



*Edition 4, July 2013*

Welcome to the fourth edition of the DRFNC Newsletter, the  
Burra Blog !

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Sarah Jane Woodward***

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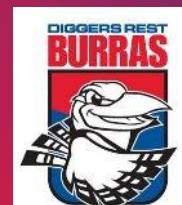
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# the burra club news blog

## THIS WEEKS GAME DAY

Back to another home game this week for our Club where we host the strong and travelling quite nicely Riddell FNC.



2013 marks the 20 year anniversary of our first and only ever Senior Football Premiership, and this week we welcome back many past players and people that were involved in the memorable 1993 season as well as other Burra seasons past. Let's hope their presence on Saturday can inspire all our teams to give 100+% and get over the line in what will be a day that will put our Club to the test.

This Saturday at the Burra we also celebrate three more player milestones; Ben Hannan's 150th game, Rhys Berry's 100th game and Sarah Jane Woodward's 100th game. We hope to see a big crowd of Burra supporters at the ground cheering on our teams this week.

## MEMBERS DRAW

The Members Draw went off again last week at \$200 !

The Burra.....the Club that never stops giving !!

It's jackpotted again to \$200 next week.

It can happen for you too ! Make sure your membership is paid and be at the Club on Thursday Selection Night for a chance to take it home.

You need to be in attendance to win !!



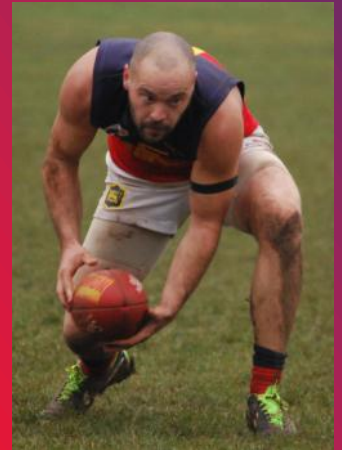
# the burra player milestones blog

**This week we celebrate another 3 huge milestone games for the Club. Ben Hannan plays his 150th game, while Rhys Berry and SJ Woodward play their 100th games for Diggers Rest Football Netball Club.**

**CONGRATULATIONS BEN "BOONDA" HANNAN**

**150 GAMES !!**

This week we celebrate 150 games for a very popular Burra, Ben Hannan. Ben has played right through since his under 18s days and managed to play in the 2008 and 2010 Grand Final sides. Known among the boys as "Boonda", "the foot soldier" or "flat knock", Benny has gained respect for playing very team orientated roles and getting absolutely everything out of his ability. All that Benny does is "team first" and he has been a nightmare for his opponents for a long time. He rarely gives away an easy kick to the opposition and is fearless with his attack on the ball. An excellent Clubman and someone who has given so much for our Club. Benny, Diggers Rest Football Netball Club wishes you the best of luck in your 150th game.



*"Congratulations Boonda on 150 games. You are one of the best team players I have ever played with, whenever the coach has asked you to do a job you have done it with 110% effort. You always think of the team first and I love your fluoro jumpers at training. A real foot soldier. Well done."* ~ **Craig Marshall**

*"Boonda - not too many people can say they have got more out of themselves than Boonda. Another person that is picked because you know what you are going to get. Tough, hard and a team first attitude. He played in multiple Senior finals often on the best small forward or best midfielder from the other team. A comment you hear a lot around the Footy Club is "imagine having Boonda play on you". He has got the best out of himself and worked extremely hard at his game. Everything in his skill set has improved since he has been at the Club. I would like to congratulate him on his 150 games. It is a marvellous effort and something he should be very proud of. Well done mate !" ~ **Shaun Sims***

*"Boonda, Flat Knack, ANZ, congratulations on your 150th mate. What a fantastic effort for a bloke (am sure that you won't mind me saying this) that when first started struggled with most aspects of the game. Through sheer hard work and determination you developed into a regular Senior player over a couple of years. One thing that you get and will never question of Boonda is courage and effort on the footy field (and on footy trips). He had many different tagging jobs during the journey and never questioned it because he would give anything for his team mates and to play Senior footy. Well done and enjoy!" ~ **Jeff Heritage.***





# the burra player milestones

## blog CONGRATULATIONS RHYS "BEZ" BERRY

### 100 GAMES !

Rhys Berry notches up his 100th Senior game for the Club this week. Bez played all of his Junior footy for Diggers Rest and came through the same Under 18's side as 8 or 9 of our other current Senior players. A true clubman in that he not only loves the Club, but is prepared to get involved and do some work to see it succeed. Bez has now played 4 or 5 years of Senior footy since Under 18s and filled various roles. He is dangerous as a mobile ruckman who can use his fitness to get around the ground and link up, or he can play as a tall running defender. Rhys was amongst the Clubs best in last year's Reserves Grand Final loss, performing an important defensive role. This year Rhys has struggled with injury but has filled an important role on our Club Committee, and is the first to put his hand up to help out. As Rhys fills out we expect him to play plenty of very good footy for this club and we wish him well on his milestone game.



*"Congratulations on getting to 100 games chic! Running around with you and your big bonce just makes Saturdays that much more exciting. I always know I'm going to be entertained when you're playing, like round 12 last year when you were standing behind Kekkas yelling abuse and kicking puddles at him while he's walking in having a shot at goal. That's classic Berry! And despite what everyone else says and thinks, I don't hold you responsible for us losing last year's Reserves Grand Final; I just think it would have been nice if you showed up. Looking forward to running around with you for the next 100 games too chic." ~ Rhys Hannan*

*"Congratulations on your 100th game, Bez! One word instantly springs to mind when Bez and footy are paired, and that's definitely 'fun!'. I've only had the chance to play a dozen Senior games alongside him, but we were lucky enough to play our Junior footy together; win, lose or draw, you knew you were going to have fun doing it. Every Saturday, you can guarantee you'll get three things from Bez.....20 touches, a goal and at least one courageous effort? No. Not even one of them. Constant verbal assault of opposition players? Yes. Several, well timed(late), at the hips (high), disguised(free kick), tackles(fist)? Yes. As good as the previous two are, my favourite part of his game is that you can guarantee, regardless of what sort of day he's having, he'll carry on and celebrate every single one of his teammates achievements, sometimes leaving the crowd confused as to who has actually kicked the goal. One of my favourite football memories is roving to Bez with the likes of Nater 'Boomer' Pinder and Ben Morse during 2012. It's probably one of those "you had to be there's" to understand, but we'd seriously run around as a midfield and laugh for 4 quarters. Quiet simply it was a farce at times, with opposition midfields left shaking their heads and at one stage the umpire refusing to bounce the ball until we had stopped laughing. It's these qualities and memories that make Saturday the best day of the week. Congratulations again mate. Looking forward to a quiet one or two happy ones on Saturday night. Love always.." ~ Dyl Hannan*

*"Rhys Berry - Scooter, Chook, Chuck, Bez, the Footy Club is always a better place when you are around. Your laugh and personality are infectious and fun for all. Well done on reaching the 100 game milestone, it's a terrific effort at any level of footy. I have watched you grow and play footy and cricket since you were 16/17 and to now still be great mates is a privilege. I admire the amount of effort you put in at the Club as a whole, sometimes spending 7 days a week at the Club when cricket and footy change over. You always work hard on the footy training track and this has seen you continue to improve as a player. The game you played in last year's Grand Final is a stand out for mine. Well done and enjoy!" ~ Jeff Heritage.*

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**CONGRATULATIONS SARAH JANE "SJ" WOODWARD**  
**100 GAMES !**

Diggers Rest Football Netball Club would like to say a big congratulations on her 100<sup>th</sup> game to SJ !



She is not only one of our most loved Netballers, but she is a Burra through and through, offering her assistance at every opportunity.

SJ has been the C Grade umpire for many seasons now, has been active on our Netball sub-committee, and this year has taken over the role as Netball Treasurer.



*On this, her 100<sup>th</sup> game, we wish you all the best SJ and hope the Burra's get over the line for you.*

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Paul Downey-President DRFNC

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## UP & COMING EVENTS

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### PRESENTATION NIGHT

**Saturday 21st Sept 2013**

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— Jason Barrie 0421 566 346 —



# the burra football blog

**Kris Marsh has played over 100 games for our Club and been heavily involved in the Seniors since 2007. He has achieved plenty in his time at the Club including 2 Grand Finals, a couple of top 3 B&F finishes and a Team of the Year nomination. Ben Morse caught up with him for a chat about his time at the Club.**

***Big rig you crossed over from Sunbury Lions in 2007 (sporting a massive black eye from the previous weekend), how have you enjoyed your time at the club?***

Yeah mate, I copped a king hit in a nightclub the week before I came over, but it's been all positive since then. Diggers Rest is fantastic club to be a part of and is full of amazing people. We've really got a great community spirit, and that's reflected by the players and volunteers who choose to spend their time here. We've always prided ourselves on being family orientated and doing the right thing as a club, such as having a beer with the opposition after the game.

The big thing for me is how inclusive everyone is here; no such thing as cliqueness and groups. If you're with us, you're involved. I've had a great time over the past six years and met some of my best mates.

***Any stand out on field moments for you during that time?***

We've had our ups and downs, but it's been great to be involved with the same playing group, watching each bloke grow and evolve.

I don't have any specific on field moments per se, but there's a part of me that loves our ability to come back from behind and win the tight games. I get really excited when we're down, but we know we're going to roll over the top. That being said, we are playing a different brand of footy now, so I expect that we attack the game from the outset.

Off-field, it was nice to be acknowledged and make the RDFL team of the year in 2012.

***Kristopher when you came to the Club you were an elusive forward. I reckon you then became a marking wingman, followed by being a zoning off (loose) defender, and lately you have become a tighter checking defender. What do you enjoy the most? I know you enjoyed your forward stint last week.***

Moving from the BFL, it took a bit of adjusting to the smaller grounds and contested footy of the RDFL. In 2007, we weren't playing the direct footy we are now, so I got pretty frustrated when the footy wasn't being kicked to me.

The following year I found it was much easier to defend a forward and capitalise on their mistakes. Teams have smartened up to bombing the ball in long, so I've had to adapt. Man-on-man defending is less glamorous but more beneficial to our style of play.

Up forward, I've never kicked a lot of goals, but definitely get excited when I do.

***Now mate you have a few famous little signature moves on the field. I will list them in descending order of fame and you can tell me where they have come from.***

***The boys like to have a little joke with you yelling out "Maaarssshhhyyy's baaaalllll" every time the ball comes remotely in your area. What is going on with that mate? Marking your territory?***

Playing forward I used to put my name on it so blokes knew to get out the way; it's much easier to take a grab when you're not having to compete with your own team-mates. The bonus is that the opposition also hear you coming..

It's effective so I've stuck with it.

***The famous fend off? Most people probably don't realise that you played a heap of rugby union as a youngster in Canada. Fair to say you can't stop doing it now?***

Yeah I played a season as an inside centre, which gets you a lot of the ball in close. I learned to fend off when moving into contact, and it kind of transferred across to footy. It works well when it comes off, but looks horrible when it doesn't. I'm trying to rely on it less.



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# the burra football blog

***Any real reason that you kick it on your left when you are in acres of space despite being a right footer?***

When I was 17 I had issues with my right foot, so basically played an entire season on my left. I'm not thinking about it when I use it, it feels natural - although I don't hit it as clean as I used to.

***On an off field note I think anyone who has ever been bailed up by you would realise you are heavily involved in insurance. Got any insurance tips for our readers?***

Yeah mate, it's pretty well known that if you ask me what I do, we're going to be there a while.

***How are you enjoying the wine bar scene? I am told you have taken quite an interest in it.***

Yeah, they're good fun and less crowded than the pubs in Richmond. The girls are friendly, the music upbeat, and the drink list is varied.

***Back on to the footy. We are travelling reasonably well so far this year. How do you rate our chances heading into the back half of the season?***

I've never seen us use the footy like we have this year, but moving forward it's all about attitude. We have the right players in both sides to make it happen. I think our blokes need to understand they can single handedly influence the guys around them. It's about making sure that when it's your time to go, you're ready.

***You have been here for a while now. You rarely talk too seriously about footy. Who are some players you have enjoyed watching or playing with over the years and why?***

We've always played an exciting brand of footy. All of our players have 'superpowers' as such, so I've always really enjoyed watching each bloke apply his own - whether it's Sluggett arching his back, Laurie tucking the ball under his arm, the marks of Tuckey, Sims and Rust, the hardness of Marshall & Heritage, Caton's good looks, you get the picture..

***You have had some pretty decent opponents but at times don't pay a heap of respect to them. You did a bit of a number on one of the best players in country Victoria in this year's practice matches. Have you had any opponents you have really rated?***

It's not that I lack respect for good opponents; I simply don't know who they are, so I don't treat them any different.

A little cliché, but playing on Barry Hall was an education. He's got excellent timing and balance, and can slot it from anywhere in the 50 - makes a very hard man to defend.



## **RULE REGARDING STOPS/STUDS IN BOOTS**

**There has been some confusion in recent weeks regarding the wearing of stops in footy boots, so to avoid any further misunderstandings we've had the ruling clarified by the League as follows:**

**The AFL Laws of the Game state that Umpires can ask players to leave the field and change equipment if they deem the equipment to be unsafe. Metallic boot studs are considered dangerous as they become serrated when players run on concrete / asphalt.**

**Players are encouraged to buy plastic boot studs / stops to replace the metallic ones they have. They will not need to buy new boots altogether, just the studs / stops. If an umpire views any studs / stops as dangerous they are within their rights to ask the player off to change the studs / stops.**

**The League will not accept any fines for players who have been asked to change boots. This advice will be passed on to the Umpires as well.**

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## PLAYER BIO - DYLAN HANNAN

NICKNAME: Screech

AGE: 23

OCCUPATION: High School Teacher

GAMES PLAYED: 122

FOOTBALLING HERO: Duck Carey

BIGGEST SPORTING INFLUENCE: Tiger Woods

FAVORITE OR MOST EMABARRASSING FOOTBALL

MOMENT: Nathan Moffat celebrating when the umpire  
lined us up and counted our 19th man on the field,  
surrendering our 20 goal lead over Melton South in 2005.  
On ya Moff.

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO PLAY  
FOR DIGGERS REST ?: Shane 'Nifty'  
Crimmins asking if I was a footy kid  
back in 1998.

### WORD ASSOCIATION -

CHRIS PAYNE: Pounds

SOLARIUMS: Below

BRENT TUCKEY: Coleman

JAMIE ELLIOTT (Coach):

SUNDAY GRAND FINALS: Cost us three

DAN FROM THE BLOCK: \$\$\$

SHAUN SIMS: Who ?

FOOTY TRIPS: Lips are sealed



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# the burra Members page blog

## LOOKING FOR SOMETHING ??

**It could be it's in our Lost Property Box along with lots of other items that have misplaced their owners.**

A few items have managed to find their way home since they were listed in the last Blog, but for every item claimed, there are more going into the box each week having been left in the change rooms.

Lots of footy stuff.....boots, shorts etc, as well as black shoes, polo's, hoodies and other bits and pieces that must belong to someone.

**Please check the white box marked "Lost Property" on top of the white cabinet in the Club Rooms to see if anything belongs to you.**

Anything not claimed at the end of the season will be thrown out !

## PLAYER BIO - GLENN CATON

NICKNAME: "G"

AGE: 24

OCCUPATION: Electrician

GAMES PLAYED: 12 (Diggers Rest)

FOOTBALLING HERO: Luke Hodge

BIGGEST SPORTING INFLUENCE: Brett Caton training methods

FAVORITE OR MOST EMABARRASSING FOOTBALL

MOMENT: Not winning a game of Football for the whole season

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO PLAY

FOR DIGGERS REST ?: Cousin (Brett) annoyed the sh\*t out of me to play

**WORD ASSOCIATION -**

CHRIS PAYNE: Big boy

SOLARIUMS: Hot

BRENT TUCKEY: Freak

JAMIE ELLIOTT (Coach): Laid back

SUNDAY GRAND FINALS: Sh\*thouse

DAN FROM THE BLOCK: Hot Missus

SHAUN SIMS: Talented

FOOTY TRIPS: Awesome



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## BURRA FIXTURE SEASON 2013

ROUND	DATE	MATCH		
1	13/4/13	RIDDELL	V	DIGGERS
2	20/4/13	DIGGERS	V	SUNBURY KANGAROOS
3	27/4/13	BROADFORD	V	DIGGERS
4	4/5/13	DIGGERS	V	ROCKBANK
5	11/5/13	WALLAN	V	DIGGERS
6	18/5/13	MACEDON	V	DIGGERS
	25/5/13	INTERLEAGUE		
7	1/6/13	DIGGERS	V	MELTON CENTRALS
8 <i>Queen's Birthday Weekend</i>	8/6/13	KILMORE	V	DIGGERS
9	15/6/13	DIGGERS	V	WOODEND
10	22/6/13	BYE		
11	29/6/13	DIGGERS	V	RUPERTSWOOD
12	6/7/13	DIGGERS	V	ROMSEY
13	13/7/13	LANCEFIELD	V	DIGGERS
14	20/7/13	DIGGERS	V	RIDDELL
15	27/7/13	MELTON CENTRALS	V	DIGGERS
16	3/8/13	BYE		
17	10/8/13	DIGGERS	V	BROADFORD
18	17/8/13	RUPERTSWOOD	V	DIGGERS
QUALIFYING FINAL	24/8/13	ELIMINATION FINALS	25/8/13	
2ND SEMI FINAL	31/8/13	1ST SEMI FINAL	1/9/13	
PRELIMINARY FINAL	7/9/13			
GRAND FINAL	15/9/13			

