

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTH BENDIGO FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

March 2022 Edition

2022 SEASON FIXTURE

The Bendigo FNL fixture has been released for 2022 and optimism is high that we will be able to complete a full season for the first time in 3 years.

The Bloods open proceedings playing Round 1 as a home game against Golden Square at the QEO. With the new pavilion at Kennington not due for completion until late July all the club's home games will be played at the QEO this season.

Round 2 sees us travel to Canterbury Park to play Eaglehawk on Good Friday. With no Sunday or night games scheduled this will be our only game not played in the traditional Saturday afternoon time slots this year.

Round 3 will be our last home game on the QEO against traditional rivals Sandhurst in the Graeme Wright Cup. The club will also host the Life Members, Past Players and Officials function on the day making it an historic occasion you will not want to miss.

There is no Interleague match this season with the program being deferred for 2022 however, the club still has two byes as Round 6 is a split round with the Bloods playing on the 14th May, having a bye on the 21st, and a "General Bye" programmed for the weekend of July 2nd.

Our last QEO home game before the club relocates to Harry Trott will be against Maryborough in Round 17 on 13th August.



BECOME A MEMBER IN 2022

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 2022 – 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 2022 Membership.

This year's Standard Merchandise Package, provided to all Adult, Family and Special Category members, includes a club logo branded bumper sticker, pen and a Bloods Beanie.

The 2022 Enhanced Merchandise Package, provided to all Coterie Club Members and Player Sponsors, adds a Club Logo Leather Key Ring 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 2022.

Take a look at all the 2022 Memberships options on the following pages, 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



MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES 2022



Character First
Be the Best You Can Be
Be Nice to People

1. Bloods Coterie Club Membership \$500 + GST

**** 2021 Coterie Members renewing membership in 2022 will receive a 50% discount**

2 x Adult Memberships of South Bendigo Football Netball Club. (Value \$240) admits free to all home games and ½ price entry to all away games)

Entry to complimentary Half Time drinks and food in club social rooms at home matches.

Business name listed in social rooms as a Bloods Coterie club member.

2 tickets to All-inclusive 500 club networking/sports lunch with guest speaker at a home match in 2021. (Value \$200)

2 x Social Club Drink Cards to be used at home games.

Bloods Coterie Club Keyring.

Business promoted on Club Facebook page.

10 x Complimentary Tickets in the Club's Annual Major Raffle.

2 x tickets to the Club's Season Launch

2 x tickets to the Club's Annual Ball

2 x Tickets to the Club's Best & Fairest Presentation night

South Bendigo FNC Enhanced Merchandise Pack

Club monthly Newsletter

2. Red & White Player Sponsorship – Football \$250

1 x SBFNC Standard Adult Membership (Value \$120). (Admits free to all home games and ½ price entry to all away games)

Entry to complimentary half time drinks and afternoon tea at home games in Social Rooms.

1 x Social Club drink card for use at home games. Show your card at the bar in the Social Rooms after the game and the first drink is on us.

A copy of the Club's monthly Newsletter

2 x Tickets to the Club's Season Launch with recognition when your player is introduced.

An invitation to the Club's Best and Fairest/Presentation night.

1 x framed player photograph for your business premises or other personal/family use.

Personal or Business name on a Players Sponsors Acknowledgement Board hung in Social Rooms.

5 x Complimentary Tickets in the Club's Annual major raffle (Value \$50)

Acknowledgement in the Club's Annual Report as a player sponsor.

South Bendigo FNC Enhanced Merchandise Pack which includes a Club Logo Leather Key Ring

Sponsors can either elect to sponsor a player of their choice or alternatively a player chosen by the club.

The second option provides great support for young players or players new to Bendigo with few contacts such as students who have traditionally found it difficult to obtain sponsorship.

3. Red & White Player Sponsorship – Netball \$150

1 x SBFNC Standard Adult Membership (Value \$120). (Admits free to all home games and ½ price entry to all away games)

Entry to complimentary half time drinks and afternoon tea at home games in Social Rooms.

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4. Adult Membership \$120

1 x Full Adult Membership Card (admit to all home games and ½ price entry to away games)

1 x Social Club Drink Card for use at home games. Show your card at the bar in the Social Rooms after the game and the first drink is on us.

A copy of the Club's Monthly Club Newsletter

South Bendigo FNC Standard Merchandise Pack

5. Family Membership \$200

2 x Adult Membership Cards

2 x Social Club Drink Cards for use at home games. Show your cards at the bar in the Social Rooms after the game and the first drink is on us.

1 x Club Newsletter

2 x South Bendigo FNC Standard Merchandise Packs

6. Past Players Membership \$75

1 x Past Players Membership Key Tag. (Admits to all home games)

Free Admission to Graeme Wright Day

1 x Social Club Drink Card for use at home games. Show your card at the bar in the Social Rooms after the game and the first drink is on us

A copy of the Club's monthly Newsletter.

Note: *Past Players who take out a Full Adult Membership for \$120 can also access these Past Player entitlements as well as receive a South Bendigo FNC Standard Merchandise Pack.*

8. Life Members

Adult Membership Card is issued annually to all Life Members

Includes a copy of the Club's Monthly Newsletter

In addition, for a fee of **\$60**, Life Members can also receive annually:

South Bendigo FNC Standard Merchandise Pack and a Social Club Drink Card (Show your card at the bar in the Social Rooms after the game and the first drink is on us)

2022 Club Members Merchandise Packs

The Club really appreciates the patronage of supporters who take out a Club Membership. As a token of our appreciation for this support a Club Member Merchandise pack has been added to the normal range of membership entitlements. In 2022 club member merchandise packs will include:

1. Enhanced Membership Pack:

Club Logo Leather Key Ring
Beanie
Bumper Sticker
Pen

2. Standard Membership Pack

Beanie
Bumper Sticker
Pen

PAYMENT OPTIONS

OPTION 1: Direct Credit through Bendigo Bank

Account name: South Bendigo FNC
BSB: 633-000
Account Number: 105 675 235
Please include Name as Reference for Payment.

Note 1: For Bloods Coterie Memberships please contact Rick Townsend at rick1242@me.com

Note 2: For all Adult, Family & Life Membership categories please email Brad Wright at wrightbrad13@gmail.com on completion of payment with the date, reference number for the transaction and your postal address and we will organise your 2022 membership card and entitlements.

Note 3: Past Players please email Alan Ellis at alan_ellis@bigpond.com upon completion of payment with the date, reference number for the transaction and your postal address and we will organise your 2022 membership card and entitlements.

Note 4: For Red & White Player Sponsor Memberships please contact

1. Football: Gary Bath at gary.bath@plumber.com.au
2. Netball: Gill Davey southbendigonetball@gmail.com

OPTION 2: Cheque

Make cheques payable to South Bendigo Football Netball Club



LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDED TO CLUB STALWART

In December last year at the our 2021 AGM it was announced that Wally Walker, an outstanding off field contributor at the Bloods, had been awarded Life Membership of the Club. However, unfortunately with social gatherings difficult to arrange at that time due to Covid restrictions, we were unable to hold the usual end of season presentation and acknowledge Wally's accomplishment.

Finally, at the Club's Summer Ball which incorporated our 2021 presentation night at the All Seasons Hotel on 26th February, we got to recognise Wally's achievement when he was presentation with his Life Members Medallion and Certificate by President Rick Townsend.



Wally is a life long Bloods man, playing Under 18's footy at South in his teens. When he first started working life he was advised by his boss to give up football as an injury that prevented him from working would mean he wouldn't have a job. A tough choice, but you have to earn a living. Wally will tell you that this derailed what could have been an illustrious football career.

Wally Walker is a tireless worker for the club. On game day he assists with the set up and logistics of the BBQ and canteen. He assists Ron Hiatt with the ½ time "Ronnies Raffle" and does the ground clean up at the end of the day. He is a regular Bingo volunteer worker, both on Monday nights and Thursdays.

Wally was proposed for Life Membership of the South Bendigo FNC, not for a significant contribution in any one area but for a consistent and considerable contribution across all areas of the club over a long time. The type of contribution that underpins the ongoing existence of all sporting clubs and far too often goes unrecognized.

Being "the best you can be" is not only measured by performance on the sports field but in all aspects of club life and measured against that club value Wally is a most worthy recipient of Life Membership of the South Bendigo FNC

NEW NETBALL SCOREBOARDS

Thanks to a generous and substantial donation from Club Life Members and staunch netball supporters Marianne and Andy Barrett our netball squad now have two new electronic portable scoreboards for use on game days.

The hand over of the new boards, which occurred during our summer ball/presentation night at the All seasons Hotel, was two years in the making with the initial boards provided by the manufacturer not meeting specifications for display visibility. These new boards are state of the art and provide a clear display outside in all conditions including sunny days.



Andy & Marianne Barrett picture with one of the new scoreboards at the presentation

These boards are a great acquisition and a huge improvement on our old manually operated ones. The club really appreciates the generosity and the ongoing support to our netballers from these two great members of the Bloods family. Thanks Andy and Marianne.

KENNINGTON PAVILION UPDATE



Work is steadily progressing on schedule out at Harry Trott Oval. With the framework up and the roof on you can get an appreciation of the size of our new pavilion.

SNAPS FROM THE SIDELINES

Some pic's from our preseason summer ball and 2021 presentation night at the All Seasons Hotel on the 26th February.

Photos by Steve Blake, Akuna Photography akunaphotography@people.net.au







ANNUAL GOLF DAY



South Bendigo FNC



Individual Entry Fee
\$50



Enter a Team
\$200



Sponsor a Hole
\$100



Arrive at 9.30am for a 10.30 Tee-off

FREE BBQ

For further enquiries or to enter please contact

Trevor Wright on 0421 648 485 or at trevor.wright@middys.com.au

Rick Townsend on 0417 037 572 or at rick1247@me.com

Alan Ellis on 0427 427 627 or at alan_ellis@bigpond.com

2022 SEASON LAUNCH

It's no joke, the 2022 Season Launch is to be held at our good sponsors the All Seasons Hotel on Friday 1st April.

Save the date, more information to come.

SAVE THE DATE

**SBFNC 2022
SEASON LAUNCH**

**Friday April 1st
All Seasons Hotel Bendigo
Formal Dress Attire**

\$25, ticket details to come!



ANNUAL PAST PLAYERS & OFFICIALS REUNION FEATURING THE GRAEME WRIGHT CUP MATCH

With 2022 being the last season with the QEO as our home ground the annual Reunion Day featuring the Graeme Wright Cup clash against traditional rivals Sandhurst will be an event not to be missed.

For all details see the flyer below and save the date to be a part of an historic day in the club's history.

2022 PAST PLAYERS & OFFICIALS REUNION DAY FEATURING THE GRAEME WRIGHT CUP MATCH V SANDHURST

Saturday 23rd April 2022
South Bendigo FNC Social Rooms, Q.E.O.
Commencing 12.30 for 1.30pm Light Lunch

EVENT DETAILS

The Annual Past Players & Officials Reunion Day, featuring the 2022 Graeme Wright Cup will be held at the South Bendigo FNC Social Rooms on Saturday the 23rd April 2022.

An historic event as we host traditional rivals Sandhurst for the last time on the QEO as the home side.

- Entry to the event at the Social Rooms is only \$25 (includes ground entry fee) or FREE if you have a Club or Past Players Membership.
- Past Player Memberships \$75 can be purchased on the day.
- Access the rooms via the View St entrance.
- A light finger food lunch is provided as well as afternoon tea during the half time break are all included so bookings are essential; to advise of you attendance please contact Alan Ellis: alan_ellis@bigpond.com or on 0427 427 627
Brad Wright: wrightbrad13@gmail.com or on 0428 870145
This courtesy will assist us with catering for the event and will be greatly appreciated.
- Drinks available at bar prices
- Following the lunch you will be able to watch the game from the comfort of the Social Rooms



NETBALL

The netballers have been in full swing for pre-season in 2022 with the first, full squad, training session undertaken in mid-January, after squads were finalised in December 2021. The girls have commenced an 8-week Bootcamp of a Tuesday night, with 'The Bunker HQ' which focusses on strength and conditioning and overall improvement of fitness. The Bunker HQ team, formally known as Original Bootcamp, have supported the South Bendigo Netballers over previous years throughout pre-season, which have generated great results. Alongside bootcamp, the girls are back to some court work which has been great to see alongside plenty of activities planned by our coaching committee.



On Saturday 5th February, the 17/U and Senior group participated in a fun pre-season camp at Campaspe Down PGL adventure camp. The day involved a car rally, canoeing, trust building exercises, sensory trail, zip line and team building. It may have involved a full-blown gravel rash in the quest to get an apple and a capsized canoe, but nothing like some competitive spirit! It was great to see the girls connecting with new and past players and a shout out to Janelle for planning and the execution of a great day!



With Round 1 fast approaching, practice matches have been scheduled alongside plenty of intraclub games on a Thursday night during training.

- Thursday 10th March, vs Bridgewater @ Harry Trott
- Friday 18th March, AFL Central Vic Tournament, A Grade @ Bendigo Stadium
- Saturday 19th March, AFL Central Vic Tournament, B Squad / 17&U @ Bendigo Stadium
- Saturday 26th March, vs Redan @ Ballarat (All teams)

Several new signings for our A Grade Squad this year, firstly we welcome Alicia Gladman, Chloe Gray, Olivia Mason and Claudia Griffiths. We have also welcomed new players to our B Squad; stay tuned for more details in next month's newsletter.

Alicia Gladman (McGlashan) comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience in the BFNL; being a six-time Kangaroo Flat A-Grade premiership star. Alicia has previously worked with Janelle over the years when at Kangaroo Flat and will also be reunited with her 2016 premiership team-mate, Jamie-Lee (Jimma) Clohesy who is also making a return to the court after a season off in 2021.

We welcome Chloe Gray, who has experience at state and VNL level, having previously played with the Casey Demons and has recently signed with the Southern Saints. Chloe was a member of the VIC 19/U squad in 2018 and in 2021 was a part of the mixed Victorian Squad and was named in the team of the year for RDFNL.

Olivia Mason joins the attack end, known for her shooting capabilities having played most of her netball with Shepparton Swans in the Goulbourn Valley League. Her achievements include an A Grade Best and Fairest and 17&U League Runner-Up Best and Fairest.

Claudia Griffiths is a very talented young player who joins our midcourt area from Donald, who at 17-years of age has won the A Grade League Best and Fairest Award in the North Central. She has also represented the North Central Netball Association.

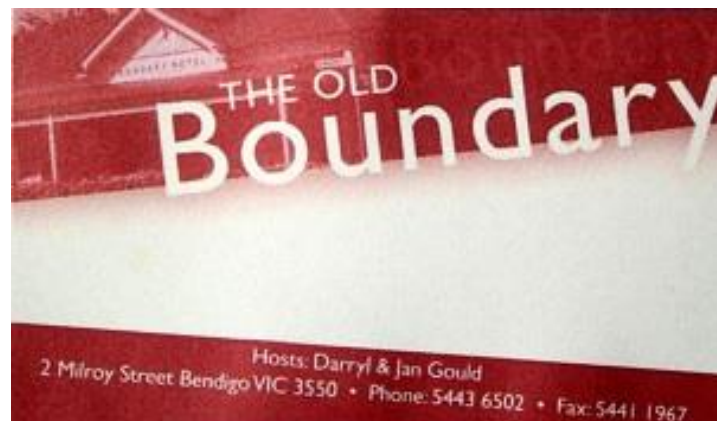
Shanya Bell has recently relocated to Bendigo from New South Wales and will join our defensive end; having a background of netball being involved in the Far West Academy and has played in several A Grade Premierships.



Amanda Walters
Netball Reporter

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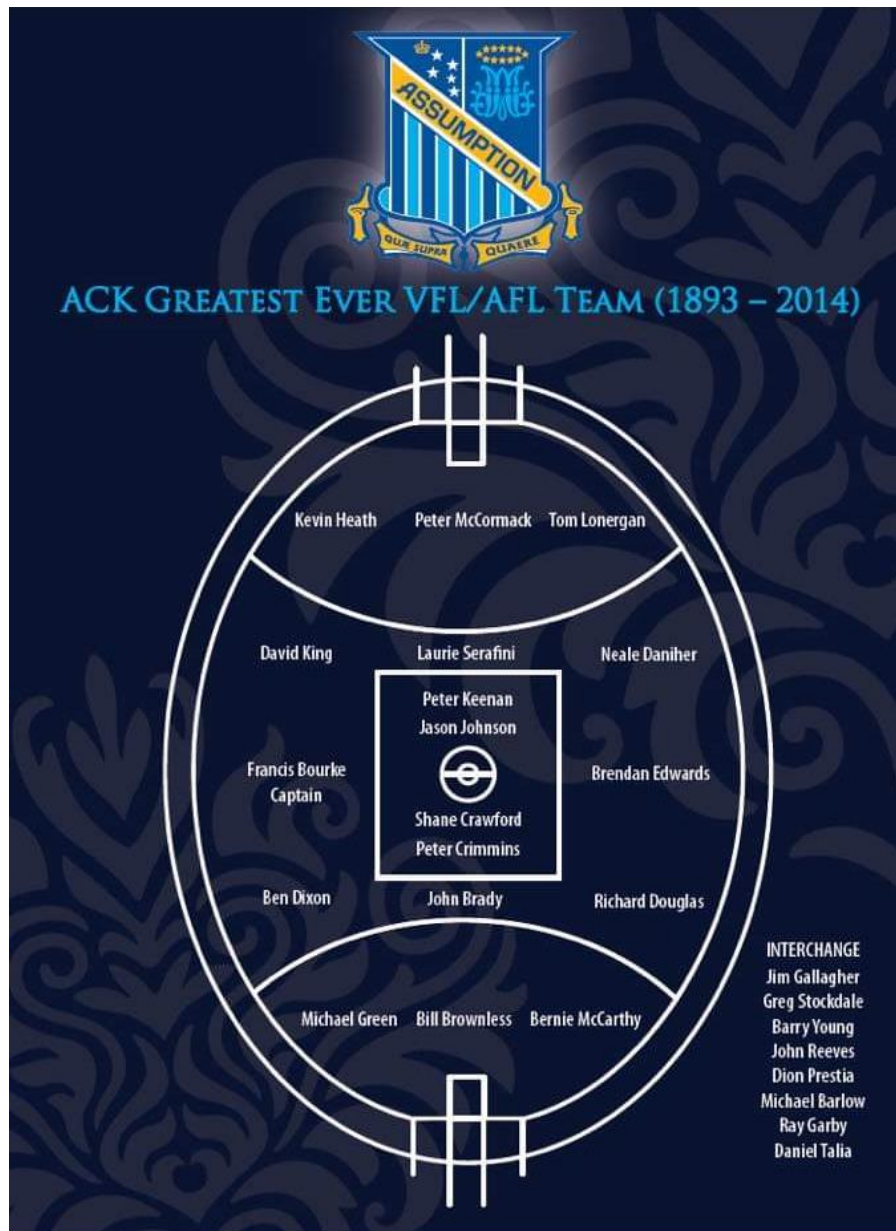
FOOTBALL

The picture below popped up on one of my Facebook footy feeds the other day and I noticed with some interest that our own Bernie McCarthy had been named in the star-studded Assumption College Kilmore's Greatest Ever VFL/AFL Team. If you look through the team you will see Bernie is in some elite company, a great accolade and one he is no doubt most worthy of.

Bernie McCarthy played 148 games with North Melbourne, kicking 80 goals across his AFL career, never taking less than 5 marks in any of those 148 matches.

Bernie was Captain and Coach of the Bloods for 5 years from 1972 to 1976. He won the League's Best & Fairest Michelson Medal in 1973 and led the Club to our 1974 Premiership victory over Sandhurst, being unanimously adjudged as the "Best on Ground" by all media commentators.

Indisputably one of South Bendigo FNC's greatest ever players also.



WHY IS IT SO?

The following question was raised by past player Noel Ridge

“Son Josh, a former player, was seen running laps at the QEO last night going the Sandhurst Way! What is the penalty?”

Seriously, what’s the origin of us going the clockwise way and Sandhurst the anticlockwise way when warming up?

Does anyone know when this started and why?”

In the subsequent email exchange that followed we also discussed the bizarre situation when, having run our laps, we would then train at the City end in front of the Sandhurst rooms and they would train at the Barnard Street end in front of ours!

For those of younger generations the above makes more sense when you understand that up until the 1980’s both clubs trained on the same nights at the QEO on half a ground, with us using the City end. Imagine major league teams trying to do that now.

The answer to the second question lies in the fact that the Sandhurst rooms were originally situated on “One Eye Hill”, not sure exactly where and although they later relocated to their current site under the grandstand at the City end they continued to use the Barnard Street end to train. Possibly of interest for those of you old enough to remember the old weatherboard visitors change rooms that were out at Golden Square, were those original Sandhurst rooms which had been relocated to Wade Street.

I spoke to some old past players from the 1950’s but they were unable to shed any light on the background as to why both clubs run laps in the opposite direction. If anybody does know the reason or history behind it I would love to hear from you.

I also had a discussion with Darren Lewis who wrote the history of Sandhurst “From Cardinals to Dragons: the history of the Sandhurst Football Netball Club, 1861 to 2012”. Darren was aware of this peculiarity but said the reason behind it had not come up in any of his research. However, having written quite a few football club histories and being a football historian with a wide knowledge of country clubs he did say that Sandhurst were the only club he was aware of that ran their laps anticlockwise, even at other locations where 2 clubs shared the same ground.

We always knew they were different ☺



Picture from a South Bendigo V Sandhurst match at the QEO in the 1950's
Sandhurst have been going “the wrong way” for a long time.

2021 FIXTURE

2022 BENDIGO FNL FIXTURE

**BENDIGO
FOOTBALL
NETBALL
LEAGUE**

ROUND 1

9TH APRIL

Kangaroo Flat v Maryborough
South Bendigo v Golden Square
Strathfieldsaye v Eaglehawk
Gisborne v Sandhurst
Castlemaine v Kyneton

ROUND 2 (EASTER WEEKEND)

15TH - 16TH APRIL

Eaglehawk v South Bendigo (Fri)
Sandhurst v Strathfieldsaye (Fri)
Maryborough v Castlemaine (Fri)
Kyneton v Gisborne (Fri) (N)
Golden Square v Kangaroo Flat (Sat)

ROUND 3 (ANZAC WEEKEND)

23RD APRIL

Kangaroo Flat v Eaglehawk
South Bendigo v Sandhurst
Strathfieldsaye v Kyneton
Gisborne v Castlemaine
Golden Square v Maryborough

ROUND 4

30TH APRIL

Sandhurst v Kangaroo Flat
Kyneton v South Bendigo
Castlemaine v Strathfieldsaye
Maryborough v Gisborne
Eaglehawk v Golden Square

ROUND 5

7TH MAY

Kangaroo Flat v Kyneton
South Bendigo v Castlemaine
Strathfieldsaye v Gisborne
Golden Square v Sandhurst
Maryborough v Eaglehawk

ROUND 6 (SPLIT ROUND)

14TH MAY

Castlemaine v Kangaroo Flat
Gisborne v South Bendigo
Strathfieldsaye v Maryborough
Kyneton v Golden Square

21ST MAY

Sandhurst v Eaglehawk

ROUND 7 (*INDIGENOUS RD)

28TH MAY

Kangaroo Flat v Gisborne
South Bendigo v Strathfieldsaye
Golden Square v Castlemaine
Eaglehawk v Kyneton
Maryborough v Sandhurst

ROUND 8

4TH JUNE

Strathfieldsaye v Kangaroo Flat
South Bendigo v Maryborough
Gisborne v Golden Square
Castlemaine v Eaglehawk
Kyneton v Sandhurst

ROUND 9 (QUEEN'S B'DAY)

11TH JUNE

Kangaroo Flat v South Bendigo
Golden Square v Strathfieldsaye
Eaglehawk v Gisborne
Sandhurst v Castlemaine
Maryborough v Kyneton

ROUND 10

18TH JUNE

Maryborough v Kangaroo Flat
Golden Square v South Bendigo
Eaglehawk v Strathfieldsaye
Sandhurst v Gisborne
Kyneton v Castlemaine

ROUND 11

25TH JUNE

Kangaroo Flat v Golden Square
South Bendigo v Eaglehawk
Strathfieldsaye v Sandhurst
Gisborne v Kyneton
Castlemaine v Maryborough

GENERAL BYE

JULY 2ND

ROUND 12

9TH JULY

Eaglehawk v Kangaroo Flat
Sandhurst v South Bendigo
Kyneton v Strathfieldsaye
Castlemaine v Gisborne
Maryborough v Golden Square

ROUND 13

16TH JULY

Kangaroo Flat v Sandhurst
South Bendigo v Kyneton
Strathfieldsaye v Castlemaine
Gisborne v Maryborough
Golden Square v Eaglehawk

ROUND 14

23RD JULY

Kyneton v Kangaroo Flat
Castlemaine v South Bendigo
Gisborne v Strathfieldsaye
Sandhurst v Golden Square
Eaglehawk v Maryborough

ROUND 15

30TH JULY

Kangaroo Flat v Castlemaine
South Bendigo v Gisborne
Maryborough v Strathfieldsaye
Golden Square v Kyneton
Eaglehawk v Sandhurst

ROUND 16

6TH AUGUST

Gisborne v Kangaroo Flat
Strathfieldsaye v South Bendigo
Castlemaine v Golden Square
Kyneton v Eaglehawk
Sandhurst v Maryborough

ROUND 17

13TH AUGUST

Kangaroo Flat v Strathfieldsaye
Maryborough v South Bendigo
Golden Square v Gisborne
Eaglehawk v Castlemaine
Sandhurst v Kyneton

ROUND 18

20TH AUGUST

South Bendigo v Kangaroo Flat
Strathfieldsaye v Golden Square
Gisborne v Eaglehawk
Castlemaine v Sandhurst
Kyneton v Maryborough

FINALS SERIES

QUALIFYING FINAL

27th August

ELIMINATION FINAL

28th August

2ND SEMI FINAL

3rd September

1ST SEMI FINAL

4th September

PRELIMINARY FINAL

10th September

GRAND FINAL

17th September



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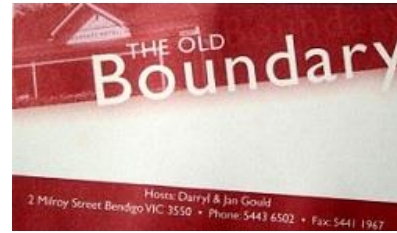
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