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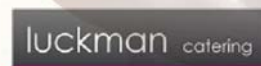


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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



NFL BOARD



(left to right):

Tony Topp (Chairman), Dean Philpots,
Nicolina Lademann

Geoff Dempster, Harry Gasiamis,
Jeff Parkes

Peter Myers, Robert Young



CHAIRMAN



On behalf of the directors of the Northern Football League, I present the league's Annual Report for 2012.

Football

It was a season full of favourable comments in regards to the great standard of football in the NFL, particularly in our top division. Clubs continued to not only look from within their junior ranks for senior players, but also looked to attract talented footballers from other competitions which brought an added level of excitement to the NFL.

They say winning a premiership is about getting your team to the finals with a little bit extra still in reserve. Well, Jason Heatley certainly did that with his team at Northcote Park in season 2012. Northcote Park looked a side that may have missed its premiership opportunity just a few weeks out from September. But as the finals started the Cougars looked the team that would trouble all of their more fancied opposition in the race to premiership glory and in the end they did just that, peaking on Grand Final day to walk away with the top prize in the NFL – the Division 1 premiership. Congratulations also to Epping and Mernda who both earned promotion to higher levels in 2013.

Junior football again saw growth with Kinglake coming into the junior competition. Season 2012 also continued to see the narrowing of winning margins across the board in the NFL as grading embeds itself into yearly operations. Unfortunately at times junior football also brought the NFL under the microscope for the wrong reasons. Clubs do a tremendous job providing an enjoyable environment for youngsters to participate in football but it is not easy to have to deal with a few bad eggs, both parents and players, who undo some of that good work. The NFL will continue to work with clubs and umpires to ensure junior football remains at a level in which it is both enjoyable for all and free of abuse and poor social behaviour.

Thank you to the Keon Park Junior Football Club for hosting Tackers Day in 2012. It was a wet and muddy day and I am sure many parents dreaded putting their kids into the car after the games were completed, but I am equally sure that every future champion that played just loved the day, particularly sliding around in the slush.

Carla Muscat again looked after our Youth Girls in season 2012 and the league is indebted to her for her efforts throughout the season. As the number of female players grows in the NFL we will monitor and review the Youth Girls competition with a view of possibly creating two age groups for female participants or some additional opportunities for younger age levels to compete in competitive matches in younger age brackets.

Netball

Growing faster than anticipated, netball will most likely be played over six courts at two venues in 2013, which is an amazing result for Delwyn Berry and her team. Grand Final night in 2012 again showcased the great talent we have in our competition and again saw powerhouse teams Diamond Creek and Macleod go toe-to-toe in the top section with Diamond Creek taking the prize.

Season 2013 will most likely see the NFL manage the netball competition as a standalone competition, breaking away from Netball Victoria. This will give the NFL the ability to self-manage the competition, bringing direct benefit to our community.

Club Committees/Volunteers

It is just an Australian way of life for our families and friends to put their hands up and carry out the many tasks within a sporting club. Thank you very much to all those who roll up their sleeves in either a committee position or in a role as one of many just helping out week in and week out. Without you many clubs would struggle to provide the off-field support needed to successfully run a club.

Barling Reserve

The NFL has committed funding to Darebin Council for Stage 1 of the CT Barling Reserve redevelopment. This will see the construction of new change rooms and canteen facilities. It will also provide an opportunity for the NFL umpires to move into a more permanent environment. This stage is generally referred to as the Participation Stage as it will allow use of the playing fields supported by suitable facilities for teams.

Umpires

To the Northern Umpires Association – thank you for your continued support of the NFL and its member clubs. At the 2012 Annual General Meeting it is anticipated that some 30-odd umpires will be inducted into the NFL's 300 Club, recognising those who have participated in 300 or more A-Grade matches as an officiating umpire. Congratulations to all those initial umpires who will join NFL players that were earlier in the year inducted into the 300 Club for playing 300 open age matches.

To Sue Drummond and her team of netball umpires, thank you for your contribution to the 2012 season and with the expectation of six courts to fill through four timeslots in 2013, there will certainly be an opportunity for more umpires to join our competition.



Bundoora skipper Brayden Shaw swoops on a loose ball against Whittlesea.

Tribunal/Appeals Board/Mediators/Investigators

Another fine group of people supporting our competition in the roles they perform. Thank you very much for your time and effort throughout the year.

NFL Administration

Season 2012 was a period of consolidation for our full-time staff under the leadership of Jeremy Bourke. As Jeremy often said in the past, he had not done a full lap of the oval – well now he has and there is no doubt that will set the league in good stead going into 2013. Ron McKeon's work in football operations, particularly the junior representative teams, has seen the NFL again become a force in the Metro Championships. Samuel Zito had a brilliant year with our media operations. His energy has been second to none and his follow up with clubs and league stories has enhanced the coverage of the NFL. Delwyn Berry has her hands full throughout the year, keeping extremely busy with day-to-day administration work and management of the netball competition and her results are outstanding.

Whilst not on our full-time staff, Kevin Smith puts in as many hours as anyone with umpire training, development, and appointments. It is a large job keeping so many happy and engaged within our competition, so thank you Kevin on a job well done.

AFL Victoria development staff continue to work alongside our NFL staff in a harmonious environment.

Thank you Phiv Demetriou and Tom Delahunty for the support provided to the NFL and its clubs, be it advice or the management of AFL programs all year round.

Sponsors and Partners

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

Simonds Homes, Bank of Cyprus Australia, Yarra Valley Water, Winning Edge Presentations, Technika, AFL Victoria, Northern Blues, Northern Knights, Buffalo Sports, Hot Sub, Victor, Red Onion Creative, Sporting Pulse, Cyan Press, Sherrin, James Boag's Draught, Coca Cola, Medallion Club, Sports In Focus, Plenty Valley FM, Luckman Catering, Diageo and Impact Football Solutions.

Their contributions towards the NFL ensures that over 8,000 participants get the best support possible in their individual pursuits on and off the sporting arena.

NFL Board of Directors

Thank you to Dean Philpots, Geoff Dempster, Harry Gasiamis, Peter Myers, Robert Young, Jeff Parkes, and Nicolina Lademan for your support throughout 2012. As with the majority of volunteers involved in our competition, you find time to support the NFL and its goals and that is very much appreciated. I thank you for your personal support of me as Chairman. It has been

a challenging period of my life and one that has been most enjoyable due to your support.

Conclusion

I again would like to acknowledge that there are many who contribute to the success of the NFL directly or indirectly and their support of our community is very much appreciated. As I step down from my position within the NFL, I feel confident that the right people are in the right positions to ensure the NFL continues to strive and provide an environment we all want for Australian Rules Football to be played and supported in our community. Robert Young is also stepping down as a board director after joining the inaugural Board seven years ago. On behalf of us both, all the very best going into 2013 and beyond.

Tony Topp
Chairman



2012 has produced arguably the best season of football under the banner of the Northern Football League. An outstanding level of competitiveness across all our senior divisions has created dynamic and unpredictable competitions, culminating in an outstanding finals series. In our junior divisions, attention to detail through the grading process also produced even and exciting competitions, which was evidenced by so many close matches through the finals series with some going into extra time.

The NFL and its member clubs continue to be leaders in many areas. Our record of innovation and leadership was again on display with the introduction of player welfare officers in our junior clubs and our digital media platform in the senior division. The league has the highest representation of female presidents and female umpires in comparison to other leagues in Victoria and our netball competition continues to be the envy of the industry. Northern Football League clubs and members are always well represented in key awards including coaching, umpire and volunteer recognition, community engagement, education programs and fundraising activities.

We have often discussed the popularity of the Northern Football League within the municipalities it covers. Once again, record crowds attended finals matches and the league has one of the highest levels of website traffic at community level. The Northern Football League has a massive financial impact on the local community with combined club/league turnover in excess of \$25m. Add in multiplier effects and the league is one of the most important contributors to the local economy. This must always be taken into consideration by stakeholders in discussions around facilities, growth, development and support.

On field, the reputation of the league with regards to standard and conduct continues to grow. Our senior competitions are now some of the most competitive in metropolitan Melbourne. In fact, Division 1 had the lowest average winning margin of all Division 1 competitions in the metro area for 2012. Our average winning margin of 32.7 points eclipsed that of the Eastern Football League (34.8) and the VAFA (36.2) and was well ahead of the other five metro leagues (including Mornington Peninsula). Our Division 3 recorded the lowest average winning margin of all of the bottom divisions of each league (50.3 points) and as a competition as a whole, our average of 42.4 points placed us second behind the EFL on 40.6 points. This shows that for balance, opportunity and entertainment, the NFL is the place to be.

Our junior division has been an area of considerable focus over the past 12 months. During that time, the league has implemented a player welfare program, focused heavily on behavioural expectations, invested in umpiring development and worked with clubs on their own internal development. The results have been outstanding. Yellows cards and reports for the 2012 season have dropped by 60% on 2010 numbers and 30% on 2011. Umpiring numbers are on the increase (although retention remains an issue) and participation numbers continue to increase. The challenge for the league for 2013 and beyond will be to transfer high participation numbers in the lower age groups through to the higher junior grades.

The NFL's netball division has now grown to be one of the leading senior netball competitions in metropolitan Melbourne. The opening of new courts at Parade College next season will see the capacity enhance, possibly increasing the competition by two divisions. Facility issues at the beginning of the year almost derailed the start of the 2012 season, however the tireless efforts of Delwyn Berry and Sue Drummond ensured the hiccups were only minor. The standard of play in our netball competition is truly appealing, as evidenced by the strong weekly and finals attendances.

2012 saw the introduction of one new club to the NFL in Kinglake JFC. Another club is due to enter in 2013 (West Ivanhoe JFC) and the northern region is producing new clubs faster than any other region. It was fantastic to see Bundoora Park awarded the NFL Junior Club of the Year in only its second year of existence. The award not only recognises the effort in establishing a new club, it also recognises the leadership the club has displayed in a very short space of time. Our Senior Club of the Year, Mernda, was recognised for not only its success in rebuilding after a short period of decline, but for its community engagement, NFL compliance and on and off field discipline.

This page: Mernda defender Joel O'Reilly dishes off a handpass.

Following page: Laurimar enjoyed its second season in the junior competition.



The NFL continues to develop a stronger charitable focus and in 2012 partnered with a number of charities to raise awareness and funds for their specific causes. The senior finals series once again focused on the work of the White Ribbon Foundation and its campaign to end violence against women and the junior finals series supported the work of Zaidee's Rainbow Foundation and its campaign to raise awareness around organ donation. Other initiatives and awareness campaigns included the Round 18 dedication to prostate cancer awareness through the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and support of other charitable organisations including Boots for All and FIDA. The majority of our clubs supported charities through fundraising and awareness events, making a significant and valuable contribution to a range of causes. A continued focus on community support programs will be applied in 2013 covering (and not exclusive to) areas such as mental and physical health and wellbeing, life skills, awareness campaigns and social responsibility.

From a financial point of view, 2012 was all about consolidation. A key objective of the NFL is always to maintain a negligible additional year-to-year impost on clubs and to secure revenue from external sources. Our sponsorship profile is expanding and we must emphasise the need for NFL clubs to support league sponsors in order for this objective to be achieved. Our sponsors bring much needed funds into our operations and long-term partnerships are our focus. Simonds Homes, as the NFL's major sponsor, has been an enthusiastic partner of the league and we are looking forward to its continual support. Bank of Cyprus, as the NFL's ball sponsor, has also been an enthusiastic partner and will continue to be so for the next season, albeit under a new brand (soon to be revealed). Along with a suite of other sponsors including Yarra Valley Water, Lion Nathan, Technika, Victor Sports, Coca-Cola, Cyan Press, Impact Football Solutions, Sports In Focus, Winning Edge Presentations, Sherrin, Red Onion, Buffalo Sports, Hot Sublimation, Etihad Stadium and Diageo; the NFL has aligned itself with recognised, industry leading and superior brands.

With regards to the NFL brand, from a very short life-span our brand continues to develop. A strong and respected brand ensures the NFL is at the forefront of an umpire, player or sponsor's 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 will continue to invest in programs that build this integrity and it is important that we maintain the commitment from our community to this shared objective.

Throughout 2012, the NFL and Darebin City Council have been in continual discussions regarding new facilities at CT Barling Reserve. Plans for the reserve continue to evolve although finalisation of Stage 1 is almost complete. Stage 1 will provide social rooms and a training base for NFL umpires, upgraded change rooms and playing surfaces. It is envisaged that tenders for Stage 1 will be requested prior to the end of 2012, with works to commence during 2013. With regards to Stage 2, the NFL continues to lobby Government (both State and Federal) for funding to complete the project as originally foreseen. Discussions are also taking place with La Trobe University for incorporation into a sporting precinct that is planned together with A-League club Melbourne Heart. Both options require significant Government contributions and the NFL will make a determination on the best direction once indications are received on the extent of those contributions.

The NFL's office staff continue to develop as a team and their dedication to their roles is exemplary. Delwyn Berry drives the majority of administrative requirements for both the football and netball divisions and her diligence and commitment is a most precious commodity. Ron McKeown in operations has a mountainous task in managing both junior and senior operations. It is one that he has shown he is up for and we can be confident the league will continue to develop under his leadership. Samuel Zito and his band of volunteers in the media department continue to provide our competition with one of the highest standards of coverage in community football. Our developing digital media presence is building a strong reputation in the industry and the associated benefits are valuable assets. Kevin Smith, as umpires' director, provides the league with one of the most experienced umpiring resources in the game and he has taken the umpiring group ahead in leaps and bounds under his tenure. Our other part-time staff including Byron Smith, Tracey Goss and Ben McWiggin, 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, under the stewardship of general manager Grant Williams. As an affiliate, the NFL enjoys access to resources we would otherwise not be able to procure or finance. The nature of our relationship enables us to benefit from our own governance and self-determination whilst being connected to industry representation. Phiv and Tom continue to provide education and services across a wide range of responsibilities including coaching, Auskick, club development, skill development and multicultural engagement.



The NFL is indeed fortunate to have a hard-working team of directors dedicated to the growth, development and state of our league. The Board continues to shoulder many responsibilities that a small administration team requires assistance with and the Board this year welcomed its first ever female member with the inclusion of Nicolina Lademann. Nicolina's enthusiasm and engaging nature has certainly been a positive asset. Unfortunately, we say farewell to Tony Topp and Robert Young as they relinquish their roles. Both have contributed an enormous amount to the development of the NFL and both have committed to stay involved in some capacity, most likely in tribunal or investigations. To Tony (Chair), Dean Philpots (Junior Chair) and the rest of the NFL Board of Directors, I thank you personally for the enthusiasm, passion and dedication you have to the league. Your efforts in developing a strong and dynamic strategic plan have defined a road map for the league in coming years, with clear direction and objectives.

If the objective of continual improvement becomes reality, then we can look forward to 2013 with much excitement. Club sustainability will be a key focus next season and a large part of that will be responsible management at club and league level. The competitiveness of our league shows that clubs do not have to live outside of their means to compete. There are inevitable expense pressures that are placed on clubs and a league's ability to maintain a dynamic competition whilst continuing to develop, promote and grow.

In closing, I'd like to wish all stakeholders an enjoyable festive season and look forward to your continual involvement in 2013.

Jeremy Bourke
Chief Executive Officer



FOOTBALL OPERATIONS

I would like to start this report by thanking every club in the Northern Football League. Your co-operation during the 2012 season and acceptance of the changes throughout the year were very much appreciated.

The junior finals series once again saw almost every club in the league represented, with teams from all but four clubs vying for finals success. I was impressed with the professional attitude, high standard and exemplary sportsmanship displayed by everyone involved in all aspect of our game. One of the highlights of the season was the fantastic under-17 Red Grand Final between Lalor and Keon Park. I was fortunate to watch a very fast and highly skilled game in which either side would have been a worthy winner. In the end it was Lalor who prevailed by a single point.

Epping Recreational Reserve was again used for the Division 3 senior finals, along with North Heidelberg's Shelley Street Reserve which hosted the opening week of the finals series to great success. Mernda Football Club capped off a fantastic year by taking out both the senior and reserves premierships – an amazing turnaround following a difficult 2011 season which saw the club relegated from Division 2.

The following weekend saw Epping emerge as the Division 2 premier a year after it was runner-up to Lower Plenty. The Blues were very worthy winners following a dominant season in which they lost just one game and now face the challenge of the big step into Division 1 in 2013. Congratulations also to Diamond Creek for its reserves triumph and Thomastown in the under-19s – a fantastic reward for the efforts of all involved at both clubs.



Pasquale Saccuzzo

Division 1 saw a fantastic final series by Northcote Park, who took out the premiership despite a fourth-place finish in the regular season. The Cougars and all teams who participated in the finals series took the standard within the NFL to another level and it was fantastic to see record crowds in attendance. Well done to Matt Sleeman and his reserves team at West Preston-Lakeside who also won the premiership from fourth place and to Northcote Park in the under-19s.

The atmosphere created by the record crowd numbers ensured the finals series provided a memorable experience for spectators and players alike. I was told on many occasions that people with no affiliation to the competing clubs had enjoyed the spectacle of good competitive local football – testament that our competition is building a strong reputation amongst the entire football community.

A huge thanks must go to Phil and Sue Aston for all their hard work which ensures the smooth running of all finals games, as well as the under-9s Tackers Day.

Once again the men and women with the most unenviable job in the league, the umpires, acquitted themselves in a most professional manner throughout the 2012 season. The thanks of the entire competition goes out to Kevin Smith and his team of umpires for their dedication to the job of enforcing the laws and upholding the spirit of the game.

Tackers Day this year was held at JC Donath Reserve, the home of Keon Park. Thank you very much to all the volunteers from Keon Park Football Club who handled this very busy day wonderfully well. The matches were played in very wet and muddy conditions and the young players loved it. My heartfelt thanks to Kevin Smith and Darren Agnew for co-ordinating umpires for the day and thank you to all those who participated on the day. Congratulations to Yarrambat on winning the lightning premiership.

Thank you to all the independent tribunal members who have all played a significant role in guiding the Northern Football League in the direction we want to head in to. We appreciate your wise minds and invaluable efforts during the course of the season.

The Junior Representative Program had its most successful season for many years, with each of our under-14, under-15 and Youth Girls teams very competitive in all games in the Metropolitan



Championships. The under-13 teams also performed exceptionally well against the Yarra Junior Football League and South East Juniors in a round-robin carnival held over the Queen's Birthday weekend. Our under-13 teams again played against the YJFL in the July school holidays, winning one of the two games which was a great result and a fantastic effort by all the boys involved.

Congratulations to all the players who represented the Northern Football League in these squads and a huge thank-you to all the coaches of the representative team. Your continued support of this program is very much appreciated and you all do a great job. I must extend my thanks to all the parents who helped out as team managers, trainers, water carriers and runners. It is not possible to run these programs without your support and assistance.

Congratulations to all premiership players, coaches and support staff throughout the year and to all the competition trophy winners in their respective divisions and age groups. The memories from these achievements are sure to be everlasting. Congratulations also to all members of the three senior Teams of the Year.

Once again my thanks must go to my work colleagues Jeremy Bourke, Delwyn Berry and Samuel Zito. After a full year in the position I am now even further in awe of your dedication and hard work. Thank you for all your advice and support throughout the year.

Last, but not at all least, thank you to all the volunteers at every level and in every aspect of the competition. Without you there would be no teams, no clubs and no competition. Your efforts ensure football in the NFL continues to prosper.

Ron McKeown
Football Operations Manager



JUNIOR COMPETITION

In season 2012 Kinglake became the third team over the past two years to enter the Northern Football League junior competition, following the introduction of Laurimar and Bundoora Park in 2011.

Despite the introduction of the new club, the NFL had a decrease in the total number of junior sides participating in the competition for the first time since 2007. In 2012 we had 10 less teams competing than we had in 2011, with nine of those coming from the under-9 competition.

The number of competing teams in the junior competition has always fluctuated through the years and most of the time it is hard to accurately forecast how many teams we are going to have compete each season.

This season, for example, we had 21 teams participate in the under-14 competition – the highest number for the age group in our history. However, despite the increase in team numbers in the under-14s, the under-15 competition had 17 teams compete in 2012 which is the least we have recorded. As such, the number of sides and players over the age of 15-years-old competing in our competition continues to be a focus for our strategic growth.

In 2012 the NFL Junior Representative Program changed direction in regards to coaching and player selection. Instead of the program being primarily about development, this season we spent much

more time gathering feedback from teams and club coaches to ensure we fielded the best possible teams. The outcome was extremely positive and we received much better results in the Metro Championships because of our different approach – winning seven matches as opposed to just one last year.

Our partnership with the Northern Knights continues to grow and improve and the work of NFL football operations manager Ron McKeown and Northern Knights' region manager Peter Kennedy, along with NFL club coaches and support staff, has ensured our representative program is moving forward in the right direction.

The Youth Girls competition entered its second season in the Northern Football League in 2012. This has now provided the NFL junior committee enough data to examine the whole structure of the competition as we look to find ways to improve it. As discussed with junior club presidents, the plan for 2013 is to change the structure to introduce an under-12 and under-15 girls competition. This will boost the number of female participants within the league as well as enhance the development of our female players.

The NFL had another year where Level One accreditation was achieved by all coaches. I would like to thank AFL Victoria for their coaching programs. In particular, I wish to thank Northern



Region community development manager Phiv Demetriou for all the effort he puts into our region to ensure our coaches are provided with support and help. Junior coaches are our most important resources as they determine so much of the behaviour within the NFL. They need more assistance to ensure they continue to be part of the NFL and set the example for players, parents and other officials to follow.

Like last season, a greater number of junior clubs and Auskick centres merged under the one banner and this has provided greater opportunity for players and families to move smoothly from the Auskick program to the competitive football arena of the NFL. Northern Region community development officer Tom Delahunty has worked particularly hard to ensure that the Auskick program continues to grow within our region and he should be commended for the great results that are being achieved.

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. Our greater assets continue to be the committee volunteers, the coaches and the parents who provide countless hours getting the teams onto the ground each weekend.

Dean Philpots
Junior Chairman



Epping and Eltham players display their skill in heavy Grand Final conditions.



UMPIRING

The Northern Football League umpiring group continued to grow number-wise in 2012 and has seen increases in the number of field, boundary and goal umpires over the past five years. Our league boasts an outstanding ratio of field, boundary and goal umpires to playing numbers, with the number and performance of boundary and goal umpires the envy of other leagues. It was therefore the case the league was able to continue to service all its requirements during the season and this is a great achievement given the difficulties that can be associated with recruiting people to umpiring.

The increase in numbers however is providing a smoke screen to the situation the league is encountering in losing many umpires each year, more than I believe should be the case. In 2012 there were 121 umpires recruited which is a mammoth number and at the same time 95 umpires from 2011 did not return – 31 of those being field umpires. Of course there are some who decide there are other things for them to concentrate on other than umpiring, but that does not account for the number of departures being experienced. Whilst the league is only too happy to carry out its responsibilities in regard to retaining umpires, it is necessary too that clubs work hard to provide an ever improving game day environment to ensure umpires want to continue in the league.

I am aware there are a number of experienced field umpires contemplating retirement or leaving and this would make for a difficult season for the league in 2013.

Five field umpires – Campbell McPherson, Wayne Byrne, George Smith, Mark Heatley and Wayne Fyffe – umpired their 300th A-Grade match during 2012 and this is a mighty effort on their part. Craig Herman umpired his 500th A-Grade game which comprised games as both a field umpire and goal umpire.



David Cameron was awarded the Most Outstanding Umpire for 2012

It is pleasing to have 25 female umpires as part of the umpiring group and these comprise 7.5% of the total umpires.

The quite expansive local schools program of addressing assemblies and smaller groups of students with recruiting in mind continued in 2012 and again proved 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 continued. Planning for another school-based academy is well advanced and is currently giving the league good reason to be pleased with the progress being made.

The finals performance of umpires was outstanding and contributed to the high standard being achieved by competing clubs and the manner in which the football was played. The efficient umpiring performance seen in finals matches is being impacted by the league extending its three umpire system for both field and boundary umpires even further than in the previous season.

More umpires are now able to take part in not just a finals match but also in a Grand Final which continues to be a real boost to the group and assists in the good conduct of matches. The under-19 finals continued to provide opportunity for those umpires (field, boundary and goal) who are in the formative years of their umpiring.

Umpiring too has an accreditation program and the league had field, boundary and goal umpires successfully achieve Level 2 accreditation in 2012.

Six umpires have received an invite to trial with the VFL for the 2013 season and these seem likely to be promoted to its list and of course will need to be replaced. Over the past two seasons a total of 15 NFL umpires have joined the VFL list of umpires.

I would like to thank Andrew Talbot (fitness coach), Darren Agnew (juniors umpire coach), Dennis Davis (juniors assistant coach), Shane Herbert (goal umpire coach) and Doug Armstrong (boundary umpire coach) who worked so diligently and successfully throughout the season. A big thanks also to Brian Moore 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.

NFL CEO Jeremy Bourke and operations manager Ron McKeown totally supported umpiring and were always happy to discuss umpiring matters and to give assistance when needed. Each of the staff contributed to umpiring in some way on a daily basis and I am thankful for this. Delwyn Berry was involved in umpiring on general administration matters and media manager Samuel Zito made himself available to me when I needed his assistance. There were a number of other staff members, including Tracey Goss, who also made



a valuable assistance to umpiring. It is true to say the league board always showed support for and interest in umpiring.

A further expansion of the three umpire system in the finals was a big boost this season, while the providing of green shirt uniforms for new field umpires, funding umpire accreditation courses and the funding of the group's appropriate training facility all have contributed to increased numbers and a satisfactory umpiring performance. This season the league also implemented a new electronic umpire appointments and management system which truly revolutionised the management of many umpiring aspects.

Tony Mahoney continued as president of the Northern Umpires Association and the association 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 organised successful junior and senior presentation nights. Arranging an experienced umpire as an advocate for umpires attending the tribunal was an important role it continued to perform and I want to thank the association for its efforts throughout 2012.

I want to congratulate all those umpires who received a finals appointment of any kind this season, especially a Grand Final appointment as they will have deserved it. I want to especially congratulate those umpires who umpired the Division 1 A-Grade Grand Final in such an efficient and professional manner. Thank you to field umpires Steve Williams, David Cameron and Campbell McPherson, boundary umpires Brendan Canty, Nick Phillips and Nathan Stewart and goal umpires Max Waters and Neville Coutts.

Well done also to field umpire David Cameron who received an award for Most Outstanding Umpire for 2012 at the NFL presentation night and to another field umpire, Lucinda Lopes, who received the Most Improved Umpire award.

Kevin Smith
Director of Umpiring



NETBALL

2012 marked the fifth year of the NFL netball competition and like the four years that have preceded it, the competition continued to expand at a rapid rate.

This season the competition grew to 45 sides playing in five sections – a significant increase on 2011 where 33 sides competed across four sections.

So strong has the competition become that the league has already received expressions of interest from new sides for the 2013 season, an indication that we can expect even further growth next year.

The arrival of new clubs Heidelberg Tigers, Bundoora Comets, Hurstbridge and Yarrambat this season meant that 19 of the NFL's senior football clubs and one stand-alone junior club now have a netball affiliate.

The increase in team numbers in 2012 required the competition to be played across two venues, with games played on Friday nights at RMIT Bundoora and Macleod's Sir Charles Latrobe College. In 2013 the netball competition will move to a new venue with games to be shared between RMIT and Parade College, with matches to commence on Friday, April 12.

We give great thanks to everyone who played in the competition this season and to all those who came to support them each Friday night. The standard of on-court performance continued to impress throughout the year and the league is proud to have so many first-class

players stepping onto the court each week.

To emphasise the quality of players the competition is attracting, Diamond Creek duo Bronwyn Taylor and Stacey Gannon were both selected in the 2012 Victorian Netball League All-Star Championship team – one of the highest honours that can be bestowed upon a netballer in Victoria.

Big crowds again attended our Grand Finals on September 7 where five magnificent matches were staged. Diamond Creek claimed back-to-back premierships in Section 1 with a come-from-behind win over Macleod, while North Heidelberg B won a thriller in Section 2, defeating Diamond Creek Blue by a solitary goal.

Mernda Red took out the Section 3 title after defeating South Morang, while Lakeside was too good for St Mary's B in the Section 4 decider. It was a remarkable finals series for St Mary's B who needed double overtime to overcome North Heidelberg C in the preliminary final. Meanwhile, Hurstbridge claimed the Section 5 title after beating minor premier Heidelberg Hawkettes 36-13 in the Grand Final.

I must also make mention of our best and fairest winners in 2012. Congratulations to Stacey Gannon (Diamond Creek, Section 1), Jacinta Tonkin (Bundoora Comets, Section 2), Jayde Kennan (Montmorency,



Section 3), Janelle Birch (Thomastown, Section 4) and Shae Audley (Hurstbridge, Section 5). For Gannon it was a second Section 1 best and fairest after also claiming the award in 2010, following in the footsteps of Bronwyn Taylor who won the trophy in 2011 (tied) and 2009.

Many thanks must go to court supervisors Kristy Armstead and Glenys Storey and umpire supervisor Sue Drummond for all their hard work and dedication to our competition. Without your efforts the competition wouldn't be the success it is today.

Delwyn Berry
Netball Manager



YOUTH GIRLS

The 2012 Youth Girls season commenced in historic fashion with a night match between Montmorency and Epping kicking off the season on April 11 – the first time a Youth Girls game has been played under lights in the Northern Football League. Both new sides to the competition, it was only fitting that Montmorency and Epping played the opening game of the season. A large crowd gathered to watch the game and the girls put on a great spectacle.

Three new teams joined the competition in 2012, with Montmorency, Epping and a second South Morang team all jumping on board this season. South Morang's achievement in fielding two sides was a huge effort considering this was only the club's second year in the Youth Girls competition. It is great to see that there is such 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.

This season saw many Youth Girls teams host matches at their own home ground as they better integrated with their junior club. CT Barling Reserve was still utilised with games played there on most Saturday mornings.

The Grand Final was played on a Sunday and was incorporated into the boys' junior Grand Final fixture. A big crowd was in attendance to watch Darebin Falcons claim the premiership with a hard-fought win against

Diamond Creek Womens in very trying conditions. After losing only one game during the season (its first loss in three years), Darebin thoroughly deserved to win the 2012 premiership. My congratulations go to Richard Dal Pos for coaching the team to three consecutive flags. It truly is a magnificent achievement and once again congratulations to the team.

The NFL representative squad again fielded a side in the Metro Championships with 12 girls selected to represent the NFL for the first time. All clubs had at least one player representing the team which is a positive sign for the competition. Even though they were competitive the girls were unable to win a game at the Championships, although injuries to key players did make the girls' task a little more difficult. Congratulations to Mark Muscat and his support team for their professionalism and to the players you will only benefit from this wonderful experience.

My congratulations go to Demi-Lee Hallett for winning the Youth Girls best and fairest award. Demi-Lee had a superb 2012 season for South Morang Maroon in her first season playing football at a competitive level.

After five years as the Youth Girls match day manager, and with the new structure of the competition moving forward, it is now time for me to say goodbye. It gives me great pride to reflect on how much the competition has grown and improved over the past five years and



the competition will continue to go from strength to strength. On a personal note, I have made so many friends from the competition, people I will keep in touch with in the future.

Finally, thank you to all the coaches, players and officials who help keep the competition running successfully. 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 Ronnie McKeown for all his support this season. Being at the games and knowing I had Ronnie's support made it an easier season to manage. To all the team at the NFL thank you, you do a tremendous job.

Carla Muscat
Match Day Manager



MEDIA

The 2012 season was one of marked growth for the NFL media department with a number of new initiatives and strategies vastly improving the league's coverage and promotion.

Throughout the course of the season the league launched a new website, implemented a match-day filming program and weekly web show, beefed up its social media presence, maintained a high-standard radio match broadcast and introduced an around-the-grounds live scores application.

Months in the making, the new website was launched in May and provided immediate improvements to the league's media coverage. Powered by SportingPulse, the elite website features a vastly improved design and provides greater functionality and page content. It also allows better interaction with our members by providing direct access to our Facebook and Twitter accounts. One of the major benefits of the new website is its mobile phone application which enables any smartphone user to access the latest NFL news from their iPhone or Android device. Data released by AFL Victoria revealed the website received the fourth highest number of visits of any local football league website in Australia in the opening half of the year, with our figures expected to grow further in the second half of the season courtesy of the website improvements.

In partnership with Red Onion Creative, the implementation of the match-day filming program meant that every senior match in Division 1 and 2 was filmed and uploaded to the league website each Monday afternoon. Apart from providing a purposeful tool for coaches in their weekly game analysis, the program gave NFL fans the opportunity to watch more than one game of football a week and generated great traffic to the website. Every

finals match was also filmed and uploaded to the webpage and it is hoped Division 3 home and away matches will also be included in the program in season 2013.

In addition to the match-day filming program, Red Onion Creative also helped produce the NFL's web program, NFL TV, which aired on the website every Thursday afternoon. The program featured all the latest NFL news and gave previews and reviews of every NFL senior match. NFL TV incorporated highlights from the previous week's action and received the highest viewership of any Red Onion produced local football web-show. NFL TV was shortlisted for an AFL Victoria award for Best Online Media and will return to the league's website next season.

Our social media pages received greater fanfare this season, with more than 3,200 people liking the league's Facebook page, while our Twitter account is closing in on 1,000 followers. These pages provide a great platform to interact with our fans, with a number of giveaways (which included Sherrin footballs and Medallion Club tickets) and competitions run on the pages throughout the season to allow the league to better engage with our followers. Furthermore, live around-the-ground scores were posted on Facebook and Twitter every Saturday, while breaking news continues to be published on the pages throughout the week.

The Northerner, the official publication of the NFL, underwent an overhaul this season as the league formed a new printing partnership with Cyan Press. The new layout of the football record was well received, with all the latest news, previews and match reports still included inside the record, along with a number of new features. These included coloured pages, a weekly editorial from NFL CEO Jeremy Bourke and a page dedicated to the Northern region's TAC Cup side, the Northern Knights.

The NFL Match of the Day was again broadcast on 88.6 Plenty Valley FM between 1pm-5pm each Saturday, with the radio station also affording the NFL additional airtime to preview the upcoming weekend's action during its Friday morning breakfast show. The Match of the Day team, comprising newcomers Tom Flanagan, Jordan Kounelis and David Nash, called a total of 26 matches during the season, which included match broadcasts on both Saturdays and Sundays during the finals series. The time and research put in by the radio call team



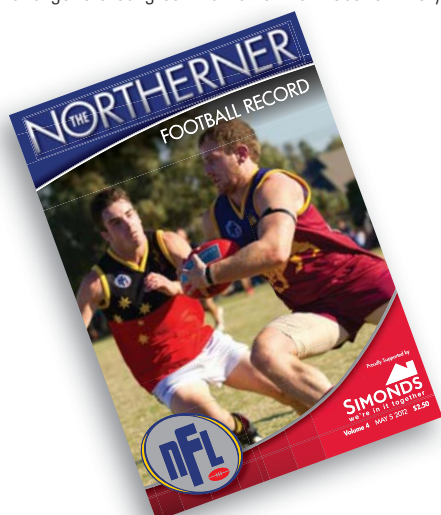
to ensure an insightful and accurate broadcast is a testament to the dedication and commitment of all three callers. I thank them for their work and friendship throughout the season and commend them on their stellar performance.

The success and improvement of the league's media profile can be attributed largely to the number of media volunteers who jumped on board this season. Along with the three new match-day callers, the league also obtained the services of a number of match reporters who ensured the NFL webpage and football record contained all the latest football and netball stories. A very big thank you goes to Michael Hogg, Clare Cosgrave, Liam O'Callaghan, Tom Morris, Declan Grattan, Doug Long, Jarrad Conron and Stephen Fitzgerald for their professionalism and enthusiasm throughout the year. This team gave up their Saturday afternoons each week of the season simply for the love of the game and it is their tireless and often unheralded work which enables the league to boast a media department which is the envy of most local sporting leagues. I look forward to having all our match reporters and radio callers back on board next year for an even bigger and better season. I also wish to thank all those club volunteers who provided club notes on a weekly basis. Your contributions to the football record are a must-read each week and enable NFL fans to keep updated with the latest news from club level.

Finally, thank you to every NFL staff and board member for all of your support and assistance throughout the season and to all those who continue to support and contribute to our league and this great game.

See you at the football.

Samuel Zito
Media Manager





This page, clockwise from top left: Diamond Creek and Macleod continued their netball rivalry; Joseph Woonton hauls in a huge mark in the Division 1 Grand Final; Darebin Falcons and Diamond Creek Women's contested the Youth Girls Grand Final; Melbourne captain and former Hurstbridge Junior Jack Grimes was a special guest at the Season Launch.



DIVISION 1 REVIEW



Ten years on from its history-making fourth-consecutive premiership, 2012 was the season in which Northcote Park reasserted itself as a force in Division 1.

Led by midfield dynamos Bronik Davies and Paul Scanlon and young stars including Nick Carter, Anthony Hogan and Ben McNiece, the Cougars came from fourth on the ladder at the conclusion of the home and away season to claim their eighth senior premiership, and first since 2002.

Playing a quick and skilful brand of football under new coach Jason Heatley, the Cougars took the finals series by storm. They defeated each of their fellow finalists in consecutive weeks to become the first side in NFL history to win the premiership from outside the top three.

So dominant were the Cougars in September that only one other side, Heidelberg, notched a victory in the finals series.

A comprehensive 45-point win over the Tigers in the premiership decider confirmed Northcote Park's status as the best side in the competition, but midway through the season it looked anything but that.

In fact, at Round 10 Northcote Park was firmly entrenched in the relegation battle. Having just succumbed to eventual wooden spooner Whittlesea by 33 points, the Cougars sat eighth on the ladder above only the Eagles and recently-promoted Lower Plenty.

The loss at Whittlesea Showgrounds became the turning point in the Cougars' season as they won 11 of their final 12 matches en route to the premiership.

On reflection, the ability of the eventual last-placed team to defeat the premier gives an insight as to just how competitive the 2012 season was. An astonishing five draws during the year was testament to the evenness of the competition, with a further 15 games decided by single-digit margins.

Reigning premier Bundoora again looked the side to beat early in the season, winning its opening six games to top the table before suffering a loss to Northcote Park in Round 7 in a sign of what was to come. Injuries and indifferent form saw the Bulls win only five more matches for the season as they exited the finals race in straight sets in Phil Maylin's last year as coach.



Featuring a number of high-profile recruits, including former AFL players Kayne Pettifer and Aisake O'hAilpin, Montmorency had a nail-biting start to the year with three consecutive games between rounds 2-4 decided by two points.

The Magpies made their premiership intentions known in Round 5 when they smashed Heidelberg by 75 points at Warringal Park, before coming from four goals behind Bundoora at Yulong Reserve in Round 9 to claim a 12-point victory.

They eventually finished the season with a 15-3 record to take out the minor premiership, however their wretched run at Preston City Oval in September continued as bowed out of the finals race in straight sets – stretching their premiership drought to a 34th year.

Heidelberg's era of excellence continued as it finished second on the table before advancing to a ninth-consecutive Grand Final appearance. The Tigers had looked set to win the minor premiership after claiming a two-point win in the mud against Montmorency in Round 14 before a late season draw and loss saw it lose top spot to the Magpies.

It mattered little as the side put in two sensational performances against Bundoora and Montmorency in the opening two weeks of September to earn a week off heading into the premiership decider. However, with skipper Blair Harvey limited by a broken bone in his leg and with several others down on their usual input, the Tigers succumbed to their third consecutive Grand Final loss.

After winning the premiership in 2010 and reaching the preliminary final last year, West Preston-Lakeside slipped back to fifth on the ladder in 2012. Despite strong years from skipper Jake Williams and boom recruit Kris Bardon, the Roosters were never able to regularly string together consistent performances during the year. They managed consecutive victories just once all season, that being a four-game winning streak between rounds 8-11.

Eltham sat second on the ladder at Round 7 following a strong start to the year under new coach Brett Weatherald. With Paul Currie and Jackson Weatherald starring up forward, and Lachie Richardson, Brendan O'Sullivan and Bradyn Taglieri all in good form, the Panthers looked a genuine contender. However a spate of injuries crippled the club's fortunes as it managed just two

wins in the second half of the year to finish sixth on the ladder.

Greensborough started the season well and won its opening three games, before losing its next six. Despite winning just seven games for the season, the Boro were a competitive unit throughout and managed to upset Heidelberg in the final round of the year. Young ruckman Joel McLellan was a standout in his first season at War Memorial Park, while midfielders Lachlan McQuilken and Conlan Gunn again excelled.

Macleod still had a realistic finals chance at Round 14 when it sat just six points outside the top five. However a disappointing final month of the year saw the Roos net just two points from their final four games as they slipped to an eighth-place finish. Midfielder Ryan Harris was the outright winner of the club's best and fairest after sharing the honour with Kane Shaw in 2011, while John Andrew was named the Division 1 Coaches Player of the Year for his efforts in the midfield.

The relegation battle went down to the final minute of the season with Lower Plenty miraculously hoisting itself into ninth place to avoid the wooden spoon at Whittlesea's expense.

The Bears won three of their last four games, including a 37-point victory at Whittlesea in the final round of the year.

The equation was simple going into the Round 18 game. If the Bears won by 29 points or more they would avoid the wooden spoon and demotion to Division 2. Anything less and it would be the Eagles who stayed in the top flight.

Lower led for the majority of the afternoon but it looked like the victory would be in vain with its margin standing at just 15 points midway through the final term. However a late onslaught enabled the Bears to win by the desired margin and relegate their opposition to second division by a measly 0.81 per cent.

It was a heartbreak so nearly avoided by Whittlesea who impressed during its two-year stay in Division 1. The Eagles drew twice in successive games against Eltham and Macleod in rounds 15 and 16, where an extra behind in either game would have prolonged their stay in the top flight.

In the reserves competition, West Preston-Lakeside matched Northcote Park's feat by winning the

premiership from fourth place on the ladder. The Roosters sat seventh at Round 12 before winning their final 12 games of the season. Remarkably, 16-year-old Garrett McDonagh was named best afield in their 73-point Grand Final triumph over Montmorency.

Northcote Park ended Greensborough's dreams of a fourth-successive under-19 premiership, with a 38-point win over the Boro in the Grand Final. The Cougars topped the ladder for the majority of the season, losing just two games on their way to the flag. Joel Donaldson won the best on ground medal in the decider.

DIVISION 1 SENIOR GRAND FINAL

Northcote Park	4.5	9.8	13.10	17.12 (114)
Heidelberg	2.3	4.7	6.12	9.15 (69)

Best: Heidelberg – J Houlihan, B Cosgriff, W Drapac, D Nolan, C Cullinan, M Gay
Northcote Park – A Hogan, K Colman, N Carter, P Scanlon, S Lorenzini, N Kelly

Goals: Heidelberg – J Houlihan 2, D Nolan 2, R Healey, F Dorbolo, B Cosgriff, D Nolan, J Sinclair
Northcote Park – K Colman 6, J Woonton 3, N Kelly 3, N Carter, B McLennan, A Hogan, O McEwan, M Papas

DIVISION 1 RESERVES GRAND FINAL

West Preston-Lakeside	6.3	10.5	11.8	18.12 (120)
Montmorency	1.0	2.1	5.3	7.5 (47)

Best: Montmorency – J Whitting, K Vann, M Nunan, S Brown, G McCracken, S Pepyat
West Preston-Lakeside – G McDonagh, A Close, B Peters, M Tobin, K Heaney, M Whittaker

Goals: Montmorency – M Miller 2, A Swindon, D Trajanovski, S Pepyat, J Whitting, D Hussey
West Preston-Lakeside – B Peters 5, N Eshel 4, K Heaney 2, C Belbasis, M Tobin, J Crapper, J Rizzolio, M Whittaker, N McDonagh, B Sanderson

DIVISION 1 UNDER-19 GRAND FINAL

Northcote Park	6.2	7.3	12.6	14.15 (99)
Greensborough	1.2	2.5	3.10	8.13 (61)

Best: Northcote Park – J Donaldson, H Short, D Galofaro, K Slater, L Zuccala, A Ruggieri
Greensborough – J Cox, J Johnston, S Parks, K Bruhn, C Clark, J Callaway

Goals: Northcote Park – J Abbatangelo 5, K Slater 5, B Abou-Eid, M Borg, J Donaldson, J Kroussoratis
Greensborough – J Johnston 4, M Hunt 2, L McCann, J Cox



DIVISION 1 LADDERS

DIVISION 1 SENIORS								
Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
Montmorency	18	15	3	0	1885	1432	131.63	60
Heidelberg	18	13	4	1	1743	1236	141.02	54
Bundoora	18	11	7	0	1889	1434	131.73	44
Northcote Park	18	10	7	1	1610	1421	113.30	42
West Preston-Lakeside	18	9	7	2	1606	1508	106.50	40
Eltham	18	7	9	2	1580	1658	95.30	32
Greensborough	18	7	10	1	1427	1682	84.84	30
Macleod	18	6	11	1	1257	1595	78.81	26
Lower Plenty	18	4	14	0	1255	1754	71.55	16
Whittlesea	18	3	13	2	1286	1818	70.74	16

DIVISION 1 RESERVES								
Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
Montmorency	18	15	3	0	1778	931	190.98	60
Greensborough	18	13	5	0	1663	1094	152.01	52
Eltham	18	13	5	0	1536	1035	148.41	52
West Preston-Lakeside	18	12	5	1	1628	994	163.78	50
Lower Plenty	18	11	7	0	1698	1179	144.02	44
Northcote Park	18	9	9	0	1527	1360	112.28	36
Bundoora	18	8	9	1	1387	1184	117.15	34
Macleod	18	6	12	0	1233	1375	89.67	24
Heidelberg	18	1	17	0	561	2137	26.25	4
Whittlesea	18	1	17	0	521	2243	23.23	4

DIVISION 1 UNDER 19									
Team	P	W	L	D	FF	F	A	%	Pts
Northcote Park	17	15	2	0	1	1581	636	248.58	64
Greensborough	18	16	2	0	0	1708	889	192.13	64
Montmorency	18	14	4	0	0	1594	1024	155.66	56
Eltham	18	10	8	0	0	1306	1053	124.03	40
Whittlesea	18	9	9	0	0	1191	1081	110.18	36
West Preston-Lakeside	18	7	10	1	0	1009	1579	63.90	30
Macleod	18	7	11	0	0	1140	1335	85.39	28
Lower Plenty	18	6	12	0	0	1050	1332	78.83	24
Bundoora	17	2	14	1	0	709	1805	39.28	10
Heidelberg	18	2	16	0	0	787	1341	58.69	8





DIVISION 1 FINALS

DIVISION 1 SENIORS FINALS

QUALIFYING FINAL

Heidelberg 17.11 (113) def Bundoora 8.13 (61)

ELIMINATION FINAL

Northcote Park 13.13 (91) def
West Preston-Lakeside 8.15 (63)

FIRST SEMI FINAL

Bundoora 11.12 (78) def by
Northcote Park 14.14 (98)

SECOND SEMI FINAL

Montmorency 13.11 (89) def by
Heidelberg 17.7 (109)

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Montmorency 13.9 (87) def by
Northcote Park 14.13 (97)

GRAND FINAL

Heidelberg 9.15 (69) def by
Northcote Park 17.12 (114)

DIVISION 1 RESERVES

QUALIFYING FINAL

Greensborough 10.8 (68) def Eltham 8.6 (54)

ELIMINATION FINAL

West Preston-Lakeside 14.13 (97) def
Lower Plenty 10.5 (65)

FIRST SEMI FINAL

Eltham 8.12 (60) def by
West Preston-Lakeside 11.17 (83)

SECOND SEMI FINAL

Montmorency 11.11 (77) def
Greensborough 12.1 (73)

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Greensborough 5.6 (36) def by
West Preston-Lakeside 11.12 (78)

GRAND FINAL

Montmorency 7.5 (47) def by
West Preston-Lakeside 18.12 (120)

DIVISION 1 UNDER-19

QUALIFYING FINAL

Greensborough 15.13 (103) def
Montmorency 6.7 (43)

ELIMINATION FINAL

Eltham 10.11 (71) def Whittlesea 8.3 (51)

FIRST SEMI FINAL

Montmorency 12.6 (78) def by Eltham 16.11 (107)

SECOND SEMI FINAL

Northcote Park 12.12 (84) def
Greensborough 11.8 (74)

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Greensborough 13.5 (83) def Eltham 8.7 (55)

GRAND FINAL

Northcote Park 14.15 (99) def
Greensborough 8.13 (61)



Previous page, left to right:
Scott Nugent and Patrick Flynn contest
the ruck; Trent Barbero spoils;
Paul Scanlon.

This page, top to bottom: Jake Williams
looks to find a teammate;
Fabian Dorbolo puts Jess Sinclair into
space against Macleod.





DIVISION 2 REVIEW



Epping was the dominant side of Division 2 in 2012 but it was only a last-gasp goal to Daniel Santoro that ensured the Blues claimed the premiership following a dramatic Grand Final against North Heidelberg.

Despite booting the opening five goals of the premiership decider, Epping's dream of ending a 22-year premiership drought looked over when Shane Harvey booted his ninth goal early in the third term to give the Bulldogs a 32-point buffer.

However, the Blues staged a stirring comeback at Preston City Oval and hit the lead midway through the final quarter only to concede two quick goals to fall nine points behind with just minutes remaining on the clock.

But goals to Matthew Garland and Santoro in the dying stages enabled Epping to hold on for a four-point victory and return to Division 1 for the first time since 2007. Harvey's nine-goal haul earned him the best on ground medal in a losing side.

While the Blues only just scraped through the Grand Final, they were certainly a deserving winner of the premiership following a near faultless home and away campaign.

Mario Bandera's men won their opening 17 matches and headed undefeated into the final round of the regular season before succumbing to North Heidelberg by 20 points in extremely heavy conditions.

The 17-1 record matched Lower Plenty's effort of a year prior and was made even more impressive when taking into account the fact that Epping played all of its three fellow finalists (North Heidelberg, Diamond Creek and Fitzroy Stars) on three occasions.

Midfield gun Luke Liroi had a sensational season to finish second in the competition best and fairest voting, while recruits Jarrod Tilley and John Kreuzer added the extra bit of class the Blues needed after falling in the 2011 Grand Final.

Epping may have had a stranglehold on first position, but the fight for second place was the most compelling in years with three sides locked in a season-long battle. Very little separated North Heidelberg, Diamond Creek and Fitzroy Stars during the course of the season, but a run of five consecutive wins to round out the season provided the Bulldogs with the double chance in September.

Upon Harvey's return from Southport in Round 6, North Heidelberg always looked the side most capable of matching it with Epping. Ultimately it could manage just one win against the Blues from five attempts, however it was able to finish within five goals in all four losses to the eventual premier.

After playing off in three successive preliminary finals, Diamond Creek failed to make it passed the first week of the finals following a loss to Fitzroy Stars in the first semi final. Earlier in the season the Creekers had looked a genuine contender for the premiership before a spate of injuries crippled the club's top-two ambitions. Young ruckman Jai Norman was a revelation in his first season in the red and blue and finished third in the competition best and fairest award.

Fitzroy Stars was without doubt the biggest surprise packet of 2012. Having never played in the finals since joining the league in 2008 and without a home game until Round 8 because of ground renovations, few pundits would have predict the Stars to finish in the top four.

But under co-coaches Travis Hodgson and Lelly Bamblett, the Stars won their opening five games to sit atop the ladder at Round 5. They eventually finished the regular season in fourth place before producing a stunning final three quarters in the first semi final to topple Diamond Creek by 30 points, led by seven-goal hero Patrick Davis.

Lalor had a year to forget and finished fifth, some five-games behind the Stars. The Bloods lost their opening four games of the season and never truly recovered. They didn't defeat a finalist until Round 18, when they upset Diamond Creek, and fell to whopping 120-point defeat to arch-rival North Heidelberg late in the year. Peter Shepherd was the standout up forward and still managed to boot 70 goals, while Scott Dowell took out the Coaches Player of the Year award.

With the top four sides confirmed finalists at the halfway mark of the year, much attention turned to the three-way relegation battle which wasn't decided until the final quarter of the season.

In its first season back in Division 2, South Morang managed to avoid the wooden spoon with a Round 18 win over Thomastown to finish sixth on the table. The Lions' lowly percentage meant a loss would have seen them relegated because of Hurstbridge's massive upset win over Fitzroy Stars on the last day of the year.



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Epping, Diamond Creek and
Thomastown lift their premiership cups

This page: South Morang's Vito Ferraro
shows some dash against Fitzroy Stars

With only one win from its first 16 games, relegation looked a formality for the Bridges heading into the final fortnight of the year. However a win over South Morang in Round 17 kept the club's faint hopes of survival alive, before accounting for the Stars by 15 points the following week.

It meant that Thomastown was relegated despite not sitting on the bottom of the table since way back in Round 9. Unfortunately for the Bears, a winless final five games of the year left them in the most unwanted position on the table at the worst possible time of the year.

Diamond Creek took out the reserves premiership after two solid finals wins over minor premier North Heidelberg. Led by playing-coach Brian Hardman, who notched up his 300th game during the season, the Demons won their final 11 matches of the season after sitting in sixth place on the ladder at Round 6.

Thomastown caused a major boilover in the under-19 competition, stunning Diamond Creek in the Grand Final. The Bears finished second on the ladder behind the Demons but were the major underdog in the big dance after losing by 49 points to their more-fancied opponent in the second semi final. Eight goals to two in the second half gave the Bears a 23-point win in the premiership decider with Daniel Boudoloh named best afield.

DIVISION 2 SENIOR GRAND FINAL

Epping	5.5	6.9	10.15	15.21 (111)
North Heidelberg	1.3	11.5	14.5	17.5 (107)

Best: Epping: C Campbell, D Moore, J Stavely, L Adams, L Lirosi, M Dornauf
North Heidelberg: S Harvey, S Kelly, C Brown, L Bentley, D Bramich, J Bentley

Goals: Epping: S Kefalas 4, J Totino 2, M Garland 2, A Willitts 2, D Santoro, D Moore, C Campbell, J Stavely, M Dornauf
North Heidelberg: S Harvey 9, M Mahony 2, D Florance 2, C Brown, K Massey, S Kelly, S Saddington

DIVISION 2 RESERVES GRAND FINAL

Diamond Creek	2.1	4.1	6.3	12.10 (82)
North Heidelberg	3.2	5.4	7.5	9.8 (62)

Best: Diamond Creek: R Stephens, S Whitmore, G Wadeson, C McCauley, B Marshall, J Smith
North Heidelberg: S Beavis, J Pekin, T Stretton, R Souter, B Sabin, M Ryan

Goals: Diamond Creek: G Wadeson 3, B Wescott 3, R Stephens 2, C McCauley 2, T Powell, B Marshall
North Heidelberg: B Bevis 3, D Scott 3, M Ryan, Z Ibrahim, M Coombe

DIVISION 2 UNDER-19 GRAND FINAL

Thomastown	1.1	2.2	6.4	10.7 (67)
Diamond Creek	2.2	4.2	4.5	6.8 (44)

Best: Diamond Creek: L Brophy-Hassett, C Croxford, J Simpson, D Shallard, B Adams, D Kennedy

Thomastown: D Boudoloh, J Young, O El-Massri, M Ascenzo, M Gravina, J McHugh

Goals: Diamond Creek: A Di Pierro 2, L de Pyle, N Searl, J Shirreff, O Parks
Thomastown: J Young 5, F Furlano, M Gravina, M Kelly, R Weatherall, D Boudoloh



DIVISION 2 LADDERS

DIVISION 2 SENIORS

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
Epping	18	17	1	0	1836	1116	164.52	68
North Heidelberg	18	14	4	0	2247	1257	178.76	56
Diamond Creek	18	12	6	0	1899	1210	156.94	48
Fitzroy Stars	18	12	6	0	1783	1643	108.52	48
Lalor	18	7	11	0	1473	1701	86.60	28
South Morang	18	4	14	0	1110	1790	62.01	16
Hurstbridge	18	3	15	0	1224	1953	62.67	12
Thomastown	18	3	15	0	1186	2088	56.80	12

DIVISION 2 RESERVES

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
North Heidelberg	18	16	2	0	2011	853	235.76	64
Diamond Creek	18	13	5	0	1770	937	188.90	52
Epping	18	12	6	0	1526	998	152.91	48
Fitzroy Stars	18	11	6	1	1584	1330	119.10	46
Thomastown	18	7	10	1	1279	1611	79.39	30
South Morang	18	7	11	0	986	1441	68.42	28
Hurstbridge	18	5	13	0	1065	1665	63.96	20
Lalor	18	0	18	0	673	2059	32.69	0

DIVISION 2 UNDER 19

Team	P	W	L	D	FF	F	A	%	Pts
Diamond Creek	16	15	1	0	0	1709	684	249.85	60
Thomastown	15	13	2	0	1	1871	653	286.52	56
St Mary's	15	11	4	0	1	1451	703	206.40	48
Lalor	16	10	5	1	0	1370	1049	130.60	42
Watsonia	16	9	7	0	0	1242	900	138.00	36
Mernda	16	8	7	1	0	976	1282	76.13	34
South Morang	16	7	8	1	0	1213	981	123.65	30
Hurstbridge	14	4	10	0	0	877	1569	55.90	16
Reservoir	16	3	10	0	0	710	1694	41.91	12
Warringal Hawks	16	3	13	0	0	611	1678	36.41	12
Eltham Panthers	16	1	14	1	0	776	1613	48.11	6





DIVISION 2 FINALS

DIVISION 2 SENIORS FINALS

FIRST SEMI FINAL

Diamond Creek 9.18 (72) def by
Fitzroy Stars 15.12 (102)

SECOND SEMI FINAL

Epping 14.13 (97) def North Heidelberg 10.8 (68)

PRELIMINARY FINAL

North Heidelberg 17.14 (116) def
Fitzroy Stars 14.9 (93)

GRAND FINAL

Epping 15.21 (111) def North Heidelberg 17.5 (107)

DIVISION 2 RESERVES FINALS

FIRST SEMI FINAL

Epping 15.10 (100) def Fitzroy Stars 7.10 (52)

SECOND SEMI FINAL

North Heidelberg 6.7 (43) def by
Diamond Creek 13.12 (90)

PRELIMINARY FINAL

North Heidelberg 10.13 (73) def Epping 7.4 (46)

GRAND FINAL

Diamond Creek 12.10 (82) def
North Heidelberg 9.8 (62)

DIVISION 2 UNDER-19 FINALS

FIRST ELIMINATION FINAL

St Mary's 20.21 (141) def Mernda 1.1 (7)

SECOND ELIMINATION FINAL

Lalor 13.11 (89) def Watsonia 11.7 (73)

FIRST SEMI FINAL

St Mary's 10.8 (68) def Lalor 6.7 (43)

SECOND SEMI FINAL

Diamond Creek 14.8 (92) def Thomastown 6.7 (43)

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Thomastown 16.10 (106) def St Mary's 6.4 (40)

GRAND FINAL

Diamond Creek 6.8 (44) def by
Thomastown 10.7 (67)

Previous page: North Heidelberg's Leigh Gilbert tries to break free of a tackle against Epping.

This page, top: Epping recruit Jarrod Tilley fires a long pass.

Bottom: Matthew Mahony fights for possession against Hurstbridge.





DIVISION 3 REVIEW



DIVISION 3 SENIORS FINALS

FIRST SEMI FINAL

Reservoir 16.6 (102) def St Mary's 10.14 (74)

SECOND SEMI FINAL

Panton Hill 7.7 (49) def by Mernda 13.12 (90)

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Panton Hill 11.11 (77) def Reservoir 10.13 (73)

GRAND FINAL

Mernda 19.18 (132) def Panton Hill 6.3 (39)

DIVISION 3 SENIOR GRAND FINAL

Mernda	1.3	7.10	12.17	19.18 (132)
Panton Hill	3.0	5.0	5.1	6.3 (39)

Best: Mernda: M Rees, M Aquilina, T Deayton, C Cawsey, R Davies, D Hutchinson

Panton Hill: T Kreymborg, B Strongman, B Parker, W Box, S Amore, K Le Gassick

Goals: Mernda: D Hutchinson 3, M Aquilina 3, T Felle 3, J Robinson 2, J O'Donnell 2, C Curlis 2, T Deayton, N Mills, R Davies

Panton Hill: T Kreymborg 2, J Byron, Z Williams, B O'Connor, D Keen

Wooden spoon one year, premiership the next.

That was the scenario for Mernda whose 2012 premiership success ensured its stay in Division 3 was only a brief one after being relegated from Division 2 in 2011.

The Demons were locked in a season-long battle with Panton Hill for the Division 3 minor premiership and while finishing runner-up in that tussle, the result would be reversed in the finals series.

A 41-point win over the Redbacks in the second semi final gave the Demons the first spot in the Grand Final and a fortnight later the result would be even more one-sided as Mernda charged to its first premiership victory in 21 years with a 93-point triumph against the minor premier.

After trailing by 15 points early in the second quarter, Mernda piled on 11 consecutive goals to run right over the Redbacks. So dominant were the Demons, they conceded only one goal in the second half.

Mernda veteran Matthew Rees was adjudged best afield in the victory, however it was an honour which could have been raffled amongst a number of Demons with Matthew Aquilina, David Hutchinson, Tom Deayton and skipper Rohan Davies all producing dominant displays.

It was a sour end to an otherwise superb season for Panton Hill who claimed its first minor premiership since 1972 after losing just once in the home and away season – that being a 100-point loss to Mernda in Round 10 with a severely depleted line-up.

The Redbacks had five players feature in the 2012 Division 3 Team of the Year, including competition leading goalkicker Jonathon Byron. The veteran relished a move to the forward line and booted 96 goals in the regular season before notching up his 100th in his team's four-point preliminary final win over Reservoir.

After missing out on the finals series in 2011, the Mustangs were a big improver in Ross Terranova's first season in charge and were ultimately bitterly unfortunate to not play off in the premiership-decider after leading Panton Hill for much of the preliminary final.

The Mustangs were the only side able to genuinely challenge Mernda and Panton Hill during the season and ended the Demons' nine-match winning streak in Round 14 with a gripping 12-point win in the NFL Match of the Day.

A host of key inclusions led the side during the season, with Toby O'Meara, Ashley Flavel,



Jarrold Skinner and Cameron Rooney all making notable impressions in their first year at Crispe Park.

St Mary's featured in its second consecutive finals series in just its third season of competition, however, the Burras fell into the top four after winning just six games for the season.

While no match for Reservoir in the first semi final, another finals appearance provided great experience as the young side continued to develop under Brenton Kinnear's tutelage.

Parkside was the biggest slider in 2012, missing out on the finals series after playing off in three consecutive Division 3 Grand Finals.

The Devils were on the receiving end of two triple-digit defeats during the season which proved decisive as they missed a finals berth by percentage. Ultimately, it was a shock Round 18 loss to Heidelberg West which put paid to the Devils' finals aspirations.

Much like 2011, Heidelberg West and Watsonia were left in a scrap to avoid the wooden spoon however this year it was the Saints who claimed the unwanted title – something which didn't look likely after they claimed a 52-point win over the Hawks in Round 1.

Unfortunately it would be the club's only victory of the season as it lost 15 consecutive matches, leading to the demise of coach Gavan Taylor after the Round 8 loss to Heidelberg West.

Despite losing its opening six games by an average of 105 points, Heidelberg West showed great promise in the latter stages of the year, winning three matches and also managing to head Pantom Hill at half-time of their Round 12 encounter.

The reserves competition belonged solely to Mernda as it went through the entire season undefeated to be crowned champions and premiers. No side came within 17 points of the Demons as they ensured it was a season to remember for both sides from Schotters Road.

A five-goal to zero opening quarter on Grand Final day helped the Demons capture a 53-point win against St Mary's. Despite losing convincingly, it was an historic day for St Mary's with the reserves becoming the club's first open-age team to compete in a Grand Final since the club's establishment in 2010.

Pictured: Mernda celebrates both its seniors and reserves premiership wins.

DIVISION 3 RESERVES FINALS

FIRST SEMI FINAL

Reservoir 6.8 (44) def by **Pantom Hill 11.12 (78)**

SECOND SEMI FINAL

Mernda 9.8 (62) def St Mary's 6.9 (45)

PRELIMINARY FINAL

St Mary's 10.9 (69) def Pantom Hill 8.12 (60)

GRAND FINAL

Mernda 12.13 (85) def St Mary's 4.8 (32)

DIVISION 3 RESERVES GRAND FINAL

Mernda	5.3	5.7	9.9	12.13 (85)
St Mary's	0.0	1.2	3.4	4.8 (32)

Best: Mernda: M Tamburini, J Wuelfert, D Collett, B Smout, N Johnson, S Martin

St Mary's: R Campbell, G Robinson, D Sedgwick, R Benjamin, M Hopper, J Seymour

Goals: Mernda: S Silman 3, S Martin 3, R Barbera 2, M Milner, D Berryman, C Zabrieszach, L Soligo

St Mary's: M Hopper, J Doherty, C O'Neill, J Benson



DIVISION 3 LADDERS

DIVISION 3 SENIORS

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
Panton Hill	16	15	1	0	1737	1016	170.96	60
Mernda	16	13	3	0	1643	836	196.53	52
Reservoir	16	12	4	0	1464	1039	140.90	48
St Mary's	16	6	10	0	1247	1226	101.71	24
Parkside	16	6	10	0	1187	1464	81.08	24
Heidelberg West	16	3	13	0	920	1979	46.49	12
Watsonia	16	1	15	0	828	1466	56.48	4

DIVISION 3 RESERVES

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
Mernda	16	16	0	0	1821	488	373.16	64
St Mary's	16	11	5	0	1201	887	135.40	44
Reservoir	16	10	6	0	1259	944	133.37	40
Panton Hill	16	9	6	1	873	987	88.45	38
Watsonia	16	5	11	0	969	1037	93.44	20
Heidelberg West	16	3	12	1	702	1445	48.58	14
Parkside	16	1	15	0	468	1505	31.1	4



Clockwise from left: New recruit Cameron Rooney claimed Reservoir's best and fairest; Mernda youngster Jai Robinson in action; Panton Hill was led superbly by Will Box.





TEAM LISTING: 2012 SEASON

TEAM LISTING: 2012 SEASON	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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DIAMOND CREEK																														
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ELTHAM																														
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SENIORS



UNDER-19s



JUNIORS



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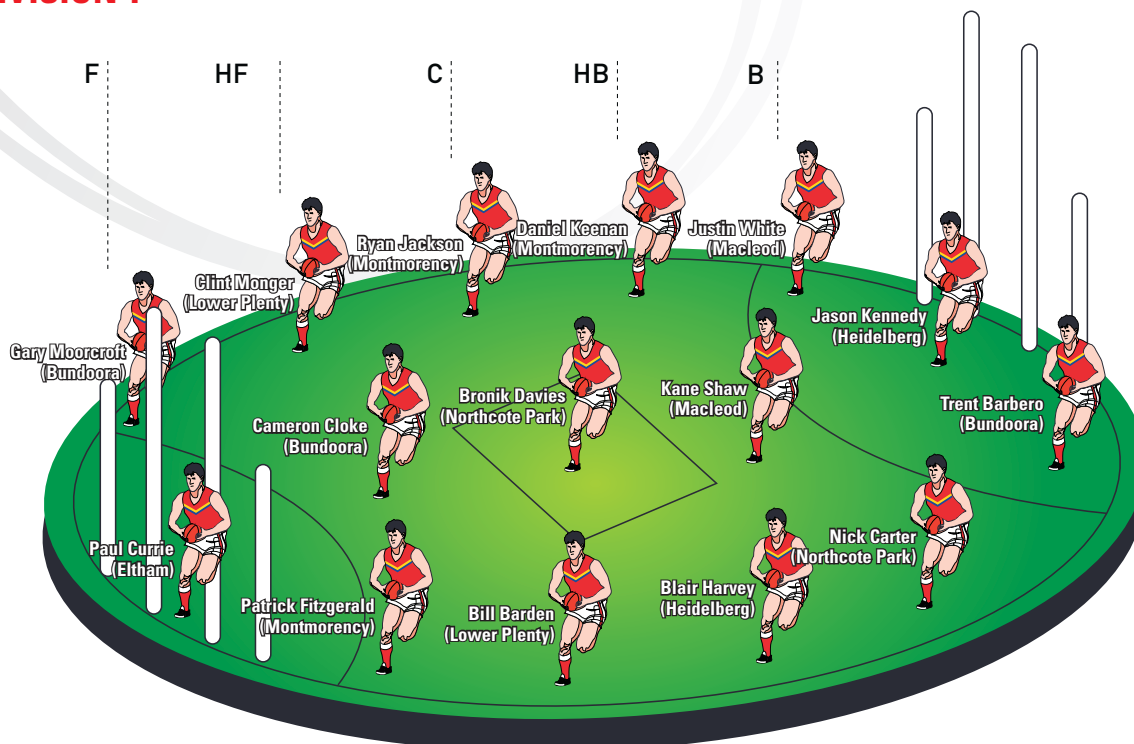
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TEAMS OF THE YEAR

DIVISION 1



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(Bundoora)

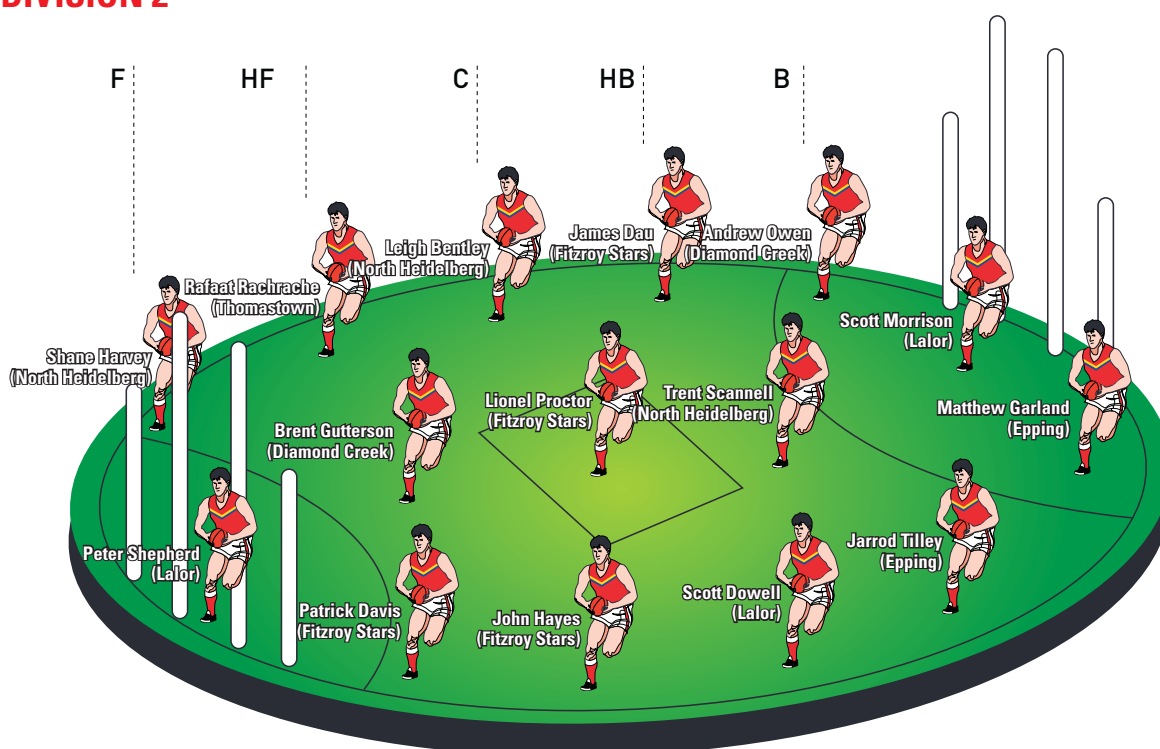
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(West Preston-Lakeside)

ROVER
Danny Nolan
(Heidelberg)

INTERCHANGE
Jeremy Page
(Whittlesea)
John Andrew
(Macleod)
Joel McLellan
(Greensborough)
Conlan Gunn
(Greensborough)

COACH
Jason Heatley
(Northcote Park)

DIVISION 2



RUCK
Jai Norman
(Diamond Creek)

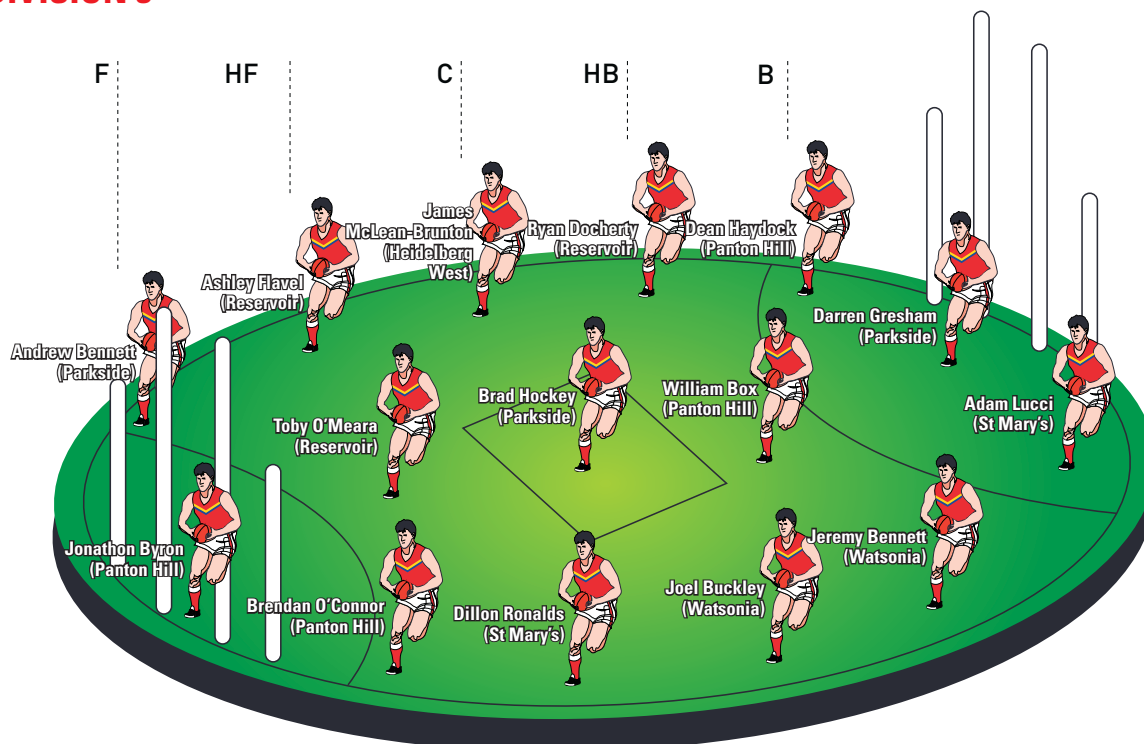
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(Epping)

ROVER
Luke Lirosi
(Epping)

INTERCHANGE
Jason Dean
(North Heidelberg)
John Kreuzer
(Epping)
Ben Fennell
(Hurstbridge)
Adrian Totino
(Epping)

COACH
Mario Bandera
(Epping)

DIVISION 3



2012 AFCA COACH OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Northcote Park premiership coach Jason Heatley was named the 2012 Northern Region Senior Coach of the Year.

Heatley claimed the honour at the annual AFCA Coach of the Year Awards held at Rydges Hotel – Bell City on September 5, just weeks before guiding the Cougars to their first premiership since 2002.

More than 250 people were in attendance as Heatley took out the award ahead of Brett Wilson (Mernda), Brett Weatherald (Eltham), Dean Haydock (Panton Hill) and Leigh Gray (North Heidelberg).

Heatley was exceptional in his first season in charge at Bill Lawry Oval and guided his team to the premiership after finishing the home and away season in fourth place. In doing so, Northcote Park became the first team in NFL history to win the flag from outside the top three.

The Cougars began the season slowly, managing only three wins and a draw from their opening 10 matches, to sit in eighth place on the table at Round 10.

However, a stunning reversal in form saw them win seven of their final eight regular season matches to storm into the finals series.

They then comfortably accounted for West Preston-Lakeside and Bundoora in the opening two weeks of the finals, before edging out minor premier Montmorency by nine points in the preliminary final to advance to the premiership decider.

Despite heading into the Grand Final on the back of three consecutive finals matches, Northcote Park was simply outstanding on the final Saturday of the season – winning every quarter to claim an emphatic 45-point victory over Heidelberg.

Heatley's teaching skills and ability to instil great professionalism and belief into his team were key attributes to him winning the award. That belief enabled the relatively young Cougars side to claim four successive finals victories despite not featuring in September since 2007.

Heatley thanked his players, coaching staff and club hierarchy in his acceptance speech and said he was looking forward to a long and successful stay with the Northcote Park Football Club.

Prior to joining the Cougars, Heatley's coaching career involved stints at Subiaco in the WAFL, Tassie Devils, Warrnambool (Hampden League) and Wantirna South (Eastern FL).

Lalor stalwart Peter Smythe won the Contribution to Football (Male) award, while Sue Clarke took out the inaugural Contribution to Football (Female) award.

Smythe has been involved with the Lalor Football Club for 36 years and is a life member of both the Northern Football League and former Diamond Valley Football League. The scoreboard at Lalor's home ground at Sydney Crescent is named in his honour.

Clarke has been involved with Montmorency Junior Football Club for eight years, of which she has been secretary for the past four years. In that time Montmorency has expanded to become the second largest junior club in the NFL.

She has been a driving force behind the club fielding a Youth Girls team for the first time this season and facilitated the appointment of a club welfare officer.

Millie Anag took out the Female Coach of the Year award after she guided the Northcote under-11s to the premiership in her first season as coach. Her focus on participation rather than winning at all costs drew great praise, as did her positive attitude regardless of the final result.

Special guests on the night included former Carlton assistant coaches Gavin Brown, Paul Williams and John Barker, Collingwood youngsters Jarrod Witts and Peter Yagmoor and Port Melbourne assistant coach Peta Searle.

Here are the nominees for each award category. The winners are in bold.

SENIOR

Jason Heatley (Northcote Park)

Brett Weatherald (Eltham)
Brett Wilson (Mernda)
Leigh Gray (North Heidelberg)
Dean Haydock (Panton Hill)

FEMALE

Millie Anag (Northcote)

Mel Murray (Watsonia South Auskick)
Belinda Mertzandis (Greensborough Auskick District)

YOUTH

Tony Norris (St Mary's)

Stephen Petruccelle (Epping)
Mark Spinoso (St Damian's)
Henry Tyler (St Damian's)
Berni Girolami (St Mary's)
Paul Reid (Eltham)

JUNIOR

Craig Peacock (St Mary's)

Rob Bolzon (St Mary's)
Trevor Lambert (Laurimar)
Trevor Ludeman (Brunswick)
Glenn Reeves (Montmorency)

AUSKICK

Ross Nihill (Hurstbridge Auskick)

Billy Mauldon (Diamond Creek Auskick)
Justin O'Hara (Diamond Creek Auskick)
Darren Rigg (Montmorency Auskick)
Tino Raineri (Mill Park Auskick)
Graham Bowen (Glen Katherine Auskick)
Adrian Stapleton (Banyule Auskick)
Nick Vangeli (Apollo Parkways Auskick)
Jamie Thomas (Apollo Parkways Auskick)
Trevor Searle (Watsonia South Auskick)

AUSKICK CO-ORDINATOR OF THE YEAR

Katrina Pavitt (Diamond Creek Auskick)

CONTRIBUTION TO FOOTBALL – FEMALE

Sue Clarke (Montmorency JFC)

Heather Step (Heidelberg JFC and Auskick)
Lisa Kankaanpaa (Yarrambat)
Helen Smith (Eltham)

CONTRIBUTION TO FOOTBALL – MALE

Peter Smythe (Lalor)

Mark Plowright (Thomastown)
Brad Ferguson (Whittlesea)
Peter Gray (Montmorency)



From left to right: Jason Heatley is awarded Senior Coach of the Year by Collingwood legend Gavin Brown; Sue Clarke was the inaugural winner of the Female Contribution to Football award.





DIVISION 1 AWARDS

Northcote Park captain Bronik Davies and Bundoora ruckman Matthew Dennis were joint winners of the Frank Rosbrook Trophy in 2012, the first time since 2008 that the award has been shared.

The duo were tied on 18 votes, two votes ahead of Montmorency duo Daniel Keenan and Patrick Fitzgerald, with Greensborough tall Joel McLellan finishing outright third on 15 votes.

The 2012 season is one Davies will not forget quickly. As well as taking out the Division 1 best and fairest award, he also led Northcote Park to the 2012 premiership following a dominant final series on both a team and personal level.

The 25-year-old midfielder polled votes in nine of the 15 regular season games he played in, polling maximum votes on two occasions and two votes in four separate matches.

A mid-season purple patch saw Davies poll votes in six of seven games between rounds 8-14, netting him 14 votes to take a clear lead in the best and fairest count. Not surprisingly, Davies' hot form during this period coincided with Northcote Park's turnaround in form as it made its charge towards September.

A hamstring injury forced Davies to miss the final three weeks of the regular season but it wasn't enough to stop him becoming the first Northcote Park player since Brett Jeffrey in 2006 to claim the Division 1 best and fairest award.

For Dennis, the award was due recognition in a season where he assumed first-ruck duties for Bundoora.

Dennis relished the added responsibility following John Kreuzer's departure to Epping and quickly emerged as the premier ruckman in the competition – no mean feat given the number of high quality ruckmen within Division 1 this season.

He polled in 10 matches during the season, including four of the opening six matches of the year as Bundoora made a 6-0 start its premiership defence.

Dennis' good form then continued between rounds 10-15 where he polled in five of six matches, before a two-vote effort in the Bulls' 41-point win over Eltham in Round 17 enabled him a share of the award with Davies.

The reserves and under-19 best and fairest were both taken out by players from premiership sides. West Preston-Lakeside skipper Shaun Barker took out the reserves trophy with a two-vote win over Eltham's Adam Burns, while Northcote Park's Ben Abbatangelo was crowned best and fairest in the under-19 competition.

It was an amazing achievement by Abbatangelo who played only 12 games at under-19 level before being promoted to the seniors. He was superb in four senior outings before breaking his leg late in the side's away win at Bundoora. The injury forced him out of both the under-19 and seniors premiership wins, but the best and fairest award would have provided some consolation.

Gary Moorcroft took out the senior leading goalkicker award with 70 goals in the regular season. The Bundoora forward booted 12 hauls of four goals or more, with his best effort a bag of eight against Greensborough in Round 5.

The Coaches Player of the Year award was claimed by Macleod midfielder John Andrew, who polled 23 votes. Andrew took the lead in the award at the halfway mark of the year and never relinquished top spot for the remainder of the year.



Top to bottom: Matthew Dennis and Bronik Davies, Ben Abbatangelo, John Andrew.

2012 DIVISION 1 BEST AND FAIREST

SENIORS

Bronik Davies	(Northcote Park)	18 votes
Matthew Dennis	(Bundoora)	18 votes
Patrick Fitzgerald	(Montmorency)	16 votes
Daniel Keenan	(Montmorency)	16 votes

RESERVES

Shaun Barker	(West Preston-Lakeside)	17 votes
Adam Burns	(Eltham)	15 votes
Matthew Tarr	(Greensborough)	14 votes

UNDER-19

Ben Abbatangelo	(Northcote Park)	19 votes
Nicholas Bowman	(Montmorency)	18 votes
Daniel Francis	(Macleod)	18 votes

2012 DIVISION 1 LEADING GOALKICKERS

SENIORS

Gary Moorcroft	(Bundoora)	70 goals
Paul Currie	(Eltham)	56 goals
Cameron Cloke	(Bundoora)	52 goals

RESERVES

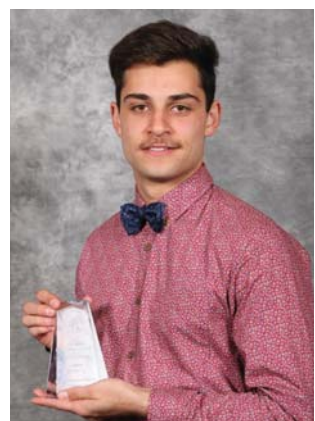
Simon Crump	(Bundoora)	56 goals
Scott McLaughlin	(Lower Plenty)	56 goals
Pierre Haddad	(Northcote Park)	47 goals
Dylan Cunningham	(Greensborough)	47 goals

UNDER-19

Matthew Byron	(Montmorency)	48 goals
Daniel Francis	(Macleod)	39 goals
Kane Slater	(Northcote Park)	37 goals

2012 DIV 1 COACHES PLAYER OF THE YEAR

John Andrew	(Macleod)	23 votes
Brendan O'Sullivan	(Eltham)	19 votes
Drew Wilson	(Greensborough)	19 votes
Clint Monger	(Lower Plenty)	19 votes





DIVISION 2 AWARDS

Fitzroy Stars captain Lionel Proctor took out his second best and fairest trophy in 2012, becoming the first player to claim multiple Division 2 best and fairest awards.

Following his come-from-behind win in 2008, Proctor added the 2012 trophy to his long list of personal achievements with a comfortable victory in the best and fairest count.

The 32-year-old polled 21 votes to finish five clear of Epping premiership rover Luke Liroi and North Heidelberg forward Shane Harvey. Two ruckmen rounded out the top five with Jai Norman (Diamond Creek) and John Kreuzer (Epping) finishing fourth and fifth respectively.

Proctor polled in eight of 17 home and away matches and polled three votes on six occasions. Outlining his importance to the Fitzroy Stars' fortunes, his side was victorious each time he received maximum votes.

He polled six votes in the opening two weeks of the season as the Stars made their finals ambitions known early with two superb away victories over South Morang and North Heidelberg. He lost the lead in the vote count to Liroi between rounds 4-7 but was never again headed after resuming first place with a three-vote effort against South Morang in Round 8.

Significantly, Proctor played an instrumental role in the Stars' 30-point win over Diamond Creek in the first semi final – the club's first senior finals appearance since joining the NFL in 2008.

35-year-old Kevin Elms claimed the reserves best and fairest trophy following a stunning second half of the season. The North Heidelberg veteran didn't poll a vote until Round 7, but polled 19 votes in the final 10 weeks of the season to edge out Diamond Creek playing-coach Brian Hardman by five votes.

Lalor's Daniel Langborne won an exceptionally close count in the under-19 competition, polling 15 votes to finish one vote clear of teammate Paul Brown, Lachlan Buckley (Diamond Creek), Reece Miller (Reservoir) and Joshua Clancy (Watsonia).

The Division 2 leading goalkicker award was taken out by North Heidelberg forward Shane Harvey who booted 83 goals in the regular season. It was an astonishing feat by Harvey who missed the opening five games of the year while playing for Southport in the QEAFL Northern division.

His regular season tally included a 13-goal haul against Hurstbridge in Round 16, while he also booted bags of 12 and 10 against South Morang and Fitzroy Stars respectively.

Arguably his best performance of the season came on Grand Final day when he booted nine goals to claim the best on ground medal in North Heidelberg's four-point loss to Epping at Preston City Oval.

Harvey kicked all nine goals prior to three-quarter time and had seven majors at half-time. His sixth goal of the afternoon was his 100th of the season, with his final goal tally standing at 103 following a finals series that netted 20 majors in three matches.

Lalor's Scott Dowell claimed the Division 2 Coaches Player of the Year award with 25 votes, ending Daniel Moore's three-year reign for the trophy. Dowell polled 11 votes in five weeks between rounds 13-17 to finish with a three-vote win over Hurstbridge youngster Ben Fennell.



Top to bottom:
Lionel Proctor,
Kevin Elms,
Shane Harvey.

2012 DIVISION 2 BEST AND FAIREST

SENIORS

Lionel Proctor	(Fitzroy Stars)	21 votes
Luke Liroi	(Epping)	16 votes
Shane Harvey	(North Heidelberg)	16 votes
Jai Norman	(Diamond Creek)	15 votes

RESERVES

Kevin Elms	(North Heidelberg)	19 votes
Brian Hardman	(Diamond Creek)	14 votes
Daniel Owens	(North Heidelberg)	12 votes

UNDER-19

Daniel Langborne	(Lalor)	15 votes
Lachlan Buckley	(Diamond Creek)	14 votes
Reece Miller	(Reservoir)	14 votes
Joshua Clancy	(Watsonia)	14 votes
Paul Brown	(Lalor)	14 votes

2012 DIVISION 2 LEADING GOALKICKERS

SENIORS

Shane Harvey	(North Heidelberg)	83 goals
Peter Shepherd	(Lalor)	70 goals
Patrick Davis	(Fitzroy Stars)	60 goals

RESERVES

Marc Coombe	(North Heidelberg)	66 goals
Dale Ind	(Epping)	54 goals
Luke McKeown	(Fitzroy Stars)	51 goals

UNDER-19

Joshua Clancy	(Watsonia)	80 goals
Jayden Shirreff	(Diamond Creek)	56 goals
Mark Roumanos	(Lalor)	50 goals

2012 DIV 2 COACHES PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Scott Dowell	(Lalor)	25 votes
Ben Fennell	(Hurstbridge)	22 votes
Jai Norman	(Diamond Creek)	21 votes
Simon Grossman	(South Morang)	21 votes





DIVISION 3 AWARDS

Mernda skipper Rohan Davies capped off a dream season for his football club by taking out the Division 3 best and fairest award.

Less than two weeks after holding aloft the 2012 premiership cup with coach Brett Wilson, Davies was again the toast of the NFL community after comfortably saluting for the highest individual honour in Division 3.

In doing so, he became the first Mernda player to win a senior best and fairest since Tony Maraschiello claimed the Division 2 award in 1997.

Davies polled 30 votes to finish seven clear of Reservoir midfielder Jarrod Skinner, with Panton Hill forward Jonathon Byron third on 15 votes.

His tally was the most ever recorded in Division 3, easily surpassing the previous best of 19 votes by Brad Hockey in 2011 and Robbie Wise in 2009.

Incredibly, Davies polled votes in all but five games of the home and away season, earning best afield honours eight times and claiming two votes on another three occasions.

He polled 22 of a possible 30 votes from Round 8 onwards, including 11 votes in a four-week period between rounds 10-13.

As well as continually racking up high possession counts, Davies' goal kicking also became a feature this season. He booted 19 goals from the midfield which included a four-goal haul over Panton Hill in Round 10.

He was amongst the best in Mernda's 93-point Grand Final win over the Redbacks and shared the Demons' best and fairest award with Luke Howard.

While Davies was a runaway winner of the best and fairest award, it looked as though Reservoir recruit Jarrod Skinner was going to claim a comfortable win following a scintillating start to the season.

Skinner polled three votes in each of Reservoir's first four matches and remarkably earned 17 votes in his first six games in a Mustangs jumper. He led the vote count right up until Round 14 before he was overtaken by Davies in the final five rounds.

Panton Hill's Brett Aldred took out the Division 3 reserves award, the second consecutive year a Redback has won the award following Chris Sansom's triumph last season.

Aldred polled 18 votes to finish six clear of Nathan Johnson (Mernda) and Mark Pirro (Reservoir). He sat third in the count with three rounds remaining before closing out the season with three consecutive best on ground performances.

Jonathon "Joffa" Byron claimed the senior leading goalkicker award following a sensational year in front of the big sticks. The Panton Hill star kicked 96 goals in the regular season before taking his tally to 105 post finals.

He twice booted 10 goals in a match (both times against Heidelberg West) and kicked nine-goal hauls on four separate occasions. Arguably his most important effort came in the preliminary final where he booted five of the Redbacks' 11 goals to propel them past Reservoir and into the Grand Final.

Watsonia's Joel Buckley took out the Division 3 Coaches Player of the Year in a tight vote count. The Watsonia midfielder earned 21 votes from the coaches to just edge out Heidelberg West youngster James McLean-Brunton by one vote. Rohan Davies and Joffa Byron tied for third on 19 votes.



Top to bottom: Rohan Davies, Brett Aldred, Jonathon Byron.

2012 DIVISION 3 BEST AND FAIREST

SENIORS

Rohan Davies	(Mernda)	30 votes
Jarrod Skinner	(Reservoir)	23 votes
Jonathon Byron	(Panton Hill)	15 votes
Dean Haydock	(Panton Hill)	12 votes
Michael Costanzo	(St Mary's)	12 votes

RESERVES

Brett Aldred	(Panton Hill)	18 votes
Nathan Johnson	(Mernda)	12 votes
Mark Pirro	(Reservoir)	12 votes
Shaun Silman	(Mernda)	11 votes
Joshua Doherty	(St Mary's)	11 votes

2012 DIVISION 3 LEADING GOALKICKERS

SENIORS

Jonathon Byron	(Panton Hill)	96 goals
Toby O'Meara	(Reservoir)	54 goals
Ashley Flavel	(Reservoir)	45 goals
Andrew Bennett	(Parkside)	37 goals
Cameron Curlis	(Mernda)	35 goals
Brendan O'Connor	(Panton Hill)	35 goals

RESERVES

Jason Cousins	(Reservoir)	45 goals
Dylan Collins	(Panton Hill)	40 goals
Chris Zabrieszach	(Mernda)	32 goals
Shane Martin	(Mernda)	25 goals
Thomas Felle	(Mernda)	23 goals
Bradley Noronha	(Reservoir)	23 goals

2012 DIV 3 COACHES PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Joel Buckley	(Watsonia)	21 votes
James McLean-Brunton	(Heidelberg West)	20 votes
Rohan Davies	(Mernda)	19 votes
Jonathon Byron	(Panton Hill)	19 votes
Jarrod Skinner	(Reservoir)	17 votes





NETBALL AWARDS

2012 NFL NETBALL BEST & FAIREST

SECTION 1

1st – Stacey Gannon (Diamond Creek Red)	23 votes
2 nd – Mel Laird (Macleod A)	17 votes
3 rd – Mackenzie Blakey (Heidelberg Tigers)	13 votes
3 rd – Aimee Deacon (Macleod A)	13 votes
3 rd – Lyndsay Cooke (Diamond Creek Red)	13 votes



SECTION 3

1st – Jayde Keenan (Montmorency B)	20 votes
2 nd – Alana Keith (Mernda Red)	18 votes
2 nd – Jess Bamblett (Fitzroy Stars A)	18 votes
3 rd – Lauren Newstead (Thomastown A)	15 votes
3 rd – Amy Watts (Mernda Red)	15 votes



SECTION 5

1st – Shae Audley (Hurstbridge)	19 votes
2 nd – Jessica Mitchell (Fitzroy Stars B)	17 votes
3 rd – Jayme Legg (Yarrambat)	15 votes



SECTION 2

1st – Jacinta Tonkin (Bundoora Comets)	21 votes
2 nd – Kylie Yelland (North Heidelberg B)	19 votes
3 rd – Lauren Byrnes (Whittlesea Eagles 2)	18 votes



SECTION 4

1st – Janelle Birch (Thomastown B)	33 votes
2 nd – Sheridan Seekamp (North Heidelberg C)	19 votes
3 rd – Emma Nicholson (Montmorency C)	18 votes



2012 NFL NETBALL STAR SHOOTERS

SECTION 1

Julia Allan (Diamond Creek Red)	333 goals
Rebecca Caldwell (North Heidelberg 1)	333 goals

SECTION 2

Rebecca Palmer (Greensborough A)	279 goals
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SECTION 3

Kristy Greenough (Mernda Red)	204 goals
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SECTION 4

Rhiannon Patterson (Epping B)	221 goals
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SECTION 5

Jessica Mitchell (Fitzroy Stars B)	289 goals
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Clockwise from top left: Stacey Gannon, Jayde Keenan, Shae Audley, Janelle Birch, Jacinta Tonkin.



NETBALL LADDERS

2012 NETBALL FINALS RESULTS

SECTION 1

FIRST SEMI FINAL

North Heidelberg 1 (26) def by Lakeside (39)

SECOND SEMI FINAL

Diamond Creek Red (40) def Macleod (27)

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Macleod A (35) def Lakeside (25)

GRAND FINAL

Diamond Creek Red (37) def Macleod A (32)

SECTION 2

FIRST SEMI FINAL

Diamond Creek Blue (32) def Bundoora Comets (23)

SECOND SEMI FINAL

North Heidelberg B (27) def Macleod B (22)

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Macleod B (26) def by Diamond Creek Blue (40)

GRAND FINAL

North Heidelberg B (29) def Diamond Creek Blue (28)

SECTION 3

FIRST SEMI FINAL

Montmorency B (24) def by South Morang B (33)

SECOND SEMI FINAL

Mernda Red (25) def Fitzroy Stars A (23)

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Fitzroy Stars A (20) def by South Morang B (23)

GRAND FINAL

Mernda Red (26) def South Morang B (21)

SECTION 4

FIRST SEMI FINAL

St Mary's B (28) def Greensborough (18)

SECOND SEMI FINAL

Lakeside B (29) def North Heidelberg C (28)

PRELIMINARY FINAL

North Heidelberg C (27) def by St Mary's B (29)

GRAND FINAL

Lakeside B (28) def St Mary's B (18)

SECTION 5

FIRST SEMI FINAL

Fitzroy Stars B (22) def by Hurstbridge (33)

SECOND SEMI FINAL

Heidelberg Hawkettes (20) def Mernda (13)

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Mernda (15) def by Hurstbridge (17)

GRAND FINAL

Heidelberg Hawkettes (13) def by Hurstbridge (36)

SECTION 1									
Team	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts	
Diamond Creek Red	18	17	1	0	577	380	151.84	68	
Macleod A	18	15	3	0	530	358	148.04	60	
North Heidelberg 1	18	11	7	0	471	448	105.13	44	
Lakeside	18	10	8	0	443	361	122.71	40	
Mernda Demons	18	7	11	0	365	387	94.32	28	
Whittlesea Eagles 1	18	5	13	0	333	441	75.51	20	
Heidelberg Tigers	18	5	13	0	312	454	68.72	20	
Montmorency A	18	2	16	0	307	509	60.31	8	
SECTION 2									
Team	P	W	L	B	D	For	Agst	%	% won
North Heidelberg B	18	15	2	1	0	514	334	153.89	83.33
Macleod B	18	13	3	0	2	404	287	140.77	77.78
Diamond Creek Blue	18	13	5	0	0	431	374	115.24	72.22
Bundoora Comets	18	12	5	1	0	405	364	111.26	66.67
Greensborough A	18	7	8	1	2	388	368	105.43	44.44
South Morang A	18	8	10	0	0	394	418	94.26	44.44
Whittlesea Eagles 2	18	5	12	0	1	358	421	85.04	30.56
Epping A	18	5	13	0	0	328	428	76.64	27.78
St Mary's A	18	4	13	0	1	271	373	72.65	25.00
Lalor A	18	3	12	1	2	341	467	73.02	22.22
SECTION 3									
Team	P	W	L	B	D	For	Agst	%	% won
Mernda Red	18	14	2	2	0	361	204	176.96	77.78
Fitzroy Stars A	18	13	2	3	0	355	188	188.83	72.22
Montmorency B	18	8	7	2	1	282	271	104.06	47.22
South Morang B	18	8	7	2	1	259	266	97.37	47.22
Thomastown A	18	7	7	2	2	278	267	104.12	44.44
Whittlesea Eagles 3	18	6	9	3	0	265	309	85.76	33.33
Lalor B	18	0	15	3	0	139	434	32.03	0
SECTION 4									
Team	P	W	L	B	D	For	Agst	%	% won
Lakeside	18	11	6	1	0	356	256	139.06	61.11
North Heidelberg C	18	10	5	2	1	381	278	137.05	58.33
St Mary's B	18	10	6	2	0	283	241	117.43	55.56
Greensborough B	18	8	8	1	1	318	335	94.93	47.22
Thomastown B	18	8	8	2	0	267	246	108.54	44.44
Epping B	18	6	9	2	1	302	332	90.96	36.11
Whittlesea Eagles 4	18	5	9	3	1	283	346	81.79	30.56
Mernda Blue	18	5	12	1	0	289	315	91.75	27.78
Montmorency C	17	3	12	2	0	215	345	62.32	17.65
SECTION 5									
Team	P	W	L	B	D	For	Agst	%	% won
Heidelberg Hawkettes	18	14	4	0	0	422	237	178.06	77.78
Mernda	18	12	6	0	0	436	244	178.69	66.67
Fitzroy Stars B	18	11	6	0	1	439	272	161.40	63.89
Hurstbridge	18	11	6	0	1	425	275	154.55	63.89
Epping C	18	9	9	0	0	353	404	87.38	50.00
Yarrambat	18	7	10	1	0	382	357	107.00	38.89
Reservoir	18	2	16	0	0	222	475	46.74	11.11
Lalor C	18	2	16	0	0	149	564	26.42	11.11



JUNIOR LADDERS

UNDER-10 BLUE						
Team	P	W	L	D	%	Pts
Research	14	11	3	0	187.45	38
Eltham	14	11	3	0	199.59	36
South Morang Blue	14	10	4	0	144.54	36
Diamond Creek	14	7	7	0	82.46	22
Mill Park	14	4	10	0	55.07	12
Greensborough	14	2	12	0	37.01	6

UNDER-10 RED						
Team	P	W	L	D	%	Pts
Bundoora Park	14	14	0	0	745.68	48
Eltham Panthers	14	10	4	0	137.88	32
Northcote	14	7	7	0	105.41	24
Mernda	14	7	7	0	44.88	22
West Preston Blue	14	4	10	0	53.10	14
Montmorency Black	14	2	12	0	39.31	8

UNDER-10 GREEN						
Team	P	W	L	D	%	Pts
Whittlesea Blue	14	10	4	0	235.23	38
South Morang Gold	14	9	5	0	147.64	34
Yarrambat	14	6	8	0	149.20	22
Montmorency White	14	5	9	0	87.55	20
Mill Park	14	6	8	0	45.03	16
Epping	14	4	10	0	35.14	10

UNDER-10 SILVER						
Team	P	W	L	D	%	Pts
Wallan	13	11	2	0	407.63	38
Hurstbridge	12	8	4	0	213.77	28
Reservoir	12	7	5	0	148.04	24
West Preston Red	13	5	8	0	70.03	18
Panton Hill	13	2	11	0	26.46	6
West Lalor	9	0	9	0	6.97	0

UNDER-11 BLUE						
Team	P	W	L	D	%	Pts
South Morang Blue	14	12	2	0	294.64	40
Whittlesea Blue	14	11	3	0	328.57	38
Montmorency Black	14	10	4	0	235.79	36
Greensborough	14	5	9	0	57.53	18
West Preston	14	5	9	0	29.29	12
Mill Park	14	3	11	0	29.64	8

UNDER-11 RED						
Team	P	W	L	D	%	Pts
South Morang Gold	14	11	3	0	175.89	36
Diamond Creek	14	9	4	1	177.94	32
Bundoora Park	14	9	5	0	125.64	32
Mernda	14	5	9	0	88.44	18
Research	14	3	10	1	46.46	14
Yarrambat	14	4	10	0	76.29	12

UNDER-11 GREEN							
Team	P	W	L	B	D	%	% WON
Northcote	14	11	3	0	0	226.24	78.57
Keon Park	14	10	2	2	0	187.16	71.43
Eltham Panthers	14	8	3	2	1	137.95	60.71
South Morang Maroon	14	5	7	1	1	64.77	39.29
Epping	14	5	8	1	0	112.28	35.71
Montmorency White	14	4	9	1	0	78.55	28.57
Lalor	14	1	12	1	0	33.82	7.14

UNDER-11 SILVER							
Team	P	W	L	B	D	%	% WON
Wallan Juniors	14	12	1	1	0	402.83	85.71
Epping White	14	11	2	1	0	522.97	78.57
Eltham	14	6	6	2	0	709.62	42.86
Yarrambat Brown	14	6	6	2	0	113.33	42.86
Laurimar	14	5	7	2	0	91.91	35.71
Whittlesea Gold	14	1	12	1	0	20.08	7.14
Lalor Stars	14	0	13	1	0	6.9	0

UNDER-12 BLUE						
Team	P	W	L	D	%	Pts
Eltham	11	2	1	1	192.00	39
Montmorency Black	14	10	2	2	191.77	37
Mill Park	14	10	4	0	104.18	32
Yarrambat Brown	14	7	7	0	113.87	26
Northcote	14	7	6	1	98.31	24
South Morang Blue	14	7	7	0	91.32	24
Greensborough	14	4	10	0	70.39	14
Research	14	1	13	0	37.85	2

UNDER-12 RED						
Team	P	W	L	D	%	Pts
South Morang Maroon	14	12	2	0	265.29	40
Wallan	14	11	3	0	243.79	40
Whittlesea	14	8	6	0	240.84	30
Epping	14	6	8	0	131.76	24
Mernda	14	4	10	0	73.10	16
West Preston	14	5	9	0	68.69	16
Yarrambat Gold	14	6	8	0	44.74	16
Diamond Creek	14	5	9	0	30.18	12



JUNIOR LADDERS

UNDER-12 GREEN							
Team	P	W	L	B	D	%	% WON
West Preston	14	11	1	2	0	413.46	78.57
South Morang Gold	14	10	2	2	0	242.42	71.43
West Lalor	14	5	8	1	0	107.00	35.71
Hurstbridge	14	4	7	3	0	82.28	28.57
Eltham Panthers	14	4	8	2	0	61.51	28.57
Panton Hill	14	4	8	2	0	81.02	28.57
Montmorency White	14	1	12	1	0	34.71	7.14

UNDER-13 BLUE						
Team	P	W	L	D	%	Pts
Epping	14	14	0	0	684.50	48
Northcote	14	11	3	0	130.48	38
Wallan	14	9	5	0	76.46	28
South Morang Blue	14	5	9	0	58.35	16
Yarrambat	14	4	10	0	47.63	12
West Preston	14	3	11	0	44.80	10

UNDER-13 RED						
Team	P	W	L	D	%	Pts
Greensborough	14	10	4	0	347.13	40
Eltham	14	10	4	0	149.85	36
Mill Park	14	9	5	0	171.66	30
Research	14	5	9	0	37.70	14
Montmorency	14	4	10	0	42.30	12
Whittlesea	14	3	11	0	44.99	10

UNDER-13 GREEN							
Team	P	W	L	B	D	%	% WON
Keon Park	14	11	1	2	0	538.62	78.57
Bundoora Park	14	10	2	2	0	501.97	71.43
Diamond Creek	14	7	6	1	0	755.26	50.00
Epping	14	5	7	2	0	53.83	35.71
Lalor	14	4	9	1	0	36.00	28.57
Lalor Stars	14	3	9	2	0	23.21	21.43
Mill Park White	14	0	11	3	0	12.56	0

UNDER-14 BLUE						
Team	P	W	L	D	%	Pts
South Morang Blue	14	13	1	0	280.92	46
Northcote	14	8	6	0	118.25	32
Eltham	14	9	5	0	94.62	28
Mill Park	14	7	7	0	84.14	24
Diamond Creek Blue	14	5	9	0	83.96	16
Greensborough	14	4	10	0	37.38	8

UNDER-14 RED						
Team	P	W	L	D	%	Pts
Whittlesea	14	13	0	1	340.69	46
Epping	14	8	5	1	276.22	34
West Preston	14	9	5	0	251.49	32
Montmorency	14	8	6	0	117.91	28
Panton Hill	14	8	6	0	93.71	24
Research	14	6	8	0	102.85	20
West Lalor	14	4	10	0	23.71	10
South Morang Maroon	14	4	10	0	20.91	8

UNDER-14 GREEN							
Team	P	W	L	B	D	%	% WON
Yarrambat	14	9	3	1	1	280.94	67.86
Wallan	14	8	4	2	0	473.60	57.14
South Morang Gold	14	7	4	2	1	227.84	53.57
Hurstbridge	14	6	7	1	0	82.63	42.86
Mernda	14	4	9	1	0	54.68	28.57
Eltham	14	1	11	2	0	32.58	7.14
Reservoir	14	1	12	1	0	25.84	7.14

UNDER-15 BLUE						
Team	P	W	L	D	%	Pts
Montmorency Black	14	11	3	0	131.17	38
South Morang Blue	14	10	4	0	181.68	36
Yarrambat	14	8	6	0	90.38	28
Greensborough	14	8	6	0	113.54	26
Research	14	7	7	0	87.72	22
Diamond Creek	14	7	7	0	75.43	20
West Preston	14	5	9	0	101.45	18
Mill Park	14	3	11	0	64.34	10

UNDER-15 RED							
Team	P	W	L	B	D	%	Pts
Epping	14	12	1	1	0	743.59	46
West Lalor	14	10	3	1	0	125.48	36
Northcote	14	8	5	1	0	222.22	34
Eltham	14	6	7	1	0	190.50	28
Hurstbridge	14	6	7	1	0	262.33	26
Lalor Stars	14	5	6	3	0	16.86	24
South Morang Gold	14	5	8	1	0	29.62	20
Lalor	14	4	9	1	0	57.08	16
Keon Park	14	0	13	1	0	25.14	4



JUNIOR LADDERS

UNDER-16 BLUE						
Team	P	W	L	D	%	Pts
Mill Park	14	11	3	0	220.24	40
Eltham	14	11	3	0	188.22	36
Hurstbridge	14	8	5	1	127.34	30
Montmorency Black	14	6	8	0	81.09	18
Epping	14	5	9	0	60.79	18
West Preston	14	4	9	1	39.05	10

UNDER-16 RED						
Team	P	W	L	D	%	Pts
Research	14	11	3	0	198.02	38
Diamond Creek	14	10	4	0	157.11	34
Northcote	14	8	6	0	143.55	32
Whittlesea	14	8	6	0	139.44	30
Greensborough	14	6	8	0	80.79	22
Montmorency White	14	4	10	0	66.13	12
South Morang	14	3	11	0	57.35	12
Wallan	14	2	12	0	55.98	4

UNDER-17 COMBINED							
Team	P	W	L	B	D	%	% WON
South Morang (B)	14	12	2	0	0	190.42	85.71
Research (B)	14	12	2	0	0	145.17	85.71
Eltham (B)	14	8	5	0	1	178.59	60.71
Whittlesea (B)	14	8	6	0	0	146.88	57.14
Lalor (R)	14	8	6	0	0	110.52	57.14
West Preston (B)	14	7	7	0	0	142.63	50
Montmorency (B)	14	6	7	0	1	96.35	46.43
Diamond Creek (R)	14	6	8	0	0	51.63	42.86
Mill Park (R)	14	5	8	1	0	91.67	35.71
Keon Park (R)	14	4	10	0	0	42.56	28.57

YOUTH GIRLS							
Team	P	W	L	B	FF	%	Pts
Darebin Falcons	14	12	1	1	0	2300.00	52
South Morang Maroon	14	12	2	0	0	300.75	48
Diamond Creek Womens	14	11	3	0	0	220.98	44
South Morang Gold	12	7	5	0	2	86.75	36
Montmorency	14	7	7	0	0	99.82	28
Lalor Stars	13	2	10	1	0	32.85	12
Epping	14	3	11	0	0	30.56	12
Keon Park Stars	14	1	12	1	0	18.62	8



JUNIOR BEST & FAIREST

UNDER 17 BLUE

1st – Brody Waugh (South Morang)	19 votes
2 nd – Jayden Brown (Eltham)	16 votes
3 rd – Garrett McDonagh (West Preston)	15 votes

UNDER 17 RED

1st – Jungala Ellis (Keon Park)	18 votes
2 nd – Oliver Parks (Diamond Creek)	11 votes
3 rd – Hayden Pham (Lalor)	6 votes
3 rd – Brendan Murray (Keon Park)	6 votes

UNDER 16 BLUE

1st – Billy Marshall (Montmorency)	18 votes
2 nd – Christian Janev (Mill Park)	16 votes
3 rd – Joel Dale (Hurstbridge)	13 votes
3 rd – Tieran Barbera (Hurstbridge)	13 votes

UNDER 16 RED

1st – Samuel Switkowski (Research)	24 votes
2 nd – Nicholas Mackay (Greensborough)	21 votes
3 rd – Martin Rodger (Montmorency)	14 votes
3 rd – Clark Sloan (Whittlesea)	14 votes

UNDER 15 BLUE

1st – Jade Gresham (South Morang)	26 votes
2 nd – James El Moussalli (Yarrambat)	19 votes
3 rd – Jordan Sacco (Research)	18 votes

UNDER 15 RED

1st – Jackson Freebairn (Epping)	24 votes
2 nd – Daniel Jarvis (Hurstbridge)	17 votes
3 rd – Nathan Kelly (West Lalor)	16 votes
3 rd – Andrew Sandford (West Lalor)	16 votes
3 rd – Kyle Hedderick (Epping)	16 votes

UNDER 14 BLUE

1st – Marcus Borg (South Morang)	21 votes
2 nd – Harrison Reid (Northcote)	19 votes
3 rd – Ty Franks (Diamond Creek)	18 votes

UNDER 14 RED

1st – Jacob Fahey (Montmorency)	20 votes
1 st – Daniel Di Pasquale (Epping)	20 votes
2 nd – Ben Paterson (Research)	15 votes
3 rd – Matthew Coen (Whittlesea)	13 votes
3 rd – Luke Shorten (West Preston)	13 votes

UNDER 14 GREEN

1st – Peter Schiavone (Wallan)	26 votes
2 nd – Mark Pavlovski (Yarrambat)	16 votes
2 nd – Cooper Perrin (Yarrambat)	16 votes
3 rd – Grant Williams (Mernda)	11 votes

UNDER 13 BLUE

1st – Kyle McGaw (Epping)	30 votes
2 nd – Martin Sin (Yarrambat)	20 votes
3 rd – Ahmad Ahmad (Northcote)	18 votes

UNDER 13 RED

1st – Mitchell Andrews (Mill Park)	31 votes
2 nd – Daniel Horsfield (Eltham)	22 votes
3 rd – Lucas Northeast (Greensborough)	16 votes

UNDER 13 GREEN

1st – Christian Pisano (Bundoora Park)	24 votes
2 nd – George Panagidis (Lalor Stars)	16 votes
3 rd – Kye Agosta (Diamond Creek)	10 votes

YOUTH GIRLS

1st – Demi-Lee Hallett (South Morang)	22 votes
2 nd – Julia Phung (Darebin Falcons)	19 votes
3 rd – Stephanie Trkulja (Montmorency)	15 votes

Most Promising Junior Umpire – Luke Harvey

Junior Umpire of the Year – Martin Rodger

Northern Knights Rookie of the Year –
Kieran Malone (Eltham)

Low Hall Players Award –
Jasmine Fitzgerald (Lalor Stars)

Junior Club of the Year – Bundoora Park



Kieran Malone



Brody Waugh



Samuel Switkowski



Jacob Fahey



Demi-Lee Hallett



JUNIOR FINALS

UNDER 10 BLUE

First Semi Final

South Morang Blue 4.1 (25) def by
Diamond Creek 7.9 (51)

Second Semi Final

Research 5.6 (36) def by **Eltham 5.8 (38)**

Preliminary Final

Research 2.6 (18) def Diamond Creek 1.3 (9)

Grand Final

Eltham 5.5 (35) def Research 5.0 (30)

UNDER 10 RED

First Semi Final

Northcote 5.12 (42) def Mernda 2.0 (12)

Second Semi Final

Bundoora Park 10.11 (71) def Eltham Panthers 3.2 (20)

Preliminary Final

Eltham Panthers 2.7 (19) def by **Northcote 3.5 (23)**

Grand Final

Bundoora Park 10.11 (71) def Northcote 0.3 (3)

UNDER 10 GREEN

First Semi Final

Yarrambat 5.4 (34) def Montmorency White 0.2 (2)

Second Semi Final

Whittlesea Blue 4.3 (27) def
South Morang Gold 2.5 (17)

Preliminary Final

South Morang Gold 2.7 (19) def by **Yarrambat 3.5 (23)**

Grand Final

Whittlesea Blue 3.10 (28) def Yarrambat 0.3 (3)

UNDER 10 SILVER

First Semi Final

Reservoir 2.0 (12) def by **West Preston Red 3.12 (20)**

Second Semi Final

Wallan 4.8 (32) def Hurstbridge 3.5 (23)

Preliminary Final

Hurstbridge 8.10 (58) def West Preston Red 0.1 (1)

Grand Final

Wallan 3.3 (21) def Hurstbridge 2.2 (14)



UNDER 11 BLUE

First Semi Final

Montmorency Black 4.14 (38) def Greensborough
2.2 (14)

Second Semi Final

South Morang Blue 2.3 (15) def Whittlesea Blue
1.4 (10)

Preliminary Final

Whittlesea Blue 2.4 (16) def Montmorency Black
1.4 (10)

Grand Final

South Morang Blue 4.4 (28) def Whittlesea Blue
1.6 (12)

UNDER 11 RED

First Semi Final

Bundoora Park 2.4 (16) def by **Mernda 2.12 (24)**

Second Semi Final

South Morang Gold 6.6 (42) def Diamond Creek
4.5 (29)

Preliminary Final

Diamond Creek 3.8 (26) def Mernda 1.1 (7)

Grand Final

South Morang Gold 4.5 (29) def Diamond Creek
3.6 (24)

UNDER 11 GREEN

First Semi Final

Eltham Panthers 8.11 (59) def South Morang
Maroon 0.0 (0)

Second Semi Final

Northcote 16.10 (106) def Keon Park 2.1 (13)

Preliminary Final

Keon Park 6.6 (42) def Eltham Panthers 4.3 (27)

Grand Final

Northcote 4.5 (29) def Keon Park 1.4 (10)

UNDER 11 SILVER

First Semi Final

Eltham 2.8 (20) def Yarrambat Brown 0.0 (0)

Second Semi Final

Wallan Juniors 5.6 (36) def Epping White 4.3 (27)

Preliminary Final

Epping White 3.2 (20) def by **Eltham 2.12 (24)**

Grand Final

Wallan Juniors 4.0 (24) def Eltham 3.0 (18)

UNDER 12 BLUE

First Semi Final

Mill Park 7.11 (53) def Yarrambat Brown 2.5 (17)

Second Semi Final

Eltham 2.4 (16) def by **Montmorency Black 5.8 (38)**

Preliminary Final

Eltham 6.6 (42) def Mill Park 5.2 (32)

Grand Final

Montmorency Black 6.5 (41) def Eltham 3.3 (21)

UNDER 12 RED

First Semi Final

Whittlesea 8.7 (55) def Epping 0.0 (0)

Second Semi Final

South Morang Maroon 9.13 (67) def Wallan 2.8 (20)

Preliminary Final

Wallan 4.1 (25) def Whittlesea 2.1 (13)

Grand Final

South Morang Maroon 1.3 (9) def Wallan 1.2 (8)

UNDER 12 GREEN

First Semi Final

West Lalor 6.12 (48) def Hurstbridge 2.9 (21)

Second Semi Final

West Preston 2.5 (17) def by
South Morang Gold 5.5 (35)

Preliminary Final

West Preston 7.12 (54) def West Lalor 4.1 (25)

Grand Final

South Morang Gold 4.1 (25) def by
West Preston 7.0 (42)

UNDER 13 BLUE

First Semi Final

Wallan 10.2 (62) def South Morang Blue 5.13 (43)

Second Semi Final

Epping 10.8 (68) def Northcote 2.9 (21)

Preliminary Final

Northcote 6.3 (39) def Wallan 6.2 (38)

Grand Final

Epping 9.5 (59) def Northcote 3.3 (21)

UNDER 13 RED

First Semi Final

Mill Park 8.8 (56) def Research 0.2 (2)

Second Semi Final

Greensborough 8.6 (54) def by **Eltham 9.5 (59)**

Preliminary Final

Greensborough 7.7 (49) def Mill Park 4.8 (32)

Grand Final

Eltham 6.6 (42) def Greensborough 2.3 (15)





UNDER 13 GREEN

First Semi Final

Diamond Creek 12.18 (90) def Epping 0.1 (1)

Second Semi Final

Keon Park 7.15 (57) def Bundoora Park 2.2 (14)

Preliminary Final

Bundoora Park 2.2 (14) def by **Diamond Creek 5.6 (36)**

Grand Final

Keon Park 1.3 (9) def by **Diamond Creek 5.4 (34)**

UNDER 14 BLUE

First Semi Final

Eltham 8.8 (56) def by **Mill Park 7.15 (57)**

Second Semi Final

South Morang Blue 10.17 (77) def by
Northcote 12.9 (81)

Preliminary Final

South Morang Blue 6.10 (46) def by **Mill Park 8.6 (54)**

Grand Final

Northcote 13.9 (87) def Mill Park 9.10 (64)

UNDER 14 RED

First Semi Final

West Preston 8.18 (66) def Montmorency 6.7 (43)

Second Semi Final

Whittlesea 8.7 (55) def by **Epping 9.8 (62)**

Preliminary Final

Whittlesea 5.9 (39) def West Preston 5.8 (38)

Grand Final

Epping 7.8 (50) def by **Whittlesea 8.11 (59)**

UNDER 14 GREEN

First Semi Final

South Morang Gold 14.11 (95) def
Hurstbridge 4.13 (37)

Second Semi Final

Yarrambat 6.2 (38) def by **Wallan 15.12 (102)**

Preliminary Final

Yarrambat 7.11 (53) def South Morang Gold 7.8 (50)

Grand Final

Wallan 1.5 (11) def by **Yarrambat 3.11 (29)**

UNDER 15 BLUE

First Semi Final

Yarrambat 9.7 (61) def Greensborough 6.8 (44)

Second Semi Final

Montmorency Black 7.9 (51) def by
South Morang Blue 14.4 (88)

Preliminary Final

Montmorency Black 11.6 (72) def Yarrambat 7.6 (48)

Grand Final

South Morang Blue 9.8 (62) def
Montmorency Black 9.6 (60)

UNDER 15 RED

First Semi Final

Northcote 8.5 (53) def Eltham 6.5 (41)

Second Semi Final

Epping 16.13 (109) def West Lalor 5.4 (34)

Preliminary Final

West Lalor 4.5 (29) def by **Northcote 15.11 (101)**

Grand Final

Epping 6.11 (47) def Northcote 2.4 (16)

UNDER 16 BLUE

First Semi Final

Hurstbridge 12.10 (82) def
Montmorency Black 8.4 (52)

Second Semi Final

Mill Park 7.11 (53) def Eltham 5.8 (38)

Preliminary Final

Eltham 10.8 (68) def Hurstbridge 8.3 (51)

Grand Final

Mill Park 10.12 (72) def by **Eltham 12.10 (82)**

UNDER 16 RED

First Semi Final

Northcote 7.15 (57) def Whittlesea 2.9 (21)

Second Semi Final

Research 7.10 (52) def Diamond Creek 3.7 (25)

Preliminary Final

Diamond Creek 10.11 (71) def Northcote 7.6 (48)

Grand Final

Research 9.10 (64) def Diamond Creek 9.5 (59)

UNDER 17 BLUE

First Semi Final

Eltham 8.7 (55) def Whittlesea 5.8 (38)

Second Semi Final

South Morang 8.11 (59) def Research 9.3 (57)

Preliminary Final

Research 7.6 (48) def Eltham 3.6 (24)

Grand Final

South Morang 13.9 (87) def Research 6.5 (41)

UNDER 17 RED

First Semi Final

Mill Park 8.7 (55) def by **Keon Park 8.8 (56)**

Second Semi Final

Lalor 11.8 (74) def Diamond Creek 5.7 (37)

Preliminary Final

Diamond Creek 8.8 (56) def by **Keon Park 13.6 (84)**

Grand Final

Lalor 6.9 (45) def Keon Park 7.2 (44)

YOUTH GIRLS

First Semi Final

Diamond Creek Womens 4.7 (31) def
South Morang Gold 0.1 (1)

Second Semi Final

Darebin Falcons 12.3 (75) def
South Morang Maroon 2.1 (13)

Preliminary Final

South Morang Maroon 3.8 (26) def by
Diamond Creek Womens 6.2 (38)

Grand Final

Darebin Falcons 3.2 (20) def
Diamond Creek Womens 2.3 (15)



METRO CHAMPIONSHIPS

UNDER 14 DIVISION 1

ROUND 1

NFL	2.4	4.8	6.9	12.12 (84)
WRFL	3.2	3.4	4.6	7.9 (51)

Best: NFL – M Borg, L Murphy, M Coen, H Reid, M Signorello, S Christou
 WRFL – B Di Sisto, B James, B Kitchen, A Bouris, H Roche, M Knezevic
Goals: NFL – T Franks 2, L Murphy 2, P Schiavone 2, J Fahey, M Coen, L Major, G Fable, S Christou, J Torcaso
 WRFL – B Green 3, B Kitchen, J Robinson, M Madigan, B Razlog

ROUND 2

EFL	2.1	4.3	5.4	9.7 (61)
NFL	3.3	5.5	5.6	5.6 (36)

Best: NFL – H Furlong, S Christou, M Signorello, L Major, J Brennan, J Torcaso
 EFL – H Dempster, T Hollins, N Lane, J Maibaum, J McCubbin, A Bajramov
Goals: M Coen, L Major, J Hewson, G Fable, S Christou
 EFL – T Hollins 3, B Savage 2, D Clarke, M Papamichael, T Davies, T Duman

ROUND 3

NFL	6.3	11.8	14.12	18.17 (125)
SEJ	2.0	3.3	4.5	4.6 (30)

Best: NFL – H Reid, L Murphy, M Signorello, M Borg, L Major, M Morison
 SEJ – K Lynch, J Vis, R Gains, R Piper, S Russell, M Cronjaeger
Goals: NFL – L Major 4, L Murphy 3, H Reid 2, S Christou 2, M Borg 2, M Coen, J Fahey, T Franks, G Fable, M Stroszynski
 SEJ – H Arthur, M Cronjaeger, D Yawney, L Hillman

UNDER 14 DIVISION 2

ROUND 1

NFL	2.3	6.4	8.6	11.11 (77)
RDFL	2.3	3.3	3.5	5.6 (36)

Best: NFL – L Trudgeon, B Brown, B Ponton, C Bland, J Taylor, B Paterson
 RDFL – S Swann, B Phillips, C Mobilio, T Alkemade, N Bovezza, K Corcoran
Goals: NFL – S Binion 2, L Trudgeon 2, J Smith, B Glasgow, J Taylor, A Currie, C Leslie, S Latina, C Perrin
 RDFL – T Alkemade 2, P Scanlon, M Plummer, B Nicholls

ROUND 2

NFL	2.4	7.7	8.13	13.14 (92)
SEJ	1.3	2.3	2.5	2.5 (17)

Best: NFL – D Di Pasquale, B Brown, B Avola, J Smith, L Trudgeon, N Farrugia
 SEJ – J Boccari, L Coad, S Hepburn, R Nelson, J Rout, D Bowman
Goals: NFL – J Smith 5, S Binion 2, L Trudgeon 2, B Glasgow, B Samie, B Avola, C Perrin
 SEJ – N Hopwood, J Cassar

ROUND 3

YJFL	6.4	8.4	12.6	12.11 (83)
NFL	0.0	1.1	1.1	2.2 (14)

Best: NFL – B Brown, B Ponton, S Binion, L Trudgeon, N Farrugia, J Taylor
 YJFL – M Capetola, M Di Ciccio, L Burr-Jensen, J Salanitri, A Tomaro, L Joyce
Goals: NFL – S Binion, C Perrin
 YJFL – M Capetola 4, T Atkinson 3, C Trikolos, C Campbell, M Fletcher, L McCleary, P Kerr

UNDER 15 DIVISION 1

ROUND 1

NFL	5.3	8.10	10.12	12.15 (87)
WRFL	0.3	1.3	3.5	5.6 (36)

Best: NFL – B Fiorini, M Irving, K Malone, P Gavrilovski, E Miller-Gaff, R Mitchell
 WRFL – K Galley, B Houlihan, L McDonald, L Allen, J Romeo, M Rumler
Goals: NFL – B Fiorini 4, T Simpson 2, K Lyne 2, P Gavrilovski, A Hrovat, S Peet
 WRFL – J Farrugia 2, M Rumler, J Taylor, J Moore

ROUND 2

EFL	2.4	6.4	7.6	10.11 (71)
NFL	3.3	3.7	4.8	5.9 (39)

Best: NFL – M Irving, L Wilson, A Sandford, J Sacco, B Fiorini, P Gavrilovski
 EFL – R Clarke, B Batty, B Hotker, J Vassiss, J Gilbert, A Santamaria
Goals: NFL – B Fiorini, N Tassell, J Gresham, K Lyne, P Gavrilovski
 EFL – J Gilbert 3, B Batty 2, N De Silva, P Klep, J Cyster, M Lee, R Clarke

ROUND 3

SEJ	3.3	8.5	15.8	19.13 (127)
NFL	2.2	3.4	4.4	7.5 (47)

Best: SEJ – M Starow, K Mutimer, M Sigeti, M Cox, B Rice, C Anagnostou
Goals: SEJ – C Millman 3, B Rice 3, L Myatt 3, K Mutimer 2, J Edtmaier 2, B Cram 2, M Sigeti, M Cox, L Batten, C MacHaya

UNDER 15 DIVISION 2

ROUND 1

NFL	7.4	14.6	18.9	27.15 (177)
RDFL	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1 (1)

Best: NFL – J Tou, L Brannelly, L Phelan, K Curran, M Arnold-Treweek, C Wannous
 RDFL – L Barton, W Fellows, W Thornton-Gielen, J Waldron, D Nutt, C Manniche
Goals: NFL – K Curran 7, J Davy 4, M Perry 3, L Brannelly 2, C Wannous 2, A Clifton 2, C Mirabelli, A Potamidis, L Phelan, H Welsh, C Randell, J Tou, K Hucker

ROUND 2

NFL	3.3	8.5	13.6	16.11 (107)
SEJ	1.3	2.3	4.4	6.5 (41)

Best: NFL – Z Beadle, M Perry, L Phelan, L Brannelly, D Hardy, J Tou
 SEJ – D O'Connell-Webb, R Quirk, F Zijai, H Kraus, J Herkess, B Shaw
Goals: NFL – M Perry 4, A Clifton 3, L Phelan 2, A D'Angelo, P Symons, K Curran, J Tou, M Arnold-Treweek, C Wannous, J Davy
 SEJ – D O'Connell-Webb 3, H Kraus, M Milivojevic, C Hollis

ROUND 3

YJFL	3.2	7.2	11.2	13.7 (85)
NFL	0.3	2.5	3.8	4.12 (36)

Best: NFL – D Hardy, M Perry, Z Beadle, J Tou, K Curran, A Potamidis
 YJFL – M Silipo, H Sholz-Mitchell, J Firns, I Biratto, S Gibbs, C Lane
Goals: NFL – M Perry 2, C Randell, L Brannelly
 YJFL – N Reeves-Smith 3, M Silipo 3, S Gibbs 2, M Brown

YOUTH GIRLS

ROUND 1

WRFL	0.2	3.5	4.6	7.6 (48)
NFL	1.2	2.2	3.2	5.2 (32)

Best: NFL – A Del Romano, S Trkulja, S Di Mauro, D Berry, P Rowe, D Hallett
 Western – A Quigley, A Tessari, T Zammit, B Bonnici, M Perceval, M Burgess
Goals: NFL – P Rowe 3, M Tracey, N Magriplis
 Western – A Quigley 3, H Elliott, S Carlton, B Bonnici, S Murphy-Burke

ROUND 2

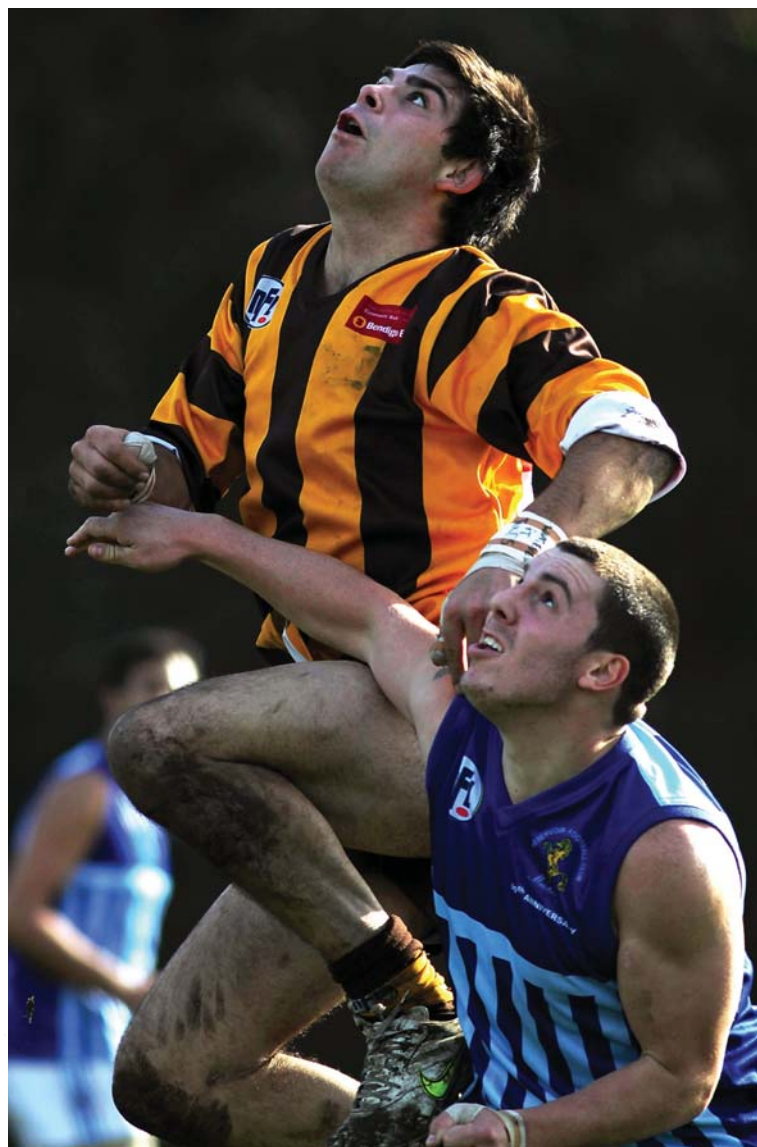
SEJ	5.4	9.7	12.8	15.12 (102)
NFL	0.1	0.1	1.1	1.1 (7)

Best: NFL – Z Hart, D Hallett, E Koiker, R McSwain, S Fisher-Baker, C Pirronelli
 SEJ – H Wildes, K Cox, D Hardiman, L Hojnacki, R Hunt, B Moroney
Goals: NFL – D Berry
 SEJ – D Hardiman 4, L Hojnacki 3, E Blackburn 3, K Tapner 2, C Mastroianni, K McLeod, E Hobson

ROUND 3

YJFL	1.3	4.5	7.10	7.14 (56)
NFL	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4 (10)

Best: NFL – R McSwain
Goals: NFL – S Di Mauro, E Koiker, R McSwain, S Trkulja, D Hallett, M Tracey





BEST & FAIREST

NFL

Division 1 - Frank Rosbrook Trophy

2012	Bronik Davies	Northcote Park
	Matthew Dennis	Bundoora
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

Division 1 - 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

NFL

Division 2

2012	Lionel Proctor	Fitzroy Stars
2011	Darcy Barden	Lower Plenty

2010	Luke Jackson	Diamond Creek
2009	Daniel Moore	Epping
2008	Lionel Proctor	Fitzroy Stars
2007	Andrew Bennett	Macleod

DVFL

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

NFL

Division 3

2012	Rohan Davies	Mernda
2011	Brad Hockey	Parkside
2010	Ryan Docherty	Reservoir
2009	Robbie Wise	Parkside



LEADING GOALKICKERS

DIVISION 1

NFL	Leading Goalkicker	Club	Goals
2012	Gary Moorcroft	Bundoora	70
2011	Dean Limbach	Montmorency	83
2010	Saul Caddy	Heidelberg	82
2009	Shane Harvey	North Heidelberg	102
2008	Shane Harvey	North Heidelberg	108
2007	Chris Hall	Heidelberg	72
	Shaun Ryan	North Heidelberg	72
DVFL	Leading 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 Vadjia	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



LEADING GOALKICKERS

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NFL	Leading Goalkicker	Club	Goals
2012	Shane Harvey	North Heidelberg	83
2011	Peter Shepherd	Lalor	93
2010	Benjamin Gill	Lower Plenty	59
2009	John Hayes	Fitzroy Stars	89
2008	Aaron Willitts	Epping	78
2007	Cristian Brandt	Macleod	109
DVFL	Leading Goalkicker	Club	Goals
2006	Nick Lynch	Macleod	102
2005	Tom Felle	Mernda	104
2004	Aaron James	Lalor	114
2003	Toby O'Meara	Reservoir	73
2002	Adam Bruni	Reservoir	82
2001	Paul Baker	Whittlesea	107

2000	Gavin Tapner	Watsonia	90
1999	Ron McKeown	Whittlesea	114
1998	Jamie Bown	Whittlesea	79
1997	Paul Baker	Kinglake	102
1996	Paul Baker	Hurstbridge	93
1995	Paul Baker	Hurstbridge	85
	David Miller	West Preston	85
1994	Paul Baker	Hurstbridge	139
1993	Paul Baker	Hurstbridge	116
1992	Cristian Brandt	West Preston	68
1991	Greg Withers	Heidelberg West	80
1990	Steve Webster	Epping	96
1989	Malcolm Niddrie	Templestowe	92
1988	Darren Scott	Epping	80
1987	Ron Wilson	Eltham	83

1986	Darren Scott	Epping	97
1985	Warren Jarman	Eltham	72
1984	Steve Banbury	West Preston	56
1983	Peter McNiece	Northcote Park	83
1982	Peter Lowe	Macleod-Rosanna	85
1981	Rob Michaelangeli	Northcote Park	76

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NFL	Leading Goalkicker	Club	Goals
2012	Jonathon Byron	Panton Hill	96
2011	Dallas King	Parkside	60
2010	Johnathon Garrard	Panton Hill	88
2009	Benjamin Gill	Panton Hill	63



PREMIERSHIP TEAMS

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NFL Seniors

2012	Northcote Park
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 Juniors

1928	Heidelberg Juniors
1927	Greensborough
1926	Diamond Creek
1925	Greensborough
1924	Diamond Creek
1923	Heidelberg
1922	Greensborough

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NFL Reserves

2012	West Preston-Lakeside
2011	Montmorency
2010	Bundoora
2009	Bundoora
2008	Heidelberg
2007	Heidelberg

DVFL Reserves

2006	Bundoora
2005	Montmorency
2004	Heidelberg
2003	Bundoora
2002	Montmorency
2001	Heidelberg
2000	Heidelberg
1999	Bundoora
1998	Lalor
1997	Bundoora
1996	Bundoora
1995	Montmorency
1994	North Heidelberg
1993	Bundoora
1992	North Heidelberg
1991	Bundoora
1990	North Heidelberg
1989	North Heidelberg
1988	North Heidelberg
1987	North Heidelberg
1986	North Heidelberg
1985	North Heidelberg
1984	Greensborough
1983	Bundoora
1982	Montmorency
1981	Lalor

1980	Lalor
1979	Montmorency
1978	Reservoir-Lakeside
1977	North Heidelberg
1976	North Heidelberg
1975	Reservoir-Lakeside
1974	Eltham
1973	Macleod-Rosanna
1972	Greensborough
1971	Eltham
1970	Reservoir-Lakeside
1969	Reservoir-Lakeside
1968	South Morang
1967	Heidelberg
1966	Reservoir-Lakeside
1965	Reservoir-Lakeside
1964	North Heidelberg
1963	Heidelberg
1962	Greensborough
1961	Greensborough
1960	Heidelberg
1959	Macleod
1958	Macleod
1957	Macleod
1956	Heidelberg
1955	Heidelberg West
1954	Greensborough
1953	Heidelberg
1952	Epping
1951	Heidelberg
1950	Heidelberg
1949	Diamond Creek
1948	Macleod
1947	Eltham

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NFL Under-19s

2012	Northcote Park
2011	Greensborough
2010	Greensborough
2009	Greensborough
2008	West Preston-Lakeside
2007	Eltham



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DVFL Under-19s

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
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

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NFL Seniors

2012	Epping
2011	Lower Plenty
2010	Whittlesea
2009	Macleod
2008	Thomastown
2007	Lalor

DVFL Seniors

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

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NFL Reserves

2012	Diamond Creek
2011	Lower Plenty
2010	Mernda
2009	Diamond Creek
2008	Mernda
2007	Thomastown

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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

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NFL Under-19s

2012	Thomastown
2011	Lower Plenty
2010	Diamond Creek
2009	Whittlesea
2008	Macleod
2007	Mernda

DVFL Under-19s

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

2012	Mernda
2011	South Morang
2010	Hurstbridge
2009	Parkside

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NFL Reserves

2012	Mernda
2011	Panton Hill
2010	South Morang
2009	Hurstbridge





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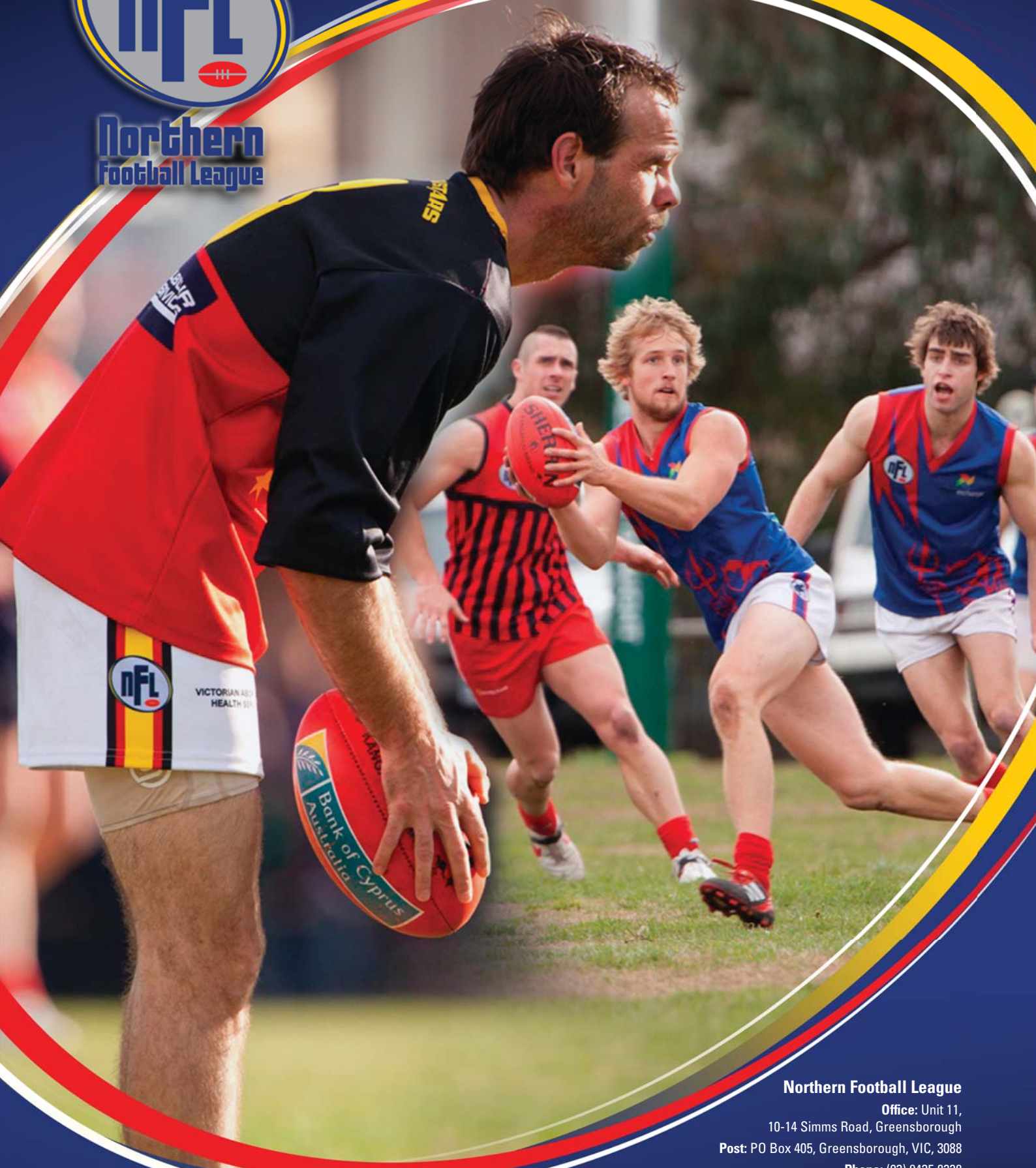
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