



THE BURRA BLOG

Round 8 Edition, March 2016

LIVE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE

This week the boys and girls take on the Rams from Rockbank. After a week off, all teams will be raring to go on Saturday.

Unfortunately, Rockbank don't provide an A grade side so only 3 games of netball will be played so make sure you get over to the court and show your support at some point during the day.

Provided is an update of where all our team are standing at this point in the season:

Seniors: 7 wins, 0 losses - 1st on the Ladder

Reserves: 7 wins, 0 losses - 1st on the Ladder

U/18.5: 5 wins, 1 loss - 2nd on the Ladder

A Grade: 3 wins, 4 losses - 7th on the Ladder

B Grade: 5 wins, 2 losses - 4th on the Ladder

C Grade: 4 wins, 3 losses - 5th on the Ladder

U/19: 2 wins, 1 draw, 4 losses - 9th on Ladder

We would love to see all of our valued supporters down at Bloomdale Reserve this Saturday to cheer the boys and girls on and hopefully get a clean sweep of wins!

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FEATURE SPONSORS

In this edition we feature our valued sponsor, the Black Horse Hotel Motel Bulla. Diggers Rest Football Netball Club is thrilled to be in partnership with the Black Horse Hotel Motel Bulla as Major Sponsor of our Club again in 2016. Owners Bob and Mim are also proud Burra supporters too. You'll often see Bob at our games getting right behind the Burra, and of course both Bob and Mim working hard back at the Black Horse providing an exceptional service and warm hospitality making us feel right at home and ensuring we are all fed and very well looked after every time we visit. Make sure you get yourself to the Black Horse Hotel Motel Bulla for a lovely meal (great play room for the kids!) a drink or even a sleep over....you won't be disappointed!

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Come and see some local live music – we have some great bands playing LIVE that need your support and look forward to booking some more local acts in the future. We have worked hard over the past 12 months to revamp the bistro, introduce family friendly dining booths and improve our customer service to ensure that we are exceeding customers expectations.

Make sure you say G'day when you are next in. Don't forget to like us and Check In @TheBlackHorseHotel on Facebook so we can come and say hello, we might even shout you a beer! We look forward to meeting you soon. Go Burras!! – Mim & Bob. @TheBlackHorseHotel



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NETBALL

We kick off round 8 with another milestone game - Leah Thompson racks up her 50th this week. Congratulations Leah on your achievement, you are a much loved member of "the Burra" and we look forward to seeing your flamboyant style on the court for many more games to come.

A Grade

The competition in A grade has again taken a massive step up, with most clubs securing VNL players for the 2016 season, our A Grade are currently sitting 7th on the ladder and are aiming to secure a top 6 spot for finals, It will be a challenging task, as the girls will be missing Jena and Tayla for a few more weeks while they are overseas, but we are fortunate enough to have Meredith Ball and Kristy "Blackers" Blackmore step in. Our girls are definitely ready for the challenge and would love to hear a bit of support around the court leading into the run home to finals

B Grade

Our girls are sitting comfortably in 4th place and will make finals this season, but with a few tough games to come, where they finish in the 6 is up to them. They have a strong drive and determination as a team and will defiantly go in to each game firing on all cylinders. The team is hoping to have Ash Plant back towards the end of the home and away season as her defensive skills in WD are really missed.

C Grade

5th place is where the girls are placed but they are aiming high and hope to knock off a few of the top teams in the coming weeks to hopefully secure 3rd. C grade are working extremely well as a team, and have the benefit of girls that can play multiple positions allowing a truly great depth on court.

Under 19's

Sitting in 9th spot - the girls know now is when the hard work starts to make finals, something that the team can do, they have been training hard, putting into place B.B.T, whole court defensive pressure and positive talk they definitely have the ability and the talent to get there. The team has been fortunate to pick up a talented defender in Jess and we welcome next week Katrina to the defensive end which will give the girls some much needed height and stability for the team.

Our new netball uniforms are set to arrive this week, we look forward to breaking out the new threads next week, so if for no other reason than to see the new look, come over to the courts and lend a bit of support for the girls



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MILESTONE RYAN 'TRAM' MONAGHAN 100 GAMES

Ding Ding! What a journey the Tram's been on. An esteemed, reputable umpire turned player. Not many would remember his time in the 2 o'clock game, maybe because it was 12 years ago when he was in his late 20's, maybe it's because he spent most of the time on the pine with a blanket over his lap. Credit to him though, he's turned his nose up at offers from other clubs that reserve players would only dream of. He's like a piece of furniture around the club now, the coffee table in our reserves lounge room. Congratulations on your milestone, Tram. - Rhys Hannan

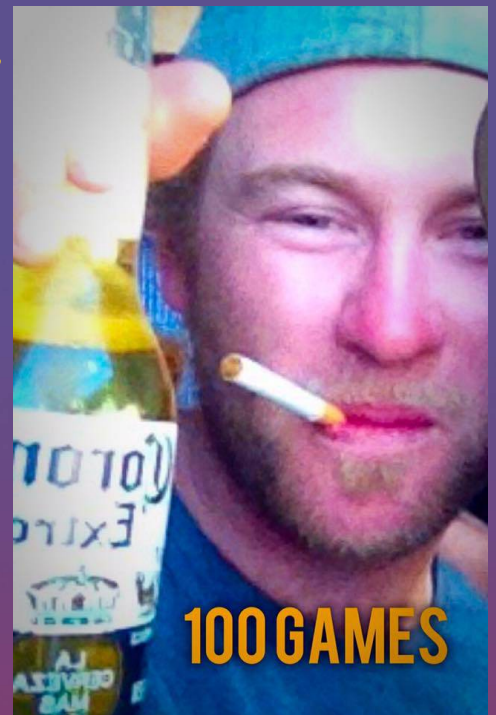
Who would of thought Ryan "Tram" Monaghan would of racked up the magical ton when he first appeared in his bright orange umpiring shorts and t shirt from 1970 on his first night to train. In knocking up the 100 Tram has provided many memorable moments both on and off the field.

Due to poor lighting and poor vision his marking on a Thursday night can sometimes be a little off but come game day he grows a couple of feet, fixes the specs and regularly holds up the defence with strong marks, solid tackles and loves to get on the end of a chain of handballs. The tram or "ram" as some know him has done incredibly well to pick up the game later in life, he racks up the possessions and is fearless in defence. He is yet to buy new training gear in 100 games and is likely not to in the next 100.

Above all the tram loves his mates and a beer. You'll find him at 11pm with a Carlton Draught spouting "how good am I" or "want new mates" and "are you having a shit time." Thanks for the memories tram and well done on playing 100 of the finest! - Josh Bull MP

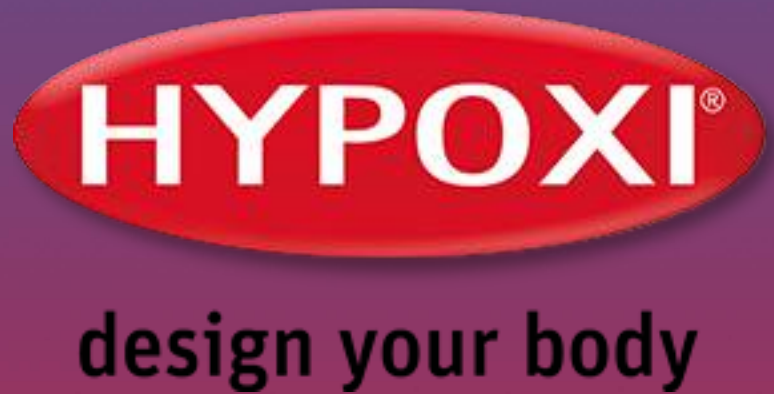
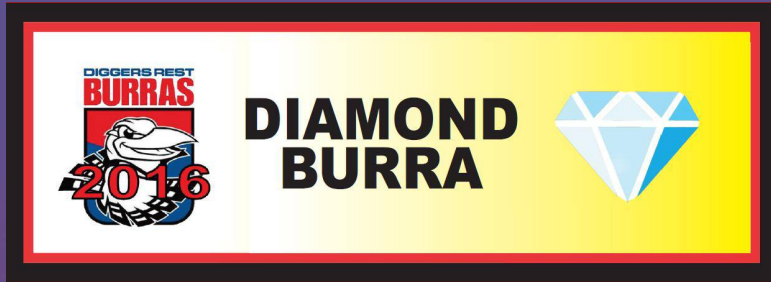
Ryan Moners, train, tram. How he got to 100 games I have no idea. These days though that is a huge effort and congratulations mate. Few people know that Moners hasn't been able to see the ball at training the entire time he has been at the club. When first came to the club he played 6 senior games and a final in the seniors. However since Sims took over hasn't been sighted at the 2pm game.

Moners is one of those guys who doesn't ask for much an just rocks up for the 12pm game and averages about 10 intercept marks and 20 possessions a game. Loves a laugh and beer at the club and attends most functions. I'm proud to call him one of my best mates and hopefully the boys have a huge win and get around him on Saturday afternoon. Congrats on the 100 games. - Craig 'Shop' Thompson



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MILESTONE TOM EVANS 100 GAMES

Congratulations Tommy Evans on reaching 100 games. An excellent achievement these days in football to play 100 games at one club.

Even more so for a bloke who struggles to remember his boots, socks, jumper, shorts and anything else you might need to play a game of footy.

You've come a long way from the kid who had to wear the brown sandals and socks to school and was definitely not aloud to play football. Instead opting for the safety of the softball field. Luckily enough for the DRFNC you tried football again in the U/18s and have made yourself an important member of a strong club.

Congratulations again look forward to a few celebratory tequila on the rocks and maybe a beer or two well done mate. - Ryan "Lemon" Peters

Well done Tom on 100 games ! Huge effort.

You came across as a basketballer and have now turned into a regular senior player, with a huge amount of flexibility. One of those special players who has played in every position on the ground and played well.

From my point of view you have been great to deal with. A Very popular individual who gets on with everyone, always attending training and functions around the club. It will be great to see you churn out another 100 more mate.

Well done on the great achievement ! - Shaun



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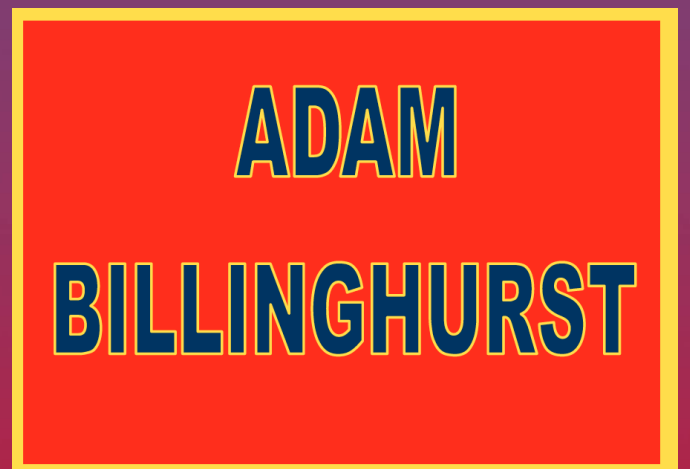
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Saturday October 15th - DRFNC Presentation
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Round	Date	Opponent	Venue
1	16/4	Riddell	Bloomdale Oval
2	23/4	Lancefield	Lancefield Park
3	30/4	Romsey	Romsey Park
4	7/5	Broadford	Bloomdale Oval
5	14/5	Rupertswood	Rupertswood Oval
6	28/5	Melton Central	Bloomdale Oval
7	4/6	Woodend-Hesket	Gilbert Gordon Oval
8	18/6	Rockbank	Bloomdale Oval
9	25/6	Wallan	Greenhill Reserve
10	2/7	Macedon	Bloomdale Oval
11	9/7	Melton Centrals	Arnolds Creek Reserve
12	16/7	Romsey	Bloomdale Oval
13	23/7	Sunbury Kangaroos	Eric Boardman Reserve
14	30/7	BYE	
15	6/8	Woodend-Hesket	Bloomdale Oval
16	13/8	Riddell	Riddells Creek Reserve
17	20/8	Sunbury	Bloomdale Oval