



AWARDED: Australian Drug Foundation Good Sports Victoria manager Rod Glenn-Smith, Northern District Community Health Service Good Sports project officer Greg Currie, AFL Victoria Cultural Strategy manager John Strachan and Tyntynnder Football Netball Club president Paul Morrison. **PICTURES** — Kerry Date.

Tyntynnder top dogs

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Football Netball aimed top dog for noting a safe and fun environment through management of all-ages recently recognised Good Sports Awards, reg- g the honour of Victorian of the Year and AFL Victoria b of Excellence.

They will now go up against Hectorville Sports Club, from South Australia and Queensland winner Townsville Hockey Club at the national level.

The club has been part of the Good Sports program since its early beginnings more than 10 years ago, with an excess of 6000 clubs currently taking part.

Good Sports provides support to clubs to encourage a change in the culture of high risk drinking often associated with sports clubs, and move the focus toward the younger generation and families rather than alcohol.

TFNC president Paul Morrison said although alcohol sales still provide a large amount of revenue for the club, they were not relied upon.

"We are just moving away from the alcohol culture and positioning ourselves as family oriented, without having everything based around alcohol," Mr Morris-



son said. "We are trying to create an environment that still has the club as a part of it, as a safe place where people can socialise."

He said a number of initiatives had been implemented to reduce high-risk drinking, including increased education in the responsible service of alcohol and alcohol-free junior functions.

"We are really mindful of our liquor license responsibilities and opening and closing times," he said.

"If we have functions we always have someone available to ferry people around — someone in the club who is a designated driver."

Australian Drug Foundation's Victorian State Good Sports manager Rod Glenn-Smith said the

judges had been unanimous in their decision to award Tyntynnder Club of the Year.

"Their work over many years to help to shape the club and look at new ways to run events...the journey they have gone through was a great story," Mr Glenn-Smith said.

"Alcohol plays a big part in club revenue but it comes with responsibility, so we are trying to get across that clubs have that responsibility."

"From our perspective with the program, baring is an important part and that is acknowledged, but the program is not about trying to dry up clubs, but its about ensuring they [conduct their bar-ing activities] responsibly."

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