

# NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTH BENDIGO FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

## August 2022 Edition

### THE QEO IS RED AND WHITE IN 2022

In our final year as co-tenants at Victoria's premier country football oval the Bloods completed the double beating the "arch enemy" Sandhurst in both our clashes on the Queen Elizabeth Oval in season 2022.

A fitting way to end our joint occupancy on a ground that has seen so many famous South Bendigo triumphs over the history of our club and a portend of what is to come.

TEAM		GOALS	BEHINDS	TOTAL
<b>SOUTH BENDIGO</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>SANDHURST</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>86</b>

TEAM		GOALS	BEHINDS	TOTAL
<b>SANDHURST</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>SOUTH BENDIGO</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100</b>



A rousing rendition of "we are the red and whites" following our 9- point win over QEO co-tenants Sandhurst for a 2-0 record on the ground in 2022

## CLUB AWARDS FORMAT & NAMING

At a recent General Committee meeting of the club a motion was carried to replace some of the annual trophies awarded at the end of each season with medallions named in honour of significant people in the Club's history. A format which is very common at a lot of clubs, both in the Bendigo FNL and beyond.

The concept will also involve presenting a card along with the medal which outlines the achievements of the person who it was named after. This should provide an added significance to the award as well as perpetuating the memory of the individual, their contribution to the Club and their place in its history. The individual who the medal was named in honour of, or a family member/s would be invited to make the presentation.

Developing the concept of medallions was the easy part, identifying and selecting the names for each of them will be a far harder task. The Club is aware of the challenges and indeed the pitfalls of going through a process to distill 5 or 6 names out of 130 years of history. As always with these things, once the names have been chosen, some will think others more worthy of being selected for the honour.

Given the potential for controversy a DRAFT list has been developed to stimulate a conversation amongst the broader South Bendigo family. Having read the HYPOTHETICAL list which follows you are invited, in fact encouraged, to provide us with feedback. If you would like to put forward an alternative name or names then please do so however we would ask that you also include a brief background paragraph to, for want of better words, mount a case for your preferred alternative. This will assist the committee in their final selection.

Your feedback can be sent to the club via

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## SBFNC ANNUAL CLUB AWARDS – FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY

- **Senior Football B&F: The Cook Medal**

Dr J.W. Cook Snr was club President for 2 years 1931/32, he was succeeded by his son Dr J.W. Cook who held the position for 15 years continuously (interrupted by the war years 1942 to 1945) up until 1952. This period commenced and shaped the most successful period in the Clubs history where in the 8 years between 1949 and 1956 the Bloods played in 6 grand finals winning 5 Premierships.

As a player Dr Cook won the Bendigo Football Leagues Leading Goal Kicker Award in 1928 (84 goals)

Robert Cook, Dr Cook's son, also played Senior Football at South Bendigo in the 1960's

- **Reserves Football B&F: The Francis Burke Medal**

Frank Burke is a 4-time club champion, winning the Senior B&F award in 1988/89 and 1992/93. He is a three-time premiership player with the Bloods in 1991, 1993 when he won the Nalder medal as best afield in the Grand Final and in 1994.

Frank was selected in VCFL representative teams for the Australian championships on 3 occasions.

Frank Burke was awarded Life Membership of South Bendigo FNC in 1992 and in 1996 was admitted to the Bendigo FNL's Hall of Fame.

- **U18's Football B&F: The Ken Carter Medal**

Ken Carter is South Bendigo's most decorated indigenous player. Playing at Centre Half back during the Bloods halcyon days in the 1950's Ken was a 2- time Senior B&F winner (1953 & 1955) and a 4- time premiership player (in 1951 and in the "threepeat" 1954,55 & 56)

Ken Carter coached the Club's Under 18's side in 1973

- **Senior Football Goal Kicking: The Peter Hutcheson Medal**

Peter Hutcheson came up through the ranks of South Bendigo Junior FC to be a significant senior footballer for the club over the late 1960's and early 1970's.

Peter won the Bendigo Football League's Leading Goal Kicker award in 1972 (69 goals) and was a key forward in 2 Bloods premiership sides in 1969 and 1974 (5 goals in the GF)

- **A Grade Netball B&F: The Justine Connaughton Medal**

Justine Fitzgibbon (nee Connaughton) was made a Life member of the Club in 2009 Playing 200 games of A Grade Netball in the red & white Justine won 5 Club A Grade B&Fs in 2001, 2004/05/06 and 2008. She was also the A Grade team Captain for a time during this period.

Justine was also coach of the A Grade side (plus a number of other Grades) for 4 years over the period 2008 to 2011.

It is proposed the award be titled The Justine Connaughton Medal primarily as the majority of her impressive achievements were accomplished under her maiden name but also to give a nod to the whole Connaughton family who have been a strong South Bendigo family for decades.

- **Note 1**

An obvious title for a B&F Medal name at South Bendigo would be The Alan McDonald Medal however, the League awards the Alan McDonald Medal for the League Reserves B&F winner each year.

- **Note 2**

Some have a view that netball has not been going long enough to be able to identify a suitable achiever to name an award after.

Recent lived history is no less noteworthy than ancient history and Justine's achievements, while relatively contemporary, are such that they will not be diminished by time.

- **Note 3**

Conversely, since netball has only being going such a relatively short time in the Bendigo FNL the naming of netball medals has been limited to one at this stage.





## 2022 SPORTS LUNCH

The 2022 Coterie and Sponsors Sports Lunch was held in our Social Rooms on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July and what a great day it was for the Club.

On the sporting field a crucial win in Senior football following on from an after the siren win in the Reserves game, whilst all grades of netball got up on the day.

In the Social Rooms we had a packed house of 165 guests for our Annual Sports Lunch featuring Kevin Sheedy and Mark Harvey as our special guest speakers. It was an excellent afternoon and the positive feedback we have received has been overwhelming.

A huge thanks to all who helped out on the day to make it run so smoothly. Ian Connaughton, John Pawsey and Martin Harrington behind the bar. They put in a stellar effort as all 3 backed up behind the bar for a 21<sup>st</sup> birthday function held in the rooms that night. Also, on the catering front a big thank you to Jenny Arnold for her leadership in the kitchen with the help of Club Secretary Michelle Forrester and her husband Richard, along with Hayley Mills, Tammy Blakely and a few of her friends.

We also had a large group of netballers come through to serve the meals and retrieve plates which was outstanding. It was noted by many including the guest speakers how wonderful that was and we must have great club when things like this happen.

Thanks, as usual to all our other committee members and volunteers on the day who kept all the usual game tasks functioning to make everything work so well. A great team effort. Everyone and much appreciated.



Guest Speakers Kevin Sheedy & Mark Harvey



Mark Blabey, President Rick Townsend and Kevin Sheedy with the 2000 AFL Premiership Cup

## COCKTAIL PARTY AT THE KENNINGTON TAVERN

Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of July was also the players turn to enjoy a social occasion with a cocktail party at our good sponsors The Kennington Tavern that evening. With the usual great hospitality provided by our hosts there aa great night was enjoyed by all in attendance. See below some pic's from the night by Jotham Santos Photography.



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## THE “LAST” QEO HOME GAME

Our Round 15 match against Gisborne turned out to be a strange day. With the advice that the redevelopment out at Harry Trott Oval would be completed by the end of July and the City Council pushing us to get out there as soon as the venue was available this match was promoted as our last home game on the QEO.

Fast forward to mid-July, with plans locked in place to mark the historic occasion, we received advice that the Harry Trott works would overrun the scheduled completion date and we would need to see out the 2022 season at the QEO. Too late to change the planned past players and officials gathering we carried on with the existing arrangements and while the function in the Social Rooms went well, not being the occasion it was meant to be, the day did lack the expected sense of occasion.

Keep a watch on the Club’s social media pages for advice on the arrangements for our Round 18 game at the QEO on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August and a revised opening celebration for the new pavilion out at the Kennington Recreation Reserve.

See following some pic’s from the Past Players and Officials function held on the day



2 umpires with a South Bendigo connection made a special request to the BUA to schedule them for this game given the occasion. Both Goal Umpire Noel Ridge and Central Umpire Gavin Carter officiated in the U18’s match. Both are pictured above with our U18’s Captain Tyler Wastell and Gisborne’s team Captain.



Nev Clarke & Rick Coburn



Rob Bakes, Trevor Wright & Peter Curran



**Bruce "Tarz" Pollock, John Vanstan & Gavin Carter**



**Ron Hiatt, Barry Leslie, John Rogers & Dennis Grotto**



**David Bakes, Anthony Purcell, Frank Burke, David McMurray & Steve Symons**



## FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

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 the sporting landscape in 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, Kangaroo Flat and Maryborough) with other clubs seeking chaplains as part of their strategy of care.

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 wellbeing support for the members of their sporting communities in their time of need. While chaplains provide a range of different services to clubs (e.g., mentoring, crisis management, grief, loss and bereavement care, a caring person for those in distress etc.), our goal, as chaplains, is to play our part in helping create a healthy, positive culture within the sporting communities that we serve.

I've been around the South Bendigo FNC for several years and I've really enjoyed getting to meet and know many different people during this time. Make sure you come and introduce yourself to me as there are a lot of people connected to the "Bloods" that I still must meet.

Don't hesitate to be in touch with me via my club email [welfare@southbendigofnc.com.au](mailto:welfare@southbendigofnc.com.au) if you ever need anything. I can also be contacted on 0408 413 026.

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



**Dave Lovell**  
**Club Chaplain**





## THE TOYOTA GOOD FOR FOOTY RAFFLE

The Toyota “Good for Footy” Raffle is a great initiative that can assist our club with vital fundraising as the sponsorship by Toyota allows for 100% of the proceeds to be directed back to our club.

You will have seen us promoting this raffle over the past few months both on our social media posts and in this newsletter so no doubt, just like me, you will be astounded to see from our last weekly status report below that only 33 people have made the effort so far to support the club by grabbing a couple of \$5 tickets.

Surely we can muster up a greater level of support than that. The Club is not running our Major \$5000 Draw this year so this will be the only big raffle we’ll hit you up for in 2022. So grab your credit card, click on the “Buy Tickets” link below and grab a ticket or ten to put yourself in the running for some great prizes.



## SOUTH BENDIGO FOOTBALL AND NETBALL CLUB

### TOYOTA GOOD FOR FOOTY RAFFLE

Support South Bendigo Football and Netball Club and you could win with the Toyota Good for Footy Raffle. Tickets are just \$5 and 100% of the proceeds go to South Bendigo Football and Netball Club. There's \$250,000 in prizes up for grabs, including three new Toyotas. That's better than a meat tray! Buy a ticket or ten and be Good for Footy!

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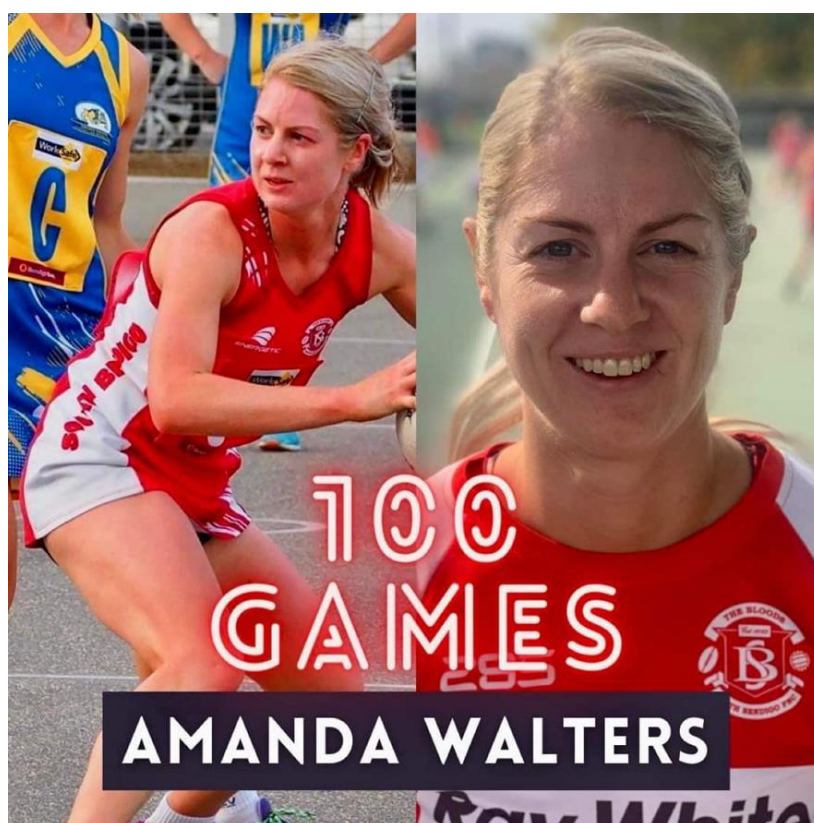
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## NETBALL

Round 12 saw Amanda Walters 'Wal' play her 100<sup>th</sup> club game, current co-captain of the A-Reserve team. Wal joined South Bendigo Netball ranks in 2016 quickly establishing herself in the A Res midcourt. She has a lengthy wrap of achievements which includes a 2018 club best and fairest and 2019 league best and fairest. Wal has played a role within the leadership group, having previously coached a junior team and has captained the A Res team since 2017. 'Wal' is a loyal servant of the whole club and currently manages most of the behind the scenes work for Instagram and Facebook.

Congratulations Wal on your **100**

Unfortunately, the A Reserve side were unable to come home with the win against Sandhurst during this round, but played some of their best netball, demonstrating to be a real contender come September only going down by 6-goals.



The remainder of the month has seen the netballers head into the second half of the season with a positive mindset, determined to ensure all teams can cement their positions on the ladder heading into finals. A Grade claimed a top-three scalp after claiming a one goal win over Gisborne, following a disappointing loss to Castlemaine the week before. This win is A Grade's first victory over Gisborne in at least 15-years, a huge achievement for the club. The girls led at every break, two goals at half and three-quarter time and were able to hold on to take the win in a thriller.

After Round 15, we have four senior netball teams in their Grades top 5 and heading towards finals -

- A Grade – 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- A Reserve – 5<sup>th</sup> Place
- B Grade – 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- B Reserve – 5<sup>th</sup> Place
- 17/U- 6<sup>th</sup> Place



On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July, the BFNL representative team travelled to Melbourne for the Netball Vic Association Championship Finals. We are very proud of the three South representatives, Maggie Burke (17/U), Chloe Gray and Chloe Langley (Open Team). In what was a physically demanding schedule against quality opposition, the 17&U team played a massive 11-games and the Open played 7-games plus finals. The Open team finished runners up, re-iterating the current standing of the BFNL Netball in the state, having made it to the Grand Final against the Goulburn Valley League.



**Chloe Langley & Chloe Gray proudly wearing their representative colours**



**The Bendigo FNL's 17 & Under Representative side featuring Maggie Burke (Back row 5<sup>th</sup> from the left)**

## JUNIOR NETBALL

Only two games left before finals! We are still looking good to having most of our competitive teams playing in at least the first of week of finals. Well done everyone!

As we are nearing the end of the season, we are already looking towards 2023. We can't emphasise enough how important our volunteers are. We appreciate everything that you do on game day, but the Committee is desperately seeking some more help in 2023.

We have some important roles we would like to fill, and we need some help. The current Committee have been on board for several years and while we have three new volunteers stepping up, we have up to five stepping down.

If we don't find people willing to put their hand up, then we will have no choice than to look at ways of minimising the workload on the few that volunteer. This could mean a reduction in teams or possibly increased costs! We don't need hours and hours of time – just a few hours at key times during the year.

Get in contact with one of the Committee or send an email to [jnrnboperations@southbendigofnc.com.au](mailto:jnrnboperations@southbendigofnc.com.au)

Congratulations to Abbey Taylor, Ella Russell and Felicity Daly who have both recently played their 50th game with South Bendigo junior netball!  
All 3 girls started playing with South in 2018 and now play in our Section 1 and Section 2 teams respectively.

Well done girls a fantastic effort!



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## FOOTBALL

A very successful month for our senior group with some good wins against Sandhurst, Eaglehawk, Kyneton and Castlemaine with the former three battling with us for a finals spot. Our side, as with a number of other teams in the League, has had a high turnover of players due to injury and Flu/covid illness and it's been great to see those players who get the opportunity to play step up, perform to their best ability and be an important part of the team structure moving forward.

The Under 18's continue to gain experience and as a predominantly lower age team they will benefit from this year playing against bigger bodies and more established players. Several thirds have been able to play reserves games and have shown their maturity in the better skilled side so the future is bright for this team. Shaun Leech and Stephen Dean continue to work on the basics and the boys remain enthusiastic about their footy.

Reserves have suffered most from the numbers missing from the senior ranks but again opportunities were provided this month for Liam Sheill, Nathan Leed, Bailey Hall and Jack Nalder to play their first senior games for the club. Another debutant this month was Zaydyn Lockwood who played his first senior game. Zaydyn currently plays in our thirds side but is still eligible for U16s grade football. He is in the Pioneers program and has managed to make a number of underage representative sides.

At Senior level it was good to see the return of some long term injuries in Riley Walsh, Oli Simpson, Cooper Leon, Will Allen and Joel Swatton. However, further disappointment for the club with news of a less than satisfactory prognosis for Daniel Nalder and his knee." VB" returned for one game and was a positive impact for our forward line however he was unable to recover successfully from that game. We were all devastated with the news but convinced that he will remain as a leader around our club and an influence on our finals aspirations.



**Daniel Nalder has been unable to overcome a serious knee injury, a big disappointment for the well-respected player and all his team mates**

Players such as Brock Harvey and Alex Smith Ralph have become a real focus for our forward line whilst providing greater opportunities for the smaller forwards in Will Keck, Michael Herlihey and allowing Kaiden Antonowicz to play a great role for us further up the ground. Our captain Zac Hare has been terrific this month alongside Isaiah Miller who has been outstanding prior to being injured. We now have a really solid defensive unit in our back 6.

Being forced to overcome so many injuries it has really focussed the side on what our Coach Nathan Horbury has been striving to achieve which is to become a good team unit.

Our senior unit is always looking for ways to integrate our juniors and this month we had our final Auskick Sunday sessions which have been wonderfully managed by Emma Tomlins who is an absolute genius at managing this program. The kids all enjoyed the senior players jumping in and helping out with the exercises so a big thanks to all players and Ben Davies who was there every week. Additionally, we were able to host the Under 14's at the QEO for training and have had an U9's game played on one of our home games thus far with plans for more.

A big month for the team coming up with some crucial games against the top two sides and an opportunity to snatch a top three berth in the finals ahead.



**The club's Under 9's side played North Bendigo in the opening match of our Round 13 home games at the QEO on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July. The young stars of the future contest a ball-up with some iconic QEO views as a backdrop**



## JUNIOR FOOTBALL

### Junior Football Club Milestone Games

Congratulations to the following South Bendigo Junior Footballers on achieving their milestone games this weekend.

All 3 are absolute superstars of our Junior division and we wish them the very best in their football journey.

- Jett Grundy - 100 BJFL Games
- Ella McArthur - 50 South Bendigo Junior Football Club Games
- Thomas Henderson - 50 South Bendigo Junior Football Club Games



Congratulations also to Charlie Neilson on 50 South Bendigo Junior Football Club games. Charlie started with us in our South Bendigo Football Club Auskick program.



## **SOUTH BENDIGO AUSKICK**

Well that's a wrap on South Bendigo Auskick 2022. What a group of passionate young footballers we have had, some future AFL and AFLW players in the making

We finished off our 2022 program with a Parents Vs Auskickers game on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August. If you had the chance to see it we had some parents living out their childhood dreams of playing Australian Rule footy. This included one who, with some Dusty Martin don't argues, ran the length of the ground and missing the goal as well as the highlight of the match, where one parent tackled another which resulted in a free kick to the kids. Who, I might add finished up well in front of the parents at the end of the match.

I'd like to thank Gary Bath for his tremendous effort after taking care of the seniors on a Saturday and backing up bright and early Sunday morning to help out the little tackers as well as Ben Davies who has been a huge help week in and week out. Also thanks you to all the senior footballers who made the effort to come down and help out, it brightens up the kids weekend to train with you

Last but not least to all the parents we couldn't run such a program without you and the kids thank you for braving the cold each Sunday Morning

**Emma Tomlins**  
**South Bendigo Auskick Co-ordinator**

## **SNAPS FROM THE SIDELINES**

South Bendigo Auskick at Tom Flood Sports Centre

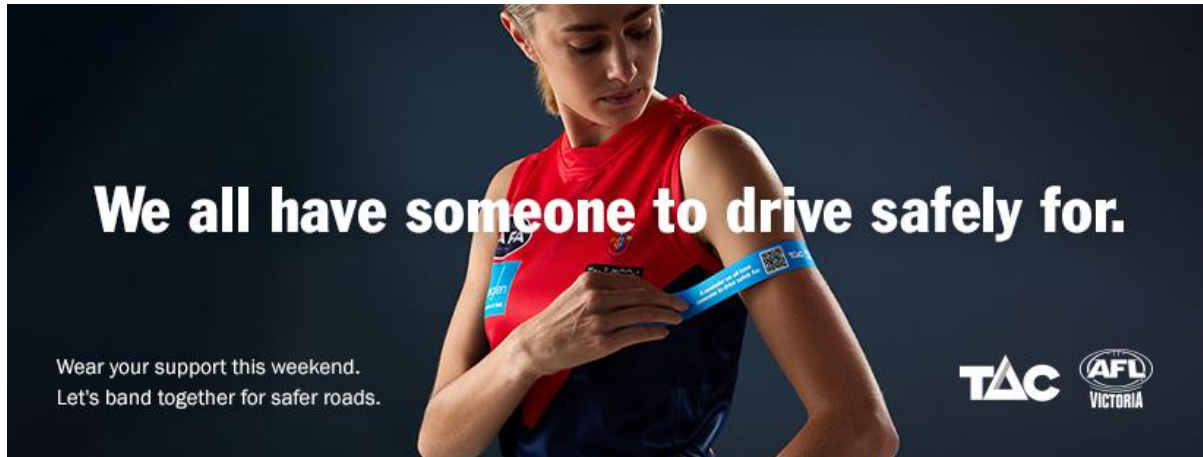


## TAC ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM

South Bendigo FNC are participating in the TAC Club Rewards Program. If you are a coach, player, volunteer or member of the South community you can help our application by undertaking a quick (less than 5 minute) anonymous survey.

The info gathered will help AFL Victoria and the TAC continue to support community football clubs and help improve in making Victorian roads a safer place!

<https://forms.office.com/r/iFFggFKvNu>



## SOUTH BENDIGO FNC MERCHANDISE

Looks like we are Finals bound for a number of both our juniors and seniors sides, including A Grade Netball and Senior Football.

Now's the time to jump on board and really show your support by wearing as much red & white at all forms of football and netball.

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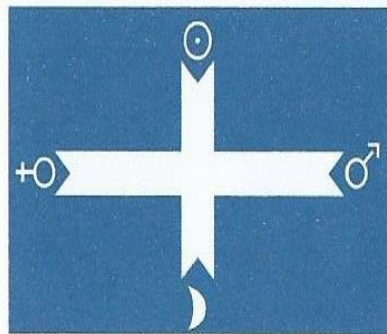


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## FIXTURE & RESULTS

### Round 12: 9<sup>th</sup> July at the QEO

#### Football

	Seniors	Reserves	U18's
South Bendigo	16.4-100	3.5-23	2.1-13
Sandhurst	13.13-91	7.18-60	21.19-145

#### Netball

	A Grade	A Reserve	B Grade	B Reserve	U17's
South Bendigo	41	43	33	43	36
Sandhurst	64	49	56	62	43

### Round 13: 16<sup>th</sup> July V Kyneton at the QEO

#### Football

	Seniors	Reserves	U18's
South Bendigo	11.7-73	6.7-43	3.4-22
Kyneton	7.13-55	5.7-37	6.12-48

#### Netball

	A Grade	A Reserve	B Grade	B Reserve	U17's
South Bendigo	50	43	51	56	70
Kyneton	44	18	34	19	11

### Round 14: 23<sup>rd</sup> July V Castlemaine at Camp Reserve

#### Football

	Seniors	Reserves	U18's
South Bendigo	20.16-136	29.14-188	3.7-25
Castlemaine	5.9-39	0.3-3	15.9-99

#### Netball

	A Grade	A Reserve	B Grade	B Reserve	U17's
South Bendigo	27	35	59	48	23
Castlemaine	45	29	15	38	44

### Round 15: 30<sup>th</sup> July V Gisborne at the QEO

#### Football

	Seniors13	Reserves	U18's
South Bendigo	7.12-54	1.1-7	0.1-1
Gisborne	14.14-98	17.15-117	19.19-133

#### Netball

	A Grade	A Reserve	B Grade	B Reserve	U17's
South Bendigo	37	31	38	40	32
Gisborne	36	40	46	54	67

### Coming Up

Round 16: 6 <sup>th</sup> August	Strathfieldsaye	At Strathfieldsaye
Round 17: 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Maryborough	At Princes Park Maryborough
Round 18: 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Kangaroo Flat	At the QEO

