



NEWS LETTER OF THE SOUTH BENDIGO FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

December 2017 Edition

Welcome to the December 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.

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.



Notice is hereby given that
**The Annual General Meeting of the South
Bendigo Football and Netball Club Inc.**
will be held on Wednesday 6th December
2017 at 7.00pm
SBFNC Social Rooms, Queen Elizabeth Oval
All SBFNC players, members and supporters
are encouraged to attend

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2017

After a brilliant start to the season that saw our Seniors, Reserves and Under 18 teams featuring at the top end of the table for a good part of the season, well documented season ending injuries to our key players took its toll as the season wore on for our Senior group which saw us just missing out on finals. The pleasing thing was how the group responded to Brady's message and stuck to the processes until the last game. Another positive was the number of Under 18 players that were given an opportunity to play senior football and will be all the better for it come next season.

The most pleasing aspect from the club's point of view is the continued development and improvement of our list. It's also great to see the majority of our list re commit for season 2018 which shows that there is belief in the direction the club is taking.

To Brady and your coaching group, a fantastic effort and it's great to see the coaching group maintained for season 2018.

Speaking of the Under 18's, an outstanding effort to finish 3rd on the ladder and make it to the Preliminary Final. The Qualifying final victory over Sandhurst was one to remember and should give the lads the belief that they belong in the top echelon of the Under 18 competition. A great effort by Neale Torpey and the coaching group. You have developed this group well both on and off the field with many no doubt to become long term senior players at South Bendigo. We are also pleased that Neale will continue on as Under 18 coach for season 2018.

Our Reserves team were right up there all through the season, however the weight of injuries throughout the senior list tested our depth toward the end of the season. A great result to make the finals under those circumstances. Thanks to Bryce Balsillie for your two years at the helm. Looking ahead we are pleased to have Jake Smythe and Dan Farrelly as joint coaches of the Reserves for next season.

On the Netball side of things it was a wonderful occasion to officially open our new netball courts at Harry Trott Oval. On court we saw general improvement across all grades, particularly in A and A Reserves teams which was great to see. Our B Grade made the Preliminary Final which was a great effort and in an exciting game narrowly lost. We also saw improvement in our Under 17 squad which was pleasing. Benita Swatton, Kiralee Beacham and Liz Taylor worked tirelessly in coaching and developing our netball group and we thank them for their work.

As a club we felt that we needed to add to the coaching group to share the load. As a result, we had the opportunity to recruit Janelle Hobbs from Kangaroo Flat as our Director of Coaching and A Grade coach. This is a great coup for the club as Janelle is known as one of the most experienced and qualified netball coaches in country Victoria. We feel that she will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to complement our current coaching group and importantly the development of our playing group.

We are pleased that Kiralee and Liz will continue in their coaching roles along with the new coaches added to the coaching group. We are sorry to see Benita leave, however we thank her for her outstanding work at South Bendigo. She has left a legacy at the club and we wish her all the best in her new coaching position at YCW.

With regard to our junior football and netball divisions we are very happy with the development and progress we are making as a club. The Junior Football division lead by Gareth Tawton and Michelle Forrester Junior Netball, have both worked tirelessly along with their committees to ensure the smooth operation and quality standards across all levels of our junior program. A big thanks to all of our coaches, managers, volunteers and parents for your support. I would also like to acknowledge the great work of Neville and 'Tash Clarke for running our Auskick program which is an important pathway to our juniors and hopefully senior footballers in years to come.

Turning to off field and we are pleased to be able to advise of our net profit this year was just short of \$100,000 which is an outstanding result. We had budgeted for a \$50,000 profit so to almost double that was fantastic. Our overall cash assets also sit at around the \$100,000 mark, which would see the club at its strongest point financially. This allows us to finally

eliminate the overdraft the club has been carrying for many years and sets the club up for ongoing sustainability and success.

As can be seen in the financial report we have seen strong growth in revenue in many areas of the club. Membership revenue up due to the addition of the Bloods Coterie membership, also significant increases in kiosk and BBQ sales due to the Round 1 Good Friday night match against Eaglehawk, catering for the JLT Preseason match and an increase in revenue from the finals catering.

Other areas of growth were seen in the overall Bingo income and revenue from external functions held at our Social Rooms, as well as hall hire as a result of leasing our rooms to SEDA during the school semesters.

Going forward we will continue to budget for strong profits and maintain a responsible financial model to continue to grow our asset base.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone involved at our club for their contribution to this financial result. Such a result is from the hard work of many people, namely our wonderful group of volunteers, players, past players, Bingo volunteers, Social Committee, General Committee and Board at both Senior and Junior level.

I would like to also thank our wonderful group of loyal sponsors who have partnered with us for many years which we certainly appreciate. We encourage our supporters and members to continue to patronize their businesses and make it known that you are a South Bendigo member.

Also to our inaugural Bloods Business Networking & Coterie Group members, a huge thank you for your support and getting on board. We look forward to growing this membership and its benefits next year and beyond.

We continue to run a number of successful functions throughout the year including our formal Seasons Launch and Gala Ball at the All Seasons and our presentation night in our Social Rooms. All great successes and well attended.

We held our annual combined Sports/Sponsors Lunch function during the year with guest speakers Jake Stringer, Terry Wallace and Phil Carman. This was a great day and enjoyed by all who attended.

One of the most pleasing functions this year was the annual Graeme Wright Memorial Day. Our newly formed past players committee worked tirelessly to contact as many past players and officials as possible and the attendance was outstanding with comments across the board that it was one of the best Graeme Wright days in memory. To top it off the Seniors produced a stirring win to get back the Graeme Wright memorial cup from our great rivals Sandhurst.

Also, our Life Members luncheon continues to be a highlight on the calendar and a big thanks goes to Garry Smith for his work on ensuring a successful occasion.

I would like to make special mention to our Social Committee, led by Nick Howe and Brad Wright for the wonderful work they did in organizing a number of successful and enjoyable functions, culminating in the Gala Ball which saw approximately 230 attendees, and also their great work in organising the club's major raffle and draw. Your efforts are greatly appreciated along with the support of our playing group.

Another large initiative by the club was to again host the finals catering for the fourth year in a row. With great weather throughout our sales were strong to the point of being the most

successful financially. A big thanks to all of the volunteers, including the footballers and netballers who helped out.

Another important fabric of our club is Bingo and the wonderful group of volunteers who work tirelessly to generate much needed revenue to the club. Your work is highly valued by the club. As mentioned earlier, we saw increased revenue this year from Bingo which is a mighty effort.

Over the past few years we as a club have worked hard to continue to build on our culture and values. We take the responsibility of providing an environment of care and support for our players, volunteers, members and supporters of our great club. I would like to thank David Lovell for his great work as club Chaplain along with Chris Thornton. We have held a number of presentations to our players around respect and responsibility, gambling, drug and alcohol awareness.

Additionally, the Junior group have participated in the SALT program which is a wonderful program designed to address issues facing teenage boys and girls in a safe environment.

Looking ahead to 2018 and what a massive year for our great club as we enter our 125th year. There will be a lot happening next year culminating in a 125 year Reunion Gala Function at the All Seasons Hotel on the 28th of July following our home game against Golden Square at the QEO. Our Past Players Committee are working hard to make this weekend one to remember. Further details will be forthcoming however please lock this date in your diary

Finally, to the Executive and general Committee I extend my heartfelt thanks for your great work to ensure we continue to build a successful club. Whilst it can be hard work at times, it is also very enjoyable and rewarding. Thank you for your support and friendship, and look forward to continuing our progress into season 2018.

It is particularly pleasing that our current committee bar one will stay on for next season, however we encourage new people to get on board and bring fresh ideas and help spread the load. To Jenny Orchard who will step down, we thank you for your efforts and that you will still be around the club in any capacity you can.

South Bendigo Football Netball Club is an inclusive club and welcome all to be involved in any capacity, both large and small. We encourage you to be involved in this great club and make a mark as we continue to strive for success.

Thank you again to all involved at South Bendigo. Have a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to season 2018 with positive anticipation.

Rick Townsend
President.



BENDIGO BANK COMMUNITY BANKING OPPORTUNITY



The Bendigo Bank is renowned across the country for its support to local communities through community banking initiatives and one of these is the Strathfieldsaye and Districts Community Enterprise. A consequence of relocating to our new home at Harry Trott Oval Kennington is that we find ourselves within the catchment of the Community Enterprise which is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to helping Strathfieldsaye and the surrounding towns i.e. Kennington/Strathdale become strong, vibrant and healthy communities.

They do this by providing financial support, connections and advocacy for community groups and projects that enhance the lives of local residents.

This assistance is made possible through the support of their partners Bendigo Bank and Bendigo Telco, who provide a sustainable income stream based on business generated by supporters of the Community Enterprise.

Do you want to support the building of facilities and the development of our new base at the Kennington Recreation Reserve/Harry Trott Oval to make our region stronger, healthier and more vibrant?

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SOUTH BENDIGO FNC

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OFFICE CHRISTMAS PARTY SORTED?

December is the time of office parties & work break ups. If your work place end of year function is not yet sorted why not consider the South Bendigo FNC Social Rooms?

Located centrally at the top end of View St, the convenience of the setting plus bar prices that are well under other CBD venues make the Social Rooms a winner on all levels.

There are still free Friday and Saturday nights available so if your work Christmas party is still not organised your problem is easily solved, just give us a call.



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SOUTH BENDIGO FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

BECOME A MEMBER IN 2018

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 2018 – 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 2018 Membership.

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

The 2018 Enhanced Merchandise Package, provided to all Coterie Club Members and Player Sponsors, adds a Red and White Club Beanie 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 2018.

Take a look at all the 2018 Memberships options on the Clubs website at <http://www.southbendigofnc.com.au/membership/>, 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



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Two months ago, I had the great privilege of cycling across Australia (3,500 KM's) with 25 other people raising funds for a local charity in Bendigo called MADCOW (Make A Difference Change Our World). We raised approximately \$70,000 on this epic adventure and I know that these funds will certainly make a great difference in supporting those who are homeless marginalised and most at risk within our own local community.

During this incredible ride, I had the pleasure of meeting some great folk in various places who were living out their dreams and trying to make a difference about the things they were most passionate about. One such group were a bunch of blokes from Brisbane who were cycling across the Nullarbor endeavouring to raise some timely awareness about suicide. Why? One of the blokes from this group had tragically lost his own son to suicide just a few months earlier and this was their way of standing by their mate in his difficult season of loss. Their willingness to make such a sacrifice for their mate and his family was simply inspiring.

Our desire to make a difference about the things we are most passionate about reminds me of another remarkable event that happened some two thousand years ago when a young baby boy was born in a stable in a Middle Eastern village called Bethlehem. While most people missed the entrance of Jesus on that very first Christmas, history tells us that His one solitary life has made and continues to make a huge difference for all of humanity.

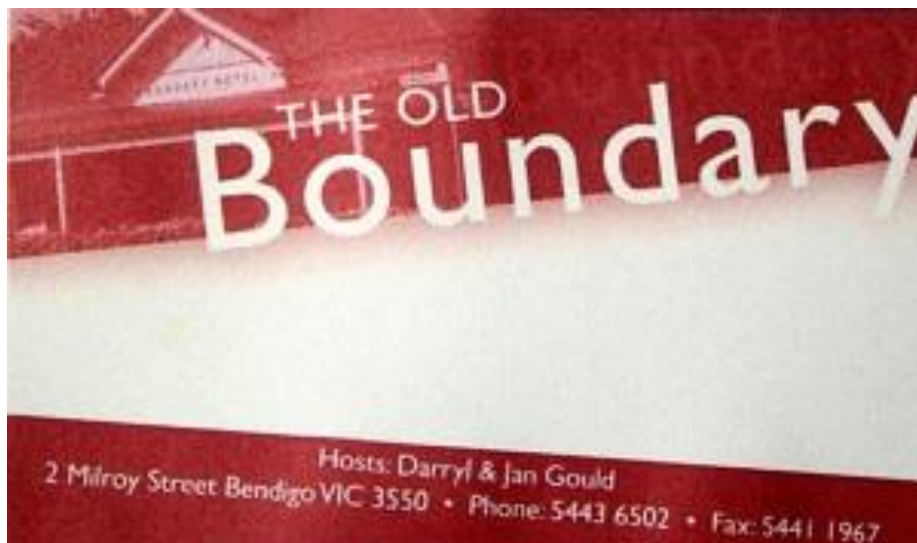
Christmas is a great time of the year for thinking about our own lives and how we might be used to make a difference in this world. I trust that each of you has a wonderful hope-filled time as you celebrate the significance of Christmas with your family and friends. I'm looking forward to a New Year and a new season with all of you as the 'Bloods' endeavour to make a difference on and off the field.

Merry Christmas

Dave Lovell
South Bendigo FNC Chaplain
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The Old Boundary Hotel

The Old Boundary Hotel is located on Milroy Street. Having been renovated inside it features a warm red brick interior with mining and gold rush memorabilia. Large red gum timber bars accompanied by high back stools await the thirsty ones. A variety of ales, both heavy and light are on tap.

Open gas fires feature in both the bar and the lounge. Friendly staff will welcome you on arrival at the Old Boundary Hotel Lounge which is a separate area from the bar and is also open 7 days a week.

A feature of the Hotel is at the back where you can be seated in the Terrace. This area is more relaxed and during the day the sun streams through the windows. In the evening the garden comes to light.

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MORE FROM THE 2017 PRESENTATION NIGHT

The last edition of **BLOOD LINES** contained all the details from our 2017 Best & Fairest vote count and presentation night. Tucked down the bottom of the list of football and netball awards was the Vin Fitzgerald Best Club Person Award. Vin Fitzgerald was a long serving and hard-working Committee member at South Bendigo, made a Life Member of Bloods, Vin was Vice-President of the Club for a remarkable 31 years from 1962 through to 1993. Most fittingly then, the Best Club Person Award has been named after Vin in recognition of his outstanding service.

In 2017 the Best Club Person was awarded Ian Connaughton. A famous name at South Bendigo, Ian is one of the third of four generations of Connaughton's who have served the Bloods both on field (and court) as well as off with great distinction over the years. Ian, a Life member and current Vice President of the Club, was a unanimous choice for the Best Club Person Award

To quote Secretary Rob Robertson: *"Ian thoroughly deserves the Vin Fitzgerald award as he contributes at all levels of the club, from junior football, senior netball, bingo, day game seniors, football training, finals catering, Harry Trott development roles, and his role on the committee, basically the whole box and dice so to speak. He is the first to arrive on game day and the last to leave, from cutting up the oranges, handing out jumpers to cleaning up the rooms at the end and everything in between. Always ready to jump in and give a hand whether its flipping a snag, interviewing coaches or players, pumping up balls, nothing is too much of an effort."*

Congratulations Ian Connaughton, a worthy winner of the Vin Fitzgerald Best Club Person Award for 2017.



2017 BEST & FAIREST PORTRAITS

For the past 3 years the Club has recognised both the Senior football and A Grade netball best and Fairest winners in a joint Club portrait.

In 2015 the Bendigo FNL celebrated 25 years of netball in the League and, by extension, at South Bendigo. One of the values at our Club is a commitment to gender equality and we saw one way to tangibly demonstrate that was to create club facilities that provided equal acknowledgement of female members. The first, very small step in that journey was the adoption on the joint B&F portrait.

The Best & Fairest portrait of Mitch Rogerson and Lorrae Closter below records the achievements of two fine athletes who had great seasons in the Red and White during 2017



NETBALL NEWS

When the October edition of **BLOOD LINES** was sent out we had just learnt that the Club had pulled off a huge netball coup in recruiting 2-time BFNL Premiership Coach Janelle Hobbs to the Bloods as our Director of Netball Coaching and as our A Grade Coach.

Being at the cutting edge of country netball **BLOOD LINES** thought we'd put the hard questions to our gun recruit to find out a bit more about Janelle Bonney Hobbs.



Did you ever play the game?

Played A Grade Netball for 22 years.

200 A Grade games and a Life Member of the Heathcote District FNL League Best and Fairest winner in A Grade.

OK, what about your coaching credentials?

My coaching career began at Huntly, then moved to YCW where I coached in 6 premierships victories.

From there I was head coach at Kangaroo Flat for 6 years taking the side into 3 Grand finals winning 2 A Grade premierships.

I have also been a coach at the Netball Vic Northern Zone Academy.

For the past 2 seasons I have coached at Victorian Netball League level.

My other coaching experiences include being A Grade Interleague Coach for both the Bendigo FNL and London Valley FNL.

I was also North Central Netball Region coach at the State Titles for 6 years.

In addition to my coaching roles I am a talent scout for Netball Vic and sporting schools netball coach.

and life away from netball?

I am married to Jamie

We have 3 children; Tyson, Dylan and Sienna.

In my spare time breed Ragdoll cats.

You have spare time!?

Welcome to South Bendigo Janelle. We look forward to your contribution to our club and to sharing some of the success that seems to follow where ever you go in the sport.



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Nelson Mandela

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We all love our sporting clubs; great clubs will love us right back.



SEASONS GREETINGS



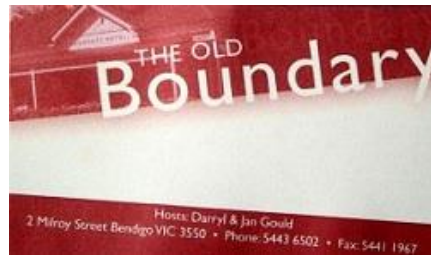
One of the joys of the festive season is that it provides the opportunity to say thank you to all our players, coaches, members and supporters for your contribution and support of the club through 2017. We would also like to wish you the very best for the new year and hope that you continue your valued support of the Bloods in 2018.

Next year will be our 125th year as one of Bendigo's major sports clubs, plus early indications are that we look set to maintain our progress of continuous improvement both on field and on court, so it really is a great time to get more involved in your club. We'd love to see you more next year either as a supporter at our games or by becoming a member.

Have a happy and safe time over Christmas and we look forward to seeing you back in the red and white in the new year.



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