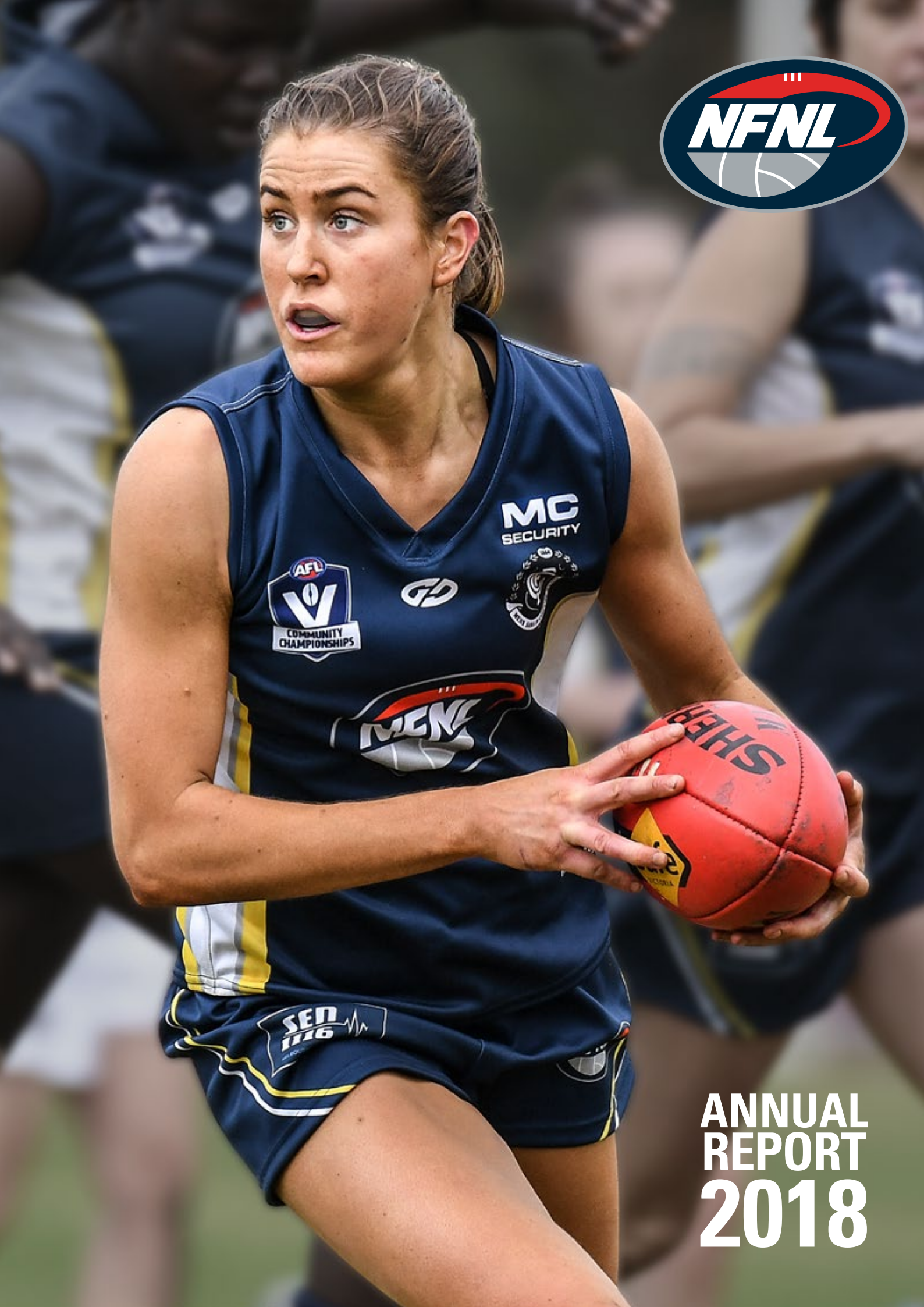

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Northern Football Netball League is that we will organise, develop and grow a quality Australian Rules Football competition for the enjoyment and benefit of participants and communities through the northern region of Melbourne.

We will create and sustain an environment in which all clubs and individuals can aspire and reach their full potential in a healthy and safe manner.

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On behalf of the directors of the Northern Football Netball League, I present the Annual Report for the 2018 season.

The 2018 season saw the rebranding and launch of the Northern Football Netball League (NFNL), with overall participation numbers at record levels. Our total number of registered players was 9,861 footballers and netballers. This was made up of 366 football teams and 106 netball teams (88 in the winter competition and 21 in the summer).

Registered females in the NFNL now exceeds 3,000 players, which is a great achievement and one of which all clubs and the league should be very proud.

After a competitive 2018 home and away season we were treated to an exciting finals series. The Meadows Greyhounds Division 1 grand final was contested by Macleod and West Preston-Lakeside. The Roosters prevailed by nine points in a very competitive contest to claim their first senior premiership since 2010.

Lower Plenty took out the premiership in A Plus Labour Solutions Division 2. In what was the closest game imaginable, the Bears defeated Eltham by six points in a thrilling finish, which featured a goal on the final siren.

In the Heidelberg Golf Club Division 3 grand final, St Mary's defeated Panton Hill by 13 points. This was a great achievement by St Mary's, who won its first ever senior premiership after joining the competition in 2010. Also, congratulations to Paul Millett and his team at St Mary's who were awarded the Senior Club of the Year for 2018.

Our three ANZ Women's grand finals were all held at Preston City Oval in a triple-header on August 26. Bendigo and Keilor contested the ANZ Women's Division 1 grand final, with Bendigo winning comfortably and going back-to-back. In the ANZ Women's Division 2 grand final West Preston-Lakeside defeated Montmorency by 11 points, while the ANZ Women's Division 3 grand final was contested by two new teams to the competition, with Bundoora defeating Eltham. Congratulations to both teams on a great first season.

One of the highlights of the 2018 season was our performances at representative level, with NFNL teams producing pleasing results both on the football field and netball court.

On the senior football front, three NFNL teams competed in the AFL Victoria Community Championships, where they took on the Mornington Peninsula Nepean Football League at Preston City Oval.

Our senior men's team continued their success from last season and stormed to a 40-point win following a six-goal to two final quarter. We will now go on to play off for the No.1 ranking in 2019 – which we are all very much looking forward to.

I would like to thank Garry Ramsay and all his team for their work in coaching this group. It certainly demonstrates that we have some amazing talent within our league and all players and clubs involved deserve to be commended.

Our inaugural senior women's team were beaten in extra time after scores were level at full time. While the result didn't go our way, it was a fantastic effort by the group, who were superbly led by coach Chyloe Kurdas.

Our under-19s team were extremely competitive throughout a see-sawing game and were unlucky to be beaten with the last kick of the day. It was the second-consecutive year our under-19s went down to a close lose, after last year being beaten by three points.

The NFNL remained unbeaten in representative netball after our open and under-19 teams won their matches on the road against the EFL. The under-19s proved far too good in a 33-goal win, while the open team rallied from an early deficit to win by six.

Our netball competition continued to expand in 2018. A total of 88 teams competed across 11 sections in the winter competition, an increase of seven teams from last year. Meanwhile, the 2017/18 summer competition expanded to three sections. Our netball competition is now one of the largest open-age competitions in Melbourne.

Junior competition numbers in the NFNL continue to grow across both the boys and girls competitions. This is a testament to the great work of our clubs in fostering a fun, competitive and inclusive environment.

Our Junior Representative Program continues to provide a development opportunity for the league's most talented junior players. We are proud to be associated with both the Northern Knights and Carlton Football Club and their Next Generation Program.

The highlight of our AFL Victoria Metro Junior Championships campaign was our U14A Boys team winning the title – our first boys title at the Championships since 2006. Well done to all players involved and to Matthew Hogg and the coaching team. Our U15A Girls reached the grand final for the third-straight year and finished runner-up to Eastern Region Girls.

The NFNL will welcome Eltham Collegians Football Club to the league in 2019. Eltham Collegians has been competing in the VAFA since 1986 and identified an opportunity to join the NFNL. Eltham Collegians' inclusion was overwhelmingly supported by NFNL member clubs and we look forward to following the Turtles' progress in Division 3.

Our umpiring program, led by Martin Ellis, continues to be viewed as a benchmark across other metropolitan leagues. The umpire academy continues to train and foster young talented umpires in the region. This along with the mentoring program that Martin has implemented is certainly increasing our umpiring numbers and development in both the senior and junior competitions. I would like to thank Martin and his team for all their hard work.

We are fortunate to have successful and experienced umpires like Martin and Darren Goldspink working with our up and coming umpires. Their hard work is resulting in a high standard of umpiring across the competition.

I would like to acknowledge the work that NFNL Chief Executive Officer Peter McDougall and his team have undertaken to deliver yet another successful year. We are fortunate to have such a professional and dedicated team of people working to deliver an outstanding competition across football and netball.

I would like to mention Delwyn Berry for her overall efforts and, in particular, her work in managing the netball competition. Simon Devine has one of the hardest jobs as Football Operations Manager, but always maintains a high level of professionalism and always acts in the best interests of the league. His knowledge of football at the local level is second to none.

Also, Samuel Zito for all his great work in the media department, including our social platforms and broadcasting. This year Samuel and his team of volunteers broadcast all senior grand finals on Facebook, which had significant reach across all games. In particular, the A Plus Labour Solutions Division 2 grand final attracted more than 12,000 viewers.

Thanks also to the AFL Victoria Northern Region Development staff, Phiv Demetriou and Anthony McDonald, for providing strong support and development to the clubs within the NFNL.

Our thanks and acknowledgement of our partners and sponsors without whom it would not be possible to provide the facilities and resources required to manage and run the NFNL and provide opportunities to our participants. We would like to sincerely thank the following partners:

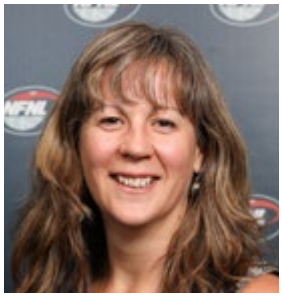
AFL Victoria, Yarra Valley Water, ANZ Bank, The Meadows, A Plus Labour Solutions, Heidelberg Golf Club, SEN, Winning Edge Presentations, WaterMarc, Zagames Reservoir, Alphington Sports Medicine Centre, Carlton Football Club, Club Warehouse, Coachsmart Systems, Cool As Coolrooms, Couta Group, Flannagan Peressini & Shaw, Game Day Apparel, Grashan Sportswear, KMR Safety First, La Trobe University, Local Legends Photography, MC Security, Midas Greensborough, Nathan William Photography, Netball Victoria, Northern Blues Football Club, Northern Knights Football Club, Own Journey Travel, Pat Cronin Foundation, Patties Foods, Plenty Valley FM, Project Apparel, Red Onion Creative, SALT, Schweppes Australia, SEDA Group, Sherrin, Sporting Fine Art, Sportscast Australia, Supaturf, TLA, Victor Sports and White Ribbon Foundation.

I would like to thank the following board directors for their support and commitment throughout the year: Scott Walker, Diana Pettie, Nicolina Lademann, Jeff Parkes, Stella Pruscino and Bronwyn Neeson. A special thanks to Stella Pruscino who is finishing up with the board after six years. Her contribution during her time on the board has been very much appreciated.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the dedication and tireless efforts of all the volunteers, coaches, team managers, medics and others within the NFNL and club communities. Thank you for giving your time each week to ensure that we can provide the opportunity and environment for our players to participate in sport.

Michael McLellan
Chairman

NFNL Board



Top row (L-R): Michael McLellan (Chairman), Scott Walker (Vice-Chairman), Nicolina Lademann

Middle row: Bronwyn Neeson, Jeff Parkes, Diana Pettie

Bottom row: Stella Pruscino

Chief Executive Officer

As another year closes, the overall performance of the Northern Football Netball League continues to grow at unprecedented levels.

2018 was the first season under our new brand of the NFNL and the feedback across the board has been extremely positive. The new brand will place the NFNL in a strong position to plan for the future direction of the league.

FEMALE FOOTBALL

Year two of our senior women's competitions saw some challenges, in particular, the structure of the Division 1 competition. A six-team competition was far from ideal and this will be addressed for 2019. Saying that, to have three divisions of senior women's football was amazing and to think we achieved this in just two years.

The season was extremely successful on all levels and this was largely due to the tremendous support from all clubs and NFNL umpires. I would like to thank the Rochester and Echuca Football Umpires Association for providing the umpires for all Bendigo home matches. Their support was greatly appreciated.

Our junior female competitions continued to grow. For the first time we conducted multiple divisions in the Under-12 and Under-14 Girls age groups.

PARTICIPATION CENSUS

Thirty-one new teams were established across all NFNL competitions in 2018. In another terrific year of growth, for the very first time we passed the 3,000 mark for registered female participants – a truly outstanding achievement. This brought our total number of teams for football and netball to a record 472 teams. This is fantastic growth and reflective of the great work of everyone involved within the region.

The challenge with this growth is to ensure that we have the capacity to manage it. I will be reviewing our current structures to make sure that we continue to provide quality service to all NFNL members, and I am also conscious of the increasing work load on all NFNL staff. This will need to be managed diligently in line with our budget constraints.

SENIOR FOOTBALL (MEN'S)

Meadows Greyhounds Division 1 was a very even competition throughout the year and the season provided an exciting finish at both ends of the ladder. Congratulations to the West Preston-Lakeside Football Club on winning the premiership in a thrilling grand final battle with the Macleod Football Club. Once again both teams displayed the high standard of NFNL football that we have become accustomed to seeing each week.

A Plus Labour Solutions Division 2 produced another thrilling competition which went down to the very last kick of the season. Congratulations to the Lower Plenty Football Club for winning the premiership and they now prepare to make the big step back into Division 1 in 2019. Special mention and a big well done to the Epping Football Club for putting its hand up to move to Division 2 at the last minute. Not only did Epping hold its own against the top sides, the club also produced some exciting young talent who will hold the side in good stead for next year.

Heidelberg Golf Club Division 3 saw a late change on the eve of the season, with the Lalor Football Club dropping down from Division 2. It was a move based on the sustainability of the club and well done to everyone at Lalor for sticking together to keep the club alive. Congratulations to everyone at the Laurimar Football Club for participating in the senior finals series for the first time, in only the club's second season. The finals series produced some very exciting matches, with an average margin of just 12 points across all finals. Congratulations to the St Mary's Football Club for winning their very first senior premiership, while their reserves achieved a three-peat.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Junior team numbers continued to grow in 2018. The extensive focus on grading during the first four rounds enabled more competitive competitions, culminating in many close finals matches.

As always one of our biggest challenges is managing the behaviour of adult spectators. This issue determines the environment that our matches are played in, and this will always be a key focus of the NFNL. Thank you to all parents and spectators who did behave appropriately, and I look forward to you making a continued positive impact at NFNL games.

Junior finals crowds were once again very healthy, in particular all grand finals. Congratulations to all teams who participated in the Watermarc NFNL Finals Series, in particular to the teams who were fortunate enough to win the premiership.

CLUBS OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to the St Mary's Football Netball Club for winning the 2018 NFNL Senior Club of the Year and to the Yarrambat Junior Football Club for winning the 2018 NFNL Junior Club of the Year. Both clubs displayed an outstanding level of governance, administration, league compliance and a high level of match day conduct. They were both very deserving recipients of their award. Well done to both clubs for an outstanding year. Thank you to the Carlton Football Club for its support in sponsoring these two awards.

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

The reach of our live streaming of all senior grand finals reached an unprecedented 2.4 million people during the A Plus Labour Division 2 Grand Final. The matches and events were streamed via the league's Facebook page and the number of live views and audience reach was extraordinary. Well done to Andrew McLeish from Sportscast Australia for delivering such a first-class product. The NFNL website and social media streams continue to grow, in particular TeamApp which jumped from 2,000 to 12,000 members.

Also, a big thank you to the NFNL media team. All are volunteers who do a fantastic job every week covering our football and netball competitions. I have no doubt they are the best media team in community football.

NETBALL

Team numbers in our winter season grew by seven teams this year, a small but still significant margin, and took our total number of teams to 88. The summer competition grew to three divisions this year, with 18 teams competing. A total of 106 teams for the year is a great result and 2019 looks on track to surpass this number.

A special thank you to Amanda Dale and Ann Castles for managing our netball umpire coaching and mentoring programs. Their experience and knowledge are invaluable and the feedback from our umpires this year has been overwhelmingly positive.

The crowds during the final series continued to grow, in particular the grand finals. This is a great reflection of the health of the netball code and the standard of all competitions.

Our representative teams continued to represent us with distinction against the Eastern Football League. Both the senior and under-19 netball teams won their respective matches to keep their undefeated status intact.

Thank you to everyone involved in our netball programs.

AFL VICTORIA

The NFNL works very closely with AFL Victoria and with two of their staff located within the NFNL office, this allows for a strong working relationship aimed at growing participation within the northern region of Melbourne. Phiv Demetriou and Anthony McDonald continue to provide great support to the NFNL. This year both roles were adjusted to have a greater focus on club development.

As an affiliate of AFL Victoria, I would also like

to acknowledge the support and assistance of Steven Reaper, Stephen O'Donohue, Darryl Collings, Michael Daniher, Shayne Ward and Amber Koster throughout the past year.

FINANCES

The NFNL financial position continues to grow and improve every year. 2018 saw a fantastic net profit – our best performance in my time. To have financially healthy clubs is critical to the health and wellbeing of the NFNL. Thank you to all clubs for your diligent efforts to manage your NFNL account.

As a league it is a tough climate to generate external revenue streams. This year we restructured the commercial arm on our licence agreements which has produced significant financial rewards. As mentioned in the past, we need to continue to build our financial base to minimise our financial vulnerability. The current trend suggests that we are on track to achieve this over the next few years, which is paramount.

I am pleased to report a positive financial result for 2018.

PARTNERS

We continue to build strong relationships with all our partners. Their contribution to the NFNL is critical to the sustainability of the league and I would like to convey my deepest appreciation to each partner for their commitment to the NFNL.

Special mention and welcome to first-year partners, including senior women's football naming-rights partner ANZ Bank, MC Security, Own Journey, TLA, Project Apparel and Nathan William Photography.

A big thank you to our existing partners AFL Victoria, Yarra Valley Water, SEN, The Meadows, Winning Edge Presentations, A Plus Labour Solutions, Heidelberg Golf Club, WaterMarc, Zagames Reservoir, SEDA Group, Red Onion Creative, Flannagan Peressini & Shaw, Carlton Football Club, Northern Blues Football Club, Northern Knights Football Club, Netball Victoria, Victor Sports, Club Warehouse, Sherrin, Game Day Apparel, Grashan Sportswear, Alphington Sports Medicine Centre, Cool As Coolrooms, Midas Greensborough, Sportscast Australia, Couta Group, Sporting Fine Art, Patties Foods, Supaturf, La Trobe University, SALT, KMR Safety First, Coachsmart Systems, Plenty Valley FM, Schweppes Australia, Local Legends Photography, Pat Cronin Foundation and White Ribbon Foundation.

The NFNL is extremely appreciative of all our partners for their great support.

The NFNL continues to work closely with our Local Government Authorities throughout the year. Regular meetings are conducted, and these meetings are extremely beneficial for us to work side by side with all councils on club and league matters. Thank you to all council chief executives and their staff and I look forward to your continued support in 2019.

ADMINISTRATION

The NFNL is fortunate to have a fantastic administration team who are totally committed to their role, all clubs and the NFNL.

To Simon Devine (Football Operations Manager), Delwyn Berry (Netball and Administration Manager), Samuel Zito (Media Manager) and Brendan Ellwood (Football and Netball Operations Officer) a big thank you for the outstanding dedication to your role and to the NFNL.

I also would like to thank our part-time staff members Byron Smith (Finance Manager), Joanne Timewell (Finance Officer), Martin Ellis (Director of Umpiring), Darren Goldspink (Junior Umpires Coach) and Kate Lester (Partnerships Manager), who have all made a tremendous contribution to the NFNL.

While only a small team in number, an enormous amount of work is generated by this wonderful team. I personally thank each of them for their commitment to the NFNL this year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The NFNL is indeed fortunate to have a committed team of directors, who are dedicated to the growth and development of our league. Everyone on the board has been a tremendous support to me throughout the year. I thank you all for your continued support and commitment to the NFNL.

Stella Pruscino steps down from the Board after six years' service. I would like to acknowledge Stella for her dedication and contribution to the NFNL and I wish her well with her future endeavours.

Steve Sampson will replace Stella on the Board and he shall commence his tenure at the completion of the Annual General Meeting. I welcome Steve to the NFNL Board and I look forward to working with him in 2019.

JUDICIARY

Thank you to NFNL Tribunal Chairman Sam Cusumano and NFNL Appeals Panel Chairman Iain Findlay for their great level of professionalism and leadership in their respective roles. Both provide terrific support to the NFNL. Also, a big thank you to every member of the NFNL tribunal, appeals panel, grievance committee, investigators, conciliators and tribunal advocates. These roles are very difficult to fill, and they are very much an integral part of our organisation.

In closing, I'd like to wish the entire NFNL family an enjoyable festive season and I look forward to working with you all in 2019.

Peter McDougall
Chief Executive Officer

NFNL Staff

Top row: Peter McDougall, Simon Devine, Delwyn Berry, Brendan Ellwood, Samuel Zito
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Football Operations

The 2018 season saw continued growth across all age groups within the Northern Football Netball League.

From a junior perspective we had 37 football competitions from Under-9s through to Under-18 Girls – with more than 270 teams and 6,900 participants taking the field. The growth of female participation in our junior ranks continued, with the NFNL having two divisions in the Under-12, 14 and 16 Girls age groups.

Pleasingly, this season saw great collaboration within our junior competitions with clubs working together to enter several merged teams. Credit must go to Greensborough and Research (Under-14 Girls), Yarrambat and Hurstbridge (Under-14 Girls), Greensborough and Bundoora Park (Under-16 Girls), Kilmore and Wallan (Under-17s and Under-18 Girls) and Yarrambat, Research and Eltham (Under-17s), who worked diligently together to field joint teams, which ensured more young boys and girls were able to play football in 2018.

The ANZ NFNL Women's competition branched out into three divisions, with five of the NFNL's existing clubs – Bundoora, Eltham, Greensborough, Mernda, and St Mary's – putting a women's team on the park for the first time, while Keilor joined from the EDFL. Another successful finals series saw great support for all three competitions, culminating in a grand final triple-header at Preston City Oval on August 26. We are already looking forward to season 2019, with several more existing NFNL clubs hoping to enter teams.

The Under-19s competition had a restructure after consultation with all senior clubs. The competition moved away from the traditional model, which was determined by the position of each senior club. In 2018 we moved to a similar process to the juniors and used a grading principal.

With 19 clubs nominating for the Under-19s competition we already had growth of three teams within this age group. Clubs were given the option of nominating which division they wished to play in. We received 11 nominations for Division 1 (made up of eight clubs whose seniors play in Division 1, two in Division 2 and one in Division 3) and eight nominations for Division 2 (comprising one club whose seniors compete in Division 1, four in Division 2 and three in Division 3). The outcome of the grading process allowed for more competitive games being played across both divisions compared to previous years, which is fantastic for both the competition and players alike.

The senior men's competitions this year continued implementing AFL Victoria's Community Club Sustainability Program (CCSP), with more audits taking place over season 2018. Thanks to all clubs for their support and feedback in relation to this program. The league will continue to work with clubs around the CCSP to ensure the sustainability of all senior clubs.

Season 2018 saw a restructure within senior football to ensure the viability of clubs. Early in the year Lalor Football Club advised the NFNL that for their long-term sustainability they would like to be relegated to Division 3. The board considered all the information and judged that in the best interest of the club, it should go back to Division 3 to consolidate. An offer was provided to all Division 3 clubs to see if any were interested in stepping up to Division 2 to fill the void left by Lalor. Epping Football Club took up this opportunity and had a successful campaign, winning six matches in the higher grade.

The 2019 WaterMarc NFNL Junior Finals Series saw 23 of our 27 junior clubs compete. Three of the combined teams were fortunate enough to play in the finals series, highlighted by the Greensborough-Research team (Green Searchers) winning the Under-14 Girls Red premiership. The spirit in which all games were played during the finals was fantastic, with players leading the way in good sportsmanship. The quality of football being played was at a very high standard, as it had been throughout the year, with some amazing team play and, as always, some outstanding individual performances.

Feedback from hosting clubs and NFNL staff who attended all venues said crowds

throughout the finals series were bigger again, with all spectators again having the ability to watch any game of football free of charge. We had several new venues come on board to host finals which is great for junior clubs to have the ability to raise some much-needed funds. On behalf of everyone within the football operations department, a big thank you to all those clubs who hosted finals matches at their ground. We know how much hard work it takes to run a finals series and how many people and volunteers you need to make it a success.

The 2018 WaterMarc Senior Finals Series was kicked off by the ANZ NFNL Women's competitions. The first two weeks of finals were held at Epping Recreation Reserve, with the remaining two weeks played at Preston City Oval. Finals for our senior men's competitions were held at three venues across the region, with the Meadows Greyhounds Division 1 finals at Preston City Oval, A Plus Labour Solutions Division 2 at Epping Recreation Reserve, with the grand final at Preston, and the Heidelberg Golf Club Division 3 finals played at Whittlesea Showgrounds. All venues had good attendance throughout the finals series, culminating with all grand finals days being blockbuster events.

On grand final day we had six clubs vying to bring home the premiership in our three ANZ NFNL Women's competitions. In Heidelberg Golf Club Division 3 three different clubs played off in the seniors and reserves grand finals, in A Plus Labour Solutions Division 2 we had four clubs vying for silverware across the three grades, while in Meadows Greyhounds Division 1 five clubs battled it out in the three grand finals. The opportunity for so many clubs to win a premiership goes to the success of each of the competitions and competing clubs, with many other clubs also competing in the finals series.

Once again, our finals wouldn't have been a success without the support of Phil and Sue Aston and their band of helpers. The work they do behind the scenes, especially at Preston City Oval, is much appreciated by everyone within the NFNL.

The senior representative program this year heralded a new beginning with our inaugural women's representative team playing against South East Women's. Our senior men's team was looking to continue their rise up the AFL Victoria Community Championships rankings in the hope of playing for the No.1 place in 2019. The team we were to face was the MPNFL at Preston City Oval, with redemption on our mind following the 2016 defeat to the same team.

The Under-19s kicked off the day in what was a tight tussle from the first bounce. Both teams gave it their all, with the MPNFL getting over the line by one straight kick – handing our Under-19s a second close loss in as many years. Greensborough's Benjamin Laschko won the medal as the NFNL's best player. The inaugural NFNL Women's team was coming up against a team made from the entire AFL South East region and had a big job on their hands. The game was an amazing spectacle with both teams going toe to toe and at the end of the game they couldn't be separated. In extra time South East Women's scored a behind and then held on for victory. Laurimar's Ellie Koiker was named the NFNL's best player. Our senior men were coming up against a strong opposition and in an intense and physical game the scores were close all the way to the end of the third quarter. A six-goal final term helped set up a deserving 40-point for the NFNL, setting up a clash with the Eastern Football League in 2019 for the top spot on the AFL Victoria Community Championships rankings. Eltham's Anton Woods won the best on ground medal in the big triumph.

I want to say thanks to Garry Ramsay, Chyloe Kurdas, Rod Cann and their assistant coaches for their commitment to the representative program. To the volunteer support staff of trainers, water carriers, runners, and everyone else who assisted with the program, thanks very much. Without your efforts none of the players would have been able to do what they do. A big thanks to the players who took the field to represent this great league. You all did the NFNL and your clubs proud. Lastly, I want to say thanks to the clubs. We understand the time and effort you put in to these players and allowing them the opportunity to represent and showcase the standard of this great league is a testament to them and yourselves.

The NFNL Junior Representative Program remained in Division 1 of the AFL Victoria Metro Junior Championships. The Under-14A Boys team, led by Matthew Hogg, tasted the ultimate success by topping their group before producing a huge win over South Metro Junior Football League in the grand final at Eltham Central Park – a truly tremendous achievement. The team's success gave the league its first boys title at the Championships since 2006. The Under-14B Boys team held their own throughout the Championships, recording one win and two close losses, while our two Under-15 Boys teams gave their best in all three games against very strong opposition. For the first time the NFNL had two Under-15 Girls teams compete at the Championships – giving even greater opportunity for our best female footballers to get a taste of football at the higher level. The Division 1 team were defending premiers and reached a third-successive grand final, where they went down to a strong Eastern Region Girls combined side. The Division 2 girls drew their first fixture before competitive losses in the final two matches.

A huge thank you to outgoing Junior Representative Co-ordinator Brett Potter for the mountain of work he has done for our program in his time in the role. The amount of hours Brett has put in to the program has been amazing and the success shows not only in the results, but also in the professional way the program has been delivered. Thanks to all the coaches and assistants who led our sides this year. Your continued support of this program is very much appreciated.

Also, a huge thanks to all the parents who helped as team managers, trainers, water carriers and runners. It is impossible to have these programs without your support and assistance. Congratulations to all the players who represented the NFNL in these Championships.

To NFNL Head of Umpiring Martin Ellis and all his support staff, a well deserved thank you for facilitating all competitions within the NFNL every weekend. The continued growth of the league provides a challenge to our umpiring group. But through a sustained recruitment and retention program they continue to lead the way across all Victorian metropolitan leagues in producing great umpire numbers. To all the NFNL umpires, the feedback we receive from clubs is you do a great job in a sometimes impossible situation and we appreciate your efforts throughout the season.

Thank you also to all members of the NFNL judiciary – be it tribunal members, investigation officers or tribunal advocates. This is once again a thankless job, but you all play a significant role in the direction we want the Northern Football Netball League heading. Thank you for volunteering your time throughout the football season for the better operation of the league.

To the NFNL Board, including Chairman Michael McLellan, Deputy Chairman Scott Walker, Nicolina Lademann, Jeff Parkes, Diana Pettie, Stella Pruscino and Bronwyn Neeson thanks for the support I have received over the past 12 months. The guidance that you all provide has been invaluable to me.

I personally have appreciated the support I have received from my fellow NFNL staff members Peter McDougall, Delwyn Berry, Samuel Zito, Brendan Ellwood, Martin Ellis, Darren Goldspink, Byron Smith, Joanne Timewell and Kate Lester. I also want to say a big thanks to our La Trobe University placement students whose assistance has made my job easier.

Last, and by no means least, a huge thanks to all club volunteers, be it committee members, match day volunteers and coaches. Your efforts throughout season 2018 can't be quantified and without the hours put in by each and every one of you, there is no game for any of our participants. The passion our volunteers have for the game and their clubs make our jobs here even more enjoyable.

I hope everyone enjoys the small break because as we all know the work never stops and season 2019 will be here quicker than we know it. I'm looking forward to another big year and working with you all to continue the good work we are doing in the Northern Football Netball League.

Simon Devine
Football Operations Manager

Umpiring

The NFNL continues to improve its coaching, recruitment and retention strategies to provide career umpires and establish a solid group of umpires for our football competitions.

We continue to have the highest ratio of umpires to teams, with over 440 umpire registrations. In 2018, we were again able to appoint field, boundary and goal umpires in all our Saturday competitions and appoint field umpires to all our junior competitions on Sundays. The senior women's competition expanded to three divisions this year and the league was able to provide umpiring support across all three disciplines. Increased participation in our junior competition meant the league was responsible for supplying umpires for over 180 football matches each weekend.

The NFNL is the only league in Victoria able to appoint the full complement of umpires of every discipline to all senior and junior competitions during the finals and this is credited to how hard our umpiring support staff work and the commitment of our umpires.

Dan Henery continued as President of the Northern Umpires Association (NUA) and continues to show strong leadership and commitment to the umpires. We continue to build a strong relationship and the energy amongst the umpiring group is terrific. A new uniform and remodelled honour boards and signage at our training base were major steps forward in 2018.

The Junior and Senior Presentation Nights were combined this year to create an End of Year Celebration and Presentation Night. We were able to acknowledge our grand final umpires and recognise our most promising. This was well supported by umpires and their families with attendance increasing.

Umpire numbers remained steady this year with the biggest growth in young goal umpires. There remains plenty of opportunity for people young or older, male or female to get involved in community football and earn a tax-free income. There are three disciplines you can choose from – field, boundary or goal and you can umpire close to home. We have a whole team of support staff with career opportunities to assist you. For more information email enquiries@nfnl.org.au

The most significant change to our umpire support staff this year was the appointment of former AFL field umpire and life member Darren Goldspink as Junior Umpire Co-ordinator. This enabled the NFNL to provide a more targeted coaching and observation experience to junior umpires and create a healthy learning environment. Darren was also responsible for junior appointments and was made available to our junior football coaches. The role will remain ongoing moving forward with the focus on providing better umpire education, commitment and accreditation.

In 2018 umpiring support staff included boundary coach Lachlan Bayliss, goals coach Craig Herman, field coach Steve Hanley and juniors coach Daniel Philp. They were well supported by Brian Moore, Neville Coutts, Shane Herbert, Josh Forner, David Kuchmar and Adam Young. Special thanks to Peter James, Tim Enkelmann, Simon Hubber and Joel Clamp who also assisted. Jason Williamson was fitness coach, whilst Simone Illiaretti continued as trainer.

Tuesday and Thursday night training sessions continue to be popular with most umpires and will continue in 2019. Tuesday training is predominately a 45-minute fitness running session whilst Thursday nights are our main sessions, with well over 130 umpires attending. It is on Thursday nights that we break into our disciplines and have targeted skills, running and coaching sessions.

Coaching material continues to be edited from NFNL senior and junior matches, ensuring our material is relevant to our umpiring group. Umpires enjoy and value coaching from their own league and performance. This year we were also able to give one-on-one coaching to individual umpires using vision downloaded from the NFNL website.

Umpiring standards in the under 9 and 10 modified rules competition were our best to date. The NFNL-produced Modified Rules Interpretations DVD and coaches adopting a better understanding of what modified rules is all about saw fewer complaints and umpiring improve. We will continue to work closely with all coaches in this area to ensure players and umpires enjoy the match day experience.

The Green Shirt program for first-year umpires continues to be our best resource for recruiting umpires. Loyola College joined the academy program this year, along with Parade College and Our Lady of Mercy College. The academies allow the NFNL to give targeted and more productive coaching on a smaller scale – making it a lot easier to coach, implement skills and give direct feedback to participants. The academies continue to be well supported by schools and will continue in 2019.

Umpire swaps with the Ballarat Football League and Goulburn Valley Football League were introduced late this season to accommodate for the growing demand for more umpire experience, diversity, education and opportunities. Appointments were made available to our senior umpires across all three disciplines to share the experience. This was tremendously well received and has become a much sort after opportunity for our members. This looks set to continue in 2019.

The three-umpire system in senior football continues to be very successful and beneficial to both umpires and clubs. The three-umpire system was used in two games per round in our senior men's competition, while a three-umpire boundary system was used in one game each round. Fewer incidents and melees were recorded in these matches and they provided valuable experience to our umpires. It also gave opportunity and experience to our young umpires coming through and helped retain more of our senior umpires. It is important we continue keep in touch with what is happening at the highest level. The three-umpire system was also adopted during our junior finals in all under 15, 16 and 17 competitions.

Field umpires Ian Herman, Dylan Brown, Tom Downs and Elias Kafritsas, along with boundary umpires Nathan Jaenicke and Adam Taranto were nominated to trial for the VFL next season and we wish them every success in furthering their careers. Adam Walker was awarded our Best Senior Umpire for 2018 and Elias Kafritsas our Most Improved Senior Umpire. NFNL umpires continue to be involved in career programs, which include the VFL Rookie List, Female Umpire Academy, Auskick and the AFL Mates Program.

Andrew Stephen, Andy O'Neill and Tom Downs stepped up this year to field umpire the Division 1 Grand Final, with Riley Guerin, Nathan Jaenicke, Adam Taranto on the boundary, while Vic Filipou and Alan Webb were in the goals. All achieved outstanding seasons and thoroughly deserved their selection. They performed their responsibilities and executed their skills to the highest level on a consistent basis and met coaching expectations.

NFNL CEO Peter McDougall and Football Operations Manager Simon Devine continued to strongly support umpiring. Staff members Delwyn Berry, Samuel Zito, Brendan Ellwood, Joanne Timewell, Kate Lester and Byron Smith help make up a wonderful team here at the NFNL.

Finally, I would like to give a big thank you to all umpires who officiated this year. Your contribution and support has been very much appreciated. Thanks to the NUA, all volunteers, partners and parents for supporting our umpires. See you next season.

Martin Ellis
Head of Umpiring

Netball

The netball arm of our organisation experienced another season of expansion in the first year under the new Northern Football Netball League banner.

We enjoyed another outstanding year on the netball courts in 2018, with team numbers again reaching record numbers in both the winter competition and the summer competition – which entered its fifth season.

The summer season commenced in November 2017 and we were able to conduct three sections. A total of 18 teams competed in the summer season, with six teams competing across each of the three sections.

One of the highlights of the summer season was the introduction of our newest club Craigieburn Rep – who became the NFNL's fourth netball-only affiliate when it joined the league in October 2017 after previously playing at the State Netball and Hockey Centre.

The summer season concluded with Bundoora 1 wining the Section 1 premiership for the second-successive year with a 30-22 win against St Mary's 1 in the grand final. Hurstbridge 1 won three-consecutive finals and came from fourth place on the ladder to win the Section 2 title. It was one of two flags for the Bridges, with Hurstbridge 2 saluting for the Section 3 flag.

The 2018 winter competition achieved its highest number of registered teams, with 88 sides competing over 11 sections. This was an increase of seven teams from the 2017 winter season.

Grading again took place over the opening four rounds to determine the make-up of each section and again helped to ensure that all competitions enjoyed a strong competitive balance on a weekly basis during the home and away season.

Congratulations to all the 2018 winter season premiership winners, including: Diamond Creek 1 (Section 1); Diamond Creek 2 (Section 2); Bundoora 1 (Section 3); Greensborough 3 (Section 4); Craigieburn 2 (Section 5); Hurstbridge 1 (Section 6); Montmorency 1 (Section 7); Greensborough 4 (Section 8); Hurstbridge 2 (Section 9); Watsonia 5 (Section 10) and Mernda 2 (Section 11).

Our representative netball teams continued their impeccable record, with our open and under-19 teams extending their unbeaten streaks with wins over the Eastern Football League at Knox Regional Netball Centre on May 18.

The under-19s produced a dominant performance in the first game of the night and stormed to a 48-15 win. Chloe Lambert was named best on court for her outstanding effort in centre in a match where the NFNL stretched its lead in every quarter.

The open team had to overcome a mighty challenge from the EFL to eventually score a 46-40 win, but it wasn't without a major scare.

Our girls trailed by four girls late in the third term but rallied to level scores heading into the final quarter. They were then able to pull away late in the match to record a six-goal win – with the side's experience and composure proving pivotal during the closing stages.

Diamond Creek defender Georgia Bowkett was named best on court for the second year in a row, after also winning the medal in the 2017 win over the EFL at Parade College.

Julie Hibberd took over as coach of the open side in 2018, with Sharon Ashworth continuing as under-19 coach. Both were assisted by Jacinta Tonkin. Our representative umpires were Katherine Thackery (open) and Charlotte Fell (under-19).

Following a review of our umpiring department over the summer, we welcomed Amanda Dale as Umpire Coach and Ann Castle as Umpire Coach Mentor. Both Amanda and Ann brought a wealth of experience and knowledge to the role, which helped raise the standard of our umpires.

Throughout 2018 we were able to provide umpire mentors at all venues to assist with the development of our umpires. We were also able to badge three umpires, with Laura Crowther and Katherine Thackery receiving their B Badge and Sarah Mason her C Badge. We look forward to more umpires being badged next year.

I would also like to pass on my sincere thanks to both Amanda and Ann, as well as venue managers Cam Bayliss, Sue Owen, Tracey Matthews and Jess Williams – who ensured all matches were completed on time and in an efficient manner each week.

Thanks to our venue assistants Julie Lempriere, Kim Draper, Michelle Tanzillo and Riley Owen who defied the cold temperatures during the winter nights and manned the door at our venues. Thanks also for your administration assistance and ensuring the needs of all teams, players and spectators were attended to.

I would also like to personally thank all players, coaches, clubs and umpires for their support and efforts throughout the course of the 2018 netball season.

To my fellow colleagues in the NFNL office, thank you for your ongoing support of the netball program.

Delwyn Berry
Netball Manager

Media

The NFNL's digital footprint again grew in 2018 to ensure all areas of our expanding league were covered.

NFNL.org.au remained the hub for all news and information from the league and the number of visitors to the website continued to rise. The site received 3.7 million views between January to October, while the fixtures, results and ladders pages received an additional 12.8 million page requests in the same period.

Our social media pages continued to play a vital role in allowing the league to publish exclusive content and engage more closely with our expanding community. As at October 31, the NFNL's social media community includes:

- 13,606 Facebook followers (10% increase since October 31, 2017)
- 12,849 TeamApp members (350% increase)
- 3,511 Twitter followers (4% increase)
- 3,277 Instagram followers (74% increase)

Given the large following we have attracted on Facebook and TeamApp, the league has put a concerted effort towards driving as much traffic through these platforms as possible.

In 2018, the NFNL worked closely with our match-vision partner Sportscast Australia to drive more video content through Facebook. All senior men's and women's grand finals were live streamed on Facebook, along with the senior men's and women's representative matches and key events such as the senior and junior best and fairest awards. I wish to thank Andrew McLeish and the team at Sportscast Australia for their innovation and ensuring the NFNL continued to produce dynamic and engaging content.

Live streaming grand finals and key events allowed the league to promote our brand to a larger audience and helped to improve our engagement with the community. More than 12,000 people watched the A Plus Labour Solutions Division 2 Grand Final between Eltham and Lower Plenty – nearly three-times more than the attendance at Preston City Oval itself. A further 25,000 people tuned in to the broadcast of the senior and junior best and fairest nights. These numbers demonstrate the public's interest in the league and we will continue to explore new ways to deliver more live content to our online community.

Highlights packages of every senior men's match were published to Facebook, as well as the always popular NFNL Plays of the Week. Highlights from all senior women's matches were also included during the four weeks of the ANZ Women's finals.

The NFNL recorded a total of 632,200 video views during the football season (April to September) via our Facebook channel alone. This tally does not include the number of views on other social media channels, including the Sportscast Australia match vision portal that has been designed for clubs to access full match replays and key match edits.

The strength of our digital platforms ensures all angles of the league are covered. As such, the future of the football record remains uncertain. The record has long been a staple around the grounds, however we must evaluate the value of the publication in the digital age. Sales from the finals and feedback from clubs indicate the interest in the print publication has dwindled significantly. And with print costs rising, the league is deliberating whether the time and money invested in the record could be better invested in other areas of our media department.

While it is a challenge to cover all competitions in our expanding league, the dedication of our band of volunteers ensures new content is published to the website daily during the season to ensure fans are kept up-to-date with all the latest news from around the league.

Our band of writers continue to provide outstanding content for the website and football record. Our scribes Ben Pascuzzi (Division 2), Doug Long (Division 3) and Jacinta Frazzetto (Women's) produced weekly reviews and previews of their respective competitions, while Keegan Hauth wrote a weekly junior wrap for our Under-15 to Under-18 competitions. Nicholas Sacco and James Strebinos provided weekly feature stories and match reports, while our netball competitions received more coverage than ever before thanks to the tireless efforts of Stephanie Smarrelli and Marisa Sopcic, who each covered multiple matches each Friday night. Thanks also to Jarrad Gardner, Christopher Chyrsostomou, Jarryd Barca and Michael Thompson who also supplied written content throughout the year.

Nathan McNeill from Nathan William Media did a tremendous job to cater for our increased action photography requirements and ensured we had multiple senior football matches covered each weekend, while also covering our junior football and netball competitions. Thanks to Nathan for his work behind the lens and to Darrell Jones from Local Legends Sports and Team Photography who photographed all league events.

The NFNL Match of the Day again aired on 88.6 Plenty Valley FM every weekend, with the radio broadcast also able to be streamed via the league website and TeamApp. The broadcast team covered 35 matches this year – which included every senior men's and women's grand final, along with both senior representative games. Tom Flanagan and Jordan Kounelis continued as play-by-play commentators, with Nicholas Sacco, Ben Pascuzzi, Jarrad Gardner and Doug Long sharing the role as boundary rider and special comments throughout the year. We were again fortunate to have Chyloe Kurdas provide expert comments for all three women's grand finals.

I'd like to thank all members of the radio team for the dedication and professionalism they bring to the broadcast. The team spend countless hours researching to ensure they provide an insightful preview show and then an accurate and entertaining match call. The team's commitment to the league is unwavering, as demonstrated by broadcasting games on public holidays such as Good Friday and the Queen's Birthday weekend – along with giving up their time on both Saturday and Sunday during the five weeks of the finals. The league is very fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers and their work is greatly appreciated. I'd also like to acknowledge 88.6 Plenty Valley FM program manager Roly Sims and panel operator Perrie Teric for their assistance with the Match of the Day coverage throughout the year.

I wish to thank all my fellow colleagues at the NFNL office for their support throughout the season. Thank you also to all clubs who assisted our media program in 2018, as well as all coaches and players who made themselves available to the media team.

Samuel Zito
Media Manager

AFL Victoria Football Development

It has certainly been another big year of growth, innovation, development and change for AFL Victoria in the Northern Region of Melbourne.

PERSONNEL AND REGIONS

This year saw a few changes of personnel and region splits, with Anthony McDonald taking on the newly created role of Football Development Manager – Outer Northern region in February, working alongside Phiv Demetriou, who assumed the role of Football Development Manager – Inner Northern Region. Andrew Lozanovski departed to take up a role at AFL head office. We thank Andrew for his contribution to the game in the region and wish him all the best in his new role.

SCHOOLS

This year has again seen us put a heavy focus on ensuring that our game has a very strong presence in as many local schools as possible. Our relationship with schools has continued to improve, and ultimately allowed us to run programs throughout the region involving interactions with over 18,000 students and over 70 schools. The flagship of this suite of offers to schools remains the Australian Sports Commission's 'Sporting Schools Program', but also includes Auskick Assembly Promotions, Footy Frenzy Days, Footy Fun Days, Community Fetes and Festivals, AFL 9s and one-off clinics, AFL player appearances and Multicultural School Programs. In addition, this year saw our Primary Schools Challenge event grow again with over 500 participants over two days.

MULTICULTURAL ENGAGEMENT

We have continued to strive to engage multicultural communities through a number of different initiatives throughout 2018. We again rolled out training in schools for the Bachar Houli Cup, which culminated in a round-robin against other schools from around the state – again, a very enriching program for all involved. With the Carlton NGA beginning to gain momentum, this will also be an area that we devote a lot of energy to in 2019. AFL Victoria has now employed Multicultural Development Officers (MDOs) with a specific focus on high multicultural regions and increasing participation and awareness. Former Fremantle AFLW and now Carlton VFLW player Akec Chuot has been responsible for our region with a focus on parent education.

AUSKICK

This year saw the implementation of the new Auskick 2.0 program and numbers continue to increase throughout the Northern Region. The new program aims to increase engagement with participants by eliminating waiting in lines, whilst also introducing new equipment such as hoops and round balls.

The AFL also employed Auskick Champions who were responsible for a cluster of centres each and they ensured that these centres were running the program successfully. In the Northern Region we had five Auskick Champions service the Inner Region and three service the Outer Region – eight in total. This proved to be a major success and had participants more engaged with more movement, more fun and little downtime. We will continue to work hard to identify opportunities for new centres to ensure everyone within our community has a chance to engage in our game.

FEMALE FOOTBALL

Th AFLW competition continues to build momentum, and few could have predicted the amount of success it would enjoy in such a short period of time. On the back of this success, this year alone saw 38 new female teams enter standalone competitions and participation up from 827 to 1794 in just the past year. This now completes the full pathway for female footballers in the region and we will continue to endeavour to support clubs as best we can through this period of unprecedented growth. Come and Try days, seminars for female coaches and taking training sessions for female teams were examples of continuing to sustain growth in the female area.

CLUB IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

We have continued to encourage clubs to complete the Club Improvement Program, with a session held at La Trobe University which saw most clubs within the Northern Region attending. This also included ne-tball clubs. We have already had two clubs begin the process and as a follow on, La Trobe University requested that we present to their affiliated sporting clubs as well. This program is a fantastic tool designed to assist in all facets of your club and we implore committees to go through the process in 2019.

COACHING

The work we continue to do around increasing the quality of coaching remains integral to the growth of the game. Coaches play the most critical role in the experience many of us have, and clubs that are proactive in establishing positive environments are having success in the recruitment and retention of players – setting themselves up for sustained success. To support the development of our community coaches, this year saw the launch of the Coach.AFL accreditation and registration platform. This platform involves online learning, face-to-face development sessions run by AFL Victoria and coach mentoring. We will be looking to continue the success of this program in the coaching community.

In 2019, we will again continue to encourage all clubs to appoint a Junior and Senior Club Coaching Co-Ordinator. The Coaching Co-Ordinator establishes the learning and development environment for both the coaches and players, while providing a consistency in coaching throughout the whole club. In 2018 we had the least number of citations given out to coaches for the past 10 years.

APPRECIATION

Congratulations and appreciation to everyone on the year and thank you for all your support, in particular, the following:

- Northern Region Coaches nominees and respective winners at our awards evening
- Auskick centres, Auskick co-ordinators, Auskick champions and volunteers
- All club volunteers, coaches, committee of management and participants for making this league one of the best in Melbourne
- All the schools, especially those that ran programs
- Carlton FC and Northern Knights for all their co-operation and assistance
- Coaching co-ordinators for your direct interest and involvement in assisting with all matters coaching
- The NFNL staff for the dedicated, diligent efforts of their work throughout the year

We hope that the 2018 season was one filled with great memories and has left you with a strong appetite to remain involved in 2019 and beyond and hope you enjoy a well-earned break over the summer period.

Phiv Demetriou and Anthony McDonald

AFL Victoria Football Development Managers – Northern Region

Division 1 Review

West Preston-Lakeside returned to the top of the NFNL summit with its first premiership since 2010.

The Roosters sat in seventh place on the ladder after Round 12, with a 6-6 record. They then hit their straps and won nine of their final ten matches to claim the flag, which included a gripping nine-point grand final win over Macleod.

Despite winning their final six home and away matches to finish in second place, the Roosters' premiership hopes took a hit when soundly beaten by North Heidelberg in the qualifying final. However, a ten-goal masterclass from Ahmed Saad inspired a 52-point win over Bundoora in the first semi, before a 70-point trouncing of North Heidelberg in the preliminary final.

The momentum was carried into the grand final, in what proved to be another thrilling contest – keeping with the theme of recent Division 1 premiership deciders. West Preston-Lakeside trailed by 14 points early in the third quarter, however four goals in a 12-minute burst prior to time-on helped establish an 11-point lead at three quarter time.

The final term was a genuine arm-wrestle, with Macleod twice closing within a goal – including at the 23-minute mark. A goal to Carl Adams gave the Roosters breathing space and from there they were able to hold on for their first senior premiership in eight years.

Mark Kovacevic produced a commanding performance to win the best on ground medal. The Coburg-listed ruckman finished equal-third for the competition best and fairest, despite playing only nine regular season games. But it was in the finals when he truly made his mark – with four outstanding performances.

Sam Glover joined from the Northern Blues development side and proved to be a revelation. Clean and composed off half back, Glover formed a strong defensive unit with the likes of Jackson Clarke, Nathan Valladares and Joel McDonald. He edged out Luke Lirosi and Michael Ercolano for the Roosters' best and fairest.

Saad remained the main focal point in attack and kicked 65 majors, which included 13 in the finals. He had plenty of support, as demonstrated in the preliminary final when the Roosters piled on 17 goals after quarter time, despite Saad being sidelined from midway through the first term.

Macleod endured the agony of grand final defeat for the third-consecutive year. This year's nine-point loss followed three and 15-point defeats in the previous two grand finals – with the club unable to add to its trophy cabinet, despite winning 51 of 65 games since winning the 2015 premiership.

The Roos were again the standout side in the home and away season – winning 16 of 18 matches. That included 12-straight wins following an upset Round 1 loss to North Heidelberg, before slipping at home to West Preston-Lakeside on a day the Roosters announced themselves as a genuine premiership threat. Macleod bounced back to have the minor premiership sealed by Round 15 and progressed to its fourth-consecutive grand final with a 13-point win over North Heidelberg in the second semi.

Grand final week began with Lucas Hobbs becoming the first Macleod player to win the Division 1 best and fairest since 1969. But in a cruel twist of fate, Hobbs was ruled out of the grand final with a hamstring injury – which was compounded when best and fairest runner-up Ned McKeown succumbed to a knee injury early in the second quarter.

Macleod had the equal-most representatives in the Team of the Year, with Hobbs and McKeown featuring alongside Anthony Doherty, Brad Leggett and Justin White. For skipper White it was an unprecedented eighth consecutive selection in the team.

Doherty was the competition's form player between Round 8 to 13 when he polled 41 of a possible 60 votes in the Coaches MVP award, while Patrick Martin remained a match-winner and finished with a team-high 39 goals, which included seven against North Heidelberg during the Queen's Birthday weekend.

A history-making campaign saw North Heidelberg re-establish itself as a powerhouse club in the NFNL's top flight. The Bulldogs became the first reigning Division 2 premier to play finals in Division 1.

They weren't just making up the numbers in September – finishing third on the ladder before beating eventual premier West Preston-Lakeside in the qualifying final. However, two attempts at a grand final spot ended in defeat – firstly with a close loss to Macleod in the second semi, before putting in their worst performance of the year in the preliminary final against the Roosters.

North Heidelberg made a statement of intent in Round 1 when it downed Macleod, however four-consecutive losses followed. The Bulldogs soon found their feet and won 11 of their final 13 home and away games, which included a nine-game winning streak between Round 9 to 17 – ensuring a top-three finish and a double chance in the finals.

The Harvey brothers continued to wreak havoc on opposition sides. Brent won his second-consecutive club champion award, while Shane topped the competition goal kicking with 63 majors in the regular season, including an eight-goal haul against Heidelberg at Warringal Park.

Jesse Tardio and Michael Florance flourished again in Division 1 and featured in the Team of the Year. Liam Hunt, Jhye Baddeley-Kelly and Brandon Bailey were outstanding recruits, while first-year coach Jimmy House was recognised with the AFL Victoria Northern Region Senior Coach of the Year award.

Bundoora was unable to defend its 2017 title, despite reaching an 18th-consecutive finals series. The Bulls sat just one spot from the bottom of the ladder at Round 7 as they struggled to deal with a long injury list that included three-time Frank Rosbrook medallist Matty Dennis.

Five-consecutive wins followed, including a 103-point demolition of then fourth-placed Northcote Park in Round 11. But just as the Bulls' looked back on track, they dropped consecutive games on the road to Macleod and Heidelberg to fall a win outside the top-five a month from the finals.

The club lifted and won its final four matches, before keeping Greensborough to four goals in a 48-point elimination final triumph. But the dream of becoming the first team in a decade to defend a premiership was ended by West Preston-Lakeside, with Ahmed Saad's five-goal final term sending the Bulls crashing out of the premiership race.

Scott Dowell put together an outstanding season to win the best and fairest, despite missing four games. Dale Marshall elevated his game to the next level, while outgoing duo Joe Palazzolo and Josh Grabowski will be sorely missed after strong 2018 campaigns.

Grabowski was vice-captain of Vic Metro and was one of two Bulls in the Team of the Year, alongside Peter Hood. The former Fitzroy Stars utility finished tied for third place in the competition best and fairest. Meanwhile, Andrew Sturgess was a fine acquisition and will serve as playing-coach in 2019.

Greensborough looked a premiership contender for much of 2018, before losing its final four games – including the elimination final, which handed the club its lowest finish since 2013.

The 2018 campaign started with a triumph over Montmorency, followed by a 46-point drubbing of Bundoora the day the Bulls unfurled their 2017 premiership flag. Remarkably, the Boro were the only undefeated side after two rounds. They remained in second spot at Round 15 and would have fancied their premierships chances after pushing Macleod in both outings.

The Boro had done superbly to stay at the pointy end of the ladder given the absence of key players. Boom recruit Charlie Molyneux played just four of the opening 15 games, ruckman Jake McNamara suffered a season-ending knee injury in Round 3, while Dan McLinden managed just 10 games. Meanwhile, Jack Johnston, Josh Callaway and Matthew Haynes missed a month midway through the year.

Nick Riddle added another best and fairest to his collection. The star defender was named at full back in the Team of the Year and represented both Vic Metro and the NFNL. Riddle finished ahead of Jacob Ireland in the best and fairest, with Ireland enjoying his best season at senior level.

Tynan Smith was a revelation. The NFNL under-19 rep captain played every game in his debut season and booted 24 goals. Box Hill Hawks forward Billy Murphy became a fan favourite in six appearances. The livewire booted 18 goals and featured in the umpires' votes in

four of his five home and away matches.

Heidelberg experienced a second-consecutive sixth-place finish, however Frank Raso's first season at the helm garnered two more wins than 2017. The new-look Tigers showed plenty of improvement but missed the finals by percentage.

Raso's side beat both West Preston-Lakeside and Bundoora twice and matched up well against Greensborough. The Tigers beat the Boro in Round 3 and then lost by three points in Round 15, following a goal to Andrew Stellas in the final minute. That kick determined fifth place, but it wasn't the club's only costly loss after going down to wooden-spooner Whittlesea and ninth-placed Hurstbridge early in the season.

The year ended positively, with the under-19s claiming the Division 2 premiership and skipper Michael Brunelli sharing the Frank Rosbrook Medal with Macleod's Lucas Hobbs. Brunelli was upstaged in the club best and fairest by teenage star Lachlan Wilson, who added the award to his best on grand medallion from the 2016 grand final.

Ryan Stone and Tom Sullivan again performed well, while Chaz Sargeant returned to his best and was one of two Tigers selected in the Team of the Year, along with Brunelli. Sargeant kicked 36 goals, including five in a best on ground display at West Preston-Lakeside. Meanwhile, youngsters Matthew Cecchin, Nathan Honey and Fletcher Carroll showed promising signs.

Montmorency managed just one win more than last year, culminating in a fourth-consecutive campaign without finals. That was despite landing AFL trio Ben Kennedy, Matthew White and Tyrone Leonardis in the off-season.

The Magpies started the season with a disappointing loss at Greensborough but looked to have announced themselves with commanding home wins against North Heidelberg and Bundoora over the next two weeks. They sat as high as third at Round 8 but managed just two wins in their final 10 matches.

Captain Jesse Donaldson and gun midfielder Ben Fennell managed just five and three games respectively, while recruit Danko Bzenic played only six after suffering a season-ending injury a week after starring in the NFNL's rep win over the MPNFL.

Ben Kennedy lived up to the hype and was a standout in the midfield. The former Collingwood and Melbourne ball-winner finished runner-up in the Coaches MVP and won the Magpies' best and fairest. Patrick Fitzgerald finished second on the goal kicking table with 59 majors, while Ben Walton and teenager Sam Binion contributed well.

Montmorency did enjoy success in September courtesy of its premiership-winning under-19s. The club also landed a major coup in October, when it announced the signing of Garry Ramsay as coach in 2019.

2018 was a tale of two stories for Northcote Park, who missed the finals for the first time since 2014. Four-consecutive wins between Round 6 to 9 had the Cougars in second place at the halfway point, but they went on to lose their final six matches by an average of 52 points.

The Round 9 triumph over Heidelberg was noteworthy, with the Cougars 102 points ahead at three-quarter time. However, the final term of that game, when the Cougars conceded six unanswered goals, proved a sign of things to come. A close loss to North Heidelberg followed, before a 103-point thrashing at the hands of Bundoora. From there Northcote Park won just one more game.

The Cougars saw little of their VFL stars, with Jackson Starcevich playing only two games and Ethan Penrith one. Work commitments limited Ash Close to nine games, although the star forward delivered when available – booting 39 goals, including 10 against Hurstbridge. Northcote Park had a 7-2 record in matches Close played and was winless in the nine matches he missed.

Paul Dirago assumed the captaincy and became the second Cougar in as many years to win the Coaches MVP, after Jordan Perry won the award in 2017. Perry remained one of the competition's most damaging midfielders, finishing fifth in the Coaches MVP and named in the Team of the Year with Dirago.

Hurstbridge managed to avoid relegation in what proved a difficult 2018 campaign, where it was unable to build on a promising 2017. The Bridges managed just three wins– the most important of which came against Whittlesea in a final-round battle that determined relegation.

There was plenty of excitement in the lead-up to the season following the acquisition of Travis and Cameron Cloke, Daniel Keenan and Ryan Jackson. However, the Bridges were the only winless side after three rounds. They produced away wins at Whittlesea and Heidelberg over the next fortnight, but the Round 5 win at Warringal Park was the club's final triumph until saluting against the Eagles in Round 18.

Lachlan East and Troy Barbero tied for the best and fairest, while Daniel Keenan offered great support in his return to the club. Mitch Burton again proved handy in attack and booted a team-high 28 goals, while Travis Cloke added 21 in his nine appearances.

Whittlesea's three-year stint in the top flight came to an end after yielding just two wins. After producing several narrow escapes in recent years, the Eagles were unable to avoid relegation this time – with their fate sealed by a 26-point defeat to Hurstbridge in Round 18.

The season began with a two-point home win to Heidelberg, but it soon became evident that the Eagles had their work cut out to avoid the drop. They were trounced by Macleod in Round 2, before managing just one goal in a 107-point defeat to Greensborough in Round 5.

The Eagles' losing run extended to 11 matches, before scoring a much-needed win over Montmorency in Round 13. An elusive third win didn't prove forthcoming, although not through a lack of effort. Whittlesea fell to Macleod at De Winton Park by five points in Round 16, before pushing West Preston-Lakeside for three quarters the following week.

Xavier Dimasi was the club's standout player in 2018. The former Box Hill Hawk won the best and fairest and was the Eagles' sole representative in the 40-man Team of the Year squad.

2018 Club Best and Fairest Winners

Bundoora – Scott Dowell; **Greensborough** – Nick Riddle; **Heidelberg** – Lachlan Wilson; **Hurstbridge** – Troy Barbero and Lachlan East; **Macleod** – Lucas Hobbs; **Montmorency** – Ben Kennedy; **North Heidelberg** – Brent Harvey; **Northcote Park** – Paul Dirago; **West Preston-Lakeside** – Sam Glover; **Whittlesea** – Xavier Dimasi

Division 1 Ladders

MEADOWS GREYHOUNDS DIVISION 1 SENIORS								
TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
Macleod	**18**	**16**	**2**	**0**	**1756**	**1124**	**156.23**	**64**
West Preston-Lakeside	**18**	**12**	**6**	**0**	**1731**	**1128**	**153.46**	**48**
North Heidelberg	**18**	**12**	**6**	**0**	**1677**	**1490**	**112.55**	**48**
Bundoora	**18**	**11**	**7**	**0**	**1632**	**1436**	**113.65**	**44**
Greensborough	**18**	**10**	**8**	**0**	**1544**	**1372**	**112.54**	**40**
Heidelberg	18	10	8	0	1407	1521	92.50	40
Montmorency	18	7	11	0	1587	1640	96.77	28
Northcote Park	18	7	11	0	1413	1753	80.60	28
Hurstbridge	18	3	15	0	1454	1940	74.95	12
Whittlesea	18	2	16	0	1117	1914	58.36	8

DIVISION 1 RESERVES								
TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
West Preston-Lakeside	**18**	**17**	**1**	**0**	**1614**	**890**	**181.35**	**68**
Greensborough	**18**	**12**	**6**	**0**	**1455**	**869**	**167.43**	**48**
Whittlesea	**18**	**12**	**6**	**0**	**1350**	**949**	**142.26**	**48**
Montmorency	**18**	**12**	**6**	**0**	**1295**	**941**	**137.62**	**48**
Bundoora	**18**	**10**	**8**	**0**	**1555**	**1227**	**126.73**	**40**
Heidelberg	18	10	8	0	1213	1431	84.77	40
North Heidelberg	18	6	12	0	1296	1351	95.93	24
Hurstbridge	18	5	13	0	978	1674	58.42	20
Macleod	18	4	14	0	1046	1470	71.16	16
Northcote Park	18	2	16	0	827	1827	45.27	8

DIVISION 1 UNDER-19									
TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	%	% WON
Macleod	**18**	**14**	**4**	**0**	**1**	**1308**	**810**	**161.48**	**77.78**
Montmorency	**18**	**12**	**6**	**0**	**0**	**1124**	**806**	**139.45**	**66.67**
Eltham	**18**	**12**	**6**	**0**	**1**	**933**	**841**	**110.94**	**66.67**
Greensborough	**18**	**11**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**1164**	**774**	**150.39**	**61.11**
Bundoora	**18**	**11**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**904**	**722**	**125.21**	**61.11**
St Mary's	18	11	7	0	1	1146	939	122.04	61.11
Whittlesea	18	7	11	0	0	865	940	92.02	38.89
Northcote Park	18	7	11	0	0	769	994	77.36	38.89
Diamond Creek	18	5	13	0	1	690	896	77.01	27.78
West Preston-Lakeside	18	1	17	0	0	491	1672	29.37	5.56

Division 1 Finals Results

MEADOWS GREYHOUNDS DIVISION 1 SENIORS

Qualifying Final
West Preston-Lakeside 5.14 (44) def by **North Heidelberg 12.4 (76)**

Elimination Final
Bundoora 12.9 (81) def Greensborough 4.9 (33)

First Semi Final
West Preston-Lakeside 18.8 (116) def Bundoora 9.10 (64)

Second Semi Final
Macleod 14.11 (95) def North Heidelberg 12.10 (82)

Preliminary Final
North Heidelberg 7.10 (52) def by **West Preston-Lakeside 18.14 (122)**

Grand Final
Macleod 9.15 (69) def by **West Preston-Lakeside 11.12 (78)**

Macleod
Best: B. Leggett, A. Doherty, J. White, R. Brandt, H. Paynter, L. Brandt
Goals: R. Brandt 3, B. Lennon 3, A. Doherty 2, W. Barden

West Preston-Lakeside
Best: M. Kovacevic, L. McVeigh, A. Tilley, L. Lirosi, M. Ercolano, A. Federico
Goals: L. McVeigh 4, P. Karnezis 2, A. Saad 2, L. Lirosi, A. Tilley, C. Adams
Best on ground: Mark Kovacevic (West Preston-Lakeside)

DIVISION 1 RESERVES

Qualifying Final
Greensborough 6.4 (40) def by **Whittlesea 8.7 (55)**

Elimination Final
Montmorency 6.7 (43) def by **Bundoora 11.8 (74)**

First Semi Final
Greensborough 9.10 (64) def by **Bundoora 11.5 (71)**

Second Semi Final
West Preston-Lakeside 7.6 (48) def by **Whittlesea 11.12 (78)**

Preliminary Final
West Preston-Lakeside 6.8 (44) def by **Bundoora 8.8 (56)**

Grand Final
Whittlesea 9.10 (64) def by **Bundoora 13.3 (81)**

Whittlesea
Best: C. Taplin, M. Taplin, T. Parkinson, N. Fellows, J. Eid, L. Hughes
Goals: M. Langford 2, C. Prestopino 2, B. Toll, C. Rowe, M. Taplin, J. Robinson, N. Lacey

Bundoora
Best: J. Lord, J. Burns, A. Carmusciano, T. Grant, T. Keating, S. Jacobs
Goals: A. Carmusciano 4, S. Jacobs 2, J. Lord 2, L. Santoro 2, T. Keating, B. Moorcroft, M. Almatrah
Best on ground: Jai Burns (Bundoora)

DIVISION 1 UNDER-19

Qualifying Final
Montmorency 5.7 (37) def by **Eltham 5.10 (40)**

Elimination Final
Greensborough 11.8 (74) def Bundoora 4.6 (30)

First Semi Final
Montmorency 14.8 (92) def Greensborough 8.7 (55)

Second Semi Final
Macleod 11.10 (76) def Eltham 6.7 (43)

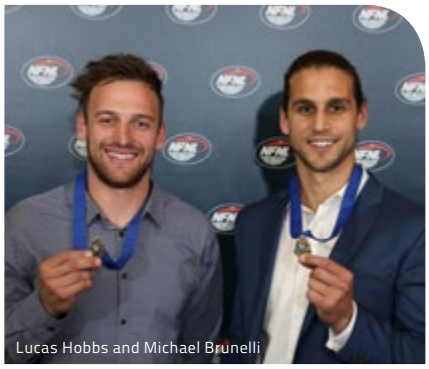
Preliminary Final
Eltham 10.16 (76) def by **Montmorency 18.8 (116)**

Grand Final
Macleod 3.13 (31) def by **Montmorency 11.9 (75)**

Macleod
Best: L. Carpenter, J. Corelli, J. Cameron, J. Williams, B. Grioli, M. McGregor
Goals: B. Morgan, L. Carpenter, B. Plant

Montmorency
Best: B. Ramsey, C. Kane, J. Mills, B. Charles, L. Edmonds, V. Page
Goals: B. Ramsey 4, J. Attard 2, V. Page, B. Charles, J. Fahey, J. Lock, V. Loccisano
Best on ground: Ben Ramsey (Montmorency)

Division 1 Awards


Lucas Hobbs and Michael Brunelli

Michael Finn

Tane Cotter

Shane Harvey

Paul Dirago

BEST AND FAIREST

SENIORS - Frank Rosbrook Medal

Player	Club	Votes
Michael Brunelli	**Heidelberg**	**21**
Lucas Hobbs	**Macleod**	**21**
Ned McKeown	Macleod	19
Peter Hood	Bundoora	15
Mark Kovacevic	West Preston-Lakeside	15
Jesse Tardio	North Heidelberg	15

RESERVES

Player	Club	Votes
Michael Finn	**Heidelberg**	**17**
Josh Saw	Hurstbridge	16
Jeremy Page	Whittlesea	15
Jake Thomas	Heidelberg	13
Corey McKay	North Heidelberg	12

UNDER-19

Player	Club	Votes
Tane Cotter	**St Mary's**	**18**
Ahmad Ahmad	Northcote Park	15
Jason Pannam	Bundoora	15
James Williams	Macleod	14
Taidhg Bland	Whittlesea	13
Connor Gedge	St Mary's	13
Matthew Perazzola	Northcote Park	13

LEADING GOAL KICKERS

SENIORS

Player	Club	Goals
Shane Harvey	**North Heidelberg**	**63**
Patrick Fitzgerald	Montmorency	59
Brent Harvey	North Heidelberg	52
Ahmed Saad	West Preston-Lakeside	52

Home and away games only

RESERVES

Player	Club	Goals
Christian Prestopino	**Whittlesea**	**50**
Julian Maloni	West Preston-Lakeside	37
David Bonadio	West Preston-Lakeside	36

UNDER-19

Player	Club	Goals
Brae Morgan	**Macleod**	**41**
Blake Charles	Montmorency	37
Joshua Robertson	Montmorency	37

COACHES MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Player	Club	Votes
Paul Dirago	**Northcote Park**	**76**
Ben Kennedy	Montmorency	72
Brent Harvey	North Heidelberg	65
Sam Glover	West Preston-Lakeside	59
Jordan Perry	Northcote Park	55

TEAM OF THE YEAR

B	Jhye Baddeley-Kelly (NH), Nick Riddle (Gre), Ned McKeown (Mac)
HB	Jackson Clarke (WPL), Paul Dirago (NP), Justin White (Mac)
C	Josh Grabowski (Bun), Michael Brunelli (Hei), Ben Kennedy (Mon)
HF	Chaz Sargeant (Hei), Anthony Doherty (Mac), Brent Harvey (NH)
F	Ahmed Saad (WPL), Patrick Fitzgerald (Mon), Shane Harvey (NH)
R	Michael Florance (NH), Jordan Perry (NP), Lucas Hobbs (Mac)
Int	Sam Glover (WPL), Peter Hood (Bun), Brad Leggett (Mac), Jesse Tardio (NH)
Coach	Rob Maiorana (WPL)

Best of 2018

The inaugural NFNL senior women's representative team

Diamond Creek won its ninth-consecutive Section 1 netball flag

Keilor joined the NFNL women's competition in 2018

Bundoora celebrates its come-from-behind reserves grand final win

Division 2 Review

Lower Plenty ensured its stay in Division 2 lasted just two seasons, achieving the ultimate success after upsetting Eltham on its way to its first premiership since 2011.

Lower had been a contender all season, always lurking behind the ladder-leading Panthers. But it was on grand final day when the Bears were able to claim their first win over their more fancied-rivals for the season.

The grand final will long live in NFNL folklore. Lower had failed to register a major at three-quarter time, but made an inspired final quarter comeback. Six points down entering time-on, the Bears booted six-consecutive behinds before Ben Paterson snapped through a goal on the final siren to win the premiership. Remarkably, it was the first time his side had led.

Despite sitting in second spot for 17 of the 18 weeks of the regular season, the Bears limped towards the finals – winning just one of their last three home and away games, before losing to Eltham by 14 points in the second semi. But Lower turned its fortunes around against an in-form Banyule in the preliminary final, with Tom Blake starring in the 20-point win.

Captain Patrick Flynn had a season to savour, winning the Division 2 best and fairest award to go along with his best-on-ground medal from the grand final. Flynn was certainly a barometer for his side, with Lower falling into a short form slump midway through the season during his absence with a knee injury.

Tom Keys continued his stellar form throughout the 2018 campaign, winning the club best and fairest and finishing second in both the competition best and fairest and Coaches MVP vote counts. Darcy Barden and Ben Paterson featured alongside Flynn and Keys in the Division 2 Team of the Year, while Corey Sleep and Jordan Sacco continued to emerge as star players.

Eltham had a successful season in its return to Division 2 after 15 years in the top flight, before falling at the final hurdle. The Panthers had been the clear frontrunners from the outset of the season, and won their opening 15 matches.

A 59-point thrashing of last year's Division 2 runner-up Diamond Creek in the standalone Good Friday encounter sent a clear message of intent to the rest of the competition – with the Panthers sitting in first place on the ladder for the entire season.

Eltham secured the first spot in the grand final with a come-from-behind win over Lower Plenty in the second semi. The Panthers then led for much of the low-scoring grand final and looked destined to win the flag when leading by three goals to none at three-quarter time.

But a scoreless final quarter in the premiership decider saw the Panthers beaten in an upset result and extended their stay in Division 2 – an undoubtedly disappointing end to what would have been one of the more successful seasons produced in Division 2.

Brent Macaffer proved to be a sensational inclusion and was arguably the recruit of the season across the NFNL. The former Collingwood premiership utility was a standout performer in 2018, winning both the Coaches MVP award and Eltham best and fairest, while also finishing in third place in the competition best and fairest count.

Tim Currie was also an important inclusion in both defence and attack, headlined by a 10-goal haul against the Fitzroy Stars at Sir Douglas Nicholls Oval. Tom Rogers relished a move to half back and was named in the Team of the Year, Anton Woods was ever-reliable and was best afield in the NFNL's representative win over the MPNFL, before also representing Vic Metro. Meanwhile, the Glasgow brothers continued to improve.

Banyule continued its meteoric rise up the NFNL ranks with a brilliant maiden season in Division 2 – finishing one step short of the grand final just 12 months after winning the Division 3 flag.

After taking a 5-5 win-loss record from the opening 10 rounds, it was in the second half of the campaign when the Bears truly hit their straps to become the form side of the competition entering the finals. Banyule won seven of its final eight games to become the first reigning Division 3 premier to play Division 2 finals the following season.

The Bears were the first side to beat Eltham – doing so with a runaway win at Eltham Central Park in Round 16, before toppling Lower Plenty on the road a fortnight later. Despite taking

plenty of momentum into the finals, Banyule had to scrap its way through the first semi after trailing Thomastown for the opening three quarters, before injuries to key players saw them fall short against Lower in the preliminary final.

James Kroussoratis was again a standout and won the club best and fairest. The star goal kicker finished the regular season with a competition-high 68 majors, which included a season-best 11-goal haul against the Fitzroy Stars in Round 17. Kroussoratis received strong support from Bailey Jordan, with the forward duo's efforts rewarded with selection in the Team of the Year.

Nick Biscontin and Daniel Camilleri were outstanding in defence and also earned Team of the Year selection, along with Mannon Johnston. Both Johnston and fellow Morwell recruit Riley Hogarth had outstanding debut seasons for the Bears, while Daniel Kelly and skipper Scott Gumbleton again performed well. Brent Stanton offered outstanding support both on and off the field, with the former Essendon star making 10 appearances for his junior club.

Thomastown was able to break through for its first Division 2 finals appearance since winning the 2008 premiership. This year's fourth-place finished followed three successive fifth-place finishes.

Needing either a win or a loss by 12 points or less against Diamond Creek in the final round, the Bears looked destined for another heartbreaking finals miss when they trailed by 50 points during the third term. However, they courageously rallied to fall by just two points, sparking scenes of jubilation at Main Street Reserve, despite losing the match.

It wasn't all smooth sailing at the start of the season for Ben Chapman's side after winning just one of their first four games. However, they went on to win 10 of their next 12 matches – which included two vital wins over Diamond Creek in Round 5 and 10, as well as a critical 23-point triumph over Lower Plenty in Round 16.

Their improvement this season was reflected with four players being selected in the Division 2 Team of the Year, which included recruits Anthony Capeci and Dylan Chapman. Chapman finished in third place in the Division 2 Coaches MVP voting, while Capeci booted a team-high 33 goals.

Matthew Vasilevski produced another outstanding season and won the club's best and fairest, despite missing the final three games of the year, while Adrian Natoli, James Rizzolio, Daniel Chadwick and Josh Beare all produced strong campaigns to ensure their side played finals for the first time since winning the Division 3 premiership in 2013.

Diamond Creek endured an up-and-down season, with a fifth-place finish proving a disappointing result after playing off in the 2017 grand final.

After a heavy loss to Eltham in Round 1, the Creekers recorded three-consecutive wins by greater than 50 points to look well placed after the opening four rounds. They then dropped their next three matches, before bouncing back with three consecutive wins – which included a stirring come-from-behind triumph over Lower Plenty in Round 9.

The win came at a significant cost, with Jess Cosaitis sustaining a season-ending leg injury. The star forward had been in outstanding touch and still managed to finish in equal-fifth on the goal kicking table, with 33 majors.

Following that win at Montmorency Park, the Creekers lost each of their next three games to top-four sides over the next six rounds, including a percentage-deflating 79-point loss to Banyule in Round 12.

The club never gave up the fight for a finals place and did win its final three games, including wins over Eltham and Thomastown in the last two rounds. However, the Round 18 win over the Bears ended with a feeling of defeat after letting a finals place slip with a fourth quarter fadeout – meaning the Creekers missed the finals by just 1.33%.

Jacob Booth continued his stellar start to his senior football career to win his second-consecutive best and fairest award. Booth also tied for the club's goal kicking award and was one of two representatives in the Team of the Year, alongside defender Hugh Kavanagh.

Epping proved up for the task of Division 2 football after putting its hand up to fill the void left by Lalor in February. Despite just the six wins to show for their efforts in season 2018, there were a wealth of positives for the Blues.

Having started the season with two defeats in the realm of 50 points, Epping pulled off its first win of the season with an upset over former Division 3 rival Banyule in Round 3. The Blues came out firing to lead by 19 points at the first change, before holding off two rallies from the Bears to prevail by four points.

A one-point loss to the Fitzroy Stars followed the next week and was a reflection of the Blues' season – that being one of inconsistency, despite great effort.

Epping became known for being a fast-starting side, averaging 23 points in the first quarter – its most of any term. The Blues often got a jump on their opponent – even against more fancied sides. But despite being highly competitive for long periods in the majority of their games, their second quarters were their Achilles heel.

Alec Buchan and Damon Marcon both had standout seasons and featured in the Division 2 Team of the Year. A promising talent, Buchan took his game to a new level in 2018 to win the best and fairest award, while Marcon proved to be one of the competition's most reliable goal kickers. Marcon's fellow former Preston Bullants teammate Reed Jepson was also a vital inclusion for the Blues.

Season 2018 was a tough campaign for the Fitzroy Stars, who missed out on a Division 2 finals appearance for the first time since 2011. The Stars lost a wealth of key players at the conclusion of the 2017 season, including retired club legend Lionel Proctor, and quartet Peter Hood, Kain Proctor, Richard Bamblett and Jai Burns.

The 2018 season saw the Stars win just the two matches, both of which were cliffhangers. The first win came with a one-point triumph over Epping in Round 4 – courtesy of a goal with the last kick of the game, before downing Watsonia by two points in Round 10 – a game which also came down to the final kick.

Recruit Steven Stallion's season was one of note, featuring in the Stars' best players on a weekly basis, with strong support from Shawn Wilkey and Hedley Smith. Continuing to blood the youngsters was a key focus this season, with Alex Williamson and Taylor Drummond featuring regularly.

Despite avoiding the wooden spoon, the Stars had the highest average losing margin, at a whopping 89 points – more than five goals more than Watsonia's average losing margin. The Stars gave up the most points of any side, at an average of 140 points per game.

After a positive 2017 campaign, Watsonia had a disappointing season and had to wait until the final round of the season to register its first win.

The Saints were generally very competitive in the first half, before falling away in the second – where they averaged a competition-low 34 points. Among their best efforts was leading premier Lower Plenty at three quarter time in two outings this year.

Overall, the Saints lost seven matches by six goals or less – which included an agonising two-point loss away to the Fitzroy Stars in Round 10 when Sam Peet's long-range shot after the siren fell just short of the goal line. The wooden spoon would have been avoided had that shot travelled just a few metres further.

The highlight of the Saints' season came in the final round when they claimed their maiden win. After leading by six points after the first two changes and 11 points at three-quarter time, the Saints produced their best quarter of the season, piling on 10 goals to win by 67 points, providing a positive end to a tough campaign.

Skipper Matthew Crompton claimed his second-consecutive best and fairest award, ahead of Matthew Gibbs – with the duo unquestionably the Saints' most consistent performers throughout the year. Allan Young provided a focal point in attack and finished with 28 majors.

2018 Club Best and Fairest Winners

Banyule – James Kroussoratis
Diamond Creek – Jacob Booth
Eltham – Brent Macaffer
Epping – Alec Buchan
Fitzroy Stars – Steven Stallion
Lower Plenty – Tom Keys
Thomastown – Matthew Vasilevski
Watsonia – Matthew Crompton

Division 2 Ladders

A PLUS LABOUR SOLUTIONS DIVISION 2 SENIORS								
TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
Eltham	**18**	**16**	**2**	**0**	**1893**	**1087**	**174.15**	**64**
Lower Plenty	**18**	**13**	**5**	**0**	**1885**	**1310**	**143.89**	**52**
Banyule	**18**	**12**	**6**	**0**	**1842**	**1251**	**147.24**	**48**
Thomastown	**18**	**11**	**7**	**0**	**1696**	**1409**	**120.37**	**44**
Diamond Creek	18	11	7	0	1607	1350	119.04	44
Epping	18	6	12	0	1419	1615	87.86	24
Fitzroy Stars	18	2	16	0	1122	2526	44.42	8
Watsonia	18	1	17	0	1133	2049	55.30	4

DIVISION 2 RESERVES								
TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
Eltham	**18**	**16**	**2**	**0**	**2050**	**535**	**383.18**	**64**
Lower Plenty	**18**	**14**	**4**	**0**	**1709**	**728**	**234.75**	**56**
Diamond Creek	**18**	**12**	**5**	**1**	**1523**	**940**	**162.02**	**50**
Watsonia	**18**	**12**	**6**	**0**	**1330**	**1007**	**132.08**	**48**
Thomastown	18	8	9	1	1042	1264	82.44	34
Banyule	18	5	13	0	1015	1414	71.78	20
Epping	18	3	15	0	992	1511	65.65	12
Fitzroy Stars	18	1	17	0	573	2835	20.21	4

DIVISION 2 UNDER-19									
TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	FOR	AGST	%	% WON
Lower Plenty	**16**	**14**	**2**	**0**	**2**	**998**	**334**	**298.80**	**87.50**
Banyule	**17**	**13**	**4**	**0**	**1**	**1025**	**482**	**212.66**	**76.47**
Mernda	**17**	**12**	**5**	**0**	**1**	**1094**	**523**	**209.18**	**70.59**
Heidelberg	**15**	**10**	**5**	**0**	**2**	**1178**	**676**	**174.26**	**66.67**
Mill Park	**17**	**10**	**7**	**0**	**1**	**747**	**775**	**96.39**	**58.82**
Eltham	16	5	11	0	2	529	976	54.20	31.25
South Morang	17	5	12	0	1	720	976	73.77	29.41
North Heidelberg	16	3	13	0	2	399	1300	30.69	18.75
Panton Hill	17	1	16	0	1	391	1166	33.53	5.88

Division 2 Finals Results

A PLUS LABOUR SOLUTIONS DIVISION 2 SENIORS

First Semi Final
Banyule 10.18 (78) def Thomastown 8.13 (61)

Second Semi Final
Eltham 6.8 (44) def Lower Plenty 4.6 (30)

Preliminary Final
Lower Plenty 10.10 (70) def Banyule 7.8 (50)

Grand Final
Eltham 2.10 (22) def by **Lower Plenty 3.10 (28)**

Eltham
Best: B. Glasgow, T. Currie, G. Connelly, B. Macaffer, M. Keys, P. Currie
Goals: T. Currie, G. Connelly

Lower Plenty
Best: P. Flynn, M. Duckworth, D. Barden, B. Paterson, T. Keys, C. Porter
Goals: B. Paterson 2, F. Dorbolo
Best on ground: Patrick Flynn (Lower Plenty)

DIVISION 2 RESERVES

First Semi Final
Diamond Creek 10.13 (73) def Watsonia 9.5 (59)

Second Semi Final
Eltham 12.12 (84) def Lower Plenty 2.3 (15)

Preliminary Final
Lower Plenty 10.1 (61) def by **Diamond Creek 17.11 (113)**

Grand Final
Eltham 7.12 (54) def Diamond Creek 5.8 (38)

Eltham
Best: T. Burns, M. Cantwell, J. Lorey, S. Warren, M. Avramov, K. O'Sullivan
Goals: T. Burns 3, J. Doukas 2, J. Lorey, K. O'Sullivan

Diamond Creek
Best: J. Smith, K. Brick, K. O'Regan, L. Brannelly, J. Battye, D. Padget
Goals: T. Owen 2, D. Padget, A. Campbell, K. Brick
Best on ground: Thomas Burns (Eltham)

DIVISION 2 UNDER-19

Qualifying Final
Banyule 13.4 (82) def Mernda 6.9 (45)

Elimination Final
Heidelberg 9.9 (63) def Mill Park 5.9 (39)

First Semi Final
Mernda 5.5 (35) def by **Heidelberg 14.18 (102)**

Second Semi Final
Lower Plenty 8.3 (51) def Banyule 7.7 (49)

Preliminary Final
Banyule 9.12 (66) def by **Heidelberg 10.12 (72)**

Grand Final
Lower Plenty 1.2 (8) def by **Heidelberg 9.8 (62)**

Lower Plenty
Best: S. Bevan-Shannon, L. Riley, K. Horman, J. Fitzpatrick, M. Nevill, L. Bolt
Goals: B. Timewell

Heidelberg
Best: I. Silic, O. Stapleton, C. Robinson, S. Nadalin, J. Campbell, A. Bakos
Goals: S. Bakos 3, O. Stapleton 2, C. de Dear 2, M. McInerney, S. Wright
Best on ground: Isaac Silic (Heidelberg)

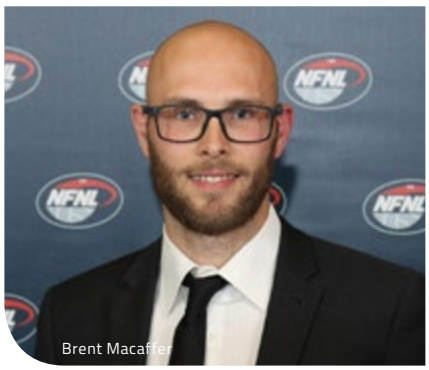
Division 2 Awards

Patrick Flynn

Jarrod Shaw

Danny-Lee Rigby

James Kroussoratis


Brent Macaffer

BEST AND FAIREST

SENIORS

Player	Club	Votes
Patrick Flynn	**Lower Plenty**	**22**
Tom Keys	Lower Plenty	20
Brent Macaffer	Eltham	18
Matthew Vasilevski	Thomastown	17
Dylan Chapman	Thomastown	14
Lewis Glasgow	Eltham	14
Devin McDonald	Banyule	14

RESERVES

Player	Club	Votes
Jarrod Shaw	**Lower Plenty**	**21**
Mikael Avramov	Eltham	19
Costa Missailidis	Thomastown	13
Mitchell Clamp	Lower Plenty	11
Luke Deslandes	Lower Plenty	11
Jye Lorey	Eltham	11

UNDER-19

Player	Club	Votes
Danny-Lee Rigby	**Mernda**	**22**
Patrick Molony	Banyule	20
Lachlan Turner	Banyule	19
Juy Smith	Lower Plenty	14
Connor Fitzgerald	Mill Park	12

LEADING GOAL KICKERS

SENIORS

Player	Club	Goals
James Kroussoratis	**Banyule**	**68**
Damon Marcon	Epping	39
Tom Keys	Lower Plenty	36

Home and away games only

RESERVES

Player	Club	Goals
Bowen Zimbolani	**Lower Plenty**	**56**
Todd Owen	Diamond Creek	48
Sam Warren	Eltham	36

UNDER-19

Player	Club	Goals
Jack Wilkinson	**Lower Plenty**	**54**
Conor Galvin	Banyule	48
Nicolas Aleksovski	Mernda	40

COACHES MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Player	Club	Votes
Brent Macaffer	**Eltham**	**85**
Tom Keys	Lower Plenty	78
Dylan Chapman	Thomastown	75
Patrick Flynn	Lower Plenty	66
Jacob Booth	Diamond Creek	57

TEAM OF THE YEAR

B	Daniel Camilleri (Ban), Nick Biscontin (Ban), Josh Beare (Tho)
HB	Tom Rogers (Elt), Tim Currie (Elt), Hugh Kavanagh (DC)
C	Lewis Glasgow (Elt), Matthew Vasilevski (Tho), Alec Buchan (Epp)
HF	Ben Paterson (LP), Bailey Jordan (Ban), Jacob Booth (DC)
F	Anthony Capeci (Tho), James Kroussoratis (Ban), Damon Marcon (Epp)
R	Patrick Flynn (LP), Brent Macaffer (Elt), Tom Keys (LP)
Int	Darcy Barden (LP), Dylan Chapman (Tho), Mannon Johnston (Ban), Anton Woods (Elt)
Coach	Ben Turner (LP)

Best of 2018

Stacey Gannon became the first three-time winner of the Section 1 netball best and fairest

Bella Ayre was best afield in Bendigo's grand final win

Ben Ham celebrates the Under-14A Championships win

Patrick Flynn was the dominant player in A Plus Labour Solutions Division 2 in 2018.

Division 3 Review

After building steadily in recent years, St Mary's produced its best season at senior level in 2018 to become the dominant team in Heidelberg Golf Club Division 3.

New coach Fabian Carelli took a team that was heading in the right direction and was able to apply the finishing touches. The Burra lost just one game all season and took out their first senior premiership with finals wins over Panton Hill in both the second semi and grand final.

Skipper Dillan Ronalds was again the club's star player, but he had plenty of support as the Burra stepped up to a new level. Lachlan Potter and Jake Dambrauskas enjoyed fantastic seasons, while recruits Jordan Galea, Ben Mossuto and Chris Petroro helped round out the team nicely.

Myles Guldon kicked 45 goals in the regular season, while Nick Dean and Jacob Yeomans chimed in with 27 and 25 goals respectively. The Burra defence – led by Lee Minuz and Leigh Sullivan – was resolute and conceded an average of only 52 points per match.

The Burra's only loss came in Round 5 to Panton Hill. The Redbacks proved to be the toughest opponent for the eventual premiers. The teams clashed four times and each game was up for grabs in the final term. St Mary's won the second semi by 23 points and had to again fight tooth and nail in the grand final. The Burra grabbed the lead in the second term and were then never headed. But it wasn't until a Nic Daisley goal in the dying minutes, courtesy of a free kick from a fantastic rundown tackle, that the result was sealed.

The grand final win was well deserved and capped a wonderful year for the club, which also included the reserves going through the season undefeated to claim their third-straight flag, while the under-19s performed admirably in Division 1.

Panton Hill was a force to be reckoned with back in Division 3 after being relegated from Division 2. Under new coach Steve Layt and with recruits such as Rhys Boyden, Nick Parks, John Pritchard and Brent Ryan, the Redbacks overcame a poor Round 1 showing against Mernda to establish themselves in the top-four early in the season. They eventually claimed the double chance in the final round of the season with a win at Mernda.

The Redbacks were potent in attack – with competition leading goal kicker Rhys Boyden and fellow forwards Matthew Byron and Alex Tsardakis combining for 131 goals in the regular season. Their team recorded the most points in the regular season – averaging 108 points per game. Down back, skipper Mitch Anderson and former Greensborough teammate Brent Ryan led the way.

After managing only five goals in the second semi loss to St Mary's, Panton Hill rebounded in tough conditions in the preliminary final to defeat South Morang by seven points to reach its first grand final since 2013. The Redbacks then pushed the Burra all the way in the big one – losing by 13 points.

During the year Panton Hill hosted the first ever game under lights in Division 3 – with 4.10pm starts for the home games in rounds 3 and 5 being a great success with good weather both days.

Many expected South Morang to miss finals action this year after an exodus of approximately half the 2017 grand final team. But the Lions quickly established themselves in the top four. Back-to-back wins against Laurimar at Mill Park Lakes Reserve in Round 15 and Heidelberg West at Heidelberg Park the following week virtually clinched a top-four spot.

The players to step up to fill the breach came mainly from the younger group, which included Daniel Caruso. The star midfielder enhanced his reputation as one of the best

players in the competition with a second-place finish in the competition best and fairest. Bailey Brown won the club best and fairest, while James Hewson and Cory Giannone continued their improvement from 2017. Samuel Indian shared his time between junior and senior football. He booted six goals in the first semi final win over Laurimar to show his potential.

South Morang fans have seen plenty of close finals games recently and this year was no exception. The first semi was won when Bailey Brown nailed a set shot goal from 35m directly in front in the final minute to put his team five points up. The preliminary final was a similarly close game against Panton Hill. Daniel Caruso kicked a wonderful goal late to level the scores, but Panton Hill lifted to win by seven points. It was another devastating preliminary final loss for South Morang to add to consecutive preliminary final losses between 2014 to 2016.

Laurimar clinched fourth place – doing so with a Round 18 win over Reservoir. The big win boosted the club's percentage enough to move them inside the top-four for the first time all year. It was a mighty effort by the Power to qualify for the finals in just their second season of senior football.

When Justin Sherman stepped into the coaching role at the beginning of the season, external expectations were relatively low. At the end of Round 4, the team had not recorded a win following a bye and three-consecutive losses. But the drought broke in Round 5 with an impressive 28-point win at J.J. Clancy Reserve over a Kilmore side that had started the year well.

From that point onwards, the Power gradually worked towards their goal of a top-four finish. The decisive period was rounds 9 to 11. In that time, they defeated the team placed second on the ladder three times – firstly South Morang, then Panton Hill and Mernda. Those wins put the Power within striking distance of finals, but they remained outside the top-four until displacing Mernda in Round 18.

The recruiting was a big success – with Mitchell Thompson and Bradley Deed having outstanding seasons. Thompson won the Division 3 Coaches MVP award, while fellow recruit Josh Williamson was an extremely dangerous forward and regularly gave headaches to opposition defences. Williamson, Dallas King and Jacson Cecil booted over 30 goals each for the season.

The 2018 season was a mixed bag for Mernda in Paul Derrick's return as coach, but ultimately ended as a huge disappointment. For the second time in three years, the Demons were in the top four the entire year – only to drop to fifth in the last round.

However, the year was a vast improvement on a disappointing seventh with just four wins in 2017. The best performance in 2018 came in Round 1 in the shape of an 83-point win over eventual runner-up Panton Hill at Cracknell Reserve.

The Demons were the second-best defence numerically for the year. They and St Mary's were the only teams to have less than 1,000 points kicked against them. Tom Deayton and Matthew Campbell had outstanding campaigns down back.

However, it was a different matter in front of goals. Mernda's points for ranked seventh – better than only Lalor and Reservoir. Always reliable captain Josh Delaney was the side's leading goal kicker with 23, then the next best was a mere 13 goals. Delaney played as a swingman – also spending a lot of time in defence.

After rising from bottom in 2016 to sixth in 2017, Heidelberg West was aiming for finals this year, but fell short. A poor start to the season eventually proved to be the club's downfall. With a host of key players missing early matches, the Hawks were winless after Round 4. Heavy early losses meant percentage was going to be a problem all season.

The Hawks won four in a row from rounds 5 to 8 and looked to be a chance to play finals. That four-week stretch ended with a massive 63-point win over Laurimar at Heidelberg Park – in what proved to be the Hawks' best performance of the season in the NFNL Match of the Day.

However, losses to St Mary's and Mernda were to follow immediately after. The critical match late in the season was a Round 14 return clash against Laurimar – this time at Laurimar Reserve. Heidelberg West lost it by 21 points and that virtually ended its season. But the Hawks won the last two matches to finish with an 8-8 record – their best effort for many years.

Jarryd Coulson became the first player to win back-to-back best and fairest awards in Division 3 after polling maximum votes in the final round win over Lalor. In another major positive, the reserves team made it to the grand final – the club's first since featuring in the 1995 Division 2 reserves decider. They pushed the undefeated St Mary's all the way in a close contest.

Kilmore was looking for further improvement in 2018 after making great progress in 2017. The result was one less win this campaign, but the Blues' percentage improved from 78 in 2017 to 103 this year – indicating the losses weren't as heavy as last year. The Blues also put lowly teams to the sword this year, with two triple-figure winning margins.

Kilmore defeated finalists South Morang and Panton Hill at J.J. Clancy Reserve and lost to St Mary's by just 15 points. Excluding the Burra's outings against Panton Hill, this was the closest the premiers came to a loss for the year.

The Blues went to their Round 6 bye well placed at three wins from five games, but a quartet of losses immediately after the bye put a huge dent in their finals chances. When Nathan Phillips and his coaching team reviewed the season, they would have rued losing twice each to Laurimar and Heidelberg West. Both losses to the Hawks were by single-digit margins.

Arguably their best performance of the season was a 27-point win against Mernda at Waterview Recreation Reserve in the final month of the season, which came away to a side desperate to play finals.

Tough inside midfielder Leigh Irons did well in the Coaches MVP voting, while Calder Cannons-listed Jeremy Topham polled ten votes in the league's best and fairest. Scott Swindells was a great signing and booted 36 goals to earn Team of the Year selection, while Jaxson Kinnear also earned a spot.

Lalor requested a move from Division 2 to Division 3 prior to the season commencing – believing it would be uncompetitive at the higher level following a mass player exodus. Taking the reins as coach was Dean Grainger, who played for the Bloods as a junior and whose father was a former club president.

Some followers suspected Lalor would struggle to win a single game – even in the lower division. However, these fears were dispelled in the very first round following a 27-point win over Reservoir at Crispe Park. But from then on, it was generally a tough slog for the Bloods – winning again only in the Round 12 return bout against the Mustangs.

The Bloods went close to winning some other games – most notably two narrow losses to Mernda. On the flip side, they experienced some big losses throughout, the worst of which was a 148-point defeat to South Morang at Mill Park Lakes Reserve.

Isaac Edgar, Daniel Moore and Jake Langborne led the way throughout the tough campaign, while Demetrios Constantinou also impressed. Grainger will be taking a break from footy in 2019 and ex-Heidelberg West coach Gary Cutler has been appointed his replacement.

The rebuilding phase which began in 2017 continued in 2018 at Reservoir. When the club went into recess after the 2015 premiership, they lost virtually all their premiership players. David McGregor is the sole member of that team remaining at the club.

The Mustangs had plenty of players putting their hand up for a game this year. They used 51 players in 2018 and, as a testament to their depth, the reserves team made the top-four and reached the preliminary final.

Regrettably, the seniors failed to record a win for the season. With both years showing a percentage of 32, it was a similar output to 2017. One of their best efforts was when they led Mernda by 12 points at the last break in Round 7 at Waterview Recreation Reserve. Alas, they were unable to hold on and lost by 18 points.

A curious fact is their highest score of the year came against premier St Mary's at Whatmough Park in Round 8 – scoring 62 points on the day. Samuel McDowell had a strong season and took out the best and fairest ahead of 2017 winner Lachlan Shaw, who was again a consistent performer.

2018 Club Best and Fairest Winners

Heidelberg West – Jarryd Coulson
Kilmore – Leigh Irons
Lalor – Isaac Edgar
Laurimar – Mitchell Thompson
Mernda – Josh Delaney
Panton Hill – Nick Parks
Reservoir – Samuel McDowell
South Morang – Bailey Brown
St Mary's – Dillan Ronalds

Division 3 Ladders

HEIDELBERG GOLF CLUB DIVISION 3 SENIORS								
TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
St Mary's	**16**	**15**	**1**	**0**	**1652**	**833**	**198.32**	**60**
Panton Hill	**16**	**11**	**5**	**0**	**1730**	**1029**	**168.12**	**44**
South Morang	**16**	**10**	**6**	**0**	**1516**	**1064**	**142.48**	**40**
Laurimar	**16**	**10**	**6**	**0**	**1460**	**1218**	**119.87**	**40**
Mernda	16	9	7	0	1072	982	109.16	36
Heidelberg West	16	8	8	0	1181	1233	95.78	32
Kilmore	16	7	9	0	1137	1102	103.18	28
Lalor	16	2	14	0	761	1638	46.46	8
Reservoir	16	0	16	0	671	2081	32.24	0

DIVISION 3 RESERVES								
TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
St Mary's	**16**	**16**	**0**	**0**	**2209**	**396**	**557.83**	**64**
Heidelberg West	**16**	**14**	**2**	**0**	**1541**	**819**	**188.16**	**56**
Laurimar	**16**	**10**	**6**	**0**	**1086**	**1030**	**105.44**	**40**
Reservoir	**16**	**9**	**7**	**0**	**776**	**1105**	**70.23**	**36**
Mernda	16	6	9	1	829	1042	79.56	26
South Morang	16	6	10	0	967	1171	82.58	24
Kilmore	16	5	11	0	739	1231	60.03	20
Panton Hill	16	4	11	1	863	1214	71.09	18
Lalor	16	1	15	0	569	1571	36.22	4

Division 3 Finals Results

HEIDELBERG GOLF CLUB DIVISION 3 SENIORS

First Semi Final
South Morang 13.11 (89) def Laurimar 12.12 (84)

Second Semi Final
St Mary's 8.14 (62) def Panton Hill 5.9 (39)

Preliminary Final
Panton Hill 10.7 (67) def South Morang 9.6 (60)

Grand Final
St Mary's 11.7 (73) def Panton Hill 8.12 (60)

St Mary's
Best: J. Bergman, D. Ronalds, J. Todd, L. Sullivan, M. Hocking, B. Mossuto
Goals: J. Yeomans 3, N. Dean 2, B. Mossuto, L. Potter, C. Petroro, N. Daisley, D. Dober, M. Guldon

Panton Hill
Best: A. Tsardakis, B. Ryan, D. Freeman, M. Anderson, M. Fowler, J. Rushton
Goals: A. Tsardakis 4, J. Rushton 2, R. Boyden, D. Haynes

Best on ground: Myles Guldon (St Mary's)

DIVISION 3 RESERVES

First Semi Final
Laurimar 3.14 (32) def by **Reservoir 8.10 (58)**

Second Semi Final
St Mary's 12.12 (84) def Heidelberg West 6.4 (40)

Preliminary Final
Heidelberg West 12.14 (86) def Reservoir 8.4 (52)

Grand Final
St Mary's 7.17 (59) def Heidelberg West 5.8 (38)

St Mary's
Best: B. Jones, R. Wait, T. Bickerton, J. Dupont, R. Cutting, S. Mitrovski
Goals: T. O'Meara 2, M. Lee, D. Schleibs, J. Girolami, J. Wolczko, A. De Girolamo

Heidelberg West
Best: Z. Matthews-Prosser, B. Muir, A. Smith, D. Hayes, J. Grimshaw, J. Butera
Goals: R. Butterworth 2, K. Ewart, J. Vellios, D. Hayes

Best on ground: James Boarotto (St Mary's)

Division 3 Awards

Jarryd Coulson

Zac Johnston

Mitchell Thompson

Rhys Boyden

James Girolami

BEST AND FAIREST

SENIORS

Player	Club	Votes
Jarryd Coulson	**Heidelberg West**	**17**
Daniel Caruso	South Morang	16
Dillan Ronalds	St Mary's	13
Mitchell Thompson	Laurimar	11
Mitchell Anderson	Panton Hill	10
Rhys Boyden	Panton Hill	10
Matthew Byron	Panton Hill	10
Josh Delaney	Mernda	10
Adam Dennis	Laurimar	10
Myles Guldon	St Mary's	10
Brad Moore	Heidelberg West	10
Jeremy Topham	Kilmore	10

RESERVES

Player	Club	Votes
Zac Johnston	**St Mary's**	**13**
Michael Arcus	Mernda	12
James Girolami	St Mary's	12
Carson Dawson	Panton Hill	11

LEADING GOAL KICKERS

SENIORS

Player	Club	Goals
Rhys Boyden	**Panton Hill**	**58**
Myles Guldon	St Mary's	45
Matthew Byron	Panton Hill	44
Dallas King	Laurimar	44
Josh Williamson	Laurimar	38

Home and away games only

RESERVES

Player	Club	Goals
James Girolami	**St Mary's**	**72**
Rory Butterworth	Heidelberg West	43
Toby O'Meara	St Mary's	32
Brock Smith	South Morang	26

COACHES MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Player	Club	Votes
Mitchell Thompson	**Laurimar**	**61**
Daniel Caruso	South Morang	59
Dillan Ronalds	St Mary's	59
Jeremy Topham	Kilmore	51
Jarryd Coulson	Heidelberg West	46

TEAM OF THE YEAR

B	Brent Ryan (PH), Mitchell Anderson (PH), Kane Moore (HW)
HB	Lee Minuz (St M), Jaxson Kinnear (Kil), Josh Delaney (Mer)
C	Daniel Caruso (So M), Mitchell Thompson (Lau), Jake Dambrauskas (St M)
HF	James Hewson (So M), Myles Guldon (St M), Scott Swindells (Kil)
F	Josh Williamson (Lau), Rhys Boyden (PH), Matthew Byron (PH)
R	Jarryd Coulson (HW), Dillan Ronalds (St M), John Pritchard (PH)
Int	Bailey Brown (So M), Jacson Cecil (Lau), Brad Moore (HW), Jeremy Topham (Kil)
Coach	Fabian Carelli (St M)

Women's Review

The second instalment of the senior women's football competition saw a third division added as female football continued to flourish in the NFNL.

Five of the league's existing clubs – Bundoora, Eltham, Greensborough, Mernda, and St Mary's – fielded a senior women's team for the very first time, while Keilor joined our ranks after claiming the Essendon District and Western Region Women's premiership in 2017.

There was also growth from our existing clubs, including the VU Western Spurs who fielded three teams in 2018. A testament to the success of the Spurs' football program was the fact that each of their three sides finished in third place on their respective ladder. Meanwhile, La Trobe University and Darebin each fielded two sides.

Keilor jumped straight into Division 1 and looked a premiership contender from the outset of the season. The Blues and reigning premier Bendigo jostled for top spot all year, with Keilor eventually finishing six points clear of the Thunder to claim the minor premiership.

VU Western Spurs, Darebin and Diamond Creek Women's rounded out the top-five, with Whitehorse the only side to miss the finals in what proved to be a six-team competition following Pascoe Vale's withdrawal on the eve of the season. Despite not winning a game, the Colts had to be commended for the tremendous spirit they showed each week.

The finals series once again produced several gripping matches and for the second-consecutive year the qualifying final produced a draw. Bendigo eventually scored a 14-point win over the VU Western Spurs in extra time, while Diamond Creek Women's scored an upset win over Darebin in the elimination final.

The second semi final was also a thriller – with Keilor overrunning Bendigo in a two-point result to book the first place in the grand final. The Thunder bounced back in the preliminary final with another win over the VU Western Spurs – who had progressed courtesy of a first semi final win over Diamond Creek Women's.

Despite being beaten in its previous two encounters against Keilor, Bendigo proved far too good in the grand final to secure back-to-back premiership triumphs. The Thunder won every quarter in the 39-point win at Preston City Oval, with Brisbane Lions-listed forward Isabella Ayre best afield.

Keilor midfielder Sarah Wright swept the individual awards – winning both the Division 1 best and fairest and Coaches Most Valuable Player. Wright finished 10 votes clear in the best and fairest count and polled a whopping 94 votes in the Coaches MVP award. Bendigo skipper Andrea Walsh again topped the goal kicking table, booting 58 majors.

West Preston-Lakeside was the dominant side in Division 2 and won 13 of its 14 matches to take out the premiership. The Roosters had looked set to go through the regular season undefeated, before dropping their final home and away match to Montmorency.

It wasn't all smooth sailing in the finals, with the Roosters just scraping past VU Western Spurs in the second semi, before overcoming a third quarter deficit in the grand final to edge out Montmorency by nine points.

It was a might effort by the Magpies to reach the premiership decider after finishing in fourth place on the ladder. Finals wins over South Morang, La Trobe University and VU Western Spurs helped them reach the grand final.

West Preston-Lakeside utility Catherine O'Bryan took out the competition best and fairest award – capping a momentous first season at J.E. Moore Park. The former VFLW player was also best afield in the Roosters' grand final win and was captain of the NFNL's inaugural representative women's team.

La Trobe University skipper Kate Bond finished runner-up to O'Bryan for the best and fairest but went one better in the Coaches MVP voting, finishing 19 votes clear of Ellie Koiker from Laurimar. Bond's teammate Samantha Greene won the goal kicking award.

Bundoora enjoyed a perfect debut campaign, going through the Division 3 season undefeated to be crowned champion under the tutelage of Bulls legend Gary Moorcroft.

After finishing the regular season with a whopping percentage of 696, the Bulls maintained their dominance throughout the finals – keeping St Mary's scoreless in the second semi, before downing Eltham by 32 points in the grand final.

The Bulls' excellence was reflected in the Team of the Year – where seven players were selected, including competition best and fairest Rainbow Ebert, leading goal kicker Amy Callaway and Coaches MVP runner-up Sianne Clancy.

Throughout the course of the season St Mary's loomed as Bundoora's biggest threat for the premiership, with the Burra losing their two home and away fixtures to the eventual premier by just 12 and five points.

Burra midfielder Stephanie Trkulja took out the Coaches MVP award after polling votes in 10 of 12 matches. Teammate Jessica Hardy also had a sensational season and finished second in the competition best and fairest, despite missing three matches.

Eltham won only four of its first 11 matches, before producing a stunning final month to reach the grand final. After finishing fourth on the ladder, the Panthers began their finals campaign with a comfortable win over Greensborough, before upsetting VU Western Spurs and St Mary's over the ensuing two weeks to book their grand final place.

The Panthers kicked the opening goal of the grand final but were eventually overpowered by the all-conquering Bundoora. Despite the result, Eltham midfielder Krystal Cullinan took out the best on ground medallion for a starring effort in defeat.

Women's Ladders

ANZ WOMEN'S DIVISION 1						
TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Keilor	14	12	1	1	435.08	50
Bendigo	14	11	3	0	463.64	44
VU Western Spurs	14	7	6	1	201.41	30
Darebin	14	6	6	2	73.46	28
Diamond Creek Women's	14	4	10	0	30.04	16
Whitehorse	14	0	14	0	11.13	0

ANZ WOMEN'S DIVISION 2						
TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
West Preston-Lakeside	12	11	1	0	402.86	44
La Trobe University	12	9	3	0	180.50	36
VU Western Spurs	12	8	4	0	248.80	32
Montmorency	12	7	5	0	155.93	28
South Morang	12	4	8	0	46.91	16
Laurimar	12	2	10	0	32.92	8
Darebin	12	1	11	0	21.76	4

ANZ WOMEN'S DIVISION 3						
TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Bundoora	12	12	0	0	696.00	48
St Mary's	12	10	2	0	354.07	40
VU Western Spurs	12	6	6	0	95.15	24
Eltham	12	5	7	0	88.47	20
Greensborough	12	4	8	0	71.98	16
La Trobe University	12	3	9	0	29.96	12
Mernda	12	2	10	0	19.96	8

Women's Finals Results

ANZ WOMEN'S DIVISION 1

Qualifying Final
Bendigo 6.9 (45)* def VU Western Spurs 4.7 (31)

Elimination Final
Darebin 2.7 (19) def by **Diamond Creek Women's 6.5 (41)**

First Semi Final
VU Western Spurs 8.4 (52) def Diamond Creek Women's 2.2 (14)

Second Semi Final
Keilor 3.2 (20) def Bendigo 2.6 (18)

Preliminary Final
Bendigo 4.7 (31) def VU Western Spurs 1.9 (15)

Grand Final
Keilor 1.4 (10) def by **Bendigo 7.7 (49)**

Keilor
Best: R. Knight, J. Blecher, G. Wright, J. McBain, N. Zammit, S. Navarro
Goals: T. Cann

Bendigo
Best: O. McEvoy, A. Hay, C. Geary, G. Edlin, I. Ayre, L. Bibby
Goals: A. Walsh 2, B. Humphrey, Y. Colley, K. Jacques, T. Cochrane, B. Jones
Best on ground: Isabella Ayre (Bendigo)

ANZ WOMEN'S DIVISION 2

Qualifying Final
La Trobe University 5.1 (31) def by **VU Western Spurs 5.6 (36)**

Elimination Final
Montmorency 9.6 (60) def South Morang 6.6 (42)

First Semi Final
La Trobe University 1.3 (9) def by **Montmorency 8.8 (56)**

Second Semi Final
West Preston-Lakeside 4.3 (27) def VU Western Spurs 3.5 (23)

Preliminary Final
VU Western Spurs 2.3 (15) def by **Montmorency 3.6 (24)**

Grand Final
WP-Lakeside 6.2 (38) def Montmorency 4.5 (29)

West Preston-Lakeside
Best: S. Galati, C. O'Bryan, Q. Sibbald, T. Cassar, C. Kalanj, J. Bamblett
Goals: C. O'Bryan 2, D. Fayad, Q. Sibbald, P. Hirt, K. Hudson

Montmorency
Best: M. Reinke, O. Antonello, N. Blythe, L. Dow
Goals: N. Tull-Boyle 2, S. Capito 2
Best on ground: Catherine O'Bryan (WP-Lakeside)

ANZ WOMEN'S DIVISION 3

Qualifying Final
St Mary's 4.11 (35) def VU Western Spurs 2.3 (15)

Elimination Final
Eltham 4. 18 (42) def Greensborough 2.4 (16)

First Semi Final
VU Western Spurs 1.0 (6) def by **Eltham 4.6 (30)**

Second Semi Final
Bundoora 6.11 (47) def St Mary's 0.0 (0)

Preliminary Final
St Mary's 0.2 (2) def by **Eltham 0.4 (4)**

Grand Final
Bundoora 6.8 (44) def Eltham 2.0 (12)

Bundoora
Best: C. Dyson, J. Cremore, J. Jonkers Albrecht , S. Clancy, A. Del Romano, A. Parisi
Goals: R. Blennerhassett 2, B. Del Romano, B. Musgrave, A. Callaway, B. Taylor-Gray

Eltham
Best: K. Cullinan, J. Hardiman, R. Burleigh, L. Darcy, J. Burleigh, C. Donoghue
Goals: K. Cullinan, J. Mason
Best on ground: Krystal Cullinan (Eltham)

Women's Awards

BEST AND FAIREST

WOMEN'S DIVISION 1		
Player	Club	Votes
Sarah Wright	**Keilor**	**24**
Shannon Egan	Darebin	14
Sabrine Navarro	Keilor	14
Gemma Wright	Keilor	14
Isabella Ayre	Bendigo	13

WOMEN'S DIVISION 2		
Player	Club	Votes
Catherine O'Bryan	**WP-Lakeside**	**22**
Kate Bond	La Trobe Uni	20
Teresa D'Angelo	La Trobe Uni	14
Nicole Blythe	Montmorency	12
Ellie Koiker	Laurimar	12

WOMEN'S DIVISION 3		
Player	Club	Votes
Rainbow Ebert	**Bundoora**	**24**
Jessica Hardy	St Mary's	20
Kirsten Pocock	VU Spurs	15
Krystal Cullinan	Eltham	12
Serena Francke	St Mary's	12
Stephanie Trkulja	St Mary's	12

COACHES MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

WOMEN'S DIVISION 1		
Player	Club	Votes
Sarah Wright	**Keilor**	**94**
Gemma Wright	Keilor	66
Isabella Ayre	Bendigo	42
Shannon Egan	Darebin	42
Linda Thorp	D. Crk Women's	36

WOMEN'S DIVISION 2		
Player	Club	Votes
Kate Bond	**La Trobe Uni**	**69**
Ellie Koiker	Laurimar	50
Teresa Cassar	WP-Lakeside	49
Tenille Webb	Laurimar	48
Catherine O'Bryan	WP-Lakeside	42

WOMEN'S DIVISION 3		
Player	Club	Votes
Stephanie Trkulja	**St Mary's**	**61**
Sianne Clancy	Bundoora	50
Kirsten Pocock	VU Spurs	47
Jessica Hardy	St Mary's	46
Awek Dut	Mernda	41

LEADING GOAL KICKERS

WOMEN'S DIVISION 1		
Player	Club	Votes
Andrea Walsh	**Bendigo**	**58**
Brooke Todero	Keilor	24
Isabella Ayre	Bendigo	21
Mary Sandral	VU Spurs	21
Sarah Wright	Keilor	21

WOMEN'S DIVISION 2		
Player	Club	Votes
Samantha Greene	**La Trobe Uni**	**39**
Stacy Rigon	VU Spurs	29
Sian Capito	Montmorency	20
Nicole Blythe	Montmorency	17
Dialla Fayad	WP-Lakeside	15

WOMEN'S DIVISION 3		
Player	Club	Votes
Amy Callaway	**Bundoora**	**29**
Chloe Moorcroft	Bundoora	21
Rhiannon Burleigh	Eltham	14
Serena Francke	St Mary's	13
Brieanna Musgrave	Bundoora	12

TEAM OF THE YEAR

WOMEN'S DIVISION 1	
B	Amelia Dawborn (Whi), Brittany Wunhym (VU), Grace Edlin (Ben)
HB	Elisabeth Georgostathis (VU), Mary Sandral (VU), Olivia McEvoy (Ben)
C	Louise Bibby (Ben), Jill McBain (Kei), Olivia Storer (VU)
HF	Karly Cobern (DCW), Gemma Wright (Kei), Linda Thorp (DCW)
F	Brooke Todero (Kei), Andrea Walsh (Ben), Nikita Magriplis (Dar)
R	Shannon Egan (Dar), Sarah Wright (Kei), Isabella Ayre (Ben)
Int	Billie-Lee Humphrey (Ben), Kodi Jacques (Ben), Rachael Knight (Kei), Sabrine Navarro (Kei)
Coach	Luis Alvarez-Harris (Ben)

WOMEN'S DIVISION 2	
B	Sarah Tarrant (SM), Ashleigh Ashman (VU), Karly O'Malley (Dar)
HB	Ashleigh Bayes (Mon), Catherine O'Bryan (WPL), Emily Turnbull (LTU)
C	Ellie Koiker (Lau), Cassie Hurst (SM), Qwai Sibbald (WPL)
HF	Teresa D'Angelo (LTU), Samantha Greene (LTU), Nicole Blythe (Mon)
F	Sian Capito (Mon), Stacy Rigon (VU), Dialla Fayad (WPL)
R	Klarindah Hudson (WPL), Kate Bond (LTU), Tenille Webb (Lau)
Int	Teresa Cassar (WPL), Stephanie Castagnini (LTU), Taryn Rae (Dar), Brittany Salt (VU)
Coach	Brett Pollard (WPL)

WOMEN'S DIVISION 3	
B	Natalie Todaro (Mer), Amy Mitchener (SM), Molly Moloney (VU)
HB	Kirsten Pocock (VU), Jacki White (Elt), Sianne Clancy (Bun)
C	Stephanie Trkulja (SM), Rhiannon Burleigh (Elt), Rainbow Ebert (Bun)
HF	Michelle Reid (SM), Serena Francke (SM), Giuseppina Tarantello (Gre)
F	Chloe Moorcroft (Bun), Amy Callaway (Bun), Brieanna Musgrave (Bun)
R	Awek Dut (Mer), Brittany Del Romano (Bun), Jessica Hardy (SM)
Int	Krystal Cullinan (Elt), Leah Darcy (Elt), Claire Henderson (LTU), Bridgette Taylor-Gray (Bun)
Coach	Gary Moorcroft (Bun)

Senior Representative

2018 was another memorable season on the representative front.

The senior men's football team downed the Mornington Peninsula Nepean Football League to set up a date with the Eastern Football League in 2019 for the number one spot on the AFL Victoria Worksafe Community Championships rankings.

The NFNL used an eight-goal to two second half to run away 12.17 (89) to 7.7 (49) victors over the MPNFL at Preston City Oval – atoning for a five-goal defeat when the leagues met in 2016. Eltham midfielder Anton Woods claimed best afield honours.

Nick Riddle and Jhye Baddeley-Kelly were also named among the best for their efforts in defence. Danko Bzenic and Josh Grabowski were influential, while Patrick Fitzgerald was the pick of the forwards, kicking four goals.

History was made when the NFNL's inaugural representative team took on South East Women's – a combined representative team made from the AFL South East region.

Remarkably, extra time was required after scores were tied at 4.6 (30) at the end of regular time. The NFNL controlled the first half of extra time but could not add to the scoreboard. SEW scored what proved to be the match-winning behind early in the second half of extra time and held on for a 4.7 (31) to 4.6 (30) win.

Vice-captain Ellie Koiker was best on ground for the NFNL for her outstanding performance in midfield, which saw her rack up plenty of possessions and almost will her side to victory in the final term.

The under-19 match was just as gripping, with the NFNL beaten by a goal with the last kick of the match in a 10.5 (65) to 9.5 (59) loss to the MPNFL. It followed a three-point defeat to the Western Region Football League in 2017.

The NFNL led by six points with four minutes remaining, however two goals in the dying stages saw the visitors scrape over the line. Greensborough's Ben Laschko won the medal as the NFNL's best player.

Our representative netball teams continued their perfect record, with both open and under-19 teams extending their unbeaten streaks with wins over the Eastern Football League at Knox Regional Netball Centre.

The open team had to overcome a mighty challenge from the EFL to eventually score a 46-40 win. Down by four girls late in the third term, the NFNL rallied to level scores at the final change, before pulling away late in the match to record a courageous win.

Diamond Creek defender Georgia Bowkett was named best on court for the second year in a row, after also winning the medal in the 2017 win over the EFL at Parade College.

The under-19s produced a dominant performance in the earlier match and stormed to a 48-15 win. Chloe Lambert was named best on court for her outstanding effort in centre in a match where the NFNL stretched its lead in every quarter.

2018 AFL VICTORIA COMMUNITY CHAMPIONSHIPS – SENIOR MEN'S

NFNL	**0.7**	**4.10**	**6.14**	**12.17 (89)**
MPNFL	3.3	4.4	5.7	7.7 (49)

Best: A. Woods, N. Riddle, J. Baddeley-Kelly, L. Hobbs, D. Bzenic, J. Grabowski
Goals: P. Fitzgerald 4, R. Brandt 2, J. Johnston, D. Bzenic, P. Dirago, J. Murphy, R. Stone, J. Perry

Squad: Jesse Donaldson – captain (Montmorency), **Jhye Baddeley-Kelly** (North Heidelberg), **Brandon Bailey** (North Heidelberg), **Thomas Blake** (Lower Plenty), **Reid Brandt** (Macleod), **Liam Byrne** (Bundoora), **Danko Bzenic** (Montmorency), **Paul Dirago** (Northcote Park), **Lachlan East** (Hurstbridge), **Patrick Fitzgerald** (Montmorency), **Josh Grabowski** (Bundoora), **Lucas Hobbs** (Macleod), **Jack Johnston** (Greensborough), **Brad Leggett** (Macleod), **Ned McKeown** (Macleod), **Liam McVeigh** (West Preston-Lakeside), **Jaron Murphy** (Whittlesea), **Jordan Perry** (Northcote Park), **Nick Riddle** (Greensborough), **Tom Simpson** (Hurstbridge), **Ryan Stone** (Heidelberg), **Bradyn Taglieri** (Eltham), **Justin White** (Macleod), **Anton Woods** (Eltham); **Garry Ramsay** – coach

2018 AFL VICTORIA COMMUNITY CHAMPIONSHIPS – SENIOR WOMEN'S

NFNL	1.2	1.6	3.6	4.6 (30)
SEW	**1.3**	**2.4**	**3.6**	**4.7 (31)***

Best: E. Koiker, S. Wright, G. Wright, C. O'Bryan, S. Nyawela, T. Olcorn
Goals: C. Hurst 2, A. Bayes, K. Bond

Squad: Catherine O'Bryan – captain (West Preston-Lakeside), **Ashleigh Bayes** (Montmorency), **Kate Bond** (La Trobe University), **Jacinta Campbell** (South Morang), **Tara Chetcuti** (South Morang), **Karly Cobern** (Diamond Creek Women's), **Teresa D'Angelo** (La Trobe University), **Awek Dut** (Mernda), **Amelia Finnegan** (Whitehorse Colts), **Tarli Gillam** (VU Western Spurs), **Jessica Hardy** (St Mary's), **Cassie Hurst** (South Morang), **Donna Keogh** (Laurimar), **Ellie Koiker** (Laurimar), **Alex Mills** (VU Western Spurs), **Sabrin Nyawela** (VU Western Spurs), **Tamara Olcorn** (Darebin), **Claire Papaleo** (Diamond Creek Women's), **Bridgette Taylor-Gray** (Bundoora), **Linda Thorpe** (Diamond Creek Women's), **Stephanie Trkulja** (St Mary's), **Danielle Violato** (Darebin), **Gemma Wright** (Keilor), **Sarah Wright** (Keilor); **Chyloe Kurdas** – coach

2018 AFL VICTORIA COMMUNITY CHAMPIONSHIPS – UNDER-19

NFNL	1.3	4.3	7.3	9.5 (59)
MPNFL	**3.2**	**4.3**	**6.3**	**10.5 (65)**

Best: B. Laschko, M. Crapper, O. Wilson, K. Manuel, M. Cecchin, M. Perazzola
Goals: M. Cecchin 2, M. Perazzola 2, B. Murphy, T. Smith, A. De Sando, B. Laschko, B. Peterson

Squad: Tynan Smith – captain (Greensborough), **Mitchell Andrews** (Whittlesea), **Angus Butterfield** (Hurstbridge), **Matthew Cecchin** (Heidelberg), **Joseph Ciranna** (Macleod), **Mitchell Crapper** (West Preston-Lakeside), **Adrian De Sando** (Northcote Park), **Connor Gedge** (St Mary's), **Mitchell Hocking** (St Mary's) **Nathan Honey** (Heidelberg), **Khayne Horman** (Lower Plenty), **Zac Hudson** (St Mary's), **Riley Hunt** (Eltham), **Nathan Jasper** (Greensborough), **Nicholas Klooster** (Thomastown), **Ben Laschko** (Greensborough), **Joshua Lohse Tonna** (Thomastown), **Riley Loton** (Banyule), **Kurt Manuel** (Macleod), **Blake Murphy** (Montmorency), **Ben Muscat** (South Morang), **Omar Mustafa** (West Preston-Lakeside), **Matthew Perazzola** (Northcote Park), **Ben Peterson** (South Morang), **Cameron Sullivan** (Eltham), **Oliver Wilson** (Lower Plenty); **Rod Cann** – coach

OPEN NETBALL

NFNL (46) def EFL (40)

Squad: Bec Colwell – captain (North Heidelberg), **Georgia Bowkett** (Diamond Creek), **Jessica Dao** (North Heidelberg), **Olivia Ellis** (Greensborough), **Kendall Fitzpatrick** (Bundoora), **Stacey Gannon** (Diamond Creek), **Rebecca McDonagh** (Greensborough), **Chloe Meulenmeesters** (North Heidelberg), **Bronwyn Taylor** (Diamond Creek); **Julie Hibberd** – coach, **Jacinta Tonkin** – assistant coach

UNDER-19 NETBALL

NFNL (48) def EFL (15)

Squad: Clare Hardi – captain (Heidelberg), **Chrissy Finnerty** (Craigieburn), **Chloe Gray** (Diamond Creek), **Lauren Henderson** (Ivanhoe), **Lauren Jones** (Heidelberg), **Chloe Lambert** (Diamond Creek), **Bridget McLaren** (Heidelberg), **Leanna Sartori** (Ivanhoe), **Charlie Seivers** (Greensborough); **Sharon Ashworth** – coach, **Jacinta Tonkin** – assistant coach

Junior Ladders

UNDER-11 BLUE

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Montmorency Black	**14**	**13**	**1**	**0**	**269.78**	**52**
Whittlesea	**14**	**12**	**2**	**0**	**163.44**	**48**
Eltham Red	**14**	**9**	**5**	**0**	**142.80**	**36**
Eltham Panthers	**14**	**8**	**6**	**0**	**96.73**	**32**
Yarrambat	14	8	6	0	81.99	32
South Morang	14	4	9	1	89.37	18
Laurimar	14	4	9	1	44.66	18
WP-Lakeside	14	2	12	0	49.71	8

UNDER-11 RED

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Wallan White	**14**	**11**	**3**	**0**	**254.29**	**44**
Mernda Blue	**14**	**9**	**5**	**0**	**127.24**	**36**
Mill Park	**14**	**8**	**6**	**0**	**200.47**	**32**
Northcote	**14**	**7**	**7**	**0**	**117.42**	**28**
Research	14	6	8	0	70.44	24
Eltham Black	14	5	9	0	70.99	20
Reservoir	14	4	10	0	55.50	16
Montmorency White	14	4	10	0	43.24	16

UNDER-11 GREEN

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Mernda Red	**14**	**12**	**2**	**0**	**265.29**	**48**
Kilmore	**14**	**10**	**4**	**0**	**216.92**	**40**
Epping	**14**	**8**	**6**	**0**	**164.98**	**32**
Bundoora Park	**14**	**7**	**7**	**0**	**166.54**	**28**
Diamond Creek	14	6	8	0	132.42	24
West Ivanhoe	14	6	8	0	64.44	24
Wallan Black	14	4	10	0	47.51	16
Fitzroy Stars	14	0	14	0	15.65	0

UNDER-12 BLUE

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Montmorency Black	**14**	**13**	**0**	**1**	**353.94**	**54**
Laurimar Blue	**14**	**9**	**5**	**0**	**163.92**	**36**
Epping	**14**	**9**	**5**	**0**	**105.88**	**36**
Eltham Black	**14**	**8**	**6**	**0**	**89.22**	**32**
WP-Lakeside	14	4	10	0	39.50	16
Yarrambat	14	3	10	1	42.14	14

UNDER-12 RED

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Diamond Creek	**14**	**11**	**3**	**0**	**208.53**	**44**
Eltham Red	**14**	**9**	**5**	**0**	**112.27**	**36**
Northcote Blue	**14**	**8**	**5**	**1**	**187.07**	**34**
Bundoora Park	**14**	**8**	**5**	**1**	**72.83**	**34**
Whittlesea	14	4	10	0	58.11	16
South Morang	14	2	12	0	49.69	8

UNDER-12 GREEN

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Northcote Gold	**14**	**11**	**3**	**0**	**297.78**	**44**
Mill Park	**14**	**11**	**3**	**0**	**287.06**	**44**
Mernda	**14**	**9**	**5**	**0**	**87.23**	**36**
Kilmore	**14**	**7**	**7**	**0**	**111.11**	**28**
Research	14	3	11	0	46.63	12
Kinglake	14	3	11	0	24.46	12

UNDER-12 SILVER

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Hurstbridge	**14**	**11**	**3**	**0**	**339.76**	**44**
Wallan	**14**	**8**	**6**	**0**	**280.14**	**32**
West Ivanhoe	**14**	**8**	**6**	**0**	**190.76**	**32**
Greensborough	**14**	**8**	**6**	**0**	**153.27**	**32**
Laurimar Silver	14	5	9	0	78.55	20
Montmorency White	14	5	9	0	62.08	20
Thomastown	14	2	12	0	23.82	8
Keon Park	14	1	13	0	23.67	4

UNDER-12 GIRLS BLUE

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
D. Creek Women's	**14**	**13**	**1**	**0**	**853.70**	**52**
Research	**14**	**13**	**1**	**0**	**304.44**	**52**
Whittlesea	**14**	**7**	**7**	**0**	**100.00**	**28**
Eltham	**14**	**6**	**8**	**0**	**69.38**	**24**
Yarrambat	14	4	10	0	35.14	16
Northcote	14	3	11	0	18.66	12

UNDER-12 GIRLS RED

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Laurimar	**14**	**11**	**3**	**0**	**266.09**	**44**
Montmorency	**14**	**9**	**5**	**0**	**504.62**	**36**
South Morang	**14**	**7**	**7**	**0**	**156.89**	**28**
Wallan	**14**	**6**	**8**	**0**	**125.39**	**24**
Darebin	14	4	10	0	29.94	16
Hurstbridge	14	1	13	0	16.19	4

UNDER-13 BLUE

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	% WON
South Morang Blue	**13**	**12**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**346.10**	**92.31**
Yarrambat	**13**	**9**	**4**	**0**	**1**	**187.98**	**69.23**
Laurimar Blue	**12**	**8**	**4**	**0**	**2**	**115.84**	**66.67**
Whittlesea	**13**	**8**	**5**	**0**	**1**	**104.20**	**61.54**
Mill Park	12	5	7	0	2	70.87	41.67
Greensborough	12	4	8	0	2	57.79	33.33
Eltham Red	12	2	10	0	2	25.66	16.67

UNDER-13 RED

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	% WON
Epping	**14**	**11**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**159.05**	**78.57**
Research	**13**	**9**	**3**	**1**	**1**	**271.78**	**73.08**
Eltham Black	**13**	**9**	**4**	**0**	**1**	**269.27**	**69.23**
Diamond Creek	**14**	**8**	**5**	**1**	**0**	**135.13**	**60.71**
Kilmore	14	6	8	0	0	126.23	42.86
Northcote	14	5	9	0	0	76.72	35.71
Hurstbridge	14	4	10	0	0	30.97	28.57
WP-Lakeside	14	2	12	0	0	37.26	14.29

UNDER-13 GREEN

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	% WON
Mernda	**14**	**10**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**326.42**	**75.00**
Montmorency	**14**	**10**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**298.51**	**71.43**
Laurimar Green	**14**	**10**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**227.73**	**71.43**
Wallan	**14**	**8**	**5**	**1**	**0**	**161.68**	**60.71**
Fitzroy Stars	13	4	8	1	1	65.05	34.62
Panton Hill	14	3	10	1	0	27.01	25.00
South Morang Gold	14	2	12	0	0	37.45	14.29
Lalor	14	2	12	0	0	30.15	14.29

UNDER-14 BLUE

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
South Morang Blue	**14**	**13**	**1**	**0**	**304.15**	**52**
Eltham	**14**	**9**	**5**	**0**	**103.11**	**36**
Montmorency	**14**	**8**	**6**	**0**	**105.24**	**32**
Yarrambat	**14**	**8**	**6**	**0**	**79.41**	**32**
Wallan	14	5	9	0	50.98	20
Mernda	14	4	10	0	69.78	16

UNDER-14 RED

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Research	**14**	**11**	**3**	**0**	**247.16**	**44**
Whittlesea Gold	**14**	**10**	**4**	**0**	**159.81**	**40**
Laurimar	**14**	**7**	**7**	**0**	**172.05**	**28**
West Preston-Lakeside	**14**	**7**	**7**	**0**	**169.72**	**28**
Mill Park	14	7	7	0	77.98	28
Diamond Creek	14	6	8	0	87.47	24
Kinglake	14	4	10	0	26.21	16
Northcote	14	3	11	0	30.73	12

UNDER-14 GREEN

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Greensborough	**14**	**10**	**4**	**0**	**267.98**	**40**
South Morang Gold	**14**	**10**	**4**	**0**	**185.61**	**40**
Reservoir	**14**	**9**	**5**	**0**	**178.03**	**36**
Kilmore	**14**	**9**	**5**	**0**	**171.06**	**36**
Keon Park	14	5	9	0	79.95	20
Thomastown	14	5	9	0	58.48	20
Whittlesea Blue	14	4	10	0	48.57	16
Bundoora Park	14	0	14	0	25.04	0

UNDER-14 GIRLS BLUE

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
D. Creek Women's Blue	**14**	**14**	**0**	**0**	**1103.92**	**56**
Montmorency Black	**14**	**9**	**5**	**0**	**220.44**	**36**
Yjfc/Hjfc	**14**	**9**	**5**	**0**	**82.42**	**36**
Eltham Black	**14**	**8**	**6**	**0**	**129.83**	**32**
Kilmore	14	8	6	0	95.53	32
Whittlesea	14	6	8	0	58.60	24
Laurimar	14	5	9	0	30.65	20
Northcote	14	3	11	0	32.55	12

UNDER-14 GIRLS RED

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Wallan	**14**	**11**	**3**	**0**	**273.79**	**44**
D. Creek Women's Red	**14**	**10**	**4**	**0**	**396.23**	**40**
Green Searchers	**14**	**9**	**5**	**0**	**293.18**	**36**
Bundoora Park	**14**	**6**	**7**	**1**	**51.09**	**26**
Darebin	14	5	9	0	75.81	20
Montmorency White	14	3	10	1	42.20	14
South Morang	14	3	11	0	46.86	12
Eltham Red	14	2	12	0	24.12	8

UNDER-15 BLUE

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
South Morang	**14**	**13**	**1**	**0**	**215.80**	**52**
Laurimar	**14**	**9**	**5**	**0**	**150.11**	**36**
Yarrambat	**14**	**9**	**5**	**0**	**129.79**	**36**
Greensborough	**14**	**9**	**5**	**0**	**104.22**	**36**
Montmorency	14	8	6	0	129.51	32
WP-Lakeside	14	6	8	0	83.85	24
Mernda	14	4	10	0	48.35	16
Kilmore	14	3	11	0	43.98	12

UNDER-15 RED

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Diamond Creek	**14**	**9**	**4**	**1**	**148.28**	**38**
Research	**14**	**9**	**5**	**0**	**148.07**	**36**
Whittlesea	**14**	**7**	**6**	**1**	**132.55**	**30**
Mill Park	**14**	**7**	**7**	**0**	**114.95**	**28**
Eltham	14	7	7	0	114.60	28
Bundoora Park	14	6	8	0	114.09	24
Wallan	14	4	10	0	56.63	16
Hurstbridge	14	1	13	0	48.23	4

UNDER-16 BLUE

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Laurimar	**14**	**11**	**3**	**0**	**156.61**	**44**
Eltham	**14**	**9**	**4**	**1**	**125.42**	**38**
Diamond Creek	**14**	**9**	**5**	**0**	**132.35**	**36**
Research	**14**	**7**	**7**	**0**	**118.16**	**28**
Mill Park	14	6	8	0	64.99	24
WP-Lakeside	14	2	11	1	58.21	10

UNDER-16 RED

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	% WON
Mernda	**14**	**11**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**152.27**	**78.57**
Yarrambat	**14**	**10**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**140.27**	**75.00**
Kilmore	**12**	**7**	**5**	**0**	**2**	**136.22**	**58.33**
Montmorency	**13**	**6**	**6**	**1**	**1**	**108.39**	**50.00**
Greensborough	13	3	10	0	1	82.03	23.08
South Morang	13	0	13	0	1	47.79	0.00

UNDER-16 GIRLS BLUE

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	% WON
Montmorency	**12**	**10**	**2**	**0**	**2**	**254.10**	**83.33**
D. Creek Women's Blue	**13**	**9**	**4**	**0**	**1**	**121.95**	**69.23**
WP-Lakeside	**12**	**8**	**4**	**0**	**2**	**207.69**	**66.67**
South Morang	**13**	**7**	**5**	**1**	**1**	**79.61**	**57.69**
Research	12	6	6	0	2	91.28	50.00
Kilmore	12	4	7	1	2	35.40	37.50
Yarrambat	13	4	9	0	1	51.31	30.77

UNDER-16 GIRLS RED

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	% WON
Boro Bolts	**14**	**12**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**471.43**	**89.29**
Northcote	**13**	**9**	**4**	**0**	**1**	**176.64**	**69.23**
Panton Hill	**14**	**8**	**5**	**1**	**0**	**297.86**	**60.71**
Eltham	**14**	**7**	**5**	**2**	**0**	**168.27**	**57.14**
Wallan	14	5	9	0	0	112.69	35.71
D. Creek Women's Red	13	4	9	0	1	53.18	30.77
Hurstbridge	13	1	12	0	1	45.89	7.69
Darebin	14	1	13	0	0	11.61	7.14

UNDER-17

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Montmorency	**14**	**12**	**2**	**0**	**207.98**	**48**
South Morang	**14**	**12**	**2**	**0**	**203.89**	**48**
Greensborough	**14**	**12**	**2**	**0**	**170.75**	**48**
Mill Park	**14**	**10**	**4**	**0**	**247.20**	**40**
Diamond Creek	14	10	4	0	113.79	40
Rangers	14	5	9	0	72.05	20
Whittlesea	14	4	10	0	42.33	16
Mernda	14	3	11	0	62.66	12
WP-Lakeside	14	2	12	0	68.69	8
Kilmore/Wallan	14	0	14	0	33.75	0

UNDER-18 GIRLS

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	% WON
Montmorency	**12**	**12**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**955.36**	**100.00**
D. Creek Women's	**12**	**9**	**3**	**0**	**2**	**272.73**	**75.00**
Darebin	**12**	**9**	**3**	**0**	**2**	**162.86**	**75.00**
Eltham	**12**	**8**	**4**	**0**	**2**	**106.91**	**66.67**
Laurimar	12	6	6	0	2	112.29	50.00
Yarrambat	12	6	6	0	2	110.50	50.00
Research	13	4	9	0	1	86.55	30.77
Whittlesea	13	1	12	0	1	23.52	7.69
Wallan/Kilmore	14	1	13	0	0	14.18	7.14

Junior Finals Results

UNDER-11 BLUE

First Semi Final
Eltham Red 5.9 (39) def Eltham Panthers 2.8 (20)

Second Semi Final
Montmorency Black 3.1 (19) def by **Whittlesea 3.6 (24)**

Preliminary Final
Montmorency Black 4.7 (31) def Eltham Red 1.2 (8)

Grand Final
Whittlesea 7.6 (48) def Montmorency Black 1.2 (8)

UNDER-11 RED

First Semi Final
Mill Park 6.1 (37) def Northcote 2.3 (15)

Second Semi Final
Wallan White 10.8 (68) def Mernda Blue 5.8 (38)

Preliminary Final
Mernda Blue 4.4 (28) def Mill Park 4.3 (27)

Grand Final
Wallan White 2.7 (19) def Mernda Blue 1.3 (9)

UNDER-11 GREEN

First Semi Final
Epping 5.1 (31) def by **Bundoora Park 10.8 (68)**

Second Semi Final
Mernda Red 1.13 (19) def Kilmore 1.8 (14)

Preliminary Final
Kilmore 7.5 (47) def Bundoora Park 3.3 (21)

Grand Final
Mernda Red 1.4 (10) def by **Kilmore 6.9 (45)**

UNDER-12 BLUE

First Semi Final
Epping 4.6 (30) def by **Eltham Black 7.3 (45)**

Second Semi Final
Montmorency Black 5.8 (38) def Laurimar Blue 5.3 (33)

Preliminary Final
Laurimar Blue 10.8 (68) def Eltham Black 4.2 (26)

Grand Final
Montmorency Black 5.9 (39) def Laurimar Blue 0.2 (2)

UNDER-12 RED

First Semi Final
Northcote Blue 5.6 (36) def Bundoora Park 4.4 (28)

Second Semi Final
Diamond Creek 3.9 (27) def by **Eltham Red 5.7 (37)**

Preliminary Final
Diamond Creek 8.4 (52) def Northcote Blue 2.5 (17)

Grand Final
Eltham Red 3.4 (22) def Diamond Creek 2.2 (14)

UNDER-12 GREEN

First Semi Final
Mernda 3.3 (21) def Kilmore 3.1 (19)

Second Semi Final
Northcote Gold 3.7 (25) def Mill Park 1.2 (8)

Preliminary Final
Mill Park 3.6 (24) def Mernda 1.5 (11)

Grand Final
Northcote Gold 6.5 (41) def Mill Park 2.2 (14)

UNDER-12 SILVER

First Semi Final
West Ivanhoe 3.3 (21) def Greensborough 0.4 (4)

Second Semi Final
Hurstbridge 8.8 (56) def Wallan 1.3 (9)

Preliminary Final
Wallan 0.2 (2) def by **West Ivanhoe 6.9 (45)**

Grand Final
Hurstbridge 6.16 (52) def West Ivanhoe 1.1 (7)

UNDER-12 GIRLS BLUE

First Semi Final
Whittlesea 3.4 (22) def Eltham 0.7 (7)

Second Semi Final
D. Creek Women's 5.8 (38) def Research 2.3 (15)

Preliminary Final
Research 2.1 (13) def Whittlesea 1.0 (6)

Grand Final
D. Creek Women's 4.4 (28) def Research 1.0 (6)

UNDER-12 GIRLS RED

First Semi Final
South Morang 5.6 (36) def Wallan 4.3 (27)

Second Semi Final
Laurimar 3.7 (25) def Montmorency 1.1 (7)

Preliminary Final
Montmorency 5.2 (32) def South Morang 2.1 (13)

Grand Final
Laurimar 0.2 (2) def by **Montmorency 1.3 (9)**

UNDER-13 BLUE

First Semi Final
Laurimar 3.5 (23) def by **Whittlesea 3.6 (24)**

Second Semi Final
South Morang Blue 4.8 (32) def Yarrambat 2.7 (19)

Preliminary Final
Yarrambat 6.5 (41) def Whittlesea 5.3 (33)

Grand Final
South Morang Blue 5.4 (34) def Yarrambat 4.3 (27)

UNDER-13 RED

First Semi Final
Eltham Black 13.8 (86) def Diamond Creek 3.5 (23)

Second Semi Final
Epping 6.4 (40) def Research 3.7 (25)

Preliminary Final
Research 1.4 (10) def by **Eltham Black 11.7 (73)**

Grand Final
Epping 0.1 (1) def by **Eltham Black 2.7 (19)**

UNDER-13 GREEN

First Semi Final
Laurimar Green 5.3 (33) def by **Wallan 5.5 (35)**

Second Semi Final
Mernda 3.4 (22) def by **Montmorency 8.8 (56)**

Preliminary Final
Mernda 7.12 (54) def Wallan 3.2 (20)

Grand Final
Montmorency 3.12 (30) def Mernda 4.5 (29)

UNDER-14 BLUE

First Semi Final
Montmorency 3.9 (27) def by **Yarrambat 4.6 (30)**

Second Semi Final
South Morang Blue 10.12 (72) def Eltham 1.1 (7)

Preliminary Final
Eltham 12.7 (79) def Yarrambat 9.1 (55)

Grand Final
South Morang Blue 8.4 (52) def Eltham 2.2 (14)

UNDER-14 RED

First Semi Final
Laurimar 4.7 (31) def WP-Lakeside 3.6 (24)

Second Semi Final
Research 5.11 (41) def Whittlesea Gold 1.3 (9)

Preliminary Final
Whittlesea Gold 6.7 (43) def Laurimar 2.5 (17)

Grand Final
Research 7.6 (48) def Whittlesea Gold 5.1 (31)

UNDER-14 GREEN

First Semi Final
Reservoir 9.6 (60) def Kilmore 4.6 (30)

Second Semi Final
Greensborough 5.5 (35) def South Morang Gold 4.3 (27)

Preliminary Final
South Morang Gold 4.8 (32) def by **Reservoir 5.6 (36)**

Grand Final
Greensborough 5.3 (33) def Reservoir 2.4 (16)

UNDER-14 GIRLS BLUE

First Semi Final
YJFC/HJFC 8.9 (57) def Eltham Black 5.9 (39)

Second Semi Final
D. Women's Blue 8.6 (54) def Montmorency Blk 4.4 (28)

Preliminary Final
Montmorency Black 1.5 (11) def YJFC/HJFC 1.3 (9)

Grand Final
D. Women's Blue 1.5 (11) def Montmorency Blk 1.0 (6)

UNDER-14 GIRLS RED

First Semi Final
Green Searchers 5.4 (34) def Bundoora Park 3.4 (22)

Second Semi Final
Wallan 4.6 (30) def D. Creek Women's Red 2.2 (14)

Preliminary Final
D. Creek Women's Red 3.0 (18) def by **Green Searchers 2.12 (24)**

Grand Final
Wallan 3.5 (23) def by **Green Searchers 4.6 (30)**

UNDER-15 BLUE

First Semi Final
Yarrambat 7.7 (49) def Greensborough 6.5 (41)

Second Semi Final
South Morang 6.9 (45) def Laurimar 4.10 (34)

Preliminary Final
Laurimar 11.10 (76) def Yarrambat 5.7 (37)

Grand Final
South Morang 4.10 (34) def by **Laurimar 5.8 (38)**

UNDER-15 RED

First Semi Final
Whittlesea 3.5 (23) def by **Mill Park 3.12 (30)**

Second Semi Final
Diamond Creek 3.9 (27) def by **Research 11.12 (78)**

Preliminary Final
Diamond Creek 9.11 (65) def Mill Park 4.2 (26)

Grand Final
Research 4.8 (32) def Diamond Creek 2.5 (17)

UNDER-16 BLUE

First Semi Final
Diamond Creek 8.5 (53) def Research 3.8 (26)

Second Semi Final
Laurimar 12.5 (77) def Eltham 5.2 (32)

Preliminary Final
Eltham 4.3 (27) def by **Diamond Creek 12.10 (82)**

Grand Final
Laurimar 2.5 (17) def by **Diamond Creek 7.14 (56)**

UNDER-16 RED

First Semi Final
Kilmore 4.8 (32) def by **Montmorency 10.11 (71)**

Second Semi Final
Mernda 9.13 (67) def Yarrambat 6.5 (41)

Preliminary Final
Yarrambat 8.1 (49) def by **Montmorency 13.16 (94)**

Grand Final
Mernda 3.7 (25) def by **Montmorency 10.8 (68)**

UNDER-16 GIRLS BLUE

First Semi Final
WP-Lakeside 7.6 (48) def South Morang 5.7 (37)

Second Semi Final
Montmorency 4.12 (36) def D. Creek Women's Blue 2.4 (16)

Preliminary Final
D. Creek Women's Blue 2.2 (14) def by **WP-Lakeside 5.18 (48)**

Grand Final
Montmorency 2.1 (13) def by **WP-Lakeside 8.7 (55)**

UNDER-16 GIRLS RED

First Semi Final
Panton Hill 1.3 (9) def by **Eltham 2.8 (20)**

Second Semi Final
Boro Bolts 1.4 (10) def by **Northcote 3.7 (25)**

Preliminary Final
Boro Bolts 2.4 (16) def by **Eltham 3.4 (22)**

Grand Final
Northcote 4.4 (28) def Eltham 1.2 (8)

UNDER-17

First Semi Final
Greensborough 4.8 (32) def by **Mill Park 11.8 (74)**

Second Semi Final
Montmorency 7.6 (48) def by **South Morang 8.6 (54)**

Preliminary Final
Montmorency 6.6 (42) def by **Mill Park 9.12 (66)**

Grand Final
South Morang 4.6 (30) def by **Mill Park 10.7 (67)**

UNDER-18 GIRLS

First Semi Final
Darebin 3.0 (18) def Eltham 2.4 (16)

Second Semi Final
Montmorency 2.2 (14) def D. Creek Women's 0.2 (2)

Preliminary Final
D. Creek Women's 4.4 (28) def Darebin 0.7 (7)

Grand Final
Montmorency 6.8 (44) def D. Creek Women's 1.0 (6)

Junior Awards

Northern Knights NFNL Rising Star winner Patrick Dozzi

Junior Club of the Year
Yarrambat Junior Football Club

Lew Hall Award
Max Lacorcia (Kilmore)

Northern Knights NFNL Rising Star
Patrick Dozzi (Research)

NFNL Representative Award (Under 14A)
Thomas Neale (Eltham)

NFNL Representative Award (Under 14B)
Nicholas Storer (Laurimar)

NFNL Representative Award (Under 15A)
Darcy Wilmot (Yarrambat)

NFNL Representative Award (Under 15B)
Jarred Coutts (Research)

NFNL Representative Award (Under 15A Girls)
Kasey Lennox (Wallan)

NFNL Representative Award (Under 15B Girls)
Lauren Jatczak (Eltham)

Junior Umpire of the Year
Lachlan Flinn

Most Promising Junior Umpire
Seamus White

UNDER-18 GIRLS

1st – Alannah Murray (Eltham)	**16 votes**
2nd – Peppa Poultney (Darebin)	15 votes
3rd – Phoebe Chisholm (Laurimar)	13 votes
3rd – Georgia Cleary (Montmorency)	13 votes

UNDER-17

1st – Benjamin Smith (Rangers)	**18 votes**
2nd – William Cookson (South Morang)	17 votes
3rd – Kyle Johnson (Greensborough)	15 votes
3rd – Tarwan Rennie (Montmorency)	15 votes
3rd – James Traianou (South Morang)	15 votes

UNDER-16 BLUE

1st – Anthony O'Sullivan (Laurimar)	**19 votes**
2nd – Ben Major (Diamond Creek)	16 votes
3rd – Nathan Barry (Eltham)	13 votes

UNDER-16 RED

1st – Jaden Smith (Kilmore)	**20 votes**
2nd – Nicholas Green (Yarrambat)	18 votes
3rd – Thomas McMahon (Mernda)	11 votes

UNDER-16 GIRLS BLUE

1st – Hannah Laffey (Montmorency)	**19 votes**
2nd – Tarrah Delgado (Research)	18 votes
3rd – Teleah Smart (Yarrambat)	14 votes

UNDER-16 GIRLS RED

1st – Monique Ramsay (Panton Hill)	**24 votes**
2nd – Emmison Zealley (Boro Bolts)	23 votes
3rd – Tanaya Boyne (Eltham)	21 votes

UNDER-15 BLUE

1st – Darcy Wilmot (Yarrambat)	**30 votes**
2nd – Joel Fitzgerald (South Morang)	23 votes
3rd – Noah Dalmau (South Morang)	20 votes

UNDER-15 RED

1st – Patrick Dozzi (Research)	**28 votes**
2nd – Andrew Elward (Diamond Creek)	20 votes
3rd – Mace Upton (Wallan)	16 votes

UNDER-14 BLUE

1st – Riley Gaylard (South Morang)	**19 votes**
1st – Cooper Harvey (Yarrambat)	**19 votes**
2nd – Jarred Seiter (Montmorency)	18 votes
3rd – Jason McCormick (Eltham)	17 votes

UNDER-14 RED

1st – Hayden Delos (West Preston-Lakeside)	**25 votes**
2nd – Benjamin Ham (Research)	19 votes
2nd – Lachlan Watson (Research)	19 votes
3rd – Nicholas Younes (Mill Park)	17 votes

UNDER-14 GREEN

1st – Jordan Nguyen (Thomastown)	**33 votes**
2nd – Tom Cook (Kilmore)	26 votes
3rd – Lachlan Prewett (South Morang)	25 votes

UNDER-14 GIRLS BLUE

1st – Brooke Plummer (Yarrambat/Hurstbridge)	**36 votes**
2nd – Heidi Woodley (Kilmore)	32 votes
3rd – Zoe Bailey (Diamond Creek Women's)	29 votes

UNDER-14 GIRLS RED

1st – Maddison Ford (Wallan)	**22 votes**
2nd – Scarlett Ormandy (Darebin)	18 votes
3rd – Naomi Nicola (Montmorency)	15 votes
3rd – Brooke Webster (Diamond Creek Women's)	15 votes

UNDER-13 BLUE

1st – Noah Mooney (Laurimar)	**24 votes**
2nd – Nate Caddy (Yarrambat)	23 votes
3rd – Adam De Propertis (South Morang)	22 votes
3rd – Riley Gilchrist (Whittlesea)	22 votes

UNDER-13 RED

1st – Felix Bell (Research)	**24 votes**
2nd – Emett Wise (Eltham)	23 votes
3rd – Ryan Eyre (Kilmore)	22 votes

UNDER-13 GREEN

1st – Samuel Elali (Mernda)	**29 votes**
2nd – Kanoa Rotumah (Fitzroy Stars)	21 votes
3rd – Sean Culhane (Montmorency)	20 votes

Benjamin Smith

Alannah Murray

Junior Representative

UNDER-14 DIVISION 1 POOL A

Round 1

NFNL	**4.2**	**7.4**	**10.5**	**14.7 (91)**
EDFL	1.3	1.4	2.8	2.10 (22)

Best: J. McCormick, T. Neale, H. Way, B. Ham, D. Gikovski, N. Younes
Goals: J. McCormick 5, H. Way 2, B. Ham 2, T. Neale 2, J. Nguyen, C. Harvey, D. Hogg

Round 2

NFNL	**2.3**	**7.4**	**8.5**	**9.6 (60)**
YJFL	0.4	2.5	3.7	4.12 (36)

Best: B. Ham, T. Neale, J. Nguyen, N. Younes, H. Delos, J. Seiter
Goals: J. Nguyen 2, B. Ham 2, J. Thorne, J. Seiter, J. Apted, J. McCormick, C. Harvey

Round 3

NFNL	3.1	4.2	9.5	9.5 (59)
SMJFL	**2.2**	**5.5**	**8.8**	**12.12 (84)**

Best: W. O'Dwyer-Richards, T. Neale, L. Watson, M. Ryan, J. Nguyen, R. Rode
Goals: J. Nguyen 2, J. McCormick 2, L. Watson, N. Younes, J. Apted, B. Ham, C. Harvey

Grand Final

NFNL	**1.3**	**3.3**	**8.9**	**14.12 (96)**
SMJFL	1.3	2.4	4.7	4.8 (32)

Best: L. Watson, J. Seiter, J. Nguyen, C. Harvey, H. Way
Goals: C. Harvey 4, J. McCormick 2, H. Way 2, B. Ham, J. Thorne, D. Hogg, J. Nguyen, N. Younes, R. Rode

UNDER-14 DIVISION 1 POOL B

Round 1

NFNL	**0.2**	**4.3**	**6.6**	**8.11 (59)**
EDFL	2.3	3.5	4.6	4.7 (31)

Best: L. Yeats, N. Storer, D. Lansfield, R. Gaylard, B. Glenn, R. Bamblett
Goals: J. Maruff 2, F. Riley, N. Storer, J. Thompson, R. Bamblett, S. Sarandopoulos, R. Gaylard

Round 2

NFNL	2.4	3.4	3.4	5.6 (36)
YJFL	**1.2**	**4.9**	**6.14**	**7.14 (56)**

Best: J. Ritchie, N. Storer, J. Chubb, L. Yeats, R. Sizeland, R. Gaylard
Goals: S. Sarandopoulos, B. Glenn, H. Karvellas, R. Bamblett, S. Zivkovic

Round 3

NFNL	2.3	2.3	3.7	4.7 (31)
SMJFL	**0.0**	**4.4**	**4.6**	**7.8 (50)**

Best: N. Storer, J. Chubb, R. Gaylard, T. Stavrou, L. Yeats, J. Ritchie
Goals: N. Storer 2, J. Chubb, L. Yeats

UNDER-15 DIVISION 1 POOL A

Round 1

NFNL	2.1	2.2	2.7	4.11 (35)
EDFL	**0.2**	**1.4**	**5.6**	**6.6 (42)**

Best: J. Hanel, J. Harper, J. Fitzgerald, N. Dalmau, D. Wilmot, H. Hirt
Goals: J. Fitzgerald 3, A. O'Sullivan

Round 2

NFNL	1.0	2.1	2.1	4.1 (25)
YJFL	**5.2**	**10.7**	**17.8**	**22.9 (141)**

Best: J. Harper, D. Wilmot, A. Biddle, A. Seivers, D. Whelan, N. Dalmau
Goals: B. Binion, C. Jolly, N. Dalmau, J. Harper

Round 3

NFNL	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1 (7)
SMJFL	**3.2**	**8.4**	**12.7**	**18.12 (120)**

Best: D. Whelan, K. Kankaanpaa, N. Dalmau, J. Fitzgerald, C. Selvaggio, D. Wilmot
Goals: J. Fitzgerald

UNDER-15 DIVISION 1 POOL B

Round 1

NFNL	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.5 (11)
EDFL	**3.6**	**8.11**	**8.12**	**9.23 (77)**

Best: J. Leslie, J. Coutts, C. Bunworth, H. Beattie, B. Harris, E. Robertson
Goals: C. Bunworth

Round 2

NFNL	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2 (2)
YJFL	**5.5**	**12.9**	**17.15**	**23.21 (159)**

Best: B. Jones, J. Coutts, T. Proctor, D. Gray Dejong, J. Leslie, S. Ludlow
Goals:

Round 3

NFNL	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0 (18)
SMJFL	**2.5**	**8.10**	**11.14**	**18.17 (125)**

Best: J. Coutts, J. Pulice, B. Jones, H. Lehner, L. Manago, T. Proctor
Goals: E. Robertson, C. Cusinato, R. Mudge

UNDER-15 GIRLS DIVISION 1

Round 1

NFNL	**0.2**	**0.4**	**0.6**	**1.9 (15)**
YJFL	0.3	1.5	1.6	1.7 (13)

Best: T. Smart, P. Poultney, A. Reibelt, M. Appleby, M. Stephenson, T. Delgado
Goals: P. Bell

Round 2

NFNL	**2.3**	**2.5**	**5.7**	**7.7 (49)**
SMJFL	0.1	0.5	2.6	2.12 (24)

Best: H. Woodley, K. Lennox, P. Poultney, A. Reibelt, B. Plummer, T. Delgado
Goals: C. Williams 2, P. Poultney, K. Lennox, M. Gardam, T. Boyne, M. Appleby

Round 3

NFNL	0.0	1.0	1.2	1.6 (12)
ERG	**2.4**	**3.4**	**4.6**	**6.7 (43)**

Best: M. Molenberg, A. Woodward, O. Bandera, E. Zealley, T. Smart, M. Stephenson
Goals: P. Larsson

Grand Final

NFNL	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3 (3)
ERG	**1.3**	**5.5**	**5.11**	**5.14 (44)**

Best:
Goals:

UNDER-15 GIRLS DIVISION 2

Round 1

NFNL	2.0	4.3	5.5	5.6 (36)
YJFL	0.1	2.3	3.3	5.6 (36)

Best: I. Hammond, L. Jatczak, L. Jones, M. Tolson, J. Kernaghan, V. Lawrence
Goals: J. Ventura 3, L. Jones 2

Round 2

NFNL	0.2	0.3	1.5	2.7 (19)
SMJFL	**4.1**	**5.5**	**6.7**	**8.11 (59)**

Best: L. Jatczak, I. Hammond, S. Blizzard, I. Germishuys, J. Ricardo, S. Anderson
Goals: T. Walsh, I. Hammond

Round 3

NFNL	0.1	2.1	4.1	4.3 (27)
ERG	**1.2**	**4.5**	**5.8**	**5.8 (38)**

Best: S. Anderson, J. Kernaghan, C. Jones, I. Hammond, L. Jatczak, T. Harris
Goals: I. Hammond, G. Tait, S. Anderson, C. Jones

Netball Finals Results & Ladders

SECTION 1

First Semi Final
North Heidelberg 1 (58) def Heidelberg 1 (37)

Second Semi Final
Diamond Creek 1 (57) def Greensborough 1 (36)

Preliminary Final
Greensborough 1 (47) def by **North Heidelberg 1 (50)**

Grand Final
Diamond Creek 1 (64) def North Heidelberg 1 (54)
Best on court: Stacey Gannon (Diamond Creek 1)

SECTION 2

First Semi Final
Greensborough 2 (23) def by **Fitzroy Stars 1 (32)**

Second Semi Final
Diamond Creek 2 (42) def Ivanhoe 1 (28)

Preliminary Final
Ivanhoe 1 (36) def Fitzroy Stars 1 (31)

Grand Final
Diamond Creek 2 (40) def Ivanhoe 1 (34)
Best on court: Mollie Rose Marchbank (D. Creek 2)

SECTION 3

First Semi Final
Heat 1 (27) def Craigieburn 1 (26)

Second Semi Final
Bundoora 1 (31) def Watsonia 1 (17)

Preliminary Final
Watsonia 1 (34) def Heat 1 (18)

Grand Final
Bundoora 1 (40) def Watsonia 1 (20)
Best on court: Emily Williams (Bundoora 1)

SECTION 4

First Semi Final
Heidelberg 4 (18) def by **Greensborough 3 (48)**

Second Semi Final
Watsonia 2 (21) def by **St Mary's 2 (22)**

Preliminary Final
Watsonia 2 (20) def by **Greensborough 3 (28)**

Grand Final
St Mary's 2 (31) def by **Greensborough 3 (37)**
Best on court: Mia Sannholm (Greensborough 3)

SECTION 5

First Semi Final
Diamond Creek 5 (29) def by **West Ivanhoe 1 (36)**

Second Semi Final
Craigieburn 2 (17) def by **Macleod 1 (30)**

Preliminary Final
Craigieburn 2 (28) def West Ivanhoe 1 (24)

Grand Final
Macleod 1 (22) def by **Craigieburn 2 (30)**
Best on court: Ella Stoward (Craigieburn 2)

SECTION 6

First Semi Final
Bundoora 3 (36) def Keon Park 1 (27)

Second Semi Final
Hurstbridge 1 (25) def by **Laurimar 2 (26)**

Preliminary Final
Hurstbridge 1 (29) def Bundoora 3 (23)

Grand Final
Laurimar 2 (29) def by **Hurstbridge 1 (30)**
Best on court: Amy Fisher (Hurstbridge 1)

SECTION 7

First Semi Final
Montmorency 1 (34)* def West Ivanhoe 2 (33)

Second Semi Final
Whittlesea 1 (28) def Watsonia 3 (21)

Preliminary Final
Watsonia 3 (21) def by **Montmorency 1 (27)**

Grand Final
Whittlesea 1 (22) def by **Montmorency 1 (25)**
Best on court: Rebecca Gagliardi (Montmorency 1)

SECTION 1

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	% WON
Diamond Creek 1	**14**	**13**	**1**	**0**	**3**	**127.15**	**92.86**
Greensborough 1	**14**	**9**	**5**	**0**	**3**	**120.32**	**64.29**
North Heidelberg 1	**13**	**8**	**5**	**0**	**4**	**108.78**	**61.54**
Heidelberg 1	**13**	**4**	**9**	**0**	**4**	**81.38**	**30.77**
South Morang 1	15	4	11	0	2	71.26	26.67

SECTION 2

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	% WON
Diamond Creek 2	**16**	**15**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**154.51**	**93.75**
Ivanhoe 1	**17**	**12**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**119.09**	**70.59**
Greensborough 2	**17**	**11**	**6**	**0**	**0**	**109.36**	**64.71**
Fitzroy Stars 1	**17**	**9**	**8**	**0**	**0**	**114.62**	**52.94**
Heidelberg 2	16	7	9	0	1	81.43	43.75
Northcote Park 1	17	5	12	0	0	90.65	29.41
Laurimar 1	16	3	13	0	1	71.33	18.75
St Mary's 1	16	2	14	0	1	81.01	12.50

SECTION 3

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	% WON
Bundoora 1	**17**	**14**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**137.25**	**82.35**
Watsonia 1	**17**	**13**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**110.54**	**76.47**
Heat 1	**17**	**11**	**5**	**1**	**0**	**115.85**	**67.65**
Craigieburn 1	**17**	**8**	**8**	**1**	**0**	**96.87**	**50.00**
Thomastown 1	17	8	9	0	0	90.48	47.06
North Heidelberg 2	17	7	9	1	0	101.20	44.12
Heidelberg 3	16	5	10	1	1	97.94	34.38
Diamond Creek 3	16	2	14	0	1	62.58	12.50

SECTION 4

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	% WON
Watsonia 2	**15**	**10**	**4**	**1**	**2**	**114.17**	**70.00**
St Mary's 2	**15**	**10**	**4**	**1**	**2**	**112.31**	**70.00**
Heidelberg 4	**16**	**11**	**5**	**0**	**1**	**113.29**	**68.75**
Greensborough 3	**15**	**9**	**6**	**0**	**2**	**120.60**	**60.00**
Ivanhoe 2	16	8	8	0	1	111.89	50.00
North Heidelberg 3	15	7	7	1	2	98.75	50.00
Diamond Creek 4	15	6	8	1	2	91.21	43.33
Bundoora 2	16	4	11	1	1	93.26	28.12
Kilmore 1	16	3	13	0	1	60.22	18.75

SECTION 5

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	% WON
Craigieburn 2	**17**	**11**	**4**	**2**	**0**	**113.97**	**70.59**
Macleod 1	**17**	**10**	**6**	**1**	**0**	**109.14**	**61.76**
Diamond Creek 5	**17**	**10**	**6**	**1**	**0**	**104.35**	**61.76**
West Ivanhoe 1	**17**	**8**	**7**	**2**	**0**	**93.13**	**52.94**
Epping 1	17	7	9	1	0	93.18	44.12
Thomastown 2	16	6	10	0	1	84.76	37.50
Northcote Park 2	17	5	10	2	0	114.24	35.29
North Heidelberg 4	17	6	11	0	0	91.33	35.29

SECTION 6

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	% WON
Hurstbridge 1	**17**	**13**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**148.18**	**76.47**
Laurimar 2	**16**	**11**	**5**	**0**	**1**	**110.97**	**68.75**
Bundoora 3	**17**	**10**	**6**	**1**	**0**	**123.08**	**61.76**
Keon Park 1	**17**	**10**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**102.92**	**58.82**
Craigieburn 3	17	8	8	1	0	108.83	50.00
Fitzroy Stars 2	17	6	11	0	0	80.62	35.29
South Morang 2	17	5	12	0	0	89.45	29.41
Macleod 2	17	3	14	0	0	66.10	17.65

SECTION 7

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	% WON
Whittlesea 1	**17**	**13**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**138.57**	**79.41**
Watsonia 3	**17**	**12**	**2**	**3**	**0**	**138.56**	**79.41**
Montmorency 1	**17**	**11**	**3**	**3**	**0**	**153.91**	**73.53**
West Ivanhoe 2	**17**	**11**	**5**	**1**	**0**	**121.36**	**67.65**
Heidelberg West 1	17	10	7	0	0	108.65	58.82
Bundoora 4	17	6	11	0	0	81.54	35.29
Northcote Park 3	17	5	10	2	0	76.61	35.29
Heat 2	17	5	11	1	0	79.90	32.35
Heidelberg 5	17	3	12	2	0	76.84	23.53
South Morang 3	17	3	13	1	0	74.88	20.59

SECTION 8

First Semi Final
Watsonia 4 (37) def Fitzroy Stars 3 (29)

Second Semi Final
Greensborough 4 (21) def by **Thomastown 3 (24)**

Preliminary Final
Greensborough 4 (32) def Watsonia 4 (28)

Grand Final
Thomastown 3 (23) def by **Greensborough 4 (25)**
Best on court: Olivia Turner-Dickson (Greensborough 4)

SECTION 9

First Semi Final
Whittlesea 2 (29) def by **Bundoora 5 (31)**

Second Semi Final
Hurstbridge 2 (28) def West Ivanhoe 3 (8)

Preliminary Final
West Ivanhoe 3 (30) def Bundoora 5 (14)

Grand Final
Hurstbridge 2 (20) def West Ivanhoe 3 (18)
Best on court: Emma Thomas (Hurstbridge 2)

SECTION 10

First Semi Final
Watsonia 5 (28) def Thomastown 4 (27)

Second Semi Final
Reservoir 2 (30) def Mernda 1 (29)

Preliminary Final
Mernda 1 (30) def by **Watsonia 5 (36)**

Grand Final
Reservoir 2 (29) def by **Watsonia 5 (34)**
Best on court: Maddison Filev (Watsonia 5)

SECTION 11

First Semi Final
Thomastown 5 (26) def Heidelberg West 2 (23)

Second Semi Final
Mernda 2 (23) def by **Hurstbridge 3 (28)**

Preliminary Final
Mernda 2 (21) def Thomastown 5 (20)

Grand Final
Hurstbridge 3 (18) def by **Mernda 2 (29)**
Best on court: Demmi Gosling (Mernda 2)

2017/2018 SUMMER SECTION 1

First Semi Final
Heat 1 (28) def by **Craigieburn 1 (33)**

Second Semi Final
Bundoora 1 (31) def St Mary's 1 (20)

Preliminary Final
St Mary's 1 (35) def Craigieburn 1 (26)

Grand Final
Bundoora 1 (30) def St Mary's 1 (22)
Best on court: Kate Butler (Bundoora 1)

2017/2018 SUMMER SECTION 2

First Semi Final
Bundoora 2 (27) def by **Hurstbridge 1 (31)**

Second Semi Final
Greensborough 1 (34) def Craigieburn 2 (13)

Preliminary Final
Craigieburn 2 (33) def by **Hurstbridge 1 (38)**

Grand Final
Greensborough 1 (20) def by **Hurstbridge 1 (21)**
Best on court: Jessica Bamblett (Hurstbridge 1)

2017/2018 SUMMER SECTION 3

First Semi Final
Hurstbridge 2 (36) def Bundoora 4 (29)

Second Semi Final
St Mary's 2 (26) def by **Heat 3 (33)**

Preliminary Final
St Mary's 2 (37) def by **Hurstbridge 2 (38)**

Grand Final
Heat 3 (20) def by **Hurstbridge 2 (26)**
Best on court: Amy Fisher (Hurstbridge 2)

SECTION 8

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	% WON
Greensborough 4	**17**	**12**	**4**	**1**	**0**	**130.15**	**73.53**
Thomastown 3	**16**	**11**	**4**	**1**	**1**	**128.48**	**71.88**
Watsonia 4	**17**	**11**	**5**	**1**	**0**	**129.81**	**67.65**
Fitzroy Stars 3	**17**	**10**	**6**	**1**	**0**	**122.59**	**61.76**
Kilmore 2	16	9	7	0	1	103.41	56.25
Reservoir 1	17	9	7	1	0	90.08	55.88
North Heidelberg 5	17	6	9	2	0	87.63	41.18
St Mary's 3	17	4	11	2	0	82.13	29.41
South Morang 4	17	3	14	0	0	70.98	17.65
Epping 2	17	2	14	1	0	71.93	14.71

SECTION 9

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	% WON
Hurstbridge 2	**16**	**13**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**182.32**	**84.38**
West Ivanhoe 3	**16**	**8**	**6**	**2**	**0**	**126.27**	**56.25**
Whittlesea 2	**16**	**8**	**8**	**0**	**0**	**82.77**	**50.00**
Bundoora 5	**16**	**6**	**9**	**1**	**0**	**89.20**	**40.62**
Montmorency 2	16	5	9	2	0	91.19	37.50
Northcote Park 4	16	4	12	0	0	70.19	25.00

SECTION 10

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	% WON
Reservoir 2	**16**	**12**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**136.39**	**81.25**
Mernda 1	**16**	**13**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**131.09**	**81.25**
Watsonia 5	**15**	**10**	**4**	**1**	**1**	**121.02**	**70.00**
Thomastown 4	**16**	**9**	**6**	**1**	**0**	**107.43**	**59.38**
West Ivanhoe 4	16	9	7	0	0	88.08	56.25
Lower Plenty 1	16	8	8	0	0	119.01	50.00
Heat 3	16	6	10	0	0	115.60	37.50
Laurimar 3	15	4	10	1	1	63.89	30.00
Kilmore 3	15	3	10	2	1	66.77	26.67
Bundoora 6	15	2	12	1	1	69.41	16.67

SECTION 11

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	% WON
Mernda 2	**14**	**12**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**154.12**	**85.71**
Hurstbridge 3	**15**	**9**	**6**	**0**	**1**	**126.54**	**60.00**
Thomastown 5	**16**	**9**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**97.48**	**56.25**
Heidelberg West 2	**15**	**5**	**7**	**3**	**1**	**94.57**	**43.33**
Keon Park 2	15	1	12	2	1	77.29	13.33
Bundoora 7	15	1	13	1	1	65.95	10.00

2017/2018 SUMMER SECTION 1

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	% WON
Bundoora 1	**10**	**8**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**136.59**	**85.00**
St Mary's 1	**10**	**7**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**124.65**	**75.00**
Heat 1	**10**	**7**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**122.15**	**70.00**
Craigieburn 1	**9**	**5**	**4**	**0**	**1**	**86.52**	**55.56**
Thomastown 1	10	4	6	0	0	98.24	40.00
Northcote Park 1	10	0	10	0	0	52.75	0.00

2017/2018 SUMMER SECTION 2

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	% WON
Greensborough 1	**9**	**8**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**162.20**	**94.44**
Craigieburn 2	**10**	**6**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**85.19**	**70.00**
Bundoora 2	**10**	**6**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**133.10**	**60.00**
Hurstbridge 1	**10**	**5**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**127.40**	**50.00**
Heat 2	10	3	7	0	0	70.64	30.00
Bundoora 3	9	1	7	1	1	64.25	16.67

2017/2018 SUMMER SECTION 3

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	% WON
St Mary's 2	**10**	**8**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**164.95**	**85.00**
Heat 3	**10**	**6**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**118.75**	**60.00**
Hurstbridge 2	**10**	**5**	**4**	**1**	**0**	**124.82**	**55.00**
Bundoora 4	**10**	**4**	**6**	**0**	**0**	**74.74**	**40.00**
Thomastown 2	9	2	7	0	1	86.21	22.22
Bundoora 5	10	1	9	0	0	75.00	10.00

Netball Best & Fairest

SECTION 1

1st – Stacey Gannon	**(Diamond Creek 1)**	**15 votes**
2nd – Kate Butler	(North Heidelberg 1)	13 votes
3rd – Olivia Ellis	(Greensborough 1)	12 votes

SECTION 2

1st – Chloe Gray	**(Diamond Creek 2)**	**17 votes**
1st – Lauren Henderson	**(Ivanhoe 1)**	**17 votes**
2nd – Ebyan Cabdi	(Ivanhoe 1)	14 votes
3rd – Emily Carpenter	(Greensborough 2)	13 votes
3rd – Mollie Rose Marchbank	(Diamond Creek 2)	13 votes

SECTION 3

1st – Holly Denholm	**(Craigieburn 1)**	**21 votes**
1st – Crystal Phillips	**(Heat 1)**	**21 votes**
2nd – Jacinta Tonkin	(Bundoora 1)	20 votes
3rd – Rebecca Jennings	(Watsonia 1)	17 votes

SECTION 4

1st – Ciara Hanlon	**(St Mary's 2)**	**16 votes**
2nd – Samantha George	(Kilmore 1)	15 votes
3rd – Freya Henriksen	(Ivanhoe 2)	13 votes
3rd – Rebecca Hocking	(Kilmore 1)	13 votes

SECTION 5

1st – Natalie Montanari	**(Epping 1)**	**19 votes**
2nd – Annie Bugden	(Macleod 1)	17 votes
3rd – Abigail Sergienko	(Craigieburn 2)	15 votes
3rd – Natahlia Simonite	(Northcote Park 2)	15 votes

SECTION 6

1st – Natasha Atkinson Brown	**(Keon Park 1)**	**24 votes**
2nd – Monique Bish	(Bundoora 3)	20 votes
3rd – Bianca Waligora	(South Morang 2)	18 votes

SECTION 7

1st – Amy Goodwin	**(Whittlesea 1)**	**23 votes**
2nd – Caitlen Martin	(Watsonia 3)	20 votes
3rd – Carissa Grant	(Whittlesea 1)	18 votes
3rd – Emma Williams	(West Ivanhoe 2)	18 votes

SECTION 8

1st – Montana Powell	**(Reservoir 1)**	**33 votes**
2nd – Amy Starr	(Watsonia 4)	22 votes
3rd – Erin Rose	(Fitzroy Stars 3)	18 votes

SECTION 9

1st – Holly Ditchfield	**(Montmorency 2)**	**17 votes**
2nd – Shavita Vijay	(Whittlesea 2)	16 votes
3rd – Jessica Mandile	(Northcote Park 4)	15 votes
3rd – Emma Thomas	(Hurstbridge 2)	15 votes

SECTION 10

1st – Maddison Filev	**(Watsonia 5)**	**34 votes**
2nd – Bianca Clamp	(Lower Plenty 1)	32 votes
3rd – Kellie Shannon	(Reservoir 2)	28 votes

SECTION 11

1st – Michelle Soon	**(Thomastown 5)**	**25 votes**
2nd – Charlotte McClaren	(Hurstbridge 3)	20 votes
3rd – Alanah Taylor	(Mernda 2)	16 votes

2017/2018 SUMMER SECTION 1

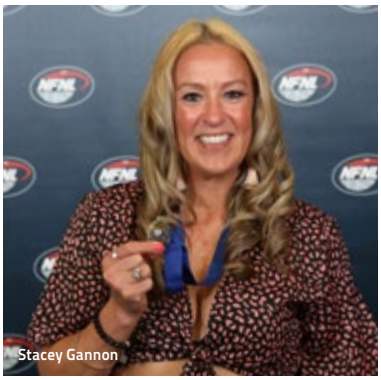
1st – Natalie Nolan	**(Bundoora 1)**	**15 votes**

2017/2018 SUMMER SECTION 2

1st – Ella Stoward	**(Craigieburn 2)**	**10 votes**
1st – Hollie Wilson	**(Bundoora 2)**	**10 votes**

2017/2018 SUMMER SECTION 3

1st – Jaymi-Lee Demanuele	**(St Mary's 2)**	**16 votes**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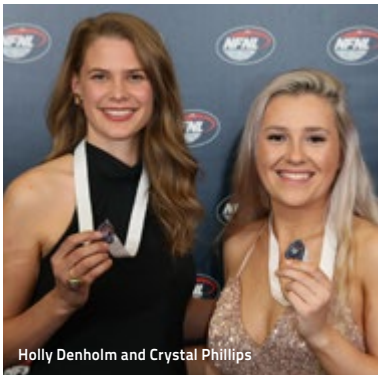
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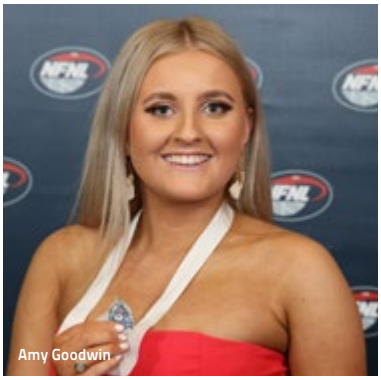
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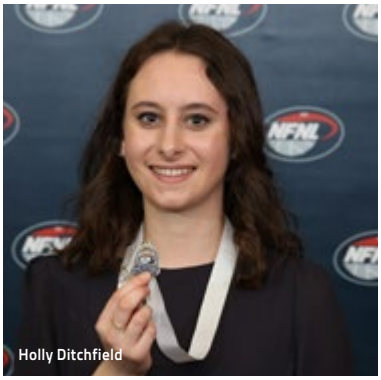
Holly Ditchfield

Star Shooters

SECTION 1	Kelly Sadowy	(Diamond Creek 1)	406 goals
SECTION 2	Aysha Blade	(Ivanhoe 1)	321 goals
SECTION 3	Lauren O'Rourke	(Thomastown 1)	272 goals
SECTION 4	Amanda Balme	(Bundoora 2)	230 goals
SECTION 5	Ashlee Moate	(Epping 1)	295 goals
SECTION 6	Natasha Atkinson Brown	(Keon Park 1)	356 goals
	Hayley Ozimek	(Bundoora 3)	356 goals
SECTION 7	Amy Goodwin	(Whittlesea 1)	341 goals
SECTION 8	Amy Starr	(Watsonia 4)	354 goals
SECTION 9	Sarah Craker	(Whittlesea 2)	186 goals
SECTION 10	Kellie Shannon	(Reservoir 2)	327 goals
SECTION 11	Sarah Carruthers	(Thomastown 5)	161 goals

2017/2018 SUMMER SECTION 1

Karli Burns	(St Mary's 1)	192 goals

2017/2018 SUMMER SECTION 2

Ruby Sommerville	(Craigieburn 2)	147 goals

2017/2018 SUMMER SECTION 3

Hayley Ozimek	(Bundoora 4)	150 goals

Best and Fairest

DIVISION 1

Frank Rosbrook Medal

2018	**Michael Brunelli**	**Heidelberg**
	Lucas Hobbs	**Macleod**
2017	Matthew Dennis	Bundoora
2016	Matthew Dennis	Bundoora
2015	Matthew Vasilevski	Lower Plenty
2014	Bronik Davies	Northcote Park
	Matthew Vasilevski	Lower Plenty
2013	Cameron Cloke	Bundoora
2012	Bronik Davies	Northcote Park
	Matthew Dennis	Bundoora
2011	Michael Finn	Heidelberg
2010	Nick Meese	WP-Lakeside
2009	Daniel Keenan	Montmorency
2008	Daniel Keenan	Montmorency
	Shane Harvey	North Heidelberg
	David Mitchell	Bundoora
2007	Daniel McFerran	WP-Lakeside

DVFL - Frank Smith Medal

2006	Brett Jeffrey	Northcote Park
2005	Daniel King	Epping
2004	Daniel King	Epping
2003	Fabian Carelli	WP-Lakeside
2002	Mario Bandera	North Heidelberg
2001	Dean Haydock	Heidelberg
2000	Paul King	Bundoora
1999	Leigh Gray	North Heidelberg
1998	Ryan Smith	Heidelberg
1997	Barry Mitchell	Northcote Park
1996	John Origlasso	Northcote Park
1995	Adrian Cameron	Bundoora
1994	Renato Marinelli	Diamond Creek
1993	Kevin Brown	Bundoora
1992	Chris Keating	Bundoora
1991	Peter Woodward	Montmorency
	Neil Brindley	Greensborough
	Peter Mastin	Greensborough
1990	Chris Keating	Bundoora
1989	Richard Guldon	Heidelberg
1988	Brad Dunbar	Heidelberg West
1987	Wayne Dobson	Greensborough
1986	Mark Perkins	Heidelberg West
1985	Darryl Harries	Lalor
1984	Kelvin Wood	Heidelberg West
1983	Wayne Dobson	Greensborough
1982	Wayne Headlam	Diamond Creek
1981	Wayne Headlam	Diamond Creek
1980	Elias Demestichas	South Morang
1979	John Ellis	Watsonia
1978	Mario Cipolla	North Heidelberg
1977	Jeff Edwards	North Heidelberg
1976	John Horton	Diamond Creek
1975	John Clancy	Heidelberg
1974	Mario Cipolla	North Heidelberg
1973	Stephen Thorpe	Templestowe
1972	Robin Perkins	Heidelberg
1971	Jim Christou	Heidelberg
1970	Frank Natoli	Reservoir-Lakeside
1969	Geoff Noble	Macleod-Rosanna
1968	Dennis Aspinall	Eltham
1967	Geoff Condie	Diamond Creek
1966	Ken Jones	Diamond Creek
	Graham Campbell	Reservoir-Lakeside
1965	Graham Campbell	Reservoir-Lakeside
1964	Pat Foley	Heidelberg West
1963	Pat Foley	Heidelberg West
1962	Ken Jones	Montmorency
1961	Joe Murphy	Greensborough
1960	Clem Cooper	Epping
1959	John Elliot	Diamond Creek
1958	John Elliot	Diamond Creek
	Don McDowell	Greensborough
1957	John Elliot	Diamond Creek
1956	Jack Davies	Epping
1955	Kevin Hart	Macleod
1954	Joe Murphy	Greensborough
	Doug King	Reservoir-Lakeside
1953	Jack Tucker	Heidelberg West
1952	Kevin Hart	Macleod
1951	Joe Adams	Epping
1950	Geoff Heddle	Diamond Creek
1949	Geoff Heddle	Diamond Creek
1948	Jack Dempster	Templestowe
1947	Reg Milburn	Epping
1946	Joe Delaney	Heidelberg

DIVISION 2

2018	**Patrick Flynn**	**Lower Plenty**
2017	Brent Harvey	North Heidelberg
2016	Tyron Loader	Hurstbridge
2015	Shane Jacobs	Lalor
2014	Tyler Scarce	Panton Hill
2013	Rohan Davies	Mernda
2012	Lionel Proctor	Fitzroy Stars
2011	Darcy Barden	Lower Plenty
2010	Luke Jackson	Diamond Creek
2009	Daniel Moore	Epping
2008	Lionel Proctor	Fitzroy Stars
2007	Andrew Bennett	Macleod

DVFL

2006	Daniel Eifermann	Whittlesea
2005	Ryan Bongetti	South Morang
2004	William Box	Panton Hill
2003	Jai Audley	Hurstbridge
2002	Heath Ayres	Wallan
2001	Tony Callea	Fawkner Park
2000	Paul Eccles	Watsonia
1999	Mark Spiteri	Kinglake
1998	Dean Harrington	Whittlesea
1997	Ray Buttigieg	South Morang
	Tony Maraschiello	Mernda
1996	Rocky Iacopino	Macleod
1995	Dale Carmody	West Preston
1994	Billy Colosimo	Reservoir
1993	Adam Bruni	West Preston
1992	Paul Tilley	West Preston
1991	Robert Mietus	Hurstbridge
1990	Malcolm Griffiths	Watsonia
	John Hassell	Mernda
1989	Brett Johnstone	South Morang
	Glenn Whittenbury	Templestowe
1988	Steve Easton	Research
1987	Greg Fyffe	West Preston
1986	Stan Apostola	Epping
1985	Les Pugh	Thornbury
1984	Adrian Sullivan	West Preston
1983	Bernie Nicholson	Macleod-Rosanna
1982	Anthony McFarlane	Eltham
	Glenn Irving	Eltham
1981	Mark Slater	Bundoora

DIVISION 3

2018	**Jarryd Coulson**	**Heidelberg West**
2017	Jarryd Coulson	Heidelberg West
2016	Matthew Crompton	Watsonia
2015	Daniel Moore	Epping
2014	Matthew Cupo	Thomastown
	Danny O'Sullivan	Reservoir
2013	Lochie Dornauf	Watsonia
2012	Rohan Davies	Mernda
2011	Brad Hockey	Parkside
2010	Ryan Docherty	Reservoir
2009	Robbie Wise	Parkside

WOMEN'S DIVISION 1

2018	**Sarah Wright**	**Keilor**
2017	Shannon Egan	Darebin

WOMEN'S DIVISION 2

2018	**Catherine O'Bryan**	**WP-Lakeside**
2017	Natarsha Bamblett	WP-Lakeside
	Nicole Blythe	Montmorency
	Rechelle McSwain	South Morang

WOMEN'S DIVISION 3

2018	**Rainbow Ebert**	**Bundoora**

Leading Goal Kickers

DIVISION 1

NFNL	Leading Goal Kicker	Club	Goals
2018	**Shane Harvey**	**North Heidelberg**	**63**
2017	Ahmed Saad	WP-Lakeside	73
2016	Gary Moorcroft	Bundoora	64
2015	James Kroussoratis	Eltham	65
2014	Patrick Fitzgerald	Montmorency	66
2013	Cameron Cloke	Bundoora	83
2012	Gary Moorcroft	Bundoora	70
2011	Dean Limbach	Montmorency	83
2010	Saul Caddy	Heidelberg	82
2009	Shane Harvey	North Heidelberg	102
2008	Shane Harvey	North Heidelberg	108
2007	Chris Hall	Heidelberg	72
	Shaun Ryan	North Heidelberg	72

DVFL	Leading Goal Kicker	Club	Goals
2006	Adrian Baker	W Preston-Lakeside	73
2005	Chris Hall	Heidelberg	102
2004	Cristian Brandt	North Heidelberg	78
2003	Peter Van Blomnestein	Heidelberg	87
2002	Steve Bawden	Epping	87
2001	Jason Heatley	North Heidelberg	110
2000	Damien Yze	Northcote Park	99
1999	Jamie Shaw	North Heidelberg	134
1998	Athas Hrysoulakis	Lalor	88
1997	Jamie Shaw	North Heidelberg	114
1996	Jamie Shaw	North Heidelberg	88
1995	Jamie Shaw	North Heidelberg	113
1994	Jamie Shaw	North Heidelberg	161
1993	Brett Hancock	North Heidelberg	97
1992	Jason Heatley	North Heidelberg	118
1991	Jamie Solyom	Lalor	73
1990	David Miller	Heidelberg	95
1989	Steve Webster	Montmorency	62
1988	Steve Webster	Montmorency	57
1987	Steve Webster	Montmorency	83
1986	Mark Johnson	North Heidelberg	59
1985	Glenn Townsend	Greensborough	103
1984	Russell Jessop	Lalor	103
1983	Bill Seiler	Diamond Creek	82
1982	Bill Seiler	Diamond Creek	86
1981	Bill Seiler	Diamond Creek	82
1980	Keith Robins	Lalor	90
1979	Robert Downie	Watsonia	64
1978	Kevin Grose	North Heidelberg	80

	Graeme Fraser	Montmorency	80
1977	Ron Wilson	South Morang	83
1976	Bruce McDowell	Greensborough	97
1975	Bruce McDowell	Greensborough	86
1974	Lindsay Hopkins	Templestowe	66
1973	Ivan Bromley	Reservoir-Lakeside	87
1972	Ivan Bromley	Reservoir-Lakeside	115
1971	John Horton	Diamond Creek	78
1970	John Vadja	Macleod-Rosanna	81
1969	Ted Wallace	Templestowe	94
1968	Bill Chapman	Macleod-Rosanna	73
1967	Bernie Drury	Montmorency	69
1966	Max Condie	Diamond Creek	81
1965	Doug Hayes	Reservoir-Lakeside	85
1964	Claude Howard	Heidelberg	74
1963	Gerald Walsh	Epping	96
1962	Gerald Walsh	Epping	70
1961	Les Cann	Reservoir-Lakeside	68
1960	Ivan Francis	Heidelberg West	67
1959	Ed Crawley	Heidelberg West	70
1958	Gerald Walsh	Epping	81
1957	Ray Skals	Greensborough	96
1956	Les Cann	Montmorency	85
1955	Ron Denmead	Montmorency	65
1954	Ron Denmead	Montmorency	126
1953	Roy Kelly	Eltham	64
1952	Wally Dingle	Montmorency	71
1951	Brian Gillberg	Montmorency	74
1950	Bill Harvey	Heidelberg	102
1949	Jack Dempster	Templestowe	97
1948	Gordon Hastings	Reservoir	68
1947	Gordon Hastings	Reservoir	112
1946	Gordon Hastings	Reservoir	73
1933	J West	Eltham	128

DIVISION 2

NFNL	Leading Goal Kicker	Club	Goals
2018	**James Kroussoratis**	**Banyule**	**68**
2017	Shane Harvey	Nth Heidelberg	106
2016	Daniel Francis	Fitzroy Stars	68
2015	Todd Hughes	Lalor	76
2014	Shane Harvey	North Heidelberg	91
2013	Shane Harvey	North Heidelberg	120
2012	Shane Harvey	North Heidelberg	83
2011	Peter Shepherd	Lalor	93
2010	Benjamin Gill	Lower Plenty	59
2009	John Hayes	Fitzroy Stars	89
2008	Aaron Willitts	Epping	78
2007	Cristian Brandt	Macleod	109

DVFL	Leading Goal Kicker	Club	Goals
2006	Nick Lynch	Macleod	102
2005	Tom Felle	Mernda	104
2004	Aaron James	Lalor	114
2003	Toby O'Meara	Reservoir	73
2002	Adam Bruni	Reservoir	82
2001	Paul Baker	Whittlesea	107
2000	Gavin Tapner	Watsonia	90
1999	Ron McKeown	Whittlesea	114
1998	Jamie Bown	Whittlesea	79
1997	Paul Baker	Kinglake	102
1996	Paul Baker	Hurstbridge	93
1995	Paul Baker	Hurstbridge	85
	David Miller	West Preston	85
1994	Paul Baker	Hurstbridge	139
1993	Paul Baker	Hurstbridge	116
1992	Cristian Brandt	West Preston	68
1991	Greg Withers	Heidelberg West	80
1990	Steve Webster	Epping	96
1989	Malcolm Niddrie	Templestowe	92
1988	Darren Scott	Epping	80
1987	Ron Wilson	Eltham	83
1986	Darren Scott	Epping	97
1985	Warren Jarman	Eltham	72
1984	Steve Banbury	West Preston	56
1983	Peter McNiece	Northcote Park	83
1982	Peter Lowe	Macleod-Rosanna	85
1981	Rob Michaelangeli	Northcote Park	76

DIVISION 3

NFNL	Leading Goal Kicker	Club	Goals
2018	**Rhys Boyden**	**Panton Hill**	**58**
2017	James Kroussoratis	Banyule	74
2016	Aaron Willitts	Epping	67
2015	Kyl Ewart	Heidelberg West	62
2014	Jacob Osei-Duro	Thomastown	71
2013	Ben Finnin	Panton Hill	56
2012	Jonathon Byron	Panton Hill	96
2011	Dallas King	Parkside	60
2010	Johnathon Garrard	Panton Hill	88
2009	Benjamin Gill	Panton Hill	63

WOMEN'S DIVISION 1

NFNL	Leading Goal Kicker	Club	Goals
2018	**Andrea Walsh**	**Bendigo**	**58**
2017	Andrea Walsh	Bendigo	50

WOMEN'S DIVISION 2

NFNL	Leading Goal Kicker	Club	Goals
2018	**Samantha Greene**	**La Trobe Uni**	**39**
2017	Nadine Rabah	VU Western Spurs	22

WOMEN'S DIVISION 3

NFNL	Leading Goal Kicker	Club	Goals
2018	**Amy Callaway**	**Bundoora**	**29**

Premiership Teams

DIVISION 1

NFNL	Seniors
2018	**WP-Lakeside**
2017	Bundoora
2016	Heidelberg
2015	Macleod
2014	Greensborough
2013	Bundoora
2012	Northcote Park
2011	Bundoora
2010	WP-Lakeside
2009	Heidelberg
2008	Heidelberg
2007	Heidelberg

DVFL	Seniors
2006	Heidelberg
2005	North Heidelberg
2004	Heidelberg
2003	WP-Lakeside
2002	Northcote Park
2001	Northcote Park
2000	Northcote Park
1999	Northcote Park
1998	Lalor
1997	Northcote Park
1996	Bundoora
1995	Bundoora
1994	North Heidelberg
1993	Lalor
1992	Lalor
1991	Lalor
1990	Heidelberg
1989	Greensborough
1988	Greensborough
1987	North Heidelberg
1986	Heidelberg
1985	North Heidelberg
1984	Greensborough
1983	Greensborough
1982	Diamond Creek
1981	Diamond Creek
1980	Lalor
1979	Montmorency
1978	North Heidelberg
1977	Reservoir-Lakeside
1976	Montmorency
1975	Reservoir-Lakeside
1974	Eltham
1973	Templestowe
1972	Eltham
1971	Macleod-Rosanna
1970	Eltham
1969	Eltham
1968	Templestowe
1967	Greensborough
1966	Greensborough
1965	Reservoir-Lakeside
1964	Heidelberg
1963	Epping
1962	North Heidelberg
1961	Greensborough
1960	Greensborough
1959	Heidelberg
1958	Greensborough
1957	Heidelberg
1956	Heidelberg
1955	Greensborough
1954	Montmorency
1953	Eltham
1952	Greensborough
1951	Montmorency
1950	Heidelberg
1949	Eltham
1948	Heidelberg
1947	Reservoir
1946	Reservoir

1941 - 1945 Competition suspended due to World War II

1941	Heidelberg West
1940	Epping
1939	Epping
1938	Heidelberg
1937	Heidelberg
1936	Epping
1935	Epping
1934	Greensborough
1933	Epping
1932	Eltham
1931	Greensborough
1930	Eltham
1929	Heidelberg Juniors
1928	Heidelberg Juniors
1927	Greensborough
1926	Diamond Creek
1925	Greensborough
1924	Diamond Creek
1923	Heidelberg
1922	Greensborough

DIVISION 1

NFNL	Reserves
2018	**Bundoora**
2017	Greensborough
2016	Heidelberg
2015	Greensborough
2014	WP-Lakeside
2013	Heidelberg
2012	WP-Lakeside
2011	Montmorency
2010	Bundoora
2009	Bundoora
2008	Heidelberg
2007	Heidelberg

DVFL	Reserves
2006	Bundoora
2005	Montmorency
2004	Heidelberg
2003	Bundoora
2002	Montmorency
2001	Heidelberg
2000	Heidelberg
1999	Bundoora
1998	Lalor
1997	Bundoora
1996	Bundoora
1995	Montmorency
1994	North Heidelberg
1993	Bundoora
1992	North Heidelberg
1991	Bundoora
1990	North Heidelberg
1989	North Heidelberg
1988	North Heidelberg
1987	North Heidelberg
1986	North Heidelberg
1985	North Heidelberg
1984	Greensborough
1983	Bundoora
1982	Montmorency
1981	Lalor
1980	Lalor
1979	Montmorency
1978	Reservoir-Lakeside
1977	North Heidelberg
1976	North Heidelberg
1975	Reservoir-Lakeside
1974	Eltham
1973	Macleod-Rosanna
1972	Greensborough
1971	Eltham
1970	Reservoir-Lakeside
1969	Reservoir-Lakeside
1968	South Morang
1967	Heidelberg
1966	Reservoir-Lakeside
1965	Reservoir-Lakeside
1964	North Heidelberg
1963	Heidelberg
1962	Greensborough
1961	Greensborough
1960	Heidelberg
1959	Macleod
1958	Macleod
1957	Macleod
1956	Heidelberg
1955	Heidelberg West
1954	Greensborough
1953	Heidelberg
1952	Epping
1951	Heidelberg
1950	Heidelberg
1949	Diamond Creek
1948	Macleod
1947	Eltham

DIVISION 1

NFNL Under-19s

2018 Montmorency
2017 Eltham
2016 Greensborough
2015 Greensborough
2014 Greensborough
2013 WP-Lakeside
2012 N'cote Prk
2011 Greensborough
2010 Greensborough
2009 Greensborough
2008 WP-Lakeside
2007 Eltham

DVFL Thirds

2006 WP-Lakeside
2005 N'cote Prk/Alphington
2004 N'cote Prk/Alphington
2003 N'cote Prk/Alphington
2002 Bundoora
2001 Montmorency
2000 Bundoora
1999 N'cote Prk/Alphington
1998 N'cote Prk/Alphington
1997 Epping
1996 North Heidelberg
1995 Lalor
1994 Montmorency
1993 Epping
1992 Reservoir-Lakeside
1991 Montmorency
1990 Greensborough
1989 North Heidelberg
1988 Bundoora
1987 Lalor
1986 Bundoora
1985 Lalor
1984 North Heidelberg
1983 Lalor
1982 Templestowe
1981 Montmorency
1980 Heidelberg
1979 Greensborough
1978 Reservoir-Lakeside
1977 Watsonia
1976 Reservoir-Lakeside
1975 Reservoir-Lakeside
1974 Greensborough
1973 Reservoir-Lakeside
1972 Greensborough
1971 Reservoir-Lakeside
1970 Greensborough
1969 Greensborough
1968 Reservoir-Lakeside
1967 Montmorency
1966 Heidelberg West
1965 Macleod-Rosanna
1964 Macleod-Rosanna
1963 North Heidelberg
1962 North Heidelberg

DIVISION 2

NFNL Seniors

2018 Lower Plenty
2017 North Heidelberg
2016 Hurstbridge
2015 Whittlesea
2014 North Heidelberg
2013 Whittlesea
2012 Epping
2011 Lower Plenty
2010 Whittlesea
2009 Macleod
2008 Thomastown
2007 Lalor

DVFL Seniors

2006 Greensborough
2005 Diamond Creek
2004 Lalor
2003 Hurstbridge
2002 Eltham
2001 Lalor
2000 Eltham
1999 Lower Plenty
1998 Diamond Creek
1997 Eltham
1996 West Preston
1995 Eltham
1994 Northcote Park
1993 West Preston
1992 Diamond Creek
1991 Mernda
1990 Epping
1989 Eltham
1988 West Preston
1987 Watsonia
1986 Epping
1985 Northcote Park
1984 Reservoir
1983 Heidelberg
1982 Eltham
1981 Bundoora

DIVISION 2

NFNL Reserves

2018 Eltham
2017 Diamond Creek
2016 Thomastown
2015 Thomastown
2014 North Heidelberg
2013 Diamond Creek
2012 Diamond Creek
2011 Lower Plenty
2010 Mernda
2009 Diamond Creek
2008 Mernda
2007 Thomastown

DVFL Reserves

2006 Greensborough
2005 Greensborough
2004 Lalor
2003 Lalor
2002 South Morang
2001 Lalor
2000 Eltham
1999 Whittlesea
1998 Diamond Creek
1997 Diamond Creek
1996 West Preston
1995 West Preston
1994 Northcote Park
1993 West Preston
1992 West Preston
1992 West Preston
1991 West Preston
1990 Epping
1989 Epping
1988 Research
1987 Reservoir-Lakeside
1986 Reservoir-Lakeside
1985 West Preston
1984 Reservoir
1983 Northcote Park
1982 Reservoir
1981 Heidelberg

DIVISION 2

NFNL Under-19s

2018 Heidelberg
2017 Lower Plenty
2016 Diamond Creek
2015 Whittlesea
2014 St Mary's
2013 Whittlesea
2012 Thomastown
2011 Lower Plenty
2010 Diamond Creek
2009 Whittlesea
2008 Macleod
2007 Mernda

DVFL Thirds

2006 Greensborough
2005 Macleod
2004 Greensborough
2003 Lalor
2002 Wallan
2001 Lalor
2000 Bundoora
1999 Lower Plenty
1998 Reservoir
1997 Lower Plenty
1996 Research
1995 Hurstbridge
1993 Macleod Juniors
1992 West Lalor
1987 Thornbury
1986 West Preston
1985 Reservoir-Lakeside
1984 Reservoir
1983 Reservoir
1982 Northcote Park
1981 Northcote Park

DIVISION 3

NFNL Seniors

2018 St Mary's
2017 Banyule
2016 Watsonia
2015 Reservoir
2014 Thomastown
2013 Panton Hill
2012 Mernda
2011 South Morang
2010 Hurstbridge
2009 Parkside

DIVISION 3

NFNL Reserves

2018 St Mary's
2017 St Mary's
2016 St Mary's
2015 Banyule
2014 Reservoir
2013 Watsonia
2012 Mernda
2011 Panton Hill
2010 South Morang
2009 Hurstbridge

WOMEN'S DIVISION 1

2018 Bendigo
2017 Bendigo

WOMEN'S DIVISION 2

2018 WP-Lakeside
2017 VU Western Spurs

WOMEN'S DIVISION 3

2018 Bundoora

NETBALL

Section 1

2018 Diamond Creek 1
2017 Diamond Creek 1
2016 Diamond Creek 1
2015 Diamond Creek 1
2014 Diamond Creek 1
2013 Diamond Creek Red
2012 Diamond Creek
2011 Diamond Creek
2010 Diamond Creek Blue
2009 Macleod
2008 Diamond Creek

Section 2

2018 Diamond Creek 2
2017 Diamond Creek 2
2016 Whittlesea 1
2015 Watsonia 1
2014 Greensborough 2
2013 Whittlesea A
2012 North Heidelberg
2011 Mernda
2010 Mernda A
2009 Lalor

Section 3

2018 Bundoora 1
2017 Mernda 1
2016 Ivanhoe
2015 Whittlesea 2
2014 South Morang 2
2013 St Mary's A
2012 Mernda Red
2011 Mernda Red
2010 North Heidelberg B

Section 4

2018 Greensborough 3
2017 North Heidelberg 3
2016 Watsonia 2
2015 Greensborough 3
2014 Lakeside 2
2013 Lakeside B
2012 Lakeside B
2011 Montmorency

Section 5

2018 Craigieburn 2
2017 Thomastown 1
2016 Kilmore 1
2015 Hurstbridge 1
2014 Epping
2013 St Mary's B
2012 St Mary's B

Section 6

2018 Hurstbridge 1
2017 Hurstbridge 1
2016 Whittlesea 5
2015 Thomastown 2
2014 Hurstbridge 1
2013 Fitzroy Stars C

Section 7

2018 Montmorency 1
2017 Macleod 2
2016 Whittlesea 6
2015 St Martin's
2014 North Heidelberg 4

Section 8

2018 Greensborough 4
2017 West Ivanhoe 3
2016 Epping 2
2015 West Ivanhoe
2014 Whittlesea 4

Section 9

2018 Hurstbridge 2
2017 Nortcote Park 3
2016 Bundoora 5
2015 Bundoora Comets 4

Section 10

2018 Watsonia 5
2017 Montmorency 2
2016 Heidelberg West

Section 11

2018 Mernda 2

Life Members

Allan Stickland*
Andrew Hamer
Bernie Smead
Bill McKenna
Brian Tooth
Chris Keating
Darryl Holt
Darryl Sinclair
David Kuchmar
Dean Philpots
Don Casey
Don Stanley*
Eric Marsh
Ernie Ward
Francis Mellerick
Graeme Dunne
Graham Norman
Grant Turnbull
Ivan Sheahan*
John Garlick
Ken Andrew
Ken Wing Jan
Kenneth Salter
Leonard Warren
Les Robinson
Michael Hingston
Neale Carroll*
Neil McLean
Noel Smith*
Norman Ferguson
Peter Smythe
Peter Watkins
Ray Welch*
Rory Curran
S.K (Peter) Pearn
Stephen Petrucelle
Tom Lambeth
Walter Randle*
Warren Harris
Wayne Bodley
Wayne Kelly
Wayne Zealey
William Bray*

* denotes deceased

Team Listing: 2018 Season

TEAM LISTING: 2018 SEASON	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
BANYULE	●	●	●																											
BENDIGO WOMEN'S	●																													
BUNDOORA	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●														
BUNDOORA PARK	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	½																						
CRAIGIEBURN REP	●	●	●	●	●																									
DAREBIN WOMEN'S	●	●	●	●	●	●	●																							
DIAMOND CREEK	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●											
DIAMOND CREEK WOMEN'S	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●																						
ELTHAM	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	½	●	●	●	●	●	●
EPPING	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●																				
FITZROY STARS	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●																						
GREENSBOROUGH	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	½	½	●	●	●	●	●	●										
HEAT	●	●	●	●	●	●																								
HEIDELBERG	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●																						
HEIDELBERG WEST	●	●	●	●																			KEY							
HURSTBRIDGE	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	½	●	●	●	●	●								SENIOR MEN'S					●		
IVANHOE	●	●																					SENIOR WOMEN'S					●		
KEILOR	●																						UNDER-19					●		
KEON PARK	●	●	●	●	●																		JUNIOR BOYS					●		
KILMORE	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	½	●	●	½	●	●	●					JUNIOR GIRLS					●		
KINGLAKE	●	●	●																				NETBALL					●		
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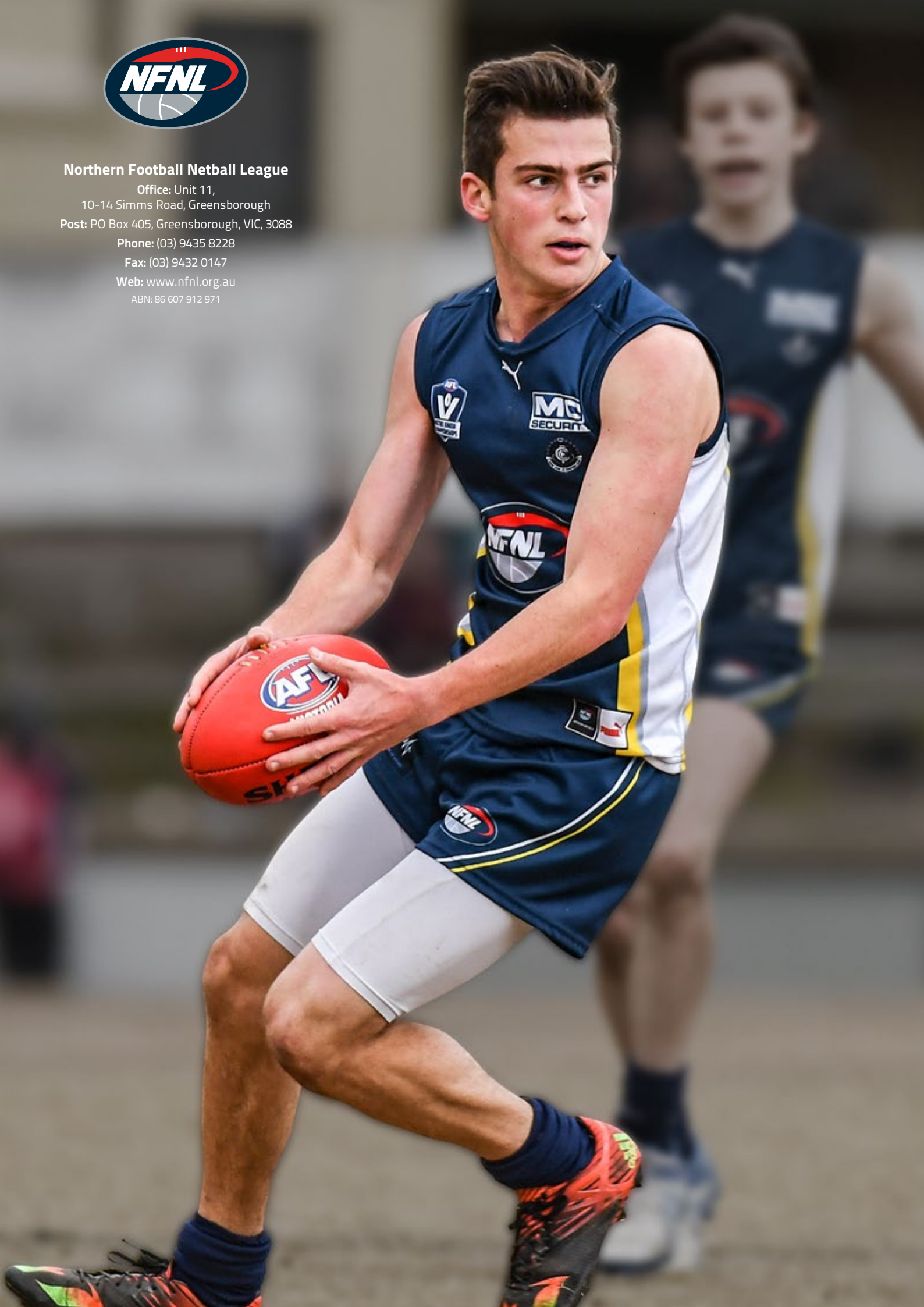
NOTE: Half football denotes that the club fielded a merged team with another club.

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