



NEWS LETTER OF THE SOUTH BENDIGO FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

August 2016 Edition

Welcome to the August 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.

LEADING CONTENDER FOR UNDERSTATEMENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

ANNUAL SPORTS LUNCH IS ATTRACTING A LOT OF INTEREST.

The club is holding its' annual sports luncheon on the 23rd of this month, coinciding with our home game against Golden Square at the QEO. This event is a major annual fundraiser for the club as well as an opportunity to host and thank the sponsors of our club.

The above was the lead article in last month's edition of **BLOOD LINES** and didn't it prove to be a prophetic understatement! From the very first announcement about the two speakers engaged for our Annual Sports Lunch until the news broke on the Saturday morning about the terrifying set circumstances which ultimately prevented Stephen Dank from attending the function we found ourselves in the news.

The drama peaked wide interest on the morning of the function and both President Rick and Secretary Rob fielded numerous telephone enquiries in the lead up to the luncheon. In a remarkable effort to honour a commitment, despite experiencing what could only be imagined as a horrific experience, Stephen Dank rang to advise he would still be attending to fulfil his speaking engagement. Unfortunately he rang again later in the morning to advise that yet another matter had arisen, causing him to reconsider and that he, very apologetically, had to remain in Melbourne.

Despite the last minute cancellation the day was still a success and all in attendance enjoyed the function and the hospitality. Recognised as a champion of the game Robert "Dipper" DiPierdomenico proved himself to be an all-round champion on the day. As he did many times over his decorated AFL career Dipper rose to the challenge and although we were a man down he entertained the good sized crowd with an engaging, insightful and humorous discourse. In addition to his luncheon address Dipper was very generous with his time going into the rooms before the match to address the players. There is no doubt that his

professionalism, showmanship and willingness to help out the club enabled the day to end up as a success despite all that was unfolding around it.

Undoubtedly the Clubs 2016 Sports Lunch and Sponsors Day will go down as a notable event in the annals of the clubs history more so for what was going on around it rather than what happened at it. As we forecast last month; the annual sports lunch attracted a lot of attention!



Intrigue and drama surrounds Sports Lunch
Robert DiPierdomenico being updated on the unfolding situation outside the social rooms

Photo: Bendigo Advertiser

HARRY TROTT OVAL UPDATE

It's been great to see contractors getting work underway on construction of the new Netball courts at Harry Trott Oval. The completion of the courts will be great for our club as it will enable both football and netball teams to play home games there in 2017.

The new courts will also make training easier to schedule for our netball coaches, not having to share the facility as is currently the case with the QEO courts



ANNUAL BALL A GREAT SUCCESS

The Club's Annual Ball was held on Saturday 9th July at the All Seasons Hotel. It was a great night with almost 200 people dressed in their finest in attendance.

The music provided by local Bendigo band Mr Samsonite had big numbers up on the dance floor busting out some of their best moves.

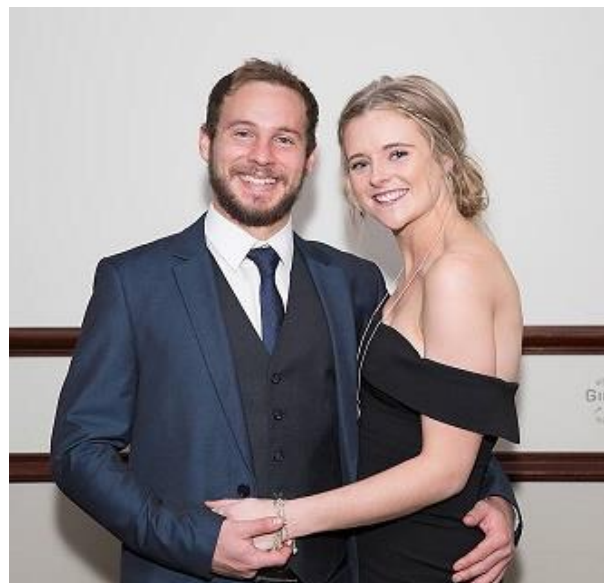
A big thank you to the Social Committee led by Nick Howe and Sarah Nash for the work they put in to ensure the success of the night



Above: Some of the large crowd enjoying the evening at the All Seasons Hotel

Left: President Rick and partner Tammy

Below: Nick Howe and Sarah Nash



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Above: Some of our Netballers looking very glamorous on the night.

Left: Brad & Mel Wright

Right: Looking good in beautiful dresses from one of our good sponsors Mona Lisa Bendigo

Below: Some of our footballers attempting a dapper look and almost getting there in a couple of cases



LIFE MEMBERS LUNCH AND 1956 PREMIERSHIP REUNION

Preparations are well underway for the 2016 Life Members Lunch and presentation of Life Members Medallions which will be held in our Social Rooms on Saturday the 13th August to coincide with our home game against Gisborne at the QEO.

It has been a while since the club has presented medallions to Life Members and thanks to a lot of hard work by Garry Smith we have been able to identify who missed out during that period and redress the oversight.

A new Life Member Medallion has been struck, based on the original with the inclusion of FNC in the scroll to reflect our transition into a Football Netball Club.



Special guests on the day will be members of the 1956 Premiership Team, sixty years on from their 10 point Premiership victory over Eaglehawk to make it three in a row for the Bloods. Having been able to contact 12 of the men who played in the side on that day 8 have replied to advise that they will be attending.

It will be an honour for the club to host these legends from arguably the greatest era in the clubs 123 year history.

BLOODS BABY BOOM



There was great news from our Senior Captain Aaron Connaughton and partner Mel with the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter Lane on the 6th July.

Then our Reserves Captain Tim Arnold and wife Cait as well as 2015 Reserves B&F winner Chris Poole and partner Karissa both announced they were expecting additions to their families as well.

There should be some pretty good father/son, father/daughter footballer or mother/daughter netballer first round draft picks for the Bloods down the track.

Congratulations to all couples on your wonderful news.

Sports Chaplaincy @ South Bendigo FNC

Us Aussies are an active bunch with an estimated 14.4 million people participating in some form of exercise, recreational or sporting activity each year. We love our sport and many of us find a rich sense of community within the various sporting clubs or groups in which we associate with.

Where does Sports Chaplaincy fit in all of this?

Sports Chaplaincy Australia (SCA) was established in 1984 and today has over 400 chaplains serving as volunteers in local and high performance sports across Australia. Some chaplains also serve in critical incident sports such as Motor Racing, Surf Lifesaving and Horse Racing. The Bendigo Football League currently has five chaplains serving across four clubs (South Bendigo, Golden Square, Strathfieldsaye and Gisborne) with other clubs to soon make appointments in 2017.

People often ask me what a sports chaplain does at a sporting club. The simple answer is we **"loiter with intent."** Sporting clubs are full of ordinary people who at various times face some extraordinary problems. Sports chaplains are trained to provide genuine pastoral care and support for the members of their sporting communities in their time of need. We help clubs by providing a range of services such as:

- Mentoring
- Suicide awareness
- Stress management support
- Crisis management and recovery services
- Home and hospital visitations
- Grief, loss and bereavement care
- Family care and general support

This is my second year as chaplain at South Bendigo FNC and I've really enjoyed getting to meet and know many different people as well as provide some of the different services listed above. Make sure you come and introduce yourself to me during the next five rounds, as there are a lot of people connected to the "Bloods" that I still have to meet.

Loitering with intent...

Dave Lovell
Club Chaplain



NETBALL NEWS

Game Milestones

Congratulations to both Roey Johnstone & Melissa Wright, both girls celebrate their 150th game for our club in Round 15 against Eaglehawk



Congratulations to Emma Tomlins, our current longest serving Netballer, Emma celebrates her 200th game this month in Round 17 against Castlemaine.



SNAPS FROM THE SIDELINES

Round 13– South Bendigo B Grade defeated Golden Square by 1 goal.



JUNIOR NETBALL

BSNA Finals

There are only three weeks left in the regular season and we are very excited that our **Section 3B Silver Team** is currently sitting in fourth position on the ladder and is a great chance of making the finals! Our **Section 2 Blue Team** is only three points off fourth position and also has a chance of making the finals. Go girls!! We wish these teams, as well as our other five teams, all the very best for their remaining games.

Netball Clinic with former Australian Diamond

We are very happy to announce that former Australian Diamond and long-time ANZ Championship player, Demelza Fellowes, is coming to Bendigo on **Sunday 11th September** to run two netball clinics for the South Bendigo Junior Netball Club! The clinics will be held at St Kilian's Primary School in Havelock Street. The cost per person will be \$25 and each clinic will be capped at 30 people.

The first clinic will be for players and friends 13 years and under and will run between 10.30am-12.00pm (time tbc).

The second clinic will be for players and friends 14 years and over and will run between 1.00pm-2.30pm (time tbc).

Details on how to register will be provided shortly!

Training Tricks

At a recent training session, our **Section 3B (Reserve) Purple** completed a rally around central Bendigo – you may have even seen them if you were out-and-about in Rosalind Park around 4.30pm on the 21st July! The girls were given a list of places to visit within 30 minutes and were instructed to take a photo at each place to show that they were working together as a team and having fun! And, yes, it was still a training session so they had to run, skip, jump, hop, lunge or shuffle between each place!



To start, the girls struck a 'Marilyn' pose at the place where Marilyn stood



The girls then found the statue in the Conservatory gardens presented to the citizens of Bendigo by Mayor Harkness in 1898 and re-created the statue



At the Camp Hill Play Space, the girls re-created a Christmas tree on the climbing ropes



Finally, on top of the Rosalind Park Tower, the girls put their heads together to discuss what it means to work as a team. They came back with words like 'encourage and support each other', 'talk to each other', 'do the best we can for each other', 'be a good sport' – all great responses!

SPONSOR OF THE MONTH

Erindale Farm Butchery



Owned & operated by the Gallagher Family for 5 generations The idea to move into retail came from family and friends. They ate our lamb and beef and complained they couldn't buy anything like our taste and quality. They were sick of being ripped off for inferior products from unknown sources, while we were getting so little return on generations of hard work. So, our "Paddock to the Plate" strategy was born; we purchased our shop in Lyttleton Terrace, Bendigo in February 2007 and our other at the Bendigo Marketplace in 2009. You can also find us at the Bendigo Farmers Market on the second Saturday of the month.

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2nd Saturday of each month

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FOOTBALL NEWS

Seniors Report - Brady Childs

The past month has seen the senior group come up against three of the top five sides in Sandhurst, Kangaroo Flat and Golden Square, although we have not been able to record our third win I believe we have shown great development from our initial hit-outs against these sides. We have shown we can match it with the best of the competition for the majority of the games, and more importantly really hurt the opposition with our high pressure then attacking quick football.

The pleasing thing is to see after the initial disappointment post-match, the group is quick to identify the areas for improvement and are determined to keep improving in these areas during the remaining games of the season.

Again it has been exciting to blood some of the future South Bendigo stars at senior level in Brayden Torpey, Brayden Sheahan, and Will Keck. They have all shown that they have the ability to step into senior football and play key roles for the team, which is exciting times for the club. The club is very fortunate to have such a great young group of talented footballers and more importantly people, which is continuing to develop and I believe is not far off returning the club back to where it belongs....a very proud and successful club within the Bendigo FNL and country Victoria.

Congratulations to Brad Wright & Daniel Frew who are both impressive blokes and in the last month they both have achieved significant club mile stones with 150 and 100 senior games respectively.

On another note, while we have lacked the wins on the football field a number of senior players have had some great success with Pokémon Go..... which hasn't sat well with the coach. In fact, the coach has made a blanket ban on playing Pokémon Go within the football club during all training sessions, game days and recovery.

Cheers Brady

Reserves Report – Bryce Balsillie

Since the bye our Reserves side has succumbed to some injuries and unavailability, but we can't use that as an excuse for not getting points. Our position & progress this year has been awesome and we do have a football list of 50 plus really great guys who alongside our netballers have every expectation & common goal of creating wins and success.

There are only the five games left & our Reserves side are in the mix for a finals position (5th). We simply want more and more club wins and to have both our footballers & netballers show casing our youth and depth in September would be a validation of our progress as a club this year...and we can. The Reserves flag race is wide open and we have matched it and beaten all sides this year and other clubs are not expecting much from us if/when we make it. Internally we think differently... it's a mistake to under estimate our guys!!

Thanks again over the last month to Neale Torpey and the amazing young blokes in the under 18's who have helped us fill sides and backing up after playing a game already. Congratulations to the under 18 lads too who have debuted and played some terrific senior football for the club. A lot of youth in our senior side and some very talented boys in that under 18 side and we the reserves enjoy watching and supporting you guys.

Thank you to the club & social committee for what was a brilliant night at the All Seasons for our club ball. We had a ball (no pun intended) and just a fantastic representation of the club!!

Good luck in this last month to all our netballers but in particular the B grade (4th on ladder) and B Reserves (2nd) who are both in a great position to make finals!!

From the Reserves side & coaching staff to the rest of our club, we have a big month ahead... we need your ongoing support and we are very much looking forward to the challenge and the prospect of playing finals football..!!

Under 18's – Neale Torpey

Again over the past four weeks we have won the games we should have won and have been extremely competitive against the better sides. We had a convincing victory's against Kangaroo Flat and Kyneton and put in solid performances against Golden Square and Sandhurst. The best performance of the season came on the weekend against Strathfieldsaye. The lads were right in the game to the final siren going down by 16 points. Strath hasn't lost a game all season and no other side has got as close as the lads did on the weekend. It was a great team performance.

I have been impressed over the past month with their ability to listen and learn in particular re game plans and structures, and their ability to fight every game out to the end. We have certainly been up against it numbers wise with limited numbers each week due to injury and unavailability. This has however created opportunities to blood some under 16's. To say that I have been impressed with the lads coming up would be an understatement. These blokes just haven't come up to be numbers. All players have had an impact and contributed, showing that they will make the transition to under 18's next season which will create a formidable under 18's side in 2017.

Over the coming weeks we will gain players back which will result in an extremely strong finish to the year. We are a chance to sneak into 5th place on the ladder but we must win all our remaining games which is certainly a possibility.

In past month we have had Braydan Torpey, Will Keck, Brayden Sheahan & Tyler McLeod all play senior football. This shows the calibre of players coming through the under 18's. On top of this we have had a number of players filling in for the reserves. Again these blokes are not just making up numbers they are certainly contributing which is fantastic.

CLUB SCARFS STILL AVAILABLE

The new Club scarfs have proven very popular with members and supporters however there are still some available from the South Bendigo Social Rooms at home games or from the canteen at Junior games it costs only \$25 to show your support for the club and wear the Red & White, while keeping warm at the same time.



SNAPS FROM THE SIDELINES - ROUND 13 SENIOR GAME V GOLDEN SQUARE



Left: Josh Shaw takes a great contested mark between 2 Golden Square opponents
Above: Daniel Nalder repels another attack
Below: Kieran Strachan feeds out a handball in heavy traffic.
Bottom: Jake Smythe handballs to Mitch Rogerson and turns defence into attack



Photos: Glenn Daniels Bendigo Advertiser

YOUTH GIRLS FOOTBALL

Our Youth Girls have faced many challenges for the best part of the season. To their credit these girls demonstrated full commitment to their football - they never gave up on being able to run out on the field on game day as a complete team. The girls have now jumped all hurdles and get to play their game day footy.

These girls have established a solid foundation for the future of girls football within the South Bendigo Club. We should all be very proud of our Youth Girls



SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

What's on this month?

Saturday 6th – Following our away game at Eaglehawk it's back to The Old Boundary Hotel for our Post Match function and some great hospitality.

Sunday 7th - \$5000 draw starting at 12pm, SBFNC Social Rooms, QEO.

Saturday 13th – Life Members Lunch and 1956 Premiership Reunion in the Social Rooms. An opportunity to mix with some true Bloods legends.

Saturday 20th – A bus trip down the highway for our away game at Castlemaine which will finish up back at our good sponsors The Old Boundary Hotel.

Saturday 27th – Following our home game at Harry Trott Oval the after match function and dinner will be at The All Seasons Hotel.



FIXTURE & RESULTS

Round 11: 9th July V Sandhurst at QEO Football

	Seniors	Reserves	U18's
South Bendigo	7.11:53	7.17:59	1.0:6
Sandhurst	17.6:108	14.5:89	14.10:94

Netball

	A Grade	A Reserve	B Grade	B Reserve	U17's
South Bendigo	17	37	43	45	29
Sandhurst	72	61	40	39	49

Round 12: 16th July V Kangaroo Flat at Dower Park Kangaroo Flat Football

	Seniors	Reserves	U18's
South Bendigo	14.8:92	6.9:45	14.13:97
Kangaroo Flat	17.6:108	9.16:70	3.4:22

Netball

	A Grade	A Reserve	B Grade	B Reserve	U17's
South Bendigo	21	25	39	28	27
Kangaroo Flat	68	53	44	45	35

Round 13: 23rd July V Golden Square at QEO Football

	Seniors	Reserves	U18's
South Bendigo	6.10:46	3.5:23	2.3:15
Golden Square	14.20:104	8.10:58	15.14:104

Netball

	A Grade	A Reserve	B Grade	B Reserve	U17's
South Bendigo	39	27	28	32	37
Golden Square	64	67	27	40	49

Round 14: 30th July V Strathfieldsaye at Strathfieldsaye Football

	Seniors	Reserves	U18's
South Bendigo	9.4:58	6.7:43	2.1:13
Strathfieldsaye	12.10:82	13.9:87	4.5:29

Netball

	A Grade	A Reserve	B Grade	B Reserve	U17's
South Bendigo	41	39	32	44	26
Strathfieldsaye	53	52	43	42	55

Coming Up

Round 15: 6 th August	Eaglehawk	At Eaglehawk
Round 16: 13 th August	Gisborne	At QEO
Round 17: 20 th August	Castlemaine	At Castlemaine
Round 18: 27 th August	Maryborough	At Harry Trott Oval Kennington

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