



NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTH BENDIGO FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

October 2019 Edition

Welcome to your October 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.

2019 HIGH ACHIEVERS

During the 2019 the Club continued its steady improvement towards long overdue success in the Bendigo Football Netball League. While at the senior level the ultimate goal of team success alluded us, there were a significant number of team and individual achievements that warranted recognition.



JANELLE HOBBS

Janelle's contribution to our club has been immense since her appointment as Director of Netball Coaching and the A Grade coach in 2018.

In season 2019 four of our five netball sides made the finals and in A Grade for the first time in 18 years!

Results that speak for themselves



NATHAN HORBURY

Nathan's first year as coach was challenging with a massive injury epidemic seeing 42 players selected for the senior side across the year.

Despite this "hurdle" Nathan got the absolute best out of a very young playing group, winning 3 of the last 4 games, losing only to Strathfieldsaye. The young Bloods kicked the second highest points total scored against the eventual premiers, underlining the massive potential in the side.

On personal level Nathan achieved interleague honours as well as being selected in the AFL Vic Country Representative side.





UNDER 14 RESERVES

Under Coach Shaun Leach the South Bendigo Junior Football Club's Under 14 Reserves 2 side were the BJFL 2019 Premiers in their Division. The future looks bright



JUNIOR NETBALL 1B RESERVES TOMLINS

won their Section Grand Final, scoring 38 goals to defeat Girton Gold 33 with a great come from behind win and a massive last quarter (15-5)! Well done girls!



JUNIOR NETBALL 3C BAKER

41 goals defeated Zodiacs Sagittarius 23 in their Section Grand Final in a win that cemented their dominance this season! An awesome effort girls!





CHLOE LANGLEY

While still eligible for Under 17's Grade Chloe has had an outstanding year; winning the BFNL Netball Rising Star Award, our Clubs A Grade Netball Best & Fairest and, as a sideline, was a premiership player with her City West Falcons team winning the Victorian Netball League U19 Grand Final



Photo: AFL Central Vic

AMANDA WALTERS

A Reserve Captain Amanda Walters franked her great season by winning the League's A Reserve Grade Best & Fairest Award.

A well deserved honour for a great South Bendigo person



Photo: AFL Central Vic



MADDY TOWNSEND & TASH ROWE

Recognition for outstanding contributions were recently acknowledged through the annual AFL Central Vic Awards with;

Natasha Rowe being awarded the 2019 Auskick Coordinator of the Year for her great work with the South Bendigo Auskick Centre and

Maddy Townsend being awarded the 2019 Female Coach of the Year for South Bendigo Junior Football Club Under 15 Girls



TIA DAVIDGE

Congratulations to South Bendigo Junior Football Club Under 15 Girls player Tia Davidge who represented AFL Central Victoria in the 2019 V/Line Cup Under 15 Carnival.

Tia's stand out performances across the carnival matches saw her selected in the 2019 V/Line Cup Team of the Carnival.



BRAYDEN FERGUSON

Brayden added a Bendigo Junior Football League best & Fairest medal to his premiership medallion when he won the 2019 Under 14 Reserves 2 BJFL Best & Fairest Award, polling a sensational 33 votes

Well done Brayden an outstanding effort



Photo: AFL Central Vic



JAKE SMYTHE & RESERVES FOOTBALL SIDE

A great effort in a year racked by injury that at times made it hard to field 18 players, even with 4 or 5 Under 18's players doubling up to make numbers. Our Reserves side coached by Jake Smythe not only made the finals but won their way through to a Grand Final from an Elimination final position. While falling just short in the last game of the year, their performance epitomised the Clubs value of being the best you can be.



2019 BEST & FAIREST VOTE COUNT & PRESENTATION NIGHT

The 2019 Best and Fairest vote count and presentation night was held in our Social Rooms at the QEO on Thursday 26th September, the night before the AFL Grand Final public holiday. As always it was great night to wind up and celebrate the season that was and to recognise those players who had enjoyed top individual performances on the netball court and on the footy field.

Brody Haddow won his second consecutive Club Best & Fairest while young gun and BFNL 2019 Rising Star Chloe Langley took out the A Grade Netball Award to add to her stellar season. For all the 2019 award winners refer to the respective football and netball segments in the newsletter.



Brody Haddow, 2019 Senior Football Best & Fairest
Photo: AFL Central Vic

Jenny Arnold, a long time supporter and tireless worker at the Club was awarded the Perpetual Vin Fitzgerald Award for her contribution to the Club over many years. A very worthy recipient of the Bloods Best Club Person for 2019.



Jenny Arnold, 2019 Vin Fitzgerald Award for Best Club Person
Photo: Bendigo Advertiser

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

NETBALL

Wow! What a year it has been for South Bendigo Netball Club. 2019 saw our Netball Operations Manager, Melissa Dillon, and Director of Coaching, Janelle Hobbs, return to steer the ship for what turned out to be an extremely successful season.

2019 ended with four of our five teams making finals. Our U17, B Grade, A Reserve and A Grade all took the court in September, with it being the first time in 18 years South Bendigo A Grade have done so. This is a huge achievement and one that our club is extremely proud of. We are particularly proud of our B Grade girls who made it all the way to the Preliminary Final, only going down by 4 points. This shows the direction in which our Netball club is heading and has only made everyone hungrier for the 2020 season!

Our Annual Club Presentation Night saw a number of deserving award winners both on and off the court. The following players received awards for their efforts and commitment throughout the 2019 season...

A Grade

Best & Fairest: Chloe Langley
Best & Fairest Runners Up: Jamie-Lee Clohesy & Molly Johnston
Best In Finals: Stephanie Goode
Coaches Award: Chloe Adams

A Reserve:

Best & Fairest: Emily Bakes
Best & Fairest Runners Up: Amanda Walters
Best In Finals: Amanda Walters
Coaches Award: Sarah Appleby

B Grade:

Best & Fairest: Paige Campbell
Best & Fairest Runners Up: Zoe Johnston
Best In Finals: Paige Campbell & Anabelle Conway
Coaches Award: Tegan Maddern

B Reserve:

Best & Fairest: Matisse Appleby
Best & Fairest Runners Up: Alex Crouch
Coaches Award: Jessie Cliff

17 & Under:

Best & Fairest: Carissa Brook
Best & Fairest Runners Up: Jeanette Sauni Ross
Most Improved: Kasey Button
Best In Finals: Morgan McLennan
Coaches Award: Morgan McLennan

This year also saw the introduction of the *Andy and Maryanne Barret Award* which recognises the commitment and work of one particular Clubwoman to South Bendigo Netball Club. On behalf of the entire football/netball club, we would like to say a huge Congratulations to Melissa Dillon, the first ever recipient of this prestigious award. Melissa, or 'Dils' as she is known around the club, has worked tirelessly at the head of our Netball club for a number of years now as a coach, player and Netball Operations Manager. We cannot think of anyone more deserving of this award. Congratulations Dils!

We also had two of our exceptionally talented netballers take out awards at the League Best and Fairest Night. A huge CONGRATULATIONS to Amanda Walters and Chloe Langley! Amanda, our A Reserve Captain won the *Jenny Holborn Award* for A Reserve League B&F while Chloe, our A Grade GS, won the League *Rising Star Award* for 2019. The club is extremely proud of you girls. You are stars both on and off the court

Congratulations to the following players who reached Milestone Games this Season. Your loyalty to the club does not go unnoticed

- 100 Games – Stephanie Greene and Paige Stephenson
- 50 Games – Emily Bakes, Morgan McLennan and Hayley McLeod

We can't wait to see what Season 2020 brings for our netball club. We have no doubt it will be our biggest and best season yet! Go Bloods.



Chloe Langley, 2019 A Grade Netball Best & Fairest
Photo: AFL Central Vic



Emily Bakes, 2019 A Reserve Netball Best & Fairest
Photo: AFL Central Vic

JUNIOR NETBALL

Well, here we are at the end of another season!

Thank you to all our players – it was great to see you all improve your skills over the course of the season.

To our parents, families and supporters – and especially our team namesakes – thank you for supporting our teams and helping out when required.

A big thank you to our Coaches, Team Managers and Team Carers who all donated their time to make sure our children were able to get on the court each week.

You have all done a wonderful job over the season.

And finally, a huge thank you to our hard-working Committee – another group of hard-working, energetic and dedicated people who do a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes.

BSNA Winter-Season Finals

It was a great season for the junior netball club with 6 of our 16 teams competing in the BSNA winter-season finals. Our Section 1B Reserve Tomlins and Section 3C Baker teams came out premiers for their divisions. Congratulations girls – you all played magnificently and were very deserving winners.



Section 1B Reserve Tomlins



Section 3C Baker

2019 Presentation Night

We had a great night for our annual awards presentation. Over 200 players, family members, team sponsors and team namesakes turned out for our 'night of nights'! Our Grade 3 and Grade 5 netballers were presented with a medal to acknowledge their enthusiastic participation during the season. Awards in all other sections 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 netballer 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 – this award is voted on by the coach for the player who shows the most commitment, motivation, enthusiasm and effort over the season.

Our sincere congratulations to all our award winners!



G3 – Team Bruhn

Team Namesake: Marg Bruhn
 Team Sponsor: Cool Ice and Fishing
 Coach: Kate Hardinge
 Team Manager: Rachel Voege
 Team Carer: Jenny Pinniger

G5 – Team Chapman

Team Namesake: Maree Chapman
 Team Sponsor: Libertine Florist
 Coaches: Chloe Harding, Jordyn Aldred
 Team Manager: Stephanie Jaghan
 Team Carer: David Cini



G6 – Team Bakes

Team Namesakes: Mary and Jane Bakes
 Team Sponsor: Hume & Iser/Mitre 10
 Coach: Drew Drummond
 Team Manager: Ash Morales
 B&F and MVP: Mabel Dingle
 Coach's Award: Evelyn Farr

G6 – Team Hiatt

Team Namesake: Marie Hiatt
Team Sponsor: MacDonald Electrical
Coaches: Chloe Harding, Jordyn Aldred
Team Manager: Jane McCaig
Team Carer: Anna Feiss
B&F: Ruby Christensen
MVP: Annalise Leed
Coach's Award: Mary Worley



13/UB – Team Barrett

Team Namesake: Marianne Barrett
Team Sponsor: Athletes Foot
Coach: Sheridan Hall
Team Manager: Tam Marwood
Team Carer: Maria Kilmartin
B&F: Lucy Hall
MVP and Coach's Award: Sammy



13/UB – Team Symons

Team Namesake: Maureen Symons
Team Sponsor: Bendigo Heritage
Coaches: Marita Eddy, Katrina Sparrow
Team Manager: Eleasa Storey
Team Carer: Belinda Smith
B&F: Bella Eddy
MVP: Abby Sparrow
Coach's Award: Imogen Smith





13/UA – Team Brown

Team Namesake: Fran Brown
 Team Sponsor: Mint Signs
 Coach: Sharee Whiteacre
 Team Manager: Kristie Miller
 Team Carer: Trine Gee
 B&F: William Whiteacre
 MVP and Coach's Award: Elise Long

Section 4 – Team Leech

Team Namesake: Pam Leech
 Team Sponsor: Bicknells Intersports
 Coaches: Andrea Ratcliffe, Lainey Wall
 Team Manager: Matthew Wall
 Team Carer: Belinda Parker
 B&F and MVP: Laila Day
 Coach's Award: Dervla Parker



Section 4 – Team Symes

Team Namesake: Debbie Symes
 Team Sponsor: Golden Reef Motor Inn
 Coach: Nicole Georgeson
 Team Manager: Cris Stanway
 Team Carer: Kylie Hetheron
 B&F and MVP: Isabelle Gray
 Coach's Award: Tyra Brauer





Section 3C – Team Baker

Team Namesake: Raylene Baker
 Team Sponsor: Jackal Fencing
 Coach: Kristy Darroch
 Team Manager: Katie Richmond
 Team Carer: Tess Mansfield
 B&F: Gabrielle Dean
 MVP: Brianna Swift
 Coach's Award: Eliza Richmond



Section 3B (Reserve) – Team Walker

Namesake: Ruby Walker
 Team Sponsor: National Hotel Complex
 Team Coach: Haley Aldred
 Team Manager: Tania Russell
 Team Carer: Jacinta Brindle
 B&F Ava Brindle
 MVP: Grace Broderick
 Coach's Award: Ella Russell



Section 3B – Team Wastell

Team Namesakes: Kristy, Kate and Jodie
 Wastell
 Team Sponsor: Debbie's Deli
 Coach: Felicia Eldridge
 Team Manager: Dorinda Wallace-Felini
 Team Carer: Nadine Robertson
 B&F Ellie Thompson
 MVP: Felicity Daly
 Coach's Award: Kaitlyn Felini

Section 3A – Team Connaughton

Team Namesake: Justine Connaughton
Team Sponsor: Poyser Trucks
Coach: Maddy Townsend
Team Manager: Nerissa Fry
Team Carer: Marilyn Draper
B&F: Courtney Gooch
MVP: Taylah Murphy
Coach's Award: Jorja Sheean



Section 2B – Team Dillon

Team Namesake: Mel Dillon
Team Sponsor: Power's Country Express
Coach: Kym Bell
Team Manager: Jenelle Seaward
Team Carer: Sharon Hocking
B&F and Coach's Award: Abbey Seaward
MVP: Lucia Painter

Section 2A – Team Arnold

Team Namesake: Jenny Arnold
Team Sponsor: El Gordo
Coach: Chad Aldred
Team Manager: Michelle Forrester
Team Carer: Annie Bentley
B&F: Lila Keck
MVP and Coach's Award: Amelie Ryan



Section 1B (Reserve) – Team Tomlins

Team Namesake: Emma Tomlins
Team Sponsor: Bendigo Hair and Beauty
Coaches: Amanda Walters, Zoe Sheean,
Steph Greene
Team Manager: Jannelle Hobbs
B&F and MVP: Georgia Warne
Coach's Award: Lucy Holmberg

Twilight Netball

We have ten teams competing 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! Good luck to all our teams for the Twilight Season.

Net Set Go

We are very excited to host another Net Set Go Program in Term 4! We have had a great response and are expecting close to 30 energetic and enthusiastic 5 - 8-year-olds to come along and join in the fun.

Planning for the 2020 Season

With the 2019 Winter Season barely behind us, the Junior Netball Committee has been very busy planning for 2020! Our registration, grading and selection process has undergone an extensive review and we are very excited to start rolling this out in the coming weeks! Keep an eye out for the details to ensure you are across the changes.



South Bendigo Junior Netball Club

2020 Players Register of Interest now open

Grades 3, 4, 5, 6 * 13/Under * Open Sections

Grading for 13/U & Open sections to be held mid-November
Register of Interest closes 1st November 2019
No late registrations will be accepted

 **South Bendigo FNC**

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FOOTBALL NEWS



Season 2019 got off to a pretty good start after a solid pre-season, some promising results in the practice matches and a good group of young players with new coach Nathan Horbury at the helm.

Our first game against Maryborough showed that we had a game plan that could take us forward although it also demonstrated that with many young sides, consistency of effort could be a problem. The next game against last year's Premiers Eaglehawk at their ground was going to be a challenge and although our first half was promising we weren't able to cover the loss of one of our best key position players in Daniel Nalder who suffered a season ending knee injury.

It became an issue that was to plague us for the rest of the season where the number of unavailable players due to injury in some weeks had the coaches scrambling for players. With forty three players on our list lining up for a least one senior eighteen game it would be easy to make excuses for some of our poorer efforts however with a couple of exceptions we proved competitive against the stronger sides proving the commitment to the game style demanded by our coaches was our best long term investment.

The opportunity provided to a number of young Under 18 players such as Will Tobin, Conner Robertson and Riley Osborne along with the exposure of senior games to Mitch Goodwin, Braydan Torpey, Andy Vanhuelman and others was bearing fruit which was evident in our games at the tail end of the year.

The experience and durability of Brady Childs, Tommy Brereton, Kaiden Antonowicz and another outstanding year by Brody Haddow, all of whom were amongst a small group who played every game in the Seniors and continued to be great role models for our younger group.

The Reserves group were very ably led by Jacob Smythe who started the year with a quality list and numbers that included a number of players returning to the club such as Brian Westley, Adam Williams and Deon Jones. Injuries to the senior eighteen would mean that many games Smythe would be scrambling to field a side and without the efforts of a number of Thirds backing up we would have struggled to put a team on the ground. Despite these mid-season issues, we knew that the quality was there and given the opportunity they would prove to be good enough to play off in the Grand Final, the first football GF for the club in a number of years. Although it was not to be theirs on the big day the lads made us all proud with their efforts going down to a star-studded Strathfieldsaye side.

Outside of the regular season we had Bendigo league representation from coach Nathan and Callum Crisp in the winning Senior side against the Outer East League with Will Tobin playing a key role in the successful Under Eighteen Bendigo side. Nathan went on to be named in the best players in the AFL Vic Country side's win against the Amateurs, a fantastic acknowledgement of the quality player he is. Nathan Newlan was a very close runner up in the Allan McDonald Medal for the League reserves B&F, an honour he has won on three previous occasions, a fantastic achievement.

In our Best and Fairest awards for 2019 co-Captain Brody Haddow has achieved back-to-back victories in the Club's senior footy best and fairest award.

He joins many of South Bendigo's greats as a dual winner of the club champion award.

Runner-up for the senior footy best and fairest was the skilful Tom Brereton who racked up plenty of possessions through midfield or from a half-back.

Goalkeeper Callum Crisp earned the most consistent award in a season where he represented the Bendigo FNL in its AFL Community Championships victory against AFL Outer East.

Coach Nathan Horbury presented the coaches award to Cameron Taggart.

The Tom Harrington Memorial most improved award went to key defender Andrew Vanheumen.

Restricted to just nine senior matches because of injury, co-captain Zac Hare still had a major impact off-field and earned the best clubman award for the senior team.

It was also back-to-back goalkicking wins for Kaiden Antonowicz on a season tally of 69 after a haul of 76 earned him the Ron Best Medal as the league's leading goal kicker last year.

Best and fairest for our reserves team was Nathan Newlan, who was also runner-up for the Alan McDonald Medal in the league's B&F awards.

Nathan played a key role in our charge to the grand final where we just fell short against Strathfieldsaye.

Josh McLeod was runner-up for the Bloods' reserves team champion award with Cohen Balnaves being awarded most consistent.

Coach Jacob Smyth presented the coaches award to Club stalwart Blood Brad Wright.

The under-18s best and fairest was won by Darcy Radford from Kyle Simpson.

The Osborne twins, Riley and Declan also marked fine seasons with Riley named most consistent, and Declan earning the team's best clubman award.

South Bendigo FNC awards for the 2019 season:

Seniors:

Best and fairest: Brody Haddow. Runner-up: Tom Brereton. Most consistent: Callum Crisp. Coaches award: Cameron Taggart. Tom Harrington Memorial, most improved: Andrew Vanheumen. Best clubman: Zac Hare. Goalkicking: Kaiden Antonowicz.

Reserves:

Best and fairest: Nathan Newlan. Runner-up: Josh McLeod. Most consistent: Cohen Balnaves. Coaches award: Brad Wright. Most improved: Mitchell Hore. Goalkicking: Adam Williams.

Under-18s:

Best and fairest: Darcy Radford. Runner-up: Kyle Simpkins. Most consistent: Riley Osborne. Coaches award: Liam Jacobs. Most improved: Thomas St Clair. Best clubman: Declan Osborne. Goalkicking: Thomas St Clair.

I'd like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of a few people this year;

- Mick Easton for his work with the Under Eighteen players who may not have had the on field success but I'm sure benefited from Mick's experience and commitment to improvement evident in the teams improved performances this year.
- Jake Smyth, who really managed the Reserves side so well through the year and provided great on field leadership through the year. Although we didn't lift the cup on the final day, your efforts to get us there was a fantastic achievement.
- Our Senior Coaching team of Nathan, Aaron Connaughton and Neale Torpey, a great effort evident in the growth of our players through the year which I'm sure we will see in the seasons ahead.

- To the Team managers and other support staff, Ozzy, Gazza, Robbo and Johnny Stewart, great stuff
- To Mel, Janelle and the netballers congratulations on a fantastic year with huge strides made and more to come
- To Al and the committee, thanks for the opportunity and the comradeship
- Ian Connaughton, with whom I shared this role, thanks for the great support you have provided and for making it such a great environment
- and lastly on behalf of Ian and I, to Nathan and the players who we get to see develop and grow both as footballers and as people every week and share in the history of this great club.

Gary Bath
Football Operations Manager



2019 Club B&F Runner Up Tom Brereton who had a fine season
Photo: Bendigo Advertiser



Ruckman Callum Crisp rated as the Club's Most Consistent Player in 2019
Photo: Bendigo Advertiser



JUNIOR FOOTBALL

The 2019 Season has been another successful season both on and off the pitch for the Jnr division. Success can be measured in lots of ways not just “winning the flag”. Outside of on field victories it’s important for us to deliver a safe, friendly and supportive atmosphere where our budding footballers can grow and develop their skills as well become “nice people”.

Our committee made the conscious decision to play two under 12 and Under 14 sides which required a large number of players to “Play Up” an age throughout the year. We feel that in the long term playing at a higher standard will help them become better players, while allowing different age players to intermingle more also assists in personal growth. The downside of this was some heavy losses at times but we are confident that each and every one of those teams are better for the experience.

The U10 side was a true development side with a number of U9’s playing up while several U10 eligible players played U12 football. We now have a great core of players that have experienced playing at a higher level and the returns from this will be seen in 2020 and 2021. We have quite a large group of U10 players who played U12 football and will be eligible for U12 football for another two years. Just imagine where they will be in 2021.

Our two under 12 sides both performed admirably just missing out on finals but more importantly the players enjoyed training as a squad and quite a few boys played some U14 football. It was fantastic to see the skill level improvement by all players thru the year and we look forward to an even better year in 2020.

On field our U14 Reserves side had a fantastic win over the previously undefeated Maryborough in the first round of finals. They went on to win the Grand Final to cap off a fantastic year. A big thanks to this entire squad as these results were only possible thanks to the combined effort of the players coaches and managers in both U14 teams.

Our U15 girls also made the Grand Final and should be proud of their effort despite losing to a Sandhurst side that hasn’t lost a game in the last few years. I would encourage these girls to front up for U18 football next year. You are good enough to play at this level and your club needs you to be leaders in the Girls football space.

Our U16 team was all about development this year with coach John Barilari working hard to build a team out of a group of players from 4 different clubs and only 3 top age players. The improvement from Round 1 to the last round was incredible and to witness the bonding of a group of kids who hardly new each other into a team over the season was exceptional. On current numbers we hope to return to two U16 sides next year and will have the benefit of 15-20 top age players.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Coaches, Managers, Game Day Volunteers and our super hard-working committee for all your work this year. Also, a big thanks to our 160 plus players who have represented South Bendigo so admirably. We are developing great footballers and more importantly “nice people”.

On a personal note after 3 years as President of the Junior Football I will be stepping down from that role. I am excited what our incoming President Shaun Langdon brings to our club and have no doubt the hard work of the last 3 years will only be continued.

While not wanting to miss anyone out and apologies if I do. I’d like to thank some key people from the last 3 years. My wife Siobhan who has done more hours for the club in the last 5 years than anyone I know. Thanks Siobhan. Mick Sheill who has also spent the best part of 5 years on the committee. Mick has done a power of work in the Football Operations and coaching space. Thanks Mick see you in Senior Footy!! Natasha Rowe has worn many hats

from Auskick Co Ordinator, team manager to committee member. Finally, this year Nicole Georgeson as Secretary and Dustin Lavery Registrar extraordinaire and team Manager. Thanks so much to each and everyone of you.

Shaun Langdon has already got some new faces for our committee and I would encourage anyone thinking about getting involved to contact Shaun. Its is great fun to be actively involved in your football club. I plan to continue to have an active role in the club in 2020. Watch this space!

Gareth Tawton
Junior Football President

Grade	Best & Fairest	Runner Up	Most Determined	Most Improved	Coaches Award
U15 Girls	Tia Davidge (147 votes)	Octavia Di Donato (136 votes)	Charlize Bake	Montana Biggs	Asha Coulson
U13 Girls	Sienna Hobbs (129 votes)	Michelle Liberty Vanzuyden (107 votes)	Maya Langdon	Mabel Dingle	Jordan Korp
U16	Jack McArthur (128 votes)	Xavier Dole (103 votes)	Taighe Blandthorn	Zandyr Barilari	Denzel Cooper
U14 (1)	Bradyn Ferguson (193 votes)	Declan Lavery (66 votes)	James Pringle	Reece Mitchell	Lincon Hocking
U14 (2)	Izack Brown (77 votes)	Xavier Thomas (75 votes)	Kade Kalms	Aaron Cheng	Tate Adie
U12 (1)	Angus Martin (107 votes)	Liam Westerway (81 votes)	Gerhitt Uren	Kayden Ramachandra	Ben Lockett
U12 (2)	Liam Fyffe (108 votes)	Frasier Holden (106 votes)	Luca Trezise	Jack Troy	Lachlan Bray

Graeme Wright Memorial Award: Jack McArthur

Junior Football Volunteer of the Year: Dustin Lavery

SNAPS FROM THE SIDELINES

Junior Finals



JUNIOR GIRLS FOOTBALL

The under 15 girls have just finished their second season, with some players only joining this year we were lucky enough to click as a team early and start playing some great games from round 1. With 8 teams in the competition now and girls footy growing rapidly we were all excited to see how the year would go. We had finals as our goal from the very beginning, after losing our first final last year the girls were determined to make sure that didn't happen again and were eager to go further into September.

As the year unfolded we spent majority of the season sitting in second place but then lost a match late in the year to finish the home and away season in third place. We lost four games for the season; three to Sandhurst, the competition's runaway ladder leaders, and one to Strathfieldsaye late in the year. This fired the girls up for our first final where we met Strathfieldsaye in the elimination final at Weeroona Oval. The girls played one of their strongest games for the year coming away with a 49-8 win. This gave us one week off and then saw us face the second Strathfieldsaye team in the competition in the preliminary final. This was a much closer game and the girls had to show a lot of character and fight to pull this win off. With the scores level with minutes to go we kicked a goal to take the final score to 21-27. This game was a huge highlight of our season, a hard fought win to earn us a spot in the grand final against a tough opposition in Sandhurst. Unfortunately the girls couldn't pull off the win for the grand final, but win, lose or draw we were so happy to be in the grand final and to be able to experience that. A huge thank you to everyone who came out and supported the girls during the finals series.

The night of our grand final we had the opportunity to get together as a group again for the junior football presentation night. Our award winners for the night were Tia Davidge, who took out our best and fairest as well as coming second overall in the league vote count. She also had an incredible year with her goal kicking coming second in the league finishing on 61 goals.

Our runner up best and fairest was our captain Octavia Di Donato who had an amazing year, Octavia was constantly in our best players each week gave her all. She also represented Victoria in Tasmania during the year.

My coaches award went to Asha Coulson who had a really consistent year mostly playing in the back line she provided voice and direction and was able to lift her teammates whenever she needed too.

Most determined went to Charli Bake who worked really hard on improving her game and really stepped up her tackling and defensive pressure. Each week Charli was committed at training and pushed through the second half of the year with injuries to still be out there each week playing the best she could.

Finally, most improved went to Montana Biggs who played her first year this year, coming to us in preseason, Montana had never played footy before and she finished the year as one of our strongest midfield players. She continuously runs and pushes herself each game and improved out of sight as the year went on.

A big congratulations to all of the girls, and a big thank you to all parents and other helpers that were involved in such a successful and enjoyable year on and off the field for the under 15 girls.

Maddy Townsend
Coach Under 15 Junior Girls



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Under 15 Junior Girls – Runners up in Season 2019



FIXTURE & RESULTS

ELIMINATION FINAL: 1st September at the QEO

Football

	Seniors	Reserves	U18's
South Bendigo		14.17-101	
Golden Square		4.9-33	

Netball

	A Grade	A Reserve	B Grade	B Reserve	U17's
South Bendigo	33	25	43		50
Eaglehawk	45	41			52
Gisborne			33		

1st SEMI FINAL: 8th September at the QEO

Football

	Seniors	Reserves	U18's
South Bendigo		12.4-76	
Gisborne		5.9-39	

Netball

	A Grade	A Reserve	B Grade	B Reserve	U17's
South Bendigo			37		
Golden Square			35		

PRELIMINARY FINAL: 14th September at the QEO

Football

	Seniors	Reserves	U18's
South Bendigo		10.10-70	
Eaglehawk		9.5-59	

Netball

	A Grade	A Reserve	B Grade	B Reserve	U17's
South Bendigo			33		
Sandhurst			37		

GRAND FINAL: 21st September at the QEO

Football

	Seniors	Reserves	U18's
South Bendigo		7.6-48	
Strathfieldsaye		12.7-79	

Netball

	A Grade	A Reserve	B Grade	B Reserve	U17's
South Bendigo					



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