

BLOOD LINES

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NEWS LETTER OF THE SOUTH BENDIGO FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

December 2018 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.

THE PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR 2018



The highlight of the 2018 Season was definitely our 125 Year Celebrations. What a great success the whole weekend was. In no small manner due to the hard working past players subcommittee who put in hours of time over a 6 month period to ensure the celebrations went off without a hitch, and that everyone would enjoy the weekend which was certainly the case. Whilst it is difficult to individualise, I think it is important to acknowledge the great work done by Stephen Dean and Trevor Wright who co-ordinated the project and put in tireless hours of work. Many thanks to you both and to those who represented the organisation committee.

The weekend started with a casual get together of past players, administrators and supporters in the Social Rooms on the Friday night of July 27, where memorabilia was displayed. A great roll up that night and a lot of stories to be heard.

The following day saw many return to the QEO to watch our players take on rival Golden Square. The significance of playing Golden Square on that weekend is that they are the first team currently in the BFNL that the Bloods played all those years ago. The senior game was preceded by an official presentation by representatives of State and Local Government with our netballers and juniors all present. The toss of the coin was done by George Ellis, the oldest living Bloods player, and Fran Brown, our first Netball Coach.

Our players did us proud with both the Senior Football and Netball teams posting outstanding performances to come home with wins.

The formal function held at the All Seasons that evening was first class. Over 400 attended and was a great night. Very positive feedback from all who attended and a great job by club stalwart Rob Cooke to MC the proceedings. This positive feeling of togetherness as a club and welcoming many back into the fold is an opportunity to continue the communication and invitations to get back to the club and be a part of the Bloods family.

On field, we came into season 2018 with high expectations on both the football and netball side of things. Off the back of a real positive 2017 season where our Senior football team played outstanding footy in the early part of the year to be then ravaged with long term injuries to our top 5 players, we all felt that we were bound for finals, particularly with additional quality players added to the list.

Unfortunately for some reason we could not find that spark to gel together as a team until late in the year which saw us narrowly miss the finals. The boys tried hard and remained committed throughout the year. A real 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.

After 3 years at the helm, our Senior Coach Brady Childs informed the club he will step down as coach going forward due to increasing work and family commitments. We owe Brady a great deal of gratitude for the fantastic job he did starting as a rookie coach and quickly growing in the role to develop the group into a competitive outfit. During that 3 year period we saw the club turnaround both on and off the field as far as performance, culture and expectations go, and Brady was key in this outcome, along with his assistants Julian Lake, Marcus Smalley and Brendan Francis who we also offer our heartfelt thanks for your efforts and commitment to the club.



2018 Senior Coach Brady Childs

Brady has certainly left a legacy and has set the foundations for the club to continue on its improvement trajectory. Brady has indicated he will continue to play which is fantastic as his leadership qualities will be of great value to our young side.

We are excited to be able to announce our new coach for season 2019 and beyond in Nathan Horbury. We tried to recruit Nathan a couple of years back, however his clearance was denied by his home club Redan. Two years on we have gotten our man. Nathan is a gun footballer having won Redan's Best & Fairest award for the last 4 years in a row whilst also winning last years Ballarat League Best & Fairest award. Nathan also played a handful of games with the Geelong VFL side last year.

Like Brady, Nathan comes to us as a rookie coach, however with his experience and character we expect to see him grow into his role similar to Brady when he started. By the way he has approached the first couple of weeks of Pre-Season, he has certainly shown this.

Our Reserves team well lead by Jake Smythe and Dan Farrelly had a great season making the finals for the second year in a row. After a stunning 100pt plus win in the Elimination Final, the boys came from a fair way behind to narrowly miss out in the First Semi Final. A strong bond between the boys who played in the Reserves was evident which is a testament to the leadership of Jake and Dan. Jake will continue as coach next season, whilst Dan has moved on to take on a coaching role in his own right at Bears Lagoon Serpentine.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dan for his fantastic work as our Fitness Co-Ordinator over the past 5 years. He certainly set the standard with a professional program to have the boys up and running, and we wish you all the best in your coaching career going forward.

Our Under 18 side put in a solid effort all year to just miss out on the finals after featuring in the Preliminary final the year before. Again, the boys stuck together and played some excellent football throughout the year. Neale Torpey has done an outstanding job as coach and mentor to this young group and has been instrumental in developing these young lads in preparation for taking the next step and be our future footballers to represent the Bloods at senior level.

As mentioned before, there has been a large number of Under 18's represent the Senior Side over the past few years, which is a testament to Neale's coaching. Neale steps down as Under 18 Coach for next season and our sincere thanks to you Neale for your efforts and ongoing commitment to the club.

We are pleased to announce that Michael Easton will take on the role of Under 18 coach for season 2019. Mick coached the Under 16 team to this year's Grand Final, however the boys didn't get over the line as they faced a more polished outfit. In saying that the quality of football these boys played throughout the year and the finals was outstanding and we look forward to Mick continuing to develop this group along with the top age Under 18 players.



2019 U18's Coach – Mick Easton

On the Netball side of things, it was great to kick off the season under our new A Grade coach Janelle Hobbs. To have someone of Janelle's experience and knowledge come in to the club was a real coup and what we needed to take netball at South Bendigo to the next level. The outcome saw a new level of professionalism in which the players took to straight away whilst the coaches benefited from Janelle's experience, knowledge and wisdom.



Director of Netball Coaching & A Grade Coach Janelle Hobbs

As a result, we saw improvement in all grades with A Grade and A Reserve just missing out on finals, whilst the Under 17's and B Grade went deep into the finals. The highlight of course is our B Reserve taking out their second premiership in 3 years.

Congratulations to all of the coaches for an outstanding season and setting up our Netball for bigger and better things for 2019. Our coaching group will be relatively stable going forward with Janelle maintaining her position of A Grade Coach and Director of Coaching. Kiralee Beecham steps up from B Grade to A Reserve which is a testament to her development as a coach.

We are also pleased that Liz Taylor will continue her great work coaching and developing the Under 17 Group whilst also taking on an assistant role with the A-Res group. After achieving the ultimate success, Stacey Kingdon steps down as the B- Res Premiership coach and we thank her for her efforts. We are pleased to announce that club legend Emma Tomlins will take over as B – Res coach for 2019, whilst another highly respected club person Mel Dillon will coach B Grade. Tara Everest moves from A – Res coach to an Assistant coach role with Janelle in A Grade. It's also great to see our key players step up into Assistant coaching roles with Chloe Adams and Paige Randall with B-Res and B Grade respectively.

As a club we couldn't be happier with the position that netball is in at the moment. The commitment by the players and coaches to the club both on field and off field has been first class which has been driven by the leadership and coaching group along with the whole netball department lead by Mel Dillon. Mel your work in this area has been nothing short of outstanding and our heartfelt thanks for your efforts.

With regards 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 Junior Netball by Michelle Forrester, 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.



**Junior Football Division President
Gareth Tawton**



**Junior Netball Division President
Michelle Forrester**

Turning to off field and we are pleased to be able to advise of another strong profit outcome of approximately \$40,000 which is an outstanding result. We must acknowledge that our unprecedented profit of \$100,000 the previous year was due to extraordinary revenue from the AFL Preseason JLT Cup game we hosted, Round 1 Good Friday game against Eaglehawk and greater than normal bookings for our Social Rooms. Previous years have seen us battle to make a small profit so we are definitely seeing a turnaround in our profitability as a club. Our overall cash assets sit at around the \$140,000 mark as of the 31st of October, being the close of our financial year. This sees the club at its strongest point financially and sets the club up for ongoing sustainability and success.

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. Going forward we will continue to budget for strong profits and maintain a responsible financial model to continue to grow our asset base. We are focused as a committee to maintain diligent and responsible financial management so as the club remains strong and viable for the future as we move into our next stage of opportunity moving to Harry Trott Oval.

We are pleased to announce that the State Government have confirmed a grant of \$46,000 for the cost of a Digital Scoreboard at Harry Trott Oval, including netball.

Most recently the state Government also pledged \$2 Million toward the building of our new pavilion. Whilst this is a long way short of the \$6 Million required, it is a good start for us to lobby further funds from the Commonwealth Government and other stakeholders. The City of Greater Bendigo has confirmed this project is a top priority for 2019 as a result of this \$2 Million pledge.

Plans have been drawn for the pavilion and we couldn't be happier with the result. Double story with a balcony overlooking the ground will see us have a state of the art facility. This will in no doubt secure our future in the Southern Suburbs of Bendigo and see us as a destination club at both Senior and Junior Football and Netball.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our wonderful group of loyal sponsors who have partnered with us for many years in which we certainly appreciate. We encourage our

supporters and members to continue to patronise our sponsor's businesses and make it known that you are a South Bendigo member.

I would also like to acknowledge a very kind sponsorship pledge to the South Bendigo Football Netball Club of \$10,000 by Rick Killian on behalf of the Killian Family and his business Mclvor Forest Estate. The Killian family has a long and proud history with South Bendigo. Rick we certainly appreciate this and will put those funds to good use as part of the Harry Trott Oval facility.

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

In addition to our 125 year celebrations we held many other 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 nights and well attended.

We held our annual combined Sports/Sponsors Dinner function during the year with guest speaker, AFL Legend Kevin Sheedy. This was a great night and enjoyed by all who attended. Sheeds certainly went above and beyond in entertaining the crowd.

The Graeme Wright memorial day was again a success and always a highlight of the year. Thanks to Trevor for assisting with the organization and the Wright Family for continuing to support this important day for the club. The only downside to the day was having to hand the cup back to 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.

Another highlight was the Kennington Football Netball Club reunion held at the Harry Trott oval during the year. Over 100 past players attended and had a great day. This will be an annual event with the first game at Harry Trott Oval each year and I am sure we will get them on board as South Bendigo supporters and members going forward.

I would like to make special mention to our Social Committee, lead by Nick Howe and Brad Wright for the wonderful work they did in organising a number of successful and enjoyable functions, culminating in the Gala Ball which saw approximately 220 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.

Also a big thanks to the past players group for organizing the golf day which is always a great day.

Another large initiative by the club was to again host the finals catering for the fifth year in a row. The hard work is also rewarding in bringing the whole club together and a significant financial contribution to the club. A big thanks to all of the volunteers, including the footballers and netballers who helped out.

To our wonderful volunteers, I have no doubt in saying that we have the most loyal, hard working and generous volunteers of any club. Your contribution to our club is immense and I am at times in awe of what you do. It is no doubt your love of the club is what drives you and your enjoyment of the club environment. I thank you from the bottom of my heart as you make my job so much easier. 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. We saw increased revenue this year from Bingo which is a mighty effort.

As a club we 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. I would like to thank David Lovell for his great work as club Chaplain. We continue to hold a number of presentations to our players around respect and responsibility, gambling, drug and alcohol awareness.

As many will be aware, this will be my final year as President of this great club after 5 years. I can certainly say the club is in a much stronger position both on and off the field and culturally which is a goal I set out for when I commenced at the end of 2013. I have been extremely fortunate to have the support of a wonderful group on the Executive and Committee who have been instrumental in how the club is positioned at the moment. It has been a team effort by all, including our volunteers, players, past players, coaches, Bingo, Juniors and many others. The past 5 years have been challenging but also very rewarding personally. I have grown as a person and have been influenced by the many extraordinary individuals that we have at South Bendigo. Again, I thank you all for your support and friendship.

I am happy to say that Alan Ellis will take on the role of President going forward. I can honestly say that I couldn't think of a better person to take the helm and lead us into our next era. Alan is a past player, member of the 1974 Premiership side and has been on the committee for a number of years. Alan's strengths are in his organisation, governance and commitment to culture. Alan has been a wonderful contributor to the club and has been a rock for me over the years.

I am looking forward to continuing to serve the club on the committee. It is important to me to continue to be involved at South Bendigo and maintain my relationships with everyone at the club. It is a great environment.

South Bendigo Football Netball Club is an inclusive club and welcome all to be involved in any capacity, both large and small. Whilst we have a great volunteer group we are more quality than quantity and we would welcome additional helpers going forward. We encourage you to be involved in this great club and make a mark as we continue to strive for success.

Finally I would like to thank my partner Tammy for her support over the past 5 years so as I could fulfill my role as President and give the time I have to the role. Also to my beautiful daughters Maddy and Lucy. A highlight for me is having you involved and representing the club.

Thank you again to all involved at South Bendigo. Have a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to season 2019 with positive anticipation.

Rick Townsend
President.
SBFNC.



BRODY HADDOW & PAIGE RANDELL CLAIM CLUB'S MAJOR B&F AWARDS IN 2018

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2018 Club Best & Fairest winners Brody Haddow and Paige Randall

A FIRST-YEAR player at South Bendigo, Brody Haddow has won the Bloods' senior best and fairest for the 2018 Bendigo Bank Football Netball League season. On the netball court, Paige Randall capped a great season for the red and white by being the A-grade team champion.

A midfielder-forward, Haddow was recruited from Donald and starred in many of the Bloods matches. The team champion capped a fine season by the key recruit.

Runner-up for the senior best and fairest was Liam Bartels.

The Brady Childs-coached South Bendigo kicked off the season with a drawn contest at Kyneton's Tigerland and went on to achieve a win-loss record of 7-10 as it finished seventh. Highs for the Bloods included the play of full-forward Kaiden Antonowicz to win the Ron Best Medal as the league's leading goalkicker on 76.

The Tom Harrington Memorial Award for most improved in the seniors was presented to Brock Harvey. Most consistent was classy half-back flanker Isaiah Miller as Tom Brereton earned the coaches award, and Nick Howe was named best clubman.

The reserves team ended the season in fourth place after a one-point loss to Eaglehawk in the first semi-final. Lachlan Furness was team champion for the reserves as Nathan Newlan, winner of the Alan McDonald Medal for a third time as the BFNL reserves best and fairest was runner-up for the Bloods award. The under-18s team champion was Joshua Connolly as Alexander Smith-Ralph was runner-up.

There were plenty of highlights for South Bendigo's netball teams.
A great season by the B-reserve team was capped by a five-goal victory in the grand final clash with Strathfieldsaye Storm.
Best and fairest for the premiers was Maya Van Es.
Runner-up was Morgan Lawson.
Best in the finals series was Maya Van Es.
South Bendigo also contested the B-grade and 17-under finals.

In A-grade, South Bendigo was locked in a battle with Golden Square and Maryborough to claim fifth place for most of the season. Percentage decided final placings as those three teams had an identical win-loss tally of 4-10. The Bloods ended the season on the seventh rung of the ladder.

Joint winners of the 17-and-under best and fairest were Hayley McLeod and Morgan McClellan.

A highlight of the awards night was the naming of the Players' Player award recipients. Winners were Tegan Elliston, A-grade; Amanda Walters, A-reserve; Taylor Mann, B-grade; and Emma Tomlins.

South Bendigo FNC's award winners for the 2018 season:

Senior football:

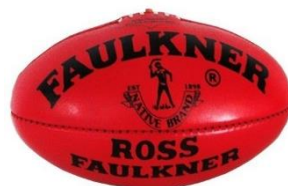
Best and fairest: Brody Haddow.
Runner-up: Liam Bartels.
Most consistent: Isaiah Miller.
Coaches award: Tom Brereton.
Tom Harrington Memorial Award, seniors most improved: Brock Harvey.
Best clubman: Nick Howe.
Goalkicking: Kaiden Antonowicz, 76 goals.

Reserves football:

Best and fairest: Lachlan Furness.
Runner-up: Nathan Newlan.
Most consistent: Mitchell Gardner.
Coaches award: Riley Walsh.
Most improved: Ben Drechsler.
Best clubman: Seb Wild.
Goalkicking: James Pietromonaco, 55 goals.

Under-18s football:

Best and fairest: Joshua Connolly.
Runner-up: Alexander Smith-Ralph.
Most consistent: Mitchell Goodwin, Will Tobin.
Coaches award: Traiton Kendall.
Most Determined Player: Darcy Bakes.
Best clubman: Kade Blow.
Goalkicking: Mitchell Goodwin, 21 goals.



A-grade netball:

Best and fairest: Paige Randall.
Runner-up: Emily Cossar.
Coaches award: Molly Johnston.
Players' Player award: Tegan Elliston.

A-reserve netball:

Best and fairest: Amanda Walters.
Runner-up: Amy Morrissey.
Coaches award: Zoe Johnston.
Players' Player award: Amanda Walters.

B-grade netball:

Best and fairest: Emily Bakes.
Runner-up: Taylor Mann.
Coaches award: Molly Mathisen.
Players' Player award: Taylor Mann.
Best in Finals: Sarah Appleby.

B-reserve netball:

Best and fairest: Maya Van Es.
Runner-up: Morgan Lawson.
Coaches award: Maddy Townsend.
Players' Player award: Emma Tomlins.
Best in finals: Maya Van Es.

17-under netball:

Best and fairest: Hayley McLeod and Morgan McClellan.
Runner-up: Alex Crouch.
Coaches award: Carissa Brook.
Most Improved: Matisse Appleby.
Best in finals: Morgan McClellan.



South Bendigo 2018 B Reserve Premiership Team

LES KILLIAN - THIRTY-THREE YEARS ON THE CLOCK **an extract from 1955 Grand Final Guide**

The longest service active member and official of the South Bendigo Football Club is none other than our staunch and efficient time keeper, Mr Les Killian, who has been associated with the Club for a record number of forty four years.

Mr. Les Killian commenced his time keeping duties with the club thirty three years ago and following two seasons holding the watch was elected to the general committee of the South Bendigo Football Club, later on being elected vice-president. Mr Killian was an active member of the committee when Dr James Cook, the late father of Dr J. Wilson Cook, was president of South Bendigo, and recalls happy memories of the times when he worked with such men as Bill Lenton, Ern Old, Don Olfield, Bronty Irving and many other stalwarts of former years.

During his association with South Bendigo he has seen the club go through a lean period as far as premierships are concerned. Following the premiership won under the leadership of Arthur Hando in 1925, les sat in the time keepers' box for another 25 years before another pennant was won by the southerners. But recalling those lean years, 1925 -1950 without a premiership, he states they were still happy years rich in comradeship and friendships of both committee and playing members



The Killian Family; Eric, Les and Doug Killian

He has been an active worker on the social side of the club, as was Mrs. Killian, who also gave great support to the social committee.

At the present time there is no other member of the committee still active who was associated in the early years with Mr. Killian. Mr. Herb Bull who was a playing member in the 1925 premiership team, has been on the committee of South Bendigo Club for a number of years. In recognition of his services to the club, Mr Killian was made a life member in 1938.

Many coaches have been in charge at South during his association with the club, but he has no hesitation in naming present coach Alan McDonald as the greatest of them all; and the best grand final he has witnessed was the South Bendigo – Eaglehawk clash in 1951. Les's greatest worry in the time keeping job is endeavouring to get Alan McDonald out on the ground on time!

A staunch and loyal supporter for South Bendigo, Mr Les Killian has given the club outstanding service over a record number of thirty three years and the Club, the Bendigo League and the sporting public of Bendigo extend their congratulations on a job well done.

NETBALL NEWS

The 2018 season was one of huge improvement and development for South Bendigo netball. The appointment of Janelle Hobbs as Director of Coaching saw a number of changes that brought structure, professionalism, and a wealth of knowledge to the club. These changes contributed to South Bendigo being named the most improved netball club of 2018 by the Bendigo Advertiser. This is something we are extremely proud to say!

All grades showed excellent improvement from the 2017 season, with all but two making finals.

The 17 and Under girls, coached by Liz Taylor, had an excellent season finishing 3rd on the ladder to make finals. Unfortunately, the girls lost the Semi Final to Gisborne but we are still incredibly proud of these young guns that are the future of our club. Well done girls!

A Grade, coached by Janelle Hobbs, had a tough start to the season however improved greatly throughout the year and came home strong. Unfortunately, it was left a little too late and our A Grade girls missed out on playing finals by only percentage. The girls developed immensely both individually and as a team throughout the 2018 season. Great jobs girls!

A Reserve, coached by Tara Everist, proved they could be serious finals contenders throughout the season, however unfortunately lost some games that proved costly. The girls only just missed out on finals finishing 7th on the ladder. Awesome effort ladies!

B Grade, coached by Kiralee Beecham, were strong throughout the entire season finishing 4th on the ladder and making finals. Unfortunately, the girls lost the Elimination Final but put up a great fight. Well done girls!

Last, by certainly not least... Our B Reserve girls. Our Premiers!! These girls were a force to be reckoned with throughout the entire season, dropping only two games and finishing on top of the ladder. These ladies dominated right up until the last whistle of the season when they took out the flag. We are all extremely proud of our B Reserve girls for bringing a premiership to our club in 2018. Awesome job girls and Congratulations!!

Right across the Netball Division, we deem 2018 a huge success that saw victory, improvement and development, but most of all, huge potential for 2019.

Janelle Hobbs has been reappointed Director of Coaching and has selected an excellent coaching panel full of experience and knowledge for 2019:

- A Grade: Janelle Hobbs
Assistant: Tara Everest
- A Reserve: Kiralee Beecham
Assistant: Elizabeth Taylor
- B Grade: Melissa Dillon
Assistant: Paige Randall
- B Reserve: Emma Tomlins
Assistant: Chloe Adams
- 17 & Under: Elizabeth Taylor
Assistant: Emily Cossar

The coaches have been working hard to ensure that majority of our players from 2018 return. We are very pleased to say that 85% of players have committed to South Bendigo again for next season. In addition to this, coaches have recruited fantastic quality players that will strengthen all grades providing the depth that is required to be a successful club.

All players and coaches are extremely hungry for success in 2019 and we cannot wait to begin preseason which commenced January 10.

Go Bloods!

A BLOODS QUINELLA IN B RES LEAGUE BEST & FAIREST

In a nail-biting finish Maya Van Es won the 2018 Bendigo Football Netball League's B Reserve Best & Fairest award by 1 vote from team mate Morgan Lawson.

Maya polled 3 votes in the last game of the season which, to add to the tension, was read out as the very last vote call on the night! This best on court performance was notable, not only for giving her victory by the narrowest of margins over team mate Morgan, but in that it was her fourth in a row across the last 4 rounds of the season, a remarkable achievement.

Maya, a key defender in the premiership winning side, polled 26 votes with Morgan, a reliable goal shooting forward, one vote behind her.

Congratulations go to both ladies on having such a great season in the red and white.



Maya Van Es



Morgan Lawson



JUNIOR NETBALL

2018 BSNA Winter Competition

In 2018, the Junior Netball Division registered 10 teams and 90 players in the Bendigo Strathdale Netball Association (BSNA) Winter Competition. These figures represented an increase of almost 20% from the previous year.

Our teams performed extremely well and we finished the season with two Premierships, one Runners Up and three Preliminary Finalists. Our other four teams were very competitive and showed great improvement throughout the season. We are very proud of all our players and the way in which they represented the Club.

The final results for the 2018 BSNA Winter Season were:

Team	Section	Result
SB Yellow	13/UC	Premiership
SB Blue	Grade 6B	Premiership
SB Red	Section 3B	Runners-up
SB Gold	Section 2A	Preliminary Finalists
SB Bronze	Section 3B (Reserve)	Preliminary Finalists
SB Green	Grade 6B	Preliminary Finalists
SB Silver	Section 3A	
SB Black	Section 3C	
SB White	Section 3C	
SB Orange	13/UA	



2018 Award Winners

The Junior Netball Division held its Presentation Night at the QEO Club Rooms on Wednesday 12th September. Awards were presented to players in the following categories:

- Best and Fairest – this award is based on the season tally of votes awarded by the opposition team to the three best players in every game
- Most Valuable Player – this award is voted on by the players for the girl who displays attributes such as positive thinking, integrity, courage, belief in oneself and others, a sense of humour and leadership on and off the court
- Coach's Award / Most Consistent Award – these awards are voted on by the coach for the girl who shows the most commitment, motivation, enthusiasm and effort over the season.

The 2018 award winners were:

Team	Section	Award	Player's Name
SB Gold	Section 2A	Best and Fairest	Georgia Warne
		Most Valuable Player	Audrey Keck
		Coach's Award	Bella Livingston
SB Silver	Section 3A	Best and Fairest	Felicia Eldridge
		Most Valuable Player	Neve Canfield
		Coach's Award	Ella Willman
SB Red	Section 3B	Best and Fairest	Maggie Burke
		Best and Fairest	Ava Rifat
		Most Valuable Player	Jade Kelly
		Coach's Award	Laura Power
SB Bronze	Section 3B (Res.)	Best and Fairest	Abbey Seaward
		Most Valuable Player	Abby Bentley
		Coach's Award	Aimee Harding
SB Black	Section 3C	Best and Fairest	Laura Cheng
		Most Valuable Player	Aaliyah Johnson
		Coach's Award	Madi Fry
SB White	Section 3C	Best and Fairest	Gemma Ritchie
		Most Valuable Player	Gemma Ritchie
		Coach's Award	Stella Harrop
SB Orange	13/UA	Best and Fairest	Jordyn Aldred
		Most Valuable Player	Zoe Darroch
		Coach's Award	Felicity Daly
SB Yellow	13/UC	Best and Fairest	Caitlin Ritchie
		Most Valuable Player	Caitlin Ritchie
		Coach's Award	Brianna Swift
SB Blue	Grade 6B	Most Consistent	Bella Eddy
		Most Valuable Player	Nelly Kilmartin
		Coach's Award	Georgie Butler
SB Green	Grade 6B	Most Consistent	Eliza Ledwidge
		Most Valuable Player	Lucy Hall
		Coach's Award	Hetty Waters



50-game players

This year, the Club acknowledged the loyalty and commitment of our 50 game (plus) players – many of whom have been with the Junior Netball Division since its inception. Awards were presented to the following players:

- Grace Broderick
- Bella Canfield
- Neve Canfield
- Mia Cauka
- Alex Cornish-Dreschler
- Melanie Daly
- Ruby Draper
- Madi Fry
- Aimee Harding
- Chloe Harding
- Tatum Howlett
- Audrey Keck
- Taylah Murphy
- Tess Phillips
- Laura Power
- Gemma Ritchie
- Abbey Seaward
- Jorja Sheean
- Emily Strahan-Ferrie
- Sarah Wilkes



Net Set Go

The Club was very excited to host its very first Net Set Go Program in Term 4. We had a great response with 25 energetic and enthusiastic 4-8 year olds coming along to join in the fun. We all had a ball and the girls met lots of new friends! We saw some great improvement over the course of the Program and we now have some new recruits joining us for the 2019 BSNA Winter Season – for the first time we will be entering a Grade 3 team! Well done to all the girls and a huge thanks to everyone who came along to help out.



Twilight Netball

We had five teams compete in this year's BSNA twilight competition – a short competition that runs from the beginning of Term 4 to early December. It is a great opportunity for the girls to play netball with their friends and extend their playing season beyond the Winter! The girls had a great time over the eight rounds of competition and there have been plenty of laughs and silly antics! Our 13/U Green team made it through to their division grand final and will play St Joseph's at 6.000pm on Friday 7th December. Well done to all the girls for the good spirit in which they embraced the twilight competition and a big thank you to the coaches, team managers, scorers and family members who supported them.



Planning for 2019

With the 2018 Winter Season barely behind us, the Junior Netball Committee has been very busy planning for 2019! Over two weeks, we hosted three grading sessions which were led by our Director of Coaching, Janelle Hobbs. Janelle was supported by senior netball members Kiralee Beacham, Zoe Johnston, Chloe Adams, Sarah Dennis and Maddy Townsend in the final team selections. We are extremely grateful for the time, energy and effort our senior netball division dedicate to our junior netballers. South Bendigo is clearly a destination Club which is evident in the number of girls we now have on our list for 2019 – almost 130 (and 16 teams ranging from Grade 3 through to Section 1A) – this is a growth of more than 30% on this year! Thank you to all the girls who came along to our grading sessions to show us their skills! They all did a wonderful job and we look forward with great anticipation to a very successful 2019.



Finally, the Junior Netball Committee would like to wish all our valued junior netball players and families a safe and fun-filled festive season. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2019!

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FOOTBALL NEWS



SOUTH WELCOMES NEW COACH

It is with much pleasure we welcome our new coach Nathan Horbury and his fiancé Hollie Frew in to the South Bendigo family. Hollie already has a big South Bendigo family connection being the sister of Daniel and Dayne who have both played at the Bloods with some distinction. Both Nathan and Hollie will be relocating to Bendigo in the next couple of weeks with Nathan having already commenced his new job in Bendigo and Hollie, a teacher, moving once the school year is over.

This is Nathan's first appointment as a senior coach and we are really excited he chose SBFNC to learn his craft and we are confident he will go very well in the role. He has played football at a very high level both in the VFL and the Ballarat League where he was routinely selected to play representative football for the League. Nathan's playing resume is very impressive;

- 2-time senior premiership player with Redan
- 4-time B&F winner with Redan
- Ballarat League B&F winner in 2017
- 3 seasons playing with North Ballarat in the VFL &
- Played with Geelong's VFL side in 2018

Nathan is really excited with the potential of our current playing group and is very much looking forward to taking the group to the next level.

Nathan's support team for next season will include our current Ron Best Goalkicking Award winner Kaiden (Ron) Antonowicz as playing forward line coach, Neale Torpy as defensive line coach and we welcome back Aaron Connaughton who will be Senior Assistant Coach as well as midfield coach. Aaron is a past captain of the club from 2013-2017 and had an assistant coaching role during that time. He also has considerable experience having played at VFL level for Bendigo VFL teams.

The club is excited and extremely pleased that Jacob Smythe is continuing his role as coach of the Reserves team for next season. Both he and Dan Farrelly took the lads into finals last season and helped develop our young playing group into potential senior footballers. We look forward to what Smythie will bring to the group as he takes on the role in his own right.

The U18 squad will have a new coach for the 2019 season. The club is very happy to announce Michael Easton will be in charge next season. Mick comes to the senior club with a very impressive playing and coaching career having played a number of years of senior footy in some major leagues across Country Victoria including Central Murray, Goulburn

Valley, Ballarat and Bendigo leagues. Mick then took on senior coaching roles in the Loddon Valley league for YCW (now Maiden Gully YCW) and Bridgewater before coming to his senses and came to South Bendigo where he has been coaching our junior lads at U14 and U16 level. It is great to have someone with Mick's experience leading our Under 18's next season and developing our next generation of senior footballers.

Off field there is more great news as the club welcomes Gary Bath to the Football Operations department. Gary is a past and reserves premiership player at South before he moved to the dark side and joined YCW as a player, then coach, committeeman and finally president. Bathy came back to South last season and coached the U12 lads before we seconded him to join the senior ranks. Gary will be a great acquisition to the club in his new role.

MESSAGE FROM SENIOR COACH NATHAN HORBURY

I would just like to start off by saying how excited I am to join South Bendigo Football Netball Club. A very professional club run by great people and a super playing group with a stack of potential.

I have spent most of my senior football career playing with Redan in the Ballarat Football league where I met my amazing fiancé Hollie Frew. After spending a couple of years and being lucky enough to win 2 senior grand finals with Redan in 2009 and 2011 I tried to better myself and went to North Ballarat Roosters for 3 years. I played under Gerald Fitzgerald and he gave me a crack at playing a lot of senior VFL football which was a good experience.

After those years I missed playing football with my brother and good mates so I decided to head back to Redan and continued to play there for a couple more years.

I had a call from Brady Childs to come across to South Bendigo as I had ties with Hollie's brother Daniel Frew playing at the club. I was really impressed with the club but unfortunately, I could not get cleared to come across at that time so I then went back to Redan and continued to play my football there.

Last year I was offered a chance to play down at the Geelong VFL side which was a really good experience and loved my time there.

Now I have finally made the move to South Bendigo. I have watched some of the games from last season and I think that next year will be really exciting with the list we have. We have a heap of talent and some great leaders around the club. I look forward to the year of the Bloods.



New Senior Coach Nathan Horbury

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

The 2018 season has seen the Junior division continue its growth of the past two years. The U9, U10, U12 and U14 sides all had full lists while we also had two U16 sides. The addition of two new girls' sides in the U12 and U15 Girls demonstrates our commitment to growing girls football. The South Bendigo Aus kick program which runs on Sunday mornings at Tom Flood also showed some steady growth in numbers.

As is always the case the season only runs smoothly with a host of helpers. Our junior football committee has been instrumental in the growth of the Junior Division and we owe a huge thanks to this small but hard- working group. Our coaches are the life blood of our teams and a special thank you to Jason Michael, Nev Clarke, Shaun Langdon, Maddy Townsend, Guido Bachin, Gary Bath, John Barilari, Ben Mathews and Mick Easton for doing an outstanding job with their respective teams.

The U16 group had a fantastic year with both the Senior and Reserve sides making the finals. The Reserves lost both finals games but did themselves proud playing without a bench as we struggled to fill injuries with both teams in finals. The senior side made the Grand Final and finished runner up to a slick Sandhurst outfit.

Our U14 Reserves 2 side felt that they were poorly graded by the league and set about to prove this thru result. An undefeated season and dominant display in the Grand Final proved our point. Congratulations to Seth Hoskin who won the league best and fairest along with Zander Barilari who was the leading goal kicker.

The U12B Boys had series of close games in the B division and certainly didn't look out of place at this level. Considering this was a group mixed with top and bottom age players they should all be very proud of their development.

The U9 and U10 group is seeing the benefit of players filtering thru from the Auskick program. Several top age boys were given the opportunity to test themselves in U12's which should also help fast track their development.

Our U18 girls struggled to get the level of player commitment from all players required to be competitive at this level. Our best was certainly good enough but poor training numbers and at times playing numbers made it impossible for our team to show its true ability. Despite this Kate Douglass was still able to win the League Best and Fairest Award and play for the Pioneers. Kate continues to be a shining light for girls football at South Bendigo and a deserving winner of the Spirit of South Bendigo Award

The inaugural U15 side had a super season making the first round of finals. Considering most of the team are bottom age and first year players the future is very bright for this group. Octavia Di Donato played rep football for Vic Country and was the captain of the U14 boys side which limited her appearances with the U15 Girls. We have great faith that if this groups stays together, they can do some great things in Women's football over the next few years. Tia Davidge won the League Best and Fairest Award on the back of a super season.

If we were to have an award for the most enthusiastic group of players and parents, it would certainly go to our U12 Girls. The team and parents not only enjoyed the on-field side of football but also the off-field side and this was a pleasure to watch from afar. Most of the girls will be eligible for U12 again next year and we are confident match day results will continue to improve as the girl's skills improve.



MAJOR DATES TO SAVE IN 2019

“Oaks Day” at South

Round 1 Saturday 13th April V Maryborough at the QEO

A social day tailored for the women of South Bendigo; netball past players, our female members & supporters and the mothers & partners of players

Graeme Wright Cup / Past Players & Officials Day

Round 3 Saturday April 27th V Sandhurst at the QEO

The annual match against Sandhurst for the Graeme Wright Cup which has always provided a great day for past players and officials to get back to the club

Kennington Football Club Reunion

Round 5 Saturday May 11th V Gisborne at Harry Trott Oval

Continuing the initiative started in 2018 where the club hosts past players and officials from the first Bendigo Football League side to have Harry Trott Oval as their home ground

Sports Luncheon & Coterie Day

Round 7 Sunday 2nd June V Kangaroo Flat at the QEO

The annual sports lunch for our sponsors and coterie members.

Featuring a notable guest speaker from the world of sport and a great meal from our good sponsors at the Boundary hotel.

Annual Ball

Round 9 Saturday 15th June V Castlemaine at Harry Trott Oval

Venue & details to be provided later

Premiership Reunion Day

Round 11 Saturday 29th June v Eaglehawk

Becoming a regular feature on the club's social calendar when we welcome back our premiership heroes on the 5 or 10 year anniversary of their triumph.

This year invites will go out to 4 Senior, 6 Reserves and 3 Under 18 sides. The most notable invitees being Colin Rice's 1969 legends celebrating the 50th anniversary of their great win over Eaglehawk.

Life Members & Fabulous 50's Past Players Luncheon

Round 12 Saturday July 13th V Sandhurst at the QEO

The fourth annual Life members lunch where the club recognises and acknowledges the great contribution made over the years by our Life Members.

Given the very real interest expressed at the 125 celebrations for a reunion of those fabulous sides of the 50's the club has decided to honour those humble legends as special guests at this year's luncheon.

\$3000 Draw

Sunday 4th August

The winners are drawn at the Social Rooms for one of our major annual fund raising events.



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THE BLOODS 2019 BFNL FIXTURE

South Bendigo's 2019 Season gets underway on the 13th of April with a Round 1 home game against Maryborough at the QEO.

A return to Easter football and netball in 2019 has us playing Eaglehawk at Canterbury Park on Good Friday in Round 2 on 19th April, we also play a Sunday game, the feature match of the Indigenous Round against Kangaroo Flat at the QEO in Round 7 on 1st June.

The fixture again gives us three home games at Harry Trott Oval, Kennington

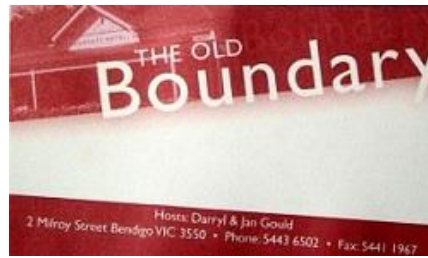
- Gisborne in Round 5 on 11th May
- Castlemaine in Round 9 on 15th June and
- Strathfieldsaye in Round 17 on 17th August

2019 FIXTURE

ROUND 1 Saturday, April 13 South Bendigo V Maryborough	ROUND 10 Saturday, June 22 Maryborough V South Bendigo
ROUND 2 Good Friday, April 19 Eaglehawk V South Bendigo	ROUND 11 Saturday, June 29 South Bendigo V Eaglehawk
ROUND 3 Saturday, April 27 South Bendigo V Sandhurst	GENERAL BYE Saturday, July 6 Middle week school holidays
ROUND 4 Saturday, May 4 Golden Square V South Bendigo	ROUND 12 Saturday, July 13 Sandhurst V South Bendigo
ROUND 5 Saturday, May 11 South Bendigo V Gisborne (HT)	ROUND 13 Saturday, July 20 South Bendigo V golden Square
INTER-LEAGUE Saturday, May 18 Bendigo V Gippsland at Bendigo (TBC)	ROUND 14 Saturday, July 27 Gisborne V South Bendigo
ROUND 6 Saturday, May 25 Kyneton V South Bendigo	ROUND 15 Saturday, August 3 South Bendigo V Kyneton
ROUND 7 Sunday, June 2 South Bendigo V Kangaroo Flat	ROUND 16 Saturday, August 10 Kangaroo Flat V South Bendigo
ROUND 8 Saturday, June 8 Strathfieldsaye V South Bendigo	ROUND 17 Saturday, August 17 South Bendigo V Strathfieldsaye (HT)
ROUND 9 Saturday, June 15 South Bendigo V Castlemaine (HT)	ROUND 18 Saturday, August 24 Castlemaine V South Bendigo



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