



ANNUAL REPORT 2011

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Northern Football 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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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Tony Topp
Chairman

On behalf of the directors of the Northern Football League I present the League's Annual Report for 2011.

FOOTBALL:

Many of the comments we received throughout the year had one common theme; the standard of football within the NFL in 2011 was the best that could be remembered for many years. Division 1 was a terrific competition with sides down to eighth and ninth very competitive and capable of defeating a more fancied opponent on their day. Heading into the last round of the season the top five was not set and Montmorency earned a place in the finals at the expense of Northcote Park, courtesy of a Round 18 win.

With the strength of Division 1 increasing there was also a natural flow on into Division 2 and 3. Division 3 continues to provide opportunity for clubs that have not tasted success for many years to not only have the chance to win matches, but to participate in finals and even win a Grand Final which South Morang did this year for the first time in its 56-year existence.

Junior football continued to see growth with the introduction of two new clubs – Bundoora Park Thunderbolts and Laurimar. With the growth of housing in the Northern areas of our region continuing to increase at a great rate of knots, the NFL expects more junior participants from within these new clubs and from those established clubs to the North.

The NFL took over the management of the Youth Girls competition in 2011 from the AFL with eight teams competing on weekly basis at Barling Reserve under the guidance of Carla Muscat. Whilst in its early days, there is no doubt that participating rates in Australian Rules Football by females is on the increase and the NFL will continue to work with local clubs to provide a competition for young girls to play Australian Rules.

Congratulations to all those that competed in finals for season 2011 at all levels and in particular to those teams that were successful in winning that last game of the year in their respective competition.

NETBALL:

What started out four years ago with only eight clubs continues to grow at a rapid pace. In 2011 there were 36 teams taking to the courts

on a Friday night and already the expectation is that over 40 teams will compete in 2012. The NFL is actively looking for more court space on a Friday night to accommodate this growth.

The finals for 2011 were contested at RMIT University Bundoora with in excess of 750 people at the stadium on Grand Final night. Congratulations to all the girls for the manner in which they compete and to those who won their grand finals – well done.

The Board appreciates the additional efforts of Delwyn Berry for her enthusiasm with this competition and the support provided to her by many.

CLUB COMMITTEES / VOLUNTEERS:

There is no doubt volunteering seems a thankless task at times, but it is an important task within our community. All clubs within our league rely on many to administrate, coach, cook, clean, mark fields, manage teams and the list goes on. Please accept the gratitude of the Board for the work you do within your club environment and that of our wider community.

It was with much satisfaction that one of our own, Tom Gard, from the Parkside Football Club was honoured by AFL Victoria as State Volunteer of the Year – deserved recognition for many years of fine work at Parkside.

BARLING RESERVE:

The NFL continues to work with the Darebin Council in regards to the prospects of moving NFL HQ to Barling Reserve. This would involve the administrative offices of the NFL and the training base for the Northern Umpires Association being located on Plenty Road. The first release of plans is expected to be presented to the Board prior to the end of 2011.

As well as providing an administrative base for the NFL, it is expected that the NFL will have full access and management of the adjoining grounds. This will allow the NFL to continue to promote such activities as Youth Girls football and an under 8 round robin competition.

UMPIRES:

The NFL continues to attract the best ratio of umpire numbers throughout metropolitan Melbourne to fulfill the majority of weekend appointments. This is an outstanding effort from our entire umpire group and makes us the envy of other metropolitan competitions. During the off season the NFL CEO will be

working hard with the Umpire Director to set up a team that can provide additional support to this growing group to enhance their development ensuring that umpiring standards and retention remain high within the NFL.

To the Northern Umpires Association – thank you for your continued support of the NFL and its member clubs. It is acknowledged that for several seasons the conditions you have had to train and socialise under have not been ideal. With the continued planning of Barling Reserve, it is hoped that a permanent home for the Northern Umpires Association is closer to reality than may have previously been thought.

It would be remiss when speaking about umpires not to mention the great job that our netball umpires also do on Friday nights.

TRIBUNAL/APPEALS BOARD/MEDIATORS/ INVESTIGATORS:

A group of people who the NFL calls upon to assist as required on a weekly basis. I am sure we would rather not call on them and maybe one day we won't, but until then they have a role and it is very much appreciated by the Board.

NFL ADMINISTRATION:

The NFL has four full-time staff and during 2011 there was a changeover of three of those members. This proved a challenge to the Board and placed a large strain on NFL resources. With the appointment of new CEO Jeremy Bourke, Football Operations Manager Ron McKeown, and Media and Communications Officer Samuel Zito during the year, the Board believes it has the right people in the right positions to improve its administrative support to all member clubs moving forward and fulfill the requirements of the NFL Strategic Plan.

There are also a number of part time positions and volunteer positions within the NFL. This group of people works within our office complex, assists with the management of our functions and activities, works with our development teams and provides our local media coverage. All are important in ensuring that the goals of the NFL are met and the Board is most grateful to those people for their efforts.

I take this opportunity to also thank fellow board director Geoff Dempster for stepping into the role of Acting CEO at the start of the season in what was trying times.

SPONSORS AND PARTNERS.

The ability to provide all the resources required is very dependent on the quality of sponsors that can be attracted to the NFL. The NFL sincerely thanks:

Simonds Homes, Bank of Cyprus, Studio Blinds, Coca Cola, Boag's Draught, Sherrin, Hot Sub, Victor, Red Onion Creative, Sports in Focus, Dekka Trophies and Plenty Valley FM.

Their contributions towards the NFL ensures that over 8000 participants get the best support possible in their individual pursuits on and off the sporting arena.

NFL BOARD:

With the changeover of staff during 2011, the board directors were very involved in the management of the competition. This generally meant greater contribution of time from the directors than is possibly expected of their role.

I give my personal thanks to all the directors for their continued enthusiasm and unwavering support to the NFL and the time they give in doing so. I also give thanks my fellow board directors for their faith in me to represent the NFL as the Chairman of the NFL.

THE FUTURE – WHAT DOES IT HOLD?

The wish list looks something like this:

- A new Strategic Plan providing guidance to all Stakeholders on the future direction of the NFL.
- A new home for the NFL HQ and the Northern Umpires Association.
- Continued growth of junior player numbers.
- Greater alignment of Auskick programs and NFL clubs.
- The introduction of new senior teams.
- Continued growth of the netball competition.

- Continued growth of female football within the NFL.
- Greater respect for our umpires resulting in greater retention.
- The re-defining of our Junior Representative Program.

CONCLUSION:

There are many who contribute to the success of the NFL directly or indirectly and their support of our community is very much appreciated.

The NFL provides an environment for thousands to participate in sport as one of a player, helper, supporter, or sponsor. As we move to the 2012 season the NFL will strive to provide a professional environment and assistance to all stakeholders.

Well done on a successful 2011, and good luck to all in 2012.

2011 TEAM NUMBERS	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
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- Under 19s
- Juniors
- Youth Girls
- Netball



CEO REPORT

Jeremy Bourke
CEO

What an outstanding season of football we have had in the Northern Football League in 2011. At the top, a competitive balance the envy of other competitions through to an affirmation that a third division is an important cog in the wheel. The juniors continue to grow at an exciting rate as does our netball and female divisions. The NFL is well placed to capitalise on the opportunities that our region and the investment in our sport delivers and our soon to be released strategic plan will provide the blue print of that capitalisation.

The NFL and its member clubs are leaders in many areas. Our record of being the first league to have 100% Quality Club Accreditation and the Vicsport recognition of the Respect and Responsibility program are key examples. Northern Football League clubs are always well represented in key awards including coaching and volunteer recognition, community engagement, education programs and fundraising activities. Case in point was the selection of Tom Gard (Parkside president) as the Victorian Volunteer of the Year by the AFL.

The popularity of the Northern Football League within the four municipalities it covers (Darebin, Banyule, Whittlesea and Nillumbik) is immense. The combined population in 2011 of these municipalities is approximately 500,000 people and conservative estimates place total crowd attendances at NFL matches (senior, junior and finals) for 2011 at around the same number – 500,000. The league has enormous reach within its boundaries however very little is known of the strength and vibrancy of the competition outside these boundaries. Other competitions market themselves extremely well and thus take prominence in the community football environment. Our challenge in coming years is to continue to build the brand in line with our vision and be instantly recognised as one of, if not the leading, community sporting organisation in Victoria.

2011 saw the introduction of two new clubs to the NFL in Bundoora Park and Laurimar. With another club due to enter in 2012 (Kingslake JFC), the northern region is producing new clubs faster than any other region. It was fantastic to see Bundoora Park enjoy premiership success in their first season – a tremendous reward for the effort start-up clubs require. Laurimar's achievements are not to be underestimated either, although notably they were unable to be rewarded with premiership success as they did not compete higher than

the under 9 division. The club's rewards are most certainly to come sooner rather than later.

Unavoidable difficulties as a result of mid-season management changes have undoubtedly affected the 2011 bottom line and in that regard the League has suffered a minor and temporary setback. However, the objective of the NFL is always to maintain a negligible additional year-to-year impost on clubs and securing revenues from external sources will be a constant priority. In the second half of the year, additional and revamped sponsorship agreements brought much needed funds into our operations and that is one area targeted for significant improvement in 2012. Simonds Homes, as the NFL's major sponsor, has been an enthusiastic partner of the League and we are hopeful of entering into a new, longer term arrangement shortly. Bank of Cyprus, as the NFL's ball sponsor, has also been an enthusiastic partner and will continue to be so for the next two seasons (and hopefully beyond). Along with a suite of other sponsors including Boag's, Victor Sports, Coca-Cola, Sports In Focus, Sherrin, Red Onion, Dekka Trophies, Hot Sublimation and Studio Blinds, the NFL has aligned itself with recognised, industry leading and superior brands.

With regards to the NFL brand, the League has recently trademarked its logo and entered into licensing agreements with both Buffalo Sports and Hot Sublimation for 2012 through to 2014. Quality assurance and service delivery underpin these new agreements and the merchandising revenue will facilitate programs to build equity in our brand. A strong and respected brand ensures the NFL is at the forefront of an umpire, player or sponsors mind when they are choosing to engage in a local football competition. The tangible benefits of brand development are not always seen immediately or directly however its importance in government relations (at all levels), sponsorship and player/umpire procurement and retention cannot be underestimated.

The NFL continues to develop a stronger community focus and in 2011 partnered with a number of charities to raise awareness and funds for their specific causes. The senior finals series focused on the work of the White Ribbon Foundation and their campaign to end violence against women and the junior finals series supported the work of Zaidee's Rainbow Foundation and their campaign to raise awareness towards organ donation. Other

initiatives and awareness campaigns included the Round 18 dedication to prostate cancer awareness through Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, support of disability programs through our partner councils and promotion of road safety campaigns. The majority of our clubs supported charities through fundraising and awareness events, making a significant and valuable contribution to a range of causes. A significant focus on community support programs will be applied in 2012 covering (and not exclusive to) areas such as mental and physical health and wellbeing, life skills, awareness campaigns and social responsibility.

As alluded to earlier, the staffing structure of the NFL has undergone a dramatic change in 2011. Three of our four full-time staff members were new in 2011 and the one constant through that was Delwyn Berry. Her diligence and commitment is a most precious commodity and I thank her for her efforts. Samuel Zito in the media portfolio and Ron McKeown in operations have quickly found their feet and have been tremendous contributors thus far. As they develop in their roles, the NFL will certainly be the beneficiary and together an enviable team has evolved. Kevin Smith, in the part-time capacity of Director of Umpiring, continues to impart the highest level of umpiring experience to our emerging group and with the benefits of significant investment in umpire resources for 2012, Kevin will have the tools to take the group even further. Our other part-time staff, including David Page, Tracey Goss, Nicole Fisher and Diane Herman, have been a tremendous support all season and I thank them for the quality of their work.

AFL Victoria continues to support the NFL with dedicated resources in Phiv Demetriou and Tom Delahunty, and under the stewardship of General Manager Grant Williams, community football has a significant voice and representation within the AFL. AFL Victoria continues to lobby for greater investment at community level and we are hopeful that this will realise significant improvements in the very near future. The investment in coaching development and Auskick remains constant and I thank both Phiv and Tom for their work in these and other areas.

Towards the end of 2011, the NFL and Darebin City Council rejuvenated discussions around a new base for the NFL and this has progressed to the stage that plans and costings are now being finalised. It is envisaged that during the

season of 2013, the NFL will take possession of new facilities at CT Barling Reserve and we are endeavouring to ensure that through Darebin and State Government funding, NFL assets and AFL support, the development requires no additional financial input from clubs. Barling Reserve will provide a social and training base for NFL umpires, superior administrative facilities and the ability to stage NFL events, finals (junior) and promotions. There are also plans to investigate synthetic surface opportunities in the near future, however that is not part of the immediate development. All in all, the Barling Reserve development will provide the NFL a facility that is the envy of community sporting organisations and allow us more scope to meet our objectives.

The NFL is indeed fortunate to have a hardworking team of Directors dedicated to the growth, development and state of the League. The Board has shouldered much responsibility in the absence of administrative positions and much of their work goes unnoticed and unacknowledged. To Tony Topp, Dean Philpots and the rest of the NFL Board of Directors, I thank you personally for the enthusiasm, passion and dedication you have to the League. This is by no means a team of faceless men and the NFL will soon see the benefits of a strong and dynamic Strategic Plan developed through their efforts.

2012 will bring new challenges for the NFL together with new opportunities. A new competition (under 12 girls) and a significant

investment in umpire resources and coaching will be a key focus along with improving non-club revenue and operational efficiencies. A strong desire to keep club costs down in a time of continual expenditure increases, together with strengthening support for vulnerable clubs should ensure stability whilst providing the foundation for growth.

Finally, thank you to all stakeholders in the NFL for your continual support and engagement with our League. We look forward to building on that relationship in 2012.



Cameron Cloke slides for a mark against West Preston.



FOOTBALL OPERATIONS REPORT

Ron McKeown

Football Operations Manager

First off, let me start by thanking the board for appointing me to the position of Football Operations Manager. It has been an at times challenging, but also rewarding three month settling in period. I am really looking forward to what lies ahead and working with everybody involved to make the Northern Football League the strongest and most player-friendly competition on Victoria.

Junior finals in 2011 saw teams from all but two junior clubs compete in the finals series. It was great to see everyone involved in the finals compete in the true spirit of the game. In our desperate hope for finals success we can sometimes forget the importance of good sportsmanship, and I am pleased and proud to say that the players of the Northern Football League conducted themselves respectfully and with fair play throughout the three weeks of the finals. Some of the highlights of the junior finals were Eltham under 16s continuing their remarkable unbeaten run in Grand Finals by winning their seventh premiership in a row, and Bundoora Park under 10s winning a premiership in their first year in the Northern Football League.

With Bundoora Park and Laurimar joining the junior competition in 2011, it means we have not only two new clubs but five new teams. It takes our total junior participation to 25 clubs, 191 teams and around 4000 kids playing football in the NFL.

We tried something new with the senior finals this year and held all the Division 3 finals at Epping Recreation Reserve. This allowed us to utilise both grounds, which proved to be a great draw card for the competition and gave the finals series a carnival-like atmosphere. South Morang made history by winning the Division 3 Grand Final and claiming its first senior premiership in 56 years. Panton Hill also broke a long premiership drought when it won the reserves Grand Final. The flag was the Redbacks' first since way back in 1955, before it was even part of our league.

The following weekend saw Lower Plenty take home all three Division 2 premiership cups, with each the seniors, reserves and under 19s victorious on Grand Final day. It is a fantastic effort by all involved at the club as it once again joins the top flight.

On the final Saturday of September Division 1 traditional rivals Bundoora and Heidelberg played out a highly skilled and spirited Grand Final at Preston City Oval. Both teams put on a great show for the big crowd that had turned out and, after falling agonisingly short on several occasions over the past decade, it was Bundoora who was victorious as it claimed its first flag since 1996. Congratulations also to Montmorency for winning the reserves premiership and to Greensborough who claimed its third successive under 19s title.

Finals attendances were up on last year right across the board which is great news for our competition and a testament to the standard of football being played in our league. The improved standard is due in part to the influx of ex-AFL players and TAC players finding their way back to their roots. This is a direct result of the growing respect the Northern Football League is earning and we look forward to attracting an even greater number of high calibre players over coming seasons.

I also wish to congratulate all the competition trophy winners in their respective divisions and age groups. Also, well done to all the members of the Coaches Team of the Year across all three divisions. It's an honour to be recognised by your peers and you all deserved your selection in 2011.

Director of Umpiring Kevin Smith and his panel have continued their fine efforts in training and educating NFL umpires and have ensured that our umpiring fraternity contributes to the enviable standard at which the game is played in the Northern Football League.

Thank you also to all the independent tribunal members who have all played a significant role in guiding the league into the direction we want to head towards.

The Junior Development Program continues to support the education and development of talented players within our league. A huge thank you goes out to all the coaches who offered their time to nurture our young stars. Your continued support of this program is very much appreciated and you all do a great job. Thank you also to all the parents who helped out as team managers, trainers, water boys or runners; it is greatly appreciated. Congratulations to all the players who represented the league throughout the season. We are looking to make a number of changes to our representative program next year and we look forward to working much closer with the Northern Knights to ensure our representative teams become much more competitive out on the ground.

Congratulations and thank you to Jeremy, Delwyn and Samuel. The smooth running of the Northern Football League is in no small part due to your dedication and diligent work. I sincerely thank you for your patience and support.

Finally, thank you to all the volunteers within the NFL. The success of the league and all of our clubs is dependent upon your contribution, both great and small. It would not be possible to have a competition without you and I am in awe of your dedication. Thank you.

Bring on 2012!

Watsonia's Mark Bennett marks in front of Michael Sadelberg of Parkside.





UMPIRES REPORT

Kevin Smith

Director of Umpiring

The Northern Football League umpiring group was once again able to service all its requirements during the 2011 season, which in itself is a great achievement given the difficulties that can be met in recruiting people to umpiring. Each of the disciplines – field, goal and boundary umpiring – performed well and this was very pleasing.

The finals performance of umpires in particular was outstanding and generally speaking there was little in the way of comment from participating clubs which is always a good sign. The stronger umpiring performance seen in finals matches in 2011 can be attributed in part to the league extending its three umpire system for both field and boundary umpires even further than was the case in the previous season.

Once again, even more umpires were able to take part in not just a finals match but also in Grand Finals which not only gives a real boost to the group but assists in the good conduct of matches and this was obvious to those in attendance. I believe this allows too for a better standard of football for both participants and spectators alike. The under 19 finals continued to provide opportunity for those umpires, field, boundary and goal, in the formative years of their umpiring.

The loss of a number of senior field umpires at the end of the 2010 season was regrettable as they cannot easily be replaced. This was further impacted by the loss of two very senior field umpires during 2011 and a number of younger inexperienced field umpires needed to step up a level.

Recruiting continued to be particularly strong in 2011 but at the same time a good number of umpires decided not to continue with the league for what they see as good reasons. It is a challenge in our league to retain umpires to the degree I would like and this is not easy given that a lot leave due to study, commencing work, moving away, playing football, losing interest, and, on occasions, the environment they encounter at matches.

The quite expansive local schools program of addressing assemblies and smaller groups of students with recruiting in mind continued in 2011 and again proved to be productive.

The delivering of the Basic Umpiring Course in a number of schools in the league's area of interest continued successfully and an Umpire Academy at Parade College was also successful.

As is the case across the board with other participants in football, there is an accreditation program for umpiring and in 2011 some 40 umpires representing all three disciplines successfully completed either a Level One or Level Two accreditation program.

Nine umpires have received an invite to trial with the VFL for the 2012 season and all seem likely to be promoted to its list, meaning we will again need to find replacements.

I would like to thank George Smith (fitness coach), Darren Agnew (juniors umpire coach), Shane Herbert (goal umpire coach) and Doug Armstrong (boundary umpire coach) who worked so diligently and successfully throughout the season. A big thanks too to Brian Moore (secretary of the coaching panel) who worked across all disciplines to assist in the smooth running of umpiring. To these, along with all those who supported each of the coaches and those who carried out observations and mentoring, your magnificent efforts were appreciated and resulted in many umpires having a feeling of being supported and showing a significant improvement.

The former NFL CEO Kevin Crompton and Football Operations Manager Jarrad Carey continued to support umpiring and were always happy to discuss umpiring matters and to give assistance when needed. This has continued by those replacing those gentlemen, Jeremy Bourke and Ron McKeown respectively.

Each of the staff contributed to umpiring in some way on a regular basis and I am thankful for this. Delwyn Berry was involved in umpiring on general administration matters and Media and Communications Officer Samuel Zito made himself available to me when I needed his assistance. It is true to say the league board always showed support for and interest in umpiring too.

A further expansion of the three umpire system where appropriate, providing the cost of the green shirt uniform for new field umpires, funding umpire accreditation courses and

the funding of an appropriate training facility for the umpiring group have all contributed to increased numbers and a satisfactory umpiring performance.

Tony Mahoney continued as president of the Northern Umpires Association and the NUA supported both myself and the umpiring group by doing whatever it could to assist in providing an appropriate umpiring environment. Among other things, it arranged for the provision of meals and refreshments after training, put forward social activities and both the junior and senior presentation nights were a success. Arranging an experienced umpire as an advocate for umpires attending the tribunal was an important role it performed and I want to thank the NUA for its efforts throughout 2011.

I want to congratulate all those umpires who received a finals appointment of any kind, especially a Grand Final appointment as you will have deserved it. I want to especially congratulate those umpires who umpired the Division One A Grade Grand Final in such an efficient and unobtrusive manner. Well done to field umpires Steve Williams, Nathan Lessels and Andrew O'Neill, boundary umpires Brendan Canty, Jeff Miller and Lawrence Coop and goal umpires Craig Herman and Matt Lafite.

Field umpire Steve Williams, who umpired his second successive Division One A Grade Grand Final this year, received an award for Most Outstanding Umpire for 2011 at the NFL Presentation Night. Another field umpire, Luke Richardson, received the Most Improved Umpire award.



JUNIOR CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dean Philpots
Junior Chairman

This year saw the introduction of two new clubs into the NFL junior competition in Laurimar and Bundoora Park, with the latter winning the under 10 Green premiership in its inaugural season. For the second year in a row the total number of teams competing in the junior competition increased, with an additional five sides stepping onto the field this year, taking our total figure to 191 sides competing in the junior competition every weekend.

In 2011, the NFL Junior Development Program continued to grow and we were successful in fielding teams in all age groups from the under 13s to the under 17s, and, for the first time, Youth Girls. The Junior Development Program is currently going through a review and I expect the league will adopt a new direction which will include more involvement from the Northern Knights. I anticipate this to strengthen our representative program and the junior to senior pathway in our league. It should also ensure players get the best opportunity to play at

their highest level and continue to play football beyond their junior years.

Throughout the season we also managed to ensure all our junior coaches were accredited at Level 1 and this was achieved with a great effort from AFL Victoria Northern Region Community Development Manager, Phiv Demetriou.

We also saw more junior clubs and Auskick centres merge under the one banner and this has provided a great opportunity for players and families to move smoothly from the Auskick program to the competitive football arena. Tom Delahunty has worked particularly hard to ensure that the Auskick program continues to grow within our northern region. I see this as an important start for junior football and all clubs should ensure they have an involvement in their local Auskick centre.

The work of the Auskick co-ordinators and juniors clubs has led to an increase in participants at the under 9 level in 2011. This

year we had over 880 players under the age of 9 play in the NFL. Our next challenge as a league is to ensure to all players, parents, officials, coaches and umpires that we can continue to manage our growth.

Due to the efforts of NFL Director of Umpiring Kevin Smith and junior umpires coach Darren Agnew, each year umpire numbers are steadily increasing and we truly are seeing an improvement in the quality of our junior umpires. The challenge now is to retain our umpires and provide them the opportunity to improve their development.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone involved in the junior competition at club level and the volunteers who are putting their time into the Junior Development Program. I would like to also thank the NFL staff for their effort in the many hours they put in to improve the whole junior competition.





YOUTH GIRLS REPORT

Carla Muscat
Match Day Manager

The 2011 Youth Girls season commenced on April 9 under the Northern Football League banner and at a brand new location, Reservoir's Barling Reserve. This year, there were nine teams registered with a total of 192 girls between the ages 13-18 pulling on the boots at some stage of the season.

Two new teams joined the competition in 2011, with Mill Park and South Morang both fielding sides every week to great success. In the case of South Morang, the team was so popular that the club could have fielded two sides given the large number of girls it was able to attract to the competition. It's great to see that there are a strong number of girls wanting to play football in the northern area, which comes as no surprise given the population growth in our region.

In 2011, Youth Girls teams were able to play more games at their own home grounds which allowed them to showcase their talent to a greater audience. It also enabled the girls to feel a greater sense of belonging to their respective clubs and hopefully this initiative leads to more girls taking up this wonderful sport.

The season brought many ups and downs as well as many new challenges that come with joining a new league however overall it will be deemed as a successful year. From the first bounce to the last, the girls played with great spirit and more importantly made great

friendships which comes when participating in a team sport.

This year the Grand Final was played on a Sunday prior to the Victorian Women's Football League (VWFL) preliminary final at Bill Lawry Oval in Northcote. A big crowd was in attendance to watch Darebin Falcons claim the premiership with a hard-fought win against St Damian's. After going through the season undefeated, the Falcons thoroughly deserved to win the 2011 premiership. They are a very well oiled machine and my congratulations go to Richard Dal Pos for coaching the team to back-to-back flags. It truly is a magnificent achievement.

For the first time ever, the Youth Girls this year featured in the NFL's Junior Development Program. Well done to the 26 girls that represented the NFL in the AFL Victoria Metropolitan Junior Championships during June. The girls wore the NFL jumper with pride and distinction and were able to claim one win from their three matches.

From the NFL representative squad we had eight players selected to represent Victoria at the 2011 AFL National Youth Girls Under 18 Championships. The carnival was held on the Gold Coast in September and our girls once again took home the silverware.

Darebin's Jessica Dal Pos was awarded the

second annual Eva-Peers Medal, as the most outstanding player for the Victorian team at the Championships as voted by her coaches and teammates. It is a remarkable achievement and Jess is definitely a player to look out for in the future.

My congratulations also extend to Sharnni Di Mauro for winning the Youth Girls best and fairest award. Sharnni had a superb 2011 season for Lalor Stars and her hard work and commitment to her football is a credit to herself and her team. Olivia Storer (Jacana) and Louise Stephenson (St Damian's) tied for second place with Jessica Dal Pos not far behind in third. Well done girls!

Finally, thank you to all the coaches, players, officials and canteen operators who help keep the competition running successfully. It was an enjoyable season and I hope to be back next year to again watch the girls run around on Saturday mornings. To the players that are no longer eligible for Youth Girls, I wish you all the best and hopefully you will continue your football through the VWFL. Last but not least, thank you to the team at the NFL for your ongoing support of the Youth Girls competition. I know it was a challenging season at times, however we got through it successfully and I look forward to representing you again in 2012.





NETBALL REPORT

Delwyn Berry
Netball Manager

What started out as an eight-side netball competition just four years ago has quickly blossomed into a 33-side competition played across four different sections.

The rapid expansion of the Northern Football League's netball competition has kept us all busy on Friday nights and during the working week as we look to not only facilitate our current competition structure, but also look ahead to managing our future growth.

In 2011, St Mary's and Greensborough joined the netball court, meaning that 17 of the league's 25 senior football clubs now have a netball team in our competition. Whittlesea took the competition into uncharted territory when it fielded four teams this year, a terrific effort by the Eagles.

Because of our expansion, this year we moved our netball matches to RMIT University Bundoora to ensure that all matches could be played in the Friday night timeslot. A testament to the competition's growth and success, more than 550 people attended the netball Grand Finals on September 9. Congratulations to the

eventual premiers in Diamond Creek (Section 1), Mernda (Section 2), Mernda Red (Section 3) and Montmorency (Section 4).

I must also congratulate all our competition best and fairest winners from this season. There was a tie in the Section 1 vote count, with Diamond Creek's Bronwyn Taylor and North Heidelberg's Ebony Heers both polling 13 votes. Natasha Skehan won a close award in Section 2, while Sheridan Seekamp and Janelle Birch took out the Section 3 and 4 best and fairest awards respectively.

As the competition advances, the league has ensured that it does so in a professional manner and in June the first ever foundation coaching course was conducted at RMIT. In 2012 all coaches will need to have coaching accreditation to ensure they are eligible to coach in the competition.

We have already received expressions of interest from 31 teams from 16 clubs to compete in 2012, and we are well on track to reaching our goal of 40 teams. If we are successful, we may have to look at hosting

netball matches at two different venues on Friday nights to meet the demand.

Another idea we are currently exploring is the potential for a separate Thursday morning competition which would accommodate those who are unable to play on a Friday night. The idea is currently only in its teething stages but should there be enough interest from clubs and players there is definitely the potential for the league to manage two netball competitions.

As of the time of writing, we are looking at also becoming our own association, governed by our own rules and by-laws. Our current setup binds us to the Plenty Valley Netball Association.

I wish to thank all the players, coaches and spectators who come out every Friday night to make our netball competition what it is. I look forward to seeing you all back in season 2012 as the competition continues to grow. Also, many thanks to court supervisor Kristy Armstead and umpire supervisor Sue Drummond for all your hard work and dedication to our competition.



Whittlesea had four teams compete on the netball court in 2011.



MEDIA REPORT

Samuel Zito

Media and Communications Manager

Having assumed the role of Media and Communications Officer on the eve of Round 1, my main goal for season 2011 was to maintain the high standards of media production left by my predecessor, Josh Berriman.

My first point of call was to make sure *The Northerner*, the official match day programme of the NFL, maintained its reputation as a well-regarded publication within NFL circles. I feel I have succeeded in that regard and I look forward to freshening up the record in 2012 to ensure that it continues to provide the latest news, match previews and reviews but also gives clubs an opportunity to tell their stories to the football community.

For the first time ever, the league this year produced a weekly NFL TV program which was uploaded to the website every Thursday afternoon. The show featured match previews and reviews, and featured some of the biggest names in the NFL including Blair Harvey, Brayden Shaw, Cathal Corr, Tim Bongetti and Billy Barden. A big thank you must go to all the players and clubs who made themselves available for the show and I am looking forward to providing a revamped and more exciting web TV product next year.

The league established a greater social presence in 2011 with the introduction of the NFL Facebook page. The page enables us to

have quicker and better interaction with our followers and proved to be a great success with more than 1300 people now following us online. One of the biggest advantages of having the easily accessible and wide-reaching page is that it enabled us to publish live around-the-ground scores on a regular basis every Saturday. As the media landscape continues to evolve it is my duty to ensure the NFL keeps up with the changes to give the league every chance to grow in popularity.

The NFL Match of the Day continued to call the week's best game every Saturday on 88.6 Plenty Valley FM and the new team of Liam Quinn, John Seaton and Sam Patrick worked magnificently together to call all the action. The effort these boys put in cannot be understated. Working purely for the love of the game, the boys put in countless hours for the league with Liam and John making the extra effort to volunteer to sit alongside myself to host NFL TV. I am indebted to the boys for their service and I also wish to thank William Botoulas and Ryan McLaughlin who helped with the radio broadcast when needed on several occasions.

In 2011 the league also acquired the services of two cadet reporters in Stephen Fitzpatrick and Declan Grattan who each wrote a weekly match report. The improvement the two showed across the year was remarkable and both

should be proud of their achievements. Doug Long also continued in his match reporting role and again provided insightful and well written articles. I thank all three for their work this year and I look forward to having them on board in 2012 as part of an expanded media team.

My thanks also extend to Terry O'Brien who helped me package together highlight reels for senior presentation night. Terry worked tirelessly to ensure the demanding task was completed on time and I am extremely appreciative of his hard work. The new format introduced for presentation night was extremely well received and can be attributed to Terry and his great work. Also, thanks again to John Seaton who provided voiceovers for the highlight packages.

Finally, thank you to the staff at NFL HQ who make coming to work an enjoyable experience even in the busy times. Thanks Jeremy, Delwyn and Ron for your support and guidance throughout the season and to Jarrad and Geoff who helped me find my feet when I began in the role. Cheers too to Phiv and Tom from AFL Victoria and here's to an improved performance in the Herald Sun quizzes next year!

See you at the footy in 2012.



Billy Barden leads out Lower Plenty on Grand Final day.



DIVISION 1 REVIEW



After coming agonisingly close to Grand Final glory so often over the past decade, 2011 was to be the year that Bundoora finally broke through for its fourth senior premiership.

Having lost four Grand Finals to Heidelberg over the past seven years, the Bulls exacted revenge on the Tigers with a 10-point win on the final Saturday of September.

The success broke a 15-year premiership drought stemming back to 1996 and could potentially be the start of a successful dynasty at Yulong Reserve.

After a fruitful off-season recruiting campaign which yielded former AFL players Cameron Cloke and Gary Moorcroft, along with Matthew Dennis and Andrew Carmusciano, the Bulls topped the Division One ladder for all but five weeks of the season.

They won their opening seven games of the year and claimed the minor premiership with a 13-5 win-loss record.

Heidelberg rallied from a slow start to finish the season in second spot, just 1.4 percent behind the Bulls.

Bundoora emphatically beat the Tigers in the second semi final to charge into the Grand

Final, the result providing great confidence to Phil Maylin's troops when they faced the Tigers in the big dance a fortnight later.

Courtesy of a strong breeze blowing to the Preston Market end of Preston City Oval, the Bulls jumped out to an early lead in the premiership decider and took an 18-point advantage into the first break.

The Tigers bounced back with four of the next five goals to assume a six-point break at half time, before Josh Houlihan kicked the first goal of the third quarter as Heidelberg looked destined for its sixth flag in eight years.

Goalless for the opening ten minutes of the term, the Bulls then played an inspired 20 minutes of football to tear the game open.

Sparked by Michael Farrelly and Matthew Dennis in the middle of the ground and Cloke up forward, Bundoora kicked five unanswered goals to turn for home 24 points in front.

Jess Sinclair goaled early in the final quarter to give the Tigers hope, but two consecutive goals into the breeze by Moorcroft and Trent Barbero extended the Bulls' lead to five goals.

As old warriors Blair Harvey, Danny Nolan and Jake Williams continued to work tirelessly

against the odds, Heidelberg refused to surrender and kicked three late majors to reduce the deficit to 10 points with several minutes remaining.

However, the Bulls were able to hold the Tigers off in the dying stages and held on for a memorable win.

Cloke immortalised himself in Bundoora folklore when he reeled in six contested marks during the final quarter to continually keep Heidelberg at bay when it needed to get hold of the football.

He was just beaten for best afield honours by Farrelly who capped off a great year with another dominant display when it mattered most.

Montmorency won its first premiership since 2005 when its reserves toppled Bundoora by 21 points in a tight encounter.

Meanwhile, Greensborough won its third consecutive premiership in the under 19s when it also beat Bundoora.

Josh Callaway was best afield as the Boro ran away with 24-point win to complete another dominant season under Ben Turner.



2011 NFL DIVISION 1 SENIOR GRAND FINAL

Bundoora 3.3 4.5 9.9 11.10 (76)

Heidelberg 0.3 4.8 5.9 9.12 (66)

Best:

Bundoora – C Cloke, M Farrelly, M Dennis, A Contessa, D Mitchell, N Gloury
Heidelberg – Danny Nolan, B Harvey, P Spence, Dale Nolan, D Haydock, M Chapman

Goals:

Bundoora – P Harrison 2, B Shaw 2, N Gloury 2, A Contessa 2, C Cloke, T Barbero, G Moorcroft
Heidelberg – J Sinclair 2, M Favrin, J Houlihan, J Williams, M Chapman, S Caddy, A Jackson, A Symes

2011 NFL DIVISION 1 RESERVES GRAND FINAL

Montmorency 5.0 5.0 9.4 12.4 (76)

Bundoora 2.1 6.5 6.5 8.7 (55)

Best:

Montmorency – S Morales, B Finnin, J Whitling, D Stanley, A Pepyat, N Guthrie
Bundoora – S Crump, M Carbonara, R Graham, T Hogg, B Jones, D Karabatsos

Goals:

Montmorency – B Finnin 5, D Trajanovski 2, D Stanley 2, S Mills, N Guthrie, A Swindon
Bundoora – S Crump 4, L Shelton 2, M Pow 2

2011 NFL DIVISION 1 UNDER 19 GRAND FINAL

Greensborough 2.2 5.2 10.2 15.4 (94)

Bundoora 3.2 4.4 6.8 10.10 (70)

Best:

Greensborough – J Callaway, D Robertson, J Rowe, J Cisek, C Clark, A Rowe
Bundoora – S Mamone, J Lord, K Slater, L Williams, C Rogers, M Ferraro

Goals:

Greensborough – A Lindstrom 3, A Rowe 2, C Jordan 2, S Conte 2, J Love, M Pearce, J Callaway, J Rowe, J Cisek, J Cox
Bundoora – M Evans 3, M Ferraro 2, D Tabb, K Slater, J O'Donnell, S Mamone, A Follacchio





DIVISION 1 LADDERS

DIV 1 SENIORS

TEAM	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
Bundoora	18	13	5	0	2060	1465	140	52
Heidelberg	18	13	5	0	1966	1412	139	52
Greensborough	18	12	6	0	1591	1391	114	48
West Preston	18	11	7	0	1941	1693	114	44
Montmorency	18	11	7	0	1882	1692	111	44
Northcote Park	18	10	8	0	1831	1581	115	40
Macleod	18	8	10	0	1657	1596	103	32
Eltham	18	7	11	0	1811	1829	99	28
Whittlesea	18	5	13	0	1547	1920	80	20
North Heidelberg	18	0	18	0	1016	2723	37	0

DIV 1 RESERVES

TEAM	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
Bundoora	18	16	2	0	2132	849	251	64
West Preston	18	15	3	0	1758	969	181	60
Montmorency	18	14	4	0	1752	1117	156	56
Greensborough	18	11	7	0	1652	1162	142	44
Northcote Park	18	10	8	0	1499	1390	107	40
Heidelberg	18	9	9	0	1371	1326	103	36
Eltham	18	6	12	0	1252	1437	87	24
Macleod	18	6	12	0	1375	1680	81	24
North Heidelberg	18	3	15	0	872	2024	43	12
Whittlesea	18	0	18	0	740	2449	30	0

DIV 1 UNDER 19

TEAM	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	% Won
Greensborough	18	17	1	0	2341	731	320	94
Eltham	18	17	1	0	2050	707	289	94
Northcote Park	18	13	5	0	1682	1181	142	72
Bundoora	17	12	5	0	1839	1017	180	70
Montmorency	18	6	12	0	1094	1783	61	33
Whittlesea	17	5	12	0	1188	1713	69	29
Macleod	18	4	14	0	1206	2050	58	22
West Preston	17	0	17	0	916	1953	46	0



Bundoora unites ahead of a clash with Heidelberg.

DIVISION 1 FINALS

DIVISION 1 SENIORS

Qualifying Final

Heidelberg 14.9 (93) def
Greensborough 8.6 (54)

Elimination Final

West Preston 19.14 (128) def
Montmorency 10.6 (66)

1st Semi Final

Greensborough 8.10 (58) def by
West Preston 15.12 (102)

2nd Semi Final

Bundoora 21.10 (136) def
Heidelberg 9.9 (63)

Preliminary Final

Heidelberg 19.13 (127) def
West Preston 14.9 (93)

Grand Final

Bundoora 11.10 (76) def
Heidelberg 9.12 (66)

DIVISION 1 RESERVES

Qualifying Final

West Preston 6.6 (42) def by
Montmorency 9.11 (65)

Elimination Final

Greensborough 6.15 (51) def by
Northcote Park 14.14 (98)

1st Semi Final

West Preston 9.6 (60) def by
Northcote Park 11.5 (71)

2nd Semi Final

Bundoora 7.8 (50) def by
Montmorency 10.9 (69)

Preliminary Final

Bundoora 15.10 (100) def
Northcote Park 9.8 (62)

Grand Final

Montmorency 12.4 (76) def
Bundoora 8.7 (55)

DIVISION 1 UNDER 19S

Qualifying Final

Eltham 3.9 (27) def by
Northcote Park 4.12 (36)

Elimination Final

Bundoora 14.15 (99) def
Montmorency 10.10 (70)

1st Semi Final

Eltham 7.5 (47) def by
Bundoora 13.11 (89)

2nd Semi Final

Greensborough 10.7 (67) def
Northcote Park 4.11 (35)

Preliminary Final

Northcote Park 8.10 (58) def by
Bundoora 19.16 (130)

Grand Final

Greensborough 15.4 (94) def
Bundoora 10.10 (70)



Whittlesea skipper Garrett Heenan tackles strongly.



DIVISION 2 REVIEW



2011 will forever be remembered as the year Lower Plenty dominated the NFL Division 2 competition.

The Bears finished atop each of the senior, reserves and under 19 ladders before going on to win the premiership in all three grades.

Combined, Lower Plenty's three sides lost just two games for the entire season as the club showed just how much depth and class it had at its disposal.

Following an agonising 14-point loss to Whittlesea in last year's Grand Final, the Lower Plenty seniors were unstoppable in 2011 as they searched for promotion into Division 1.

Under the guidance of Gary Ramsay, the side won 19 of the 20 games it competed in by an average margin of 66 points.

That included an astonishing 201-point win over recently-promoted Hurstbridge in Round 4, as the Bears showed their intent early in the season.

Despite the side's dominance throughout the season, many pundits felt that Lower Plenty could be upstaged in the Grand Final when it came up against an Epping outfit looking for its first premiership since 1990.

But with the wind blowing a gale to the city end

of Preston City Oval, Lower effectively sealed the premiership in the first quarter when it raced out to a 31-point lead.

After the Blues kicked the opening two goals of the game through Jarrod King and Tim Likos, Lower responded with seven consecutive goals, including a remarkable 45m effort by Shannon Strickland while hemmed up against the boundary line.

Star forward Darcy Barden then moved deep into defence in the second quarter and repelled countless Epping forays forward, as Lower Plenty managed to keep the Blues goalless while kicking with a wind worth at least four goals.

Lower again showed how best to use the wind in the third and kicked three goals in the first seven minutes of the second half to stretch its lead to 50 points as the realisation hit that the club had won its second senior premiership, 12 years after its first in 1999.

Matthew Garland pegged back a goal for Epping late in the third to reduce the margin to 47 points at the final break, however with Darcy Barden again patrolling the backline in the final term, Lower Plenty once again kept the Blues goalless kicking with the breeze.

Ben Gill booted the only goal of the final term

and with that gave the Bears a 52-point win when the final siren blew.

Barden was named best afield for his superb defensive efforts, just edging out three-time best and fairest winner Clint Monger and young ruckman Patrick Flynn.

After finishing the regular season undefeated, the Bears' reserves had to take the long route to the Grand Final after they were upset by Diamond Creek in the second semi final.

However that loss was to be just a blip on the radar as the Bears trounced the Demons in the premiership decider.

Lower Plenty kicked eight unanswered goals in the final term to romp to a 78-point win, as Diamond Creek was restricted to just three goals for the day, and only one after quarter time.

It was a similar story in the under 19s Grand Final as Lower Plenty completed an undefeated season when it too smashed Diamond Creek.

After leading by just two points at half time, the Bears kicked 12 goals to two in the second half to claim a 66-point win.

Nathan Hendry was awarded best on ground honours, while exciting forward Jake Paterson booted five goals.



2011 NFL DIVISION 2 SENIOR GRAND FINAL

Lower Plenty	7.7	8.7	11.12	12.14	(86)
Epping	3.0	3.5	4.7	4.10	(34)

Best:

Lower Plenty – D Barden, C Monger, P Flynn, M Ryan, M Neill, G Brown
 Epping – B Keating, D Little, A Willitts, J Totino, D Moore, P McMahon

Goals:

Lower Plenty – M Neill 2, B Barden 2, C Monger 2, S Strickland 2, P Flynn, B Gill, D Barden, D Day
 Epping – T Likos 2, M Garland, J King

2011 NFL DIVISION 2 RESERVES GRAND FINAL

Diamond Creek	2.3	3.3	3.3	3.6	(24)
Lower Plenty	2.1	5.4	7.5	15.12	(102)

Best:

Diamond Creek – D Padget, T Conway, C McCauley, J Moore, L Campitelli, B Peart
 Lower Plenty – L McTaggart, R French, C Tsapatsaris, J Gercovich, B Craig, L O'Donnell

Goals:

Diamond Creek – S Legg, B Wescott, S Buchanan
 Lower Plenty – D Gaunt 4, J Bird 3, J Shaw 2, C Tsapatsaris 2, L O'Donnell, D Carr, N Gray, J Barker

2011 NFL DIVISION 2 UNDER 19 GRAND FINAL

Lower Plenty	4.3	5.4	14.10	17.12	(114)
Diamond Creek	0.0	5.2	6.3	7.6	(48)

Best:

Lower Plenty – N Hendry, B Switkowski, J Paterson, C Craig, W Morley, L Henderson
 Diamond Creek – L Brown, M McGinty, S Dezan, S Ferronato, M Johnson, B Adams

Goals:

Lower Plenty – J Paterson 5, B Switkowski 4, B Equid 3, A Meale, S Harrison, B Hibberd, K Pearce, N Hendry
 Diamond Creek – L McLellan 2, J Shirreff 2, D Kennedy, L Buckley, M Johnson





DIVISION 2 LADDERS

DIV 2 SENIORS

TEAM	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
Lower Plenty	18	17	1	0	2585	1333	193	68
Epping	18	14	4	0	2309	1570	147	56
Lalor	18	12	6	0	2147	1410	152	48
Diamond Creek	18	10	8	0	2080	1520	136	40
Fitzroy Stars	18	7	11	0	1591	1877	84	28
Hurstbridge	18	5	13	0	1638	2500	65	20
Thomastown	18	5	13	0	1337	2129	62	20
Mernda	18	2	16	0	118	2466	45	8

DIV 2 RESERVES

TEAM	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
Lower Plenty	18	18	0	0	2403	682	352	72
Diamond Creek	18	15	3	0	2024	816	248	60
Epping	18	11	7	0	1553	1429	108	44
Fitzroy Stars	18	9	9	0	1310	1618	80	36
Lalor	18	8	10	0	1264	1296	97	32
Thomastown	18	5	13	0	1036	2029	51	20
Hurstbridge	18	3	15	0	992	1836	54	12
Mernda	18	3	15	0	970	1846	52	12

DIV 2 UNDER 19

TEAM	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	% Won
Lower Plenty	17	17	0	0	2256	652	346	100
Thomastown	18	15	3	0	1971	687	286	83
Eltham Panthers	17	14	3	0	1667	825	202	82
Diamond Creek	16	12	4	0	1775	955	185	75
St Mary's	17	8	9	0	1245	1217	102	47
Lalor	17	8	9	0	1209	1202	100	47
Reservoir	17	8	9	0	917	1454	63	47
Heidelberg	14	6	8	0	831	916	90	42
Watsonia	17	7	10	0	931	1215	76	41
South Morang	16	6	10	0	998	1285	77	37
Mernda	17	3	14	0	683	2088	32	17
Hurstbridge	16	2	14	0	816	1907	42	12
North Heidelberg	17	0	17	0	591	2109	28	0



Mernda and Hurstbridge fight for the football.

DIVISION 2 FINALS

DIVISION 2 SENIORS

1st Semi Final

Lalor 7.10 (52) def by
Diamond Creek 13.9 (87)

2nd Semi Final

Lower Plenty 20.16 (136) def
Epping 16.15 (111)

Preliminary Final

Epping 18.19 (127) def
Diamond Creek 9.15 (69)

Grand Final

Lower Plenty 12.14 (86) def
Epping 4.10 (34)

DIVISION 2 RESERVES

1st Semi Final

Epping 7.12 (54) def by
Fitzroy Stars 11.13 (79)

2nd Semi Final

Lower Plenty 9.12 (66) def by
Diamond Creek 10.10 (70)

Preliminary Final

Lower Plenty 16.12 (108) def
Fitzroy Stars 7.3 (45)

Grand Final

Diamond Creek 3.6 (24) def by
Lower Plenty 15.12 (102)

DIVISION 2 UNDER 19S

1st Elimination Final

Diamond Creek 18.1 (109) def
St Mary's 8.8 (56)

2nd Elimination Final

Eltham Panthers 24.11 (155) def
Lalor 7.10 (52)

1st Semi Final

Eltham Panthers 5.17 (47) def by
Diamond Creek 14.7 (91)

2nd Semi Final

Lower Plenty 13.14 (92) def
Thomastown 7.15 (57)

Preliminary Final

Thomastown 6.12 (48) def by
Diamond Creek 10.18 (78)

Grand Final

Lower Plenty 17.12 (114) def
Diamond Creek 7.6 (48)



Adrian Totino (Epping) shows some dash.



DIVISION 3 REVIEW



Daniel Heatley and Gary Kallinikos hold aloft South Morang's first premiership cup.

It was 56 years in the making, but in 2011 South Morang finally triumphed for its first senior premiership.

The Lions had never advanced past the semi finals since joining the competition in 1955, but that was to all change this season as the club produced the most dominant year in its history.

With Gary Kallinikos at the helm and with the inclusion of key signings Shane Whitnall, Troy Jinnette, Travis Stevens and Jason Ward, the Lions lost just two games all season en route to the minor premiership.

Remarkably, both losses were by just five points and came either side of an 11-game winning streak, the longest the club has ever recorded.

Whitnall booted nine goals in the second semi final to steer the Lions past Parkside by 53 points and propel South Morang into its first Grand Final.

Parkside then nearly squandered a nine-goal lead in the preliminary final against Panton Hill, and had to twice come from behind in the final term before setting up another clash with South Morang for the premiership cup.

The large South Morang faithful who crowded into Epping Recreation Reserve on Grand Final day were left shell-shocked in the first quarter as Parkside kicked the opening seven goals of the match to take a 27-point lead into quarter time.

But from there the Lions showed why they

were the best team all year, kicking 11 goals to Parkside's three after the first break to claim a 23-point victory.

Matt Manning was adjudged best afield for a dominant performance in the ruck, ahead of Jinnette and Whitnall, who kicked five to take his finals goal tally to 14 in just two games.

Earlier in the day Panton Hill also created history when it claimed its first open grade premiership since joining the league, with a runaway 38-point win over Reservoir.

Chris Sansom was awarded the best on ground medal for his work in the ruck, while John Garrard was superb up forward and kicked five goals in a low-scoring encounter.

DIVISION 3 FINALS

DIVISION 3 SENIORS

1st Semi Final

St Mary's 11.12 (78) def by Panton Hill 15.10 (100)

2nd Semi Final

South Morang 23.14 (152) def Parkside 15.9 (99)

Preliminary Final

Parkside 14.8 (92) def

Panton Hill 13.12 (90)

Grand Final

South Morang 15.12 (102) def Parkside 11.13 (79)

DIVISION 3 RESERVES

1st Semi Final

Reservoir 17.9 (111) def South Morang 8.7 (55)

2nd Semi Final

Panton Hill 10.13 (73) def Watsonia 8.5 (53)

Preliminary Final

Watsonia 10.11 (71) def by Reservoir 10.18 (78)

Grand Final

Panton Hill 11.10 (76) def Reservoir 5.8 (38)



South Morang

2011 NFL DIVISION 3 SENIOR GRAND FINAL

South Morang	4.2	6.4	9.7	15.12	(102)
Parkside	8.5	9.7	10.11	11.13	(79)

Best:

South Morang – M Manning, T Jinnette, M Szikla, T Stevens, S McCleish, S Whitnall
 Parkside – B Hockey, S McLaren, D Gresham, J Gresham, D Egan, M Sadelberg

Goals:

South Morang – S Whitnall 5, T Jinnette 2, L Manning 2, V Ferraro, M Szikla, M Williamson, T Stevens, S Bamford, J Ward
 Parkside: D King 3, S Ware 2, A Bennett 2, D Gresham 2, M Young, D McCall

2011 NFL DIVISION 3 RESERVES GRAND FINAL

Panton Hill	2.2	2.3	6.6	11.10	(76)
Reservoir	0.3	2.5	5.7	5.8	(38)

Best:

Panton Hill – N Grimshaw, D Keen, B Long, C Sansom, J Garrard, J Burleigh
 Reservoir – M Cremore, S Edwards, L Close, C Saward, D Lewis, J Cousins

Goals:

Panton Hill – J Garrard 5, J Burleigh 2, N Grimshaw, D Keen, F Trianta, K Coffey
 Reservoir – J Cousins 3, M Cremore, M McDonald



Panton Hill



DIVISION 3 LADDERS

DIV 3 SENIORS

TEAM	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
South Morang	16	14	2	0	1707	1082	157	56
Parkside	16	11	5	0	1607	1123	143	44
St Mary's	16	11	5	0	1384	1125	123	44
Panton Hill	16	9	7	0	1580	1290	122	36
Reservoir	16	8	8	0	1344	1256	107	32
Watsonia	16	2	14	0	948	1752	54	8
Heidelberg West	16	1	15	0	831	1773	46	4

DIV 3 RESERVES

TEAM	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
Panton Hill	16	14	2	0	1344	778	172	56
Watsonia	16	12	4	0	1441	867	166	48
Reservoir	16	11	5	0	1286	776	165	44
South Morang	16	8	8	0	1243	1154	107	32
St Mary's	16	6	10	0	961	1203	79	24
Heidelberg West	16	5	11	0	1035	1511	68	20
Parkside	16	0	16	0	630	1651	38	0



Heidelberg West and Watsonia players fight for the ball during their Round 16 encounter

The Northern Region held its annual Coach of the Year awards night on Wednesday, September 7 and it was Epping coach Mario Bandera who saluted as Senior Coach of the Year.

In front of more than 230 guests at Ballara Receptions in Eltham, Bandera won the award – as selected by the Australian Football Coaches Association – ahead of Bryan Cole (Greensborough), Gary Kallinikos (South Morang) and Dean Sinclair (Lalor).

Bandera guided Epping into the Division 2 Grand Final in 2011, and was among four nominees shortlisted for the AFCA Victoria Coach of the Year award, which was eventually won by Albury Tigers coach Paul Spargo.

After dropping their first two games of the season, the Blues won 14 of their final 17 home and away games to finish second on the Division 2 ladder.

Bandera's meticulous approach to coaching earned him great praise within the football community and was the key reason behind him being selected for the award.

At the conclusion of every match in 2011, every Epping player filled in an evaluation report to rate their performance that day.

Players were asked to rate 10 key attributes, including ball winning ability, leadership, hardiness and running capacity.

Coaches then provide their evaluation of each players' game before compiling the data into a graph which provided a season average and match comparisons.

Every player then received a one-page written review from Bandera which highlighted his thoughts on their game and provided feedback on areas in which the player needed to address.

Bandera thanked the Epping Football Club during his acceptance speech, and praised all junior coaches present on the night who helped to nurture young footballers as they progressed through to senior ranks.

Earlier in the night, Greensborough under 19s coach Ben Turner was named Youth Coach of the Year.

In 2011 the Boro under 19s won their third consecutive premiership under Turner's tutelage.

Other winners on the night were Michael Kanizay (Auskick Coach of the Year), Michael Bland (Auskick Volunteer of the Year), Anthony Mallia (Junior Coach of the Year) and Laura Attard (Female Coach of the Year).

Ivan Jones was also recognised for his contribution to football which has seen him fulfil roles as a recruiter for the Collingwood Football Club, treasurer of Bundoora JFC, photographer for the Northern Knights and for the past 14 years Auskick treasurer for the Northern Region.

Special guests at the dinner included 2011 Brownlow medallist Dane Swan, Gavin Brown, John Barker, Matthew Capuano and Stephanie Chiocci.

To the right is a list of all the nominees across the six categories, with the winners highlighted in bold.

Senior

Jack Cole – Greensborough

Mario Bandera – Epping
Gary Kallinikos – South Morang
Dean Sinclair – Lalor

Youth

Sam Stapleton – Northcote JFC
Tony Norris – St Mary's JFC
Mark Yoemans – St Mary's JFC
Tim Bell – St Mary's JFC
Rick Legassick – St Mary's
Ben Turner – Greensborough JFC
Phil Howe – Banyule JFC
Joel Steindl – Macleod JFC
Matthew Powell – Ivanhoe JFC
Jesse Howell – Eltham JFC
Michael Avromov – Eltham JFC

Auskick

Tom Barca – Macleod
Mick Harper – Kinglake
Ian Williams – Keon Park Stars
Colin Johnson – Laurimar
Rachel Wallace – Research
Michael Kanizay – Fitzroy/Carlton
Tony Raddino – Mill Park
Kenny Sparks – Apollo Parkways

Junior

Luke Prosser – St Mary's
Anthony Mallia – Eltham JFC
Anthony Parker – Yarrambat

Female

Laura Attard – Diamond Creek

Contribution to Football

Ivan Jones



L-R: Gavin Brown, Gary Kallinikos, Phiv Demetriou, Mario Bandera and Bryan Cole.



Ben Turner



COACHES TEAMS OF THE YEAR

Premier Bundoora had five representatives in the Division 1 Coaches Team of the Year, with Ben Shelton, Cameron Cloke, Gary Moorcroft, David Mitchell and John Kreuzer all selected in the team.

Cloke and Moorcroft starred for the Bulls in their first season at Yulong Reserve and combined for 120 goals as they guided the club to its first Grand Final win since 1996.

Shelton received his third selection in the team, however, this year he was honoured with the nod at full back rather than the back pocket, due recognition for another excellent season in defence.

Each of Greensborough, Macleod, Northcote Park and West Preston had three selections in the team.

19-year-old Nick Riddle was selected at centre half back after taking the competition by storm in his first season of senior football.

The youngster was named best and fairest for the Boro in 2011 and was joined in the team by Conlan Gunn (centre) and skipper Tim Bongetti (interchange).

Macleod trio Justin White, Cathal Carr and Kane Shaw were all rewarded for their efforts in a season in which the Kangaroos emerged as a genuine threat in the Division 1 competition.

In September Shaw tied for the Macleod best

and fairest award, the Tom Melican Medal, with Ryan Harris, while White finished a close second for the competition best and fairest award.

Former Collingwood star Simon Prestigiaco had no trouble adjusting to life in the NFL, and was named on a half back flank. His former teammate at the Pies, Billy Morrison, was picked in the back pocket, while West Preston skipper Jake Williams was chosen as a rover.

Division 1 leading goalkicker Dean Limbach was not surprisingly selected at full forward, while his skipper Daniel Keenan showed his remarkable consistency by again being named on the half back flank.

Perhaps in a changing of the guard, only one Heidelberg player was selected in the team, with Division 1 best and fairest winner Michael Finn the Tigers' only representative.

Shane Harvey (North Heidelberg) and Jeremy Page (Whittlesea) were their clubs' sole selection, while Eltham was the only club without a player named in the side.

In Division 2, 16 of the 22 players selected came from teams which finished inside the top four, with Diamond Creek having the most representatives with five.

Epping and Lalor both had four selections, with Blues' star midfielders Daniel Moore and

Jarrold King picked alongside forwards Aaron Willitts and Adrian Totino.

Steven Marshall bowed out of football at the top of his game as the Lalor champion was again adjudged in the best 22 by club coaches with selection on the wing.

Premier Lower Plenty had three players picked with Barden brothers, Darcy and Billy, locked in at centre half forward and rover respectively, and Patrick Flynn named on the interchange.

Bears' coach Gary Ramsay was named as coach of the team after his side lost just one game en route to the 2011 premiership.

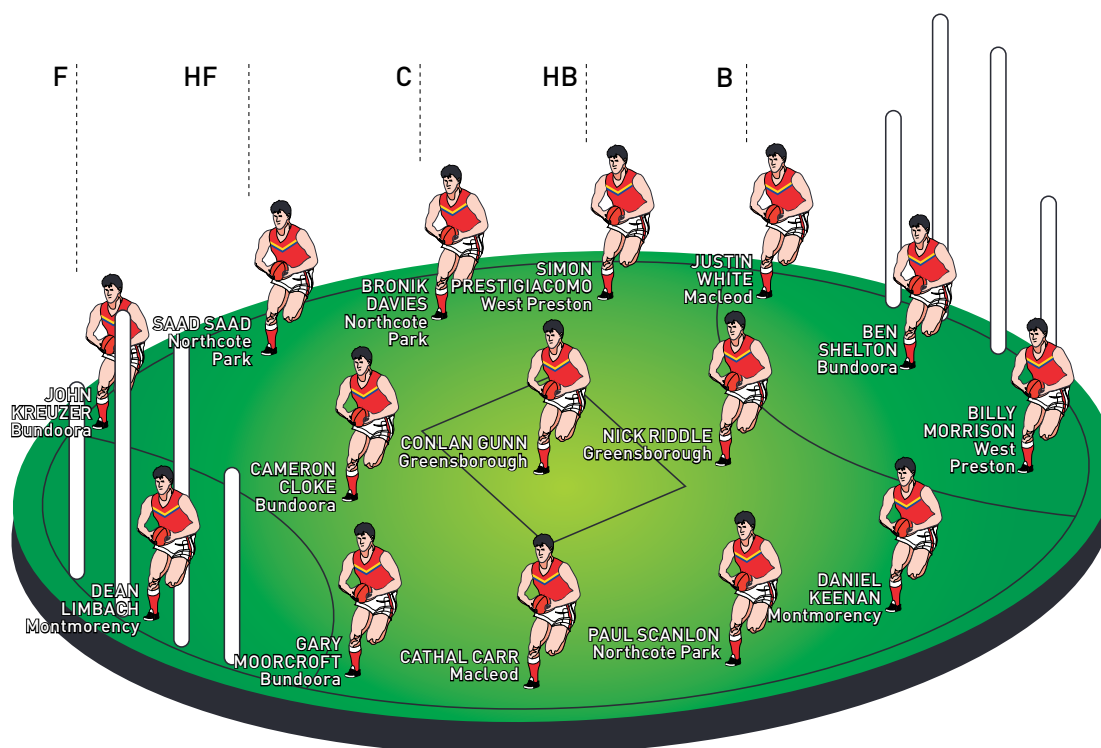
In Division 3, South Morang was rewarded for its season of dominance with five representatives named in the side.

Included was club best and fairest winner, Troy Jinnette, and Matt Manning who was adjudged best afield in the Lions' Grand Final win over Parkside.

The Devils had four players selected in the squad, including the bookends with competition leading goalkicker Dallas King selected at full forward and Darren Gresham picked at full back.

Matthew Patti, Dillan Ronalds, Adam Burkett and Adam Carnell were all selected from St Mary's, a testament to the club's rapid improvement this season.

DIVISION 1 TEAM OF THE YEAR



FOLLOWERS

Michael Finn Heidelberg
Jake Williams West Preston
David Mitchell Bundoora

INTERCHANGE

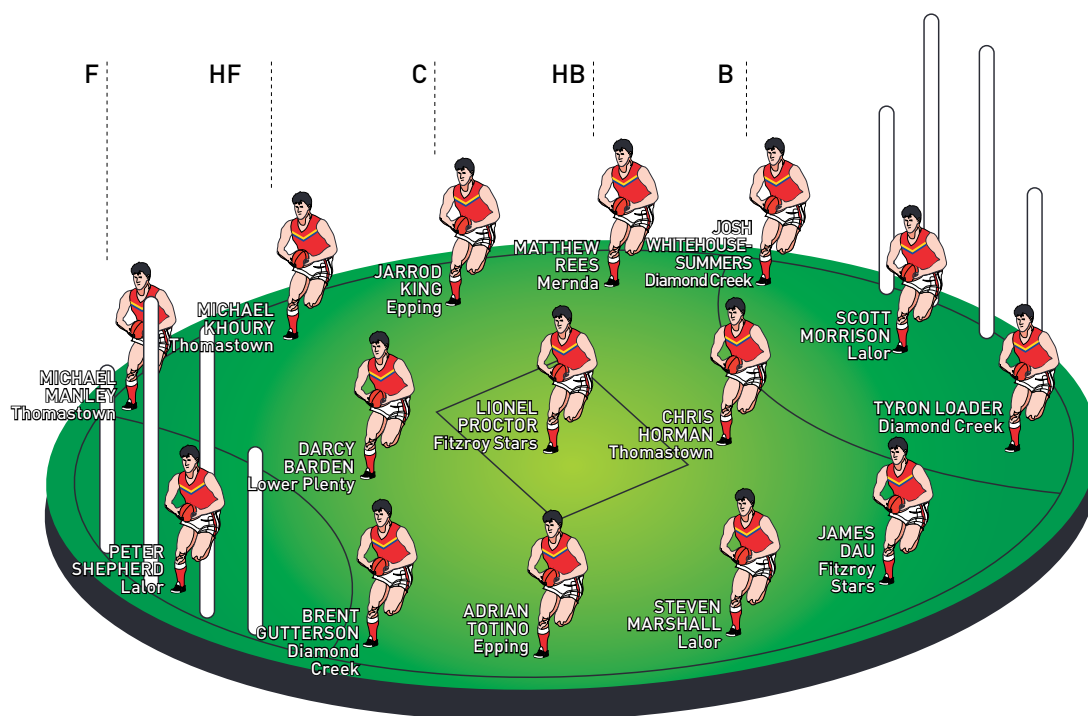
Tim Bongetti Greensborough
Shane Harvey North Heidelberg
Kane Shaw Macleod
Jeremy Page Whittlesea

COACH

Phil Maylin Bundoora



DIVISION 2 TEAM OF THE YEAR



FOLLOWERS

Daniel Moore Epping
Billy Barden Lower Plenty
Taylor Veal Diamond Creek

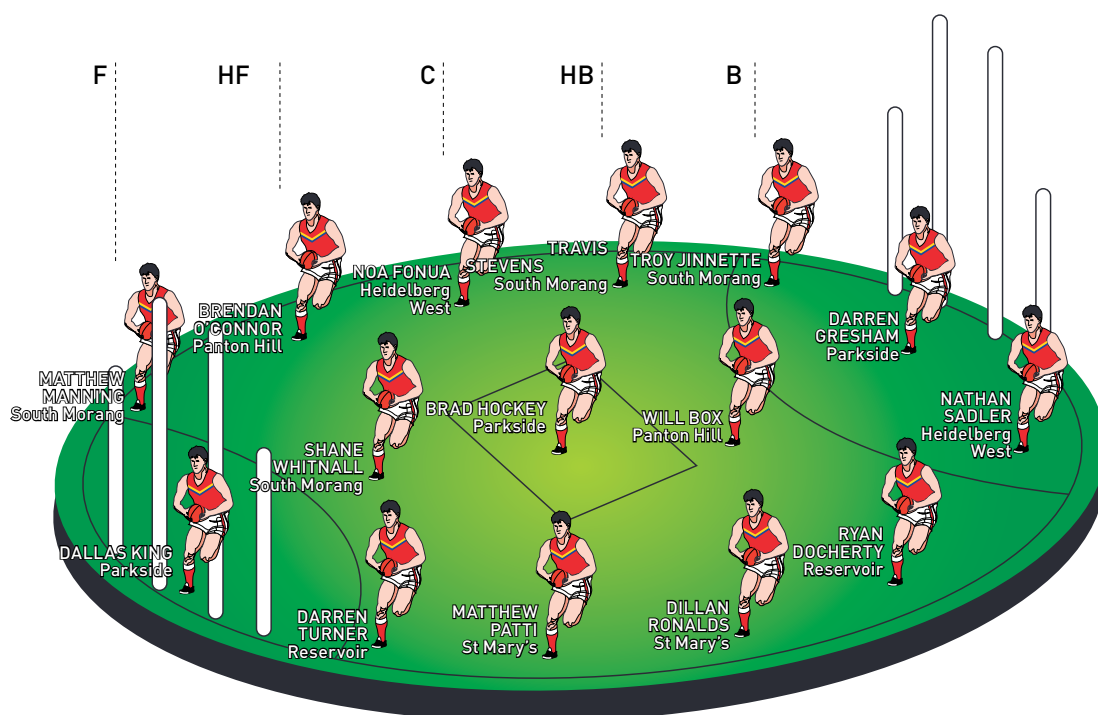
INTERCHANGE

Patrick Flynn Lower Plenty
Nick Mafilovski Lalor
Aaron Willitts Epping
Luke Simpson Diamond Creek

COACH

Gary Ramsay Lower Plenty

DIVISION 3 TEAM OF THE YEAR



FOLLOWERS

Tristan Kreymborg Pantan Hill
Robbie Wise Parkside
Adam Burkett St Mary's

INTERCHANGE

Duane Russell South Morang
Andrew Wight Reservoir
Nick Gorgievski Reservoir
Adam Carnell St Mary's

COACH

Gary Kallinikos South Morang



2011 NFL AWARDS



SENIORS

2011 Senior Club of the Year

Lower Plenty

2011 Volunteer of the Year

Colin Bartlett – Epping

2011 Most Outstanding Umpire

Steve Williams

2011 Most Improved Umpire

Luke Richardson

JUNIORS

2011 Junior Club of the Year

Montmorency

2011 Lew Hall Players Award

Tyler Bux – Hurstbridge

2011 Most Outstanding Junior Umpire

Ben Murray

2011 Best First Year Umpire

Kirsty Lord



Montmorency



Tyler Bux



Ben Murray



Kirsty Lord



DIVISION 1 MEDALLISTS

After an injury-plagued 2010 season, Heidelberg's Michael Finn returned to form emphatically in 2011 to take out the Frank Rosbrook Medal as the best and fairest player in Division 1.

Following the resignation of senior coach Gavin Crosisca after Round 3, Finn was thrown into the ruck by new playing-coach Blair Harvey and the switch paid immediate dividends.

The Irishman polled two votes in his first game in the ruck against Whittlesea in Round 4, before polling a further 20 over the remaining 14 rounds to win the award on 22 votes ahead of silky Macleod midfielder Justin White and Greensborough's Conlan Gunn.

Having already accomplished much in a decorated career, which includes two premierships with Heidelberg along with selection in the club's Team of the Decade, 2011 was still somewhat of a breakout season for Finn.

Often overshadow by some of his more high profile teammates, Finn became a standout throughout the season and was awarded best on ground honours on five occasions.

He was instrumental in the Tigers' two-point win over Greensborough in Round 15, the victory ultimately handing the side a place inside the top two come season's end.

Remarkably, Finn missed the final two games of the home and away season and instead played for Ireland in its victorious 2011 International Cup campaign.

He was named best on ground in the Grand Final as the Irish came from four goals behind Papa New Guinea to win by 18 points on the MCG.

Greensborough's Leigh Millsom took out the reserves award with 20 votes, which included eight votes in the final three games of the year.

Heidelberg's Lloyd Toffolon finished in second place with 16 votes, ahead of competition leading goalkicker Mathew Pow from Bundoora who polled 14.

Salvatore Mamone got the umpires nod in the under 19s, in front of Northcote Park duo Brock McLennan and Harley Short.

Macleod skipper Kane Shaw was voted the Coaches Player of the Year, winning the prestigious award by a single vote from Northcote Park skipper Bronik Davies who missed the last three games of the season through injury.

Shaw received top votes on four occasions from the opposition coaches and was given two votes in five matches as he proved once and for all that he is one of the competition's premier defenders.

2011 NFL DIVISION 1 BEST & FAIREST

SENIORS

Michael Finn	Heidelberg	22 votes
Justin White	Macleod	20 votes
Daniel Keenan	Montmorency	18 votes

RESERVES

Leigh Millsom	Greensborough	20 votes
Lloyd Toffolon	Heidelberg	16 votes
Mathew Pow	Bundoora	14 votes

UNDER 19S

Salvatore Mamone	Bundoora	19 votes
Brock McLennan	Northcote Park	18 votes
Harley Short	Northcote Park	15 votes

2011 NFL DIVISION 1 GOALKICKERS

SENIORS

Dean Limbach	Montmorency	83 goals
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RESERVES

Mathew Pow	Bundoora	59 goals
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UNDER 19

Kent Beaumont	Northcote Park	61 goals
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2011 NFL DIVISION 1 COACHES PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Kane Shaw	Macleod	22 votes
Bronik Davies	Northcote Park	21 votes
Justin White	Macleod	19 votes
Nicholas Carter	Northcote Park	19 votes



Kane Shaw



Michael Finn



DIVISION 2 MEDALLISTS

He just missed out on being drafted last year after a dominant season with the Northern Knights and Vic Metro, but in 2011 Darcy Barden confirmed he has what it takes to reach the top level.

The 19-year-old was unstoppable for Lower Plenty and won just about every honour possible in the NFL as he led the Bears to their first premiership since 1999.

Barden, the younger brother of Bears' captain Billy, was a clear winner of the Division 2 best and fairest award, polling 29 votes to finish six ahead of Lalor forward Peter Shepherd.

Unsurprisingly, Barden was named at centre half forward in the Coaches Team of the Year, and finished second on the goalkicking table with 79 goals.

He showed just how versatile a footballer he is on Grand Final day, when he rotated between attack and defence as Lower easily accounted for Epping by 52 points.

The performance won him the best on ground medal and left little doubt in anyone's mind that Barden is destined for bigger and better things over the coming years.

He polled in 12 matches and was five times awarded the three votes by the umpires.

In Round 2 he was adjudged the Simonds Homes Player of the Week by the 88.6 Plenty Valley FM commentary team for a powerful forward display against Epping.

Thomastown's Christian Chapkoun was awarded the reserves best and fairest in an

exceptionally close vote count.

Chapkoun received 13 votes, to win by a single vote from Lower Plenty duo Jason Knee and Jarrod Shaw and Mernda's three-time winner Shaun Silman.

The under 19 best and fairest was won by Heidelberg's James Allery who polled 22 votes to finish three clear of Watsonia's Tim Edgell.

For the third consecutive year Epping's Daniel Moore was named the 2011 Coaches Player of the Year.

With 31 votes, the ruckman finished one vote ahead of Fitzroy Stars midfielder Lionel Proctor and Michael Manley of Thomastown.



Darcy Barden



Peter Shepherd



Daniel Moore

2011 NFL DIVISION 2 BEST & FAIREST

SENIORS

Darcy Barden	Lower Plenty	29 votes
Peter Shepherd	Lalor	23 votes
Billy Barden	Lower Plenty	21 votes

RESERVES

Christian Chapkoun	Thomastown	13 votes
Jason Knee	Lower Plenty	12 votes
Jarrod Shaw	Lower Plenty	12 votes
Shaun Silman	Mernda	12 votes

UNDER 19S

James Allery	Heidelberg	22 votes
Tim Edgell	Watsonia	19 votes
Daniel Chadwick	Thomastown	18 votes
James McHugh	Thomastown	18 votes

2011 NFL DIVISION 2 GOALKICKERS

SENIORS

Peter Shepherd	Lalor	93 goals
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RESERVES

Brian Hardman	Diamond Creek	63 goals
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UNDER 19

Jayden Shirreff	Diamond Creek	60 goals
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2011 NFL DIVISION 2 COACHES

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Daniel Moore	Epping	31 votes
Lionel Proctor	Fitzroy Stars	30 votes
Michael Manley	Thomastown	30 votes
Jesse Donaldson	Diamond Creek	22 votes



DIVISION 3 MEDALLISTS

For the third consecutive season Parkside faced off in the Division 3 Grand Final and once again it was Brad Hockey who led the Devils from the front.

After winning his club's best and fairest award in 2010, Hockey won the recognition of the competition this season by taking out the league's best player award by two votes from teammate Dallas King.

He received votes consistently throughout the season before finishing with a late flurry by polling eight votes between rounds 14-17.

While Parkside's finals campaign ended unsuccessfully, Hockey was superb in all three finals matches.

He was amongst the Devils' best three players in their semi final loss to South Morang, and

preliminary final win over Panton Hill, before putting in a blinder in the Grand Final.

The midfielder racked up disposals at will in the first half as Parkside opened up a 21-point lead at half time.

While the Devils faded out of the game badly to lose convincingly to the Lions, Hockey continued to work hard and was just beaten for the best on ground medal by South Morang ruckman Matthew Manning.

For the second consecutive season King finished inside the top three in the best and fairest award, with this year's second place finish an improvement on his third placing last year.

He led the Division 3 goalkicking table with 60 majors, which included a season-high 12

against Watsonia in Round 7 and a further nine goals during the finals series.

A testament to his fine season, King finished equal second in the Coaches Player of the Year award, polling 17 votes to finish five behind Panton Hill tall Tristan Kreymborg.

In the reserves Chris Sansom blitzed the field to win the best and fairest award by a whopping 13 votes.

The Panton Hill ruckman polled 32 votes, made up of eight best on ground performances and four matches where he polled two votes.

Sansom was also named best afield in the Redbacks' Grand Final win over Reservoir which was a fitting way to end such a dominant season.



Brad Hockey



Dallas King



Tristan Kreymborg

2011 NFL DIVISION 3 BEST & FAIREST

SENIORS

Brad Hockey	Parkside	19 votes
Dallas King	Parkside	17 votes
Jason Ward	South Morang	15 votes

RESERVES

Chris Sansom	Panton Hill	32 votes
Michael Cremore	Reservoir	19 votes
Stuart Fraser	South Morang	11 votes
Justin Poyser	St Mary's	11 votes

2011 NFL DIVISION 3 GOALKICKERS

SENIORS

Dallas King	Parkside	60 goals
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RESERVES

Stuart Fraser	South Morang	56 goals
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2011 NFL DIVISION 3 COACHES PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Tristan Kreymborg	Panton Hill	22 votes
Dallas King	Parkside	17 votes
Darren Gresham	Parkside	17 votes
Ross Pownell	Heidelberg West	16 votes



NETBALL REVIEW

2011 NFL NETBALL BEST & FAIREST

SECTION 1

Bronwyn Taylor	Diamond Creek	13 votes
Ebony Heers	Nth Heidelberg A	13 votes
Chris Harris	Nth Heidelberg A	8 votes
Michelle Rix	Nth Heidelberg A	7 votes

SECTION 2

Natasha Skehan	Whittlesea A	11 votes
Frances Perry	Mernda A	10 votes
Tess Porter	Epping A	9 votes

SECTION 3

Sheridan Seekamp	Nth Heidelberg C	14 votes
Tahlia Sexton	Mernda Red	11 votes
Samantha Roberts	Greensborough A	8 votes
Denise Fox	Watsonia B	8 votes

SECTION 4

Janelle Birch	Thomastown C	23 votes
Sam Redfern	St Mary's	18 votes
Clare Ortan	Mernda Blue	10 votes

2011 NFL NETBALL STAR SHOOTERS

SECTION 1

Bec Cornwell	Nth Heidelberg A	388 goals
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SECTION 2

Danielle Davidson	Mernda	279 goals
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SECTION 3

Candice Hudson	Mernda Red	280 goals
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SECTION 4

Sally Schulz	Montmorency	338 goals
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Natasha Skehan



Sheridan Seekamp



Janelle Birch

SECTION 1

Elimination Final

Lakeside (48) def South Morang Blue (18)

1st Semi Final

Macleod (42) def Lakeside (23)

2nd Semi Final

North Heidelberg A (34) def by Diamond Creek (46)

Grand Final

Macleod (27) def by Diamond Creek (36)

SECTION 2

1st Semi Final

Epping A (21) def by North Heidelberg B (35)

2nd Semi Final

Mernda (26) def Whittlesea (19)

Preliminary Final

Whittlesea A (36) def North Heidelberg B (23)

Grand Final

Mernda (25) def Whittlesea A (22)

SECTION 3

1st Semi Final

Thomastown A (28) def North Heidelberg C (26)

2nd Semi Final

Mernda Red (33) def Greensborough A (21)

Preliminary Final

Greensborough A (23) def by Thomastown A (25)

Grand Final

Mernda Red (30) def Thomastown A (25)

SECTION 4

1st Semi Final

Greensborough B def Mernda Blue

2nd Semi Final

Montmorency (22) def St Mary's (11)

Preliminary Final

St Mary's (21) def by Greensborough B (23)

Grand Final

Montmorency (23) def Greensborough B (12)



NETBALL LADDERS

SECTION 1

TEAM	P	W	L	B	For	Agst	%	Pts
Macleod	18	13	2	3	658	337	195	64
North Heidelberg A	18	15	2	1	686	414	165	64
Diamond Creek	18	14	3	1	651	445	146	60
Lakeside	18	9	8	1	454	509	89	40
South Morang Blue	18	5	12	1	404	552	73	24
Lalor A	18	5	12	1	445	651	68	24

SECTION 2

TEAM	P	W	L	B	For	Agst	%	% Won
Mernda	18	13	4	1	556	317	175	72
Whittlesea A	18	13	4	1	457	301	151	72
Epping A	18	10	7	1	443	426	103	55
North Heidelberg B	18	7	10	1	415	409	101	38
Watsonia A	18	6	11	1	300	477	62	33
Fitzroy Stars A	17	3	13	1	318	495	64	17
Whittlesea B	18	2	15	1	299	506	59	11
South Morang Gold	17	1	15	1	226	473	47	5

SECTION 3

TEAM	P	W	L	B	For	Agst	%	% Won
Mernda Red	17	14	3	1	491	297	165	82
Greensborough A	17	13	4	1	422	312	135	76
Thomastown A	17	12	5	1	376	297	126	70
North Heidelberg C	17	11	6	1	420	371	113	64
Whittlesea C	17	8	9	1	360	386	93	47
Lalor B	16	7	9	2	326	382	85	43
Epping Blue	17	6	11	1	385	368	104	35
Watsonia B	17	6	11	1	267	300	89	35
Fitzroy Stars B	17	3	14	1	259	408	63	17

SECTION 4

TEAM	P	W	L	B	For	Agst	%	Pts
Montmorency	18	18	0	0	559	175	319	72
St Mary's	17	14	3	1	504	189	266	60
Greensborough B	18	13	5	0	447	282	158	52
Mernda Blue	18	11	7	0	383	323	118	44
Thomastown	18	10	8	0	351	302	116	40
Heidelberg West	18	7	11	0	268	379	70	28
Whittlesea D	18	6	12	0	303	353	86	24
Lalor C	18	5	13	0	299	524	57	20
Epping White	17	4	13	0	271	451	60	16
Reservoir B	18	1	17	0	131	539	24	4



JUNIOR

UNDER 10 BLUE

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Montmorency Black	14	13	1	0	316	52
South Morang Gold	14	13	1	0	241	52
South Morang Blue	14	10	4	0	213	40
Research	14	4	10	0	66	16
Greensborough	14	4	10	0	55	16
West Preston Blue	14	2	12	0	35	8

UNDER 10 RED

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Whittlesea	14	13	1	0	328	52
Mill Park	14	9	5	0	94	36
Yarrambat Brown	14	8	6	0	106	32
Northcote	14	6	8	0	90	24
Mernda	14	3	11	0	56	12
Eltham	14	2	12	0	53	8

UNDER 10 GREEN

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	% WON
Bundoora Park	13	11	2	0	241	84
Diamond Creek	12	8	4	0	246	66
Epping	13	8	4	1	137	65
Panton Hill	11	6	5	0	148	50
Wallan	12	4	6	2	86	41
Lalor	13	5	8	0	60	38
Hurstbridge	13	1	12	0	49	7

UNDER 10 SILVER

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
South Morang Maroon	13	12	1	0	386	48
Eltham Green	12	10	2	0	300	40
Montmorency White	14	6	7	1	98	26
Yarrambat Gold	14	4	10	0	64	16
Reservoir	13	3	10	0	42	12
Whittlesea Gold	13	0	13	0	6	0

UNDER 11 BLUE

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Montmorency Black	14	13	1	0	284	52
Eltham	14	10	4	0	190	40
Yarrambat	14	8	6	0	108	32
South Morang Blue	14	7	7	0	112	28
Whittlesea	14	3	11	0	53	12
Northcote	14	1	13	0	36	4



JUNIOR

UNDER 11 RED

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	% WON
Greensborough	13	10	2	1	207	80
Research	14	11	3	0	160	78
Mernda	14	10	4	0	145	71
Mill Park Blue	14	9	4	1	202	67
Epping	14	9	5	0	136	64
Wallan	13	7	6	0	138	53
West Preston Blue	13	7	6	0	112	53
South Morang Gold	13	4	9	0	66	30
West Preston Red	13	3	9	0	89	23
Hurstbridge	14	3	10	0	36	21

UNDER 11 GREEN

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
South Morang Maroon	13	11	2	0	329	48
Keon Park	14	9	5	0	171	36
Diamond Creek	14	7	7	0	161	28
Montmorency White	14	7	7	0	94	28
West Lalor	13	6	7	0	163	24
Eltham Panthers	13	6	7	0	59	24
Mill Park White	13	1	12	0	16	4
Lalor Stars	14	0	14	0	24	0

UNDER 12 BLUE

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Epping	14	12	2	0	284	48
Northcote	14	10	4	0	124	40
West Preston Blue	14	8	6	0	110	32
Eltham	14	7	7	0	117	28
Greensborough	14	7	7	0	115	28
Wallan Black	14	1	13	0	32	4

UNDER 12 RED

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
South Morang	12	9	3	0	191	36
Yarrambat Brown	12	9	3	0	154	36
Whittlesea	12	8	4	0	97	32
Diamond Creek	12	7	5	0	99	28
Bundoora Park	13	4	9	0	73	16
Montmorency	12	3	8	1	69	14
Research	12	2	9	1	54	10

UNDER 12 GREEN

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Mill Park	13	10	3	0	320	44
Panton Hill	14	10	4	0	306	40
Eltham Panthers	14	7	7	0	108	28
Yarrambat Gold	14	5	9	0	75	20
West Preston Red	14	5	9	0	31	20
Wallan White	14	1	13	0	19	4



JUNIOR

UNDER 13 BLUE

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
South Morang Blue	14	10	3	1	188	42
Northcote	14	10	3	1	183	42
Eltham	14	9	5	0	123	36
Mill Park Blue	14	7	7	0	91	28
Epping	13	4	9	0	64	16
West Preston	14	1	13	0	39	4

UNDER 13 RED

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	% WON
Lalor Red	13	11	2	0	227	84
Diamond Creek	13	11	2	0	209	84
Whittlesea	12	7	5	0	113	58
Greensborough	12	6	6	0	155	50
Research	13	6	6	1	108	50
Montmorency	12	3	8	1	73	29
Yarrambat	13	3	9	0	62	23

UNDER 13 GREEN

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Wallan	14	11	3	0	175	44
Reservoir	14	10	3	1	221	42
Panton Hill	14	7	7	0	106	28
South Morang Maroon	13	6	6	1	92	26
Hurstbridge	14	4	10	0	49	16
Mernda	13	1	12	0	39	4

UNDER 13 SILVER

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	% WON
South Morang Gold	14	11	3	0	304	78
Keon Park	14	11	3	0	215	78
Lalor Stars	14	7	7	0	154	50
Eltham Panthers	14	5	8	0	94	35
Lalor White	14	3	11	0	21	21
Mill Park White	14	1	13	0	25	7

UNDER 14 BLUE

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Greensborough Green	14	11	3	0	185	44
South Morang Blue	14	11	3	0	171	44
West Preston	14	8	6	0	118	32
Montmorency	14	7	7	0	101	28
Diamond Creek Blue	14	6	8	0	107	24
Research	14	2	12	0	43	8



JUNIOR

UNDER 14 RED

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Mill Park	14	13	1	0	300	52
Yarrambat	14	9	5	0	129	36
Northcote	14	7	7	0	108	28
Epping	14	6	8	0	79	24
Hurstbridge	14	3	11	0	49	12
Wallan	14	1	13	0	35	4

UNDER 14 GREEN

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Panton Hill	14	12	2	0	164	48
Eltham	14	11	3	0	229	44
West Lalor	14	10	4	0	227	40
South Morang Gold	14	5	9	0	94	20
Greenborough White	14	3	11	0	43	12
Diamond Creek Red	14	1	13	0	35	4

UNDER 15 BLUE

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Mill Park	13	12	1	0	316	52
Eltham	14	12	2	0	151	48
Montmorency Black	14	9	5	0	143	36
Epping	14	8	6	0	119	32
South Morang Blue	14	2	12	0	59	8
Greensborough	13	2	11	0	50	8

UNDER 15 RED

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
West Preston Blue	14	11	3	0	204	44
Hurstbridge	14	11	3	0	181	44
Northcote	14	11	3	0	172	44
Yarrambat	14	9	5	0	101	36
Research	14	6	8	0	112	24
Montmorency White	13	3	10	0	73	12
Whittlesea	14	3	11	0	53	12
Wallan	14	1	13	0	27	4

UNDER 15 GREEN

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	% WON
Lalor	12	9	3	0	351	75
West Preston Red	7	5	2	0	254	71
Keon Park	13	9	4	0	261	69
Diamond Creek	12	7	5	0	173	58
South Morang Gold	12	2	10	0	51	16
Lalor Stars	12	2	10	0	20	16
Reservoir	10	1	9	0	10	10



JUNIOR

UNDER 16 BLUE

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
South Morang Blue	14	13	1	0	256	52
Eltham	14	11	3	0	158	44
Research	14	8	6	0	85	32
Montmorency	14	5	9	0	90	20
Greensborough	14	3	11	0	52	12
West Preston	14	2	12	0	60	8

UNDER 16 RED

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	% WON
South Morang	12	9	2	1	202	79
Mill Park	10	6	3	1	199	65
Epping	11	6	5	0	129	54
Diamond Creek	11	6	5	0	77	54
Hurstbridge	11	0	11	0	29	0
Lalor	1	0	1	0	2	0

UNDER 17 BLUE

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
West Preston	13	11	2	0	219	48
Eltham	14	11	3	0	191	44
Research	14	9	4	1	119	38
Whittlesea	14	9	5	0	208	36
Greensborough	13	6	7	0	106	24
South Morang	14	6	8	0	90	24
Mill Park	12	3	8	1	96	22
Montmorency	12	3	9	0	58	12

UNDER 17 RED

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	% WON
Hurstbridge	13	13	0	0	390	100
Keon Park	13	9	4	0	100	69
Yarrambat	12	5	7	0	86	41
Diamond Creek	12	5	7	0	82	41
Watsonia	12	4	8	0	76	33
West Lalor Stars	13	2	11	0	52	15
Wallan	8	1	7	0	41	12
North Heidelberg	9	1	8	0	41	11

YOUTH GIRLS

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	% WON
Darebin Falcons	13	13	0	0	1950	100
St Damian's	13	10	3	0	698	76
Diamond Creek Youth Girls	12	9	3	0	301	75
Lalor Stars	12	7	5	0	224	58
Jacana	11	6	5	0	156	54
Kilmore	9	2	7	0	43	22
South Morang	11	2	9	0	13	18
Mill Park	12	2	10	0	18	16
Keon Park	11	1	10	0	9	9



JUNIOR BEST AND FAIREST

UNDER 17 BLUE

Adrian Natoli	(West Preston)	17 votes
Jake Barnes	(Whittlesea)	15 votes
Harrison Burns	(Eltham)	15 votes
Darcy Vallance	(Eltham)	13 votes
Joshua Stroud	(South Morang)	13 votes

UNDER 17 RED

Nick Gaylor	(Watsonia)	13 votes
Matthew Mahony	(Yarrambat)	12 votes
Jay Barbera	(Hurstbridge)	11 votes

UNDER 16 BLUE

Joshua Turner	(Research)	24 votes
Matthew Vincitorio	(West Preston)	21 votes
Daniel Valeri	(West Preston)	16 votes

UNDER 16 RED

Paul Higgins	(Mill Park)	15 votes
Tyson Ulrichs	(Epping)	15 votes
Anthony Condello	(Epping)	14 votes
Nathan Jerrard	(Diamond Creek)	11 votes

UNDER 15 BLUE

Madison Bell	(Mill Park)	16 votes
Lewis Glasgow	(Eltham)	16 votes
Jake Francis	(Montmorency)	15 votes
Christian Janev	(Mill Park)	14 votes
Nicholas MacKay	(Greensborough)	14 votes

UNDER 15 RED

Bailey Jordan	(Yarrambat)	29 votes
Garrett McDonagh	(West Preston)	26 votes
Joel Dale	(Hurstbridge)	20 votes

UNDER 15 GREEN

Brendan Murray	(Keon Park)	26 votes
Aaron Scott	(Diamond Creek)	20 votes
Mohammed Dabab	(Lalor)	12 votes

UNDER 14 BLUE

Jake Tou	(West Preston)	22 votes
Jade Gresham	(South Morang)	18 votes
Nathan Tassell	(South Morang)	18 votes
Lachlan Phelan	(Greensborough)	17 votes

UNDER 14 RED

James El Moussalli	(Yarrambat)	30 votes
Jackson Freebairn	(Epping)	21 votes
Aydan Hrovat	(Mill Park)	20 votes

UNDER 14 GREEN

Nathan Kelly	(West Lalor)	28 votes
Mitchell Selleck	(Panton Hill)	22 votes
Andrew Sandford	(West Lalor)	18 votes

UNDER 13 BLUE

Marcus Borg	(South Morang)	27 votes
Max Stroszynski	(Eltham)	21 votes
Harrison Reid	(Northcote)	17 votes
Jimmy Stapleton	(Northcote)	17 votes

UNDER 13 RED

James Brancolino	(Lalor)	18 votes
James DeLacca	(Greensborough)	15 votes
Samuel Paterson	(Research)	15 votes
Ty Franks	(Diamond Creek)	14 votes

UNDER 13 GREEN

Peter Shiavone	(Wallan)	30 votes
Tim Atkinson	(Reservoir)	27 votes
Jacey Winter	(Panton Hill)	25 votes

UNDER 13 SILVER

Ethan Lozanovski	(South Morang)	25 votes
Matthew Papakarafileu	(Lalor Stars)	19 votes
Lachlan Evans	(Lalor)	14 votes

YOUTH GIRLS

Sharnni Di Mauro	(Lalor Stars)	24 votes
Olivia Storer	(Jacana)	20 votes
Louise Stephenson	(St Damian's)	20 votes
Jessica Dal Pos	(Darebin Falcons)	18 votes





JUNIOR FINALS RESULTS

UNDER 10 BLUE

1st Semi Final

South Morang Blue 6.8 (44)
def Research 2.4 (16)

2nd Semi Final

Montmorency Black 4.8 (32) def
South Morang Gold 0.2 (2)

Preliminary Final

South Morang Gold 2.3 (15) def by
South Morang Blue 5.2 (32)

Grand Final

Montmorency Black 5.7 (37) def
South Morang Blue 2.1 (13)

UNDER 10 RED

1st Semi Final

Yarrambat Brown 3.4 (22) def
Northcote 2.6 (18)

2nd Semi Final

Whittlesea 7.7 (49) def
Mill Park 2.2 (14)

Preliminary Final

Mill Park 4.3 (27) def
Yarrambat Brown 4.1 (25)

Grand Final

Whittlesea 9.16 (70) def
Mill Park 0.0 (0)

UNDER 10 GREEN

1st Semi Final

Epping 3.0 (18) def by
Panton Hill 2.12 (24)

2nd Semi Final

Bundoora Park 3.1 (19) def
Diamond Creek 3.0 (18)

Preliminary Final

Diamond Creek 6.6 (42) def
Panton Hill 2.0 (12)

Grand Final

Bundoora Park 7.3 (45) def
Diamond Creek 3.0 (18)

UNDER 10 SILVER

1st Semi Final

Montmorency White 2.10 (22) def
Yarrambat Gold 3.0 (18)

2nd Semi Final

South Morang Maroon 4.2 (26) def
Eltham Green 1.9 (15)

Preliminary Final

Eltham Green 2.2 (14) def
Montmorency White 1.1 (7)

Grand Final

South Morang Maroon 6.2 (38) def
Eltham Green 3.3 (21)

UNDER 11 BLUE

1st Semi Final

Yarrambat 2.1 (13) def by
South Morang Blue 10.7 (67)

2nd Semi Final

Montmorency Black 6.5 (41) def
Eltham 3.5 (23)

Preliminary Final

Eltham 5.6 (36) def
South Morang Blue 1.1 (7)

Grand Final

Montmorency Black 3.2 (20) def by
Eltham 4.7 (31)

UNDER 11 RED

1st Semi Final

Mernda 1.3 (9) def by
Mill Park Blue 8.6 (54)

2nd Semi Final

Greensborough 1.6 (12) def by
Research 2.1 (13)

Preliminary Final

Greensborough 2.1 (13) def
Mill Park Blue 0.4 (4)

Grand Final

Research 4.5 (29) def by
Greensborough 6.6 (42)

UNDER 11 GREEN

1st Semi Final

Diamond Creek 6.8 (44) def
Montmorency White 3.4 (22)

2nd Semi Final

South Morang Maroon 4.5 (29) def
Keon Park 2.3 (15)

Preliminary Final

Keon Park 0.1 (1) def by
Diamond Creek 5.10 (40)

Grand Final

South Morang Maroon 8.4 (52) def
Diamond Creek 3.6 (24)

UNDER 12 BLUE

1st Semi Final

West Preston Blue 11.10 (76) def
Eltham 4.2 (26)

2nd Semi Final

Epping 13.11 (89) def
Northcote 4.4 (28)

Preliminary Final

Northcote 9.3 (57) def
West Preston Blue 7.4 (46)

Grand Final

Epping 12.4 (76) def
Northcote 6.6 (42)

UNDER 12 RED

1st Semi Final

Whittlesea 3.4 (22) def by
Diamond Creek 6.6 (42)

2nd Semi Final

South Morang 2.3 (15) def by
Yarrambat Brown 7.3 (45)

Preliminary Final

South Morang 7.8 (50) def
Diamond Creek 3.2 (20)

Grand Final

Yarrambat Brown 4.5 (29) def
South Morang 4.2 (26)

UNDER 12 GREEN

1st Semi Final

Eltham Panthers 2.4 (16) def
Yarrambat Gold 2.2 (14)

2nd Semi Final

Mill Park 9.6 (60) def
Panton Hill 4.2 (26)

Preliminary Final

Panton Hill 9.9 (63) def
Eltham Panthers 1.4 (10)

Grand Final

Mill Park 7.5 (47) def
Panton Hill 1.0 (6)

UNDER 13 BLUE

1st Semi Final

Eltham 2.7 (19) def
Mill Park Blue 2.0 (12)

2nd Semi Final

South Morang Blue 5.4 (34) def by
Northcote 6.8 (44)

Preliminary Final

South Morang 5.3 (33) def
Eltham 4.6 (30)

Grand Final

Northcote 7.9 (51) def by
South Morang Blue 9.6 (60)

UNDER 13 RED

1st Semi Final

Whittlesea 2.7 (19) def by
Greensborough 4.2 (26)

2nd Semi Final

Lalor Red 3.6 (24) def
Diamond Creek 2.5 (17)

Preliminary Final

Diamond Creek 9.7 (61) def
Greensborough 5.5 (35)

Grand Final

Lalor Red 4.5 (29) def by
Diamond Creek 9.6 (60)

UNDER 13 GREEN

1st Semi Final

Panton Hill 9.2 (56) def
South Morang Maroon 3.4 (22)

2nd Semi Final

Wallan 11.10 (76) def
Reservoir 3.4 (22)

Preliminary Final

Reservoir 8.5 (53) def
Panton Hill 7.8 (50)

Grand Final

Wallan 9.6 (60) def
Reservoir 4.5 (29)

UNDER 13 SILVER

1st Semi Final

Lalor Stars 5.4 (34) def
Eltham Panthers 3.1 (19)

2nd Semi Final

South Morang Gold 4.3 (27) def by
Keon Park 8.11 (59)

Preliminary Final

South Morang Gold 8.6 (54) def
Lalor Stars 7.3 (45)

Grand Final

Keon Park 10.6 (66) def
South Morang Gold 2.4 (16)

UNDER 14 BLUE

1st Semi Final

West Preston 8.9 (57) def
Montmorency 6.5 (41)

2nd Semi Final

Greensborough Green 5.9 (39) def
by South Morang Blue 6.8 (44)

Preliminary Final

Greensborough Green 11.10 (76)
def West Preston 6.7 (43)

Grand Final

South Morang Blue 12.4 (76) def
Greensborough Green 9.11 (65)

UNDER 14 RED

1st Semi Final

Northcote 8.9 (57) def by
Epping 11.9 (75)

2nd Semi Final

Mill Park 6.10 (46) def by
Yarrambat 9.11 (65)

Preliminary Final

Mill Park 15.18 (108) def
Epping 12.1 (73)

Grand Final

Yarrambat 13.13 (91) def
Mill Park 5.4 (34)

UNDER 14 GREEN

1st Semi Final

West Lalor 8.7 (55) def South Morang Gold 4.8 (32)

2nd Semi Final

Panton Hill 5.10 (40) def by Eltham 7.6 (48)

Preliminary Final

Panton Hill 12.7 (79) def West Lalor 7.5 (47)

Grand Final

Eltham 10. 8 (68) def Panton Hill 5.5 (35)

UNDER 15 BLUE

1st Semi Final

Montmorency Black 17.11 (113) def Epping 4.3 (27)

2nd Semi Final

Mill Park 14.13 (97) def Eltham 13.4 (82)

Preliminary Final

Eltham 12.6 (78) def Montmorency Black 9.13 (67)

Grand Final

Mill Park 15.12 (102) def Eltham 6.6 (42)

UNDER 15 RED

1st Semi Final

Northcote 13.12 (90) def Yarrambat 10.9 (69)

2nd Semi Final

West Preston Blue 8.9 (57) def by Hurstbridge 13.9 (87)

Preliminary Final

West Preston Blue 11.9 (75) def by Northcote 14.4 (88)

Grand Final

Hurstbridge 14.9 (93) def Northcote 5.9 (39)

UNDER 15 GREEN

1st Semi Final

Keon Park 6.7 (43) def by Diamond Creek 12.6 (78)

2nd Semi Final

Lalor 9.14 (68) def West Preston Red 10.6 (66)

Preliminary Final

West Preston Red 8.4 (52) def by Diamond Creek 12.7 (79)

Grand Final

Lalor 5.3 (33) def by Diamond Creek 7.9 (51)

UNDER 16 BLUE

1st Semi Final

Research 7.11 (53) def Montmorency 4.13 (37)

2nd Semi Final

South Morang Blue 11.10 (76) def by Eltham 12.10 (82)

Preliminary Final

South Morang Blue 3.9 (27) def by Research 11.5 (71)

Grand Final

Eltham 17.8 (110) def Research 11.8 (74)

UNDER 16 RED

1st Semi Final

Epping 11.8 (74) def Diamond Creek 9.10 (64)

2nd Semi Final

South Morang 15.11 (101) def Mill Park 2.8 (20)

Preliminary Final

Mill Park 12.12 (84) def Epping 7.7 (49)

Grand Final

South Morang 13.11 (89) def Mill Park 13.5 (83)

UNDER 17 BLUE

1st Semi Final

Research 8.12 (60) def Whittlesea 6.4 (40)

2nd Semi Final

West Preston 11.6 (72) def Eltham 11.5 (71)

Preliminary Final

Eltham 16.6 (102) def Research 9.13 (67)

Grand Final

West Preston 15.10 (100) def Eltham 4.6 (30)

UNDER 17 RED

1st Semi Final

Yarrambat 7.9 (51) def Diamond Creek 5.6 (36)

2nd Semi Final

Hurstbridge 14.10 (94) def Keon Park 3.10 (28)

Preliminary Final

Keon Park 10.3 (63) def Yarrambat 7.9 (51)

Grand Final

Hurstbridge 15.15 (105) def Keon Park 5.4 (34)

YOUTH GIRLS

1st Semi Final

Diamond Creek Youth Girls 4.2 (26) def by Lalor Stars 4.5 (29)

2nd Semi Final

Darebin Falcons 11.9 (75) def St Damian's 2.1 (13)

Preliminary Final

St Damian's 8.11 (59) def Lalor Stars 2.0 (12)

Grand Final

Darebin Falcons 8.3 (51) def St Damian's 2.3 (15)





METRO CHAMPIONSHIPS

UNDER 14 DIVISION 1

Round 1

NFL	2.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	(24)
EDFL	5.4	8.10	14.12	18.16	(124)

Best:

NFL – M Dabab, K Malone, J Booth, R Mitchell, J Tou, J Marchbank

EDFL – N O’Kearney, M Stillman, H Kerbatieh, T Wallis, M Condo, J Learney

Goals:

NFL – N Tassell 2, M Dabab, A Capeci

EDFL – J Caruana 3, H Kerbatieh 3, P Huynh 2, T Condon 2, T Walsh, Z Wunhym, S Stewart, S Hickmott, A Coutts, M Stillman, R Eid, N O’Kearney

Round 2

EFL	7.4	11.9	15.12	18.12	(120)
NFL	1.0	2.2	5.3	10.4	(64)

Best:

EFL – B Speedy, B Hotker, M Lee, S Weideman, B Hardwick, J Smith

NFL – N Tassell, J El Moussalli, R Mitchell, J Marchbank, D Macpherson, B Fiorini

Goals:

EFL – J Smith 5, S Weideman 3, C Bernsten 2, A Fenton 2, J Connolly 2, J Vassis, N Hannah, M Lee, A Archibald

NFL – N Tassell 3, J Gresham 2, D Marshall, S Sammit, J El Moussalli, M Irving, J Sacco

Round 3

NFL	2.1	3.2	4.2	6.2	(38)
MSJFL	4.1	7.4	8.7	11.12	(78)

Best:

NFL – K Malone, J El Moussalli, M Irving, J Sacco, B Fiorini, J Tou

MSJFL – C Rich, N Henricks, J Matera, N Pavlou, J Sackville, M Robertson

Goals:

NFL – N Tassell 3, A Hrovat, D Marshall, B Fiorini

MSJFL – N Peterson 4, M Robertson 2, T Wilson 2, L McPherson, J Sackville, L Globan

UNDER 14 DIVISION 2

Round 1

NFL	0.0	0.5	1.6	2.7	(19)
YJFL	4.2	8.6	14.10	20.13	(133)

Best:

NFL – B Henley-Smith, M Perry, Z Beadle, M Allen-Walker, B Nesci, A Robertson

YJFL – M Altis, D Beddison, R Brandt, M Ercolano, R Hunt, L Mahoney

Goals:

NFL – M Arnold-Treweek, E Miller-Gaff

YJFL – L Mahoney 4, M Ercolano 4, J Jones 2, T Norris 2, J Smith, A Townsend, A Ceravolo, J Spottiswood, H Scholz-Mitchell, M Altis, R Hunt, J Corboy

Round 2

EDFL	2.4	7.7	9.10	14.13	(97)
NFL	1.1	3.1	5.4	5.4	(34)

Best:

EDFL – L Guy, A Binns, B Cox, J Port, J Flower, R Willara

NFL – Z Beadle, B Dillon, M Perry, M Allen Walker, A Sandford, J Bailey

Goals:

EDFL – A Vernali 3, B Cox 2, S Laffan 2, M Furnari 2, R Mills, J Trembearth, A Binns, A Suriya-Henage, M Leathers

NFL – J Bailey 2, D Jarvis, T Barnes, E Miller-Gaff

Round 3

SEJ	3.2	5.7	7.10	13.13	(91)
NFL	3.1	5.1	7.1	7.3	(45)

Best:

SEJ – D Jameson, N Moon, A Gilbert, T McKenna, C Wassylko, C Bradley

NFL – J Bailey, T Barnes, J Poa, M Perry, N Waters

Goals:

SEJ – T Dobson 4, J Herkess 2, W Abdulwahab 2, C Wassylko 2, B Baguley, D Jameson, B Shaw

NFL – J Bailey 3, E Miller-Gaff 2, T Barnes, L Gray

UNDER 15 DIVISION 1

Round 1

EDFL	3.1	5.2	10.3	14.5	(89)
NFL	1.1	2.3	2.3	3.3	(21)

Best:

EDFL – A Petryshyn, T Miller, A MacDonald, J Latham, D Cavka, P Wright

NFL – D Aujla, J Reid, G McDonagh, A Stefanile, A Dezan, B Mack

Goals:

EDFL – P Wright 3, J Gale 2, R Schraven 2, L Cavanagh 2, C Horomidis, C Kilbane, J Martini, T Nilsson, D Cavka

NFL – M Bell, B Dufficy, T Burns

Round 2

EFL	5.5	9.8	14.11	16.19	(115)
NFL	0.3	2.5	6.6	8.10	(58)

Best:

EFL – A Urban, D Nielson, D McKenzie, L Kinsella, L Kearsley, A Hayes

NFL – B Jordan, B Marshall, J Short, N Mackay, M Bell, J Farrugia

Goals:

EFL – T Hayward 4, D Wilson 3, J Holmes 2, L Kinsella 2, D Neilson 2, J Lake, A Urban, L Kearsley

NFL – M Bell 3, J Farrugia 2, N O’Kelly, J Short, J Jackson

Round 3

NFL	2.1	2.3	2.5	3.6	(24)
MSJFL	4.4	11.7	15.8	21.10	(136)

Best:

NFL – J Short, J Jackson, B Mack, J Farrugia, G McDonagh

MSJFL – P Hurst, T Rosenthal, S Kelly, E Vickers-Willis, S McLaren, W Egan-Griffiths

Goals:

NFL – J Farrugia 2, A Dezan

MSJFL – P Hurst 7, J Landman 3, E Vickers-Willis 2, J Clayton 2, E Tait 2, T Ross, H Dear, A Lloyd, S McLaren, A Brayshaw



METRO CHAMPIONSHIPS

UNDER 15 DIVISION 2

Round 1

WRFL	1.1	4.6	5.7	8.9	(57)
NFL	3.3	3.4	5.5	7.10	(52)

Best:

WRFL – T Plese, J Hamilton, W McEwan, D Falzon, J Micheli, M Boyle
NFL – J Dale, D Callaway, L Boscarini, M Hicks, A Scott, B Odza

Goals:

WRFL – D Littleton 3, O Eren 2, D Swann, C Yeowell, J Cuic
NFL – B Odza 2, J Dale 2, J Hodges, H Mills-Webb, R Cumberland

Round 2

NFL	2.5	(17)
YJFL	15.16	(106)

Best:

NFL – J Dale, D Callaway, B Odza, C Tindal, J Kearney
YJFL – S Hennessy, A Burgess, C Tate, L Brownhill, T Boorman, W Holding

Goals:

NFL – J Dale, B Odza
YJFL – W Holding 3, T Warhurst 3, T Amad 2, J Korfiatis 2, A Kay, E Watkin, M Donnoli, T Boorman, C Tate

Round 3

SEJ	3.2	5.6	9.10	13.12	(90)
NFL	2.2	4.2	5.4	8.4	(52)

Best:

SEJ – H Stagg, T Stokoe, R Khan, A Taylor, M Misso, J Marson
NFL – D Callaway, J Baddeley-Kelly, E Gorski, J Kearney, C Tindal, J Dale

Goals:

SEJ – J Taylor 3, H Stagg 2, D Fowler, C Pitsos, B Urwin, D Smith, J Flynn, C Johnson, B Jameson, B Dekoning
NFL – J Dale 2, B Odza 2, A Scott 2, C Jenkins, J Cugnetto

YOUTH GIRLS

Round 1

Western	2.4	10.5	11.8	15.8	(98)
NFL	2.2	3.2	5.3	6.3	(39)

Best:

Western – M Keryk, T McIntosh, T Zammit, N Stevens, E Smith, M Perceval
NFL – Z Hart, O Weekes, A Thomas, A Ashman

Goals:

Western – E Smith 8, J Garner 4, E Paterno 2, H DeRaad
NFL – Z Hart 3, M Russell, R Privitelli, C Leshia

Round 2

NFL	8.7	(55)
YJFL	3.9	(27)

Best:

NFL – Z Hart, J Phung, L Stephenson, O Storer, R Privitelli
YJFL – T Lucas-Rodd, C Young, S Trkulja, R Dardengo, G Mahoney

Goals:

YJFL – Z Alston, C Wilson, S De Bortoli

Round 3

SEJ	3.2	5.6	7.8	10.10	(70)
NFL	3.1	5.1	7.6	8.10	(58)

Best:

SEJ – B Jakobsson, K Tapner, J Wallace, C McMillan
NFL – R Privitelli, L Stephenson, E Dal Pos, S Carroll,

Goals:

SEJ – B Jakobsson 2, G Puntun 2, E Blackburn 2, S Puntun
NFL – R Privitelli 3, Z Hart, E Dal Pos, S Carroll, L Stephenson, C Leshia



NFL COMMUNITIES WORKING TOGETHER

As underlined by our “Communities Working Together” tagline, the NFL ensured it continued to play its part in giving back to the community in 2011.

Throughout the season the league supported an array of charities and it was encouraging to see many clubs follow the league's example and implement their own initiatives to help out those in need.

For the second year running Greensborough discarded its traditional green strip to pull on an alternate guernsey in the name of charity.

After donning a pink strip in 2010 to raise funds for the McGrath Foundation, the Boro this year wore a white and blue jumper to raise support and awareness for the E.J Whitten Foundation.

Ted Whitten Jr, the CEO of the E.J Whitten Foundation, was a guest speaker at a luncheon held by the club prior to its Round 4 home match against Eltham and also spoke about the foundation established in his late father's honour to the 88.6 Plenty Valley FM 'Match of the Day' team during its radio broadcast of the match.

Through a number of fundraising activities, including an auction of sporting memorabilia, the club raised in excess of \$10,000 which it kindly handed over to the E.J Whitten Foundation.

During the year Epping and Lalor, two of the NFL's oldest foes, cast aside their rivalry to

raise over \$4000 for the Mercy Hospital's premature baby ward during their Round 1 and 9 matches.

It came after two Epping players, Jarrod King and Brad Hollow, both endured tough battles following the premature births of their sons. Sadly Jarrod's son Codi, who was born three months premature, passed away during the season but not before putting up an inspirational fight.

The clubs banded together in the tough time following Codi's passing and with the support of North Heidelberg dug deep to raise a further \$2500 for the Mercy Hospital.

The Bloods also held a 'Call to Arms' fundraiser when they took on Thomastown over the Queen's Birthday weekend and were humbled when the Bears donated \$500 towards the cause.

In the final game of the home and away season, St Mary's hosted a luncheon for Breast Cancer Network Australia with all proceeds going to the foundation. The Burras held the event at Whatmough Park, with each of the Burras' senior, reserves and under 19 sides wearing pink jumpers for their matches against South Morang.

Macleod used its first home game of the season to launch the Awareness Cup and Steve Rowley Medal. The club used the day to support beyondblue: the national depression initiative and held a match day luncheon which featured guest speaker Daniel Kowalski.

The first week of the NFL senior finals was played in recognition of Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia with all clubs wearing blue armbands to raise awareness about an illness which affects almost 20,000 Australian men annually.

A month later the league hosted the White Ribbon Grand Final Luncheon at Preston City Oval ahead of the Division One premiership decider between Bundoora and Heidelberg. More than 120 guests attended the sold-out event as the NFL threw its support behind the foundation which aims to eliminate violence against women by promoting cultural change amongst men.

Volunteers from the White Ribbon Campaign were present on the day and handed out information flyers and wrist bands to the big crowd, while the White Ribbon Campaign's logo was embedded onto the concrete around Preston City Oval.

The juniors also played their part by wearing rainbow laces across all three weeks of their finals series as they acknowledged Zaidee's Rainbow Foundation which aims to make organ and tissue donation awareness more prevalent in our community. The umpires also got in on the act, making for a colourful junior finals series.

The NFL commends every club and player who did their bit in support of charity this year, and is looking forward to extending its contribution to such worthy causes next season.



Volunteers at St Mary's display the pink jumper in support of BCNA.



Greensborough players traded their green strip for blue and white in Round 4.



BEST AND FAIREST RECORDS

DIVISION 1

NFL BEST AND FAIREST FRANK ROSBROOK MEDAL

2011	Michael Finn	Heidelberg
2010	Nick Meese	West Preston Lakeside
2009	Daniel Keenan	Montmorency
2008	Daniel Keenan	Montmorency
	Shane Harvey	North Heidelberg
	David Mitchell	Bundoora
2007	Daniel McFerran	West Preston Lakeside

DVFL BEST AND FAIREST FRANK SMITH MEDAL

2006	Brett Jeffrey	Northcote Park
2005	Daniel King	Epping
2004	Daniel King	Epping
2003	Fabian Carelli	West Preston 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 Guldson	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

NFL BEST AND FAIREST

2011	Darcy Barden	Lower Plenty
2010	Luke Jackson	Diamond Creek

2009	Daniel Moore	Epping
2008	Lionel Proctor	Fitzroy Stars
2007	Andrew Bennett	Macleod

DVFL BEST AND FAIREST

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

NFL BEST AND FAIREST

2011	Brad Hockey	Parkside
2010	Ryan Docherty	Reservoir
2009	Robbie Wise	Parkside

LEADING GOALKICKER RECORDS

NFL	Leading Goalkicker Club	Goals
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 Goalkicker Club	Goals
2006	Adrian Baker	West Preston Lakeside 73
2005	Chris Hall	Heidelberg 102
2004	Cristian Brandt	North Heidelberg 78
2003	Peter Van Blommestein	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 Vajda	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



PREMIERSHIP RECORDS

DIVISION 1 - SENIORS

NFL SENIORS

2011 Bundoora
2010 West Preston Lakeside
2009 Heidelberg
2008 Heidelberg
2007 Heidelberg

DVFL SENIORS

2006 Heidelberg
2005 North Heidelberg
2004 Heidelberg
2003 West Preston 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
1928 Heidelberg
1927 Greensborough
1926 Diamond Creek
1925 Greensborough
1924 Diamond Creek
1923 Heidelberg
1922 Greensborough

DIVISION 1 - RESERVES

NFL RESERVES

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
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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 - THIRDS

NFL THIRDS

2011 Greensborough
2010 Greensborough
2009 Greensborough
2008 West Preston Lakeside
2007 Eltham

DVFL THIRDS

2006 West Preston Lakeside
2005 Northcote Park/Alphington
2004 Northcote Park/Alphington
2003 Northcote Park/Alphington
2002 Bundoora
2001 Montmorency
2000 Bundoora
1999 Northcote Park/Alphington
1998 Northcote Park/Alphington



PREMIERSHIP RECORDS

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

NFL SENIORS

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

NFL RESERVES

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
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

NFL THIRDS

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
1994
1993 Macleod Juniors
1992 West Lalor
1991
1990
1989
1988
1987 Thornbury
1986 West Preston
1985 Reservoir-Lakeside
1984 Reservoir
1983 Reservoir
1982 Northcote Park
1981 Northcote Park

DIVISION 3

NFL SENIORS

2011 South Morang
2010 Hurstbridge
2009 Parkside

NFL RESERVES

2011 Panton Hill
2010 South Morang
2009 Hurstbridge

NORTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC.

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Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 October 2011

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NORTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC.

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Statement by Members of the Board

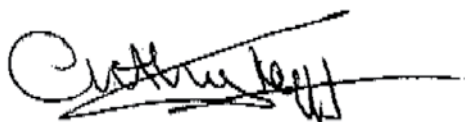
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The Board has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

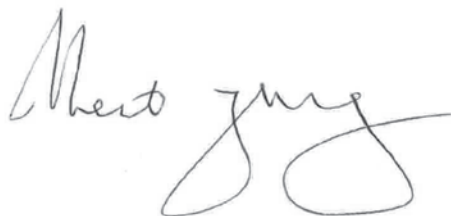
In the opinion of the Board the Income and Expenditure Statement, Statement of Financial Position, and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of NORTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC. as at 31 October 2011 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:



Director



Robert YOUNG

Director

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NORTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC.

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Balance Sheet As At 31 October 2011

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
Current Assets			
Cash assets	4	193,185	277,339
Receivables	5	135,444	106,961
Inventories	6	57,617	85,101
Current tax assets		4	(8,786)
Total Current Assets		386,250	460,615
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	7	391,337	386,020
Total Non-Current Assets		391,337	386,020
Total Assets		777,587	846,635
Current Liabilities			
Payables	8	52,228	61,182
Financial liabilities		1,594	
Provisions	9	43,178	58,572
Total Current Liabilities		97,000	119,754
Total Liabilities		97,000	119,754
Net Assets		680,587	726,881
Members' Funds			
Retained profits		680,587	726,881
Total Members' Funds		680,587	726,881

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(a) Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

(b) Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the entity reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

(c) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

(d) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reasonably measured. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

(e) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

(f) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(g) Leases

Leases of PPE, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership, are transferred to the association, are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised by recording an asset and a liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for that period.

Leased assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the lease term. Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the period in which they are incurred.

(h) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the assets and liabilities statement are shown inclusive of GST.

(i) Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period, which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

(j) Income Tax

The associations' profits are exempt from income tax under Section 50-45 of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

NORTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 October 2011

2011

2010

Note 2: Revenue

Operating Activities:

Other sales revenue	1,518,255	1,499,420
Interest revenue	4,341	7,515
Royalties	645	39,820
Government subsidies	(5,000)	10,000
Other operating revenue:		
Other income	9,045	19,825
	1,527,285	1,576,581

Note 3: Profit from Ordinary Activities

Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax
has been determined after:

Charging as Expense:

Lease payments	12,199	8,311
Total lease expenses	12,199	8,311
Depreciation of non-current assets:		
- Other	3,980	3,368
Total depreciation expenses	3,980	3,368
	16,179	11,679

Note 4: Cash assets

Bank accounts:

Bank - Cheque account		9,733
Bank - Maxi account		185,748
Cash drawer	300	396
Bank - Cheque account	184,181	
Undeposited funds	8,704	12,004
Building fund		69,458
	193,185	277,339

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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2011

2010

Note 5: Receivables

Current

Trade debtors	147,444	186,961
Provision for doubtful debts	(12,000)	(80,000)
	<u>135,444</u>	<u>106,961</u>
	<u>135,444</u>	<u>106,961</u>

Note 6: Inventories

Current

Finished goods at cost	<u>57,617</u>	<u>85,101</u>
	<u>57,617</u>	<u>85,101</u>

Note 7: Property, Plant and Equipment

Buildings:

- At cost	<u>380,000</u>	<u>380,000</u>
	<u>380,000</u>	<u>380,000</u>

Leased plant and equipment:

- At cost	22,367	13,070
- Less: Accumulated amortisation	(11,030)	(7,050)
	<u>11,337</u>	<u>6,020</u>
	<u>391,337</u>	<u>386,020</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 October 2011

2011

2010

Note 8: Payables

Unsecured:

- Trade creditors	40,140	53,803
- Other creditors	12,088	7,379
	<u>52,228</u>	<u>61,182</u>
	<u>52,228</u>	<u>61,182</u>

Note 9: Provisions

Current

Employee entitlements	13,907	28,356
Sundry provisions	29,271	30,216
	<u>43,178</u>	<u>58,572</u>

Note 11: Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

Lease commitments - 2012	8,881	
Lease commitments - 2013	14,155	
	<u>23,036</u>	

Note 12: Association Details

The registered office and principal place of business of the Association is:

Northern Football League Inc.
Unit 11, 10-14 Simms Road
Greensborough VIC 3088

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 October 2011

	2011 \$	2010 \$
Cash Flow From Operating Activities		
Receipts from customers	1,494,461	1,558,747
Payments to Suppliers and employees	(1,575,253)	(1,557,121)
Purchase of Property Plant & Equipment	(9,297)	
Interest received	4,341	7,515
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities (note 2)	<u>(85,748)</u>	<u>9,141</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	(85,748)	9,141
Cash at the beginning of the year	<u>277,339</u>	<u>268,198</u>
Cash at the end of the year (note 1)	<u><u>191,590</u></u>	<u><u>277,339</u></u>

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 October 2011

2011

2010

Note 1. Reconciliation Of Cash

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in banks and investments in money market instruments, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

Cash at the end of the year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the balance sheet as follows:

Bank - Cheque account		9,733
Bank - Maxi account		185,748
Cash drawer	300	396
Bank - Cheque account	184,181	
Undeposited funds	8,704	12,004
Building fund		69,458
Electronic clearing account	(1,595)	
	<u>191,590</u>	<u>277,339</u>

Note 2. Reconciliation Of Net Cash Provided By/Used In Operating Activities To Operating Profit After Income Tax

Operating profit after income tax	(46,293)	13,664
Depreciation	3,980	3,368
Provision for doubtful debts	(68,000)	30,000
Changes in assets and liabilities net of effects of purchases and disposals of controlled entities:		
(Increase) decrease in trade and term debtors	39,517	(40,320)
(Increase) decrease in finished goods	27,484	(17,424)
(Increase) decrease in property plant & equipment	(9,297)	
Increase (decrease) in trade creditors and accruals	(13,663)	627
Increase (decrease) in other creditors	4,709	841
Increase (decrease) in employee entitlements	(14,449)	13,346
Increase (decrease) in sundry provisions	(9,735)	5,038
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>(85,748)</u>	<u>9,141</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NORTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC.

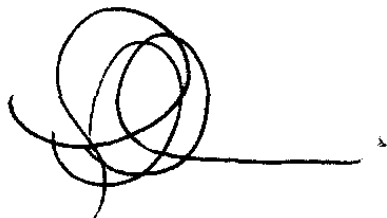
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Independent Audit Report to the Members

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist NORTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC. to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act . As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Signed on :



Geoffrey H Hindson, CA
HINDSON HISLOP & CO.
Suite 10, 256 Bolton Street ELTHAM VIC 3095

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NORTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC.

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Independent Audit Report to the Members

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of NORTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC. (the association), which comprises the Statement by Members of the Committee, Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes for the financial year ended 31 October 2011.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of NORTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC. are responsible for the preparation of the financial report and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1, is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibilities also includes such internal control as the committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of NORTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC. as at 31 October 2011 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the Associations Incorporation Act.

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NORTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC.

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Compilation Report to NORTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC.

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of NORTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC., which comprise the Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2011, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is to provide financial information to the committee of management.

The Responsibility of the Committee of Management

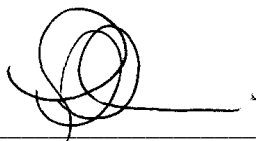
The committee of management is solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements and has determined that the basis of accounting adopted is appropriate to meet the needs of the committee of management for the purpose of complying with the association's constitution.

Our Responsibility

On the basis of the information provided by the committee of management, we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting and APES 315: Compilation of Financial Information.

Our procedures use accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial information which the committee of management provided, in compiling the financial statements. Our procedures do not include verification or validation procedures. No audit or review has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the committee of management. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.



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30 November, 2011

NORTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC.**ABN 86 607 912 971****Income and Expenditure Statement****For the year ended 31 October 2011**

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Income		
Sales	110,446	122,920
Advertising		28,845
Affiliation fees	72,545	55,000
AFL Victoria Grants	40,790	42,142
Apparel sales	235,168	290,973
Finals	367,382	297,314
Fines	22,557	10,330
Insurance - Clubs	84,313	56,330
Interleague	20,118	12,455
Netball	31,625	22,832
Player registrations	30,860	28,908
Presentations	37,245	41,873
Records	47,135	42,180
Sponsorships	44,126	48,193
Umpires	373,943	387,762
Education programme		11,364
Interest received	4,341	7,515
Other income	9,045	19,825
Royalties received	645	39,820
Subsidies & grants	(5,000)	10,000
Total income	1,527,285	1,576,581

Expenses

Advertising & promotion	1,313	675
Apparel purchases	200,997	265,293
Audit fees	10,000	5,500
Bank fees & charges	776	521
Provision for doubtful debts	(68,000)	30,000
Board expenses	1,227	3,569
Club education programmes		20,000
Community programs		445
Computer supplies & expenses	5,325	1,774
Consultants fees	2,455	60
Depreciation	3,980	3,368
Donations	665	
Education programme launch		10,987

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NORTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC.**ABN 86 607 912 971****Income and Expenditure Statement****For the year ended 31 October 2011**

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Employment expenses	326,222	284,373
Finals	206,489	161,062
Freight & cartage	450	421
Fringe benefits tax		1,039
Insurance - General	76,227	58,511
Interleague	30,710	30,286
Investigation expenses	1,700	450
Legal fees	22,831	
Materials & supplies	80,817	161,243
Meeting expenses	2,438	1,304
M/V car - Other	21,408	14,790
Netball	12,739	17,339
Office expenses	3,503	2,759
Photography	7,273	
Postage	1,781	1,699
Presentation functions	47,382	48,521
Printing & stationery	11,381	9,454
Property expenses	16,824	20,184
Publications	8,481	4,047
Radio show	6,105	10,388
Records	33,545	
Registration fees	3,045	
Repairs & maintenance	160	
Season launch	4,024	3,845
Subscriptions		678
Stock shrinkage & adjustments	56,635	(943)
Sundry expenses	8,357	5,513
Telephone	16,668	14,714
Tribunal expenses	1,711	868
Umpires	405,939	368,179
Total expenses	<u>1,573,579</u>	<u>1,562,917</u>
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax	(46,293)	13,664
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	(46,293)	13,664
Total changes in equity of the association	(46,293)	13,664

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NORTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC.

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Income and Expenditure Statement

For the year ended 31 October 2011

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Opening retained profits	726,881	713,216
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	(46,293)	13,664
Closing retained profits	680,587	726,881

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



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Delwyn Berry

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