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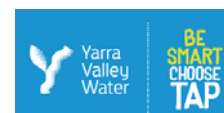
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

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On behalf of the directors of the Northern Football League, I present the League's Annual Report for the 2015 season.



With another NFL season completed, it was fantastic that the competition continued to receive positive comments in regards to the standard of football being played within the league. Winning margins in all three senior competitions remained amongst the lowest of all senior football competitions in Melbourne, which added to the interest generated in the NFL. Our clubs continued to look within their junior ranks for senior players, and also managed to attract talented footballers from other competitions which brought an added level of excitement to the NFL.

Macleod won its first Division 1 premiership since 1971 with a spirited grand final win over last year's premier Greensborough. Macleod's premiership victory provided the NFL with its sixth different Division 1 premiership winner in the past seven years. Very few local sporting competitions can boast such a figure, again demonstrating the evenness of football played in the NFL and ensuring that each senior club can go into any match with the genuine belief it is in with a winning chance.

Division 2 enjoyed its most competitive season in recent memory, with just two wins separating the first and fifth-placed sides on the ladder. Whittlesea came from

third place to win its third flag in six years, earning promotion back to the top flight after triumphing in a three-point thriller over Lalor in the grand final. Meanwhile, Reservoir won the Division 3 flag after downing Epping by 29 points in the premiership decider. The premiership was Reservoir's first senior flag since 1984 and provided the Mustangs a return to Division 2 for the first time since the competition split in 2009.

Season 2015 saw Banyule move to the NFL from the VAFA, while Parkside left our league to return to the VAFA. Despite a strong finish to the season, a string of early losses meant Banyule's senior team missed out on playing in the finals in its inaugural year in the NFL, however the Bears' reserves outfit enjoyed immediate success and took out the Division 3 reserves premiership with a gripping win over Epping at the Whittlesea Showgrounds.

In March our senior representative team only just missed out on claiming the number one ranking at the AFL Victoria Metropolitan Championships. After leading all day, our boys lost the lead with only minutes to go against the VAFA and suffered an agonising five-point loss. Their effort could not be faulted and we look forward to again participating in senior representative football in 2016.

Junior football again continues to grow and all our clubs are doing a tremendous job providing an enjoyable environment for youngsters to participate in football. 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 to play and watch.

This season saw the girls football competitions again expand, with female football the fastest growing sector of our sport. In 2015 we had 28 girls teams compete across three age groups – under-18, under-15 and under-12. This was an increase of seven girls' teams on 2014 and we expect the upward trend to continue again into 2016.

Our netball competition is continuing to expand, with our winter competition played across a league-record nine sections this year. A total of 58 teams competed in the winter competition, with Heat Netball Club welcomed to the netball courts for the first time this year. Our summer competition is about to get underway, with 12 teams expected to compete.



I wish to thank all those people who worked either in a club committee position or in a role as one of many just helping out each week. Every year it seems more is required to be done by club volunteers, with costs and time associated with running local sporting clubs increasing. Without the numerous volunteers, many clubs would struggle to provide the on and off-field support needed to successfully operate a grassroots club.

To the Northern Umpires Association – thank you for your continued support of the NFL and its member clubs. The umpiring talent continues to grow within our league, with our number of registered umpires the envy of many grassroots football leagues around the country. Thank you to all the umpire coaches, including Director of Umpiring Martin Ellis who put 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 Martin on a job well done.

From an administration perspective, season 2015 was another period of growth for our league under the leadership of Peter McDougall, who has worked tirelessly to improve our brand within our community. We took on another full-time staff member in Richard Dureau, who was a great support to Ron McKeown and Delwyn Berry in football and netball operations, while Martin Ellis replaced Kevin Smith as umpires' boss and Tim Johns joined in a part-time capacity as our Business Development Manager.

Ron McKeown's work in football operations, including with organising our junior representative teams, has been exceptional; Delwyn Berry continues to produce outstanding results with her management of the netball competition and administration work, while Samuel Zito had another brilliant year with our media operations. His energy has been second to none and the work of his media team has significantly enhanced the coverage of the NFL. Thank you to the other part-time NFL staff who help with league administration, as well as AFL Victoria development staff Phiv Demetriou and Nish Moses for the support provided to the NFL and its clubs.

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Thank you to my fellow board directors Geoff Dempster, Harry Gasiamis, Nicolina Lademann, Peter Myers, Jeff Parkes, Diana Pettie and Stella Pruscino for your support throughout 2015. The addition of Diana this year ensured our board profile was the largest it has been since 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.

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. 2016 marks a year of change to the local football landscape with the introduction of the player points system in senior competitions. The NFL will work closely with all clubs to ensure the implementation runs smoothly as we strive to maintain our reputation as one of the best and most progressive community sporting leagues in the country.

Dean Philpots
Chairman

NFL Board



Top Row (L-R): Dean Philpots, Diana Pettie, Geoff Dempster.

Middle Row (L-R): Harry Gasiamis, Jeff Parkes, Nicolina Lademann.

Bottom Row (L-R): Peter Myers, Stella Pruscino

Chief Executive Officer

2015 saw the Northern Football League's football competitions, junior and senior, display community football at its very best.

The Division 1 senior competition was once again a very even competition. Congratulations to the Macleod Football Club on winning its first Division 1 premiership since 1971. The Division 2 senior competition also produced an exciting finish to the season. Heading into the final round five teams were fighting for a top four position. Unfortunately, after a very successful transition from Division 3 to Division 2, Thomastown dropped out of the four for the first time for the year at the completion of Round 18. Despite the disappointment of missing out on the finals, it was a terrific season for the Bears in their first year back in second division. Congratulations to both Whittlesea and Reservoir for winning the premiership in Division 2 and Division 3 respectively.

In our junior divisions, our team numbers continue to grow. The extensive focus on grading during the first four rounds enabled more competitive competitions, culminating in many close finals matches. The number of new female teams was also very pleasing and I look forward to implementing the new female football age groups for season 2016.

The NFL finals crowds were once again very healthy, in particular the Division 1 and 3 Grand Finals, which both drew a greater crowd than the previous year. Overall attendances figures at our junior finals were also up on last year.

Media and Communications

The NFL website and social media streams continue to grow, with the NFL website achieving over seven million page impressions in the past 12 months. This ranked the NFL fourth of all football leagues in Australia. The Team App mobile application, introduced last year, saw the NFL ranked No. 1 of all football leagues and clubs in the country for the total number of members. Another outstanding success this year was The Pancake Parlour Top 5 Plays of the Week video highlights package. Once again the results were outstanding, peaking at 15,000 plus views in one week.



Netball

The Northern Netball League continued to grow with one new club, Heat Netball Club, joining this season. Although team numbers plateaued this year, we conducted a record nine sections of senior netball played across four venues, with games being played at Loyola College and South Morang Primary School for the first time. We will continue to work closely with all of our respective councils in regards to identifying additional facilities for NNL matches to be played as our team numbers continue to grow. The crowds during the final series, and in particular the two grand final weeks, were a great reflection of the health of the NNL and the standard of all competitions.

AFL Victoria

The NFL works very closely with AFL Victoria and with two of their staff located within the NFL office, this allows for a strong working relationship aimed at growing participation within the northern region of Melbourne. Phiv Demetriou and Nish Moses continue to provide great support to the NFL.



As an affiliate of AFL Victoria, I would also like to acknowledge the support and assistance of Steven Reaper, Brett Connell, Michael Daniher and Gerard Ryan throughout the past year.

Club of the Year

Congratulations to Northcote Junior Football Club for winning the 2015 NFL Junior Club of the Year and to the Greensborough Football Club for winning the 2015 NFL Senior Club of the Year. Both clubs displayed an outstanding level of governance, administration, league compliance and a high level of match day conduct. They were both very deserving recipients of their award. Well done to both clubs for an outstanding year.

Finances

In today's climate finance is a very tough portfolio of the league. To have financially healthy clubs is critical to the health and wellbeing of the NFL. This year the NFL introduced a new By-Law to keep club accounts within trading terms. This also has an impact on the cash flow for the NFL and it is important that the league is not carrying too much debt to allow it to meet its obligations to umpires and league debtors.

As a league it is a tough climate to generate external revenue streams, but I will continue to ensure that the demands on clubs are in line with the needs of the league, without going too far either way. The need to continue to build our financial base to minimise our financial vulnerability is paramount.

I am pleased to report a positive financial result for 2015 and I will continue to explore more effective and efficient ways to produce these outcomes in the future.

NFL Partners

Our partners bring much needed funds into our operations and long-term partnerships are extremely valuable. Yarra Valley Water as the NFL major sponsor, has been a wonderful partner since joining in 2011.

Welcome to our first year partners Alphington Sports Medicine Centre, The Meadows, Sporting Fine Art and Tee's Foods. I look forward to our relationship continuing for many years.

A big thank you to our existing partners Lion Nathan, SEN, Technika, WaterMarc Banyule, Carlton FC, Victor Sports, Cyan Press, Winning Edge Presentations, Sherrin, Red Onion Creative, Buffalo Sports, Hot Sub, Grashan, LaTrobe University, Plenty Valley FM, Luckman Catering, Schweppes Australia, Current Connections, Camp Quality and White Ribbon Foundation. The NFL is extremely appreciative of all our partners for their great support.

The NFL has also met with all of our Local Government Authorities on a regular basis throughout the year. These meetings have been extremely beneficial for us to work side by side with all councils on club and league matters. Thank you to all of the council chief executives and their staff that I have worked with this year and I look forward to your continued support in 2016.

NFL Judiciary

Towards the end of last season the NFL undertook a review into the NFL Judiciary System. As a result of this review, the Tribunal, Appeals and Investigations took upon a new look in 2015. Sam Cusumano was appointed as NFL Tribunal Chairman and Iain Findley as the NFL Appeals Panel Chairman.

The NFL judiciary is a critical component of the league and I would like to thank every member of the NFL tribunal, appeals panel, grievance committee, investigators, conciliators, match review panel and tribunal advocates. These roles are very difficult to fill and they are much needed, so therefore the commitment from everyone is greatly appreciated.

NFL Administration

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

To Ron McKeown (Football Operations Manager), Delwyn Berry (Netball and Administration Manager), Samuel Zito (Media Manager) and Richard Dureau (Football and Netball Operations Coordinator) a big thank you for the outstanding dedication to your role and to the NFL and NNL. While only a small team in number, an enormous amount of work is generated by this wonderful team. I personally thank each of them for the long hours and work they have put in this year.

Our part-time staff members Byron Smith (Finance Manager), Martin Ellis (Director of Umpiring) and Tim Johns (Business Development Manager) have all been invaluable, and I thank them for their contribution this year.

NFL Board of Directors

The NFL is indeed fortunate to have a committed team of directors who are dedicated to the growth and development of our league. Diana Pettie became the newest board member during the year and the board has been a tremendous support to me this year. I thank you all for your support and commitment to the NFL.

Club Sustainability

The AFL Victoria Club Sustainability Program will commence next year with the introduction of the player points system, before a salary cap comes into effect in 2017. Next year will be a learning curve for the NFL and all our senior clubs. It is important to work together as we all familiarise ourselves with the new player points system.

In closing, I'd like to wish the entire NFL/NNL family an enjoyable festive season and I look forward to working with you all in 2016.

Peter McDougall
Chief Executive Officer

NFL Staff



Top Row (L-R): Tim Johns, Samuel Zito, Ron McKeown.

Middle Row (L-R): Byron Smith, Marty Ellis, Delwyn Berry.

Bottom Row (L-R): Richard Dureau

Football Operations

The 2015 season has come and gone so quickly and once again we witnessed fantastic football right across the Northern Football League.

The standard of football throughout all of our competitions is getting better each year and it is with great anticipation that we look forward to the 2016 season and then beyond.

From a junior perspective, the 2015 WaterMarc NFL Junior Finals Series once again saw almost all clubs represented, with teams from all but one club vying for finals success. This is a great result and shows that junior players are able to have team success, regardless of which club they play with. The football was played at a very high standard with some outstanding individual performances and, more importantly, team performances.

A big thank you to all of those clubs who hosted finals matches at their ground. I know how much hard work it takes to run a finals series and how many people and volunteers you need to make it a success. You all did an amazing job this year. The league was also again able to host junior finals at the NFL-operated Barling Park and was this year able to operate matches across two of the three ovals in the precinct.

The 2015 WaterMarc NFL Senior Finals Series was held at three venues – Preston City Oval, Whittlesea Showgrounds and Epping Recreation Reserve – and all venues were successful in their hosting duties.

All senior finals games were once again really well attended, which is great news for our competition and a testament to the standard of football being played in our league. The high standard is due in part to the influx of ex-AFL, VFL and TAC Cup players continuing to find their way to clubs in the Northern Football League. It is a testament to the respect the NFL is earning that these players are wanting to play at clubs in our league.

A huge thanks once again must go to our finals ground managers Phil and Sue Aston for all their hard work which ensures the smooth running of our finals. It is far from an easy task to run and organise the finals series, but the hard work and dedication of both Phil and Sue enables the finals series to operate in a positive manner.

After long consideration, the NFL Board chose to prohibit cars from entering all senior finals series venues. The NFL is focused on ensuring all finals are played in a quality, family-friendly environment, which is safe and inclusive. To provide this environment, the Board considered all components of the 2015 finals series, including the sale and consumption of alcohol. In order to create a quality, family-friendly environment, the NFL Board decided to prohibit cars from entering senior finals venues. All patrons were encouraged to bring portable seating if they wished and it was with great satisfaction that the behaviour of spectators was the best it has been for many years – creating a more inclusive environment around the grounds.

Division 3 grand finals were held at the Whittlesea Showgrounds and both games finished with great storylines. After being premierships contenders for the past few years, Reservoir finally broke through for a well deserved premiership in the Division 3 seniors. Meanwhile, Banyule capped off its inaugural year in the NFL by taking out the Division 3 reserves premiership. I'm sure this is a sign of bigger and better things for the club in the future.

The following weekend saw Whittlesea have all three teams playing on Division 2 grand final day at Preston City Oval – a truly fantastic achievement by the club. The Eagles ended the day with two out of three premierships cups, following wins in the seniors and under-19s. The seniors contest against Lalor was an outstanding game of football, with Whittlesea holding on against a gallant Bloods outfit. The Division 2 reserves game between Thomastown and Whittlesea was also a great game of football and could have been won by either team. Scores were



level in the final few minutes of the game but a late goal to the Bears gave them victory in an epic. In the under-19s game both Whittlesea and Banyule showed they have very bright futures ahead of them. The talent and standard of football that was on display in this game must be very exciting for their clubs. Whittlesea was a very deserving winner after finishing on top of the ladder at the end of the home and away season.

The Division 1 finals series again showed how even our competition is, with any of the top five teams capable of winning on their day. It was once again a fantastic achievement from the Greensborough Football Club to have all three teams playing in grand finals, as they also did in 2014.

After a thoroughly enjoyable finals series, Macleod claimed the Division 1 premiership in a close contest over Greensborough. The result meant the Division 1 premiership cup was taken back to De Winton Park for the first time since 1971. Under Garry Ramsay the young Roos side have set a high standard for any team wanting to challenge them over the next few years. Greensborough reserves made up for the last kick of the day loss they suffered in 2014 by convincingly defeating Northcote Park in the 2015 decider, and once again Greensborough's under-19s put on a fine display against Montmorency in the grand final to claim back-to-back premiership wins.

In 2015 the NFL expanded its use of the 23rd Player Rule to allow Division 2 and Division 3 clubs the chance to also use the rule that was first brought in last season. In four selected rounds senior teams were able to play an under-19 eligible player as their additional 23rd player. This rule once again allowed a young footballer the chance to get a taste of senior football – providing an opportunity that may not have necessarily been available to them in the past.

Our senior representative team this year played off against the Victorian Amateur Football League (VAFA) for the number 1 ranking in the AFL Victoria Metropolitan Championships. After leading all day we were piped at the post, going down by five points at IKON Park. Once again, thank you to all the players who made themselves available for selection again this year. A big thank you to coach Jason Heatley and his assistants Robert Hyde, Cristian Brandt, and Craig Hunter for your time and commitment to this program. To put a team like this on the field you rely on people helping out and volunteering their time for roles that sometimes go unnoticed. I would also like to thank Peter Scott and Jo McKeown (trainers), Mollie McKeown and Lily McKeown (water carriers), Peter Dean and Neil Brindley (runners), Richard Dureau (interchange) and Luke Russell (timekeeper).

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Congratulations must go to Matthew Dennis (Bundoora), Jesse Donaldson (Montmorency), Lucas Hobbs (Macleod), Jason Kennedy (Heidelberg) and Nick Riddle (Greensborough) who were selected to represent Vic Metro against AFL Queensland following their strong performances for the NFL at the Metro Championships. It was with great pride that Jason Kennedy was captain of the Vic Metro side that claimed an 87-point win over AFL Queensland at Brisbane's Moreton Bay Sports Complex over the Queen's Birthday weekend.

The Northern Football League Junior Representative Program has had its most successful season for a few years, with our four Under-14 and Under-15 teams winning two of their three matches, while our Under-16 Girls team also won one of its three games at the 2015 AFL Victoria Junior Metropolitan Championships.

A huge thank you to our junior representative co-ordinator Brett Potter for the mountain of work he has done for our Junior Representative Program. The frequent phone calls he makes to players, clubs and coaches, followed up with emails and information to be put up on our website cannot be understated. Thanks also to Pauline Leslie who makes sure all parents and coaches always know where they need to be. Thanks to all the coaches who are part of the program – your continued support of this program is very much appreciated and you all do a great job. Also thank you to all the parents who helped out as team managers, trainers, water carriers or runners. It is impossible to have these programs without your support and assistance. Congratulations to all the players who represented the Northern Football League.

Congratulations to all premiership players, coaches and support staff from the 2015 season. Well done also to all competition trophy winners in their respective divisions and age groups and to all members of the senior Teams of the Year as it is an honour to be recognised by your peers.

To NFL Head of Umpiring Marty Ellis and all of his support staff and every umpire, a huge thank you. In a thankless and very high pressured job your dedication and commitment was second to none. The umpiring throughout the finals series was of a very high standard and it is fantastic to see so many umpires from the Northern Football League progress through to the VFL and its development lists.

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

My thanks to my fellow NFL staff members Peter, Delwyn, Samuel, Richard and Marty. Well done on another enjoyable and successful year. Also thanks to our part-time staff Byron and Tim and also our LaTrobe University placement students Jackson, Patrick and Andrew. Thank you for your work, it doesn't go unnoticed.

Last, but not least, to all club volunteers at every level and in every aspect of the competition – thank you! As we always say, without your tireless work there would be no teams, no clubs and no competition.

Ron McKeown
Football Operations Manager

Umpiring

This being my first year as the NFL's Director of Umpiring, it has been fantastic to be able to reconnect with local football once again after starting my umpiring career at grassroots level in the mid-1980s.



My time as an AFL umpire has taught me a lot about coaching, managing people and developing skills and responsibilities. This has enabled me to adopt modern-day strategies into our NFL umpiring group to ensure we have a solid platform for providing career umpires and establishing a solid group of umpires to our NFL competitions.

The NFL continues to have the highest ratio of umpires to teams playing of any league in Australia. We were able to appoint umpires of every discipline in our Saturday competitions and appoint field umpires to all our junior competitions on Sundays. A record number of almost 400 umpire registrations were recorded on our database for season 2015.

There is definitely a new energy amongst the group with the appointment of myself and Dan Henery as President of the Northern Umpires Association over the past 12 months. Productive discussions to date will see new initiatives moving forward, especially amongst our junior umpires.

New lighting at Barling Park, which now covers the whole sporting oval, has provided a better and safer training facility for all our umpires and saw an increase in the number of participants (150 plus) attending our main training/coaching sessions regularly on Wednesday evenings. Most of our coaching material was clipped from NFL senior match replays, ensuring that all education material was relevant to our umpiring group.

We were well served by boundary coach Doug Armstrong, goals coach Craig Herman, field coach Steve Hanley (retired AFL) and juniors coach Darren Agnew (also retired AFL). They were well supported by Brian Moore, Neville Coutts, Wayne Fyffe and Adam Cortous. Special thanks also to Tim Enkleman, Andrew Mills and Shane Herbert for their assistance during the year. Season 2015 saw Luke Richardson continue as our fitness coach and Simone Illiaretti as our head trainer.

The Junior Presentation Night saw a record number of over 170 umpires and parents attend, which is a strong indication that our retention of young umpires in this area will be the highest in recent times. Our senior umpires continue to be the leaders amongst our group, as it should be, and we were able to see a small increase in the number of adult males join our group. Female umpire numbers were steady as per previous years and they continue to be some of the hardest working individuals at training.

The under-9 and 10s competitions, which use modified rules, were our most challenging area. After a few tough weeks early a stronger emphasis was placed on making this area work better. More senior umpires were deployed to help monitor and assist young individuals on game day and working more closely with coaches we saw a better outcome towards the middle and later rounds of the competition. This will not be compromised moving forward to season 2016 and we will continue to work closely with all stakeholders.

The green shirt program for first-year umpires once again was a success with a record number of over 40 new umpires getting involved. The St Helena Academy is our best recruiting and training base for new umpires and special thanks to Greg Fremantle for his continued support. All indications suggest that over 80% will continue to umpire next season, however we did lose two umpires through the season due to intimidation and a poor match-day experience. This is two too many when we are dealing with under-9 and 10 football, when all umpires and players are in the formative years of learning their craft.

We must be more tolerant and understanding of these kids learning. Coaches and parents from all junior sides must continue to work together and assist where possible so players and umpires are having fun whilst learning. Whilst scoring is fun, remember there are no finals and premiership points at stake.

Umpiring in senior and junior finals saw some outstanding games and strong umpiring performances. There was not one major incident which was a strong indication that competing clubs were prepared to play football. This makes umpiring, decision making and match management so much easier. Credit to all clubs and coaches on the manner in which they went about coaching their players and their attack on the football only. The main message delivered to umpires throughout the finals was "if they want to play football, let them play football and the free kicks will pick themselves". This makes our competition one of the strongest brands of football in Victoria, creating an environment where players, coaches, umpires and spectators can enjoy their football.

This year saw the introduction of the three-umpire system in all under-19, reserves and senior finals. This created more opportunity for umpires to officiate in finals and created a stronger presence, which allowed umpires to better manage the game. This was also reflected in our junior competition throughout

the finals in which all under-15, 16 and 17 divisions, as well as all under-14 grand finals, were assigned three field umpires and no less than two field umpires to all other age groups.

Season 2015 saw Neville Coutts surpass the league record of 616 senior matches umpired by any individual. An outstanding achievement by an even more outstanding individual, whose passion for football and goal umpiring sees him as one of our most valued members and contributors to our umpiring group.

Tom Downs, Emmet Brasier and Cameron Brick have all achieved nominations to further their careers at the VFL and we wish them every success next year. Daniel Compton was awarded our Best Senior Umpire for 2015 and goal umpire Jesse Baird our Most Improved Senior Umpire. Meanwhile, our Division 1 Grand Final umpires – Daniel Compton, Andrew Stephen, Adam Walker (field), Cameron Brick, Emmet Brasier, Scott Gaunson (boundary), Jesse Baird and Neville Coutts (goal) all achieved outstanding seasons and thoroughly deserved their selection. They performed their responsibilities and executed their skills to the highest level which complimented our grand final between Macleod and Greensborough.

NFL CEO Peter McDougall and Football Operations Manager Ron McKeown totally support umpiring and were always happy to discuss umpiring matters and give assistance when needed. I am thankful for their support of me and umpiring responsibilities. Fellow staff Delwyn Berry, Samuel Zito, Richard Dureau, Byron Smith and Tim Johns have been wonderful in their support of umpiring and assisting me in my first year. Their knowledge and skills aid me greatly and has been much appreciated. Their professional approach and knowledge ensures the success of the NFL. We have a great team.

Finally, I would like to give a big thank you to all umpires who officiated games of football this year. Your contribution and valued support has been very much appreciated. Thanks also to the NUA, all volunteers and the unsung heroes, the parents, for supporting their children and for making my first year as the Director of Umpiring an enjoyable one.

Martin Ellis
Director of Umpiring

Netball

2015 saw another year of exciting and competitive action on the courts in the Northern Netball League.



The season commenced with the second instalment of our summer netball competition. A total of eight teams competed in the tournament each Friday night during the summer months, with the competition won by Heat Netball Club in its first inaugural season in the NNL.

In another first, the summer was also spent busily assembling two playing squads for the league's first foray into representative netball. Over 60 players trialed for 20 positions available in the NNL's two squads to take on the Southern Football Netball League (SFNL) in two interleague matches.

The NNL's representative teams were mentored by two of the league's most experienced coaches, with Diamond Creek's Brooke George coaching the A-Grade team and Greensborough's Sharon Ashworth coaching the B-Grade team.

- The representative matches proved to be a huge success for the NNL, with the league victorious in both games against the SFNL at Parade College on the Friday night of the Queen's Birthday weekend.

In the first game of the night the B-Grade team overcame an early first-term deficit to runaway with a 45-25 victory. Greensborough goaler Chantelle Power was adjudged best on court for her supreme shooting performance.

A win never looked in doubt for the A-Grade team, who raced to a five-goal advantage early in its match. The NNL extended its lead at every break, finishing with a convincing 47-34 win. Captain Stacey Gannon (pictured right) claimed the best on court medallion in the 13-goal win.

I would like to personally thank all players, coaches, clubs and umpires for the support that was shown towards representative netball in 2015 and we look forward to ongoing support as we continue to expand our representative netball program in the future.

The 2015 winter competition began on April 9, with 58 teams competing across a league-record nine sections. Competition was again strong across all sections and after 18 rounds we moved into the finals – which for the first

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time was held as a staggered finals series, culminating in the Section 6-9 grand finals being held a week prior to the Section 1-5 grand finals.

Diamond Creek 1 once again proved to be the team to beat in Section 1, continuing its dominance by going through the home and away season undefeated. A win in the second semi final propelled the club into another grand final, where it claimed its sixth-successive premiership courtesy of a thrilling one-goal win over a very sharp North Heidelberg 1. Diamond Creek's Bronwyn Taylor was adjudged best on court in the 60-59 result.

In Section 2, minor premier South Morang 1 was beaten by a well-drilled Watsonia 1 in an equally thrilling decider. Overtime was needed to separate the two teams, with Watsonia able to outlast the Lions 37-30 to take home the club's first netball premiership. Rhiannon Maxwell of Watsonia won the best on court medallion.

Whittlesea 2 came from third place on the ladder to claim the Section 3 premiership. The Eagles won three successive finals and were too strong for St Mary's 1 in the grand final, claiming a 41-22 win with Angel Mann best on court.

After finishing two wins clear atop the ladder, Lalor 1 looked like taking home the Section 4 premiership when it lead Greensborough 3 during the first half of the grand final. However, the Boro managed to fight back and took the lead late before recording a 31-29 triumph, with Thea Nicolau best on court in the come-from-behind win.



A third-place finish meant Hurstbridge 1 had to take the long route to the Section 5 grand final, however the Bridges were up to the task. Aided by a best on court performance by Millie Barden, the Bridges defeated North Heidelberg 3 24-17 in the grand final to deny North Heidelberg successive premierships after saluting in Section 7 last year.

Thomastown 2 claimed its first ever netball premiership, winning the Section 6 flag. Despite North Heidelberg 4 being hot on their heels, the Bears were able to hold on 28-23 in the grand final, with Lauren Newstead winning the best on court medallion.

Despite fielding a relatively young side St Martin's took out the Section 7 title, beating new club Heat 3 in a tight grand final, 38-35. Monique Barbanera of St Martin's was adjudged best on court in the three-goal result.

West Ivanhoe and South Morang 3 played out a memorable Section 8 grand final that was played in great fashion. West Ivanhoe proved to be too strong on the night, winning 34-32 with Stef Symes best in the win.

Bundoora Comets 4 saved arguably its performance of the season for the Section 9 grand final, as it prevailed over the Fitzroy Stars 4. Despite finishing a win behind the Stars in the regular season, the Comets were dominant in the grand final, claiming a 33-16 win with Lauren Grimes best on court.

I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to Gay Martin and Michelle Johnson who shared the role of umpire co-ordinator for the season. As well as appointing umpires to all games, the ladies were also able to critique umpires along the way, to assist with the training of all NNL umpires.

To Louise Novak, Tracey Matthews and Glenys Storey, thank you for your assistance in supervising the venues and having all matches completed on time and in an efficient manner. Thanks also to our venue assistants Zoe Berry and Georgia McDougall, who defied the cold temperatures during the winter nights, and manned the door at our venues. Thank you for your administration assistance and ensuring all teams, players and spectators were attended to.

To my fellow colleagues in the office, thank you for your support throughout the season. We may only be a small team, but we are a strong one.

Delwyn Berry
'Choose Tap' Netball Manager

Media

Despite being a grassroots competition, the NFL is not immune to the public's desire to access all the latest information on-demand in the digital age.

The ability to deliver a service which provides the community with all the latest news from the league, across a multitude of platforms, is dependent on the hard work of a dedicated group of volunteers who commit themselves to the league's media team.

In 2015 it was again my great pleasure to lead the NFL's expanding media division. The passion and enthusiasm displayed by the media team again enabled the NFL to remain an industry-leader in community sport digital production. The work of the league's media volunteers allowed supporters of the NFL to access selected teams, live scores, match replays, video highlights, interviews, match reviews and previews – ensuring they never missed a beat of NFL action.

A key measure of the league's success in providing better engagement with its supporters was outlined by an increase in the number of page impressions to the league website, NFL.org.au, for the fifth consecutive year. Figures provided by Fox Sports Pulse showed a five per cent increase in traffic to the website on the previous calendar year, with the page receiving over 7.3 million impressions over the 12-month reporting period. The higher viewership provided an increase in the commercial return from the website.

The league was this year able to also increase its engagement with the community through its mobile app and social media channels. The league's Twitter account now has 2,600 followers – up 29 per cent from 12 months ago, while 7,600 people follow the league on Facebook, an 18 per cent increase from last year. The league will continue to work on ways to provide better services through these channels to ensure we engage with our supporters as closely as possible.

In 2015 the NFL continued to publish the weekly online program The Pancake Parlour NFL Top 5 Plays of the Week. The highlights

package was published each Wednesday and its popularity was demonstrated with The Pancake Parlour coming on board as a commercial partner of the show. Each week the highlights package featured all the best plays from the weekend's senior action, with each featured player receiving a \$50 voucher to The Pancake Parlour.

The highlights package was made possible by the continuation of the league's partnership with Red Onion Creative, which again ensured every senior match was filmed and replays posted to the league's online video portal. The primary purpose of the match filming program is to provide all NFL seniors clubs with match footage for coaching purposes – providing each club the opportunity to enhance player development and coaching practices. The added benefit is the league and our clubs can use the footage to develop highlights packages to better engage our competition with the local and broader community. I'd like to thank Andrew McLeish and Matt McLeish from Red Onion Creative for their work in assisting the league with its digital content production.

The league's video content was this year bolstered by the introduction of the NFL Captains Series, which featured on the NFL website each Tuesday. Created and produced by Brad Emmett, the online series featured one-on-one interviews with each club's senior captain, providing viewers an insight into the high expectations and demands of a leader within a grassroots sporting club.

Tom Flanagan and Jordan Kounelis again accompanied me on the NFL Match of the Day radio broadcast, and both continued to go above and beyond their call of duty to take the action into the homes of all listeners. The professionalism, knowledge and passion that Tom and Jordan bring to the radio broadcast ensured all listeners were treated to an accurate and entertaining call. It was a pleasure to again work alongside both

throughout the season. Thanks also to the team at 88.6 Plenty Valley FM, in particular program manager Roly Sims and panel operator Tyrell Mills, who enabled us to go to air each week of the football season.

The broadcast team kicked off the season with the Good Friday opener between Greensborough and Eltham and called every Saturday of the season – including the ANZAC Day and Queen's Birthday rounds, and on Sundays during the finals series. The team also hosted the NFL Preview Show at 1pm each Saturday, as well as bringing listeners the NFL Review Show at the conclusion of each broadcast match. Each review featured an interview with the player adjudged the Midas Greensborough Player of the Day and I wish to thank Tristan Kreymborg and the team at Midas Greensborough for supporting the broadcast by providing a \$149 car service voucher to the player voted best afield in each radio game.

The league's match-day football record, The Northerner, remained a staple for many who attended NFL matches and provided all the latest league and club news. Thank you to the team at Cyan Press who helped put the football record together every week and ensured that all deadlines were met with minimal stress.

The ability to ensure the football record and league website were always updated with the latest news articles was reliant on the tremendous work supplied by the league's football writers. Michael Thompson and Doug Long continued as our Division 2 and Division 3 scribes, reviewing all the action in their respective competitions. NFL readers were also treated to match reports from our three senior competitions, meaning those unable to attend a game could read about it by Sunday afternoon. They were also able to access weekly feature stories and junior reviews. This coverage was provided by the league's team of writers, which included Connor O'Leary, Dan Campbell, Ben Pascuzzi, Nicholas Sacco, Jarrad Conron, Christopher Chrysostomou, Anthony Bitzilis and netball writer Sarah Vanin. I thank all our writers for their outstanding contribution throughout the 2015 season.

I also wish to take this opportunity to thank my fellow staff members for their assistance throughout the year. Well done on another tremendous season. Thank you also to every NFL club for enabling the league's media team to have access to players and coaches, which enhanced the coverage the NFL was able to provide to the community.

Samuel Zito
Media Manager





Division 1

Division 1 Review

Six years after returning to the top flight, Macleod's patience and hard work developing its own home-grown talent landed the club its second Division 1 premiership.

The Roos' grand final success meant the Division 1 premiership cup headed to its sixth home in seven seasons – with no NFL club winning successive flags since Heidelberg rounded out its four-peat in 2009.

Greensborough fell just short of equalling Heidelberg's league-record of 19 senior premierships, with the Boro winning the minor premiership before succumbing to Macleod in a see-sawing grand final.

Ninth and eighth respectively in 2014, Eltham and Northcote Park were the competition's improvers in 2015 – both finishing inside the top five and winning a final. Bundoora made a 15th consecutive finals series, however powerhouses Heidelberg and Montmorency both missed the top five after dominating the competition in recent years.

North Heidelberg's return to Division 1 for the first time in four years was a difficult one, finishing the season at the bottom of the ladder. The Bulldogs did show significant improvement throughout the year, however finished 14 points adrift of nearest rival Montmorency.

On an individual level, Matthew Vasilevski (pictured right) claimed his second successive Frank Rosbrook Medal as the competition's best and fairest player. Eltham's James Kroussoratis topped the goal kicking table with 65 goals in the regular season despite missing the final two home and away games, while Greensborough skipper Lachlan McQuilken became his club's first winner of the Coaches Player of the Year.

Ultimately, the 2015 season will be looked back upon as the year Macleod ended the 44-year wait for its second Division 1 premiership.

All season Garry Ramsay's side was locked in a two-way battle with Greensborough for the minor premiership. Macleod won both home and away outings against the Boro and looked destined to finish in first place, before successive losses in the final two rounds of the regular season saw it slip to second.

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The Roos rebounded in the qualifying final against Eltham before falling to a heavy loss to Greensborough in the second semi. But with Jack Langford, Liam Brandt, Nick Lynch and Josh Henkel all returning to the side, Macleod was able to overrun Eltham in the preliminary final before reversing the second semi result on grand final day, winning by 21 points after breaking the game open late in the third term.

Lucas Hobbs was a standout in his first season at De Winton Park, winning the club's best and fairest in his first season after crossing from Whittlesea. Hobbs featured in Macleod's best players in 16 of 22 matches and finished with 22 goals. He was selected in the Division 1 Team of the Year and also represented Vic Metro against AFL Queensland.

Justin White maintained his high level, Jack Bianchin enjoyed a massive September, while Kane Shaw's leadership – particularly on grand final day – could not be understated. The Roos were also well served by a number of emerging players, with 19-year-old Laurence Schubert finishing second in the club's best and fairest, while 18-year-old Reid Brandt kicked 29 goals, including 11 during the finals.

It was the first time since 1958 that Greensborough failed to defend a Division 1 premiership, having gone back-to-back the past four times it has won a flag in the top flight. The grand final loss was a disappointing way to the end the season, but for the six months that preceded it Greensborough was near faultless in its premiership defence.

The Boro won 15 of 18 home and away matches, kicked more points per game than any other side in the competition, conceded the fewest points and had six players selected in the Division 1 Team of the Year, along with coach Ben Turner.

Tristan Stead took his game to another level and won his first club best and fairest. Josh Grubb enjoyed a superb year and kicked 48 goals – including eight in his two finals, while Nick Riddle returned full-time after three seasons with Collingwood VFL and was again outstanding in defence.

As was the case in 2014, the Boro again won two flags this year – albeit not in the seniors. After losing in Round 1, their reserves won their next 19 matches in succession – culminating in a 53-point grand final win over Northcote Park. The under-19s were equally dominant, losing just two games for the season on their way to back-to-back flags.

2015 proved to be a season of huge improvement for Eltham in Mario Bandera's second season at the helm, returning to the finals where it claimed its first Division 1 finals victory since 1977 when it defeated Northcote Park in the first semi.

The Panthers were the only side to beat all other teams during the home and away season, with Greensborough and Macleod eventually matching that feat during the finals series. They looked to have one foot in the grand final when they led Macleod by 33 points early in the preliminary final, before injury and fatigue saw them run out of gas.

Anton Woods enjoyed his first season at Panther Place and was runner-up for the Frank Rosbrook Medal. He and Bradyn Taglieri – who returned to Eltham on a permanent basis after two seasons with the Northern Blues – were keys to the Panthers' rise up the ladder, along with the dominant James Kroussoratis and young gun Billy Glasgow.

Northcote Park overcame a disappointing 2014 campaign to return to the top five in Harmit Singh's first season as playing-coach. That was despite a spate of injuries, overseas travel and VFL selection forcing the Cougars to use 49 players in their senior side.

Former VFL star Wayne Schultz lived up to expectation in his first year at Bill Lawry Oval and finished equal-second for the Frank Rosbrook Medal. He just pipped Luke Svarc for the Cougars' best and fairest, the Molloy Medal, and was named on a half back flank in the Division 1 Team of the Year.

Skipper and dual Frank Rosbrook medallist Bronik Davies missed the opening part of the season after appearing as a contestant on the Channel 7 series House Rules, but was back to his best in the second half of the season. Meanwhile Ash Close booted 23 goals in 11 games and finished the season in Collingwood's VFL team. The tall forward also earned an invite to the AFL State Draft Combine.

For the second consecutive year Bundoora's season ended in the opening week of the finals – this year losing to Northcote Park by three points after Ricky Dyson's last-minute shot cannoned into the post.

The Bulls initially struggled to adapt to life without Cameron Cloke, Trent Barbero, David Mitchell and Brayden Shaw and looked anything but a premiership contender after winning just six of their opening 13 games. However, they hit the finals in red-hot form – winning their final five regular season matches, including a tight Round 17 win over Macleod in one of the games of the season.

Brendan Carlyon enjoyed a huge campaign and was a deserving winner of the best and fairest. Matthew Dennis overcame an early season injury to again be the leading ruckman in the competition, while Ned McKeown took his game to another level, finishing third in both the club and league best and fairest despite playing just 12 home and away games, in between stints with Collingwood VFL.

Lower Plenty finished one place higher on the ladder than in 2014, despite recording one less



win. The Bears began the season as a genuine finals threat and looked on track to qualify for their first Division 1 finals campaign after a 3-1 start. However, five successive losses between rounds 5-9 ultimately put paid to their hopes of playing finals.

After last year becoming the first Lower Plenty player to win the Division 1 best and fairest, Matthew Vasilevski this year became the first player since Montmorency's Daniel Keenan (2008-09) to win the award in consecutive seasons.

Heath Ayres made a much-anticipated comeback to the league after stints in the EDFL and WRFL and finished second for the Bears' best and fairest, with ruckman Patty Flynn behind in third. Doug Morris joined from Northcote Park and booted a team-high 22 goals, while Cameron Elmore was rewarded for his defensive efforts with his first selection in the Division 1 Team of the Year.

A grand finalist in 10 of the previous 11 seasons, many expected Heidelberg to again contend in 2015. However it was to be a year of frustration as it missed out on the finals for the first time since 2003.

The Tigers' season got off to a flyer and they were the competition's only undefeated side after Round 3. Despite a slight drop-off in form over the next two months, they still sat in third place after Round 11 and looked headed to improve their record to 8-4 when leading Macleod by 18 points in their Round 12 encounter. The Tigers faded badly at De Winton Park to fall to a three-goal defeat and their season never recovered.

The 2014 runners-up lost their final seven matches, with their finals hopes dashed when beaten by Montmorency in Round 16. Worse was to come the following week, when they let slip a five-goal final-quarter lead to lose to old rival North Heidelberg at home.

Michael Looby was a shining light across half back and was Heidelberg's only representative in the Team of the Year. Charles Gaylard – who has been announced playing-coach in 2016, replacing Craig Hunter – was another who consistently performed well, marshalling the midfield with Kieren Andrew.

West Preston-Lakeside was placed in the bottom five for the third consecutive year, with Leigh Cole's debut season as coach

yielding just six wins – despite heading into the Queen's Birthday break with a 5-3 record.

The Roosters were never the same side after the break, losing eight successive games before ending the streak with a final round win over Montmorency. The eight-game losing streak was headlined by close home losses and blowout away defeats, with the Roosters statistically a seven-goal better side at home throughout the season.

For the second successive year Luke Liroi and Shaun Gannon led the club's best and fairest, with Liroi this year beating his skipper for the award. Aaron Willitts booted 32 majors after crossing from Epping, while David Rodan was named in the Roosters' best in half of his 16 matches, and managed 18 goals.

After waving goodbye to a host of star players in the pre-season, 2015 was a year of rejuvenation for Montmorency as Ben Haynes adopted a youth policy in his first year as coach. As a result, the Magpies missed September action for the first time since 2007 with Haynes using 46 players in the seniors – bleeding many from the club's under-19 program.

Joel McLellan relished taking on the club's No.1 ruckman responsibilities and claimed the best and fairest. Co-captain Jesse Donaldson remained one of the competition's most damaging players – winning plenty of the ball and booting 23 goals from midfield. He and Pat Fitzgerald were both named in the Division 1 Team of the Year, with Fitzgerald managing 51 goals in 16 games, which included a bag of seven in the Round 16 win over Heidelberg.

Despite finishing bottom of the ladder in its return to the top flight, North Heidelberg showed improvement right throughout the year. Winless when relegated in 2011, the Bulldogs this year claimed two victories – with both coming away from home against arch-rivals Heidelberg and Montmorency.

After losing two of its opening four matches by triple figures, the Bulldogs were able to reduce the size of their defeats as the year went on – with the exception of a 137-point defeat to Lower Plenty in Round 15. The Bulldogs' biggest issue was running out matches, being overpowered in the last quarter of six matches when in a winning position at three-quarter time.

Shane Harvey claimed his fifth club champion award after kicking 55 goals, finishing ahead of Michael Florance who was a revelation in his first year with the club. Jarrod Spurrell and Jake Brown always put in, while 19-year-olds Aiden Buchanan and Zac Gleeson impressed.

2015 Club Best and Fairest Winners

Bundoora – Brendan Carlyon; **Eltham** – Bradyn Taglieri; **Greensborough** – Tristan Stead; **Heidelberg** – Michael Looby; **Lower Plenty** – Matthew Vasilevski; **Macleod** – Lucas Hobbs; **Montmorency** – Joel McLellan; **North Heidelberg** – Shane Harvey; **Northcote Park** – Wayne Schultz; **West Preston-Lakeside** – Luke Liroi

Division 1 Ladders

DIVISION 1 SENIORS

TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
Greensborough	18	15	3	0	1833	1171	156.53	60
Macleod	18	13	4	1	1757	1282	137.05	54
Eltham	18	12	6	0	1633	1504	108.58	48
Bundoora	18	11	7	0	1696	1591	106.60	44
Northcote Park	18	10	8	0	1538	1330	115.64	40
Lower Plenty	18	8	10	0	1535	1657	92.64	32
Heidelberg	18	7	11	0	1415	1378	102.69	28
West Preston-Lakeside	18	6	12	0	1273	1558	81.71	24
Montmorency	18	5	12	1	1437	1735	82.82	22
North Heidelberg	18	2	16	0	1213	2124	57.11	8

DIVISION 1 RESERVES

TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
Greensborough	18	17	1	0	2063	714	288.94	68
Eltham	18	16	2	0	1638	836	195.93	64
Heidelberg	18	12	6	0	1623	1119	145.04	48
Northcote Park	18	10	8	0	1395	1224	113.97	40
Macleod	18	9	9	0	1245	1342	92.77	36
Lower Plenty	18	8	10	0	1325	1231	107.64	32
Montmorency	18	7	11	0	1181	1317	89.67	28
West Preston-Lakeside	18	5	13	0	1221	1595	76.55	20
Bundoora	18	3	15	0	920	1899	48.45	12
North Heidelberg	18	3	15	0	768	2102	36.54	12

DIVISION 1 UNDER-19

TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
Greensborough	18	16	2	0	1923	659	291.81	64
Montmorency	18	15	3	0	1678	844	198.82	60
Bundoora	18	14	4	0	1789	913	195.95	56
Macleod	18	11	7	0	1501	986	152.23	44
Lower Plenty	18	9	8	1	1519	1119	135.75	38
West Preston-Lakeside	18	9	8	1	1571	1164	134.97	38
Northcote Park	18	8	10	0	1455	1139	127.74	32
Eltham	18	4	14	0	1320	1253	105.35	16
Heidelberg	18	3	15	0	671	1829	36.69	12
North Heidelberg	18	0	18	0	206	3727	5.53	0



Division 1 Finals Results

DIVISION 1 SENIORS

Qualifying Final

Macleod 10.8 (68) def Eltham 5.13 (43)

Elimination Final

Bundoora 15.12 (102) def by **Northcote Park 17.3 (105)**

First Semi Final

Eltham 10.12 (72) def Northcote Park 8.6 (54)

Second Semi Final

Greensborough 15.9 (99) def Macleod 7.11 (53)

Preliminary Final

Macleod 17.12 (114) def Eltham 11.9 (75)

Grand Final

Greensborough 10.6 (66) def by **Macleod 13.9 (87)**

Greensborough

Best: N. Riddle, R. Mullins, T. Stead, J. Callaway, L. McQuilken, J. Grubb

Goals: J. Grubb 3, J. Callaway 2, R. Boyden, J. Ireland, J. Rogers, L. Emery, J. Riddle

Macleod

Best: L. Brandt, L. Hobbs, J. White, K. Shaw, H. Paynter, J. Kidd

Goals: H. Paynter 2, A. Doherty 2, J. White 2, M. Yarwood, C. Corr, L. Brandt, N. Lynch, J. Langford, L. Hobbs, R. Brandt

Best on ground: Liam Brandt (Macleod)

DIVISION 1 RESERVES

Qualifying Final

Eltham 7.9 (51) def Heidelberg 7.6 (48)

Elimination Final

Northcote Park 10.15 (75) def Macleod 10.11 (71)

First Semi Final

Heidelberg 11.7 (73) def by **Northcote Park 17.12 (114)**

Second Semi Final

Greensborough 11.16 (82) def Eltham 6.6 (42)

Preliminary Final

Eltham 10.9 (69) def by **Northcote Park 12.7 (79)**

Grand Final

Greensborough 14.9 (93) def Northcote Park 6.4 (40)

Greensborough

Best: S. Conte, S. Barnett, J. Didier, D. Robertson, D. Toomey, J. Griffiths

Goals: L. Bowkett 3, C. Jordan 2, M. Hunt 2, J. Rowe 2, J. Didier 2, S. Parks, S. Barnett

Northcote Park

Best: L. Waldron, H. Mason, N. Leach, H. Reid, J. Harris, M. Picken

Goals: L. Waldron, R. Elasmr, N. McNiece, H. Mason, J. Chilcott, J. Amad

Best on ground: Scott Conte (Greensborough)

DIVISION 1 UNDER-19

Qualifying Final

Montmorency 10.17 (73) def Bundoora 5.5 (35)

Elimination Final

Macleod 5.12 (42) def by **Lower Plenty 10.13 (73)**

First Semi Final

Greensborough 10.7 (67) def Montmorency 5.6 (36)

Second Semi Final

Bundoora 7.15 (57) def Lower Plenty 6.11 (47)

Preliminary Final

Montmorency 11.9 (75) def Bundoora 4.11 (35)

Grand Final

Greensborough 14.12 (96) def Montmorency 3.3 (21)

Greensborough

Best: C. Kett, B. Bedford, J. Pickett, J. Cann, B. Psarakos, T. Bevan-Shannon

Goals: J. Pickett 3, L. Gough 2, M. Hill 2, S. Hennessy, M. Merkel, T. Bevan-Shannon, M. Luciani, J. Money, J. Cann, B. Psarakos

Montmorency

Best: L. Nunan, D. Nunan, B. Dillon, M. Pyers, Z. Smith, Z. Beadle

Goals: N. Taylor, Z. Allen, N. Matthews

Best on ground: Cailin Kett (Greensborough)



Division 1 Awards

For the second year in succession, Lower Plenty's Matthew Vasilevski claimed the Frank Rosbrook Medal as the best and fairest player in Division 1.

The gun midfielder last year made history by becoming the first Bears player to win the award, when he tied with Northcote Park co-captain Bronik Davies.

Vasilevski won the award outright this season and became the first player since Montmorency's Daniel Keenan (2008-09) to win the medal in successive years.

He polled 24 votes, one more than last year, to win the award from Northcote Park's Wayne Schultz and Eltham's Anton Woods. Bundoora utility Ned McKeown and ruckman Matthew Dennis rounded out the top five vote winners.

Vasilevski started the season in blistering form, polling votes in the opening five matches of the year. Despite Lower Plenty winning just three of its opening nine games, Vasilevski continued to figure in the umpires votes, amassing all 24 of his votes in the first 14 rounds.

He earned votes in 10 matches throughout the season, which included receiving the maximum three votes on six occasions.

Vasilevski's dominance was also rewarded with selection in the centre in the Division 1 Team of the Year.

A former winner of the TAC Cup's Morrish Medal, Anton Woods polled 12 votes in the final seven rounds to finish equal second in the best and fairest count. It was a superb effort by Woods in his first season at Eltham after joining from VFL outfit Williamstown.

Also a key signing in the off-season, former VFL midfielder Wayne Schultz lived up to expectations to tie with Woods in second place. The Northcote Park playmaker polled in nine matches and six times earned the umpires' three votes.

Greensborough's Lachlan McQuilken was awarded the Coaches Player of the Year, winning a close count by just one vote.

The Boro co-captain earned coaches votes in eight matches, the equal most of any player in the competition, to just pip Shaun Gannon, Lucas Hobbs and teammate Tristan Stead.

McQuilken picked up two coaches votes in both Round 16 and Round 17 to jump into first place on the leaderboard and became the first Greensborough player to win the award in its seven-year existence.

Eltham sharpshooter James Kroussoratis claimed the leading goal kicker award, booting 65 goals in 16 matches, before a knee injury late in the season curtailed his campaign.

Kroussoratis was in lethal form early in the season, booting 40 goals in the first seven rounds – which included bags of nine and eight against grand finalists Macleod and Greensborough. He finished the season with nine bags of four goals or more.

His efforts enabled him to become the first Eltham player since Roy Kelly in 1953 to top the Division 1 goal kicking table.

BEST AND FAIREST

SENIORS – Frank Rosbrook Medal

Player	Club	Votes
Matthew Vasilevski	Lower Plenty	24
Wayne Schultz	Northcote Park	22
Anton Woods	Eltham	22
Ned McKeown	Bundoora	17
Matthew Dennis	Bundoora	14

RESERVES

Player	Club	Votes
Henry Mason	Northcote Park	17
Samuel Parks	Greensborough	14
Damien Toomey	Greensborough	14
Jason Dean	North Heidelberg	12

UNDER-19

Player	Club	Votes
Mark Pavlovski	Bundoora	30
Brody Waugh	Bundoora	23
Ayman O'Dowd	Heidelberg	16
Kyle O'Sullivan	Eltham	16

LEADING GOAL KICKERS

SENIORS

Player	Club	Goals
James Kroussoratis	Eltham	65
Rhys Boyden	Greensborough	60
Shane Harvey	North Heidelberg	55

Home and away games only

RESERVES

Player	Club	Goals
Scott McLaughlin	Lower Plenty	48
Robert Chadwick	Northcote Park	44
Brett Wilding	Macleod	44

UNDER-19

Player	Club	Goals
Julian Maloni	West Preston-Lakeside	74
Mitchell Merkel	Greensborough	57
Mackenzie Stanley	Lower Plenty	43

COACHES PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Player	Club	Votes
Lachlan McQuilken	Greensborough	19
Shaun Gannon	West Preston-Lakeside	18
Lucas Hobbs	Macleod	18
Tristan Stead	Greensborough	18

TEAM OF THE YEAR

B	Matthew Hyde (Gre), Nick Riddle (Gre), Michael Looby (Hei)
HB	Justin White (Mac), Cameron Elmore (LP), Wayne Schultz (NP)
C	Tristan Stead (Gre), Matthew Vasilevski (LP), Billy Glasgow (Elt)
HF	Anton Woods (Elt), Rhys Boyden (Gre), Ned McKeown (Bun)
F	Lucas Hobbs (Mac), James Kroussoratis (Elt), Shane Harvey (NH)
R	Matthew Dennis (Bun), Lachlan McQuilken (Gre), Bradyn Taglieri (Elt)
Int	Michael Hooper (Gre), Shaun Gannon (WPL), Jesse Donaldson (Mon), Patrick Fitzgerald (Mon)
Coach	Ben Turner (Gre)



Division 2

Division 2 Review

The 2015 Division 2 season will be looked back upon as one of the competition's most enthralling campaigns.

Coming off a superb 2014 season, the competition tightened even further this year – with very little separating the top five sides. Whittlesea eventually took the spoils to claim its third Division 2 flag in six years, but the Eagles weren't as dominant as during their 2010 and 2013 premierships.

The premier ended the regular season third on the ladder with an 11-1-6 record – finishing just half a game and percentage ahead of fifth-placed Thomastown. Outlining the closeness of Division 2, Whittlesea never won more than three matches in succession en route to this year's premiership.

While the Eagles weren't as dominant as previous stints in second division, Brad Dean's side came good when it counted most – recording three superb finals wins to take out the flag. Importantly, they beat minor premier Lalor in all four encounters throughout the season, including in the thrilling three-point grand final – one of the best in the modern era.

Skipper Andrew Fairchild led from the front and finished the campaign with 59 goals. He received strong support from club best

and fairest Matt Dornauf, Todd Behan (pictured below left) and Jordan Ormerod – with Dornauf and Ormerod both selected in the Division 2 Team of the Year, along with Fairchild and defender Dale Saddington.

Ormerod was the Eagles' big improver – starting the year in the reserves before featuring in the best in 12 of his 20 senior matches. He was superb in the second half of the grand final win over Lalor and was just edged out for best afield honours by Behan – who himself finished among the Eagles' best two players in six of the last nine matches.

The depth of Whittlesea's playing list was outlined on the final day of the season, with all three sides competing in grand finals. The Eagles' reserves were just beaten by Thomastown in the premiership decider, while the under-19s claimed the flag convincingly – with a host of the side's leading players also getting a taste of senior football this year.

Lalor again showed great improvement in Steve Marshall's second season as coach, progressing through to its first grand final since 2007, before falling agonisingly short of breaking its eight-year premiership drought.

In an even competition, the Bloods were the most consistent side in Division 2 – losing just three games after Round 7. However, they were unable to overcome Whittlesea in any outings throughout the season – losing four close contests.

Shane Jacobs (pictured below right) could not have been more impressive in his first season at Lalor Reserve, winning both the competition and Lalor best and fairest awards, as well as being named the Division 2 Coaches Player of the Year. The 31-year-old was a ball magnet and also finished the year with 22 goals.

Jarrold King and Ben Curtiss rounded out the placegetters in Lalor's best and fairest – with Curtiss the club's best player in its narrow grand final defeat. Meanwhile, Todd Hughes took his game to another level at full forward, booting 81 goals, which included bags of four goals or more on 16 occasions.

After four seasons spent narrowly staving off relegation, 2015 was a year of significant improvement for Hurstbridge. In Michael Ryan's first season as playing-coach, the Bridges finished second on the ladder and



featured in their first Division 2 finals series since their triumphant 2003 campaign.

Although bundled out of the finals in straight sets, many of the club's recruits delivered with dominant seasons, with Jarrod Tilley, Tyron Loader and Brayden Shaw all finishing in the top three of the club's best and fairest, while Chris Burton led the Bridges goal kicking with 49 majors and Hayden Farrelly was strong in defence.

The club's talented youngsters continued to improve throughout the course of the season, with Tom Simpson named in the Team of the Year, while Riley Reading, Jack Furlong and Lachlan East each took another big step forward in their development.

Following successive grand final defeats, 2015 proved to be an indifferent year for the Fitzroy Stars in Travis Hodgson's fourth, and final, season as coach. The Stars played finals for the fourth consecutive year, however for the first time failed to win at least one final.

Ultimately, Fitzroy's long battle just to earn a top four place took its toll and the Stars were unable to produce their best in the first semi against Whittlesea.

After a strong Round 1 win over Hurstbridge, injury and inaccuracy in front of goal saw the Stars fail to string together successive victories for much of the first half of the year. As a result, the 2013 and 2014 runner-up sat outside the top four from rounds 7-17, only jumping back in courtesy of a final-round win over Panton Hill, coupled with a Thomastown loss.

Peter Hood was the club's best player throughout the year, combining with big man Clinton Edwards for the best ruck-rover combination in the competition. Hood claimed the Stars best and fairest from Edwards and was runner-up to Jacobs for both the competition best and fairest and the Division 2 Coaches Player of the Year.

John Hayes continually worked magic inside the forward 50 and finished the year as the Stars' leading goal kicker, just ahead of captain Djaran Whyman. Daniel Francis was solid in his first year back from Hurstbridge, while Jai Burns and Coree Thorpe also enjoyed good years.

Thomastown was desperately unlucky to miss out on a finals berth, but it was an almighty season all the same in the club's first year back in Division 2. The Bears sat inside the top four for 17 of 18 rounds, but fell to fifth in the final week of the year following a Round 18 loss to Lalor.

The Bears recorded 11 victories in 2015 – a record number by a side in its first season in Division 2 following promotion from Division 3. That included an incredible seven-game winning streak to start the year, which comprised triumphs over finalists Whittlesea, Hurstbridge and the Fitzroy Stars.

Lukas Fellows showed big improvement in defence and was named Thomastown's best and fairest. Matthew Ferraro had a strong first year at Main Street Reserve, kicking 62 majors to finish second behind Todd Hughes on the goal kicking table. After winning close

to every Division 3 award on offer in 2014, Matthew Cupo showed he is just as capable at a higher level, while Daniel Chadwick and James Rizzolio offered great midfield support.

Thomastown didn't finish the season empty-handed, with the Bears' reserves winning the premiership. The Bears finished atop the ladder before beating Whittlesea in consecutive thrillers in both the second semi final and grand final – the latter by five points courtesy of a last-minute goal to Michael Gravina.

While 2015 was a second-successive year without finals action, Diamond Creek showed solid improvement in Craig Hayes' first year at the helm. The Creekers finished with two more wins than in 2014 and were far more competitive in their defeats.

Hayes wasn't afraid to mix and match his side throughout the year as he experimented with his selected 22 each week. 45 players were used in the senior side, giving Hayes a chance to see which players he can build his side around moving forward.

Chris Moloney enjoyed another consistent season to claim the club champion award. Hugh Kavanagh was restricted to just nine games but was again a standout when available, Jai Norman was a strong target up forward, while Jedd McQueen was a welcome addition back to the club.

Many youngsters also impressed in their senior opportunities. Among them were Lochlan Brannelly and Tyler Barnes, who both showed glimpses of the exciting talent on display at the club.

Perhaps Diamond Creek's best result of the season was its shock 13-point upset of Fitzroy Stars at Ben Frilay Oval in Round 15, as it finished the year with wins in four of its final six matches.

Panton Hill recorded two less wins than in 2014, but was never truly threatened with relegation given Mernda's woes. A 4-14 record didn't truly reflect the Redbacks' performance in Joffa Byron's first year in charge, with three losses registered by under a goal and a further three by less than 19 points.

The highlight of the season was a gripping come-from-behind win over eventual premier Whittlesea under lights in Round 2. Trailing by 38 points at half time, the Redbacks came home with a wet sail to win a nail-biter by two points.

The Redbacks' other three wins all came against bottom-placed Mernda, demonstrating improvement will be required in 2016 to keep the club away from the relegation fight.

Tyler Scarce backed up his 2014 competition best and fairest with an equally dominant campaign – finishing in third place for the award this year. Mitchell Anderson was crucial at centre half back, not only shutting down his opponent but also creating many attacking plays. Meanwhile, Alex Dines and Daniel Haynes proved to be more than handy recruits and Ben Finnin returned after a one-year hiatus to again lead the club's goal kicking.

At the bottom of the ladder it was a year to forget for Mernda, who ended the 2015 season with just one win next to its name. The end result was relegation back to Division 3, just 12 months after playing off in the Division 2 preliminary final.

After losing a host of key players in the pre-season, as well as former skipper Rohan Davies back flipping on a potential move back to the club, 2015 always loomed as being a challenge for the Demons.

The club's only win came in Round 10, amazingly, against then ladder-leader Thomastown. The Demons did match-up well against the Bears during the year, falling just short of a second win when beaten by a solitary point at Main Street Reserve in Round 16.

Captain Les Adams led by example all the way through the season and deservingly won his second consecutive club best and fairest award. He was also Mernda's sole representative in the Team of the Year. Krys Douglas enjoyed a strong season and was one of four Demons to play every game, along with Liam Gray, Christian Cawsey and Tom McIntosh.

Mernda will move back to Division 3 in 2016 with a new coach at the helm after Jason Ford was announced as successor to Brett Wilson. The club will hope Ford can emulate Wilson's feat of claiming a premiership in his first season as coach, which he achieved in 2012.

2015 Club Best and Fairest Winners

Diamond Creek – Chris Moloney; **Fitzroy Stars** – Peter Hood; **Hurstbridge** – Jarrod Tilley; **Lalor** – Shane Jacobs; **Mernda** – Les Adams; **Panton Hill** – Tyler Scarce; **Thomastown** – Lukas Fellows; **Whittlesea** – Matt Dornauf

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Division 2 Ladders

DIVISION 2 SENIORS

TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
Lalor	18	13	4	1	1828	1502	121.70	54
Hurstbridge	18	12	6	0	1767	1398	126.39	48
Whittlesea	18	11	6	1	1865	1492	125.00	46
Fitzroy Stars	18	11	6	1	1853	1584	116.98	46
Thomastown	18	11	7	0	1415	1489	95.03	44
Diamond Creek	18	7	10	1	1320	1325	99.62	30
Panton Hill	18	4	14	0	1291	1703	75.81	16
Mernda	18	1	17	0	995	1841	54.05	4

DIVISION 2 RESERVES

TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
Thomastown	18	15	3	0	1984	920	215.65	60
Whittlesea	18	15	3	0	1699	869	195.51	60
Diamond Creek	18	12	6	0	1918	971	197.53	48
Hurstbridge	18	12	6	0	1673	855	195.67	48
Fitzroy Stars	18	8	10	0	1069	1718	62.22	32
Lalor	18	6	12	0	967	1308	73.93	24
Mernda	18	4	14	0	780	1914	40.75	16
Panton Hill	18	0	18	0	529	2064	25.63	0

DIVISION 2 UNDER-19

TEAM	P	W	L	D	FF	FA	F	A	%	PTS
Whittlesea	16	14	2	0	2	0	2258	504	448.02	56
South Morang	16	14	2	0	2	0	2090	551	379.31	56
Diamond Creek	16	13	3	0	0	0	1627	655	248.40	52
Banyule	16	12	4	0	2	0	2127	641	331.83	48
Hurstbridge	16	10	6	0	0	0	1660	811	204.69	40
St Mary's	16	8	8	0	1	0	1403	1037	135.29	32
Epping	16	5	11	0	0	2	786	1725	45.47	20
Panton Hill	16	4	11	0	0	1	596	1807	32.98	18
Lalor	16	3	12	0	0	4	580	1783	32.53	14
Mernda	16	2	14	0	0	0	477	2134	22.35	8
Watsonia	16	2	14	0	0	2	444	2400	18.50	8



Division 2 Finals Results

DIVISION 2 SENIORS

First Semi Final

Whittlesea 14.2 (86) def Fitzroy Stars 11.5 (71)

Second Semi Final

Lalor 14.14 (98) def Hurstbridge 9.6 (60)

Preliminary Final

Hurstbridge 14.15 (99) def by **Whittlesea 20.14 (134)**

Grand Final

Lalor 14.10 (94) def by **Whittlesea 14.13 (97)**

Lalor

Best: B. Curtiss, J. King, H. Ryan, T. Hughes, J. Dowell, T. Murphy

Goals: T. Hughes 4, N. Mafilovski 3, N. Sandy 2, S. Dowell 2, S. Christopher, J. Baddeley-Kelly, H. Ryan

Whittlesea

Best: T. Behan, B. Hayes, C. Horman, D. Sage, J. Ormerod, P. Higgins

Goals: B. Hayes 4, B. Briffa 3, N. Horman 2, J. Daniel 2, D. Sage, C. Horman, N. Stefanile

Best on ground: Todd Behan (Whittlesea)



DIVISION 2 RESERVES

First Semi Final

Diamond Creek 9.4 (58) def by **Hurstbridge 10.11 (71)***

Second Semi Final

Thomastown 8.10 (58) def Whittlesea 7.10 (52)

Preliminary Final

Whittlesea 9.12 (66) def Hurstbridge 7.7 (49)

Grand Final

Thomastown 8.12 (60) def Whittlesea 8.7 (55)

Thomastown

Best: S. Abela, C. Zabrieszach, C. Missailidis, N. Fiore, M. Cinciosi

Goals: E. Saban 2, F. Farchione, R. Barbara, M. Gravina, A. Ioannidis, J. Fiore, T. Deghani

Whittlesea

Best: L. Brennan, J. Barnes, L. Dyson, L. Crowley, B. McDonald, A. Foxwell

Goals: J. Barnes 4, L. Dyson, S. Pupillo, L. Crowley, B. Byrne

Best on ground: James Robinson (Whittlesea)



DIVISION 2 UNDER-19

First Semi Final

Diamond Creek 3.9 (27) def by **Banyule 9.17 (71)**

Second Semi Final

Whittlesea 11.7 (73) def South Morang 7.2 (44)

Preliminary Final

South Morang 9.5 (59) def by **Banyule 9.14 (68)**

Grand Final

Whittlesea 13.20 (98) def Banyule 7.10 (52)

Whittlesea

Best: N. Pupillo, M. Langford, M. Cormack, C. Leslie, T. Falls, M. Coen

Goals: J. Murphy 3, J. Jerabek 2, L. Wilson 2, C. Leslie, N. Pupillo, C. Prestopino, E. Gorski, M. Langford, M. Coen

Banyule

Best: B. Nethercote, S. Tanudtanud, J. Clarke, R. Williams, D. Langford, S. Mathieson

Goals: L. Balcombe 2, L. James, B. Nethercote, D. Rodda, D. Langford, J. Lowe

Best on ground: Nicholas Pupillo (Whittlesea)

*won in extra time



Division 2 Awards

Shane Jacobs became just the second Lalor player to win a senior competition best and fairest when he took out this year's Division 2 award.

Jacobs' triumph in the best and fairest was Lalor's first since Darryl Harries won the Division 1 award back in 1985.

The strong-bodied midfielder was a dominant force in his first season at Lalor Reserve, helping the Bloods to their first grand final since 2007.

Jacobs received votes from the umpires in 13 matches, including in nine of the final 10 games, as he amassed 26 votes. He received the three votes on four occasions, including three times in five weeks between rounds 9 to 13.

A prolific ball winner, Jacobs was also a handy goal kicker during 2015. He kicked 22 goals in his 20 matches, including a bag of four and two three-goal hauls.

He claimed the best and fairest by four votes from the Fitzroy Stars' Peter Hood. 2014 winner Tyler Scarce finished third on 21 votes, with Jarrod King and Whittlesea captain Andrew Fairchild rounding out the top five.

Hood held an early lead in the best and fairest count after polling 10 votes in the opening four rounds of the season. He also polled heavily late in the season and was amongst the votes in six of the last nine rounds.

Despite Pantom Hill finishing second bottom, Scarce was again a leading vote winner this season. The 2014 best and fairest polled in 10 matches, earning 12 of his votes in the second half of the season despite Pantom Hill winning just two games in that period.

Jacobs' efforts were also recognised by the Division 2 coaches, who voted him the 2015 Coaches Player of the Year.

He polled 30 votes to again edge out Hood by one vote. Scarce finished in third place, meaning the top three vote winners in the Coaches Player of the Year were also the same three vote winners in the competition best and fairest.

Despite not polling a vote off the coaches in the final three rounds, Jacobs had done enough in the opening 15 weeks to hold off a late charge by Hood.

Among Jacobs' 30 votes were four successive three-vote matches between rounds 12 to 15. He also polled in seven consecutive matches between rounds 4 to 10.

Lalor spearhead Todd Hughes won the goal kicking award after booting 76 majors in the regular season. He added another five in the finals, including four in the grand final.

Hughes was kept goalless just once all season and amazingly kicked four or five goals in each of his first nine matches.

His personal best came against Thomastown in Round 18, when he booted nine goals as Lalor denied its close rival a place in the finals.

BEST AND FAIREST

SENIORS		
Player	Club	Votes
Shane Jacobs	Lalor	26
Peter Hood	Fitzroy Stars	22
Tyler Scarce	Pantom Hill	21
Jarrod King	Lalor	15
Andrew Fairchild	Whittlesea	14

RESERVES		
Player	Club	Votes
Ashley Foxwell	Whittlesea	25
Bryce Mullane	Hurstbridge	17
Sheldon Quartermaine	Fitzroy Stars	16
Robert Barbara	Thomastown	13

UNDER-19		
Player	Club	Votes
Matthew Langford	Whittlesea	14
James Thompson	Hurstbridge	13
Sean Tanudtanud	Banyule	12
Tieran Barbera	Hurstbridge	11

LEADING GOAL KICKERS

SENIORS		
Player	Club	Goals
Todd Hughes	Lalor	76
Matthew Ferraro	Thomastown	62
Andrew Fairchild	Whittlesea	57

Home and away games only

RESERVES		
Player	Club	Goals
Andrew Gray	Diamond Creek	53
Joe Colaci	Thomastown	49
Glenn Poorter	Whittlesea	43

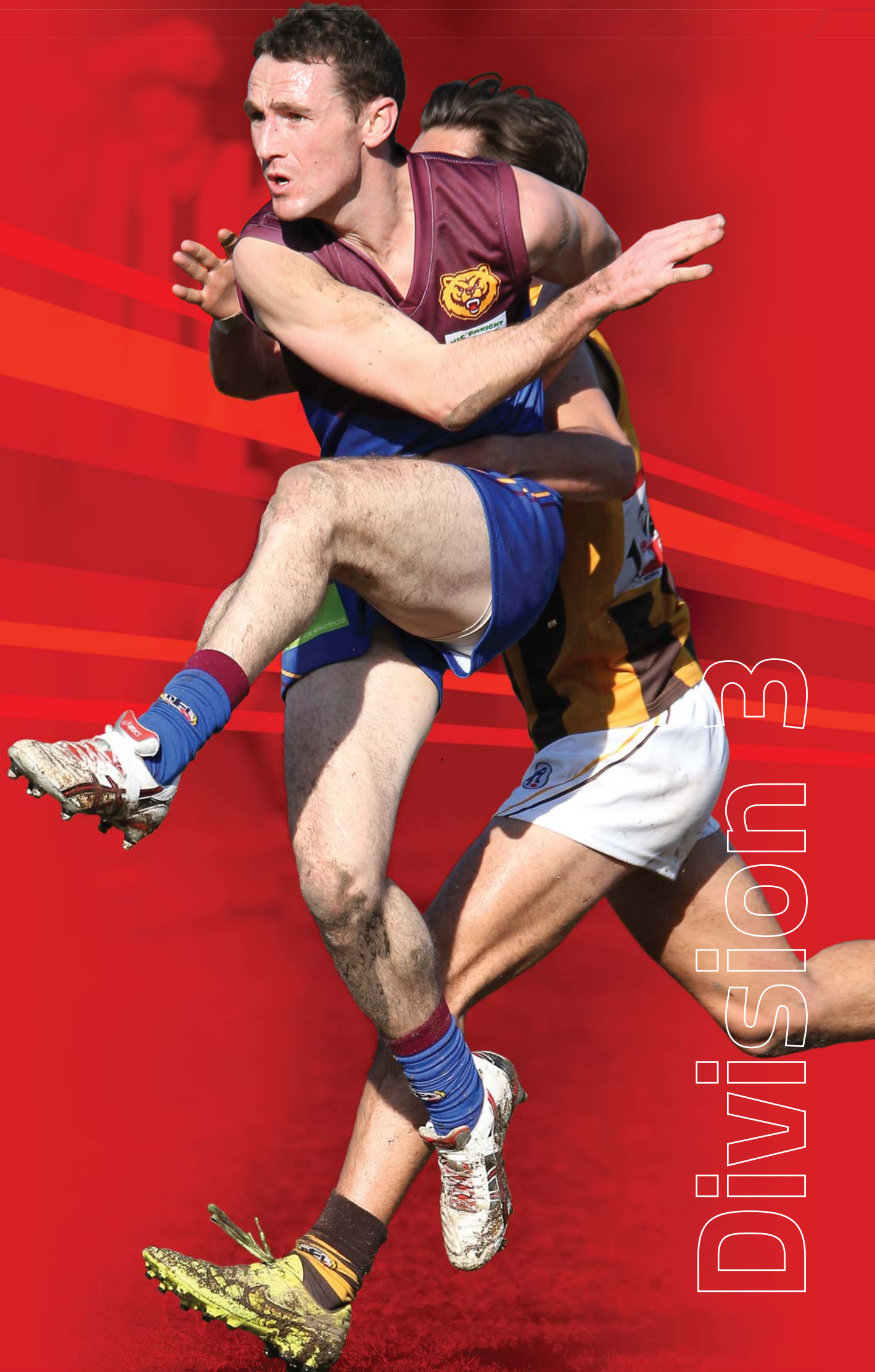
UNDER-19		
Player	Club	Goals
Brendan Baird	Diamond Creek	55
Joel Lovett	Hurstbridge	45
Lachlan James	Banyule	36

COACHES PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Player	Club	Votes
Shane Jacobs	Lalor	30
Peter Hood	Fitzroy Stars	29
Tyler Scarce	Pantom Hill	24
Les Adams	Mernda	21
Mitchell Anderson	Pantom Hill	21

TEAM OF THE YEAR

B	Jedd McQueen (DC), Dale Saddington (Whi), Harley Ryan (Lal)
HB	Tyron Loader (Hur), Mitchell Anderson (PH), Jarrod King (Lal)
C	Matt Dornauf (Whi), Shane Jacobs (Lal), Les Adams (Mer)
HF	Jarrod Tilley (Hur), Matthew Ferraro (Tho), Scott Dowell (Lal)
F	Andrew Fairchild (Whi), Todd Hughes (Lal), John Hayes (FS)
R	Clinton Edwards (FS), Tyler Scarce (PH), Peter Hood (FS)
Int	John Kreuzer (Hur), Jai Norman (DC), Tom Simpson (Hur), Jordan Ormerod (Whi)
Coach	Steve Marshall (Lal)



Division 3

Division 3 Review

The most competitive season since the inception of Division 3 ended with Reservoir lifting its first senior premiership cup since 1984.

It was a case of fourth-time lucky for the Mustangs under Ross Terranova after a number of close misses in recent years – however they far from had things all their own way throughout the season.

Whereas 2014 was dominated by two clubs, 2015 saw a much more even campaign, with South Morang leading the pack for the most part and Reservoir, Watsonia and Epping giving close pursuit.

At different times in the season each of the four enjoyed premiership favouritism, although it was the Lions who proved the most dominant side across the course of the home and away season.

Competition newcomer Banyule and St Mary's continued to push the top four throughout the season, however a number of close losses hurt both sides' chance of playing finals at season's end.

While Heidelberg West struggled to add significantly to its wins tally, the Hawks' leaders were able to compile a number of individual honours, with Kyl Ewart enjoying a fine year at full forward and Dan Bailey and Brad Moore continually racking up big possession numbers.

A premiership win looked only a distant dream for Reservoir after a 1-3 start to the season, with the injury-depleted Mustangs looking a shadow of the side that competed in the 2014 grand final against Thomastown.

A tight six-point win over Banyule in Round 5 got the Mustangs back on track and from there they would lose just two more games on the way to their first senior premiership in 31 years.

Reservoir timed its run to the finals perfectly, winning its last six regular season matches and securing the double chance in the finals with an assertive 57-point win over Watsonia in Round 19.

The Mustangs were then dominant in the final series, overcoming a slow start to upset South Morang by 42 points in the second semi final, before producing a sensational second quarter on grand final day to beat Epping by 29 points. Judd Darby was best on ground in the premiership win, edging out Ben Ryan for the medal.

Ruckman Jason Dal Santo enjoyed a standout season and led the on-ball division which also contained Darby, the always industrious Danny O'Sullivan and Cameron Rooney.

Michael Mannix was ever-reliable down back and Adam Meroli had his best year in Reservoir colours – managing 17 games after a number of injury-cruelled seasons.

The evergreen Ash Flavel was again a star inside the forward 50 and finished the season with 59 majors. Although goalless in the grand final win, the veteran forward saved his best work for the latter part of the season – snaring 22 goals in the final four home and away games, before putting South Morang to the sword with seven majors in the second semi final.

After suffering successive relegations in 2013 and 2014, Epping responded superbly in 2015. Despite falling one step short of the ultimate prize, few will forget the club's incredible run to this year's grand final.

The Blues' season looked all over when they trailed Watsonia by 61 points in the second quarter of the first semi final. What followed was one of the most amazing comebacks in league history, as Steve Power's side defied the odds to come away with a 14-point victory.

They backed-up again in the preliminary final, overcoming fierce rival South Morang by five



points in cold and wet conditions to book an unlikely, but much deserved, place in the grand final.

The Blues regained injured captain and competition best and fairest winner Daniel Moore (pictured right) for the premiership decider – but his four goals weren't enough to stop a rampant Reservoir from taking the flag.

Josh Stavelly ended Moore's six-year reign in the club champion award to claim his first best and fairest. The duo received tremendous support all season from youngsters Leigh Judd, Tom Hughes and Lucas Aquilina, while veterans Shane Wood and Peter McMahon held the backline together.

Chris Chilcott had a solid debut season at Epping and led the club's goal kicking, while Kevin Kiernan was a revelation once moved forward and kicked 24 goals in his final seven matches.

A disappointing finals series ended what was a dominant home and away season by South Morang. The straight-sets exit from the finals gave the Lions a third-place finish for the second successive year.

After finishing the regular season two-wins atop the ladder, a wasteful aggregate of 16 goals and 30 behinds over its two finals appearances – including 5.18 in the five-point preliminary final loss to Epping – left South Morang to ponder what might have been.

- The Lions were the only team in Division 3 to average more than 100 points a game in the home and away season. They also had the best defensive record, conceding only 72 points per game on average.

Recruits Paul Harrison and Wayne Pavitt combined for 93 goals, while Luke Shelton had a profound impact in his first year with the club. Youngsters Aaron D'Angelo and Ben Nesci were standouts and showed they will be stars of the competition in years to come, while Daniel Watson again showed his potential with 28 majors.

Corey McCall's first year in charge of Watsonia yielded a third-successive finals campaign. Unfortunately for the Saints, a promising season was cut short after relinquishing a 10-goal lead in their first semi final defeat to Epping.

Despite their season finishing at the same stage as in 2014, the 2015 campaign was much improved for the Saints – who turned out to be the early season surprise packet after winning their opening four matches.

The Lions were the only team in Division 3 to average more than 100 points a game in the home and away season.

They continued their strong form for much of the year and looked to be headed for a top-two finish when they led Epping at three-quarter time of their Round 15 encounter. The Saints couldn't hold onto the lead that day and from there they slipped to third place – denying them a double chance in the finals.

Jarryd Allan was superb all season and took out the club's best and fairest ahead of Jordan Brown and Andrew Kidd. The club's multi-pronged forward line gave it much more unpredictability in attack, with Kidd, Jeremy and Andy Bennett, Hayden Mitchell and Nathan Groves finishing the year with 122 goals.

Banyule didn't have quiet the season it had hoped for in its inaugural NFL campaign, but the general feeling is the Bears will be better for the experience as they push into 2016.

The club kicked off the season with a thumping 69-point win over Heidelberg West, however that proved to be the Bears' only win in the opening two months of the season.

The addition of former AFL forward Scott Gumbleton and the return of Adam Barclay midway through the year provided an immediate impact, with the Bears winning three of four matches between rounds 9-13 to keep their slim finals chances alive.

However, a spate of close losses to the top three sides late in the season put paid to any hopes of playing finals, as the Bears finished their debut year in the NFL with a 7-9 record.

Big men Ash Brown and Andries Jurgens stood up throughout the year, while 19-year-old Devin McDonald proved a great find – kicking 21 goals in 15 matches to earn a place in the Division 3 Team of the Year.

The highlight of the Banyule's season came in September, when the reserves took out the premiership after overcoming Epping in a thrilling grand final by seven points – giving the club its first piece of silverware in the NFL.

2015 proved to be the third straight year without finals action for St Mary's. But while the win-loss record was no different than in 2014 – the Burra certainly showed improvement on the previous season.

Among the club's five wins were away triumphs at both Reservoir and Epping. On the flip side, the Burra were the only club to be defeated by Heidelberg West – a similar tale to 2014 when they were the only team to lose to bottom-placed Parkside in its final year in the NFL.

Perhaps the biggest cause of frustration for Con Borg's side throughout the 2015 season was the amount of close losses it suffered. The Burra lost three games by under a goal, and a further two by less than three goals.

As has been the case in recent years, finding avenues to goal proved a headache, with the Burra averaging just 73 points per game. By comparison, fifth-placed Banyule averaged 93 points per game.

Lee Minuz enjoyed another strong season and claimed his second-successive best and fairest from Jordan Dupont and Jake



Johnston, while Nicholas Dean won selection in the Division 3 Team of the Year after being named in the Burra's best in eight of his 14 matches.

After making significant inroads in 2014, the 2015 season proved to be a step backwards for Heidelberg West, as it managed just one win for the campaign.

The Hawks were competitive in most losses in the first half of the season – losing four of their first six games by less than 22 points. However, as significant injuries took their toll, the bigger losses began to mount.

The highlight of the club's season was a 29-point win over St Mary's at Heidelberg Park in Round 13.

Heidelberg West's top end talent again led the club admirably. Skipper Daniel Bailey won the Division 3 Coaches Player of the Year, while Kyl Ewart led the competition goal kicking with 62 majors – an incredible achievement in side that finished bottom of the ladder.

The duo was named in the Division 3 Team of the Year, alongside Bailey's co-captain Brad Moore who had another sensational season and was named in the Hawks' best players in 15 of 16 matches.

2015 Club Best and Fairest Winners

Banyule – Ash Brown; **Epping** – Josh Stavelly; **Heidelberg West** – Brad Moore; **Reservoir** – Judd Darby; **St Mary's** – Lee Minuz; **South Morang** – Luke Shelton; **Watsonia** – Jarryd Allan

Division 3 Ladders

DIVISION 3 SENIORS

TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
South Morang	16	13	3	0	1669	1155	144.50	52
Reservoir	16	11	5	0	1461	1191	122.67	44
Watsonia	16	10	6	0	1315	1257	104.61	40
Epping	16	9	7	0	1374	1318	104.25	36
Banyule	16	7	9	0	1476	1303	113.28	28
St Mary's	16	5	11	0	1173	1383	84.82	20
Heidelberg West	16	1	15	0	1048	1909	54.90	4

DIVISION 3 RESERVES

TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
South Morang	16	14	2	0	1628	511	318.59	56
Banyule	16	12	4	0	1212	814	148.89	48
Epping	16	10	6	0	1120	854	131.15	40
St Mary's	16	9	7	0	1046	961	108.84	36
Reservoir	16	7	9	0	1025	1149	89.21	28
Watsonia	16	3	13	0	830	1144	72.55	12
Heidelberg West	16	1	15	0	593	2021	29.34	4

Division 3 Finals Results

DIVISION 3 SENIORS

First Semi Final

Watsonia 14.13 (97) def by Epping 17.9 (111)

Second Semi Final

South Morang 11.12 (78) def by Reservoir 19.6 (120)

Preliminary Final

South Morang 5.18 (48) def by Epping 7.11 (53)

Grand Final

Reservoir 15.9 (99) def Epping 10.10 (70)

Reservoir

Best: J. Darby, J. Dal Santo, B. Ryan, L. Walsh, M. Mannix, A. Meroli

Goals: D. McGregor 4, T. O'Meara 3, Ka. Beaumont 3, K. Clayton, L. Sullivan, B. Ryan, Ke. Beaumont, J. Darby

Epping

Best: S. Wood, M. Henwood, P. McMahon, L. Judd, C. Janev, D. Moore

Goals: D. Moore 4, R. Tinsley 2, K. Kiernan 2, C. Chilcott, J. Dunmore

Best on ground: Judd Darby (Reservoir)

DIVISION 3 RESERVES

First Semi Final

Epping 9.5 (59) def St Mary's 6.9 (45)

Second Semi Final

South Morang 7.6 (48) def by Banyule 10.8 (68)

Preliminary Final

South Morang 9.3 (57) def by Epping 9.13 (67)

Grand Final

Banyule 8.6 (54) def Epping 6.11 (47)

Banyule

Best: T. Valvo, J. Hooper, M. Smith, S. McKenzie, M. Lardo, J. O'Connor

Goals: T. Valvo 3, S. McKenzie 2, J. O'Connor, M. Smith, H. McDonald

Epping

Best: C. Brown, M. Kruze, B. Kostas, B. Stallion, N. Krstevski, A. Gibson

Goals: B. Kostas 2, C. Brown, D. Ferguson, P. Dempsey, M. Bennett

Best on ground: Michael Kruze (Epping)



Division 3 Awards

Daniel Moore added another honour to his illustrious list of achievements when he claimed the 2015 Division 3 best and fairest.

The long-time Epping skipper claimed the award in his club's first season in third division, polling 15 votes to win from Watsonia's Jarryd Allan and 2014 co-winner Danny O'Sullivan.

It was Moore's second best and fairest after winning the Division 2 award in 2010, and adds to a long list of honours which includes two premierships, six Epping club champion awards and three Division 2 Coaches Player of the Year trophies.

Persistent knee problems restricted Moore to just 12 home and away matches this year, however five best on ground performances enabled the 31-year-old to claim the best and fairest.

Moore was best afield in three of his first four matches as he raced to an early lead in the vote count.

Perhaps his best effort came in Round 15. Confined to the goal square because of his knee issue, Moore defied the injury to kick five of his side's eight goals as the Blues overcame Watsonia by four points.

Moore's injury worsened in the opening quarter of Epping's Round 17 home loss to Reservoir, with his season seemingly over when he was helped from the field.

However, he made an inspirational comeback on grand final day as he tried to guide the Blues to their first premiership since 2012. Moore booted a game-high four goals in the decider, despite his side losing by 29 points.

Allan's second-place finish in the best and fairest was his second successive big season after last year being named the Coaches Player of the Year. The Saints ball winner polled nine of his votes between rounds 4 to 8 as his side secured a third successive finals berth.

O'Sullivan was equally consistent after sharing last year's best and fairest with Thomastown's Matthew Cupo. After missing the opening three matches, the Mustangs' co-captain finished the campaign strongly with votes in three of his last four games.

Heidelberg West skipper Daniel Bailey won the Coaches Player of the Year award, with three Hawks among the top six in the count.

Bailey received votes in nine of his 13 matches, including eight times in nine games between rounds 5 to 15. Four times he received maximum votes.

Fellow Heidelberg West teammate Kyl Ewart won the leading goal kicker award, despite the Hawks finishing bottom of the ladder with just one win.

Ewart booted 62 goals for the season – accounting for close to 40 per cent of Heidelberg West's majors – and became the club's first player to win a leading goal kicker award since Greg Withers in 1991.

He twice booted seven goals, both times against finalists South Morang and Epping, and recorded a haul of six against premier Reservoir.

BEST AND FAIREST

SENIORS		
Player	Club	Votes
Daniel Moore	Epping	15
Jarryd Allan	Watsonia	12
Danny O'Sullivan	Reservoir	12
Matthew Crawford	Watsonia	11
Devin McDonald	Banyule	11

RESERVES		
Player	Club	Votes
Tore Valvo	Banyule	12
Kane Paterson	St Mary's	12*
Mark Smith	Banyule	11
Jason Ward	South Morang	11
Michael Kruze	Epping	10
Matthew McMahon	Epping	10

*Ineligible

LEADING GOAL KICKERS

SENIORS		
Player	Club	Goals
Kyl Ewart	Heidelberg West	62
Ashley Flavel	Reservoir	52
Paul Harrison	South Morang	50
Christopher Chilcott	Epping	47
Wayne Pavitt	South Morang	34

Home and away games only

RESERVES		
Player	Club	Goals
Nathan Mittica	South Morang	41
Simon Crump	South Morang	30
Adam Carlson	Reservoir	29
Benjamin Marshall	Epping	27
Joshua Clancy	Watsonia	26

COACHES PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Player	Club	Votes
Daniel Bailey	Heidelberg West	20
Daniel Moore	Epping	18
Luke Giles	Banyule	17
Jarryd Allan	Watsonia	16
Kyl Ewart	Heidelberg West	16
Brad Moore	Heidelberg West	16

TEAM OF THE YEAR

B	Leigh Judd (Epp), Michael Mannix (Res), Aaron D'Angelo (So M)
HB	Brad Moore (HW), Shane Wood (Epp), Jarryd Allan (Wat)
C	Josh Stavely (Epp), Daniel Bailey (HW), Judd Darby (Res)
HF	Andrew Bennett (Wat), Christopher Chilcott (Epp), Luke Giles (Ban)
F	Ashley Flavel (Res), Kyl Ewart (HW), Wayne Pavitt (So M)
R	Jason Dal Santo (Res), Danny O'Sullivan (Res), Daniel Moore (Epp)
Int	Nicholas Dean (St M), Matthew Crawford (Wat), Luke Shelton (So M), Devin McDonald (Ban)
Coach	Ross Terranova (Res)

Senior Representative

The Northern Football League squared off against the Victorian Amateur Football Association on March 28 for the No.1 ranking at the AFL Victoria Metropolitan Championships.

The outsider heading into the game, the NFL led for the opening three and a half quarters in warm conditions at Carlton's IKON Park.

Unfortunately wasted chances in front of goal left the door ajar and the VAFA was able to hit the front for the first time with five minutes remaining, before going on for a 7.7 (49) to 5.14 (44) win.

Greensborough's Nick Riddle and Macleod's Brad Leggett were superb in defence despite the defeat, with Leggett winning his dual with VAFA captain Matt Handley. NFL skipper Jason Kennedy was also faultless at the helm; putting his body on the line and mopping up with composure and class off half back.

But for all of the NFL's hard work, which also included starring roles from Jesse Donaldson and Matthew Dennis, the Jason Heatley-coached squad was haunted by its second half failure to hit the scoreboard.

The missed opportunities were in stark contrast to the opening term when the NFL could do no wrong.

Big-man Patrick Fitzgerald ignited his team with a huge pack mark and goal inside the first 30 seconds. His Montmorency teammate Ben Fennell followed up shortly after with an intercept mark and goal that had the NFL well and truly on top.

Trailing by 20 points at the first break, the VAFA needed a lift and found it in the second term, booting three goals to one to reduce the deficit to 11 points.

If the first half was an arm wrestle then the third term became trench warfare as the teams traded blows between the arcs, unable to snare the decisive goal. After 20 minutes of frenetic footy, which include a poster apiece, the NFL still held a lead of 13 points.

While their respective coaches called for composure under pressure at the last change, it was the VAFA that was able to find three goals late in the final term to prevail in a game befitting of the 1v2 rankings.

In the aftermath Heatley said he was extremely proud of the efforts of the NFL's playing squad.

"We've got some outstanding guys that represented their clubs and the league really well. I couldn't pick any guys who didn't accept the challenge," he said.

"I think people will certainly sit up and take notice of us, but it doesn't take away that raw emotion and disappointment, knowing that we let one slip away."

Following their impressive performances for the NFL, Jason Kennedy, Matthew Dennis, Jesse Donaldson, Lucas Hobbs and Nick Riddle were all selected to represent Vic Metro against AFL Queensland.

Kennedy was named captain of the side that claimed an 87-point win at Brisbane's

Moreton Bay Sports Complex over the Queen's Birthday weekend.

While our footballers fell just short, our netballers enjoyed huge success in their first foray into representative netball, with both NNL sides victorious in games against the Southern Football Netball League at Parade College over the Queen's Birthday weekend.

In the first game of the night the NNL's B-Grade team overcame an early deficit to runaway with a 45-25 victory. Greensborough goaler Chantelle Power was adjudged best on court for her supreme shooting performance.

A win never looked in doubt for the A-Grade team, who raced to a five-goal advantage early in its match. The NNL extended its lead at every break, finishing with a convincing 47-34 win. Captain Stacey Gannon claimed the best on court medallion in the 13-goal win.

2015 AFL VICTORIA METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

NFL	4.3	5.7	5.12	5.14 (44)
VAFA	1.1	4.2	4.5	7.7 (49)

NFL

Best: N. Riddle, J. Kennedy, J. Donaldson, B. Marshall, N. Carter, M. Dennis

Goals: J. Donaldson, P. Fitzgerald, C. Gaylard, S. Harvey, B. Fennell

VAFA

Best: H. Tinney, B. Iezzi, J. Bull, T. Sullivan, A. Pitt, W. Tardif

Goals: J. Bull 2, A. Pitt, M. Handley, H. Croft, A. Bentick, B. Mahon

NFL Squad: Jason Kennedy – captain (Heidelberg), Paul Bower (Heidelberg), Nick Carter (Northcote Park), Ben Cosgriff (Heidelberg), Matthew Dennis (Bundoora), Jesse Donaldson (Montmorency), Ben Fennell (Montmorency), Patrick Fitzgerald (Montmorency), Charles Gaylard (Heidelberg), Shane Harvey (North Heidelberg), Lucas Hobbs (Macleod), Jarrod Hodgkin (Heidelberg), Michael Hooper (Greensborough), Brad Leggett (Macleod), Nick Lynch (Macleod), Brent Marshall (Bundoora), Ben McNiece (Northcote Park), Hamish Paynter (Macleod), Nick Riddle (Greensborough), Jason Rogers (Greensborough), Tom Rogers (Eltham), Bradyn Taglieri (Eltham), Jordan Treloar (Heidelberg), Justin White (Macleod); Jason Heatley – coach.

A-GRADE NETBALL

NNL (47) def SFNL (34)

NNL Squad: Stacey Gannon – captain (Diamond Creek), Casey Barnes (Whittlesea), Bec Colwell (North Heidelberg), Elizabeth Edwards (Bundoora Comets), Sharna Enright (Greensborough), Alex Harriman (St Mary's), Rhiannon Maxwell (Watsonia), Verhonda Smith (Diamond Creek), Bronwyn Taylor (Diamond Creek); Brooke George – coach.

B-GRADE NETBALL

NNL (45) def SFNL (25)

NNL Squad: Bianca Power – captain (Greensborough), Jessica Beaton (St Mary's), Jenna Boseley (Northcote Park), Isabelle Conroy (Greensborough), Adele Cosma (Greensborough), Jessica Elder (Lakeside), Ashleigh Feeham (Watsonia), Cassie Lewis (Diamond Creek), Elise O'Callaghan (Diamond Creek), Chantelle Power (Greensborough); Sharon Ashworth – coach.



Junior Representative

UNDER-14 DIVISION 1

Round 1

NFL	2.2	5.5	7.7	10.13 (73)
RDFL	1.4	2.5	3.6	4.6 (30)

Best: NFL – T. Wallace, W. Crouch, Z. Goodwin, B. Williams, J. D'Intinosante

RDFL – S. Ramsay, S. Bell-Bartels, B. Landt, B. Radford, J. Chahine

Goals: NFL – S. Indian 3, J. Zapantis 2, J. D'Intinosante 2, W. Cookson, C.

Newport, T. Farris

RDFL – S. Ramsay, H. Wilde, L. Heaney, T. Kisler

Round 2

NFL	3.6	4.7	9.12	11.14 (80)
SEJ	0.0	3.1	4.1	6.2 (38)

Best: NFL – C. Newport, L. Potter, K. Green, C. Roberts, B. Smith

SEJ – S. Merrick, C. Weightman, H. Whitehead, A. Mackenzie, B. Little

Goals: NFL – C. Newport 5, J. Zapantis, K. Davies, S. Indian, T. Farris, J.

D'Intinosante, R. Gardner

SEJ – D. McBean 2, J. Barker, S. Merrick, R. Siwes, M. Wilson

Round 3

NFL	4.3	4.4	6.9	7.10 (52)
WRFL	0.1	2.3	6.7	7.12 (54)

Best: NFL – L. Potter, B. Pimperl, S. Indian, J. Wood, E. Gover

WRFL – K. Bharathi, E. Jeka, J. Mathews, J. O'Sullivan, L. Rzanovski

Goals: NFL – S. Indian 2, B. Smith, K. Davies, C. Newport, J. D'Intinosante, Z.

Molloy

WRFL – J. Kellett 2, A. Taylor 2, N. Gaitanis, J. Moretti, Z. De Leon

UNDER-14 DIVISION 2

Round 1

NFL	6.9	7.13	12.17	14.20 (104)
RDFL	0.0	0.2	0.3	2.4 (16)

Best: NFL – C. Wild, O. Bellingham, P. Sidhu, C. Turner, J. Saleh

RDFL – L. Randle-Hewitt, Z. Banitsiotis, R. Vernon, J. Hansford, C. Boschen

Goals: NFL – E. Giann 2, J. Walker 2, M. Sindrivanis 2, N. Mitsiou 2, J. Saleh 2,

L. Vaina, J. Mazzarella, J. Renehan, C. Walsh

RDFL – Z. Banitsiotis 2

Round 2

NFL	2.1	5.10	11.12	17.18 (120)
SEJ	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0 (18)

Best: NFL – D. Ferronato, M. Kalpakis, J. Thompson, A. Love, M. Sindrivanis

SEJ – D. Mutimer, C. Olsson, T. Gambetta, R. Hollis, I. Buenasada

Goals: NFL – N. Mitsiou 4, L. Vaina 3, J. Walker 3, M. Sindrivanis 2, J.

Mazzarella, C. Wild, J. Renehan, D. Ferronato, D. Shute

SEJ – R. Hollis, J. Osborne, C. Preece

Round 3

NFL	3.3	3.3	5.7	6.9 (45)
WRFL	1.3	4.4	7.5	9.8 (62)

Best: NFL – B. Rowan, P. Sidhu, D. Ferronato, O. Bellingham, M. Sindrivanis

WRFL – K. Crimmins, A. Rappazzo, M. Bawden, D. Bolkas, S. Johnson

Goals: NFL – D. Ferronato, J. Walker, N. Mitsiou, M. Bozikis, L. Vaina, J.

Renehan

WRFL – Z. Triplett 2, C. White 2, L. Jani, A. Rappazzo, D. Ciappara, K. Vo, M.

El-Abdallah

UNDER-15 DIVISION 1

Round 1

NFL	8.3	9.7	13.9	15.9 (99)
RDFL	0.0	2.0	3.2	4.4 (28)

Best: NFL – B. Bell, B. Gillard, A. Kalcovski, P. Mahoney, J. Richards, C. Sullivan

RDFL – S. Skidmore, N. Doyle, N. Croft, T. Gordon, J. Taylor, J. Topham

Goals: NFL – A. Kalcovski 4, B. Bell 3, M. McLellan 2, R. McGougan 2, K. Tilev,

B. Gillard, R. Edwards, C. Zapantis

RDFL – N. Woods, J. Whitehand, B. Jorgensen, Y. Tsasouris

Round 2

NFL	3.2	8.8	10.10	14.14 (98)
SEJ	4.0	7.2	12.4	14.7 (91)

Best: NFL – A. Kalcovski, J. Richards, B. Bell, R. Edwards, E. Robinson

SEJ – R. Boland, C. Taylor, K. Nasser, J. Carosella, A. Young

Goals: NFL – E. Robinson 3, A. Kalcovski 2, C. Zapantis 2, R. McGougan, R.

Edwards, B. Murphy, N. Reibelt, B. Bell, T. Holmberg, X. Corbin

SEJ – R. Boland 3, B. Marson 2, A. Young 2, C. Taylor 2, C. Ellison, J. Plumridge, J. Flannery, M. Riordan, J. Carosella

Round 3

NFL	3.0	3.1	6.2	8.2 (50)
WRFL	2.2	6.5	6.6	10.10 (70)

Best: NFL – J. Richards, P. Mahoney, B. Gillard, A. Kalcovski, C. Sullivan, K.

Tilev

WRFL – B. Khamis, O. King, M. Lennard, L. Harrison, C. Thar, J. Rice

Goals: NFL – A. Kalcovski 3, E. Robinson 2, M. McLellan 2, B. Murphy

WRFL – O. King 5, C. Thar 2, M. Rubino, B. Khamis, Z. Santullo

UNDER-15 DIVISION 2

Round 1

NFL	4.8	7.9	10.17	13.19 (97)
RDFL	1.0	2.1	2.2	3.2 (20)

Best: NFL – B. Hexter, S. Villegas, S. Mills, P. Aronica, K. Yankos

RDFL – J. Feehan, C. Lever, E. Cirulis, J. Watkins, T. Werner, J. White

Goals: NFL – N. Aleksovski 4, J. Camilleri, K. Yankos, P. Aronica, C. Oxley, L.

Casa, S. Soumaya, B. Hexter, J. Lock, J. Smith

RDFL – L. Goater, T. Orr, B. Crowhurst

Round 2

NFL	3.3	6.7	9.10	10.11 (71)
SEJ	1.3	2.4	3.5	8.7 (55)

Best: NFL – B. Wingrave, R. Godino, K. Yankos, J. Lock, B. Hexter

SEJ – J. Andrew, D. Hunter, C. Angus, M. Mason, J. Howarde

Goals: NFL – K. Yankos 2, S. Mills 2, N. Aleksovski 2, Z. Lucas, M. Crapper, J.

Lock, C. Oxley

SEJ – D. Hunter 3, M. Mason 2, J. Arena, J. Bergman, T. Robinson

Round 3

NFL	0.1	2.5	3.6	5.6 (36)
WRFL	4.1	4.6	7.7	7.8 (50)

Best: NFL – R. Godino, L. Casa, J. Smith, C. Oxley, M. Crapper

WRFL – L. Sholl, J. Krajina, M. Chandab, J. Jawad, D. Pantalleresco

Goals: NFL – N. Aleksovski 3, P. Aronica, L. Casa

WRFL – L. Sholl 4, D. Phillips, Z. Hannett, C. Moir

UNDER-16 GIRLS

Round 1

NFL	4.5	8.8	12.11	12.12 (84)
YJFL2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2 (2)

Best: NFL – B. Hallal, R. Panozzo, C. Fitzgerald, A. Pronesti, M. McCormack,

N. O'Connor

YJFL2 – S. Charakas, A. Barrett, G. Larkey, A. Gill, A. Pamminger

Goals: NFL – E. Harris 2, S. Chambers 2, C. Fitzgerald 2, S. Townsend 2, M.

McCormack, C. Oakley, T. Morgan, C. Ashley

YJFL2 –

Round 2

NFL	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3 (9)
YJFL	5.7	10.14	15.19	20.20 (140)

Best: NFL – A. Pronesti, N. O'Connor, B. Hallal, P. Kearney, S. Chambers

YJFL – E. Harley, K. Lynch, J. Provan, T. Cutts, I. Gietzmann

Goals: NFL – B. Hallal

YJFL – L. Szigeti 5, K. Lynch 4, I. Gietzmann 4, J. Provan 2, M. Antypas, M.

Guerin, K. Tanner, D. Bateman, E. Capetola

Round 3

NFL	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4 (4)
SEJ	1.7	4.15	5.15	10.19 (79)

Best: NFL – T. Vincent, P. Kearney, R. Panozzo, A. Pronesti, B. Hallal

SEJ – E. Browning, C. Jones, S. Stratton, C. Anderson, J. Dyer

Goals: NFL –

SEJ – C. Jones 4, T. Sheldon 2, N. Weston, S. Stratton, B. Struylaart, G. Gee

Junior Ladders

UNDER 11 BLUE

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	%WON
South Morang	12	12	0	0	2	365.65	100.00
Eltham	12	8	4	0	2	157.42	66.67
Laurimar Black	11	6	5	0	3	70.62	54.55
Mernda	12	5	6	1	2	50.50	45.83
Montmorency	12	4	7	1	2	57.44	37.50

UNDER 11 RED

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	%WON
Whittlesea	14	11	3	0	0	297.11	78.57
Diamond Creek	13	10	3	0	1	237.89	76.92
Research	14	8	6	0	0	157.55	57.14
South Morang	14	8	6	0	0	84.84	57.14
Greensborough	14	5	8	1	0	64.35	39.29
Yarrambat	13	5	8	0	1	64.79	38.46
Northcote	14	2	11	1	0	59.90	17.86
West Preston-Lakeside	14	2	12	0	0	53.31	14.29

UNDER 11 GREEN

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	%WON
Wallan	13	10	3	0	1	481.11	76.92
Mill Park	14	9	5	0	0	202.96	64.29
Northcote	14	9	5	0	0	118.06	64.29
Whittlesea	14	8	6	0	0	137.35	57.14
Bundoora Park	14	4	10	0	0	44.81	28.57
Eltham	14	2	12	0	0	26.16	14.29

UNDER 11 SILVER

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	%WON
Yarrambat	13	11	2	0	1	244.63	84.62
West Ivanhoe	13	10	3	0	1	177.68	76.92
Epping	14	6	8	0	0	131.19	42.86
Thomastown	13	4	9	0	1	119.13	30.77
Hurstbridge	13	3	10	0	1	70.36	23.08
Keon Park	14	0	14	0	0	18.35	0.00

UNDER 12 BLUE

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	%WON
South Morang	12	9	2	1	2	311.02	79.17
Montmorency	12	9	3	0	2	336.50	75.00
Yarrambat	12	8	3	1	2	159.05	70.83
Laurimar Black	12	6	6	0	2	35.59	50.00
Greensborough	12	2	10	0	2	30.83	16.67

UNDER 12 RED

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Diamond Creek	14	10	4	0	259.69	40
Mernda	14	9	5	0	179.57	36
Epping	14	9	5	0	149.41	36
Eltham	14	8	6	0	152.40	32
Wallan	14	2	12	0	31.26	8
West Preston-Lakeside	14	1	13	0	34.20	4

UNDER 12 GREEN

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Whittlesea	14	11	3	0	322.89	44
Bundoora Park	14	10	4	0	137.59	40
Hurstbridge	14	9	5	0	211.76	36
Northcote	14	9	5	0	113.97	36
Research	14	7	7	0	89.25	28
Mill Park	14	6	8	0	38.81	24
Mernda	14	5	9	0	58.53	20
Montmorency	14	1	13	0	39.53	4

UNDER 12 SILVER

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Kinglake	14	13	1	0	520.90	52
Reservoir	14	12	2	0	564.84	48
Lalor	14	9	5	0	133.50	36
South Morang	14	7	7	0	75.28	28
West Ivanhoe	14	5	8	1	195.33	22
Panton Hill	14	4	9	1	67.16	18
Diamond Creek	14	2	12	0	25.53	8
Laurimar Teal	14	1	13	0	10.70	4

UNDER 12 GIRLS

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	%WON
West Preston-Lakeside	12	12	0	0	2	516.36	100.00
Research	12	10	2	0	2	223.91	83.33
Montmorency	12	7	5	0	2	126.88	58.33
Diamond Creek Women's	12	7	5	0	2	104.05	58.33
Yarrambat	12	3	9	0	2	59.85	25.00
Greensborough	12	3	9	0	2	51.58	25.00
Eltham	12	0	12	0	2	14.08	0.00

UNDER 13 BLUE

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Research	14	14	0	0	182.20	56
Eltham	14	9	5	0	156.00	36
South Morang	14	9	5	0	120.33	36
West Preston-Lakeside	14	6	8	0	102.51	24
Mill Park	14	4	10	0	70.50	16
Diamond Creek	14	4	10	0	32.18	16

UNDER 13 RED

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	%WON
Mernda	12	9	3	0	2	232.68	75.00
Greensborough	13	8	5	0	1	133.64	61.54
Wallan	13	6	7	0	1	147.04	46.15
Bundoora Park	13	6	7	0	1	96.72	46.15
West Preston-Lakeside	13	6	7	0	1	56.81	46.16
Hurstbridge	12	5	7	0	2	68.94	41.67
Northcote	12	5	7	0	2	51.69	41.67

UNDER 13 GREEN

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	%WON
Yarrambat	13	11	2	0	1	579.23	84.62
Laurimar Black	13	8	5	0	1	179.33	61.54
Montmorency	12	7	5	0	2	173.08	58.33
Whittlesea	12	7	5	0	2	101.03	58.33
Eltham	12	3	9	0	2	46.02	25.00
South Morang	13	2	11	0	1	28.16	15.38
Thomastown	13	1	12	0	1	30.42	7.69

UNDER 14 BLUE

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
South Morang	14	13	1	0	572.57	52
Whittlesea	14	12	2	0	270.21	48
Eltham	14	6	8	0	85.80	24
Mill Park	14	5	9	0	51.17	20
Montmorency	14	4	10	0	39.98	16
Greensborough	14	2	12	0	32.93	8

UNDER 14 RED

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Epping	14	13	1	0	163.46	52
West Preston-Lakeside	14	9	5	0	111.89	36
Mernda	14	8	6	0	137.50	32
Diamond Creek	14	6	8	0	114.08	24
Yarrambat	14	6	8	0	90.27	24
Bundoora Park	14	4	10	0	41.33	16

UNDER 14 GREEN

TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	%WON
Northcote	12	12	0	0	2	315.52	100.00
Research	12	9	3	0	2	173.46	75.00
Wallan	12	6	6	0	2	117.33	50.00
Panton Hill	12	5	7	0	2	109.14	41.67
South Morang	12	3	9	0	2	86.28	25.00
Keon Park	12	2	10	0	2	55.81	16.67
Eltham	12	1	11	0	2	32.03	8.33

UNDER 15 BLUE

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Montmorency	14	13	1	0	195.85	52
South Morang	14	11	3	0	267.90	44
Laurimar Black	14	10	4	0	175.57	40
Whittlesea	14	9	5	0	85.09	36
Greensborough	14	7	7	0	103.99	28
Eltham	14	6	8	0	100.86	24
Wallan	14	4	10	0	69.28	16
Mill Park	14	0	14	0	24.94	0

UNDER 15 RED

TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
West Preston-Lakeside	14	12	2	0	381.39	48
Epping	14	12	2	0	352.16	48
Research	14	8	6	0	232.84	32
South Morang	14	7	7	0	94.04	28
Laurimar Teal	14	5	8	1	76.48	22
Lalor	14	3	10	1	43.84	14
Eltham	14	2	12	0	41.24	8
Hurstbridge	14	2	12	0	37.85	8



UNDER 15 GIRLS						
TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Diamond Creek Women's Blue	14	14	0	0	1478.46	56
Epping	14	12	2	0	478.82	48
West Preston-Lakeside	14	9	5	0	170.48	36
Wallan	14	8	6	0	118.18	32
Eltham	14	7	7	0	134.86	28
Montmorency	14	7	7	0	92.60	28
Greensborough	14	6	8	0	88.64	24
Diamond Creek Women's Red	14	6	8	0	64.83	24
Yarrambat	14	6	8	0	64.61	24
South Morang	14	6	8	0	62.15	24
Mill Park	14	3	11	0	36.11	12
Laurimar	14	0	14	0	11.11	0

UNDER 16 BLUE						
TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
South Morang	14	14	0	0	385.97	56
Epping	14	11	3	0	134.00	44
Diamond Creek	14	7	7	0	86.21	28
Wallan	14	6	8	0	93.03	24
Yarrambat	14	6	8	0	89.27	24
West Preston-Lakeside	14	1	13	0	22.74	4

UNDER 16 RED						
TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Research	14	12	2	0	231.47	48
Eltham	14	8	5	1	168.91	34
Greensborough	14	7	7	0	110.59	28
Montmorency	14	5	8	1	76.10	22
Mill Park	14	4	9	1	60.03	18
Bundoora Park	14	1	12	1	51.63	6

UNDER 17 BLUE							
TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	%WON
South Morang	12	10	2	0	2	219.52	83.33
Eltham	13	10	3	0	1	170.28	76.92
Mill Park	12	9	3	0	2	140.57	75.00
Montmorency	13	8	5	0	1	107.98	61.54
Research	12	4	8	0	2	96.23	33.33
Diamond Creek	13	4	9	0	1	84.21	30.77
Greensborough	13	1	12	0	1	27.00	7.69

UNDER 17 RED						
TEAM	P	W	L	D	%	PTS
Whittlesea	14	13	1	0	428.14	52
Epping	14	11	3	0	194.16	44
Wallan	14	7	7	0	135.71	28
Thomastown	14	5	9	0	102.20	20
South Morang	14	4	10	0	37.89	16
Hurstbridge	14	2	12	0	26.00	8

UNDER 18 GIRLS							
TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	%	%WON
Montmorency	13	12	1	0	1	643.80	92.31
Epping	12	11	1	0	2	446.64	91.67
Darebin	12	9	3	0	2	275.00	75.00
Greensborough	13	6	7	0	1	129.28	46.15
Diamond Creek Women's	13	6	7	0	1	102.51	46.15
Mill Park	13	5	8	0	1	57.37	38.46
South Morang	12	4	8	0	2	195.24	33.33
Hurstbridge	12	3	9	0	2	48.14	25.00
Keon Park	12	0	12	0	2	4.32	0.00

Junior Finals Results

UNDER-11 BLUE

First Semi Final

Laurimar Black 11.5 (71) def Mernda 4.4 (28)

Second Semi Final

South Morang 2.5 (17) def by Eltham 13.9 (87)

Preliminary Final

South Morang 8.6 (54) def Laurimar Black 1.6 (12)

Grand Final

Eltham 8.6 (54) def South Morang 3.6 (24)

UNDER-11 RED

First Semi Final

Research 8.3 (51) def South Morang 1.2 (8)

Second Semi Final

Whittlesea 6.5 (41) def by Diamond Creek 6.7 (43)

Preliminary Final

Whittlesea 1.1 (7) def by Research 5.3 (33)

Grand Final

Diamond Creek 6.8 (44) def Research 4.1 (25)

UNDER-11 GREEN

First Semi Final

Northcote 5.7 (37) def by Whittlesea 6.2 (38)

Second Semi Final

Wallan 3.5 (23) def Mill Park 2.3 (15)

Preliminary Final

Mill Park 5.8 (38) def Whittlesea 3.0 (18)

Grand Final

Wallan 6.2 (38) def Mill Park 2.1 (13)

UNDER-11 SILVER

First Semi Final

Epping 4.2 (26) def by Thomastown 9.9 (63)

Second Semi Final

Yarrambat 4.7 (31) def West Ivanhoe 2.1 (13)

Preliminary Final

West Ivanhoe 3.6 (24) def Thomastown 3.3 (21)

Grand Final

Yarrambat 5.5 (35) def West Ivanhoe 3.1 (19)

UNDER-12 BLUE

First Semi Final

Yarrambat 10.7 (67) def Laurimar Black 1.6 (12)

Second Semi Final

South Morang 4.3 (27) def by

Montmorency 6.11 (47)

Preliminary Final

South Morang 2.8 (20) def by Yarrambat 4.2 (26)

Grand Final

Montmorency 3.3 (21) def by Yarrambat 5.6 (36)

UNDER-12 RED

First Semi Final

Epping 5.6 (36) def Eltham 5.4 (34)

Second Semi Final

Diamond Creek 5.5 (35) def by Mernda 5.8 (38)

Preliminary Final

Diamond Creek 3.5 (23) def by Epping 7.10 (52)

Grand Final

Mernda 8.7 (55) def Epping 2.3 (15)

UNDER-12 GREEN

First Semi Final

Hurstbridge 3.7 (25) def by Northcote 8.9 (57)

Second Semi Final

Whittlesea 6.7 (43) def Bundoora Park 6.5 (41)

Preliminary Final

Bundoora Park 5.3 (33) def Northcote 3.3 (21)

Grand Final

Whittlesea 12.4 (76) def Bundoora Park 2.3 (15)

UNDER-12 SILVER

First Semi Final

Lalor 2.5 (17) def by South Morang 6.2 (38)

Second Semi Final

Kinglake 4.4 (28) def by Reservoir 5.4 (34)

Preliminary Final

Kinglake 7.9 (51) def South Morang 0.0 (0)

Grand Final

Reservoir 4.5 (29) def Kinglake 1.9 (15)

UNDER-12 GIRLS

Qualifying Final

West Preston-Lakeside 3.7 (25) def by

Research 3.8 (26)

First Semi Final

Yarrambat 0.1 (1) def by Greensborough 5.8 (38)

Second Semi Final

Montmorency 6.6 (42) def

Diamond Creek Women's 2.4 (16)

Preliminary Final

Diamond Creek Women's 6.9 (45) def

Greensborough 1.0 (6)

Grand Final A

Research 8.4 (52) def

West Preston-Lakeside 3.2 (20)

Grand Final B

Montmorency 4.3 (27) def

Diamond Creek Women's 0.1 (1)

UNDER-13 BLUE

First Semi Final

South Morang 3.7 (25) def by

West Preston-Lakeside 7.4 (46)

Second Semi Final

Research 1.8 (14) def by Eltham 4.4 (28)

Preliminary Final

Research 8.7 (55) def

West Preston-Lakeside 5.3 (33)

Grand Final

Eltham 6.4 (40) def by Research 8.4 (52)

UNDER-13 RED

First Semi Final

Wallan 4.5 (29) def by Bundoora Park 5.7 (37)

Second Semi Final

Mernda 5.9 (39) def Greensborough 3.8 (26)

Preliminary Final

Greensborough 4.8 (32) def Bundoora Park 4.3 (27)

Grand Final

Mernda 6.5 (41) def by Greensborough 6.13 (49)

UNDER-13 GREEN

First Semi Final

Montmorency 13.9 (87) def Whittlesea 2.4 (16)

Second Semi Final

Yarrambat 8.3 (51) def Laurimar Black 2.7 (19)

Preliminary Final

Laurimar Black 9.4 (58) def Montmorency 2.6 (18)

Grand Final

Yarrambat 10.7 (67) def Laurimar Black 3.5 (23)

UNDER-14 BLUE

First Semi Final

Eltham 8.9 (57) def by Mill Park 7.16 (58)

Second Semi Final

South Morang 16.12 (108) def Whittlesea 6.3 (39)

Preliminary Final

Whittlesea 10.10 (70) def Mill Park 7.7 (49)

Grand Final

South Morang 9.9 (63) def Whittlesea 8.3 (51)





UNDER-14 RED

First Semi Final

Mernda 9.9 (63) def Diamond Creek 8.10 (58)

Second Semi Final

Epping 6.7 (43) def West Preston-Lakeside 6.6 (42)

Preliminary Final

West Preston-Lakeside 3.5 (23) def by

Mernda 10.8 (68)

Grand Final

Epping 9.8 (62) def by **Mernda 13.7 (85)**

UNDER-14 GREEN

First Semi Final

Wallan 11.9 (75) def Panton Hill 3.11 (29)

Second Semi Final

Northcote 11.12 (78) def Research 4.8 (32)

Preliminary Final

Research 6.4 (40) def by **Wallan 7.10 (52)**

Grand Final

Northcote 13.14 (92) def Wallan 8.6 (54)

UNDER-15 BLUE

First Semi Final

Laurimar Black 5.8 (38) def by **Whittlesea 6.6 (42)**

Second Semi Final

Montmorency 6.6 (42) def by

South Morang 13.11 (89)

Preliminary Final

Montmorency 14.12 (96) def Whittlesea 6.7 (43)

Grand Final

South Morang 8.9 (57) def Montmorency 7.8 (50)

UNDER-15 RED

First Semi Final

Research 10.16 (76) def South Morang 6.8 (44)

Second Semi Final

West Preston-Lakeside 10.11 (71) def

Epping 7.2 (44)

Preliminary Final

Epping 7.4 (46) def by **Research 9.6 (60)**

Grand Final

West Preston-Lakeside 8.12 (60) def

Research 8.11 (59)

UNDER-15 GIRLS BLUE

First Semi Final

West Preston-Lakeside 5.6 (36) def Wallan 3.4 (22)

Second Semi Final

Diamond Creek Women's Blue 2.5 (17) def by

Epping 3.7 (25)

Preliminary Final

Diamond Creek Women's Blue 8.12 (60) def

West Preston-Lakeside 2.0 (12)

Grand Final

Epping 1.2 (8) def by

Diamond Creek Women's Blue 2.8 (20)

UNDER-15 GIRLS RED

First Semi Final

Greensborough 10.9 (69) def

Diamond Creek Women's Red 2.2 (14)

Second Semi Final

Eltham 6.6 (42) def by **Montmorency 8.3 (51)**

Preliminary Final

Eltham 2.0 (12) def by **Greensborough 5.5 (35)**

Grand Final

Montmorency 0.3 (3) def by **Greensborough 3.7 (25)**

UNDER-16 BLUE

First Semi Final

Diamond Creek 7.13 (55) def by **Wallan 9.9 (63)**

Second Semi Final

South Morang 10.12 (72) def Epping 6.12 (48)

Preliminary Final

Epping 10.8 (68) def Wallan 9.5 (59)

Grand Final

South Morang 14.6 (90) def Epping 10.6 (66)

UNDER-16 RED

First Semi Final

Greensborough 9.9 (63) def Montmorency 2.2 (14)

Second Semi Final

Research 10.11 (71) def Eltham 7.6 (48)

Preliminary Final

Eltham 3.7 (25) def by **Greensborough 9.7 (61)**

Grand Final

Research 5.6 (36) def Greensborough 3.13 (31)

UNDER-17 BLUE

First Semi Final

Mill Park 11.11 (77) def Montmorency 7.5 (47)

Second Semi Final

South Morang 6.8 (44) def Eltham 3.5 (23)

Preliminary Final

Eltham 7.8 (50) def by **Mill Park 12.9 (81)**

Grand Final

South Morang 8.7 (55) def Mill Park 6.15 (51)

UNDER-17 RED

First Semi Final

Wallan 12.16 (88) def Thomastown 8.3 (51)

Second Semi Final

Whittlesea 15.9 (99) def Epping 10.5 (65)

Preliminary Final

Epping 18.7 (115) def Wallan 5.5 (35)

Grand Final

Whittlesea 11.8 (74) def Epping 6.6 (42)

UNDER-18 GIRLS

First Semi Final

Darebin 15.5 (95) def Greensborough 1.3 (9)

Second Semi Final

Montmorency 10.8 (68) def Epping 2.6 (18)

Preliminary Final

Epping 1.4 (10) def by **Darebin 4.1 (25)**

Grand Final

Montmorency 7.11 (53) def Darebin 2.4 (16)



Junior Awards

UNDER-18 GIRLS

1st – Shazi Cappello (Diamond Creek Women's)	24 votes
2nd – Mei Griffin (Darebin)	18 votes
3rd – Sarah Huber (Greensborough)	17 votes

UNDER-17 BLUE

1st – Anthony Cardamone (Mill Park)	23 votes
2nd – Bronson Glasgow (Eltham)	17 votes
3rd – Marcus Borg (South Morang)	15 votes

UNDER-17 RED

1st – Corey Middleton (Epping)	17 votes
2nd – Vincent Natio (Whittlesea)	15 votes
3rd – Mitchell Hymus (Hurstbridge)	14 votes

UNDER-16 BLUE

1st – Marcus Lentini (Diamond Creek)	21 votes
2nd – Mitchell Andrews (Epping)	20 votes
3rd – Ahmad Ahmad (South Morang)	18 votes

UNDER-16 RED

1st – Daniel Horsfield (Eltham)	19 votes
1st – Adrian Kalcovski (Eltham)	19 votes
2nd – Jack Fitzpatrick (Research)	16 votes
3rd – Daniel Mitchell (Research)	13 votes

UNDER-15 BLUE

1st – Lachlan Agnew (Greensborough)	28 votes
2nd – Blake Murphy (Montmorency)	27 votes
3rd – Rayden Garrard (Greensborough)	15 votes

UNDER-15 RED

1st – Jaylon Williamson (West Preston-Lakeside)	21 votes
2nd – Junior Orani (Epping)	20 votes
3rd – Michael Kundevski (Epping)	15 votes

UNDER-15 GIRLS

1st – Bridgette Hallal (West Preston-Lakeside)	27 votes
2nd – Jasmine Nazir (Epping)	22 votes
3rd – Neve O'Connor (Diamond Creek Women's)	19 votes

UNDER-14 BLUE

1st – Lachlan Potter (South Morang)	23 votes
2nd – Taidhg Bland (Whittlesea)	19 votes
2nd – Lawrence Lopiccolo (Mill Park)	19 votes
3rd – William Cookson (South Morang)	18 votes

UNDER-14 RED

1st – Eren Gover (Yarrambat)	18 votes
2nd – Tyson Pittao (Epping)	16 votes
2nd – Ethan Taylor (Diamond Creek)	16 votes
3rd – Aaron Colliss (Epping)	15 votes

UNDER-14 GREEN

1st – Tyler Wallace (Research)	23 votes
2nd – James Armatas-Hunt (Northcote)	22 votes
3rd – Andrew White (Research)	15 votes

UNDER-13 BLUE

1st – Joel Trudgeon (Research)	30 votes
2nd – Ben Major (Diamond Creek)	26 votes
3rd – Giacomo Thomas (West Preston-Lakeside)	24 votes

UNDER-13 RED

1st – Connor Miller (Mernda)	21 votes
1st – Metuaone Tou (West Preston-Lakeside)	21 votes
2nd – Ayden El-Leissy (Hurstbridge)	15 votes
2nd – Taj Proctor (Northcote)	15 votes
2nd – Carter Ryan (Walla)	15 votes
3rd – Jacob Langborne (Walla)	14 votes
3rd – Liam McMahon (Greensborough)	14 votes

UNDER-13 GREEN

1st – Samuel House (Laurimar)	36 votes
2nd – Mitchell Skipper (Yarrambat)	26 votes
3rd – Nicholas Green (Yarrambat)	13 votes



Bridgette Hallal



Anthony Cardamone



Adrian Kalcovski and Daniel Horsfield

Junior Club of the Year –

Northcote Junior Football Club

Northern Knights Under-15 Rookie of the Year –

Rayden Garrard (Greensborough)

Most Consistent Representative Player

(Under 14A) – Lachlan Potter (South Morang)

Most Consistent Representative Player

(Under 14B) – Daniel Ferranato (Greensborough)

Most Consistent Representative Player

(Under 15A) – Jake Richards (Laurimar)

Most Consistent Representative Player

(Under 15B) – Ryan Godino (Epping)

Most Consistent Representative Player

(Under 16 Girls) – Alexandra Pronesti (Epping)

Junior Umpire of the Year –

Elias Kafritsas

Most Promising Junior Umpire –

Jarryd Cripps

AFL Victoria Golden Whistle Award –

Samuel Lever

2015 Northern AFCA Coach of the Year Awards

Four Northern Football League coaches were among the winners at the 2015 Northern Region Senior Coach of the Year Awards.

Eltham coach **Mario Bandera** was named Senior Coach of the Year by the Northern branch of the Australian Football Coaches Association (AFCA), at the awards night held at Mantra Bell City on Wednesday, September 2.

Diamond Creek junior coach **Caine Lowrie** took out the Youth Coach of the Year, Eltham's **John Rudden** claimed the Junior Coach of the Year, while Montmorency's **Natalie Stuart** was named Female Coach of the Year.

Both Lowrie and Stuart were also chosen as finalists in their respective categories for the state-wide AFCA Victoria Coach of the Year. In November Lowrie was named the 2015 Stan Alves Youth Coach of the Year by AFL Victoria.

Bandera won the Northern Region Senior Coach of the Year from fellow nominees Garry Ramsay (Macleod), Matthew Ryan (Hurstbridge), Dean Sinclair (Thomastown) and Chris Daw (Eltham reserves).

In doing so he became the first senior coach to win the award two times, after also receiving the honour in 2011 when he took Epping to the Division 2 grand final.

Under the guidance of Bandera, Eltham was one of the great improvers in the Northern Football League during the 2015 season.

After winning just three games in a ninth-place finish in 2014, the Panthers ended this year's home and away season in third place, with a 12-6 record. They were the only side to beat all other teams during the home and away season.

Despite losing to Macleod in the opening week of the finals, the Panthers were able to rebound against Northcote Park in the first semi the following week – claiming their first Division 1 finals victory since 1977 in an 18-point result.

The Panthers made a fast start in their preliminary final loss to Macleod, racing to a five-goal lead in the first quarter before running out of steam against the eventual premier.

Lowrie's focus on giving all players equal opportunity and promoting an inclusive, fun and friendly environment were listed as key attributes in him taking out the Youth Coach of the Year Award.

In being awarded the Junior Coach of the Year, Rudden was recognised for his efforts in guiding Eltham to the 2015 Under-11 Blue premiership.



Caine Lowrie



Natalie Stuart

Stuart – who was also nominated in the Auskick Coach of the Year category – took out the Female Coach of the Year after mentoring Montmorency's under-15 girls team to this year's grand final.

Special guests at the 2015 Northern Region Senior Coach of the Year Awards included Essendon 2013 best and fairest David Zaharakis, Richmond midfielder Dustin Martin, Hawthorn dual premiership player Taylor Duryea, Carlton premiership defender Ang Christou and Western Bulldogs female midfielder Lauren Arnell.

SENIOR

Mario Bandera – Eltham (Winner)

Chris Daw – Eltham
Garry Ramsay – Macleod
Michael Ryan – Hurstbridge
Dean Sinclair – Thomastown

YOUTH

Caine Lowrie – Diamond Creek (Winner)

Matt Anderson – Laurimar
Owen Blizzard – Research
Scott Gilchrist – Wallan
Max Graziano – West Preston
Dean O'Toole – Wallan
Clint Richardson – St Mary's
Joel Steindl – Watsonia
Monty Stuart – Fitzroy

JUNIOR

John Rudden – Eltham (Winner)

Colleen Cameron – Yarrambat
Steve Davis – Wallan
Stuart Donaldson – Bundoora Park
Craig Hayes – Heidelberg
John McInerney – Heidelberg
Jason Sellman – Laurimar
Ken Williams – St Mary's
Michael Williams – Heidelberg

FEMALE

Natalie Stuart – Montmorency (Winner)

AUSKICK

Glenn Lampard – Fitzroy/Carlton (Winner)

Jodi Weightman – Preston (Winner)

Frank Carnovale – Greensborough
Ana Constantinou – Mill Park
Sam Dureau – Apollo
Dean Hanlon – Preston
Liam McGregor – Greensborough
Kevin McKeown – Laurimar
James Merrett – Watsonia
Steve Nathan – Bundoora
Adam Sevas – Mill Park
Natalie Stuart – Montmorency
Keli Symons – Fitzroy/Carlton
Tiffany Tournier – Watsonia

AUSKICK VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Scott Hamilton – Clifton Hill

MALE CONTRIBUTION TO FOOTBALL

Geoff Wills – Bundoora JFC

FEMALE CONTRIBUTION TO FOOTBALL

Belinda Mertzianidis – Northern Auskick District Manager

2015 Netball Finals Results

SECTION 1

First Semi Final

Greensborough 1 (40) def by **Bundoora Comets 1 (47)**

Second Semi Final

Diamond Creek 1 (62) def North Heidelberg 1 (48)

Preliminary Final

North Heidelberg 1 (62) def Bundoora Comets 1 (39)

Grand Final

Diamond Creek 1 (60) def North Heidelberg 1 (59)

Best on court: Bronwyn Taylor (Diamond Creek 1)

SECTION 1

Team	P	W	L	D	B	%	%Won
Diamond Creek 1	18	18	0	0	0	157.97	100.00
North Heidelberg 1	18	12	5	1	0	113.38	69.44
Greensborough 1	18	10	7	1	0	96.16	58.33
Bundoora Comets 1	18	9	9	0	0	103.71	50.00
Lakeside 1	18	8	8	2	0	101.32	50.00
Northcote Park 1	18	5	13	0	0	80.36	27.78
Whittlesea 1	18	5	13	0	0	78.37	27.78
Fitzroy Stars 1	18	3	15	0	0	82.35	16.67

SECTION 2

First Semi Final

Watsonia 1 (35) def Diamond Creek 2 (22)

Second Semi Final

South Morang 1 (39) def Heat 1 (21)

Preliminary Final

Heat 1 (24) def by **Watsonia 1 (35)**

Grand Final

South Morang 1 (30) def by **Watsonia 1 (37)**

Best on court: Rhiannon Maxwell (Watsonia 1)

SECTION 2

Team	P	W	L	D	B	%	%Won
South Morang 1	16	13	3	0	2	131.56	81.25
Heat 1	15	12	3	0	3	133.33	80.00
Watsonia 1	15	9	5	1	3	122.76	63.33
Diamond Creek 2	16	9	5	2	2	100.94	62.50
Bundoora Comets 2	16	7	8	1	2	98.06	46.88
Greensborough 2	16	5	11	0	2	97.78	31.25
Eltham	16	1	13	2	2	73.00	12.50

SECTION 3

First Semi Final

Whittlesea 2 (33) def Heat 2 (30)

Second Semi Final

St Mary's 1 (28) def North Heidelberg 2 (23)

Preliminary Final

North Heidelberg 2 (25) def by **Whittlesea 2 (31)**

Grand Final

St Mary's 1 (22) def by **Whittlesea 2 (41)**

Best on court: Angel Mann (Whittlesea 2)

SECTION 3

Team	P	W	L	D	B	%	%Won
St Mary's 1	15	11	4	0	3	112.83	73.33
North Heidelberg 2	15	10	5	0	3	118.81	66.67
Whittlesea 2	16	10	6	0	2	121.14	62.50
Heat 2	14	5	9	0	4	97.89	35.71
Thomastown 1	15	4	11	0	3	84.13	26.67

SECTION 4

First Semi Final

Epping 1 (25) def by **Whittlesea 3 (40)**

Second Semi Final

Lalor 1 (34) def Greensborough 3 (17)

Preliminary Final

Greensborough 3 (34) def Whittlesea 3 (28)

Grand Final

Lalor 1 (29) def by **Greensborough 3 (31)**

Best on court: Thea Nicolaou (Greensborough 3)

SECTION 4

Team	P	W	L	D	B	%	%Won
Lalor 1	18	13	5	0	0	116.09	72.22
Greensborough 3	17	11	5	1	1	114.67	67.65
Epping 1	17	11	5	1	1	110.79	67.65
Whittlesea 3	17	7	9	1	1	98.38	44.12
Fitzroy Stars 2	17	6	11	0	1	94.88	35.29
Northcote Park 2	18	0	17	1	0	56.52	2.78

SECTION 5

First Semi Final

Hurstbridge 1 (36) def Bundoora Comets 3 (22)

Second Semi Final

North Heidelberg 3 (29) def Hurstbridge 2 (18)

Preliminary Final

Hurstbridge 2 (18) def by **Hurstbridge 1 (19)**

Grand Final

North Heidelberg 3 (17) def by **Hurstbridge 1 (24)**

Best on court: Millie Barden (Hurstbridge 1)

SECTION 5

Team	P	W	L	D	B	%	%Won
North Heidelberg 3	18	15	1	2	0	138.70	88.89
Hurstbridge 2	18	14	3	1	0	161.13	80.56
Hurstbridge 1	18	11	5	2	0	133.14	66.67
Bundoora Comets 3	18	9	9	0	0	100.92	50.00
South Morang 2	18	8	9	1	0	109.80	47.22
Watsonia 2	17	5	10	2	1	83.69	35.29
Montmorency 1	18	5	13	0	0	78.68	27.78
Lakeside 2	18	4	14	0	0	65.73	22.22



SECTION 6

First Semi Final

Mernda (30) def Fitzroy Stars 3 (22)

Second Semi Final

Thomastown 2 (27) def by North Heidelberg 4 (33)

Preliminary Final

Thomastown 2 (26) def Mernda (16)

Grand Final

North Heidelberg 4 (23) def by Thomastown 2 (28)

Best on court: Lauren Newstead (Thomastown 2)

SECTION 7

First Semi Final

St Martin's (29) def Epping 2 (26)

Second Semi Final

Heat 3 (28) def Greensborough 4 (27)

Preliminary Final

Greensborough 4 (30) def by St Martin's (31)

Grand Final

Heat 3 (35) def by St Martin's (38)

Best on court: Monique Barbanera (St Martin's)

SECTION 8

First Semi Final

West Ivanhoe (23) def Watsonia 3 (15)

Second Semi Final

South Morang 3 (29) def Heat 4 (27)

Preliminary Final

Heat 4 (23) def by West Ivanhoe (32)

Grand Final

South Morang 3 (32) def by West Ivanhoe (34)

Best on court: Stefanie Symes (West Ivanhoe)

SECTION 9

First Semi Final

Bundoora Comets 4 (20) def Montmorency 2 (15)

Second Semi Final

Heat 5 (23) def by Fitzroy Stars 4 (29)

Preliminary Final

Heat 5 (20) def by Bundoora Comets 4 (26)

Grand Final

Fitzroy Stars 4 (16) def by Bundoora Comets 4 (33)

Best on court: Lauren Grimes (Bundoora Comets 4)

SECTION 6

Team	P	W	L	D	B	%	%Won
Thomastown 2	18	14	4	0	0	170.30	77.78
North Heidelberg 4	18	10	8	0	0	98.79	55.56
Mernda	18	9	9	0	0	98.94	50.00
Fitzroy Stars 3	18	7	11	0	0	81.05	38.89
St Mary's 2	18	5	12	1	0	70.18	30.56
Laurimar	18	4	14	0	0	74.88	22.22

SECTION 7

Team	P	W	L	D	B	%	%Won
Heat 3	16	13	3	0	2	136.04	81.25
Greensborough 4	16	11	3	2	2	145.26	75.00
St Martin's Wasps	15	9	6	0	3	114.99	60.00
Epping 2	15	3	10	2	3	70.26	26.67
Whittlesea 4	16	0	15	1	2	54.38	3.12

SECTION 8

Team	P	W	L	D	B	%	%Won
South Morang 3	17	14	3	0	1	133.48	82.35
Heat 4	16	11	4	1	2	127.93	71.88
West Ivanhoe	16	9	6	1	2	89.98	59.38
Watsonia 3	16	7	7	2	2	109.78	50.00
Thomastown 3	16	7	9	0	2	97.97	43.75
Keon Park	16	5	9	2	2	94.02	37.50
Lalor 2	17	1	16	0	1	63.99	5.88

SECTION 9

Team	P	W	L	D	B	%	%Won
Heat 5	18	16	2	0	0	166.24	88.89
Fitzroy Stars 4	18	11	7	0	0	118.47	61.11
Bundoora Comets 4	18	10	8	0	0	114.36	55.56
Montmorency 2	18	9	9	0	0	100.91	50.00
Hurstbridge 3	18	5	13	0	0	71.55	27.78
Thomastown 4	18	0	18	0	0	37.48	0.00



Netball Awards

2015 NETBALL BEST AND FAIREST

SECTION 1

1st – Kate Butler	(North Heidelberg 1)	18 votes
1st – Isabelle Conroy	(Greensborough 1)	18 votes
2nd – Jessica Elder	(Lakeside 1)	17 votes
2nd – Stacey Gannon	(Diamond Creek 1)	17 votes
3rd – Rhiannon Ezard	(Lakeside 1)	16 votes

SECTION 2

1st – Rhiannon Maxwell	(Watsonia 1)	15 votes
1st – Emma Rendell	(Heat 1)	15 votes
2nd – Rachael Furgal	(Bundoora Comets 2)	14 votes
2nd – Caitlin Hickey	(Watsonia 1)	14 votes
3rd – Cassie Lewis	(Diamond Creek 2)	9 votes
3rd – Jenna Schwarz	(Heat 1)	9 votes

SECTION 3

1st – Tracey Beaton	(St Mary's 1)	16 votes
1st – Clare Derham	(St Mary's 1)	16 votes
2nd – Michelle Millhouse	(North Heidelberg 2)	12 votes
2nd – Sheridan Seekamp	(North Heidelberg 2)	12 votes
2nd – Angel Mann	(Whittlesea 2)	12 votes
3rd – Lauren O'Rourke	(Thomastown 1)	11 votes

SECTION 4

1st – Stephanie Oakford	(Epping 1)	28 votes
2nd – Annie Bugden	(Whittlesea 3)	26 votes
3rd – Nadine Kelly	(Lalor 1)	15 votes

SECTION 5

1st – Emma Thomas	(Hurstbridge 2)	23 votes
2nd – Kendra Vann	(Hurstbridge 2)	21 votes
3rd – Jessica Sexton	(South Morang 2)	16 votes

SECTION 6

1st – Avril Stanley	(North Heidelberg 4)	15 votes
2nd – Hayley Hatcher	(Mernda)	14 votes
2nd – Tenille Webb	(Mernda)	14 votes
3rd – Lauren Newstead	(Thomastown 2)	13 votes

SECTION 7

1st – Bianca Perry	(Heat 3)	15 votes
2nd – Sally Schulz	(Heat 3)	13 votes
3rd – Michelle Cornfoot	(Whittlesea 4)	10 votes
3rd – Sarah Chambers	(Epping 2)	10 votes

SECTION 8

1st – Tamara Howlett	(South Morang 3)	19 votes
2nd – Adrienne Hughes	(Lalor 2)	12 votes
2nd – Dawn McGuinness	(Keon Park)	12 votes
2nd – Ausilia Sommerville	(Heat 4)	12 votes
3rd – Wanda Waligora	(South Morang 3)	11 votes

SECTION 9

1st – Holly Ditchfield	(Montmorency 2)	20 votes
2nd – Cheryl Caruso	(Fitzroy Stars 4)	14 votes
3rd – Kim Crawford	(Bundoora Comets 4)	12 votes
3rd – Rebecca Buckley	(Montmorency 2)	12 votes

2015 STAR SHOOTERS

SECTION 1

Bec Colwell	(North Heidelberg 1)	599 goals
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SECTION 2

Rhiannon Maxwell	(Watsonia 1)	263 goals
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SECTION 3

Lauren Kearney	(Whittlesea 2)	272 goals
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SECTION 4

Nadine Kelly	(Lalor 1)	369 goals
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SECTION 5

Ashlee Ozimek	(Bundoora Comets 3)	280 goals
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SECTION 6

Kate Keating	(Laurimar)	210 goals
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SECTION 7

Lauren Pendlebury	(Heat 3)	213 goals
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SECTION 8

Jessica Dzioba	(South Morang 3)	268 goals
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SECTION 9

Cheryl Caruso	(Fitzroy Stars 4)	242 goals
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Isabelle Conroy and Kate Butler



Emma Rendell



Emma Thomas



Avril Stanley



Bianca Perry



Tamara Howlett



Holly Ditchfield



Clare Derham and Tracey Beaton

Best and Fairest

NFL

Div 1 - Best and Fairest - Frank Rosbrook Medal

2015	Matthew Vasilevski	Lower Plenty
2014	Bronik Davies	Northcote Park
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2013	Cameron Cloke	Bundoora
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

Div 1 - Best and Fairest - Frank Smith Medal

2006	Brett Jeffrey	Northcote Park
2005	Daniel King	Epping
2004	Daniel King	Epping
2003	Fabian Carelli	West Preston-Lakeside
2002	Mario Bandera	North Heidelberg
2001	Dean Haydock	Heidelberg
2000	Paul King	Bundoora
1999	Leigh Gray	North Heidelberg
1998	Ryan Smith	Heidelberg
1997	Barry Mitchell	Northcote Park
1996	John Origlasso	Northcote Park
1995	Adrian Cameron	Bundoora
1994	Renato Marinelli	Diamond Creek
1993	Kevin Brown	Bundoora
1992	Chris Keating	Bundoora
1991	Peter Woodward	Montmorency
	Neil Brindley	Greensborough
	Peter Mastin	Greensborough
1990	Chris Keating	Bundoora
1989	Richard Guldon	Heidelberg
1988	Brad Dunbar	Heidelberg West
1987	Wayne Dobson	Greensborough
1986	Mark Perkins	Heidelberg West
1985	Darryl Harries	Lalor
1984	Kelvin Wood	Heidelberg West
1983	Wayne Dobson	Greensborough
1982	Wayne Headlam	Diamond Creek

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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 - Best and Fairest

2015	Shane Jacobs	Lalor
2014	Tyler Scarce	Panton Hill
2013	Rohan Davies	Mernda
2012	Lionel Proctor	Fitzroy Stars
2011	Darcy Barden	Lower Plenty
2010	Luke Jackson	Diamond Creek

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

DVFL

Division 2 - Best and Fairest

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

NFL

Division 3 - Best and Fairest

2015	Daniel Moore	Epping
2014	Matthew Cupo	Thomastown
	Danny O'Sullivan	Reservoir
2013	Lochie Dornauf	Watsonia
2012	Rohan Davies	Mernda
2011	Brad Hockey	Parkside
2010	Ryan Docherty	Reservoir
2009	Robbie Wise	Parkside

Leading Goal Kickers

DIVISION 1

NFL	Leading Goal Kicker	Club	Goals
2015	James Kroussoratis	Eltham	65
2014	Patrick Fitzgerald	Montmorency	66
2013	Cameron Cloke	Bundoora	83
2012	Gary Moorcroft	Bundoora	70
2011	Dean Limbach	Montmorency	83
2010	Saul Caddy	Heidelberg	82
2009	Shane Harvey	North Heidelberg	102
2008	Shane Harvey	North Heidelberg	108
2007	Chris Hall	Heidelberg	72
	Shaun Ryan	North Heidelberg	72
DVFL	Leading Goal Kicker	Club	Goals
2006	Adrian Baker	West Preston-Lakeside	73
2005	Chris Hall	Heidelberg	102
2004	Cristian Brandt	North Heidelberg	78
2003	Peter Van Blomnestein	Heidelberg	87
2002	Steve Bawden	Epping	87
2001	Jason Heatley	North Heidelberg	110
2000	Damien Yze	Northcote Park	99
1999	Jamie Shaw	North Heidelberg	134
1998	Athas Hrysoulakis	Lalor	88

1997	Jamie Shaw	North Heidelberg	114
1996	Jamie Shaw	North Heidelberg	88
1995	Jamie Shaw	North Heidelberg	113
1994	Jamie Shaw	North Heidelberg	161
1993	Brett Hancock	North Heidelberg	97
1992	Jason Heatley	North Heidelberg	118
1991	Jamie Solyom	Lalor	73
1990	David Miller	Heidelberg	95
1989	Steve Webster	Montmorency	62
1988	Steve Webster	Montmorency	57
1987	Steve Webster	Montmorency	83
1986	Mark Johnson	North Heidelberg	59
1985	Glenn Townsend	Greensborough	103
1984	Russell Jessop	Lalor	103
1983	Bill Seiler	Diamond Creek	82
1982	Bill Seiler	Diamond Creek	86
1981	Bill Seiler	Diamond Creek	82
1980	Keith Robins	Lalor	90
1979	Robert Downie	Watsonia	64
1978	Kevin Grose	North Heidelberg	80
	Graeme Fraser	Montmorency	80
1977	Ron Wilson	South Morang	83
1976	Bruce McDowell	Greensborough	97
1975	Bruce McDowell	Greensborough	86
1974	Lindsay Hopkins	Templestowe	66
1973	Ivan Bromley	Reservoir-Lakeside	87
1972	Ivan Bromley	Reservoir-Lakeside	115
1971	John Horton	Diamond Creek	78
1970	John Vada	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

Leading Goal Kickers

1952	Wally Dingle	Montmorency	71	DVFL	Leading Goal Kicker	Club	Goals	1989	Malcolm Niddrie	Templestowe	92
1951	Brian Gillberg	Montmorency	74	2006	Nick Lynch	Macleod	102	1988	Darren Scott	Epping	80
1950	Bill Harvey	Heidelberg	102	2005	Tom Felle	Mernda	104	1987	Ron Wilson	Eltham	83
1949	Jack Dempster	Templestowe	97	2004	Aaron James	Lalor	114	1986	Darren Scott	Epping	97
1948	Gordon Hastings	Reservoir	68	2003	Toby O'Meara	Reservoir	73	1985	Warren Jarman	Eltham	72
1947	Gordon Hastings	Reservoir	112	2002	Adam Bruni	Reservoir	82	1984	Steve Banbury	West Preston	56
1946	Gordon Hastings	Reservoir	73	2001	Paul Baker	Whittlesea	107	1983	Peter McNiece	Northcote Park	83
1933	J West	Eltham	128	2000	Gavin Tapner	Watsonia	90	1982	Peter Lowe	Macleod-Rosanna	85
DIVISION 2				1999	Ron McKeown	Whittlesea	114	1981	Rob Michaelangeli	Northcote Park	76
NFL	Leading Goal Kicker	Club	Goals	1998	Jamie Bown	Whittlesea	79	DIVISION 3			
2015	Todd Hughes	Lalor	76	1997	Paul Baker	Kinglake	102	NFL	Leading Goal Kicker	Club	Goals
2014	Shane Harvey	North Heidelberg	91	1996	Paul Baker	Hurstbridge	93	2015	Kyl Ewart	Heidelberg West	62
2013	Shane Harvey	North Heidelberg	120	1995	Paul Baker	Hurstbridge	85	2014	Jacob Osei-Duro	Thomastown	71
2012	Shane Harvey	North Heidelberg	83		David Miller	West Preston	85	2013	Ben Finnin	Panton Hill	56
2011	Peter Shepherd	Lalor	93	1994	Paul Baker	Hurstbridge	139	2012	Jonathon Byron	Panton Hill	96
2010	Benjamin Gill	Lower Plenty	59	1993	Paul Baker	Hurstbridge	116	2011	Dallas King	Parkside	60
2009	John Hayes	Fitzroy Stars	89	1992	Cristian Brandt	West Preston	68	2010	Johnathon Garrard	Panton Hill	88
2008	Aaron Willitts	Epping	78	1991	Greg Withers	Heidelberg West	80	2009	Benjamin Gill	Panton Hill	63
2007	Cristian Brandt	Macleod	109	1990	Steve Webster	Epping	96				

Premiership Teams

DIVISION 1

NFL Seniors

2015	Macleod
2014	Greensborough
2013	Bundoora
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

1941 - 1945 Competition suspended due to World War II

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

DIVISION 1

NFL Reserves

2015	Greensborough
2014	West Preston-Lakeside
2013	Heidelberg
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

DIVISION 1

NFL Under-19s

2015	Greensborough
2014	Greensborough
2013	West Preston-Lakeside
2012	Northcote Park
2011	Greensborough
2010	Greensborough
2009	Greensborough
2008	West Preston-Lakeside
2007	Eltham
DVFL Thirds	
2006	West Preston-Lakeside
2005	Northcote Park/Alphington
2004	Northcote Park/Alphington
2003	Northcote Park/Alphington
2002	Bundoora
2001	Montmorency
2000	Bundoora
1999	Northcote Park/Alphington
1998	Northcote Park/Alphington
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

Premiership Teams

1981 Montmorency
1980 Heidelberg
1979 Greensborough
1978 Reservoir-Lakeside
1977 Watsonia
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1968 Reservoir-Lakeside
1967 Montmorency
1966 Heidelberg West
1965 Macleod-Rosanna
1964 Macleod-Rosanna
1963 North Heidelberg
1962 North Heidelberg

DIVISION 2

NFL Seniors

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

DVFL Seniors

2006 Greensborough
2005 Diamond Creek
2004 Lalor
2003 Hurstbridge
2002 Eltham
2001 Lalor
2000 Eltham
1999 Lower Plenty
1998 Diamond Creek
1997 Eltham
1996 West Preston
1995 Eltham
1994 Northcote Park
1993 West Preston
1992 Diamond Creek
1991 Mernda
1990 Epping
1989 Eltham
1988 West Preston
1987 Watsonia

1986 Epping
1985 Northcote Park
1984 Reservoir
1983 Heidelberg
1982 Eltham
1981 Bundoora

DIVISION 2

NFL Reserves

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

DVFL Reserves

2006 Greensborough
2005 Greensborough
2004 Lalor
2003 Lalor
2002 South Morang
2001 Lalor
2000 Eltham
1999 Whittlesea
1998 Diamond Creek
1997 Diamond Creek
1996 West Preston
1995 West Preston
1994 Northcote Park
1993 West Preston
1992 West Preston
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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DIVISION 2

NFL Under-19s

2015 Whittlesea
2014 St Mary's
2013 Whittlesea
2012 Thomastown
2011 Lower Plenty
2010 Diamond Creek

2009 Whittlesea
2008 Macleod
2007 Mernda
DVFL Thirds
2006 Greensborough
2005 Macleod
2004 Greensborough
2003 Lalor
2002 Wallan
2001 Lalor
2000 Bundoora
1999 Lower Plenty
1998 Reservoir
1997 Lower Plenty
1996 Research
1995 Hurstbridge
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

2015 Reservoir
2014 Thomastown
2013 Panton Hill
2012 Mernda
2011 South Morang
2010 Hurstbridge
2009 Parkside

DIVISION 3

NFL Reserves

2015 Banyule
2014 Reservoir
2013 Watsonia
2012 Mernda
2011 Panton Hill
2010 South Morang
2009 Hurstbridge

NNL SECTION 1

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

NNL SECTION 2

2015 Watsonia 1
2014 Greensborough 2
2013 Whittlesea A
2012 North Heidelberg
2011 Mernda
2010 Mernda A
2009 Lalor

NNL SECTION 3

2015 Whittlesea 2
2014 South Morang 2
2013 St Mary's A
2012 Mernda Red
2011 Mernda Red
2010 North Heidelberg B

NNL SECTION 4

2015 Greensborough 3
2014 Lakeside 2
2013 Lakeside B
2012 Lakeside B
2011 Montmorency

NNL SECTION 5

2015 Hurstbridge 1
2014 Epping
2013 St Mary's B
2012 St Mary's B

NNL SECTION 6

2015 Thomastown 2
2014 Hurstbridge 1
2013 Fitzroy Stars C

NNL SECTION 7

2015 St Martin's
2014 North Heidelberg 4

















































































































































































































































































































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2015 West Ivanhoe
2014 Whittlesea 4

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2015 Bundoora Comets 4



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BANYULE																											
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BUNDOORA PARK																											
DAREBIN FALCONS																											
DIAMOND CREEK																											
DIAMOND CREEK WOMEN'S																											
ELTHAM																											
EPPING																											
FITZROY STARS																											
GREENSBOROUGH																											
HEAT																											
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HEIDELBERG WEST																											
HURSTBRIDGE																											
KEON PARK																											
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