	BEST & FAIREST	R/U BEST & FAIREST
A Grade	Karen Hart/Cassie Stephens	Olivia Roberts	Maggie Hart
B Grade	Karen Hart/Cassie Stephens	Saskia Rowan	Sarah Maslen
C Grade	Jess Maslen/Tess Blake	Madison Hall	Tamar Steenholdt (Seabright)
D Grade	Megan Collins	Megan Collins	Molly Dunnill Sophie Hall
17 & Under	Jess Maslen (Wood)	Olivia Roberts	Maggie Hart
15 & Under	Saskia Rowan/ Ebony Armistead	Remi Grennan	Annie Lockhart
13 & Under	Kirsty Roberts	Luella Hutchinson	Georgia Roberts Georgia Fitzpatrick

FOOTBALL OFFICE BEARERS

President	Mick Paddick
Vice President	Matt Slater Kirsty Roberts
Treasurer	Ron Elsbury
Secretary	Paula Wheadon
Football Manager	Dean Mahoney Gavin Brien
Junior Coordinator	Leighton Hart

NETBALL OFFICE BEARERS

President	Kirsty Roberts
Secretary	Kylie Permezel
Senior Coordinator	Karen Hart
Junior Coordinator	Serema Spowart
Umpire Coordinator	Serema Spowart

COMMITTEE

Andrew Collins, Andrew Permezel, Ash Beimans, Carly Burnett, Carolyn Carew, Cassie Stephens, Ebony Armistead, Fiona Armistead, Jody Tyrer, Karen Hart, Karen Jarvis, Kylie Permezel, Rachel Bennett



COLAC IMPERIALS

2023 Season was a great success for our club this year.

Our Senior & U14.5 Football teams and all netball teams played finals, with our Senior Footballers being runners up and our C Grade winning the Premiership.

We had players in every team voting extremely well in the league B&F's, with Campbell Scott again winning the Max Gray Award and Leah Perkins winning the Emma McVilly Memorial Award.

Our Club is in a stable position with all our Football coaches being reappointed for next year. Chloe Gray & Aliesha Walters are to take over coaching the A Grade netball. Coaches are still to be confirmed in all other grades of Netball.

Off field was another successful year which sees the club in a solid financial position.

The Committee have been working hard and much has been achieved this season that will hold the club in good stead for the forthcoming season.

FOOTBALL OFFICE BEARERS

President	Carl Winchcomb
Vice President	Matthew Lipiarski
Treasurer	Emily Davis
Secretary	John Simpson
Football Manager	Matthew Lipiarski

NETBALL OFFICE BEARERS

Coordinator	Jackie Rivett
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COMMITTEE

Amy Ellis, Belinda Cunningham, Bianca McKay, Eva Callahan, Gayle Harrington-Smith, Jack Rivett, Jackie Rivett, Jay Bethune, Jeremy Spokes, Jess Spokes, John Cass, Paul Liistro, Peter Scott, Tina Scott, Tim Hassett.

FOOTBALL

GRADE	COACH	BEST & FAIREST	R/U BEST & FAIREST
Seniors	Paul Liistro	Campbell Tanis	Campbell Scott
Reserves	Warren Mackay	William Collins	Brodie Smith
Under 18	Stewart McCann	Jarrold Foster	Hunter Ellis
Under 14.5	Tim Foster Andrew Williamson	Darcy Foster	Bodhi Garlick

NETBALL

GRADE	COACH	BEST & FAIREST	R/U BEST & FAIREST
A Grade	Amy Ellis	Chloe Gray	Aleisha Walters
B Grade	Abby Callahan	Laura Withall	Nadine Osborne
C Grade	Bree Newcombe	Kaitlyn Ward	Amy Ellis
D Grade Blue	Phillipa Turner	Felicity Dodd	Emily McGee
D Grade White	Bianca McKay	Abbey Hayes	Tessah Harris
17 & Under	Aleisha Walters	Tessah Harris	Mia Skinner
15 & Under	Maddy Vary/Jess Spokes	Isabel Perkins	Lani Foster
13 & Under	Bree Newcombe	Livi Harris	Dakota Mckenzie



IRREWARRA-BEEAC

The 2023 season was the most successful year the Club has had since the combine in 1986. The Club was super competitive in all grades of Football and Netball, as evidenced by the fact that every single team of Netball and Football featured in the finals in 2023.

The Club enjoyed wonderful support from a loyal band of families and long-term supporters and they were out in force this year to barrack for the club week in week out and celebrate with the players as they sung the club song after most games.

IBFNC was particularly strong in the junior grades, winning the most successful club award for the 3rd year on the trot. We took home Premierships in both Under 14.5 and Under 18 Football and in Under 13 and Under 15 Netball. The club were also premiers in A and D grade Netball, after having 6 of 11 sides play in grand finals.

The Club is very much looking forward to continuing success in 2024, as most coaches and players are committed to continuing.

Anthony McDonald, IBFNC President

FOOTBALL

GRADE	COACH	BEST & FAIREST	R/U BEST & FAIREST
Seniors	Cameron Parker	Cooper Stephens	Tyler Flanigan
Reserves	Luke Vickers	Ben Lavars	Toby Middleton
Under 18	Robert Elborough	Max Hutchinson	Toby Monaco
Under 14.5	Simon Dewar	Blake Middleton	Ashton Middleton

NETBALL

GRADE	COACH	BEST & FAIREST	R/U BEST & FAIREST
A Grade	Dave Boyce	Rhiannon White	Grace Garner
B Grade	Dave Boyce	Sophie Morrissy	Ellie Flanigan
C Grade	Kate Thwaites	Olivia Theodore	Mikhaela Rowarth
D Grade	Brooke Williamson	Renee Hall	Chloe Copeland
17 & Under	Jeremi Robinson	Zara Walker	Katie Dexter
15 & Under	Sandra Robinson	Ruby Hall	Emmy Frith
13 & Under	Narelle Frith	Leah Kettle	Sascha Heaton-Harris

FOOTBALL OFFICE BEARERS

President	Anthony McDonald
Vice President	Marcus Rodger
Treasurer	Brian Rodger
Secretary	Chris Dell
Football Manager	Chris Dell

NETBALL OFFICE BEARERS

President	Jo Menzies
Secretary	Rachel Parsons
Junior Coordinator	Joy Parsons
Umpire Coordinator	Kylie Morrissy

COMMITTEE

Adam Hall, Adrian Murphy, Anthony Marwood, Courtney Garner, Deb McCarthy, Jason Cartwright, Jess Boyd, Jo Menzies, Kate Thwaites, Michael Swanson, Rick Hillman, Sandra Robinson, Simon Dewar, Stuart Nelson, Travis Frith.



LORNE

Season 2023 sure provided plenty of highlights for Lorne FNC with some fabulous performances both on the football field and netball courts. Having four teams representing the club in finals appearances was a great experience and our community support was exceptional.

We offer our sincere thanks to our generous sponsors and supporters who continue to get behind our club and show unwavering support. Our volunteers are an incredible asset and imperative to our success, the most valuable component of a Football and Netball Club are those who put their hand up to help in a wide variety of roles. We thank our senior coach Alex Adams who has chosen to not continue in the role in 2024, we look forward to having him in a mentor role and supporting the development of our junior players into the senior ranks.

FOOTBALL OFFICE BEARERS

President	Carly Enticott
Vice President	Miah Atwell
Treasurer	David Worth
Secretary	Ingrid Wilson
Football Manager	Mark Russell
Junior Coordinator	Selena Walding

NETBALL OFFICE BEARERS

President	Karen Heathcote
Secretary	Tina White
Treasurer	Angela Quinn
Junior Coordinator	Bianca Hollmer
Umpire Coordinator	Nara Langdon

COMMITTEE

Janet Higgins & Karen Heathcote

FOOTBALL

GRADE	COACH	BEST & FAIREST	R/U BEST & FAIREST
Seniors	Alex Adams	Logan Taylor	Fraser Balderas
Reserves	Tom Potter/Boe Trickey	Cole Fox	Harvey Martin
Under 18	Cameron Nugent	Will Eggins	Lucas Van Maasdyk
Under 14.5	Michael Brennan	Tommy Van Maasdyk	Jack Curran

NETBALL

GRADE	COACH	BEST & FAIREST	R/U BEST & FAIREST
A Grade	Leigh Potter	Hannah Keane	Jess Croker
B Grade	Carly Enticott	Mali Gallaher	Sarah Everitt Bianca Hollmer
C Grade	Nara Langdon	Tasmyn Sloan	Lola Harding
17 & Under	Zoe Donne/Sheryl Donne	Caitlin Brennan	Mia Bayley
15 & Under	Kelly Boyd	Isla Bayley	Acacia Gray
13 & Under	Bianca Hollmer	Emma Heathcote	Kira Hollmer



OTWAY DISTRICTS

The senior football side made some major inroads this season which all started with our appointment of Max Rooke as senior coach.

We were more competitive in both Seniors and Reserves and look forward to making that long awaited finals appearance in 2024.

Our senior netball did a great job in making a Prelim final and will also look to go a couple of steps better next season.

Some key personnel changes in players and coaches, Football and Netball have Gellibrand excited for 2024!

FOOTBALL OFFICE BEARERS

President	Ross Panther
Vice President	Steve Daniels
Treasurer	Paul Hicks
Secretary	Linda Perkins
Football Manager	Steve Daniels
Junior Football Coordinator	Ross Panther

NETBALL OFFICE BEARERS

President	Emma Craddock
Secretary	Linda Perkins
Treasurer	Paul Hicks
Junior Coordinator	Natasha Williamson
Umpire Coordinator	Emma Craddock

FOOTBALL

GRADE	COACH	BEST & FAIREST	R/U BEST & FAIREST
Seniors	Max Rooke	Alex Burnett	Josh Gray
Reserves	Corey Ferrari	Toby Cameron	Frankie Farnes
Under 18	Sam Harriott	Dylan Joiner	Marcus Stosic
Under 14.5	Angus Zdrojewski	Levi Armstrong	Banjo Williamson

NETBALL

GRADE	COACH	BEST & FAIREST	R/U BEST & FAIREST
A Grade	Emma Sutherland	Emma Sutherland	Claire Robertson
B Grade	Janelle Bond	Emma Craddock	Rachel Ogle
C Grade	Candi Panther	Mikinley O`Reilly	Emilee Edney
D Grade	Sandra Farnes	Chloe Read	Keisha Smith
17 & Under	Claire Robertson	Annalie Harris	Bridie Lucas
15 & Under	Toby Cameron	Eve Ayres	Zara Williamson
13 & Under	Tiffany Hay	Poppy Joiner	Dakota Dowie



SIMPSON

While our Reserve Footballers held the Cup at the end of the year, our ladder positions across the rest of the sides indicate two things; one, we've got some work to do, and two, highlight how strong the CDFNL has become as a competition. Senior player numbers are good and while it has been a credit to the Club in having a full complement of Junior teams across Football and Netball, our Junior numbers will continue to be a concern for the foreseeable future.

Of particular note for season 2023 was the "buy in" from both footballers and netballers, and the respect the playing groups had for each other, the Club, and community. This was proven by the high attendance rates at our Club functions, the support from the outside and within the Club for the D Grade Netballers and Reserve Footballers throughout the finals series, and the already building interest in Club positions for the year ahead.

FOOTBALL OFFICE BEARERS

President	Brad Smith
Vice President	Bree Jones
Treasurer	David Costin
Secretary	Phoebe Brougham
Football Manager	Bree Jones

NETBALL OFFICE BEARERS

President	Paige Salmon
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COMMITTEE

Alistar Huth, Annie Chandley, Bill Saunders, Bob Lee, Brad Smith, Bree Jones, Brenton DeJong, Casey Tesselaar, Danika Price, Darren Jones, David Costin, Dave Weel, Jason Kordupel, Judson Jennings, Ken Wright, Kim Balcombe, Lisa Arndell, Megan Carkeek, Paige Salmon, Phoebe Brougham, Rachel Perrett, Sam Bond, Zac Tesselaar.

FOOTBALL

GRADE	COACH	BEST & FAIREST	R/U BEST & FAIREST
Seniors	Daniel Beard	Matthew Drayton Brad Salmon	Thomas Leishman
Reserves	Aaron Crole	Rohan Johns	Jono Jennings
Under 18	Brock Neal	Jack Balcombe	Bodhi Crole
Under 14.5	Jack Finn/ Tanner Fratantaro	Nate Sambell	Jaxon Garvie

NETBALL

GRADE	COACH	BEST & FAIREST	R/U BEST & FAIREST
A Grade	Jessie Harding	Holly Duynhoven	Sophie Taylor
B Grade	Maddy Clarke	Sophie Hawkins	Melissa Drayton
C Grade	Hannah Woods/Anna Box	Hannah Woods	Zoe Wilkinson
D Grade	Hayley Coulson	Georgia Arndell	Leesa Seabrook
17 & Under	Kellie Meade	Tahlia Daniels	Ella Arndell
15 & Under	Bill Saunders/ Hannah Zappelli	Olivia Rhode	Esha Crole
13 & Under	Leesa Seabrook	Milah Crole	Kustom Robertson



SOUTH COLAC

Season 2023 for the South Colac Sports Club saw eight of our eleven Football and Netball sides making finals. All Senior netball grades and two of our Junior grades made finals with our C and D teams making it to the grand final. This year, several junior players were provided with an opportunity to play senior netball which was a highlight for our club.

Despite our Senior and Reserve Football teams unable to make finals this year, our Junior Football program is going from strength to strength also providing opportunities for our Juniors to play at a Senior level. We were able to field an Under 18s Football side for the first time since 2019, where they made it to the Preliminary Final alongside our Under 14.5s.

As a club, we continued to build on our focus areas of Junior participation and development, improvement of facilities, and family and member engagement. We look forward to a successful 2024 season.

FOOTBALL OFFICE BEARERS

President	Mick Baker
Vice President	Josh Mitchell & Chris Trigg
Treasurer	Jorja Parker
Secretary	Laura Parker
Football Manager	Luke Reynolds
Junior Football Coord	Luke Reynolds

NETBALL OFFICE BEARERS

President	Nicole Mitchell
Secretary	Rachael Baker
Treasurer	Jorja Parker
Umpire Coordinator	Molly Lugg

COMMITTEE

Adam Downard, Adam McNamara, Gemma Trigg, John Kelly, Luke Burnett, Ryan Fennell, Trudi Perkins

FOOTBALL

GRADE	COACH	BEST & FAIREST	R/U BEST & FAIREST
Seniors	Nick Lynch	Matt Garner	Brendan Monaghan
Reserves	Ryan Fennell	Hayden Morrow	David Morrow Jordan Morrissy
Under 18	Mitch Perkins/ Jimmy Fitzpatrick	Aanlin Cheeran	Cooper Harty
Under 14.5	Adam McNamara John Kelly	Jarryn Baker	Jordan Kelly

NETBALL

GRADE	COACH	BEST & FAIREST	R/U BEST & FAIREST
A Grade	Nicole Mitchell	Ava Pierce	Janelle Monaghan
B Grade	Tammy Rooney	Jamika Hickey	Nicole Mitchell Morgan Brewer
C Grade	Genevieve Erskine	Jorja Parker	Genevieve Erskine
D Grade	Tracey Tann	Rachael Baker	Rachael Downard
17 & Under	Janelle Monaghan/ Brittany Monaghan	Sienna Milverton	Ellinor Borrack
15 & Under	Tammy Rooney/ Deanne Cummings	Neve Brewer	Bailee Rooney
13 & Under	Nicole Mitchell	Zoe Mitchell Bella Parker	Addison Rocka



WESTERN EAGLES

In 2023, we entered 6 Netball teams & 4 Football teams in the CDFNL. We also entered an U12 side on a Friday night.

All Junior Netball sides made the Grand Final with the U17's securing the flag. Our U18 Footballers and U14.5 Footballers both made finals but unfortunately bowing out in the Prelim & Semi respectively.

With good numbers in our Junior ranks we are setting up for a bright future. We also managed to take home all the CDFNL Junior Best & Fairest Awards.

The A, B & C Netball grades all showed positive signs and were competitive, registering some fabulous wins throughout the season, with the B Grade just missing out on finals.

Our Reserves & Seniors faced their challenges with courage & pride and can only improve. With one of the youngest Senior lists in the League, we can only get stronger & strive for bigger things.

We thank our army of sponsors, supporters, members, players and support staff who contribute to our club, on & off the field.

Each year is a learning curve with adversity & challenges to face and despite this, there is a real positive vibe at the Western Eagles & we look forward to the future with pride & enthusiasm.

FOOTBALL

GRADE	COACH	BEST & FAIREST	R/U BEST & FAIREST
Seniors	Craig Hardingham	Elijah Reid	Luke Fish
Reserves	James Reynolds	Justin Hickey	Adam Bird
Under 18	Phil Thompson	Jack Fish	Zavier Hunt
Under 14.5	Elijah Reid & Luke Fish	Angus Borgia	Reece Hunt

NETBALL

GRADE	COACH	BEST & FAIREST	R/U BEST & FAIREST
A Grade	Fiona Penny	Briea McLachlan	Ali Genua
B Grade	Danielle Bowen	Jenny Fish	Hannah Williams Olivia Montano
C Grade	Kess Duynhoven	Lorraine Mahoney	Kess Duynhoven
17 & Under	Fiona Penny	Remy Duynhoven	Briea McLachlan
15 & Under	Jenny Fish	Georgia Oates	Jessica Dellar
13 & Under	Kess Duynhoven	Molly Fish	Ashlin Tate

FOOTBALL OFFICE BEARERS

President	John Duynhoven
Vice President	Matt Reid
Treasurer	Marc Montano
Secretary	Meagan Compton
Football Manager	Fran McMillan
Junior Football Coord	Damien Hickey

NETBALL OFFICE BEARERS

President	Danielle Bowen
Umpire Coordinator	Danielle Bowen

COMMITTEE

Aidan Robertson, Ali Genua, Brad Morgan, Cameron Lenehan, Elijah Reid, Jenny Fish, John Sherman, Kess Duynhoven, Luke Fish, Shaun Carson, Tanya Hickey.



CDFNL GRAND FINAL RESULTS

FOOTBALL

<i>COLAC RSL SENIORS</i>	<i>Q1</i>	<i>Q2</i>	<i>Q3</i>	<i>Q4</i>
Alvie	0.2 2	4.6 30	6.7 43	8.9 57
Colac Imperials	3.2 20	3.2 20	3.4 22	4.4 28



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<i>COLAC HERALD RESERVES</i>	<i>Q1</i>	<i>Q2</i>	<i>Q3</i>	<i>Q4</i>
Simpson	1.1 7	2.2 14	3.5 23	4.7 31
Lorne	1.3 9	2.3 15	3.4 22	4.4 28



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<i>MCDONALDS UNDER 18S</i>	<i>Q1</i>	<i>Q2</i>	<i>Q3</i>	<i>Q4</i>
Lorne	1.5 11	1.8 14	2.9 21	3.11 29
Irrewarra-Beeac	1.1 7	2.2 14	4.4 28	6.6 42



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<i>BULLA UNDER 14.5S</i>	<i>Q1</i>	<i>Q2</i>	<i>Q3</i>	<i>Q4</i>
Irrewarra-Beeac	3.1 19	4.3 27	5.6 36	8.9 57
Birregurra	1.0 6	1.2 8	2.2 14	3.4 22



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CDFNL GRAND FINAL RESULTS

NETBALL

A GRADE	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Alvie	13	25	29	36
Irrewarra-Beeac	8	20	29	37



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B GRADE	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Irrewarra-Beeac	6	14	23	29
Birregurra	12	26	36	50



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C GRADE	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
South Colac	5	12	15	19
Colac Imperials	7	17	23	32



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D GRADE	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Irrewarra-Beeac	9	17	25	32
South Colac	8	17	23	31



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CDFNL GRAND FINAL RESULTS

NETBALL

17 & UNDER	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Western Eagles	12	24	36	52
Irrewarra-Beeac	5	12	19	26



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15 & UNDER	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Western Eagles	5	12	14	19
Irrewarra-Beeac	5	13	24	32



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13 & UNDER	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Irrewarra-Beeac	5	12	15	19
Western Eagles	7	17	23	32



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