



# NEWS LETTER OF THE SOUTH BENDIGO FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

April 2017 Edition

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Welcome to the April edition of "Blood Lines". The intent of the Club's newsletter is to keep members, players and supporters informed about what's happening at South by recalling the highlights of the month just passed and informing on what's coming up in the month to come. If there are any other areas or aspects of the Club that you would like to see us cover please feel free to submit your suggestions via a return email.

## PLANNING COMMENCES FOR CLUBS 125 YEAR CELEBRATIONS

*"The South Bendigo Football Club was formed at the Union Hotel, Golden Square in 1893; currently the site of the Union Hotel is a car park in the Golden Square shopping centre.*

*At the time of formation there was a Golden Square Junior Team but the whole area was south of Bendigo which probably accounts for the name South Bendigo being selected.*

*The colours of Red & White, worn by South Melbourne in the metropolitan area would have been selected as South Melbourne was a very successful team in the 1890's. Strange as it may sound considering they have only won three premierships since 1897 (V.F.L. Formation)*

*South probably gained the name the "Bloods" from the guernsey they wore before World War 1, a white guernsey with a red stripe, the reverse of their present style.'*

## "The Bloods" HIGHS AND LOWS OF 100 YEARS

Next year will mark 125 years since the formation of the Club in 1893. It is a long and distinguished period that has seen a considerable amount of success for the Bloods, both as a team and by individuals who have played in the red and white. 24 Premierships, the first in 1899 only 6 years after formation, would rank the Club amongst the more successful of country football clubs.

The Club is planning to recognise the rich history of the Bloods and celebrate the 125 year milestone with a series of events in 2018. Past player (and 3 time Premiership player) Stephen Dean is chairing the "125" Committee who are planning and organising the celebrations.

If you have any memorabilia or historical items relating to the club, either from your own personal experience with South Bendigo or from a member of your family's involvement over the years, we would love to hear from you. We are considering an update to the book on the history of the club (refer to the extract above) and possibly putting together a display of club memorabilia in our social rooms over the weekend of the 125 celebrations. We would be very pleased to hear from you if you had any items we could reference, copy or even have on loan to place in the exhibition. If you think you can contribute material to our 125 projects please contact Stephen Dean on **0437 299 063** or email at [msdean@bigpond.com](mailto:msdean@bigpond.com)

## PAST PLAYERS & OFFICIALS GROUP BEING RE-ENERGISED

The Club is making a concerted effort to reconnect with as many past players and officials as possible. With the 125 Celebrations being held in 2018, the move to our new base at Harry Trott Oval, Kennington and the steady improvement both on and off field it is seen as critical that those who have made the club what it is today continue with us on that journey.

Through the initiative of Past Player (and 2 time Premiership Player) Trevor Wright a group of past players and officials have been assembled to provide input into the club around the best ways to engage with all past club members, both football and netball.

The first meeting of the group was held at the All Seasons Board Room on the 6<sup>th</sup> March where there was a great deal of enthusiasm expressed for the concept. Club legends Colin Rice and Colin Tully both spoke about the merits and successes of their AFL Past Players and Officials groups at Geelong and Collingwood respectively.

Matters discussed to date have included developing a comprehensive contact list so that all past players and officials can be informed on current club activities and events. Potential social functions have been canvassed such as Thursday training nights where past players and officials would be encouraged to call in and have a drink while they watch training. Each Thursday at the conclusion of training players come into the rooms for a "training tea" and to hear the teams to be read out. A dinner, provided by our sponsors The Old Boundary Hotel, is available for only \$10 on these nights and it would provide a great opportunity for past and present players to meet.

This group of past players and officials is not a formal committee as such, rather a collection of people who are keen to see the club be successful. If you feel you could contribute or simply would like to be a part of it contact Trevor Wright on **0408 575 159** or via email on [quotes@mmem.com.au](mailto:quotes@mmem.com.au) you would be warmly welcomed to join in.



A group of the past players and officials who met recently at Harry Trott oval, Left to Right: Sam Cook, Drew Cahill, Ted Aldridge, Alan Ellis, Stephen Dean, Trevor Wright, John Rodgers and Frank Hill

# 2017 SEASON LAUNCH



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2017

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> April-  
6:30pm

Venue: All Seasons  
hotel- Fernery Room

Dress Code: Formal

Cost: \$20 Entry

Everyone is welcome to come  
and enjoy our celebrations for  
the start of another year of  
football and netball.



## BECOME A MEMBER IN 2017



## SOUTH BENDIGO FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

### BECOME A MEMBER IN 2017

Memberships continue to be an ever-increasing and important aspect of the Football Netball Club.

Our club strongly encourages all existing members, supporters, past-players and families to financially support the club and become a member in 2017 – If you love South Bendigo, we'd love to count you as a member!

Every member will receive their own club membership card which will gain them free entry into every home game as well as ½ price entry to away games.

Membership also has its rewards and a member's merchandise pack is provided to each Bloods supporter who takes out a 2017 Membership.

This year's Standard Merchandise Package, provided to all Adult, Family and Special Category members, includes a club branded bumper sticker, pen and stubby holder so you can show your support for the Bloods when you're driving, writing or refreshing.

The 2017 Full Merchandise Package, provided to all Coterie 500 Club Members and Player Sponsors, adds a Club Supporters Scarf to the standard pack.

**Your financial support via a Club Membership is as vital as it's ever been in country Football / Netball. So that YOUR club can continue to grow and prosper, PLEASE consider taking out a Club Membership package in 2017.**

Go to our website at <http://www.southbendigofnc.com.au/membership-application/> and take a look at all the 2017 Memberships options available, we are sure there will be a Membership Package just for you!

**WE NEED YOU - BE INVOLVED....**

**SUPPORTING SOUTH BENDIGO – IT'S IN THE BLOOD**



## GOLF DAY A BIG SUCCESS

The annual Golf Day, organised by the past players was held at the Bendigo Golf Course on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of April. A total of 22 teams teed off on a glorious autumn day on a course which was in excellent condition coming out of summer.

While there were varying degrees of stroke play on show throughout the afternoon, from very good through to the downright ordinary, all players enjoyed a fun day amongst great company.

A big thanks has to go to the organisers of the event; David McMurray, Trevor Wright, Mark Blabey and David Ivey.



L to R : Matt Higgins, Mark Keck, Stephen Dean & David McMurray



## WHERE DOES SPORTS CHAPLAINCY FIT IN AT SOUTH

A question sporting communities often ask is: "Where does a sports chaplain fit into our club?"

Sporting clubs are wonderful communities but they are often quite complex because they're comprised of people from all walks of life. In one sense, they're like a family. Families have their good times and they also have their challenging times. And it's in these difficult moments that we often need some help and assistance from another. That's what a chaplain can do for a sporting community.

Sports Chaplains across Australia can provide a wide range of different services including:

- Club-wide care
- Personal support / mentoring
- Suicide and mental health awareness
- Grief, loss and bereavement care
- Marriage and relationship preparation
- Life skills support
- Critical Incident Response & Debriefs

From time to time, tragic events happen that rock sporting communities to their core. Sports Chaplains are trained to respond to critical incidents and can assist clubs in their times of grief and loss. A little over 12 months ago, I received a phone call to inform me that there had been a tragic death of a young girl connected to the Heathcote FNC. This club had contacted AFL Central Victoria looking for some help and could I come and provide some pastoral care and support to players and families. The following day, another chaplain and I spent the best part of 3-4 hours walking people through their pain and supporting them in their time of grief. While these moments are never easy, it is an incredible privilege to provide pastoral care and support to sporting communities in their time of need.

This is my third year as chaplain and I've really enjoyed getting to meet and know many different people connected to the "Bloods." This is a great sporting family and I'm looking forward to another great year around the club.

***Loitering with intent...***

Dave Lovell  
South Bendigo FNC Chaplain  
0408 413 026



## NETBALL NEWS

### NEW SIGNINGS FOR OUR NETBALL SQUAD

Our 3 coaches have done a fantastic effort in securing some new Netball talent amongst our full squad from Under 17's to A Grade..

In the Spotlight:



From our A Squad..

**Name:** Chloe Adams

**Previous club:** Kerang FNC

**What's your goal for your first season at South Bendigo?**

Have a ripper time at the club functions & for us to make finals.



From our B Squad..

**Name:** Emily Bakes

**Previous Club:** Mount Pleasant

**What do you look forward to most in your first year at South?**

Hitting the court with a great bunch of girls & working hard towards a successful year.



From our Under 17s..

**Name:** Lucy McNamara

**Previous Club:** Kangaroos JNC

**What are you most excited for in your first season on court at South?**

Getting to know everyone in my team & on court at South.





## WINNER WINNER EASTER EGGS FOR DINNER

Our netballers are currently running an Easter Raffle with tickets only \$2.00 each.

10 prizes are to be won with the first being valued at \$200.00, raffle will be drawn on Round 1 in the Clubrooms after the senior Football. Pop on down to our Harry Trott Netball courts on a Tuesday or Thursday night between 6pm & 7:30pm to grab some tickets. You gotta be in it to win it!



# Netball Fundraising Easter Hamper Raffle



### 1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE

Assorted Easter Egg  
Hamper valued  
at \$200.00\*



### 2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE

Assorted Easter Egg  
Hamper valued  
at \$100.00\*



**3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE** Assorted Easter Egg hamper valued at \$50.00\*

**4<sup>TH</sup> PRIZE** Assorted Easter Egg hamper valued at \$30.00\*

**5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> PRIZE** Assorted Easter bag valued at \$20.00\*

**7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> PRIZE** Assorted Easter bag valued at \$15.00\*

**9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup> PRIZE** Assorted Easter bag valued at \$10.00\*

## ALL TICKETS \$2.00ea

## ~10 chances to WIN~

Raffle drawn in the South Bendigo FNC Clubrooms on Round 1 Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Winners notified by phone if not in attendance.

\*approximate values



## PLAYING UNDER LIGHTS

Our Netballers have had a great opportunity to run 5 practice matches in March, utilising every opportunity in their preseason. The girls played their first match under our new Harry Trott lights on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.



## SNAPS FROM THE SIDELINES

### PRACTICE MATCH PICS

South Bendigo VS Huntly – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March



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- Ben, October 2016



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### **WELCOME!**

While regulars might be enjoying a casual drink in the Sports Bar, people are arriving for a gala banquet for 450 people. As guests are waking up to breakfast in their 4 star Quality Hotel rooms many others are being welcomed to an important conference. While friends plan to enjoy a catch up lunch in the Bistro, someone has decided to book dinner for the whole family. And somewhere a bride is planning her wedding.

## Quality Resort All Seasons

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## FOOTBALL NEWS

### UNDER18's UPDATE FOR THE SEASON AHEAD

This season the under 18's are in a position that we haven't had for an extended period of time with overwhelming numbers (31 players on the list). We have retained 15 players from last year's side, had 10 players step up from the under 16's, and selective recruited 6 players into the club. We are certainly starting to see the benefits of the great work done over the past years focussing on the junior side of the club.

Training commenced all the way back in November with players joining the senior group up until Christmas with the playing group coming back together the second week in January. From there we have had exceptional numbers on the track as the players have worked extremely hard to build a solid fitness base for the 2017 season. Just recently we have focussed on our structures and processes as we look to bed these down over the coming 4 weeks ensuring we play an exciting, but disciplined brand of football.

Last weekend we played our annual practise match against a full strength Bell Park and the signs were pleasing. We had 10 players unavailable through cricket etc and managed to push a side that competes in an under 18.5 competition, being one of the strongest leagues in Victoria (went down by 5 points). Some standout performances last week were Alexander Smith-Ralph (recruited from Swan Hill), Brayden Sheahan, Will Pollard (recruited from Mount Pleasant), Mitch Goodwin (from the under 16's), Jack Hetherington (from the under 16's) and Ben McKinley.

This season the players are focussed on building on a competitive 2016 as we push to play finals football in 2017.

Congratulations to the following players who have been successful in being selected on the Bendigo Pioneers list for 2017:

- Lewin Davis (Recruited from Mildura)
- Alexandra Smith-Ralph (Recruited from Swan Hill)
- Will Keck
- Mitch Goodwin &
- Braydan Torpey

This season we also welcome Rob Bakes back to the club as my assistance. Rob is a life member of South Bendigo having played junior football all the way through to senior football at the club, winning many premierships along the way.

If you get the chance this year I strongly encourage that you come along to our games as you will witness some exciting talent running around in the red and white.

Cheers

**Neale Torpey**  
Under 18's Coach



## SNAPS FROM THE SIDELINES

Pictures by Scott McLeod from our practice matches at Harry Trott Oval against Bell Park and Colbinabbin



## **JUNIOR FOOTBALL**

### **Junior Program Update**

The junior program has been very busy since last October advertising and interviewing potential coaches and then finalising the appointments. The successful applicants were then instructed to commence working on 'list management' as even with junior teams now we simply can't afford to just turn up in February and see who and how many players each team has for the season.

Clubs who will be successful in the coming years at a senior level will be the ones who have worked hard on their junior program, supporting their junior coaches, managers and support staff and creating an enjoyable developmental environment which will in turn encourage junior players to want to play at South Bendigo.

This year the junior division will have our Youth Girls whose numbers this year have increased to approximately 20 at this stage and growing and as we all know with the AFLWL the pathways for girls in football has never been better and is a very exciting time. I would like to strongly encourage everyone at the club to get along to their games at some stage and support the coaches – Mark Taig, Emma Tomlins and Maddy Townsend and the girls.

The under 16's will have two teams this year under the guidance of myself as head coach and Mick Easton who will be coaching the Reserves team, Mick and I will be both be working closely with assistants Craig Osborne and Brendan Webb along with Manager Rob Robertson who is already doing an amazing job as usual.

The Under 14 team this year is being coached by former player Anthony Purcell, the Under 12 team will be coached by Dan Wright while also former player, coach and club legend Neville Clark will be in charge of the Under 10's. As a club we are extremely fortunate to have the expertise and commitment of all these people willing to give up their time to coach and develop all our future players.

This month Neville Clark and I along with the help of senior players Joel Swatton, Isaiah Miller, Adrian Coad, Zac Haire and under 18 player Kade Blow we have commenced the first round of primary school clinics starting at Spring Gully Primary. This series of clinics were held over three consecutive Fridays from 11.30-3.00pm and we took the grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 boys and girls through marking, kicking, handball and contact skills during these sessions, and judging by the smiles the kids all had a great experience. There is a number of sporting options for young people in this day and age but hopefully we have planted the seed for the ones not playing football to commence playing the game, if not this year maybe in the future and at South Bendigo. We have the next round of clinics scheduled at Kennington Primary and Quarry Hill Primary Schools. I strongly encourage all senior player to become involved when approached to help out, we must always remember how great it was when we were kids and senior players took the time to come to our school or to our training nights and passed on their knowledge.

**Peter Tyack**

Director of Coaching

## YOUTH GIRLS FOOTBALL

This years Under 19's youth girls team have started off with a bang!

The team have doubled the numbers on their list compared to last year and are even training twice a week

With some great talent available for selection in this year's side, the girls are looking forward to really competing against the stronger teams and there is a real belief that they will be very competitive..

We have 2 girls who have been training in the elite Pioneer's Squad Rilee Coulson and Kate Douglas who will add even more strength with their knowledge they have collected.

Also among the new recruits is the very talented Ash Mcleod

An indication of the improvement in our Youth Girls side this year was the recent practice match against Kangaroo Flat. The young Bloods were very competitive and more than matched the Roo's who we were unable to even score against last year.

Everyone associated with the side is very excited about the season ahead and what 2017 will bring.





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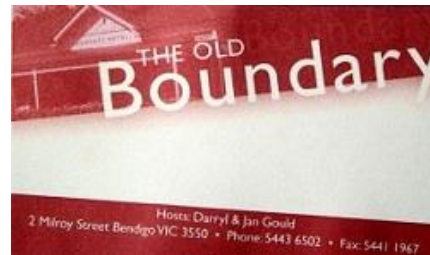
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