



NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTH BENDIGO FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

December 2019 Edition

Welcome to your December 2019 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.

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 2019. 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 2020.

Next year we are confident we can maintain our steady progress of continuous improvement and being the best we can be as we work towards success 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.

Thank you for being a part of the South Bendigo FNC family. 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.



2019 BEST & FAIREST PORTRAIT



ANDY BANKS
PHOTOGRAPHY

Brody Haddow has won the Club's Senior Football B&F Award and in doing so has joined a distinguished list as a multiple time winner of the honour, his success in this year's vote count going "back to back" with his win in 2018

On the netball court, Chloe Langley added the Clubs A-Grade Netball champion title to her list of achievements in a stellar year which also included the 2019 BFNL's Rising Start award

The Club Best & Fairest portrait of Brody Haddow and Chloe Langley above records the achievements of two fine athletes who had great seasons in the Red and White during 2019



2019 ANNUAL REPORT

The Club's 2019 Annual Report was tabled at our Annual General Meeting in the Social Rooms on Wednesday 4th December.

Below is the Presidents report which gives an overview of the 2019 operations of the Club. The full report can be found on the Club's website at <http://www.southbendigofnc.com.au/>

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2019 ANNUAL REPORT

To be presented to Members at the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held in the
SOUTH BENDIGO FOOTBALL CLUB SOCIAL ROOMS
VIEW STREET, BENDIGO

On
WEDNESDAY, 4th DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.00 PM

2019 President's Annual Report

Season 2019 commenced with the appointment of a new coaching panel in Senior Football with Nathan Horbury as Senior playing coach and past Captain Arron Connaughton as his nonplaying Assistant Coach.

Unfortunately, our new coaches were to quickly experience the downside of the role as the club suffered one of its heaviest injury tolls in living memory. Despite this handicap and the inevitable impact on our performance on field there were some positives to come out of the season. The playing group remained committed with continued good numbers at training and a real sense of enjoyment in their football both from playing together as a group and playing for their coach. There is a real potential in this young playing group as was demonstrated across the last 4 rounds of the season when some senior players started to return from injury, we won 3 of the last 4 and in the one loss still managed to kick the second highest points tally scored against the eventual premiers in season 2019. It's said that sometimes a problem can be an opportunity in disguise and a positive from the senior group's crippling injury list was the opportunity to provide experience and to develop many of the younger players on our list with over 43 players represented in the seniors during the season.

The new coach's impact at the Club in his first year has been evident and, despite the final win loss ratio, the committee were pleased to have Nathan sign on for another 2 years to build on the foundations he has laid in 2019.



Senior Coach Nathan Horbury

The potential in our young playing group was no better demonstrated in the performance of our reserves side who, guided by Coach Jake Smythe, managed to make it through to the Grand Final and while the boys just fell short it was great to see the Red and White back on the QEO on the final day of the season.

I would like to acknowledge the great work by Football Operations Manager Gary Bath, our 3 coaches in the football department; Nathan Horbury Seniors, Jake Smythe Reserves and Mick Eason Under 18's, your commitment and tireless work across a long season is appreciated, as is the work undertaken by your assistant coaches, team managers and all of the match day volunteers without whose input we simply could not get sides onto the ground.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of John Clyne who has stepped down as our head trainer/sports medicine coordinator at the end of the 2019 season after serving well over 10 years in the role. A regular at every training session and each game over the journey, John's contribution to the club has been immense and we thank him for his great service.

For a complete review of the 2019 football season see Football Operations Manager Gary Bath's report further on in this document.

On the Netball court the influence of Janelle Hobbs on South Bendigo netball continues to be evident with 4 of our 5 sides making the finals in season 2019, a remarkable effort demonstrating the continuous improvement in our netball stocks across the past 2 years since Janelle's appointment.



Director of Netball Coaching, Janelle hobbs

The Mel Dillon coached B Grade side won their way through to the preliminary final but unfortunately, they went down by a narrow 4-point margin in the penultimate game of the

year. While disappointing it was fantastic to see such a great group of girls being the best they could be and progressing so far. Their performance was a credit to their skills and application across the season and the commitment of their dedicated coach Mel Dillon.

The club won individual success on the netball court in 2019 when Chloe Langley, who is still eligible for Under 17's Grade, was named as the BFNL's Netball Rising Star in the Michelson Medal Awards and Amanda Walters, our A Reserve Captain, won the League's A Reserve Grade Best & Fairest Award. Congratulations to both ladies.

I would like to acknowledge the great work by Netball Operations Manager Mel Dillon, Director of Netball Coaching Janelle Hobbs and our 5 coaches in the netball department; Janelle in A Grade, Janelle and Liz Taylor in A Reserve, Mel Dillon in B Grade, Emma Tomlins in B Reserve and Liz Taylor with the 17 & Unders, your commitment and tireless work across a long season is appreciated, as is the work undertaken by your assistant coaches, team managers and all of the match day volunteers without whose input we simply could not get sides onto the court.

For a complete review of the 2019 netball season see Netball Operations Manager Mel Dillon's full report further on in this document.

Our Junior Divisions are critical to the future of our club and we are pleased with the current state of our Junior sides and the development of our future players through them. We are starting to build very strong platforms and create a sustainable pathway for our young players to represent South Bendigo at a senior level on both football field and netball court in the years to come.

Underpinning the growth at junior level has been the tireless work and leadership from the respective Junior Presidents; Gareth Tawton in Junior Football and Michelle Forrester in Junior Netball. Both are stepping out of their roles next year and I would like to thank them for their significant contribution and service to the Bloods in their terms as Junior Presidents, a difficult job done well by both of you.



Junior Netball Club President Michelle Forrester



Junior Football Club President Gareth Tawton

Also critical to the club's future and a "gateway" into our Junior Football Division is our successful South Bendigo Auskick program, this growth and development has been largely due to the hard work of its Coordinator Natasha Rowe. Natasha's contribution is not only recognized within the club but also by the broader football community which saw her awarded the 2019 Auskick Coordinator of the year in the AFL Central Vic Awards. While Natasha is leaving Auskick next year she will continue her tireless contribution to our club with a role on the Junior Division Committee in 2020.

For a complete review of the 2019 season for both Junior Divisions see their respective full reports further on in this report.

The development of Harry Trott oval continues to frustrate with little progress evident. While the club remains focused and committed to the move, we have requested that only one home game be scheduled for the Kennington Reserve in 2020.

All facilities, apart from the netball courts, are substandard for BFNL football and essentially nonexistent for netball. Plus, the inability to hold an after match function means that we conservatively lose a minimum \$1000 of budgeted revenue per home game for every match we play there. We will look to return to the QEO as our home ground until a confirmed timeline is established for the final stage of the development i.e. the new pavilion and ground extension.

Turning to club governance matters, a significant achievement during the year was the development and adoption of the club's Capstone Document. The document sets the direction of the Club and explains how we work towards our stated mission. The document describes the philosophies that underpin our values-based operation and the principles that guide how our members, players, coaches and supporters work towards success both on and off the field and court.

This document explains four fundamental aspects of the Club:

- why we exist: our vision and our mission
- who we are: our history,
- how we operate: our values and our behaviours
- what we plan to do: our future direction and strategic plan.

South Bendigo has always been a values based club; we can now articulate what those values are and what we stand for. In addition, the Capstone document has already been used to great effect on several occasions to demonstrate what we stand for and to "sell" our future direction and strategic plan in discussions with government, both at local and state level, and AFL Central Victoria.

Similarly, in respect to fiduciary matters, as you will see in the attached financial statement and auditors report, it's been again a significant achievement to see us return another profit this year. While there has been a lot of work by many to achieve this outcome there is no doubt it is underpinned by the budget planning of Rick Townsend and the financial acumen of our new Treasurer Mitch Connor.

Areas of note in the financials are the significant contribution to income via our Bingo operations which has had an extremely successful year. The team of volunteers lead by Gary Westcott and Kerry Cranage commit themselves to each Monday evening and Thursday afternoon across the entire year and make a substantial contribution to our budget bottom line.

On the negative side of the ledger the low level of revenue from membership fees continues to be an area of concern. While this is possibly a result of our on-field position over the last few years it is more likely simply the reality of our extremely small member and supporter base. This is an area that must be addressed going forward to build greater sustainability into our club operations, not only for revenue but more critically volunteer numbers. We would welcome any feedback that could assist in increasing our overall member and supporter base.

Also, revenue generated from external functions hosted in our Social Rooms is an area that is earning well below potential. While it is an ageing facility it has excellent amenities and a great central location which should make it an attractive venue option. This is another area in which we need to maximize our income generating potential.

The utilization of our Social Rooms was however maximized on match days across the season with several successful functions run in conjunction with our QEO home games: The Ladies Day organized by Julie Gardiner and Christine Walker,

The Graeme Wright Cup/Past Players and Officials day organized by the club
The Premiership Reunion Day, which had representatives from 14 Premiership sides most notable being the 1954, 1969, 1974 and 1994 senior sides organized by Stephen Dean
The Annual Life Members Lunch organised by Garry Smith and
The regular Sports Lunch, Sponsors & Coterie Day which featured past Essendon player and current assistant coach Mark Harvey, organised by Rick Townsend.
All these functions were hugely successful, and we would like to thank the respective organizers whose hard work ensured such successful outcomes.

It is pleasing to see our sponsorship base continue to increase as our sponsors are integral to the growth and development of our club. We value the partnerships we have built with our sponsors and their willingness to partner with our club and I would again like to acknowledge the invaluable work done in this area by Vice President Rick Townsend.

Volunteers are the life blood of any sporting club and I would like to thank and acknowledge the wonderful group of volunteers we have here at South Bendigo. Please know that you are very much valued and appreciated by all at our great club. In particular, and at the very real risk of leaving people out, could I especially thank;

- Andy & Marianne Barrett for their great support to South Bendigo netball
- Jenny Arnold and Wendy Osborne for the Training Teas every Thursday night.
- Marie Hiatt and her volunteers in the canteen
- Trevor Wright for organizing the Past Players on the BBQ
- Ron Hiatt and Wally Walker for the many game day duties that they perform over the season.
- Julie Drake and Jodie McLeod for their banking duties and other practical support to our Treasurer.

And finally, but certainly not least, to the Club Executive and the broader Committee my sincere thanks for your fantastic work across the year to ensure we continue to build a successful club. Whilst our numbers are small, we certainly punch well above our weight in respect to output.

Thank you again to all involved at South Bendigo for your support and friendship over the year and we all look forward to a successful season in 2020, both on and off the field, with great optimism and anticipation.



Alan Ellis
President.
SBFNC.

SPONSOR OF THE MONTH

Erindale Farm Butchery



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

Call or visit Erindale Farm Butchery at:

Shop 6, Lyttleton Terrace – Bendigo

Telephone 54438600

Shop 4, The Bendigo Marketplace - Bendigo

Telephone: 5441 8144

Bendigo Farmers' Market – Rosalind Park

2nd Saturday of each month

Email addresses:

For general enquiries contact

butcher@erindalefarmbutchery.com.au

For product enquiries contact

erindalefarms@bigpond.com

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CAN YOU HELP YOUR CLUB?

The South Bendigo Football Netball Club needs to find more people to help in a range of roles that are critical for its longer term sustainability.

The current off field team have some very talented and hard working people but most are filling more than one role simply to keep the “lights on”. It’s a great team and being a part of it is a lot of fun and gives great enjoyment to all involved

As part of our planning to recruit more volunteers and fill some of these positions we have developed a series of position descriptions for several roles. The intent of these PD’s is to show people what each role entails and what they would be putting their hand up for if they signed on. When you bundle it all up together often people can see what is involved and the parameters of what is being asked and the thought of volunteering becomes far less daunting.

We are looking to fill 2 important roles next year in the first steps towards building our volunteer base to the minimum number required to run a successful club



Position #1



CANTEEN SERVICES POSITION DESCRIPTION

Objectives

- To assist the Canteen Co-ordinator in providing an appropriate catering service for match days.
- To ensure the efficient operation of the Club canteen activities

Responsibilities

- Hold a current Food Handling Certificate.
Note: The Club will support & subsidise obtaining this qualification for any volunteer not currently holding this certificate
- Ensure canteen is open for business at the commencement of the first match of each home game.
- Comply with the requirements of the food safety plan.
- Assist the Canteen team with the canteen closure routines such as storing of stock & cleaning tasks
- Support the Canteen Co-ordinator to ensure adequate stock is in supply for match days.
- Assist the Canteen Co-ordinator in the purchase and pick up of stock from suppliers
- Liaise with Team Managers to arrange a voluntary labour roster to ensure the canteen is appropriately staffed on match days
- Maintain strong relationships with all Club suppliers throughout the football season.

Relationships

- Reports to the Canteen Co-ordinator.
- Liaises with Team Managers.
- Liaises with Suppliers.

Accountability

- The Canteen Services Volunteer is accountable to the Canteen Co-ordinator.

Time Required

- Approximately 7 hours for each of 9 home games each season.



Position #2



MEMBERSHIP CO-ORDINATOR POSITION DESCRIPTION

Objectives

- To provide co-ordination of the Club's membership activities
- To maintain an accurate database on Club memberships
- To provide support to the Secretary in managing memberships.

Responsibilities

- Develop and maintain strategies for the growth of the club's membership base and manage its ongoing administration.
- Liaise with stakeholders to ensure membership fees reflect current opinions of the club.
- Develop an annual proposal for membership fees and merchandise packages for the ensuing season for consideration by club committee.
- Ensure that membership tickets and related membership information is prepared for distribution and sale by a specified date of the current season.
- Ensure Life members receive their membership prior to the commencement of the season.
- Liaise with past players on past player memberships
- Co-ordinate the collection of membership fees.
- Maintain an accurate Club contact database of all Club Members, Player Sponsors & Past Players.

Relationships

- Reports to the Secretary.
- Liaises with the Secretary and Treasurer
- Liaises with the Committee, Players and all club members.

Accountability

- The Membership Co-ordinator is accountable to the Secretary.
- Provide a report on any aspect of portfolio operations to the Committee when requested.

Time Required

Variable. An annual short-term role commencing February through to end April / Round 4 of the Season.

2020 PREMIERSHIP REUNIONS

Next year we will be celebrating the anniversary of 3 Senior, 3 Reserves and 3 Thirds premierships including the great 1990 triple premierships for the SBFNC 1sts, 2nds and 3rds sides.

A date for the Reunion will be confirmed in the coming months. However, at this stage make a mental note and keep watching this newsletter and other SBFNC social media pages for further details on what is becoming a highly anticipated annual event at the club.

If you were a member of any of these teams, please get in contact with your premiership team mates (or Stephen Dean 0437 299063 or msdean@bigpond.com) to let them know about the intended event.

It would be fantastic if each of those teams had a “champion” who took it upon themselves to locate and update the contact details for all of their old teammates and pass this on to Stephen.

Premierships being celebrated in 2020:

- Seniors: 1950, 1955 & 1990
- Reserves: 1960, 1970 & 1990
- Under 18's: 1955, 1990 & 1995



1990 Senior Premiership Team



1990 Under 18's Premiership Team

2020 FIXTURE

The Fixture for the 2020 BFNL Season has been released. The Red & White Season gets underway with a Good Friday home match against Eaglehawk at the QEO on the 10th April.

The Round 3 home game at the QEO against the old enemy Sandhurst, traditionally the Graeme Wright Cup and Past Players/Officials Day, falls on ANZAC Day. There is some consideration about playing this match as either a twilight game or shifting it to the Sunday to avoid an overlap with ANZAC Day remembrance proceedings.

As indicated earlier the Club was only seeking to play the one game at Harry Trott Oval in 2020 and that has been scheduled in as our Round 13 clash against Gisborne on the 18th of July.



2020 FIXTURE
SOUTH BENDIGO FNC

ROUND 1 10th Apr @ home 	ROUND 2 18th Apr @ away 	ROUND 3 25th Apr @ home 	INTER-LEAGUE 2nd May
ROUND 4 9th May @ away 	ROUND 5 16th May @ home 	ROUND 6 23rd May @ away 	ROUND 7 30th May @ home 
ROUND 8 6th Jun @ home 	ROUND 9 13th Jun @ away 	ROUND 10 20th Jun @ away 	ROUND 11 27th Jun @ home 
GENERAL BYE 4th July	ROUND 12 11th Jul @ away 	ROUND 13 18th Jul @ home (HT) 	ROUND 14 25th Jul @ away 
ROUND 15 1st Aug @ home 	ROUND 16 8th Aug @ away 	ROUND 17 15th Aug @ away 	ROUND 18 22nd Aug @ home 

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