

# BULLDOGS BARK

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE AVOCA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

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**Football Netball Club**

## Welcome to Season 2012!

The Avoca Football Netball Club is excited to release its first edition of "Bulldogs Bark" the official newsletter of the Club which aims to keep our players, sponsors, members and the Avoca community well informed about our activities and performance on and off the field. The newsletter will be distributed 4 times throughout the season, so look out for in your letterbox over the coming months.

Season 2012 is off to a flying start with the appointment of a dynamic Executive Committee who have worked hard to secure the services of skilled locals to take on the challenging task of coaching the football and netball teams for the year.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bob Farnsworth is leading the Club this year as President and has a great team around him, including Graeme Howell as Vice President, Luke Calder as Secretary, Russell Elliot as Treasurer, Craig Salmon as Football Manager and Bill Drummond as Netball Manager. The Committee has been working tirelessly to improve the Club structure and its processes and protocols.

### COACHING STAFF

Heading up the coaching staff for 2012 is Adrian Pilgrim, as senior football coach supported by Lachie Edwards as his assistant. 'Pilgs' as he affectionately known around the club, has stepped into the roll this year after being part of the leadership group within the senior team over the last few years and his excited about the season ahead with his young but committed and determined list.

Mark 'Macca' McLay is leading the Reserves football team this year and they have been working hard in the pre-season to firm up their lineup.

Jason & Brian Walkley have the task of coaching our U 17 football side and Craig Salmon leads the U 15 team. Training kicked off for the juniors sides in March with really good numbers and plenty of enthusiasm.

The A grade netball coach is Nic Wardlaw this year and she is supported by Colleen Soursby and Sarah Neil as B & C coaches. The girls have some unfinished business this year and are looking forward to taking on last years top 3 teams to settle the score.

The junior netball teams are settling into a new program for 2102 with Ally Ellis coaching the U17 side, Sarah Neil coaching the U15 side Col Soursby coaching our newest team - the U13 side.

With the recent inclusion of new training gear for both footballers and netballers, the Club is looking like a really professional outfit for this season.



### STOP PRESS...

SEASON 2012 OFF TO A FLYER!

Avoca won the Geoff Calder Memorial Trophy after a very successful season opener against Dunolly on the 21st of April. With great wins to the Senior, U17 and U15 Footballers and A, B, U15 & U13 Netballers, Avoca secured the trophy for 2012.

Make sure you head to our website for all the details of the results.

### 2012 MCDNFL Fixture

21 April	Round 1	Away V Dunolly
28 April	Round 2	Away V Lexton
5 May	Round 3	Home V Talbot
12 May	Round 4	Home V Newstead
19 May	Round 5	Away V Harcourt
Interleague Horsham DFNL (at Princess Park in Maryborough)		
2 June	Round 6	Home V Trentham (split round)
9 June	Round 6	Bye (Queens Birthday)
16 June	Round 7	Away V Natte Bealiba
23 June	Round 8	Home V Maldon
30 June	Round 9	Away V Campbells Creek
8 July	Round 10	Away V Navarre – (Sunday)
4 July	Round 11	Home V Royal Park
22 July	Round 12	Home V Maryborough Rovers (Sunday)
28 July	Round 13	Home V Carisbrook
4 Aug	Round 14	Bye
11 Aug	Round 14	Away V Trentham – split round
18 Aug	Round 15	Away V Talbot
25 Aug	Round 16	Home V Natte Bealiba

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## New Recruits

There have been a number of new faces make their way to the Kennel for 2012. The Football club has the secured the following players to date:

Toby Beavis from Natte Bealiba FNC	Dale James from Natte FNC
Tristin Clark from Carisbrook FNC	Jack Shay from Natte FNC
Adam Farrell from South Bendigo FNC	Brent Watson from St Arnaud
Paul Hamilton from Carisbrook FNC	
Beau Ketchen from Illabarook FNC	
Gearad Maher from SWM Rovers FNC	
Paul Martland from Ballarat FNC	
Shaun Orr from Newcombe FNC	
Brad Schiltz from Illabarook FNC	
David Stewart from SWM Rovers FNC	
Alec Wiltshire from Lake Wendouree FNC	
John Bucknall from Natte FNC	
Hugh Bucknall from University Blues	
Tristin & Nick Clark from Carisbrook FNC	
Jordan Edwards from Maryborough	

The netball club has also recruited well, with Caitlin Mason joining the ranks and a number of familiar faces putting dress back on including Cassie Moser, Steph Wardlaw, Sally Wardlaw, Gemma Bastin and Kylie Gollop to name a few. Welcome back girls!

## Flood Recovery Update

Flood recovery work at our home ground (the Avoca Public Park) has been significant over the past 12 months, but we are pleased to report that works are almost complete. The new netball court looks fantastic and the tennis courts have just been upgraded as well to match our club colours on the netball court. Works are still planned for the club rooms, including a kitchen upgrade along with replacing damaged internal walls and roofing and this is planned to start at the end of the 2012 football season. You'll notice a very professional set up at the cricket nets and petanque area as well when you come to our first home game. Once flood recovery works are completed, we will certainly have some of the best facilities in the MCDFNL and in the Pyrenees Shire as well.

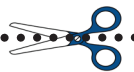
## Social Calendar

Its great to compliment our playing season with some great off field events. We have an exciting social calendar for 2012 so we look forward to seeing you at our events. This year we are mixing it up between organised functions at the Club Rooms and drinks & tea at our sponsor hotels The Avoca, The Victoria and the Albion in Maryborough.

DATE	FUNCTION
April 21st	The Avoca
April 28th	Victoria Hotel
May 5th	<b>GET SHIRTY @ the Club Rooms</b>
May 12th	PUB NIGHT - Details to come
June 2nd	<b>POT &amp; PARMY NIGHT &amp; BON FIRE @ the Club Rooms</b>
June 16th	The Avoca
June 23rd	<b>FLIGHT NIGHT @ the Club Rooms</b>
June 30th	Albion Hotel
July 8th	Victoria Hotel
July 14th	<b>PUB NIGHT - details to come</b>
July 28th	<b>'I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU WORE THAT' &amp; REVERSE RAFFLE @ the Club Rooms</b>
July 29th	<b>SUNDAY SESSION &amp; COW PAT LOTTO @ the Club Rooms</b>
August 11th	Albion Hotel
August 18th	Victoria Hotel
August 25th	<b>CABARET - details to come</b>

## Important Working Bee

Avoca Sporting & Recreation Committee of Management Inc. of which the AFNC is a member of, is holding an important working bee on the 6th of May 2012 from 10am to complete some jobs around the park ready to commence the 2012 season. These jobs include installing the wooden post and rails around the netball court, installing some hand rails and tactiles around the entrance to the complex, putting up signage and generally tidying up around the ground. A BBQ lunch will be provided afterwards so we ask that members come along and lend a hand to get the Kennel tidied up and ready to go for the year.



## Join the Bulldogs for 2012

We invite you to join our club for the up coming season. A supporter membership is \$55 for the season and provides you with entry into each of our home games. You can be assured that your membership makes a valuable contribution to the running of our club.

Please become a member by filling out this form and mailing to PO BOX 50 AVOCA VIC 3467 or contact Luke Calder 0411 750 779 or Bob Farnsworth 0417 525 691. Alternatively you can purchase a membership ticket at any of our home games or training nights.

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