

# **NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTH BENDIGO FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB**

**August 2020 Edition**

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Welcome to your August 2020 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 ahead.

## **2020 BFNL UNDERAGE COVID IMPACTED SEASON CANCELLED**



Being aware of the mental and physical benefits that a return to community sport offered, the South Bendigo Football Netball Club has been very supportive of the Bendigo Football Netball League (BFNL) and the Bendigo Junior Football (BJFL) and their endeavours to offer participation opportunities to Under 18's Football and U17's Netball in 2020 provided it was in a safe, achievable, and sustainable manner. We are extremely thankful to the BFNL Board members and Manager Cam Tomlins for their persistence to offer a return to competition in some form this year and, albeit it brief, witness the enjoyment it brought so many during this difficult period.

Due to the recent announcements of Stage 3 restrictions being reimplemented in Regional Victoria sadly but inevitably a decision was made that the BJFL and BFNL Competitions would not resume in 2020.

The Club extends our sincere thanks to all of our hardworking members, in particular dedicated Senior Underage Coaches Peter Tyack and Liz Taylor, their assistant coaches and team managers, Junior Presidents Shaun Langdon and Nicole Georgeson and their great teams of coaches, committees, officials and volunteers, for their continued support and understanding during these challenging circumstances to explore and implement all possible opportunities to return to competition safely in 2020.

The pandemic appears far from over, therefore we all need to continue to play our role in reducing the spread and risk of transmission. First and foremost, the immediate health and wellbeing of everybody associated with football, netball and our local communities in general within the South Bendigo family remains our priority, and when the time is right we look forward to returning and planning for a successful 2021 season.

## KIERAN STRACHAN MAKES AFL SENIOR GRADE



Two-time South Bendigo Senior Best and Fairest winner Kieran Strachan was selected for his first senior AFL game with the Adelaide Crows in their Round 9 match against North Melbourne. Originally named as an emergency for the match Kieran line up in the Crows side to play the Kangaroos up last Saturday.

Kieran won back-to-back Bloods Best and Fairest awards in 2015 and 2016 before playing six games over the past two years at VFL level. Initially on Essendon's VFL list in 2018, Kieran made a mid-season switch to Port Melbourne in search of more game time but a broken ankle in his second game cut his season short.

Adelaide decided to offer the athletic big man a chance at the next level and Strachan was selected with pick seven in the 2018 Rookie Draft.

All at South Bendigo were thrilled to see our popular ex player realise his dream and be selected to play in his well-deserved debut game at the highest level.



## JUNIOR NETBALL

Hi everyone, as you would have heard regional Victoria is returning to Stage 3 restrictions which means all community sport has been cancelled until at least mid-September.

Unfortunately, this means we will not be returning to training as planned.

At the time of writing this newsletter we have not received any advice from the BSNA in relation to the Spring Competition, so for now, we will presume it will go ahead as planned. Any announcements made in relation to the competition will be communicated via team app as they are announced.

### Spring Competition

We have registered 18 teams from Grade 3 through to Section 1 for the Spring Competition.

Our Grade 5 and Section 4 teams are both looking for extra players. If you know anyone who is interested in either of these teams please get them to contact the Operations Manager at [southbendigojnc@gmail.com](mailto:southbendigojnc@gmail.com)

### The Netball Coach

Netball Victoria recently announced a partnership with TheNetballCoach.com. To celebrate the partnership Netball Victoria members aged 14 years and over (as of 31 Dec 2020) are entitled to a free 30-day restricted membership where you will receive 3 footwork videos, 5 ball drills, 2 structures/setups, 2 fitness videos, 1 full training session and 2 live workshop replays. If you would like to take up this offer look for an email in your inbox from Netball Victoria or join up at <https://www.thenetballcoach.com/>.



## **BSNA / VNA Refunds**

For those that are unable to play in the Spring competition the BSNA will provide partial refunds of \$98.00 for Grade 4 to Section 1 and \$88.00 for Grade 3 players is being offered.

If you would like to apply for the refund, please complete the form available at <https://forms.gle/qX6RwTGzudqg49K1A>

A reminder that at this stage the advice from Netball Victoria is that they will not be considering refunds until after 31 October however they will accept applications for refunds based on hardship or medical reason.

## **Newsletter**

If you have photos of your children taking part in any netball clinics etc we would love to share them in the newsletter. Email them through to [southbendigojnc@gmail.com](mailto:southbendigojnc@gmail.com)

## **Team App**

Please ensure you have team app installed on your phones and notifications turned on. This is the easiest way we can stay in contact with you, particularly at short notice. If you need instructions, or help downloading the app please email [southbendigojnc@gmail.com](mailto:southbendigojnc@gmail.com)

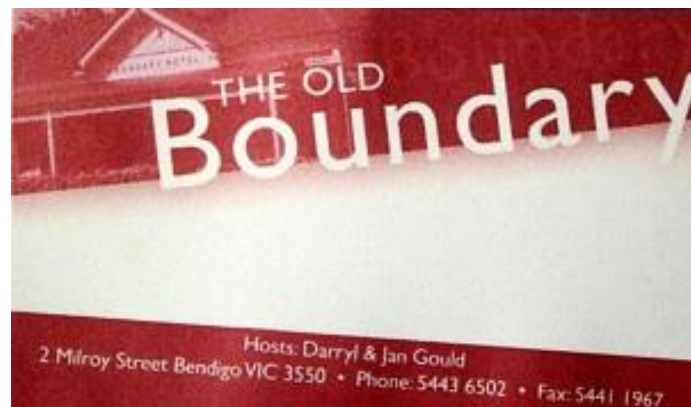
Please look after yourselves and stay safe everyone.



**Ella, Lexi, Arabella and Ava got along to the recent Julie Corletto Netball Clinic held at the Bendigo Stadium to learn some new skills. Well done girls!**

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## **FOOTBALL**

### **THE YEAR 1900**

In the absence of a 2020 season we continue our series on Bloods' premierships in years starting a new decade. This year marks the 120th Anniversary of the 1900 season when the Club won the second of our 24 premierships.

During that period, the Premiership was decided by the most games won across the season. South Bendigo played Eaglehawk in their last match of the season at Canterbury Park on a Wednesday. The equation was simple, the Bloods were 6 points clear of the Borough who still had a game in hand. A win to South would secure the Premiership, a loss would give the opportunity for Eaglehawk to win their last match against Sandhurst and take the prize.

Eaglehawk won the match and the prospects for the Bloods looked grim as the Borough were favoured by most pundits to overcome Sandhurst and go on to Premiership glory. No doubt there would have been considerable irony in all Bloods supporters cheering on the Slags in that last game of the season when Sandhurst defied expectations and beat the Borough enabling South Bendigo to become the Premiers in 1900.

With no Grand Final match to provide details on the following is an extract from the book "The Bloods" – Highs and Lows of 100 Years, which gives a Bendigo Advertiser report on the Bloods side of 1900 playing a match on the QEO against an indigenous team from Echuca.

#### **ABORIGINAL WIN OVER SOUTH**

Advertiser 21/7/1900

##### **South Bendigo Vs Cummeragunja**

On Saturday a team of aboriginal footballers from Cummeragunja Mission Station near Echuca, played South Bendigo on the Upper Reserve. Considerably over 1000 people assembled to witness the game, but they scarcely expected to see such a capital exhibition as was given by the mission station team.

South Bendigo was fairly well represented, and none of the team anticipated that the visitors would display so thorough a knowledge of the game. The visitors outplayed the South at every department of the game, except kicking and high marking. The ground work of the mission team was well nigh perfect and their running with the ball roused the spectators to enthusiasm.

W. Charles led the visitors and Mills the local team. In the first quarter both sides scored 2 behinds. In the second quarter Edwards put up a goal for South, and the visitors hit the post. At half time the scores were South 1 goal, 3 behinds; Cummeragunja 4 behinds. Shortly after resuming, the visitors secured a goal, and not long after Hunter put up the third goal.

Twice in succession the visitors hit the post, and just before the bell rang, H. Kirby scored South's second goal. The final result was Cummeragunja, 3 goals 9 behinds (27 points); South Bendigo goals 3 behinds (15 points). Charles (4), Hunter, Donnelly, J. Cooper, Patten, and Atkinson (2) played splendidly for the winners, while for South, Thorpe, Mills, Watson, Hunter, Bruhn, Spargo, Johnson and Daykin were best.

W. Conn umpired and treated the visitors with every consideration

At half-time the visitors gave an exhibition of boomerang throwing.

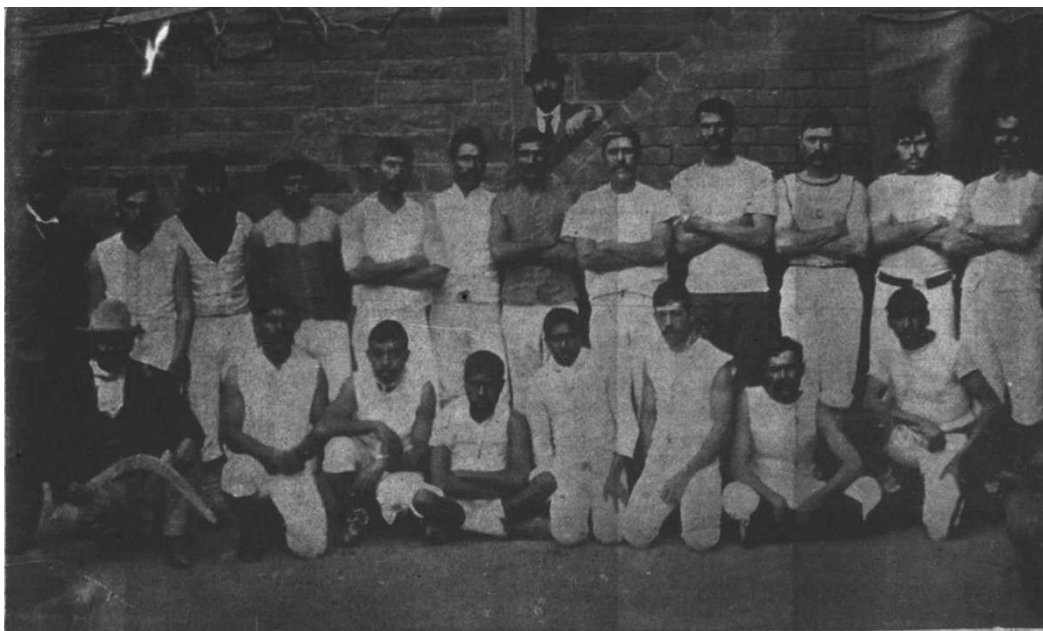
THE SOUTH BENDIGO FOOTBALL TEAM

J. Casley (sec.)  
F. Saunders. Vic. Roberts. J. Gallagher. J. James.



C. Neal. J. Johnson. E. Mueller. J. Murphy. — M'Causland. W. Heine.  
T. Carter. L. Cook. E. Mills (capt.). W. Hill. R. Daykin. W. Ogilvie.

The South Bendigo side, Premiers in the Bendigo Football League in 1900



THE CUMMERAGUNJA TEAM OF ABORIGINAL FOOTBALLERS. (From Photo. by Mr. H. W. Kirby.)

Click on the link below for an interesting if confronting and disturbing read on Cummeragunja: The Aboriginal football team that opened the eyes of White Australia

<https://www.shootfarken.com.au/cummeragunja-aboriginal-football-team-that-opened-the-eyes-of-white-australia/>

## **JUNIOR FOOTBALL**

### **Junior division overcomes incredible challenges to get kids playing**

91 days after the junior football season was originally scheduled to begin, we finally got to see the thrill on the faces of our young players as they hit the field for the first, yet delayed, time.

During what is an unprecedented time, there were certainly times in those 91 days when the junior club thought they would struggle to find their way to the start of the season, but while the young players were still motivated to play football, then the committee, coaches, volunteers and club friends were motivated to find a way to make it happen.

Just like the rest of our lives, the 2020 season looks so very different. We had kids high-fiving with their elbows, we had parents sitting in cars, we had equipment being sanitised, we had a closed canteen, and we had signs everywhere. The once simple pleasures of catching up with a group of friends, family and teammates while enjoying a hot-dog and watching the Blood's games will always be something that our club and the league will aspire to get back to. But for the meantime, we have had to adapt and find new joys in the evolving nature of celebrating community spirit through sport delivered in new ways.

Despite the uncertainty that 2020 delivered for our club, one certainty remained unwavering; South Bendigo Bloods are always ready to play and put their best foot forward. In our two rounds of football, that is exactly what was seen on footy fields across Bendigo.

### **Around the grounds**

Round 1 brought more excitement than Christmas in July. Bright new uniforms hit the fields, cameras of parents were snapping, and there were smiles beaming from ear to ear in all directions.

Round 2 saw our players and families get back into the swing of footy like it was a completely normal season. The adversity that COVID-19 had brought upon the season seemed like a distant memory.

While our under 9's don't keep score, our little players came out firing. In the absence of official winners, our little Bloods won hearts. They were enthusiastic, fast, competitive and will surely be the stars of the future.

Our U/10's jumped an age group and played up in the U/12D's. It was a courageous move by our young players, but despite not quite getting a win against Strathfieldsaye and Quarry Hill, they were gallant in defeat and will have given next year's U/12 age group something to think about.

The U/12B's played a mighty game against Kangaroo Flat, just missing out on the chocolates, only to turn it around the following week to enjoy a glorious victory against Castlemaine.

The U/14 Girls remained steadfast in their campaign to roll the opposition. They didn't quite get there against Eaglehawk, but they were hungry for redemption and brought forward a momentous battle against Castlemaine to record their first win in XXX years!!! Yes, you read that right. Amazing determination from our girls.

The U/14 White were wonderfully resilient in a competitive field. They were able to take away a win from Strathfieldsaye and Maiden Gully YCW, but they improved and showcased their 'never give up' attitude.

Our U/14 Blue improved tremendously from their first week to really bring it to the White Hills opposition in Round 2 and only just missed out on the win.



The U/16 Gold squad were focussed on taking their skills to the next level. They were able to bring wins on the day, but they made the most of their experiences to increase their game plan in readiness for top-age 16's next year.

Our U/16 Seniors suffered a soul-searching blow against a formidable Strathfieldsaye outfit in Round 1 only to make a remarkable come-back to form in a brilliant win against Maryborough in Round 2.

And finally, our U/18's put on a party in Round 1, smashing Eaglehawk in what was not only the season opener, but was to also become the season finale. Just 1 game in the 18's division; but one amazing game to remember.

And just like that, it's all over for another year.

### **Thank you**

The planning, coordination of the parents, volunteers, coaches and the Junior Committee was truly colossal, and they collectively never stopped fighting to overcome ever-changing obstacles to reach the start of the season. To everyone at the South Bendigo Junior Football Club who played a part in that unwavering effort, we say 'thank you'. It really was the spirit of the Bloods.

While the junior football community is devastated by the sudden and premature end to the 2020 season, this season will forever and fondly be remembered as the season like no other; the season where our players actually got to run out onto the ground against a world of challenges. For that, even if it is was for only two rounds, we can be grateful.

**Ginevra Johnson**  
**SBJFC Committee**



## Snaps from the Sidelines



After a delayed start to the season someone is keen to get the show on the road



The coaches are probably looking for a little more movement around the stoppages



A good defensive kick to the outer wing at Harry Trott Oval

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## THAT'S ABOUT IT FOR 2020

With no further community sport on the horizon this will probably be the last edition of **BLOOD LINES** for 2020.

Despite very little happening with football or netball due to the restrictions imposed as a consequence of the pandemic we have tried to keep our South Bendigo family connected to their club as well as having ongoing promotion for our great group of sponsors through this difficult period, by continuing with the monthly newsletter.

It has seemed a little like getting blood from a stone at times to keep the Newsletter coming out each month but so far so good, well apart from last month's report on the 1910 Grand Final which probably did reek a little of desperation.

A big thank you to all the contributors from each section of the club who provide the material and pictures that go to making up **BLOOD LINES**, your contributions are very much appreciated.

Also, a big thank you to each of our Club major sponsors whose businesses we advertise in each edition as well as feature on the SPONSOR OF THE MONTH page. It has been extremely hard for businesses over the course of this year so if any of you are looking for goods or services please consider supporting those who support our club via your patronage.



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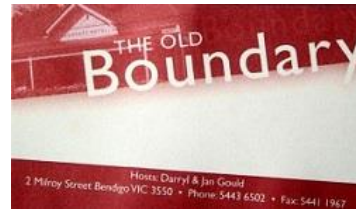
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