

BLACK DIAMOND AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE Inc.

2016 ANNUAL REPORT



Financial Report & Balance Sheet

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Paul Deaves

Dave Thomas

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Representative Staff - Men's

Coach: Chris Bishop

Asst Coach: Martin Reiman & Mitch Knight

Selectors: Garry Burkinshaw (Chairman)

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Martin Reiman

Manager: Garry Burkinshaw

Captain: Peter Van Dam

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BDAFL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

LEAGUE HONOUR BOARD

YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT	GENERAL MANAGER	PREMIERS	ELLIOTT-DAVEY MEDAL	LEADING GOALKICKER
2000	*David Phillips Chris Arnold	Chris Arnold Barry Leacy	Michael Coligan	Terrigal Avoca	Troy Bayliss (C) 18	M. Goolagong (TA) 64
2001	Chris Arnold	Barry Leacy	Greg Stewart	West Newc. Wallsend	Shawn Simpson (C) 20	M Goolagong (TA) 135
2002	Chris Arnold	Barry Leacy	Greg Stewart	Cardiff	David Hamilton (TA) 20	M.Goolagong (TA) 102 D. Healey (C) 102
2003	Barry Leacy	Ian Granland OAM	Greg Stewart	Newcastle City	Jason Coulloupas (NC)16	M.Goolagong (TA) 122
2004	Ian Granland OAM	Trevor Drake	Greg Stewart	Cardiff	Jason Coulloupas (NC)22	M.Goolagong (TA) 121
2005	Ian Granland OAM	*Trevor Drake David Flynn	Garry Burkinshaw	Cardiff	Clint Austerberry (KV) 24	M Goolagong (TA) 83
2006	Ian Granland OAM	*David Flynn John McMahon	Garry Burkinshaw	Cardiff	Clint Austerberry (KV) 23 Angus Darling (TA) 23	Michael Ryan (C) 92
2007	Ian Granland OAM	Rob Dixon	Scott Ledwidge	Killarney Vale	Tim Sheldon (C) 20	C.Knight (NC) 110
2008	Steve Smith	Ian Kingwill	*Scott Ledwidge Les Hornery	Newcastle City	Luke Rawnsley (NC) 28	Michael Ryan (C) 108
2009	Steve Smith	Grant Godfrey	Scott Ledwidge	Newcastle City	Angus Darling (TA) 30	Peter Van Dam (TA) 76
2010	Steve Smith	*Ian Granland Michael Way	Scott Ledwidge	Newcastle City	Mitchell Knight (NC) 18	Michael Ryan (C) 72
2011	Scott Harrington	Anthony Monk	Shayne McKenzie	Newcastle City	Ben Hodges(WB) 17	M Goolagong (TA) 82
2012	Scott Harrington	Anthony Monk	Adam Lowe	Terrigal Avoca	Anthony Stewart (NC) 19	Peter Van Dam (TA) 62
2013	Michael Gray	Vacant	Garry Burkinshaw	Newcastle City	James Webster (TA) 15	Courtney Knight (NC) 74
2014	Michael Gray	Vacant	Garry Burkinshaw	Terrigal Avoca	James Webster (TA) 22	Courtney Knight (NC) 76
2015	Wal Bembic	Phil Lewis	Garry Burkinshaw	Terrigal Avoca	James Webster (TA) 21	Courtney Knight (NC) 55
2016	Wal Bembic	Phil Lewis	Garry Burkinshaw	Newcastle City	Jayden Rymer (NB) 15	Mitch Crawford (NC) 68

* Resigned

BDAFL EXECUTIVE MEETING ATTENDANCE

(From 1 November 2015 to 30 October 2016)

NAME	No. Eligible to Attend	No. Attended	Apologies/Absent
Wal Bembic	10	8	2
Phil Lewis	10	10	0
Kevin Greaves	10	7	3
Luke Rankin	10	6	4
Paul Kelly	10	7	3
Mark Stocker	9	5	4
Steve May **	5	2	3
Megan Farrell	0	0	0

** Resigned

BDAFL MAJOR SPONSOR



BDAFL MAJOR PARTNERS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



On behalf of the BDAFL Board I am exceptionally proud of our Leagues Achievements in 2016. Notwithstanding the many challenges faced by the league and our clubs, I believe our members have all been committed to making the BDAFL the best league it can be both on a football and Community Level.

Congratulations to our worthy Premiers and finalists who put on great football for record crowds. The atmosphere at our finals and also our Season Launch and Presentation Night was fantastic, and shows the greater community we are a quality league that is worthy of their association and support.

A highlight was the return of the Gosford Tigers to the BDAFL. As a foundation club they rightly belong in the BDAFL and to watch the growth of the club, and the success achieved this year was very heart warming. Well done to all involved.

It is rewarding to review how the league has prospered in the last few years with ongoing improvements such as Women's Football, Sponsorship, Bar TV and Community Partnerships such as Run against Violence Club Nights helping our clubs to develop and grow with a renewed passion.

Rest assured Competitive football is the main focus of the Board over this off season where we will be delivering our structural review for 2017 and onwards with the goal to determine a preferred competition structure to increase Black Diamond Cup team numbers and ensure competitive football competitions and healthy Clubs. This will provide a clear platform for growth in Men's and Women's Competition along with ensuring all clubs will have the opportunity to be successful on a level playing field.

We also aim to continue to look for avenues to make the cost to club for administration as affordable as possible by continuing to pursue the AFL for funding particularly in light of the 85% growth in playing numbers since 2013.

I thank my fellow board members and acknowledge the efforts and commitment of our Operations Manager Garry Burkinshaw who is the reason our league is the best and most professional community league in the state if not the country for its size and the envy of others.

We are proud of our achievements so far as a league and look forward to more hard work and changes to enhance the competition in our continuing efforts to deliver-"Strong Management, Healthy Clubs and Competitive Football".

Wal Bembic
BDAFL President

FOOTBALL OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT



There is barely an off-season in the AFL these days, and with preparation for the 2017 season well underway it is time to reflect on the 2016 season which again was very successful and included many highlights.

These highlights, amongst others included:

- Four highly competitive competitions
- Growth of the Women's competition
- Gosford's return to the BDAFL
- BDAFL's Relationship with Run Against Violence
- Strong Representative Performances
- New Sponsors
- Continued Success of BarTV

I congratulate the 2016 Premiers, Newcastle City who claimed a record seventh BLK Black Diamond Cup Premiership, Singleton in 1st Division, The Entrance Bateau Bay, who claimed their 1st 2nd Division Premiership and Nelson Bay who went through the season undefeated to claim the GE Women's title.

Congratulations also to Newcastle City on winning their fifth (1st since 2007) Club Championship award.

The season began back in November with the holding of the Annual General Meeting. Steve May and Phil Lewis were returned to the Board unopposed and they joined incumbent Board Members, Wal Bembic, Paul Kelly, Luke Rankin and Kevin Greaves to make up the Board. With retiring Board Member, Simon Wood not seeking re-election, and no additional nominations for the Board at the AGM, a casual vacancy existed. This vacancy was filled at the November Board meeting with Mark Stocker being appointed to the Board. Unfortunately increased work commitments resulted in Steve resigning from the Board at the May Board Meeting. Megan Farrell was appointed to fill the casual vacancy in September to once again have a full Board. At the first Board Meeting Wal Bembic and Phil Lewis were re-appointed as President and Vice President respectively.

A Planning meeting was held following the AGM, whilst Delegates meetings were also held in March and July. An Operations meeting was also held prior to the commencement of the season. All meetings were well attended.

Immediately following the conclusion of the 2015 season, the BDAFL commenced discussions with Gosford regarding the club returning to the BDAFL from AFL Sydney. Discussions were held with both the senior and junior clubs with the goal of returning as a combined entity as the BDAFL saw this relationship vital to the clubs growth.

After much discussion both internally and externally, the club made the decision to return to the BDAFL and nominated two men's teams and a women's team. The club decided to also to continue with a women's team in the AFL Sydney competition, which they were Premiers in 2015.

As the season approached unavailability of a number of incumbent women's players made the likelihood of being able to field two women's teams doubtful and as such the club made the difficult decision to withdraw their team from the AFL Sydney competition and focus solely on the BDAFL.

The clubs return was highly successful with the 1st Division and Women's sides making the finals and the 2nd Division side narrowly missing the finals. More importantly however the club has made significant improvements off-field which augers well for the clubs future.

Arguably the major highlight of the year was the BDAFL forming a partnership the charity organisation, "Run Against Violence" (see separate section "Run Against Violence").

The partnership saw the BDAFL visit every club at training to raise the awareness of Domestic Violence. The visits included the BDAFL providing a sausage sizzle, conducting 400m races for both men and women, culminating with the finals being held in Grand Final day, a motivational talk from an ultra-marathon runner and the viewing of the documentary "Iceberg" which details one women's odyssey where she ran from Walgett to Forbes in November 2014, a journey of 860kms in 12 days, to raise the awareness of Domestic Violence.

Over 600 players and officials attended these evenings which were highly successful.

2016 also saw the expansion of the BDAFL women's competition, which in just its second season has a significant footprint in the BDAFL (see separate section "Women's Football").

The competition increased to ten teams with Cardiff, Gosford, Killarney Vale and Singleton joining the incumbent clubs Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Nelson Bay, Newcastle City, Warners Bay and Wyong Lakes.

Not only was there an increase in women playing numbers, 329 up from 180 the previous season, but also the playing standard increased significantly. The large crowd that turned up to watch the Grand Final between Nelson Bay and Newcastle City were treated to a fantastic game of football and the atmosphere was equal to any experienced in the BDAFL.

The role women play in the clubs is not just on-field but also off-field and the inclusion of a women's team has rejuvenated many BDAFL clubs.

2016 saw the Black Diamond AFL receive the support of a growing number of sponsors, both existing and new (see separate section "Sponsorship").

Wilson Security opted to stand down as the BDAFL Major Sponsors however remained as a Major Partner with naming rights to the "Match of the Week Coverage".

BLK stepped up to become the league's Major and Naming Rights sponsor, an agreement which will run for three years until the end of 2018.

Belmont 16 Footers Sailing, GE Industrial Supplies, Prime7 and Star104.5FM continued to be Major Partners, with GE Industrial Supplies' sponsorship also including naming rights to the Women's competition for a second year.

Pullman's Magenta Shores Resort also became a Major Partner in 2016 which included supporting the BDAFL's Charity partnership with "Run Against Violence".

Other Partners included Marks Men Workforce, who partnered with the BDAFL for the first time, The Entertainment Grounds – Central Coast, Sportscoast Trophies and Embroidery, Officeworks, Subway Morisset, BarTV and Hy-Flow Plumbing.

Sponsorship is an important part of any sporting body whether it be a club or the league and we are grateful for the support we received. It is important however that we continue to support those businesses which support us.

2016 also saw the continuation of broadcasts of BDAFL matches courtesy of BarTV both live over the internet and on replay over the internet and at selected clubs and hotels through the Hunter, Sydney and Illawarra regions. (Refer separate section "BarTV")

Overall, 35 matches were shown live, including 8 women's matches with a further 29 matches (14 women's) shown on replay.

This initiative was well received by the clubs, the players and both BDAFL and AFL supporters.

Twenty seven nominations were received from the thirteen clubs for the men's competition, whilst ten nominations were received for the women's competition. All nominations were accepted.

2016 saw Killarney Vale, Newcastle City, Terrigal Avoca and Warners Bay as having teams in all three Divisions. Cardiff, Gosford, Maitland, Nelson Bay, Singleton and Wyong Lakes all had two teams whilst Lake Macquarie (1st Division), Muswellbrook and The Entrance Bateau Bay (both 2nd Division) had a single side.

Cardiff, Gosford, Killarney Vale, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Nelson Bay, Newcastle City, Singleton, Warners Bay and Wyong Lakes all fielded teams in the women's competition.

Following the nominations the competitions were structured as follows:

Black Diamond Cup	-	6 teams
1 st Division	-	10 teams
2 nd Division	-	11 teams
Women's	-	10 teams

The season ran for 23 weeks for the men's competitions and 22 for the women, with 20 and 16 weeks respectively for home and away matches and three weeks for finals (2nd Division had 19 weeks for home and away matches and four weeks for finals as they ran a final five for the first time). In the Black Diamond Cup and 1st Division all teams played 17 home and away matches with 2nd Division and Women playing 16 home and away matches. The other weekends were set aside for General Byes (Anzac Weekend & Queens Birthday) and a wet weather round.

With the Representative Fixture moved from the Queen's Birthday weekend to 21 May 2016, the Black Diamond Cup fixtures originally scheduled for May 21 were rescheduled to a Mega Day on the Anzac weekend with all three matches played at Newcastle No 1 Sportsground. May 21 then became a General Bye for all Black Diamond Cup teams.

In the Black Diamond Cup all teams played each other three times with the remaining three matches seeded so that the top four from 2015 playing each other a fourth time as was the case with the bottom four sides.

The Divisionalised structure always makes fixturing a challenge especially in relation to having all teams playing together at the same venue, in particular at home. In the end 80% of the time clubs had all teams playing at home together and for away games clubs were scheduled at more than two venues on just three games in total. The clubs should be commended for their ability to overcome the difficulties associated with their teams being at different venues on the same day and being flexible with the venues of some of their teams which resulted in clubs opting to forgo standalone home matches in order to have all teams at the same venue.

The fixture was completed using the AFL Fixture software with the draft fixture sent to clubs in December and finalised in January.

All five women's matches were scheduled at No 1 Sportsground on July 2 as part of Women's Round, and this was again a success with the only downside being the lack of club support due to the men's competitions also running on the same day.

The majority of matches were played as daylight fixtures on Saturday, however Newcastle City played a number Black Diamond Cup twilight fixtures to enable all four matches to be played at the same venue.

Overall all competitions were very keenly contested and the finals positions in both the 2nd Division and Women's competitions being decided in the final round with the Black Diamond Cup and 1st Division being decided in the second last round.

Overall, ten clubs had teams that competed in the finals with seven of those having teams in the Grand Final.

The standard of competition continues to improve with the number of talented players returning to play in the BDAFL and less players leaving the area to play in Sydney. This

allows the depth of talent to become greater which is the secret to any standard of competition improving.

There were six forfeits during the year which despite being minimal is still disappointing. Not only do forfeits deprive players the opportunity to play a game it also compromises the competition whether it be by the qualifying of players for finals or percentage adjustments.

Wet weather had a minimal impact throughout 2016 with only five matches having to be transferred to the wet weather weekends, and only one match requiring a change of venue.

A major improvement in the BDAFL competition is the standard of the grounds and the ability to withstand significant rainfall. This, along with the support of the clubs and councils enables matches to proceed when in the past they would need to be postponed or cancelled.

Once again the clubs need to be commended on their ability to be able to change venues and match times at late notice, often resulting in loss of players as well as a financial loss. With significant investment in facilities proposed in coming years we hope the need to transfer matches in the future will be considerably less.

In regards to facilities, Terrigal Avoca made a welcome return to Hylton Moore Oval after being away from the venue in 2015. We all agree the pain of being away from the venue for the season was made up for by the quality of the new venue.

Adelaide St Oval also had significant work prior to and during the season which included drainage to the oval, new interchange boxes as well as a new front fence. Killarney Vale should be commended for the works they have undertaken, with the support of council and the AFL, and with additional works planned for coming years, Adelaide St Oval could become the premier venue in the BDAFL.

Newcastle No 1 Sportsground which has been the league premier venue failed to live up to this title in 2016. Newcastle Council's decision to allow soccer to train on the venue twice a week severely affected the surface to the extent that the NEAFL match between Sydney Swans Reserves and Gold Coast Reserves scheduled for the ground on July 16 had to be relocated due to the quality of the surface.

At that time the BDAFL were seriously considering also relocating their Grand Finals however following meetings with council, which resulted in soccer being removed from the ground and surface works being undertaken, the Grand Finals remained at No 1 with the surface in acceptable conditions.

Talks with Newcastle Council will continue with discussions surrounding the amount of usage on the ground and the possibility of alternate training venues being found for Newcastle City Seniors and Juniors, both of whom have large numbers.

Council is also still waiting to hear from the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund on their application for approx. \$1.0M to redevelop No 1 Sportsground.

A significant announcement was made during the year in that Cardiff, after being without a home ground since 2005, had been granted the winter tenancy of the new Cameron Park Sports Facility. This is great news for not only Cardiff but also AFL in the region. The ground will be available for use in 2018.

Warners Bay's home ground, Feighan Park is also undergoing ground works prior to the 2017 season which will see drainage installed and a slight alignment change for the ground.

Once again the BDAFL held the winter seasonal tenancy of Newcastle No 1 Sportsground. As in the previous three seasons both Cardiff and Newcastle City played their home matches at the venue. This arrangement has significant advantages to both clubs with Newcastle City receiving a substantial financial saving by having Cardiff play home games at the venue whilst for Cardiff it gives them a regular venue for home games.

A \$4 parking fee was once again applicable at No 1 Sportsground with Newcastle Lions Club acting as gate managers. The funds were split between the BDAFL Home club & Newcastle Netball 35% each and Lions Clubs 30%.

With the issues with No 1's surface this year, council have advised that Cardiff will not be permitted to continue to use No 1 as their home ground in 2017. As such the club will use Hillsbrough Oval as their home ground in 2017 prior to the move to Cameron Park.

The league once again held two major off-field functions, both were held at the Belmont 16 Footers Sailing Club and both were major successes.

The first was the Season Launch held on Sunday, 20 March 2016 with the event a lunch time event and was attended by approximately 80 club members and officials.

The event not only introduced the upcoming season but was also the launch of the BDAFL's Partnership with "Run Against Violence" (refer separate section "Season Launch")

The leagues Gala off-field event of the year, the Elliott Davey Medal Presentation night was also held at Belmont 16 Footers Sailing Club. The event was attended by approximately 280 people who had an enjoyable night. Congratulations on Jayden Rymer on winning the Elliott Davey Medal. (refer separate section "Elliott Davey Medal Presentation Night")

Representative Football again played a major role in the 2016 season with the BDAFL fielding five Representative sides during the year including for the first time two women's teams. (refer separate section "Representative Football")

The senior men's side travelled to Wagga Wagga to renew their rivalry with the Farrer FNL. With a new, young squad to work with, Coach Chris Bishop again worked his magic which saw the BDAFL record a comfortable victory.

The senior women's side, coached by Simon Berry made their representative debut against the highly credentialled AFL Canberra side at Bateau Bay. Despite suffering a loss the side were highly competitive all day.

On the same day the Women's Development Squad (under 19's) created history by being the first women's side to record a win with victory over AFL Canberra Youth Girls.

The win was not enough to see the BDAFL win the inaugural "Coast vs Country Challenge Shield" which AFL Canberra won courtesy of kicking more goals over both matches.

The representative season commenced in March with the return of pre-season matches against the Sydney Swans Academy matches in Sydney.

This year the format saw the BDAFL Under 25's take on the Swans Academy Under 18's whilst for the first time a BDAFL Under 19's took on the Swans Under 16's.

Whilst the Swans Under 18's proved too strong for the BDAFL, the BDAFL Under 19's were able to turn the tables with a fantastic come from behind victory.

The BDAFL was abuzz in November when Killarney Vale forward, Daniel Lloyd was drafted by the GWS Giants as a Rookie for the 2016 season. There was further excitement during the year when he was upgraded to their senior list and despite being named as an emergency twice was not selected to make his AFL debut. Despite this Lloyd had a standout season with the clubs NEAFL side which saw them claim the premiership.

This was a fantastic achievement by Daniel and proves that no matter where you play your football, if you are good enough you will get noticed as he has played for no one apart from Killarney Vale in the BDAFL for the past seven years.

We look forward to continuing Daniel's journey in coming years.

Lloyd was not the only former BDAFL player to join the AFL in 2016 with Warners Bay's Paul Hunter being taken by Adelaide Crows as a rookie. Unlike Lloyd, Hunter moved to Brisbane in 2013 to chase his AFL dream, playing with Redland in the NEAFL competition. After injury delayed his start to the season Hunter played the year with the Crows SANFL side which made the Preliminary Final.

Former Cardiff youngster, BDAFL Ambassador and Sydney Swans star, Isaac Heeney also took the AFL scene by storm during 2016 in just his second season of AFL football. It was great to see Isaac promoting the role that Cardiff played in his development and also to see him at local games when he returned to Newcastle.

Two of the BDAFL's finest youngsters also obtained significant achievements in 2016 with Warners Bay's Jack Hardman making his NEAFL debut for the Sydney Swans Reserves whilst also playing of the NSAW/ACT Rams in the TAC Under 18's competition.

Fellow Warners Bay youngster, Rob Schindler-Taylor was selected in the Rio Tinto "Footy Means Business" program. The programme offers approximately 50 men aged between 18 and 24 a chance to gain exposure to elite AFL training, and corporate networking opportunities to strengthen their leadership and teamwork skills. The highlight of the program was Rob getting the opportunity to play at the MCG prior to the AFL "Dreamtime" game between Richmond and Essendon.

Two of the BDAFL's best Women's players were also recognised with Nelson Bay's Lisa Steane and Maitland's Jess Cassidy invited to participate in the GWS Giants Women's Draft Combine in September. Whilst not successful in being drafted the girls will be much better for the experience and have given hope to those girls in our region who have ambitions to play in the AFL.

In 2015 the BDAFL launched their Ambassador program with the inaugural seven ambassadors named last year, which included Heeney and also Jarrad McVeigh who captained the Sydney Swans to the Grand Final.

In 2016, Media personality, Steve Allan was also anointed as a BDAFL Ambassador for the work he has done promoting the BDAFL in his media roles.

Coaching Accreditation was again compulsory for all appointed coaches in 2016. Coaching courses were held in Sydney and Hexham prior to the season starting whilst a course was also held at Doyalson in May.

Nelson Bay's Women's Coach, Lauren Cooper was also recognised when she was named as a finalist of a prestigious Football Women of the Year awards in the category of Emerging Leader Award which recognise and encourage the positive achievements of young women in the industry, aged 25 years and younger who are making a significant contribution to the code of Australian Rules football.

This year the Newcastle Central Coast Umpires Association (NCCUA) was again affiliated with the BDAFL. The relationship between the BDAFL and NCCUA is very positive and this is due to the excellent leadership shown by new President, Jake Lowe and his committee.

The BDAFL Board agreed to a new two year agreement for the NCCUA to supply umpires to the BDAFL. Umpire payments continued to be in two parts with the major component continuing to be paid on match day whilst the umpires had the opportunity to be paid an incentive payment of approximately 30%. To receive the incentive payment the umpires had to be available for 66% of matches, attend 75% of training and to either be accredited or obtaining accreditation. Those umpires who met the incentive criteria received their incentive payments at the end of Rounds 6, 12 & 17 and at the conclusion of the year.

It is pleasing to note that 74% (up from 71% in 2015) of umpires achieved the incentive payment.

Christine Burrows was reappointed as Umpires Coach for a fourth year and once again her performance in this role was excellent. Christine development skills continue to shine with the number of junior umpires progressing through to BDAFL ranks continuing to rise. The BDAFL under Christine's guidance are the leaders in umpire development in the state with a number of umpires being given the opportunity to officiate a higher level matches or be part of pathway development squads. This augers very well for the future.

Christine has already been reappointed for 2017.

Two umpire training bases were again established, one at No 1 Sportsground in Newcastle on Wednesday evenings and one at Bateau Bay Sporting Facility on the Central Coast on Tuesday evenings. In addition to this, once a month all umpires would meet at the AFL Office in Morisset for a combined coaching session.

The Umpire's appointment panel consisted of Christine, NCCUA Representative (John Sullivan/ Neville Turner) and BDAFL Representative (Garry Burkinshaw).

The appointment process remained unchanged with all Black Diamond Cup matches being allocated a full panel of umpires, with one field umpire then appointed to all First Division matches followed by Women/Second Division. Should there be surplus umpires after this, two umpires would then be appointed, commencing at First Division. For Women's Round a full complement of umpires were appointed for all matches.

Club umpires continued to play an important role in the BDAFL with each team in First & Second Division and Women's required to provide a club umpire. This meant that when an NCCUA umpire was appointed there would be three umpires officiating the match. No match could commence without a minimum of two umpires.

The upskilling of our Club Umpires continued to be a major focus for 2016 with club umpires required to complete and on-line training accreditation prior to acting as a Club Umpire. Three Club umpire training sessions were also conducted during the year at Warners Bay, Bateau Bay and Singleton. Unfortunately these were not well attended.

Clubs were given additional "Club of the Year" points once a Club Umpire has officiated on ten match days.

In 2016, there were 68 club officials who officiated as a club field umpire.

The BDAFL Board has already flagged that Club Umpire will be a major focus in 2017 with improving the standard of club umpiring as well as the recruitment of female club umpires on the Agenda.

The BDAFL continued with the Yellow & Red Card (Send-Off) System as well the Prescribed Penalty option for reported players.

When a reportable incident was encountered the field umpire had the authority to send the player from the ground using a yellow card for minor offences for 15 minutes of elapsed playing time and a red card for more serious offences which encompassed the remainder of the match. In both cases the player were permitted to be replaced, albeit after fifteen minutes for those who receive a red card.

As in past years, the Umpires completed the Report form and Offence Grade Template on-line after the match. Once the forms were completed on line the Football Operations Manager when then send a copy of the report form, offence grade template as well as the Prescribed Penalty offered to the clubs. The clubs had until 12pm on Tuesday to advise if they would accept the prescribed penalty or wish to have the matter heard by the tribunal the following evening.

2016 saw AFL NSW/ACT introduced a generic Tribunal Manual Guidelines which included changes to the Prescribed Penalty matrix. The Black Diamond AFL accept the Guidelines with a couple of minor amendments made.

This year there were 52 reports made of which 43 opted to take the Prescribed Penalty.

Anthony Monk, Paul Deaves, Paul Thomas, Suzanne Parker, David Reed and Wal Bembic filled the role of the tribunal members in 2016. I would like to thank all the members for their assistance throughout the year.

In 2016 the BDAFL Investigative Officer was required to investigate one incident.

As with 2015 there were only minimal By-Law changes in 2016.

The clubs and the BDAFL continue to do their bit in the aid of charity with over \$32,000 raised for a wide range of charities. As mentioned previously the BDAFL supported Run Against Violence Charity which included with all women's teams purchasing white ribbon shoelaces for their players to wear in Women's Round. Overall approx. \$5,000 was donated to Run Against Violence.

The clubs continued to build on their relationship with the junior clubs within their pathways. In addition to providing coaches for the junior clubs match day activities as well Auskickers playing at half time of the main game.

This is a positive step and whilst it would be fair to say that some clubs engage with their junior clubs better than others, they all acknowledge the importance the junior clubs play.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of all clubs and in 2016 they once again played an important role and we thank them for that. Congratulations to Ken and Annette Garland, Muswellbrook who were named BDAFL Volunteer of the Year and Young Volunteer of the Year. Wyong Lakes, Bill Denniss was also the BDAFL's nominee for an AFL Merit Award.

In 2016, the BDAFL used Sherrin KB footballs, with a new football required for all Black Diamond Cup matches. A used football (defined as having not been used for more than three games previously) could be used for First & Second Division as well as for the Women's. The men's footballs carried both the BDAFL logo and the BLK logo with the Women's Footballs carrying the BDAFL and GE Industrial Solutions logo.

The BDAFL were required to order the footballs through AFL NSW/ACT which resulted in the clubs getting the Match day footballs at a subsidised rate. The BDAFL also provided a further subsidy of \$6 per match ball which saw clubs paying \$104 per match ball as opposed to the RRP of \$150. All match day footballs were provided free for Women's matches.

BLK continued as the exclusive supplier of playing apparel in the BDAFL being the second year of a three year agreement.

All clubs were again required to order their playing apparel through the Football Operations Manager.

Unfortunately the performance of BLK was poor and created a significant amount of additional work for the Football Operations Manager.

Whilst it is acknowledged that the cyclone that hit Fiji in February created significant problems for BLK there were quite a number of other internal factors which also contributed to the delay.

A meeting was held with the BLK, CEO Tyron Brandt where he explained the reasons for the problems and also the steps BLK had implemented to prevent future issues.

With another year still to run on agreement the BDAFL negotiated a new three year agreement with BLK which included an increase in the cash component of the agreement as well as a Service Level Agreement and compensation for the BDAFL and clubs for 2016.

BLK's performance will be closely monitored in 2017.

Insurance for clubs, players and public liability was again taken out through JLT Sport as part of the National AFL Program. AFL NSW/ACT paid the premium on our league's behalf then invoiced the BDAFL who in turn invoiced the clubs. The league paid the insurance premium for the NCCUA.

The league continued to use the Sporting Pulse Footyweb System which enabled match information to be input directly and edited by club personnel. Almost all clubs used the Livescoring function and this proved to be popular with the supporters who were able to keep up to date with the scores of all matches via the BDAFL website and the Fox Sports Pulse App which enabled the scores to be viewed via a mobile device.

Home clubs were also required to update match details by 7:00pm on the night of the game/s whilst those clubs who did not livescore their games were required to provide a text message with quarter by quarter scores. I commend those who undertook this duty for their dedication in the way they got the job done.

In 2016, once again player registration completed on-line via a username and password despite the AFL's preferred method being via e-mail address. Whilst understanding the AFL's reason for doing so this process is a most time consuming role for both club and league administrators. This has been relayed to AFL NSW/ACT however there appears to be no relief in sight.

Despite the BDAFL have arguably its best season ever the BDAFL is conscious of addressing issues which will continue to improve the competition.

The major issue at present is to increase the number of teams playing in the Black Diamond Cup competition whilst at the same time maintaining a competitive and viable competition. At present both Terrigal Avoca and Newcastle City have shown that they are significantly better than the other clubs.

At the beginning of the season the BDAFL Board introduced a Pathway Policy aimed at keeping junior players at their Pathway club, however a reduced Under 17's competition in both Newcastle and the Central Coast meant the introduction of this policy had to be delayed.

An information meeting was held in May where all BDAFL clubs were required to attend with an invitation also extended to junior clubs to discuss the future of football in the region. The night was a great success with 29 attendees representing 11 BDAFL clubs and 9 Junior clubs. AFL Hunter Chairman, Ross Hughes and Newcastle Junior Regional Chairman, Tony Bradley were also in attendance.

There was plenty of discussion on the night regarding:

- Increasing Numbers in the Black Diamond Cup competition and about the structure of the competitions as a whole
- The need to spread the talent across the competition
- The value of club pathways and how to make them work
- Junior competition structures, age groups and teams within each age group
- Recruitment and retention of junior players
- Involving Women in roles apart from playing (i.e. umpiring, coaching, administration)

Following the meeting further feedback was requested following which the BDAFL Board formulated a number of proposals for the club to consider for 2017 and beyond. Meetings were held with all clubs in October with the outcomes to be discussed at the Planning Meeting in November.

The year was not without its sadness with the passing of three BDAFL Life Members. Warners Bay Founder, John 'Mac' McKeown passed away in June, aged 95 whilst NCCUA Treasurer and current umpire, Neville Turner, who passed away suddenly, and Mrs Doreen Craney both passed away in October. All made a significant contribution, not only to the BDAFL but also AFL in the region and will be sorely missed.

In closing I would like to thank all those people who have assisted me in my role this year, in particular to Wal Bembic and his Board, the Club Presidents, Secretaries, Football Managers, Coaches, Christine Burrows in her role as BDAFL Umpires Coach and Simon Smyth as AFL NSW/ACT Manager, Northern NSW

See you in 2017.

Garry Burkinshaw
Football Operations Manager

TREASURER'S REPORT

The BDAFL once again had another successful year financially and remain in a strong financial position.

The books have been audited with the final result showing a profit of \$3,300.00.

A summary of the financial statements is as follows (exc GST):

	2016	2015	Difference
Income	232,874	211,481	+ 21,393
Retails Sales	146,897	83,420	+ 63,477
Total Sales	379,771	294,901	+ 84,870
Cost of Goods Sold	151,064	86,028	- 65,036
Gross Profit	228,706	208,873	+ 19,203
Expenditure	225,406	195,885	- 29,521
Profit	3,300	12,988	-9,688

Items of interest:

- Non Retail Sales Income increased by 10% partly due to an increase in Sponsorship of 11,821
- Retail Sales increased by 63,477 which reflects an increase in the purchase of off-field apparel through our licenced supplier.
- Increase in Cost of Goods sold related to increase in retail purchases
- Expenditure increased by 15% with a significant increase in Representative Expenditure which totalled \$18,521 as opposed to \$2,998 in 2015. The BDAFL also incurred expenditure of \$4,335 for their partnership with Run Against Violence.

A break-up of how the leagues income is allocated is as follows (exc GST):

Description	Income	Expenditure	Sub Total	Surplus/Deficiency
Affiliation Fees – Club Fee	50,046			
Football Operations Mgr		32,873		
Footy Record Editor		4,546		
Treasurer Honorarium		4,546		
BDAFL Umpires Coach		4,000		
Umpires Training Venue		930	46,895	+ 3,151
Affiliation Fee – Team Fee	31,909			
Representative Football		18,521		
Football Record		5,156		
Printing & Stationery		4,122		
Team Officials Attire		3,941		
Operations Costs - Misc		6,248	37,988	- 6,079
Sponsorship	47,800			
Advertising & Marketing		14,295		
Club of the Year		12,211		
Match of the Week Subsidy		11,300		
Run Against Violence		4,335		
Season Launch		3,041		
Sponsorship Expenses		262	45,444	+ 2,356

Finals	18,822	17,832	17,832	+ 990
Medal Night	13,550	16,215	16,215	-2,665
Income – Misc	5,773			+ 5,773
Retail – Sales/Purchases	146,897	147,123	147,123	- 226
TOTAL	314,797		311,497	+3,300

As in previous years the BDAFL has continue to provide subsidy to the clubs which included (exc GST):

Club of the Year program	\$ 11,229.00
Club Championship Prizes	\$ 982.00
Subsidise Match of the Week Costs	\$ 11,300.00
Waive Women's Team Affiliation Fee	\$ 13,000.00
Provide Women's Match Footballs	\$ 2,454.50
Football Subsidy (\$5.45 per ball)	\$ 610.92
Supply Club Officials Shirts	\$ 3,186.00
	<u>\$ 42,762.42</u>

The BDAFL also continued to make a significant contribution to Women's Football with the contribution in 2016 totalling \$20,224 for the provision of Match Football's, Women's Representative Football and the waivure of Team Affiliation Fees.

High Affiliation Fees continue to be a burden on all clubs with a levy of \$4,500 per club and \$1,300 per team applied.

The Board is mindful of the high costs, and is continually looking at ways at reducing this burden. Avenues explored include:

- Increased sponsorship which is improving.
- Obtain funding from AFL NSW/ACT

AFL NSW/ACT's tangible contribution to the BDAFL in the last financial year included a \$2,000 Representative Football subsidy, 15 contra footballs and a set of football gear which was on-sold to a junior club for \$1,000, as the gear supplied was not from BLK.

AFL NSW/ACT did assist in the setup of the new women's team with each new team receiving a subsidy of \$500.00 (down from \$1,500 in 2015).

In addition to this they also waived the rent on the office space at Morisset which previously cost \$5,178 per annum.

Negotiations are once again being held with AFL NSW/ACT in order to be granted similar funding as being provided to other affiliate league. AFL NSW/ACT have indicated that they are currently undertaking a complete review of all funding provided as well as comparing affiliation fees being charged. We look forward to this review being completed.

All clubs paid their invoices within the approved repayment term. I would like to thank all the clubs for their diligence in ensuring all accounts were paid on time.

Accounts receivables totalled \$924 with accounts payable totalling \$184 for an invoice received after 30 September. These accounts have now been paid.

As at 30 September 2016 the BDAFL had cash reserves of \$70,188 which is considered satisfactory to conduct their operations.

All taxation obligations have been met and accounts have been audited.

Garry Burkinshaw
BDAFL Treasurer

BDAFL UMPIRE COACH'S REPORT



This season has been another successful one, numbers have again increased – up by 27% on last year, with the two locations having umpires of all disciplines attend training on regular basis, as well as junior umpires joining the group.

The training venues were changed again from last year with No. 1 Sportsground available to us this year, which increased numbers at Newcastle based training each week - training on Tuesdays continued as usual at Bateau Bay.

The continuance of Bar TV has also given the opportunity for feedback to the umpires, with many umpires reviewing their performances as well as Damian Anderson and Graham Glassford being able to watch and provide feedback using clips from the games as well. It really is helping the umpires that are in the Talent Pathway to improve their umpiring.

Carl Fletcher has been replaced by Dylan Moore as the NSW Umpire Development Co-Ordinator for our region and along with Roy Reichert, Hunter Coast Umpire Manager we are constantly working to identify promising junior umpires who would be able to make the transition to senior football - this is an ongoing programme and we hope to increase these numbers again next season.

This season we gained 2 experienced Field Umpires – Pat Lally from the SANFL and Ashley Davey from Canberra, we've had another 2 that have transitioned from junior umpiring. Numbers are steadily building in all disciplines.

We've again recruited boundary umpires from the junior groups, some of whom will make the transition to field umpires when they have more experience – in the next season or two.

Our numbers accepted to the State Umpire Development Academy are the same as last year.

We've also had some good Representative game appointments this year:

- BDAFL Rep Game v Farrer AFL – Pat Lally - Field, Tom Sullivan - Goal and Stephen Blume - Boundary.

I was very honoured to be awarded the AFL NSW/ACT Umpire Coaching Scholarship for 2016.

This entailed me coaching at the Under 15 & 16 State Championships in Albury in June and I will be coaching at the U13 & 14 State Zone Trials in Albury next week.

I'd like to thank the Clubs for their support this past season.

I thank the NCCUA for their support and assistance during the season

I'd like to thank the BDAFL for the opportunity continue in this position, thanking Garry Burkinshaw, the BDAFL Board for their support over the entire season, I have enjoyed this season very much and am looking forward to next season.

Chris Burrows

Black Diamond AFL Umpires Coach

No of Umpires	Field	Boundary	Goal	Total	Club
2016	25	23	16	64	68
2015	21	19	14	54	66
2014	15	15	12	42	43



CLUB FIELD UMPIRES

2016 saw the continuation of the Club Field Umpire Program (CFUP).

The program involved the following:

- For all matches where two accredited umpires were not appointed, each club was required to provide a club umpire. This occurred on almost all occasions for 1st & 2nd Division and Women's matches
- A minimum of two umpires required for any game to commence.
- To become a Registered Club Field Umpire needed to complete a simple Club Umpire on-line training session and be registered in Footyweb.
- Three club umpire training sessions during the year at Bateau Bay, Warners Bay and Singleton. Unfortunately they were poorly attended.
- Clubs received "Club of the Year" points once a club umpire had officiated on a minimum of 10 match days and also if they attended Club Umpire training.
- Club umpires were required to wear lime green/charcoal shirts (supplied by the league), black socks and black shorts.
- Umpires had to be at least 14 years of age to act as a club umpire.

In 2016, there were 68 club umpires who officiated at least one match, of which 10 umpired on more than 10 match days.

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

After the success of the inaugural BDAFL competition 2015, 2016 saw the Women's competition to continue to grow both in number and also in standard.

The 2016 season commenced with GE Industrial Solutions continuing as naming rights to the competition which was known as the "GE BDAFL Women's Competition"



2016 saw Cardiff, Killarney Vale and Singleton field women's teams for the first time whilst the return of Gosford from the AFL Sydney Women's competition saw them join incumbent clubs Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Nelson Bay, Newcastle City, Warners Bay and Wyong Lakes in a ten team competition.

"Come n Try" days were held by AFL NSW/ACT Development staff to assist the new clubs in attracting players however it was word of mouth and existing players bringing friends which had the best effect towards recruiting.

By the end of the year 326 women had played at least one game of AFL in 2016 which was up from 180 in 2015.

AFL NSW/ACT provided the three new teams with a Subsidy of \$500.00 to assist with their set up costs whilst the BDAFL Board agreed to continue waive the Team Affiliation Fee (\$1,300.00) and the Medal Night Levy (\$440.00) for all women's teams and also to provide all Match day Footballs.

The Women once again commenced the season with a Gala Day on 19 March 2016 which involved all 10 clubs, with each team playing a minimum of three Round Robin matches. Newcastle City were able to defend the trophy they won in 2015 defeating Wyong Lakes in the final.

The day was once again considered a success and a perfect lead into the season with many women playing AFL for the first time.

The By-Laws were the same as in 2015 with sides able to play with a minimum of ten players, which the opponents had to play the same number of players whoever it was pleasing to note that out of 160 teams that took the field during the year on only 22 occasions did teams consist of less than 16 players whilst on 64 occasions teams had 22 players or more. Maitland was the only club who consistently struggled for numbers.

There was only one forfeit during the year which occurred when Singleton forfeited to Newcastle City in Round 14.

Such was the success with numbers the BDAFL, in consultation with the clubs, made the decision to increase the length of quarters from 15 minutes to 20 minutes in order to give coaches the opportunity to provide players with more game time.

The season commenced the same day as all the men's competition with the season consisting of 16 Home and Away matches and a three week finals series.

The fixture was completed so that each team played each other once and another seven teams twice.

An attempt was made to schedule women's matches at home to correspond with the men which was achieved on most occasions.

A highlight of the season was in Round 14 when all five women's matches were played at No 1 Sportsground as part of "Women's Round" with all matches also broadcast live through BarTV. This concept was a great success with the only downside being the lack of club support due to the men's teams playing at other venues.

The women's competition was highly competitive with the finals positions not confirmed until the last round. Cardiff made the finals in their first season which was an amazing effort having defeated the competitions other big improver, Wyong Lakes in the final round to claim fourth position.

The Women's Grand Final between Nelson Bay and Newcastle City was another season highlight with the decider again played as a twilight fixture following the Black Diamond Cup Preliminary Final. A large and vocal crowd were in attendance for this high quality match, which was also broadcast live. Nelson Bay came from behind at three quarter time to win the Premiership by three points but not before having to withstand the Blues attacking forays for the last five minutes which had the atmosphere at a level rarely seen at BDAFL football.

As mentioned Nelson Bay were crowned Premiers and were able to go through the season undefeated which was a fantastic achievement. The Women's Best and Fairest Award went to Nelson Bay's Lisa Steane who was also named Best on Ground in the Grand Final.

2016 also saw the BDAFL field Women's Representative teams for the first time with AFL Canberra accepting and invitation to play the BDAFL at both senior and Under 19's/Youth Girls. The matches were played on 10 July at Bateau Bay.

Both matches were of high quality with AFL Canberra proving too strong for the BDAFL senior team after the BDAFL Under 19's had defeated AFL Canberra Youth Girls in the first game.

A "Coast vs Country" Challenge Trophy was struck for the day, which was won by AFL Canberra having won on a countback after each team had recorded a win.

The girls certainly enjoyed the experience of representing the BDAFL and are already planning the trip to Canberra next year.

Women's football received significant media exposure throughout the year whilst crowds at the matches were very encouraging.

Overall Women's football in 2016 was a quite success with the contribution made to both the league and clubs quite significant and refreshing.

With the AFL Women's competition commencing in 2017 the interest in women wanting to play AFL is expected to increase which will no doubt see the BDAFL women's competitions continue to grow as well.

BDAFL AMBASSADOR – STEVE ALLAN

In 2015 the BDAFL Board made a decision to anoint seven people with the title of BDAFL Ambassador.

The Ambassadors are people who commenced their football career in the AFL Hunter Coast region and gone on to reach the pinnacle of their field, or have made a significant contribution away from the football field.

The role of the Ambassador is to promote the Black Diamond AFL and also allow the league to promote them as BDAFL Ambassadors.

In 2016, the BDAFL Board anointed Steve Allan as a BDAFL Ambassador.

Steve played for Killarney Vale from 1999-2004 and since his retirement has become heavily involved in the media, both TV and radio on the Central Coast and also on ABC Grandstand.

Steve is also well known for his ground announcing at Stadium Australia, Spotless Stadium and well as at State of Origin games in Brisbane and also acts as host to numerous functions involving elite sporting organisations and clubs.

Steve is forever promoting the BDAFL.



SPONSORSHIP

In 2016 the Black Diamond AFL was fortunate to have a number of companies support the league.

The season saw a change in the Major Sponsorship with Wilson Security, whilst still wanting to retain the Major Sponsorship were not in a position to meet the BDAFL requirements.

The BDAFL are extremely grateful for Wilson Security support having been the Major Sponsor for the previous two years and were equally pleased when the company decided to continue their support by becoming the naming rights partner to the BDAFL's Match of the Week Broadcast.

In the absence of Wilson Security the BDAFL were able to obtain BLK as their Naming Rights Major Sponsor for a three year term (2016-2018). BLK was already the BDAFL's exclusive apparel supplier and to have them also take on the major sponsorship for three years was also pleasing.

BLK became the naming rights sponsor of the league and also the Black Diamond Cup competition and had their logo incorporated into the existing BDAFL logo and also had their logo on the Match day footballs.

The league was also grateful to retain other partners in:

- Belmont 16 Footers Sailing Club who increased their sponsorship to become a Major Partners. The club is the venue of our off-field Gala Events namely, Season Launch and Elliott Davey Medal Night whilst all the BDAFL's meeting and workshops are held there.
- GE Industrial Supplies continued as a major partner and also held naming rights sponsor for the GE BDAFL Women's Competitions. For the first time the GE logo was included on the Women's Footballs.
- Prime7 also provided a contra sponsorship with a weekly advert which shown several times throughout the week. They also provided introductions for both the Season Launch and Presentation Night.
- Star104.5FM continued their sponsorship which this year was their 12th season in which they have supported the competition. Star 104.5FM promoted upcoming events on a regular basis. Their "Roadstar" vehicle was a regular at matches on the Central Coast and was also at the Grand Final in Newcastle. They also provided sponsor voiceovers for the BDAFL.
- BLK continued as exclusive on-field apparel supplier for the BDAFL (2nd year of a three year deal). As part of the sponsorship agreement BLK also provided ten double corporate passes to GWS Giants matches. These passes were given to sponsors.
- Sportscoast Trophies and Embroidery continued as a Minor Partner
- The Entertainment Grounds – Central Coast continued as a Minor Partner and supporter of the Women's competition
- Subway, Morisset continued to provide a \$20 voucher to be awarded to the player adjudged "Best On Ground" in the live BarTV broadcast match.
- Officeworks continued to provide a 10% discount the printing cost of the Football Record.

On top of the existing partners the BDAFL were able to acquire the additional partners:

- Pullman Magenta Shores Resort became a major partner and also sponsor of the BDAFL Charity Partnership with "Run Against Violence". They were also the sponsor of the Elliott Davey Medal Presentation Night.

- AFL NSW/ACT provided a \$2,000 subsidy for Representative Football as well as 15 Contra Footballs. They also provided each new Women's club with \$500.00 to assist with set up costs.
- Marks Men Workforce became a Minor Partner
- Hi-Flow Plumbing sponsored the Finals Match day held at Max McMahon Oval on 13 August.
- BarTV was the BDAFL Broadcast partner

A number of other businesses also provided assistance across the course of the season.

The follow list includes the business that supported the Black Diamond AFL 2015:

MAJOR SPONSOR	MAJOR PARTNERS	MINOR PARTNERS
BLK	Belmont 16 Footers Sailing Club	The Entertainment Grounds – Central Coast
	GE Industrial Supplies	Sportscoast Trophies & Embroidery / Waratah Sports
	Wilson Security	
	Pullmans Magenta Shores	BarTV
	Prime7	Subway – Morisset
	Star 104.5FM Central Coast	Marks Men Workforce
	BLK	AFL NSW/ACT
		Hi-Flow Plumbing
		Officeworks
		Elite Sports Images
		Target Press

SEASON LAUNCH

The Black Diamond AFL launched the 2016 season in front of approximately 80 guests at Belmont 16 Footers Sailing Club yesterday.

Those who attended the lunch time function included representatives from all thirteen clubs as well as the NCCUA and special guests.

Guests were provided with complimentary finger food and drinks

A highlight of the event was the BDAFL announcing that they would be supporting the White Ribbon "Run Against Violence" program in 2016 and program ambassador, Kirrily Dear was in attendance to answer questions and a video of her inspiring run was shown.

Channel ten journalist, Michael Cain hosted the event and he interviewed men and women representatives from all clubs about how they were progressing in the lead up to the season.

BDAFL President, Wal Bembic addressed the crowd and said that the BDAFL Board was committed to an expanded and more competitive Black Diamond Cup competition and that they hoped to have measures in place for the 2017 season.

The 2016 sponsors were also acknowledged with presentations made to the major sponsors, BLK, Belmont 16 Footers Sailing Club and GE Industrial Solutions.

BarTV were present at the Launch and interviewed representatives from all men's and women's teams.

At the conclusion of the launch a photo was taken of a club representative in their playing gear with the Black Diamond Cup.



BAR TV

2016 saw the continuation of broadcasts of BDAFL matches courtesy of BarTV both live over the internet and on replay over the internet and at selected clubs and hotels through the Hunter, Sydney and Illawarra regions.

Viewers were able to watch the matches live by clicking on a link on either the BDAFL, BarTV or Newcastle Herald (finals only) Website. In addition to this they could also watch a replay of the match at a later date or view a highlights package (approx. 9 minutes) compiled by BarTV via Social Media.



BarTV provided all Black Diamond Cup clubs and the umpires with a hard drive at the beginning of the season so that they could get a copy of the match at the end of the game. For the Lower Division matches, which were shown on replay, both competing teams were able to get a USB copy of the game immediately following the game.

The clubs had the opportunity to display their clubs logo's during the quarter breaks, whilst their major sponsor's logo was shown each time they kicked a goal. The BDAFL sponsors logo's and advertisements were also shown and live reads were also included in the broadcast.

Wilson Security became the naming rights sponsor of the Match of the Week broadcast and had their logo permanently displayed in the bottom right hand corner of the screen.

One Black Diamond Cup match each week (all three matches were covered on the Mega Day). as well as all Black Diamond Cup finals were broadcast live. In addition to this all five women's matches were shown live as part of "Women's Round" whilst the Grand Final of 1st and 2nd Division as well as the Women were also broadcast live.

In addition to this the Men's Representative matches in Wagga Wagga, and the Women's Representative matches at Bateau Bay were also shown live.

The BDAFL's Elliott Davey Medal Night was also broadcast live and attracted 884 views.

BarTV also attended each of the Run Against Violence Club Visits.

The Black Diamond Cup Match of the Week schedule was structured to not only get the best matches shown but also to ensure that all clubs had equal opportunity to have their matches broadcast.

All clubs also had the opportunity to get additional matches covered albeit to be shown on replay.

The Match of the Week had commentary from David Redden and Lucas Holmes with Garry Burkinshaw, Alex Coburn and Andy Baldwin providing assistance from time to time during the year.

Overall, 35 matches (inc 8 women's) were shown live and a further 29 matches (inc 14 women's) on replay. This was an increase on 31 and 22 respectively in 2015.

Subway, Morisset provided a \$20 Voucher to the player judges by the commentators as "Best on Ground" in the Broadcast Match of the Week, whilst the action judged as "Play of the Day" received a Voucher courtesy of Das Hund Haus Restaurant in Newcastle.

The BDAFL were able to subsidise approx. 40% of the broadcast costs which makes it affordable for the clubs.

This initiative continues to provide the league, clubs, players and umpires greater exposure which in turn will hopefully attract additional revenue and opportunities.

Stats (as provided by BarTV)

It is estimated that there were approximately 46,706 views of BDAFL vision in 2016 made up as follows:

	2016	2015	2014
Matches On You Tube (inc Replays & Highlights)	46,706	38,560	29,715
Average Viewing Time	10mins 47 sec	12mins 17 sec	11 mins

These numbers are actual devices viewed on with BarTV estimating that on average between 1.8 to 2.5 people watch each view which indicates that approx. 85K – 115K watched BDAFL football on-line in 2016.

The viewing time decreased owing to the highlights packages being shorter this year.

During the year there were active viewers from in excess of 25 countries with the top 5 being; Australia, USA, Puerto Rico, United Kingdom, Thailand & Canada



RUN AGAINST VIOLENCE

2016 saw the BDAFL form a partnership with Charity Organisation "Run Against Violence" which is a supporter of the White Ribbon Program with the aim of raising awareness of family violence through Ultra Marathon Running.



In November 2014, Run Against Violence Founder, Kirrily Dear ran 860km from Walgett to Forbes in 7 days to raise awareness of domestic violence. She subsequently made a documentary "Iceberg" with the goal of having the documentary shown to every Australian.

It was following one of these screenings that BDAFL President, Wal Bembic approached the BDAFL Board with the idea of the league supporting the cause.

The Board enthusiastically supported the idea and after much discussion came up with the following proposal to support "Run Against Violence" and Kirrily's goal of having all Australian's view the documentary:

- The BDAFL would visited all BDAFL Clubs and NCCUA individually at a Tuesday training session during the year.
- An abbreviated training session would be held following which a 400m race would be held for both men and women with \$50 prizemoney given to the winner of each race.
- Following the race the BDAFL would provide a sausage sizzle and drinks.
- All attendees would then hear from an Ultra marathon runner detailing their experiences.
- The evening would conclude with the screening of the "Iceberg" documentary.

Pullmans Magenta Shores became the Naming Rights Sponsor for the partnership.

BarTV were approached to become involved, which they did and during the visit, interviews were held with the Club President, Senior Coach and Women's captain whilst the 400m races were also filmed. These were all packaged and shown on social media.

The winners of each 400m clubs races were invited to the finals with the men's final held at half time of the women's Grand Final with Lake Macquarie's, Sam Wellard the winner whilst the women's final was held at half time of the Black Diamond Cup Grand Final with Nelson Bay's, Sarah Dodd the winner. The club race winners received \$50 with the overall winners receiving an additional \$200.

The Ultra marathon talks were conducted by Karen Barrett, Brad Smithers, Adam Connor and Kirrily Dear.

The Iceberg documentary is quite confronting with a number of viewers becoming distressed.

The sessions were very well attended with a number of clubs commenting that the attendance at these events were greater than normal training nights.

Kirrily expressed Run Against Violence's desire to purchase a branded marquee for their events. She was pleasantly surprised when the BDAFL said that they would sponsor the purchase of the marquee which cost \$2,050.

Run Against Violence attended major events such as the Black Diamond Cup Mega Day, Women's Round, both Men's and Women's Grand Finals where they set up the marquee. Kirrily was also interviewed at the Season Launch and also Elliott Davey Medal Night.

The Women's Round saw all women's team purchase White Ribbon Shoelaces for their players to wear on the day. Proceeds from the sales totalled \$1,250 which was donated to "Run Against Violence".

Overall the partnership was a success with one president saying after one of his women players broke down during the screening "For the first time I realised that there was more to football clubs than winning"

REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

In 2016 Representative Football again played an important role in the Black Diamond AFL.

Five representative matches with the senior side travelling to Wagga Wagga to renew acquaintances with the Farrer FNL whilst for the first time the BDAFL fielded women's representative teams at senior and Under 19's level against AFL Canberra. The Representative season commenced with pre-season matches against the Sydney Swans Academy for both Under 25's (playing Swans Academy Under 18's) and Under 19's (playing Swans Academy Under 16's) teams.



As has been the case for many years now the search for an opponent for the senior Representative side became a difficult task.

Finally a match was organised with the Farrer FNL as part of a mega Representative day which also involved Riverina FL and the Hume League. This was a return to years gone by before those leagues opted to form a Representative program with North East Victorian Leagues.

The matches were scheduled for Wagga Wagga (the BDAFL's 10th away game in last 15 years, including four of the last five years) on 21 May which was a change from the normal June long weekend date.

Chris Bishop was appointed as Coach with Mitch Knight, Courtney Knight and Marty Reiman his assistant, with Football Operations Manager, Garry Burkinshaw joining them as Chairman of Selectors and also Team Manager. Unfortunately Mitch and Courtney was unable to attend the match as they had a family commitment in New Zealand.

As in previous years, the program was a one week commitment for the players with training on Tuesday night at Bateau Bay Sporting Facility and Thursday night at No 1 Sportsground.

The reduced program is well received by the players and has certainly improved player commitment.

In the lead up to the program all clubs were advised of those players who were in consideration and that they were required to be available for selection. The coaches spoke to most players in contention advising them of the program, in addition to this, matches involving all clubs were watched by the selectors.

After many years of having a strong commitment, 2016 saw 20 players either make themselves unavailable or withdrew from the original squad through injury.

This made preparation very difficult as replacements were still being sought as late as the morning the team left for Wagga Wagga.

Despite the disruptions the commitment of the selected players was first rate.

Following training on the Thursday night the players had pizza for dinner at the ground and they were also presented with their polo shirt.

Peter Van Dam, who was making a record 11th appearance for the BDAFL, was named as captain with Mitch Crawford his vice-captain. The leadership shown by both these men was first rate.

It was a new look BDAFL representative side with 13 players making their BDAFL Representative debut and 10 players aged 21 years or younger. Also in the squad were 3 players who played in the 1st Division competition.

Sean Riedel was also appointed as trainer for an 14th year, and this year he was assisted by Bob Dickson. The professionalism shown by these gentlemen was well received by the players and they ensured that the trip was a success and all players were well treated and returned to their club in good fitness.

Michael Smith assisted the coaches by taking the stats with Jimmy Newburn acting as runner on the day whilst two local boys acted as water runners.

BDAFL Board Member, Paul Kelly also made the trip and assisted with Team Manager duties. Dave Redden was also a member of the squad and assisted with any tasks assigned to him whilst also assisting with BarTV commentary.

The players travelled to Blacktown by bus, courtesy of Port Stephens Coaches departing Anna Bay on Friday at 3pm with pick-ups at Newcastle No 1 Sportsground and Ourimbah Rest Area. The players arrived in Wagga Wagga at midnight. The reason for the late departure was to allow players to work on Friday if they wished.

The players stayed at the William Farrer Hotel and were provided with breakfast each morning and lunch on Saturday. The players were presented with their playing gear at lunch with Chris Bishop presenting the jumpers. The players kept all their playing attire including jumpers.

The match was part of a full day of matches with Riverina FL and Hume League also playing a senior match whilst an Under 14 and Under 16's match and netball were also played on the day. The BDAFL vs Farrer FNL was the last fixture of the day, with the twilight match commencing at 4.30pm.

The ground was in excellent condition with perfect weather conditions for the match.

The match was broadcast live over the internet courtesy of Bar TV with Garry Burkinshaw and Dave Redden providing the commentary.

The BDAFL dominated the match and an even first quarter eventually winning by 36 points (see match report).

The downside of the match was the serious injury suffered by Peter Van Dam (broken hand) which saw him miss a number of club matches.

A function was held at the ground for both teams and officials which included a subway sandwiches and pizza. The BDAFL were also presented with the winning trophy whilst Andrew Scott received a plaque as "Best Player on the Ground".

Following the function the squad returned to the William Farrer Hotel for more celebratory drinks provided by the BDAFL.

The squad returned home on Sunday with the bus departing Wagga Wagga at 7.30am with drop offs again at Ourimbah, Newcastle and Anna Bay.

Thanks goes to AFL Riverina for hosting the day and also to the family and supporters who made the trip to support the team.

For the first time the BDAFL fielded Women's Representative teams in 2016.

The need to have a women's representative team was identified at the end of 2015 and as such an approach was made to AFL NSW/ACT for a possible opponent and almost immediately AFL Canberra agreed to assist.

This match was a coup for the BDAFL but also a big challenge as AFL Canberra have had a long standing and strong Women's competition.

AFL Canberra also requested a Youth Girls game and although the BDAFL do not have an underage Women's competition they agreed to the game using Under 19's players from the BDAFL competition.

A trophy was struck for the matches with the trophy named "Coast vs Country Challenge Trophy" and awarded to the winning side on the day. If the matches were split the side who kicked the most goals on the day would be awarded the trophy.

The matches were scheduled for Sunday, July 10.

Expressions of Interest were called for to fill the coaching roles with Simon Berry (Coach) and Lauren Cooper and John Parker (Assistant Coaches) appointed to the senior role with Craig Golledge (Coach) and Tim Clark (Assistant Coach) appointed to the Development Squad positions.

Club coaches were asked to nominate players who they believed were in the best 22 players in the competition.

An initial training squad of 50 women was named for the Senior squad with a squad of 28 players named for the Development squad.

The commitment from the women was fantastic with only two women withdrawing from the open squad, both through injury with only two also withdrawing from the Development squad.

The senior side trained on two Sunday's before the squad was reduced to 25 (24 players plus 1 emergency) for the final training session on the Wednesday prior to the match. All training sessions were held at Tulkaba Park.

Following the final training session the players had pizza for dinner at the ground and they were also presented with their polo shirt.

Gosford's Amy Hessell and Nelson Bay's Kate Holland were named as captain and vice-captain respectively.

The Development side only had one training session which was the Sunday prior to the game. Following training the squad was reduced to 25 (24 players plus 1 emergency).

Sophie Balcombe was named as captain.

Sean Riedel was once again the trainer for both teams with Craig Read assisting him.

Orana Eslick was the runner for the senior team (backing up after playing in the Development game) whilst Bec Ives and Kylie Wilson were water carriers.

Mitch Crawford acted as runner for the Development team whilst two Lake Macquarie juniors ran water.

With the representative matches being played on Sunday the players were able to play for their clubs on Saturday. Newcastle City and Nelson Bay had the bye whilst Gosford opted to rest their players. Most players from other clubs played on the Saturday.

There was only one injury which resulted in a player having to withdraw from the Development squad.

On match day the players from both teams were presented with their playing attire prior to the matches. Unfortunately due to a delay with delivery of shorts from BLK the Development squad had to wear male shorts whilst the sizes for the senior team were not as the players requested.

The senior team got to keep all their playing attire whilst the Development squad got to keep their shorts and socks.

The matches were played at Bateau Bay Sporting Facility in perfect weather conditions with the Development squad commencing at 10am and the seniors at 12pm.

Both matches were broadcast live over the internet courtesy of Bar TV with Dave Redden and Lucas Holmes providing the commentary.

The BDAFL Development squad played extremely well and had to withstand a late AFL Canberra comeback to win by seven points whilst the senior side were very competitive against a strong AFL Canberra side before going down by 47 points (see match report).

Presentations were made following each game with Sophie Balcombe being awarded the "Best Player on the Ground" award in the Development game whilst AFL Canberra's, Megan Godfrey received the same award in the senior game.

AFL Canberra were also presented with the "Coast vs Country Challenge Trophy" having kicked more goals across the two matches.

Squad members from both teams were provided with a salad roll and drink following their matches.

The women's senior team proceeded to the Bateau Bay Hotel to have a few drinks courtesy of the BDAFL.

The representative season commenced in February with the return of the pre-season matches against the Sydney Swans Academy. These matches were first played in 2014 but other arrangements prevented the matches being played in 2015.

Following discussions with Sydney Swans Academy Manager, Chris Smith it was decided that a BDAFL Under 25's side would play the Sydney Swans Academy Under 18's and a BDAFL Under 19's side would play the Sydney Swans Academy Under 16's at Lakeside Oval on Saturday, February 27.

The match would give the Swans a solid hit out prior to the TAC trials against the GWS Giants Academy and for the BDAFL it would also give the young players an opportunity to test themselves against the best youngsters in the Sydney Swans Zones.

Chris Bishop, Courtney Knight and Mitch Knight were appointed as Coaches, with Football Operations Manager, Garry Burkinshaw joining them as Chairman of Selectors and also Team Manager.

An initial training squad was selected with 30 players in the U25's squad and 34 players in the Under 19's squad.

Two training sessions were held at Tulkaba Park on the Tuesday and Thursday prior to the match. With unavailabilities all available players (24 for Under 25's and 26 for the Under 19's squad) were able to play in the fixture.

James Webster was named as captain of the Under 25's with Josh Mifsud and Lachlan Deverell captains of the Under 19's.

Tom Barton assisted with physio services on the day whilst Sean Riedel was appointed as trainer and Michael Smith also assisted the coaching staff with Mitchell Knight acting as runner.

The players travelled to and from Sydney on the day of the match courtesy of Port Stephens Coaches.

The Under 25's match commenced at 12pm and were followed by the Under 19's match at 2pm with both matches played in quite warm weather conditions.

Swans Academy Under 18's were too strong for the BDAFL side however the BDAFL Under 19's side turned the tables with a magnificent come from behind win (see match report).

Overall, the Representative Program was considered a success not only with the results but also the commitment and passion shown by all those who participated.

The BDAFL is extremely lucky to have a number of coaches, players and supporters who are fully supportive of Representative Football which is a key component of the BDAFL.

It is important that competitive and varied representative fixtures are programmed each year (alternate home and away) to ensure that the best players in our competition are the opportunity to challenge themselves against the best players from other leagues.

Match Report – Senior Men's vs Farrer FNL

The Black Diamond Australian Football League representative team made it four wins in a row with a convincing 36 point win over Farrer FNL (FFNL) in Wagga Wagga on Saturday.

After a slow start when Farrer kicked the first two goals of the game, a superb BDAFL performance, spearheaded by Singleton's Andrew Scott and Maitland's Pat McMahon, saw the BDAFL run out convincing 36 point winners. Final scores were BDAFL 15.21.111 to FFNL 11.9.75.

Over three and half quarters, the BDAFL smashed the FFNL at the clearances, effective tackles and with contested ball. This enabled forwards Mitch Crawford, McMahon, Pat Gillingham and Corey Billins a glut of quality possession, resulting in 15 goals, a total that should have been much more except for below par shooting at the sticks.

Time and again, Scott would be at the bottom of packs delivering precise handballs to his running players. Scott's best on ground performance was no surprise, given his experience in the NEAFL and the WAFL. His following colleagues in Chris Jackson, Matt Spinks, skipper Peter Van Dam, Aaron Seen and Todd Krause exposed the top-heavy FFNL with their outside running and ability to stay on their feet in packs.

Matt Bailey was superb across the backline with his intercept marking and long kicks, setting up numerous BDAFL forward raids from his position on the half-back line.

Luke Price was thrust into an unfamiliar role at fullback to thwart gun FFNL full-forward Marc Geppert, who kicked two early goals and threatened to kick a bag of majors. Price performed admirably against the much bigger and stronger Geppert, keeping him quiet in the second half to significantly reduce the FFNL's attacking options.

Head Coach Chris Bishop, his assistant Marty Reiman and skipper Peter Van Dam (in his 11th representative game for the BDAFL) were all thrilled with the team's performance when we spoke with them after the game.

Bishop told us that his players were slow to start but when they eventually got going, they won the clearances convincingly and that the tackling and pressure acts were features of the win. Bishop was loathe to single out any players, such was his satisfaction with the team's overall performance.

Reiman said that the win was a great effort given how many young players and debutants were in side. Reiman mentioned that Bishop's game plan for the wide flanks of Robertson Oval worked a treat and the team were very committed to the game plan and maintaining discipline at all times.

Van Dam was a very happy man after the game. He said that Scott and McMahon, players he hadn't seen play before, were outstanding and that Bailey and Jackson were magnificent on the day.

BDAFL's best players were Scott, Jackson, Gillingham, Bailey, Spinks and Van Dam. Gillingham and McMahon kicked three goals each, whilst Spinks, Crawford and Billins all kicked two goals in a very impressive, convincing and meritorious victory.

Representative Match					Weather Fine
BDAFL vs Farrer FNL @ Robertson Oval, Wagga Wagga					
Saturday 21 May 2016					
BDAFL	2.4	8.11	13.15	15.21	111
FARRER FNL	2.1	4.2	7.7	11.9	75
Goal Kickers					
BDAFL – Pat Gillingham 3, Pat McMahon 3, Matt Spinks 2, Mitch Crawford 2, Corey Billins 2, Alex Mitchell 1, Angus Darling 1, Peter Van Dam 1					
Best					
BDAFL – Andrew Scott, Pat McMahon, Chris Jackson, Mat Bailey, Matt Spinks, Peter Van Dam					
BDAFL Umpires: Pat Lally (<i>field</i>), Stephen Blume (<i>Boundary</i>), Tom Sullivan (<i>Goal</i>)					

2016 MENS REPRESENTATIVE TEAM

NAME	CLUB	NAME	CLUB
Matt BAILEY	Newcastle City	Corey BILLINS	Terrigal Avoca
Mitch CRAWFORD	Newcastle City	Angus DARLING	Terrigal Avoca
Pat GILLINGHAM	Newcastle City	Jack GRIMMOND	Terrigal Avoca
James HART	Terrigal Avoca	Jake HARTIKAINEN	Newcastle City
Conor HASWELL	Newcastle City	Max HILLIER	Cardiff
Chris JACKSON	Newcastle City	Hugh KELLEHER	Newcastle City
Todd KRAUSE	Warners Bay	Pat MCMAHON	Maitland
Macaulay O'MALLEY	Newcastle City	Alex MITCHELL	Singleton
Luke PRICE	Nelson Bay	Andrew SCOTT	Singleton
Aaron SEEN	Newcastle City	Matt SPINKS	Warners Bay
Nathan VAISEY	Nelson Bay	Peter VAN DAM	Terrigal Avoca
Coach: Chris BISHOP		Assistant Coach: Marty REIMAN	
Stats: Michael SMITH		Runner: Jimmy NEWBURN	
Chairman of Selectors: Garry BURKINSHAW		Team Manager: Garry BURKINSHAW	
Trainer: Sean RIEDEL		Trainer: ROBERT DICKSON	



Back Row: Jimmy Newburn (Runner), Bob Dickson (Trainer), Marty Reiman (Asst Coach), Macaulay O'Malley, Mat Bailey, Pat McMahon, Hugh Kelleher, Chris Jackson, Angus Darling, Todd Krause, Luke Price, Alex Mitchell, James Hart, Paul Kelly (Board Member), Sean Riedel (Trainer).

Front Row: Mick Smith (Support Staff), Jack Grimmond, Andrew Scott, Corey Billins, Aaron Seen, Mitch Crawford (Vice captain), Peter Van Dam (Captain), Chris Bishop (Coach), Max Hillier, Jake Hartikainen, Matt Spinks, Pat Gillingham, Conor Haswell, Nathan Vaisey

Match Report – Senior Women's vs AFL Canberra

AFL Canberra has claimed the inaugural Women's 'Coast vs Country' Challenge Shield, but not before a stern challenge from the Black Diamond AFL (BDAFL) at Bateau Bay Sporting Facility today.

After the matches were split one apiece, AFL Canberra claimed the trophy on a countback having kicked more goals across the two matches.

Played in front of a strong crowd in perfect conditions, the BDAFL Development side gave the early advantage to the home side with a 3.13.31 to 3.6.24 win over the AFL Canberra Youth

Girls side before the AFL Canberra senior side proved too strong for the BDAFL winning 12.6.78 to 4.7.31.

The BDAFL senior side took the match to their more fancied rivals and got the first goal on the board courtesy of Morgan Ross (Gosford), which the visitors countered almost immediately. A further goal to Emily Nichols (Nelson Bay) gave the BDAFL the lead however two late goals to AFL Canberra saw them lead by six points at the first change.

AFL Canberra took control of the match in the second quarter however the BDAFL defence led by Kate Holland (Nelson Bay) repelled many of their attacks, however their four goals for the term saw them lead by 25 points at the long break.

The BDAFL responded strongly in the third quarter with captain Amy Hessel (Gosford) dominating the ruck and Audrey Gillingham (Newcastle City) and Lisa Steane (Nelson Bay) winning the clearances the home side had many scoring opportunities which Ross was able to turn into two goals for the term. At the final break the margin was 24 points.

The effort in the previous three quarters took its toll on the BDAFL women as AFL Canberra were able to pull away in the final quarter to win by 47 points.

Holland, Hessel, Gillingham and Steane were the best for the BDAFL with Ross a winner up forward finishing with three goals. AFL Canberra's Megan Godfrey received the award for Best on Ground.

Despite the loss the BDAFL girls showed plenty of spirit in their first ever representative fixture and will certainly have benefitted from playing against a well drilled outfit.

Women's Representative Match						Weather Fine
BDAFL vs AFL Canberra @ Bateau Bay Sporting Facility						
Sunday 10 July 2016						
AFL CANBERRA	3.1	6.4	8.4	12.6	78	
BDAFL	2.1	2.3	4.4	4.7	31	
Goal Kickers						
BDAFL – Morgan Ross 3, Emily Nichols 1						
Best						
BDAFL – Kate Holland, Amy Hessel, Audrey Gillingham, Lisa Steane, Emily Crookes, Jacqui Dudgeon						

2016 REPRESENTATIVE TEAM

NAME	CLUB	NAME	CLUB
Emily BOHAN	Wyong Lakes	Kate BOOTH	Warners Bay
Eliza BUNNER	Cardiff	Jessica CASSIDY	Maitland
Rebecca COLLINS	Gosford	Emily CROOKES	Gosford
Jacqui DUDGEON	Cardiff	Rachael ELCOATE	Gosford
Kirsty FERGUSON	Newcastle City	Audrey GILLINGHAM	Newcastle City
Emma HAMILTON	Warners Bay	Amy HESSELL	Gosford
Kate HOLLAND	Nelson Bay	Sarah JAMES	Maitland
Meaghan MACDONALD	Newcastle City	Emily NICHOLS	Nelson Bay
Tarryn O'HEHIR	Killarney Vale	Morgan ROSS	Gosford
Ashleigh SEPHTON	Wyong Lakes	Pippa SMYTH	Nelson Bay
Lisa STEANE	Nelson Bay	Amelia STURMAN	Newcastle City
Gabby SZEKELY	Newcastle City	Erin WHITE	Newcastle City
Coach: Simon BERRY		Assistant Coach: Lauren COOPER	
Assistant Coach: John PARKER		Runner: Orana ESLICK	
Chairman of Selectors: Simon BERRY		Team Manager: KARINA BERRY	
Trainer: Sean RIEDEL		Trainer: Craig READ	



Back Row: Lisa Steane, Emily Nichols, Ashleigh Sephton, Kate Booth, Rachael Elcoate, Amelia Sturman, Rebecca Collins, Jess Cassidy
Middle Row: Meaghan MacDonald, Tarryn O'Hehir, Audrey Gillingham, Emily Crookes, Sarah James, Kirsty Ferguson, Pippa Smyth, Bec Ives, Morgan Ross, Gabby Szekely, Emily Bohan, John Parker (Assistant Coach), Emma Hamilton
Front Row: Lauren Cooper (Assistant Coach), Jacqui Dudgeon, Erin White, Amy Hessel (Captain), Simon Berry (Coach), Kate Holland (Vice Captain), Eliza Bunner, Karina Berry (Team Manager)

Match Report – Development Women's vs AFL Canberra

The day started well for the BDAFL with the Development side showing great skill and tenacity to record a seven point win over AFL Canberra Youth Girl's side. The win was the first by a BDAFL Women's side.

The match was an even affair for the first half with the BDAFL leading by seven points, a margin which could have been greater given the inaccuracy in front of goals from the home side (one goal from ten attempts).

They found their goalkicking boots in the third quarter and goals to Orana Eslick (Gosford) and Laney Hessels (Nelson Bay) saw the BDAFL open up a 15 point lead at the final change.

After holding sway for most of the final quarter, but unable to find the killer blow the BDAFL had to withstand a late AFL Canberra flourish however in the need were able to hang onto a historic seven point win.

Captain Sophie Balcombe (Nelson Bay) was outstanding to claim the Best on Ground award whilst Athena Gerakiteys (Nelson Bay), Jade Bassett (Maitland) and Jemma Astley (Nelson Bay) also played well in a team where all players made a contribution.

Women's Representative Match					Weather Fine
BDAFL Development Squad vs AFL Canberra Youth Girls @ Bateau Bay Sporting Facility					
Sunday 10 July 2016					
BDAFL	1.5	1.9	3.13	3.13	31
AFL CANBERRA	1.2	1.2	2.4	3.6	24
Goal Kickers					
BDAFL – Orana Eslick 1, Jemma Astley 1, Laney Hessels 1					
Best					
BDAFL – Sophie Balcombe, Athena Gerakiteys, Jade Bassett, Jemma Astley, Svenja Mueller Byrnes, Natasha Flint					

2016 WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVE TEAM

NAME	CLUB	NAME	CLUB
Jemma ASTLEY	Nelson Bay	Sophie BALCOMBE	Nelson Bay
Jade BASSETT	Maitland	Sarah BURNS	Cardiff
Orana ESLICK	Gosford	Tonicah ESLICK	Killarney Vale
Ashleigh FLACK	Killarney Vale	Natasha FLINT	Nelson Bay
Athena GERAHITEYS	Nelson Bay	Laney HESSELS	Nelson Bay
Letisha JARVIS	Nelson Bay	Holly KOZLIK	Lake Macquarie
Kyah MCBRIDE	Singleton	Tori MCDONALD-STUART	Killarney Vale
Lauren MOTT	Gosford	Svenja MUELLER-BYRNES	Gosford
Jazmin NORLEY	Gosford	Hannah PAGE	Killarney Vale
Abby PEARCE	Wyong Lakes	Taylor QUINTON-WIDL	Maitland
Madi SEALY	Killarney Vale	Tayla THORN	Killarney Vale
Jade VAN DARTEL	Gosford	Bethany WOOD	Killarney Vale
Coach: Craig GOLLEDGE		Assistant Coach: Tim CLARK	
Runner: Mitch CRAWFORD		Team Manager: Garry BURKINSHAW	
Trainer: Sean RIEDEL		Trainer: Craig READ	



Back Row: Letisha Jarvis, Lauren Mott, Jazmin Norley, Ashleigh Flack, Tori McDonald-Stuart, Jade Bassett, Tonicah Eslick, Taylor Thorn
Middle Row: Sean Riedel (Trainer), Svenja Mueller-Byrnes, Natasha Flint, Laney Hessels, Jade Van Dartel, Madi Sealy, Abby Pearce, Bethany Wood, Hannah Page, Holly Kozlik, Jemma Astley, Craig Reid (Trainer)
Front Row: Athena Gerakiteys, Kyah McBride, Orana Eslick, Sophie Balcombe (C), Craig Golledge (Coach), Tim Clark (Assist. Coach), Sarah Burns, Taylor Quinton-Widl

Match Report – BDAFL Under 25's vs Sydney Swans Academy Under 18's

Sydney Swans Academy Under 18's proved too strong for the BDAFL Under 25's winning 10.9.69 to 4.6.30 at Lakeside Oval today.

The BDAFL side entered the match confident of a positive result however the Swans Academy's fierce tackling and better ball handling under pressure, plus the BDAFL's lack of discipline resulted in the 39 point loss.

The match was played in windy conditions and it was the Swans side who had the early advantage, however wayward kicking for goal and a late Wade Beard goal saw the margin just seven points at the first break.

The second term saw the Swans kicking with the aid of the breeze and after kicking two early goals looked like breaking the game open, however the BDAFL side were able to steady and with Beard continuing to be a good target up forward, kicking two more goals late in the term, the margin was 13 points at the long break.

The Swans were able to capitalise on the BDAFL turnovers in the third quarter and with four goals to one (Beard's fourth) they opened up a 32 point lead at the final change.

The last term was an arm wrestle as the heat took a toll on the players, many who were playing their first games for the year. The BDAFL were not helped by their own ill-discipline which resulted in free kicks to the Swans.

Overall the final result of a 39 point win to the Swans was a fair indication of the game.

Coach Bishop whilst pleased with the effort was disappointed with the performance.

"Our inability to control the football was disappointing" Bishop said.

"You cannot afford to give quality sides advantages via turnovers and ill-discipline. We need to be better than that and in recent years we have been". he added.

Singleton's Alex Mitchell had a strong game through the midfield along with skipper James Webster and Kurt Fleming. Terrigal Avoca ruckman Sam Ellis battled manfully in the ruck whilst Maitland forward Wade Beard was a handful up forward, kicking all of BDAFL's goals.

Pre-Season Representative Match					Weather Fine
BDAFL Under 25's vs Sydney Swans Academy Under 18's @ Lakeside Oval, Sydney					
Saturday, 27 February 2016					
Sydney Swans Academy	2.3	5.5	9.7	10.9	69
BDAFL	1.2	3.41	4.5	4.6	30
Goal Kickers					
BDAFL – Wade Beard 4					
Best					
BDAFL – Alex Mitchell, Wade Beard, Sam Ellis, James Webster, Kurt Fleming, Matt Spinks					

2016 UNDER 25'S REPRESENTATIVE TEAM

NAME	CLUB	NAME	CLUB
Matt BAILEY	Newcastle City	Wade BEARD	Maitland
Corey BILLINS	Terrigal Avoca	Corbin BOND	Terrigal Avoca
Sam BRASINGTON	Singleton	Mitch CRAWFORD	Newcastle City
Sam ELLIS	Terrigal Avoca	Kurt FLEMING	Terrigal Avoca
Harry FRUEND	Nelson Bay	James HART	Terrigal Avoca
Jake HARTIKAINEN	Newcastle City	Conor HASWELL	Newcastle City
Jay LEWIS	Terrigal Avoca	Chad MAYO	Cardiff
Alex MITCHELL	Singleton	Macaulay O'MALLEY	Newcastle City
Josh POLGLASE	Terrigal Avoca	Jake ROACH	Warners Bay
Jayden RYMER	Nelson Bay	Aaron SEEN	Newcastle city
Matt SPINKS	Warners Bay	Jim TARANTO	Maitland
Nathan VAISEY	Nelson Bay	James WEBSTER	Terrigal Avoca
Coach: Chris BISHOP		Assistant Coach: Courtney KNIGHT	
Runner: Mitch KNIGHT & Peter VAN DAM		Team Assistant: Michael SMITH	
Team Manager: Garry BURKINSHAW		Trainer: Sean RIEDEL	



Back Row: Peter Van Dam (Runner), Chris Bishop (Coach), Jayden Rymer, Josh Polglase, Sam Ellis, Jake Roach, Alex Mitchell, Wade Beard, Sam Brasington, Chad Mayo, Jake Hartikainen, James Hart, Nathan Vaisey, Macaulay O'Malley, Courtney Knight (Assistant Coach), Mitch Knight (Runner)

Front Row: Kurt Fleming, Jim Taranto, Corbin Bond, Jay Lewis, Corey Billins, Matt Spinks, Mitch Crawford, Harry Freund, Conor Haswell, Aaron Seen, James Webster

Match Report – BDAFL Under 19's vs Sydney Swans Academy Under 16's

BDAFL Development side came from behind to defeat Sydney Swans Academy Under 16's 11.7.73 to 7.9.51 at Lakeside Oval today.

The result was great reward for the young side, many who were pulling on the BDAFL Representative jumper for the first time.

The BDAFL side got off to the perfect start with an early goal to Warners Bay full forward, Luke Roach. The Swans then got into their stride and controlled the remainder of the quarter and established a 17 point lead at quarter time.

The Swans continued to dominate the game early in the second quarter however the BDAFL were able to trade goals late in the second quarter and at half time the margin still remained 17 points.

The BDAFL took confidence of their second quarter finish and with a dominating midfield were beginning to control the game and the Swans were unable to get the ball into their forward line. Only wastefulness in front of goal, which resulted in one goal for the term halted the BDAFL side, and the margin was eight points in favour of the Swans heading into the last quarter.

Once again it was the BDAFL who had all the football to begin the final quarter, but were unable to transfer this dominance on the scoreboard, however two inspirational goals to Terrigal Avoca's Jack Grimmond saw the BDAFL take the lead and further goals to Roach and Jayden Banfield (two) gave the BDAFL side a well deserved 22 point win.

Such was the BDAFL's dominance after half time the Swans were unable to kick a goal in the second half and were also held scoreless in the last quarter.

Coach Courtney Knight was thrilled with the win.

"The boys battled hard early and through sheer determination and perseverance they were able to take control of the game" Knight.

"Wins of this calibre should be a great confidence boost for the players as they head back to their clubs" he added.

Newcastle City's Hugh Kelleher was dominant in the ruck which enabled his midfielders Jackson Crawford, Josh Mifsud, Joe Reidy and Jackson Kolatchew to have first use of the football. Pat McMahon and Luke Roach were dangerous up forward whilst Grimmond was very lively whether on the ball or up forward

Pre-Season Representative Match					Weather Fine
BDAFL Under 19's vs Sydney Swans Academy Under 16's @ Lakeside Oval, Sydney					
Saturday, 27 February 2016					
BDAFL	1.0	5.1	6.7	11.7	73
Sydney Swans Academy	3.5	7.6	7.9	7.9	51
Goal Kickers					
BDAFL – Luke Roach 3, Jack Grimmond 3, Jayden Banfield 2, Tom Gordon 1, Tim Wells 1, Pat McMahon 1					
Best					
BDAFL – Hugh Kelleher, Jack Grimmond, Jackson Crawford, Pat McMahon, Jackson Kolatchew, Josh Mifsud					

2016 UNDER 19'S REPRESENTATIVE TEAM

NAME	CLUB	NAME	CLUB
Jayden BANFIELD	Killarney Vale	Regan BOWE	Cardiff
Jackson CRAWFORD	Newcastle City	Lachlan DEVERELL	Warners Bay
Joseph FERGUSON	Warners Bay	Tom GORDON	Cardiff
Jack GRIMMOND	Terrigal Avoca	Sam HOWARD	Singleton
Carter JONES	Wyong Lakes	Hugh KELLEHER	Newcastle City
Jackson KOLATCHEW	Singleton	Pat MCMAHON	Maitland
Josh MIFSUD	Killarney Vale	Pat MURPHY	Gosford
Jake PARKER	Muswellbrook	Aaron REDHEAD	Killarney Vale
Joe REIDY	Newcastle City	Luke ROACH	Warners Bay
Brandon SARICH	Terrigal Avoca	Alex SCHMALER-LOOMES	Warners Bay
Ben SIMPSON	Killarney Vale	Hayden TAYLOR	Maitland
Tim WELLS	Lake Macquarie	Campbell WILSON	Killarney Vale
Tyler WOOD	Wyong Lakes		
Coach: Courtney KNIGHT		Assistant Coach: Mitch KNIGHT	
Runner: Mitch KNIGHT		Team Assistant: Michael SMITH	
Team Manager: Garry BURKINSHAW		Trainer: Sean RIEDEL	



Back Row: Tom Gordon, Brandon Sarich, Alex Schmalder-Loomes, Sam Howard, Regan Bowe, Aaron Redhead, Hugh Kelleher, Pat McMahon, Carter Jones, Hayden Taylor, Campbell Wilson, Pat Murphy, Luke Roach, Courtney Knight (Coach)
Front Row: Tyler Wood, Joe Reidy, Jackson Crawford, Josh Mifsud, Lachlan Deverell, Joseph Ferguson, Jack Grimmond, Tim Wells, Jake Parker, Jackson Kolatchew, Ben Simpson, Jayden Banfield

DANIEL LLOYD DRAFTED BY GWS GIANTS

Killarney Vale's Daniel Lloyd thought his AFL dream had passed him by, however that all changed when he was drafted by the GWS Giants.

The Killarney Vale junior had a distinguished junior career which included regular appearances in NSW junior sides that saw him obtain an AFL Scholarship with the Western Bulldogs as a 16 year old and when the club opted to pass on the opportunity to draft him Lloyd believed his AFL dream was over.



Lloyd returned to the Black Diamond AFL to play for his beloved Bombers and continued to be considered one of the best players in the league, yet despite this status has never played a representative game for the BDAFL, although he did play as a top up player for the Sydney Swans Reserves in a NEAFL match in Newcastle in 2013.

After his 2014 season was cruelled by a broken ankle, Lloyd had a brilliant 2015 season which saw him win the clubs Best & Fairest Award and raise the attention of team mate and former Essendon AFL captain, and now GWS Assistant Coach, Mark McVeigh.

The club sent representatives to watch Lloyd play in Killarney Vale's semi final clash with Warners Bay, and they would have left that match in raptures as Lloyd dominated the match kicking nine goals.

Having been invited to train with the Giants over pre-season, the 186cm, 89 kgs powerful mid-sized forward has made the most of the opportunity and the club drafted him with the 26th pick in the Rookie Draft.

After strong performances for the Giants NEAFL team, Daniel was upgraded to their senior list after Round 13 however despite being named as an emergency on two occasions he was unable to crack it for his AFL debut.

PAUL HUNTER DRAFTED BY ADELAIDE CROWS

Daniel Lloyd was not the only BDAFL player to be taken in the Rookie Draft with former Warners Bay junior, Paul Hunter being drafted by the Adelaide Crows.

Hunter began his football at the Warners Bay Junior Football Club and progressed through to the Under 18's before making his Black Diamond Cup debut as an 18 year old in 2011 against Lake Macquarie.



Unlike Lloyd who stayed with Killarney Vale, the 22 year old Hunter left the region in 2012 to pursue his AFL dream travelling to Brisbane to play in the North Eastern AFL (NEAFL) State League competition.

The 200cm, 99kg ruckman impressed immediately with his athleticism and after a season in Reserve Grade made his NEAFL debut in 2013.

It was however in 2014 that he took the NEAFL competition by storm. He beat a quality field to take out the NEAFL Northern Conference Rising Star award, won the Redlands best-and-fairest award, received NEAFL Team of the Year selection and debuted for the NEAFL representative side against Tasmania.

Injury disrupted Hunter's start to the year however he spent the second half of the year playing for Adelaide in the SANFL competition including playing in the Crows Preliminary Final loss.

BDAFL YOUNGSTERS CONTINUE TO SHINE

Isaac Heeney continued to impress for the Sydney Swans which saw him play in the 2016 AFL Grand Final.

He was also awarded the AFL Coaches Association Young Player of the Year award

Warners Bay's Jack Hardman represented NSW/ACT in the TAC Cup, playing two matches and was also selected for the Sydney Swans NEAFL side and at 16 years of age was one of the youngest to do so.

Hardman has now been relocated to Sydney by the Swans to finish school, a similar path to that of Isaac Heeney.



Another Warners Bay youngster, Rob Schindler-Taylor Rio Tinto "Footy Means Business" program. The programme offers approximately 50 men aged between 18 and 24 a chance to gain exposure to elite AFL training, and corporate networking opportunities to strengthen their leadership and teamwork skills. The highlight of the program was Rob getting the opportunity to play at the MCG prior to the AFL "Dreamtime" game between Richmond and Essendon.

Two of the BDAFL's best Women's players were also recognised with Nelson Bay's Lisa Steane and Maitland's, Jess Cassidy invited to participate in the GWS Giants Women's Draft Combine in September. Whilst not successful in being drafted the girls will be much better for the experience and have given hope to those girls in our region who have ambitions to play in the AFL.

Cardiff youngster Damon Rowett also represented NSW/ACT in the AFL National Inclusion Carnival which was held in Melbourne.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The BDAFL and the clubs once again made a significant contribution to the local community by engaging in a number of fund raising activities which raised in excess of \$32K.

Some of those to benefit included:

Newcastle Lions Club	\$10,737.00	Gatekeeping Duties for No 1 Sportsground
Run Against Violence	\$ 4,769.00	BDAFL Charity
Beyond Blue	\$ 6,000.00	Maitland & Wyong Lakes Beyond Blue day & Function
	\$ 300.00	Nelson Bay Charity BBQ
Soldier On	\$ 4,000.00	Newcastle City Charity Day
Friend's With Dignity	\$ 2,000.00	Warners Bay Golf Day
Leukaemia Foundation	\$ 2,000.00	Nathan Jones (NCAFC) World's Greatest Shave
Cancer Council	\$ 1,750.00	Singleton Anzac Day BBQ
Cancer Council	\$ 1,112.00	Nelson Bay Pink Day

Cardiff ran a month-long charity campaign to gather donations for Hunter Homeless Connect Day. Wyong Lakes assisted their major sponsor with activities around Anzac Day and also held their Annual Pink Day which was a success. Wyong Lakes also took part in a university research into the role sporting clubs can play in assisting males who may be suffering from mental health issues.

Warners Bay, Newcastle City, Terrigal Avoca and Nelson Bay all wore special jumpers to celebrate the AFL's Indigenous Round.

In addition to this all clubs held Ladies Day's and other community based activities.

The BDAFL and clubs also supported the Van for Van Dam fundraiser which raised over \$60K for Peter Van Dam and his family.

FINALS

All 2016 BDAFL competitions (except 2nd Division) all used a final four final system with finals played over three weeks. 2nd Division operated a final five finals format for the first time which ran over four weeks.



The finals commenced with Max McMahon Oval hosting the Women's Semi Finals and also the 2nd Division Qualifying Finals. The early finals start for the women was to enable their Grand Final to be played as a twilight fixture immediately following the Black Diamond Cup Grand Final, which continues to be a successful initiative.

The following week the Black Diamond Cup Semi Finals and Women's Preliminary Final were played on the Saturday at Newcastle No 1 Sportsground with both 1st & 2nd Division Semi Finals played on the Sunday at Adelaide St Oval.

Newcastle No 1 Sportsground then hosted the Preliminary Final and Women's Grand Final as well as the men's Grand Final.

Fine weather greeted all finals days, however the men's Grand Finals were marred by extremely windy weather (up to 50km/hr) which made even the basic skills very difficult to execute.

As in 2015, the BDAFL Board set an admission charge of \$5 for Adults with the admission fee applied to all attendees including players and umpires. Children under 16 remained free whilst Parking for Netball was still \$5 per car for all finals except for the Grand Final which was \$5 per adult.

Attendances for all finals were excellent with record numbers at both the Preliminary and Grand Finals.

Football Records were provided free of charge for all finals.

An invitation was extended to all clubs to host the semi finals and also for the catering and bar rights at No 1 Sportsground. The BDAFL Board then appointed venues and roles from expressions received.

Lake Macquarie undertook the catering, and Newcastle City the bar for all finals at No 1 Sportsground, Killarney Vale and Maitland did both the catering and bar at the semi finals held at their grounds.

The clubs who were granted the bar rights were required to provide security as necessary as per their Liquor Licence. Wilson Security provided the security.

The Lions Club of Newcastle were approached to provide volunteers to act as gatekeepers for the finals at No 1 Sportsground, after this income opportunity was not taken up by any clubs. They agreed to assist and a donation of \$2,100.00 was agreed to as recognition of their support. Killarney Vale fulfilled this role at Adelaide St Oval as part of their hosting agreement.

Grand Final day, despite the wind was an excellent event with the leagues logo painted on the ground.

Sheree Lambie from Newcastle performed an excellent rendition of the National Anthem prior to the Black Diamond Cup match.

Presentations were conducted on a stage with the President of the Premiership team presenting the premiership medallions and Premiership trophy.

Elite Sport Images were engaged to take the team photos as well as action shots throughout the day. Copies of the photos were provided to the BDAFL with photos displayed on their website for the public to view and purchase for free if they wish.

The Women's Grand Final was played as a twilight fixture on Preliminary Final day and was a great success with a large and vocal crowd in attendance.

All Black Diamond Cup finals, as well as the 1st & 2nd Division & Women's Grand Finals were broadcast live.

Another highlight of the finals was the running of the Pullman's Magenta Shores Run Against Violence 400m finals for both men and women. The finals were run at half time of the respective Grand Finals (i.e. men's race at half time of the women's Grand Final and vice versa) and created significant interest for the crowd. Congratulations to Sam Wellard (Lake Macquarie) for winning the men's race and Sarah Dodds (Nelson Bay) the women's race.

Grand Final Reports - Men's

Newcastle City won the Black Diamond AFL grand final the same way they had dominated the season, overwhelming two-time defending premiers Terrigal-Avoca at a windy No.1 Sportsground on Saturday.

Blues veteran Courtney Knight kicked seven goals in what could be his last game for the club and tireless on-baller Aaron Seen was best on ground as the Blues won 14.13 (97) to 5.6 (36) to claim a record seventh Black Diamond Cup Premiership and their first title since 2013.

City player-coach Mitchell Knight praised his side for wresting back the Black Diamond Cup from the Panthers after the disappointment of losing last year's grand final.

"Absolutely thrilled with their effort," Knight said.

"We deserved it this year. We've worked really hard since the pre-season.

"Coming off a loss last year, the hunger was there, the same core group of players, we worked and worked, and it's an awesome feeling."

Terrigal-Avoca, who were the only team to beat City this year, had first use of the strong westerly wind but struggled to take advantage.

"The first quarter was a big one," Knight said. "They had the breeze and we held them two-goals-one apiece, and we knew that next quarter was important to capitalise."

City kicked three goals to none with the wind at their backs in the second term, held the Panthers again in the third quarter and kicked clear down the stretch.

Knight paid tribute to his brother, who fought back from a shoulder injury this season, and to Gary McBain Medal winner Seen, who arrived from Tasmania last year and kicked two goals on Saturday.

"Courtney was great all day. He always steps up in the big games," Knight said.

"Aaron Seen was fantastic. His determination to win the ball in those contests shone through today."

Courtney Knight said he would assess his playing future over the summer.

"I'm getting on a bit, and to see a few of the young guys miss out broke my heart a bit and made me think maybe it's time to move on, but I've got six months to consider that," the 31-year-old said.

Panther's coach Chris Bishop said City were deserving premiers, but he was disappointed his side had not played to their potential.

"I'm proud of the boys to get here after the injuries we've had, but we wanted to perform better than that," he said. "We've been here the last five years and we've been lucky enough to win two. They deserve it. Hopefully we can be here next year and get some buzz back.

"We lost six blokes from our back line early on in the year. We had three under-18s out there today and a couple of guys over 30, so it was a real good mix.

"I'm proud

The Panthers were once again hit by injuries early with Jack Grimmond (teeth) and Mitch Betson (calf) out of the game prior to half time, however they really struggled to have any cohesion throughout the game.

Bishop was once again one of Terrigal Avoca's best along with skipper James Webster and Alexander White

In the earlier matches Singleton proved too strong for Maitland to claim their fourth 1st Division Premiership, 6.7.43 to 2.4.16 whilst in 2nd Division, The Entrance Bateau Bay won their first Black Diamond AFL Premiership and in doing so ended Muswellbrook's unbeaten season with a come from behind 7.10.52 to 5.6.36

Grand Final Report – Women's

Nelson Bay have completed the 2016 GE Women's season as undefeated premiers following an epic Grand Final win over Newcastle City at Newcastle No 1 Sportsground today. The Marlins winning 5.2.32 to 3.11.29.

Played in front of an excellent and boisterous crowd Nelson Bay had to come from behind and then survive a frantic last five minutes with the football in City's forward fifty as they searched for the elusive match winning goal.

Newcastle City started the game as they finished the Grand Final with Kate Handley again being a key target and it was Handley who got the scoring underway with a goal following a strong mark.

Laney Hessels responded for the Marlins with a trademark goal however a reply from Ellie Starkey saw City take a nine point lead into the quarter time break.

The second quarter was a tight affair with neither team giving an inch and a goal from the Blues Victoria Dawes was the only goal kicked and saw Newcastle City lead at half time by 15 points.

With the challenge in front of them the Marlins responded and with skipper Lisa Steane and Sarah Dodds leading the way, key forward Emily Nichols was able to kick two goals for the term. The Blues were guilty of squandering chances in front of goal kicking just four behinds for the term. At the final change the margin was seven points still in favour of Newcastle City

Nelson Bay made the perfect start in the final quarter when Nichols kicked her third goal for the game after just two minutes and when Jemma Astley converted from a 35 metres out Nelson Bay were in front for the first time of the match.

The final ten minutes was fantastic grand final football as first in was the Marlins and then Newcastle City as they went searching for the match winning goal.

The last five minutes had all spectators on the edge of their seats as the Blues, needing a goal to win attacked ferociously and had several shots on goal which narrowly missed, however the Nelson Bay defence held firm and when the siren sounded the Marlins were Premiers by just three points.

Steane, who was awarded the medal as Best on Ground, Dodds, Hayley West, Sophie Balcombe, Philippa Smyth and Nichols who finished with three goals, were the best for Nelson Bay, whilst for Newcastle City there best were Bethany White, Erin White, Audrey Gillingham, Taylah Gray, Handley and Meaghan Macdonald

Overall a fantastic game of football with Nelson Bay deserved Premiers whilst the defending Premiers did not give up their title without a fight.

FINALS MATCH DETAILS

Women's Semi Final & 2 nd Division Qualifying Finals – Saturday 13 August 2016					Gate: \$1,867.15
Max McMahon Oval					
Women's - 1 st Semi Final					Weather: Fine
Newcastle City	0.0	2.3	3.8	4.10	34
Cardiff	0.4	1.6	1.6	1.6	12
Goal kickers:					
Newcastle City: Kate Handley 1, Kyla Brogmus 1, Victoria Dawes 1, Ellie Starkey 1					
Cardiff: Abbey Cooksley 1					
Best Players:					
Newcastle City: Erin White, Kirsty Ferguson, Meaghan Macdonald, Paige Strube, Audrey Gillingham, Taylah Gray					
Cardiff: Genevieve Grainger, Eliza Bunner, Kayla Moke, Jacqui Dudgeon, Kearni Churchland, Kathryn Burns					

Women's - 2 nd Semi Final					
Nelson Bay	1.2	2.5	3.10	7.12	54
Gosford	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	12
Goal kickers:					
Nelson Bay: Emily Nichols 2, Emily Caton 1, Lisa Steane 1, Hayley West 1, Letitia Jarvis 1, Aimee Duthy 1					
Gosford: Narissa Milne 1, Morgan Ross 1					
Best Players:					
Nelson Bay: Lisa Steane, Sarah Dodds, Hayley West, Sophie Balcombe, Kiarne Hawley, Jemma Astley					
Gosford: Emily Crookes, Orana Eslick, Rebecca Collins, Angela Jones, Narissa Milne, Lauren Mott					

2 nd Division – Elimination Final					
Warners Bay	1.4	3.5	3.5	5.5	35
Terrigal Avoca	0.3	0.4	1.6	3.12	30
Goal kickers:					
Warners Bay: Leigh Andersen 3, Daniel Gray 1, Mathew Probert 1					
Terrigal Avoca: Michael Roach 2, Jai Turner 1					
Best Players:					
Warners Bay: Brock Johnston, Joel Kahler, Kayne Gibbs, Ryan Clarke, Daniel Russell, Patrick Quinn					
Terrigal Avoca: Michael Roach, Byron Lawson, Jackson Vincent, David Grimmond, Jasper Davis, Brent Hutton					

2 nd Division – Qualifying Final					
The Entrance Bateau Bay	5.2	5.3	6.6	9.9	63
Newcastle City	2.0	4.4	6.4	7.4	46
Goal kickers:					
The Entrance Bateau Bay: Shane Higgins 3, Mark Edmondson 2, Brandon Reed 1, Kyle Pollock, Ryan Besley 1, Darren Edmondson 1					
Newcastle City: Jayson Cleaver 4, Simon Akers 1, Phillip Lemessurier 1, Zachary Moore 1					
Best Players:					
The Entrance Bateau Bay: Kyle Pollock, Shane Higgins, Ryan Besley, Kris Toohey, Ben Lane, Lachlan Bensley					
Newcastle City: Izaak Hillery, Ryan James, Codie Schulze, Owen James, Phillip Lemessurier, Daniel Hamilton					

Black Diamond Cup Semi Finals & Women's Preliminary Final – Saturday 20 August 2016 Gate: \$4,238.90**Newcastle No 1 Sportsground****Black Diamond Cup – 2nd Semi Final****Weather: Fine**

Newcastle City	4.3	6.10	8.12	10.17	77
Terrigal Avoca	0.1	3.1	6.3	8.7	55

Goal kickers:**Newcastle City:** Joshua Wheeler 3, Courtney Knight 2, Mark Wheeler 1, Anthony Baker 1, Mitchell Crawford 1, Patrick Gillingham 1, Aaron Seen 1**Terrigal Avoca:** Chris Bishop 2, James Webster 1, Brayden Kingston 1, Jack Grimmond 1, Corey Billins 1, Sam O'Brien 1, Brandon Thomas 1**Best Players:****Newcastle City:** Anthony Baker, Conor Haswell, Aaron Seen, Patrick Gillingham, Cade Triffitt, Macaulay O'Malley**Terrigal Avoca:** James Webster, Samuel Boughton, Chris Bishop, Damen Smith, Jay Lewis, Corbin Bond**Black Diamond Cup – 1st Semi Final**

Nelson Bay	0.5	2.11	4.11	10.17	77
Cardiff	2.2	3.6	9.8	9.10	64

Goal kickers:**Nelson Bay:** Jayden Rymer 3, Aaron Clayden 3, Jeremy Eddy 2, Luke Price 1, David Wood 1**Cardiff:** Aaron Wivell 3, Tristan McCormick 2, Michael Norton 2, David Graan 1, Matt Dippolito 1**Best Players:****Nelson Bay:** Luke Price, Jeremy Eddy, Jayden Rymer, Nathan Vaisey, Joel Erickson, Adam Grinyer**Cardiff:** Nicholas Kocon, Tristan McCormick, Tim Sheldon, Adam Clarke, Chad Mayo, Jackson McMahon**Women's – Preliminary Final**

Newcastle City	7.3	11.7	12.9	16.11	107
Gosford	0.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	7

Goal kickers:**Newcastle City :** Kate Handley 7, Kyla Brogmum 2, Victoria Dawes 2, Ellie Starkey 2, Gabriella Szekely 1, Nicole Schasser 1, Kirsty Ferguson 1**Gosford:** Jasmine Mandy 1**Best Players:****Newcastle City:** Taylah Gray, Kate Handley, Kirsty Ferguson, Audrey Gillingham, Kylie Wilson, Erin White**Gosford:** Jasmine Mandy, Amy Hessel, Angela Jones, Rahcael Elcoate, Svenja Mueller Byrnes, Sarah Walsh**1st & 2nd Division Semi Final – Sunday 21 August 2016****Gate: \$2,882.85****Adelaide St Oval****First Division – 2nd Semi Final****Weather: Fine**

Singleton	4.1	5.7	7.12	13.15	93
Maitland	4.3	4.3	10.5	11.7	73

Goal kickers:**Singleton:** Alex Mitchell 3, Nicholas Roberts 2, Jarryd Ingram 2, Matthew Tull 1, Samuel Brasington 1, Blake Bray 1, Travis Bates 1, Andrew Parsons 1, Paul Chandler 1**Maitland:** Wade Beard 4, Josh Button 3, Chris Pedler 2, Luke Damico 1, Jim Taranto 1**Best Players:****Singleton:** Sam Brasington, Cameron White, Andrew Scott, Jai Pursell, Andrew MacPherson, Blake Bray**Maitland:** Ben Stewart, Robert Eddy, Luke Damico, Cameron Mitchell, Chris Pedler, Aiden Damico**First Division – 1st Semi Final**

Newcastle City	3.5	11.9	13.13	16.17	113
Gosford	0.2	0.3	1.4	1.7	13

Goal kickers:**Newcastle City:** Kevin McDonald 7, Abe Gibson 3, Lucas Johnston 2, Zac Macdonald 1, Ethan Durbridge 1, Daniel Glowacki 1, Jarred Matson 1**Gosford:** Tim Eather 1**Best Players:****Newcastle City:** Daniel Glowacki, Owen Geard, Joe Reidy, Max Quinlan, Josh King, Ethan Durbridge**Gosford:** Stephen Martin, Jacob Mandy, Daniel White, Alexander Remy, Scott Manuelle, Brad Deitz

Second Division – 2nd Semi Final

Muswellbrook	1.5	4.7	6.10	8.12	60
The Entrance Bateau Bay	4.0	7.2	8.2	9.5	59
Goal kickers:					
Muswellbrook: Jackson Bower 3, Beau Harris 2, Jonathan Williams 1, Adam Higham 1, Tate Barry 1					
The Entrance Bateau Bay: Shane Higgins 5, Brandon Reed 1, Luke Besley 1, Doug Kennedy 1, Mark Edmondson 1					
Best Players:					
Muswellbrook: Cameron Benkovic, Beau Harris, Tate Barry, Mark McLaughlin, Jackson Bower, Matthew Dunn					
The Entrance Bateau Bay: Michael Besley, Ben Lane, Shane Higgins, Harley Beckett, Ryan Besley, Connor Reilly					

Second Division – 1st Semi Final

Warners Bay	3.4	6.6	7.8	9.9	63
Newcastle City	2.2	4.3	5.7	6.9	45
Goal kickers:					
Warners Bay: Leigh Andersen 3, David Jackson 2, Jacob Cerniauskas 2, Kayne Gibbs 1, Daniel Gray 1					
Newcastle City: Codie Schulze 3, Simon Akers 1, Jayson Cleaver 1, Phillip Lemessurier 1					
Best Players:					
Warners Bay: Michael Vo, Brock Johnston, Ryan Clarke, Tyler Clarke, Kayne Gibbs, Joel Pittard					
Newcastle City: Andrew Vickery, Henry Roberts-Thomson, Codie Schulze, Daniel Osarek, Jackson Tisdell, Liam Janczuk					

Preliminary Finals & Women's Grand Final– Saturday 27 August 2016**Gate: \$5,495.50****Newcastle No 1 Sportsground****Women's Grand Final****Weather: Fine**

Nelson Bay	1.1	1.2	3.2	5.2	32
Newcastle City	2.4	3.5	3.9	3.11	29
Goal kickers:					
Nelson Bay: Emily Nichols 3, Laney Hessels 1, Jemma Astley 1					
Newcastle City: Kate Handley 1, Victoria Dawes 1, Ellie Starkey 1					
Best Players:					
Nelson Bay: Lisa Steane, Sarah Dodds, Hayley West, Sophie Balcombe, Philippa Smyth, Emily Nichols					
Newcastle City: Bethany White, Erin White, Audrey Gillingham, Taylah Gray, Kate Handley, Meaghan Macdonald					
Umpires: Jessica Barnes & Dave Parsons					
Best on Ground: Lisa Steane (Nelson Bay)					



Black Diamond Cup Preliminary Final					
Terrigal Avoca	6.4	9.9	13.13	16.21	117
Nelson Bay	1.1	3.4	9.5	12.10	82
Goal kickers:					
Terrigal Avoca: Mitch Betson 4, Douglas Clark 2, Jay Lewis 2, Corey Billins 2, Alexander White 2, Brandon Thomas 1, Matthew Shortal 1, Jack Grimmond 1, Jackson Farquhar 1					
Nelson Bay: Jayden Rymer 4, Aaron Clayden 3, Jeremy Eddy 2, Adam Grinyer 1, Benjamin Eddy 1, Matthew Dews 1					
Best Players:					
Terrigal Avoca: James Webster, Damen Smith, James Hart, Chris Bishop, Sam Boughton, Corbin Bond					
Nelson Bay: Luke Price, Jayden Rymer, Aaron Clayden, Adam Grinyer, David Wood, Matthew Dews					

First Division Preliminary Final					
Maitland	4.1	7.1	11.3	13.6	84
Newcastle City	4.3	4.10	4.14	B6.16	52
Goal kickers:					
Maitland: Wade Beard 5, Chris Pedler 3, Josh Button 2, Hugh Matheson 1, Patrick McMahon 1, Riley Newstead 1					
Newcastle City: Cameron Sheridan 2, Lucas Johnston 1, Max Quinlan 1, Abe Gibson 1, Daniel Glowacki 1					
Best Players:					
Maitland: Hayden Taylor, Ben Stewart, Chris Pedler, Riley Newstead, Colin Carroll, Aiden Damico					
Newcastle City: Daniel Glowacki, Adrian Chaplin, Owen Geard, Tim Cotter, Josh King, Steven Scott					

Second Division Preliminary Final					
The Entrance Bateau Bay	4.0	8.5	15.10	22.11	143
Warners Bay	0.4	0.4	0.5	3.6	24
Goal kickers:					
The Entrance Bateau Bay: Shane Higgins 7, Ryan Besley 4, Mark Edmondson 3, Brandon Reed 2, Justin Cullinan 2, Harley Beckett 2, Kyle Pollock 1, Calib Vinn 1					
Warners Bay: Ryan Clarke 1, Tyler Clarke 1, Daniel Russell 1					
Best Players:					
The Entrance Bateau Bay: Harley Beckett, Brandon Reed, Shane Higgins, Ryan Besley, Doug Kennedy, Connor Reilly					
Warners Bay: Michael Vo, Tyler Clarke, Joel Kahler, Kayne Gibbs, Riley Williams, Ryan Clarke					

Grand Final – Saturday 3 September 2016				Gate: \$8630.20	
Newcastle No. 1 Sportsground					
Black Diamond Cup				Weather: Extremely Windy	
Newcastle City	2.1	5.7	7.8	14.13	97
Terrigal Avoca	2.1	2.4	4.5	5.6	36
Goal kickers:					
Newcastle City: Courtney Knight 7, Mitch Crawford 2, Aaron Seen 2, Liam Dwyer 1, Mitchell Knight 1, Nicholas Gill 1					
Terrigal Avoca: Alexander White 1, James Webster 1, Sam Ellis 1, Jay Lewis 1, Mitch Betson 1					
Best Players:					
Newcastle City: Aaron Seen, Chris Jackson, Conor Haswell, Mathew Bailey, Courtney Knight, Luke Rawnsley					
Terrigal Avoca: James Webster, Chris Bishop, Alexander White, Damen White, Damen Smith, Samuel Boughton, William McKellar					
Umpires: Joseph O'Brien, Ashley Borg, Stephen Blume					
McBain Medallist: Aaron Seen (Newcastle City)					



First Division					
Singleton	2.2	2.3	5.6	6.7	43
Maitland	0.0	1.2	1.2	2.4	16
Goal kickers:					
Singleton: Alex Mitchell 3, Jackson Kolatchew 2, Cameron White 1					
Maitland: Robert Eddy 1, Joshua Button 1					
Best Players:					
Singleton: Andrew Scott, David Oman, Alex Mitchell, Samuel Brasington, Daine Cowburn, Andrew MacPherson					
Maitland: Aiden Damico, Riley Newstead, Benjamin Crowley, Robert Eddy, Dylan Bennett, Colin Carroll					
Umpires: Jake Bateman, Darrel Luck, Harrison Crook					
Steve Smith Medallist: Andrew Scott (Singleton)					



Second Division					
The Entrance Bateau Bay	1.1	2.6	3.6	7.10	52
Muswellbrook	1.4	2.6	4.6	5.6	36
Goal kickers:					
The Entrance Bateau Bay: Luke Besley 2, Mark Edmondson 2, Calib Vinn 1, Shane Higgins 1, Ryan Besley 1					
Muswellbrook: Adam Higham 2, Owen Den hey 1, Jackson Bower 1, Beau Harris 1					
Best Players:					
The Entrance Bateau Bay: Mick Besley, Oliver Gardiner, Ryan Besley, Lachlan Bensley, Harley Beckett, James Kidd					
Muswellbrook: Tate Barry, Cameron Benkovic, Jackson Cook, Taylor Pryor, Matthew Dunn, Beau Harris					
Umpires: Xander Robinson, Matt Howarth, Cameron Moore					
Bill Best Medallist: Mick Besley (The Entrance Bateau Bay)					



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SECOND DIVISION

THE ENTRANCE BATEAU BAY



ELLIOTT DAVEY MEDAL PRESENTATION NIGHT

Over 280 people attended the Black Diamond AFL Elliott Davey Medal Presentation Night which was held at Belmont 16 Footers Sailing Club. Hosted by Steve Allan, the night recognised the achievements of individuals, volunteers and clubs who excelled during the 2016 season.

The night included representatives from all clubs, who all were granted eight tickets per men's team as part of their affiliation fee. Representatives from the Newcastle Central Coast Umpires Association were also in attendance.

BDAFL invited guests in attendance included representatives from sponsors/partners BLK, Belmont 16 Footers Sailing Club, GE Industrial Solutions, Pullman's Magenta Shores, Marks Men Workforce, Subway Morisset, BarTV, AFL NSW/ACT Representatives, BDAFL Life Members, BDAFL Ambassador and former Sydney Swan player Troy Luff as well as Chris Arnold and Maurice Goolagong who were able to present awards which carried their name. Kirrily Dear and Karen Barrett from Run Against Violence were also in attendance.

The evening commenced in the Quarterdeck Room for complimentary pre-dinner drinks and canapés, which enabled the guests to enjoy the magnificent waterfront views.

The guests then took their seats in the Spinnaker Auditorium where they were served a two course meal with drinks available at the bar.

The night included video highlights of the season as well as individual highlights for those individual award winners.

As in previous years the night was broadcast live over the internet courtesy of BarTV with the coverage including interviews during the night. The viewing numbers (884) and related feedback indicated that the coverage was a success.

Nelson Bay, midfielder, Jayden Rymer capped off a fantastic season by taking out Elliott Davey Medal in a thrilling count winning by one vote from Terrigal Avoca's James Webster, who was attempting to win the award for an unprecedented fourth successive year. Webster presented Rymer with the medal.

Singleton midfielder, Alex Mitchell took out the Granland Medal as the Best and Fairest player in 1st Division with the 2nd Division award being shared by Muswellbrook's Beau Harris and Daniel Osarek from Newcastle City.

Nelson Bay captain, Lisa Steane won the Women's Best & Fairest Award.

The night commenced with Darrel Luck (NCCUA), Corey Shackleton (Killarney Vale) and Dane Amidy (Killarney Vale) also being inducted as Life Members of the BDAFL.

Newcastle City were presented with the Club Championship Trophy with Warners Bay winning the Administration Award for a third consecutive year.

Muswellbrook husband and wife team, Ken and Annette Garland were popular winners of the James J Arnold Volunteer of the Year whilst Wyong Lakes' Bill Denniss was the BDAFL's nomination for the AFL NSW/ACT Merit Award.

Warners Bay youngster, Jack Hardman and Lake Macquarie's, Holly Kozlik took home the BDAFL Men's and Women's Rising Star awards as the Best First Year player whilst Max Hillier of Cardiff took home the Most Outstanding Men's Young Footballer with Nelson Bay's Sophie Balcombe taking home the women's award.

Newcastle City's Anthony Baker was the inaugural winner of the BDAFL Black Diamond Cup Coaches MVP award.

Newcastle City forward Mitch Crawford claimed the Maurice Goolagong Trophy as the Black Diamond Cup's Leading Goalkicker with Travis Bates (Singleton) winning the 1st Division award, after finishing the home and away season with an amazing 112 goals. Morgan Ross (Gosford) took out the Women's Goalkicking award with Muswellbrook captain, Adam Higham winning the 2nd Division award.

Elliott Davey Medal – Black Diamond Cup Best & Fairest	Jayden Rymer	Nelson Bay
Granland Medal – 1st Division Best & Fairest	Alex Mitchell	Singleton
Women's Best & Fairest	Lisa Steane	Nelson Bay
Chris Arnold Medal - 2nd Division Best & Fairest	Daniel Osarek & Beau Harris	Newcastle City & Muswellbrook
Maurice Goolagong Trophy – Black Diamond Cup Leading Goalkicker	Mitch Crawford	Newcastle City
1st Division Leading Goalkicker	Travis Bates	Singleton
Women's Leading Goalkicker	Morgan Ross	Gosford
2nd Division Leading Goalkicker	Adam Higham	Muswellbrook
BDAFL Rising Star	Jack Hardman	Warners Bay
BDAFL Women's Rising Star	Holly Kozlik	Lake Macquarie
Most Outstanding Young Footballer	Max Hillier	Cardiff
Most Outstanding Young Women's Footballer	Sophie Balcombe	Nelson Bay
Black Diamond Cup Coaches MVP	Anthony Baker	Newcastle City
Club Championship Trophy		Newcastle City
Club Administration Award		Warners Bay
James J Arnold Volunteer of the Year	Ken & Annette Garland	Muswellbrook
Life Members	Darrel Luck, Corey Shackleton, Dane Amidy	



ELLIOTT DAVEY MEDALLIST

Nelson Bay midfielder, Jayden Rymer has become the youngest winner of the Elliott Davey Medal when he won the 2016 award at the last night's BDAFL Presentation Night. Rymer won the award by one vote from Terrigal Avoca midfielder, James Webster, who was aiming to win his fourth consecutive medal.



Rymer, 18 years, polled 15 votes to win the award, the second lowest total in the medals history, only eclipsed by Webster's win in 2013 when he polled 14 votes.

The vote count was arguably the closest in history with ten players within three votes of the lead with just three votes to play.

With one round to play Rymer led by two votes from Webster with Cardiff youngster, Max Hillier the only other player who could have tied Rymer.

Webster polled three votes in the Panthers big last round win over Killarney Vale which meant that Rymer needed at least won vote to tie. Rymer was up to the task however polling two votes in the Marlins win over Cardiff.

One of the pre count favourites, Newcastle City midfielder Anthony Baker was one behind Hillier as at Round 14 but failed to poll any further votes to finish in a tie for 7th. The fact the Newcastle City had four players in the top ten probably made it tough for the Blues to have a winner.

Rymer returned to Nelson Bay this year after a season in Sydney where he played for AFL NSW/ACT under 18's team and also Sydney Swans Reserves.

He is an all round player with the ability to take a big mark but also pick up numerous possessions around the ground. He is also a danger in front of goals which was proven in the 1st Semi Final last week when he kicked three final quarter goals to spark the Marlins comeback win.

Not only did Rymer become the youngest winner but he also became Nelson Bay's first winner.



GRANLAND MEDALLIST



Singleton midfielder, Alex Mitchell has claimed the Granland Medal as the Best and Fairest player in the 1st Division competition.

Mitchell, who returned to Singleton from Newcastle City at the beginning of the year led the count for most of the year before going on to poll 23 votes to win by 7 votes from Gosford coach Brad Deitz with Singleton team mate, Andrew Scott and Maitland's Wade Beard a further 2 votes back in third position.



WOMEN'S BEST & FAIREST MEDAL



Nelson Bay captain, Lisa Steane capped off a great season by winning the GE Women's Best & Fairest.

Steane, who missed out on winning the inaugural award last year by a single vote, polled in 10 matches, including eight votes in the final three rounds, to record 24 votes, to win by 5 votes from Wyong Lakes' Bec Ives and Gosford's Emily Crookes.



CHRIS ARNOLD MEDAL MEDALLISTS



Newcastle City's Daniel Osarek and Muswellbrook's Beau Harris tied for the 2nd Division Best and Fairest award. Going into the final round Harris led by two votes, however a forfeit in the final round to Muswellbrook opened the door for Osarek, who received two votes to tie for the award. Harris, in his first year of senior football picked up five best on ground's in his 17 votes whilst Osarek polled in 7 matches to reach the same total. Nelson Bay's Ben Thompson came in third place on 15 votes.



2016 BLACK DIAMOND CUP COACHES MVP

Newcastle City's Anthony Baker has been awarded the inaugural BDAFL Black Diamond Cup Coaches MVP award.

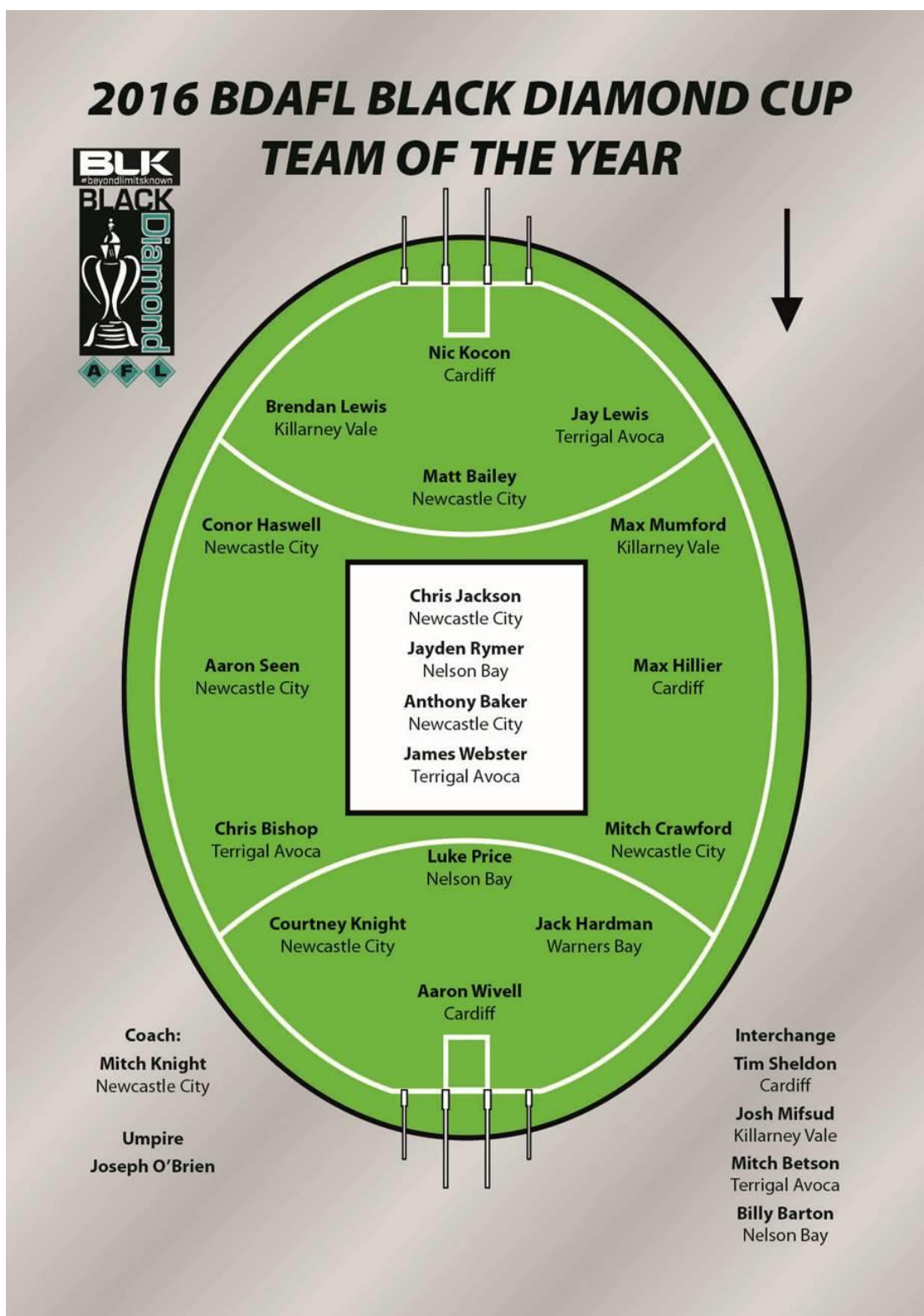
The award was introduced for the first time in 2016 with coaches jointly voting 3-2-1 at the conclusion of each game.

Baker in his first full season in the BDAFL was standout with his ball winning ability as well as his sublime ball usage.

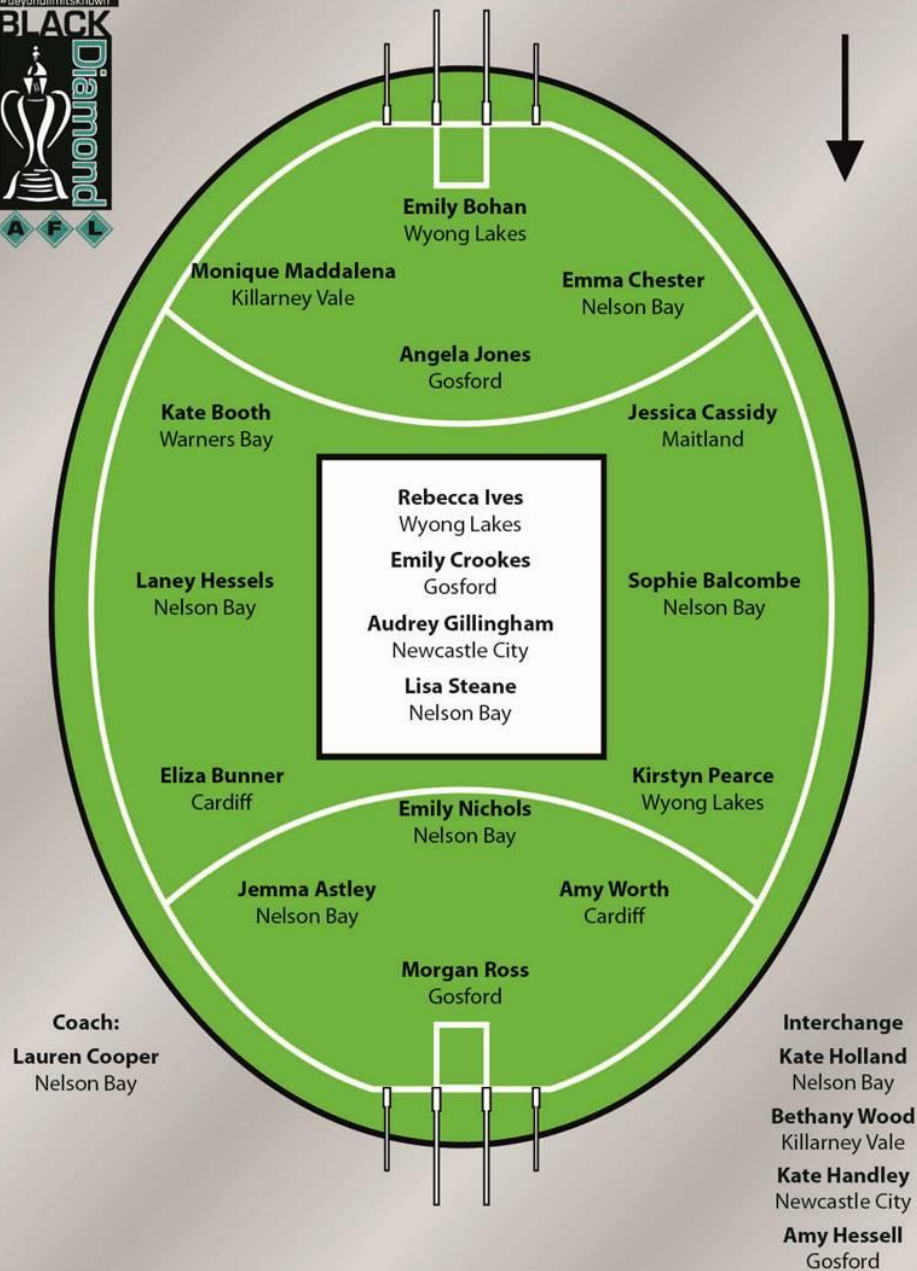
Leaderboard

Name	Club	Votes
Anthony Baker	Newcastle City	21
James Webster	Terrigal Avoca	17
Luke Price	Nelson Bay	13
Conor Haswell	Newcastle City	12
Mitch Crawford	Newcastle City	11
Jayden Rymer	Nelson Bay	9
Jack Hardman	Warners Bay	9





2016 BDAFL GE WOMEN'S TEAM OF THE YEAR



2016 BDAFL MEN'S RISING STAR

2016 BDAFL Rising Star winner is Warners Bay's Jack Hardman.

At just 16 years of age, Hardman made an immediate impression in the Black Diamond Cup competition finishing the year with 38 goals from 12 matches including hauls of 6 against both Nelson Bay and Killarney Vale.

Hardman is destined for greater things in the AFL with the Sydney Swans relocating him to Sydney to finish his schooling whilst playing for the NSW/ACT TAC side.

Full Voting

Name	Club	Votes
Jack Hardman	Warners Bay	26
Aaron Redhead	Killarney Vale	18
Tim Oosterhoff	Killarney Vale	16
Hugh Kelleher	Newcastle City	15
Doug Clark	Terrigal Avoca	12
Chris Eddy	Nelson Bay	8
Calvin Bond	Killarney Vale	5
Corey Deverell	Warners Bay	3
Liam Dwyer	Newcastle City	1
Austin Clark	Terrigal Avoca	1



2016 BDAFL WOMEN'S RISING STAR

2016 BDAFL Women's Rising Star winner is Lake Macquarie's Holly Kozlik.

Kozlik beat a very strong field to win the inaugural award impressing the judges with tenacity to win the football and performing well in a side that struggled for wins throughout the season.

Kozlik also represented the BDAFL Women's Development side in 2016.

Nominees

Name	Club
Georgia Butler	Killarney Vale
Orana Eslick	Gosford
Laney Hessels	Nelson Bay
Holly Kozlik	Lake Macquarie
Jasmine Mandy	Gosford
Taylor Quinton-Widl	Maitland
Bethany Wood	Killarney Vale



2016 MOST OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN'S FOOTBALLER

Cardiff's Max Hillier has taken out the prestigious BDAFL Men's Most Outstanding Young Footballer.

Hillier, the 2015 BDAFL Rising Star winner, took his game to another level in 2016 being a prime midfielder for Cardiff and a key player in the club securing a 2016 finals berth.

Hillier thrived on being a member of the Sydney Swans Academy for the first time and accredits this to his continued improvement.

The 18 year old was also a member of the BDAFL Representative team which defeated Farrer FNL.

Full Voting

Name	Club	Votes
Max Hillier	Cardiff	27
Jayden Rymer	Nelson Bay	25
Jack Hardman	Warners Bay	15
Conor Haswell	Newcastle City	9
Josh Mifsud	Killarney Vale	8
Nathan Vaisey	Nelson Bay	7
Aaron Redhead	Killarney Vale	5
Corey Billins	Terrigal Avoca	3
Tim Oosterhoff	Killarney Vale	2
Doug Clark	Terrigal Avoca	2
Rob Schindler-Taylor	Warners Bay	1
Jack Grimmond	Terrigal Avoca	1



2016 MOST OUTSTANDING YOUNG WOMEN'S FOOTBALLER

Sophie Balcombe has made it back-to-back Most Outstanding Young Women's Footballer of the Year awards for Nelson Bay after claiming the award in 2016.

Balcombe follows on from team mate Lisa Steane who won the award in 2015 and went on to win the Women's Best & Fairest award in 2016.

Balcombe was a key member of the Nelson Bay midfield which saw them go through the season undefeated.

Not only did the 19 year old have a strong club season but she also excelled at representative level captaining the BDAFL Development squad to a win over AFL Canberra and at the same time being named "Best on Ground"

List of Nominees

Name	Club
Jemma Astley	Nelson Bay
Sophie Balcombe	Nelson Bay
Georgia Butler	Killarney Vale
Laney Hessels	Nelson Bay
Holly Kozlik	Lake Macquarie
Jasmine Mandy	Gosford
Taylor Quinton-Widl	Maitland
Bethany Wood	Killarney Vale



JAMES J ARNOLD VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Ken and Annette Garland's service to the Muswellbrook cats has been acknowledged when they were named Black Diamond AFL Volunteers of the Year at the Elliott Davey Medal Night held last Wednesday night.

The couple were overwhelmed when presented with the award with Ken saying that "the Muswellbrook Football Club has given them as much as they have given the football club"

Here is the citation which accompanied their nomination.

Ken Garland

For the past four seasons, Ken has proven himself to be the leader of the Muswellbrook Cats.

He sets the standards by which we play football and in the way our club runs and operates. In addition to providing this leadership role, he is also always willing to "get his hands dirty" and organise and drive buses, sell raffle tickets, organise match day gear as well as the ground and all the other tasks that lead to getting a team on the park each week.

Ken actively involves himself in the life of the club and will always actively organise and participate in every club event no matter how big or small.

Annette Garland

It is obvious to everyone involved at the Cats that Annette is arguably our hardest working volunteer, not only this year, but for many years and in many different roles. In her time with the Muswellbrook Cats she has been a committee member, club treasurer, canteen manager, Auskick Coordinator and Assistant to the Club President, and has maintained these roles simultaneously.

She is humble and unassuming and I don't think she knows how much she means to all of those who love this club.

Both

The Cats have been through some really rough times, times when we thought we may not have a club any longer and it is because of the determination of both Ken and Annette that we are enjoying our current success. They were the key to getting our club into the Black Diamond competition which has been the single greatest thing to happen to our club since its revival in 2003.

Ken and Annette won the award from many worthy contenders with the other nominees being Shane Jones (Cardiff), Simon Berry (Gosford), Paul Forster (Killarney Vale), Brad Farrell (Lake Macquarie), Larissa Quigley (Maitland), Jake Lowe (NCCUA), Kylie Clayden (Nelson Bay), Daniel Gardner (Newcastle City), Mark Rohan (Singleton), Colin Barker (Terrigal Avoca), Julie Williams (The Entrance Bateau Bay), Todd Sheldon (Warners Bay), Ron Hillman (Wyangong Lakes)



L to R: Sam Panetta (GM – Pullmans Magenta Shores Resort), Julie Williams (The Entrance Bateau Bay), Larissa Quigley (Maitland), Jake Lowe (NCCUA), Daniel Gardner (Newcastle City), Ken & Annette Garland (Muswellbrook), Mark Rohan (Singleton), Brad Farrell (Lake Macquarie), Paul Forster (Killarney Vale), Kylie Clayden (Nelson Bay), Simon Berry (Gosford), Colin Barker (Terrigal Avoca), Ron Hillman (Wyangong Lakes). Absent: Shane Jones (Cardiff) & Todd Sheldon (Warners Bay)

BDAFL MERIT AWARD NOMINEE – BILL DENNISS

The BDAFL Nominee for an AFL NSW/ACT Merit Award is Wyong Lakes' Bill Denniss.

Bill was been a member of the Wyong Lakes Australian Football club since 1983 when he commenced his career in the U13's. He played his first Senior game in 1985 whilst still playing U15's. Billy has since played 30 years of senior football for the club and has racked up an unbelievable 660 clubs games as of the 19/07/16. We are sure that number will one day be 700 plus.

His playing career includes a litany of awards, Grand Final medals, Play of Finals, Best and Fairest, Most Consistent and probably the one he holds closest to his heart Life Membership of the Wyong Lakes Magpies, which was awarded in 2006.

Not content to just play football Billy has served as a Treasurer and committee member over countless years. Billy Denniss optimises all that is good about AFL clubs and footy in general, he is always willing to lend a hand, one of the first to arrive and often last to leave. He always puts the club first and never thinks of himself.

Five other BDAFL Volunteers were also recognised for their long service to their clubs(from L to R) Bill Denniss (Wyong Lakes), Alex Sain (Lake Macquarie), Sue Spencer (Nelson Bay), Roy Reichart (NCCUA), Mark Rohan (Singleton) and Phil Lewis (Killarney Vale).



BDAFL COACH OF THE YEAR – LAUREN COOPER

Nelson Bay Women's Coach, Lauren Cooper is the 2016 BDAFL Coach of the Year and also a nominee for the AFL NSW/ACT Coach of the Year.

Lauren has coached Nelson Bay Women's team for the past two years leading her side to the 2016 GE BDAFL Women's Premiership in 2016, finishing the season undefeated and that was after and after winning the Minor Premiership and finishing runner up in 2015.

The on-field results are remarkable in themselves as up until last year just about all the girls have never played AFL previously.

Not only has Lauren had to teach the girls how to "kick and catch" she has also had to team them about the game itself.



In just the two seasons she has got her team playing like seasoned veterans.

Lauren is in the RAAF and has a background in AFL having played in Canberra before moving to the region three years ago however a torn ACL last year has prevented from playing this year however despite this she has embraced the non-playing coaching role which she believes enables her to provide better one-on-one coaching opportunities.

She is highly respected by her team and through her efforts the women's team continues to thrive.

Lauren was also an assistant coach of the Black Diamond AFL Women's Representative team in 2016.

Off-field she is actively involved in the club by being on the clubs committee, has raised sponsorship for the women's teams, she washes the jumpers and even paid her own way to complete a sports trainers course.

Lauren was a finalist in the prestigious Women's Network 2016 Football Emerging Leader Award.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The Club Championship Award is awarded to the leading Black Diamond AFL Club based on the on-field performance.

Points were awarded as follows:

Seniors: 6 points for a win/bye; 3 for a draw, 0 for a loss

Reserves: 4 points for a win/bye; 2 for a draw, 0 for a loss

Women's or Thirds: 2 points for a win; 1 for a draw, 0 for a loss

If a club only had two teams their total points have a 10% weighting added to them.

The winning club was presented with a perpetual trophy at the Elliott Davey Medal Presentation Night as well as a payment of \$500. The Runner Up received \$300 and the third placed club \$200.

Finals Standings were:

	Seniors	Reserves	Wom/3rd	Weighting	Total
Newcastle City	96	56	24	-	176
Gosford	78	24	24	-	126
Maitland	90	24	10	-	124
Terrigal Avoca	66	32	20	-	118
Singleton	90	12	0	-	102
Nelson Bay	48	16	30	-	94
Cardiff	48	12	22	-	82
Wyong Lakes	48	8	20	-	76
Warners Bay	36	22	10		68
Killarney Vale	12	4	6		22
Lake Macquarie	15	-	4	1.9	20.9



Newcastle City President, Daniel Gardner (left) with Club Championship Trophy

CLUB ADMINISTRATION AWARD

The Club Administration Award is presented to the club which demonstrates excellence in performing their off-field duties and responsibilities.

Points are allocated on a weekly basis.

At the end of the season the clubs are rebated an amount at the rate of \$0.50 per point to a maximum of \$1,000. Warners Bay received an additional \$250 as the winning club.

Final Table:

	Points
Warners Bay	3866
Maitland	2652
Terrigal Avoca	2416
Killarney Vale	2385
Newcastle City	2210
Wyong Lakes	2198
Nelson Bay	2124
Singleton	1604
Gosford	1428
Muswellbrook	1427
Cardiff	1179
Lake Macquarie	839
The Entrance Bateau Bay	695



LEADING GOALKICKERS

BLK Black Diamond Cup		
Mitch Crawford	Newcastle City	68
Aaron Wivell	Cardiff	50
Courtney Knight	Newcastle City	48
Jack Hardman	Warners Bay	38
Jeremy Eddy	Nelson Bay	34

First Division		
Travis Bates	Singleton	112
Tim Eather	Gosford	62
Justin McPhan	Wyong Lakes	58
Wade Beard	Maitland	49

Women's		
Morgan Ross	Gosford	78
Amy Worth	Cardiff	33
Emily Nichols	Nelson Bay	29
Sarah James	Maitland	23

Second Division		
Adam Higham	Muswellbrook	54
Jono Williams	Singleton	43
Nick Ridgeway	Nelson Bay	39
Brandon Reed	The Entrance BB	30



2016 Leading Goalkickers (L to R): Travis Bates, Adam Higham, Morgan Ross & Mitch Crawford

LIFE MEMBER – DARREL LUCK

Darrel Luck qualified for Life Membership having umpired 250 Black Diamond Cup games however his contribution to the league and umpiring in the region go far greater than that.

Some of his achievements include:

- 350 BDAFL games as an umpire
- 260 Black Diamond Cup matches as a Field Umpire
- 7 Black Diamond Cup Grand Finals as a Field Umpire
- 2 First Division Grand Finals
- 2 Under 18's Grand Finals
- 1 Representative Fixture

Darrel has also held several positions within the Newcastle Central Coast Umpires Association including:

- NCCUA President (2006-2013)
- NCCUA Vice President (2005)
- NCCUA Committee Member (2000, 2014-15)
- Umpires Coach (2000)



Darrel has been recognised for his service both on and off the field with a number of awards and honours including

- NCCUA Umpire of The Year (2000, 2007 & 2013)
- NCCUA Club Person of the Year (2005, 2012-2013)
- NCCUA Presidents Award (2015)
- Induction into NCCUA Hall of Fame (2015)

LIFE MEMBER – COREY SHACKLETON

Corey qualified for Life Membership having played 250 Black Diamond Cup games for Killarney Vale however he has also been a great ambassador for the league.

Corey is a long time Killarney Vale Bomber who transitioned from a non-AFL background seamlessly into senior football. Known as a strong and tenacious defender, Corey has been a key member of the Bombers first grade side since 2000.

Corey has been an outstanding player for the Bombers, and won an impressive four consecutive Player's Player awards from 2009-12. In that time he also won three consecutive Best and Fairest awards between 2011 and 2013 and was also the runner up in 2009 & 2010. Having won various awards at the club in his career, a standout was making the "Killarney Vale All Star Side of 1978-2008" named at the clubs 30th Anniversary in 2008 as a current player. Corey has gone on to become a life member of the Bombers having played over 250 first grade games and is a legend of the club.

He captained the Bombers from 2010-2012, and was instrumental in shutting down the attack of Newcastle City in the 2007 grand final. Corey represented the BDAFL in 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012 & 2013, featuring as vice-captain in 2012-13. Further, Corey was also named as part of the Black Diamond AFL Team of the Year on six occasions between 2008 and 2013.

In 2015 Corey was named the Senior Club Person of the Year for the Bombers, however, arguably his greatest career achievement was being named in the BDAFL team of the decade in 2009.

LIFE MEMBER – DANE AMIDY

Dane qualified for Life Membership having played 250 Black Diamond Cup games for Killarney Vale however he has also been a great character as well.

Dane Amidy, affectionately known as 'Draino' came to the Bombers in 1993 as an Under 17's player. In 1995 as a spritely 17 years he won a Reserve Grade Premiership and was awarded the Central Coast AFL Reserve Grade Best & Fairest award.

In 1996 & 1997 Draino won a scholarship and attended Carey Grammar, Melbourne. Where he played in the school's first eighteen which included games on the MCG

He returned to the Bombers in 1998 and part of the clubs 1st grade premiership. He has remained a regular first grader at the club ever since, apart from the 1999 season which he spent in Tamworth AFL.

Throughout his career, Draino has proven an elusive midfielder / forward who has racked up a good tally of goals over the years.

He was a key member of the clubs Black Diamond Cup 2007 premiership side.

Draino was made a Life Member of the Killarney Vale Australian Football Club in 2013 and in 2014, he played his 250th 1st Grade game for the Bombers and is the current club games record holder.

During this time Draino has won two 1st Grade Best and Fairest, three times Runner Up Best and Fairest, represented the League on six occasions and was named in the Bombers 30 year 'All Star' team in 2008. He was also a member of the BDAFL team of the decade in 2009 and also the 2013 BDAFL Team of the Year.



BEST AND FAIREST VOTING

2016 ELLIOTT-DAVEY MEDAL VOTING – Black Diamond Cup Best and Fairest



Jayden Rymer (Nelson Bay) 15, James Webster (Terrigal Avoca) 14, Adam Grinyer (Nelson Bay) 11, Conor Haswell (Newcastle City) 11, Max Hillier (Cardiff) 10, Cameron Keast (Newcastle City) 10, Max Mumford (Killarney Vale) 9, Anthony Baker (Newcastle City) 9, Aaron Seen (Newcastle City) 9, Mitch Betson (Terrigal Avoca) 9, Jack Hardman (Warners Bay) 9, Nick Chapman (Cardiff) 8, Chris Jackson (Newcastle City) 8, Matt Enright (Newcastle City) 7, Chris Bishop (Terrigal Avoca) 7, Jeremy Eddy (Nelson Bay) 5, Angus Darling (Terrigal Avoca) 5, Jack Grimmond (Terrigal Avoca) 5, Matt Spinks (Warners Bay) 5, Tim Sheldon (Cardiff) 4, Brendan Lewis (Killarney Vale) 4, Josh Mifsud (Killarney Vale) 4, Aaron Clayden (Nelson Bay) 4, Courtney Knight (Newcastle City) 4, Brandon Thomas (Terrigal Avoca) 4, Ben Crawley (Warners Bay) 4, Lincoln Stewart (Warners Bay) 4, Nic Kocon (Cardiff) 3, Michael Norton (Cardiff) 3, Mitch Crawford (Newcastle City) 3, Mitch Knight (Newcastle City) 3, Kevin McDonald (Newcastle City) 3, Joe Reidy (Newcastle City) 3, Steven Scott (Newcastle City) 3, Douglas Clark (Terrigal Avoca) 3, Brendan Harper (Terrigal Avoca) 3, Alexander White (Terrigal Avoca) 3, Lachlan Deverell (Warners Bay) 3, Todd Krause (Warners Bay) 3, Jake Roach (Warners Bay) 3, Robert Schindler-Taylor (Warners Bay) 3, Adam Clarke (Cardiff) 2, Beau Heeney (Cardiff) 2, Tristan McCormick (Cardiff) 2, Ryan Barrett (Killarney Vale) 2, Kyall Walford (Killarney Vale) 2, James Bellman (Nelson Bay) 2, Matt Dews (Nelson Bay) 2, Joel Erickson (Nelson Bay) 2, Dylan Stewart (Nelson Bay) 2, Matt Bailey (Newcastle City) 2, Pat Gillingham (Newcastle City) 2, Ryley Lang (Newcastle City) 2, Corbin Bond (Terrigal Avoca) 2, Jay Lewis (Terrigal Avoca) 2, Damen Smith (Terrigal Avoca) 2, Ben Hunter (Warners Bay) 2, Josh Molan (Warners Bay) 2, Luke Roach (Warners Bay) 2, David Graan (Cardiff) 1, Chad Mayo (Cardiff) 1, Jackson McMahon (Cardiff) 1, Brad Edwards (Killarney Vale) 1, Tim Oosterhoff (Killarney Vale) 1, Aaron Redhead (Killarney Vale) 1, Tim Divall (Nelson Bay) 1, Jackson Crawford (Newcastle City) 1, Cade Triffitt (Newcastle City) 1, Kurt Fleming (Terrigal Avoca) 1, Tom Head (Terrigal Avoca) 1, Jarrad Warren (Terrigal Avoca) 1, Scott Bartlem (Warners Bay) 1

2016 GRANLAND MEDAL VOTING – First Division Best and Fairest



Alex Mitchell (Singleton) 23, Brad Deitz (Gosford) 16, Wade Beard (Maitland) 14, Andrew Scott (Singleton) 14, Jason Adlington (Cardiff) 13, Michael Cantrall (Gosford) 12, Scott Manuelle (Gosford) 12, Ben Stewart (Maitland) 12, Hayden Kavanagh (Newcastle City) 12, Tim Eather (Gosford) 11, Chris Koop-Folkes (Wyong Lakes) 11, Jim Taranto (Maitland) 9, Owen Geard (Newcastle City) 9, Lee Moore (Wyong Lakes) 9, Michael Young (Killarney Vale) 8, Mitch Greaves (Maitland) 8, Mark Roser (Singleton) 8, Will McKellar (Terrigal Avoca) 8, Brayden Tos (Wyong Lakes) 8, Pat McMahon (Maitland) 7, Daniel Glowacki (Newcastle City) 7, Sam Brasington (Singleton) 7, Ethan Formby (Terrigal Avoca) 7, David McGuinness (Warners Bay) 7, Cameron Keast (Newcastle City) 6, Brock Johnston (Warners Bay) 6, Leo Vo (Warners Bay) 6, Hayden Taylor (Maitland) 5, Rhett Allen (Newcastle City) 5, Travis Bates (Singleton) 5, Vahid Roser (Singleton) 5, Zac Moore (Warners Bay) 5, Jarred Cross (Wyong Lakes) 5, Aaron Kosub (Wyong Lakes) 5, Justin McPhan (Wyong Lakes) 5, Warwick Jackson (Killarney Vale) 4, Harley Davis (Lake Macquarie) 4, Lucas Relic (Lake Macquarie) 4, Luke Damico (Maitland) 4, Chris Pedler (Maitland) 4, Abe Gibson (Newcastle City) 4, Josh King (Newcastle City) 4, Mark Wheeler (Newcastle City) 4, Joel Deacon (Singleton) 4, Jackson Kolatchew (Singleton) 4, Kenneth Szaladzinski (Terrigal Avoca) 4, Joseph Ferguson (Warners Bay) 4, Brendan Eather (Gosford) 3, Pat Murphy (Gosford) 3, Simon Gardner (Lake Macquarie) 3, Alex Sain (Lake Macquarie) 3, Tim Wells (Lake Macquarie) 3, Aiden Damico (Maitland) 3, Mitch McKee (Maitland) 3, Greg Mudd (Maitland) 3, Sam Edwards (Newcastle City) 3, Izaac Hillery (Newcastle City) 3, Max Quinlan (Newcastle City) 3, Hamish Thomson (Newcastle City) 3, Andrew MacPherson (Singleton) 3, Jai Pursell (Singleton) 3, Nic Roberts (Singleton) 3, Manning Mitchell (Terrigal Avoca) 3, Matt Shortal (Terrigal Avoca) 3, Ryan Webster (Terrigal Avoca) 3, Tom McDonell (Warners Bay) 3, Rhys Dawe (Wyong Lakes) 3, Tim Hillman (Wyong Lakes) 3, San Burgess (Cardiff) 2, Jarrad Carraro (Cardiff) 2, Josh McLeod (Cardiff) 2, Michael Ryan (Cardiff) 2, Jaden Johnson (Gosford) 2, Thomas Paavola (Gosford) 2, Alexander Remy (Gosford) 2, Jake Greentree (Killarney Vale) 2, John Kensey (Killarney Vale) 2, Sam Livings (Killarney Vale) 2, Jordan Reynolds (Lake Macquarie) 2, Justin Broadley (Maitland) 2, Mitchell Black (Newcastle City) 2, Adrian Chaplin (Newcastle City) 2, Sam Payne (Newcastle City) 2, Joe Reidy (Newcastle City) 2, Heath Robertson (Newcastle City) 2, Ned Shanahan (Newcastle City) 2, Amos Austin (Terrigal Avoca) 2, Dustin Chambers (Terrigal Avoca) 2, Callan MacLeod (Terrigal Avoca) 2, Ryan Shaw (Terrigal Avoca) 2, Lydon Bligh-Parker (Warners Bay) 2, Tim Hof (Warners Bay) 2, Neeson Naidoo (Wyong Lakes) 2, Gavin Stokes (Wyong Lakes) 2, Chris Hill (Cardiff) 1, Clinton James (Cardiff) 1, Cullum Jones (Cardiff) 1, Michael Krake (Cardiff) 1, Jack Pratt (Cardiff) 1, Ben Lester (Gosford) 1, Eamonn Moore (Gosford) 1, Daniel White (Gosford) 1, Trent Debnam (Killarney Vale) 1, Mitchell Clune (Lake Macquarie) 1, Robert Gosev (Lake Macquarie) 1, Tyler Smith (Lake Macquarie) 1, Shannon Speering (Lake Macquarie) 1, Daniel Zuzek (Lake Macquarie) 1, Josh Button (Maitland) 1, Hugh Matheson (Maitland) 1, Jarred Matson (Newcastle City) 1, Blake Bray (Singleton) 1, Paul Chandler

(Singleton) 1, Patrick Fitzgerald (Singleton) 1, Beau Mynard (Singleton) 1, David Oman (Singleton) 1, Elliot Chandler (Terrigal Avoca) 1, Austin Clark (Terrigal Avoca) 1, Jasper Davis (Terrigal Avoca) 1, Cameron Grentell (Terrigal Avoca) 1, Christopher Avery (Warners Bay) 1, Thomas Prentice (Warners Bay) 1, Jake Spicer (Warners Bay) 1, Carter Jones (Wyong Lakes) 1, Tyler Wood (Wyong Lakes) 1

2016 WOMEN'S BEST & FAIREST VOTING



Lisa Steane (Nelson Bay) 24, Emily Crookes (Gosford) 19, Rebecca Ives (Wyong Lakes) 19, Eliza Bunner (Cardiff) 16, Sarah James (Maitland) 16, Amy Worth (Cardiff) 15, Casey Elkins (Warners Bay) 13, Alexandra Pearce (Wyong Lakes) 13, Holly Kozlik (Lake Macquarie) 12, Suzanne Jeffree (Killarney Vale) 11, Jessica Cassidy (Maitland) 11, Kate Handley (Newcastle City) 11, Taylor Quinton-Widl (Maitland) 10, Tarryn O'Hehir (Killarney Vale) 9, Meaghan Macdonald (Newcastle City) 9, Amy Hessell (Gosford) 8, Jasmine Mandy (Gosford) 8, Georgia Butler (Killarney Vale) 8, Philippa Smyth (Nelson Bay) 8, Taylah Gray (Newcastle City) 8, Audrey Gillingham (Newcastle City) 7, Kaylah Jeffriess (Singleton) 7, Svenja Mueller Byrnes (Gosford) 6, Alison Parkin (Gosford) 6, Monique Maddalena (Killarney Vale) 6, Laney Hessels (Nelson Bay) 6, Letitia Jarvis (Nelson Bay) 6, Sabrina Kliousis (Newcastle City) 6, Kate Booth (Warners Bay) 6, Mattea Dombkins (Warners Bay) 6, Kirstyn Pearce (Wyong Lakes) 6, Jazmin Norley (Gosford) 5, Samantha Lawrence (Lake Macquarie) 5, Sophie Balcombe (Nelson Bay) 5, Emily Bohan (Wyong Lakes) 5, Laura Fox (Cardiff) 4, Morgan Ross (Gosford) 4, Claire Walsh (Gosford) 4, Teagan Gorton (Lake Macquarie) 4, Jemma Astley (Nelson Bay) 4, Emily Nichols (Nelson Bay) 4, Emily Do (Newcastle City) 4, Arlyn Jose Mills (Warners Bay) 4, Michelle Bolton (Wyong Lakes) 4, Kearni Churchland (Cardiff) 3, Kayla Moke (Cardiff) 3, Sharni Collins (Gosford) 3, Natasha Gregory (Killarney Vale) 3, Kate Holland (Nelson Bay) 3, Eliza Smyth (Nelson Bay) 3, Ellie Starkey (Newcastle City) 3, Claire Ellis (Warners Bay) 3, Lyndall Garden (Warners Bay) 3, Sarah Burns (Cardiff) 2, Narissa Milne (Gosford) 2, Nicole Hingerty (Lake Macquarie) 2, Shirley Moyes (Lake Macquarie) 2, Caitlan Wolfe (Lake Macquarie) 2, Jade Bassett (Maitland) 2, Kirsty Ferguson (Newcastle City) 2, Christine Everett (Singleton) 2, Emma Hamilton (Warners Bay) 2, Rosanne Holmes (Warners Bay) 2, Stephanie Russell (Warners Bay) 2, Kathryn Burns (Cardiff) 1, Rachel Grainger (Cardiff) 1, Tarin Moke (Cardiff) 1, Ashleigh Flack (Killarney Vale) 1, Sheldon Janissen (Lake Macquarie) 1, Eliza Varela (Lake Macquarie) 1, Maddison Goodridge (Maitland) 1, Hannah Hill (Maitland) 1, Amanda Smith (Maitland) 1, Alison Hessels (Nelson Bay) 1, Clarissa McPhee (Newcastle City) 1, Taylah Smith (Newcastle City) 1, Gabriella Szekely (Newcastle City) 1, Brianna Howard (Singleton) 1, Nadene McBride (Singleton) 1, Natasha Nester (Singleton) 1, Hannah Gow (Warners Bay) 1

2016 CHRIS ARNOLD MEDAL VOTING – Second Division Best and Fairest



Beau Harris (Muswellbrook) 17, Daniel Osarek (Newcastle City) 17, Ben Thompson (Nelson Bay) 15, Jared Cullinan (The Entrance Bateau Bay) 13, Adam Higham (Muswellbrook) 11, Kieran Lamond (Nelson Bay) 11, Luke Besley (The Entrance Bateau Bay) 11, Owen Den hey (Muswellbrook) 10, Byron Lawson (Terrigal Avoca) 10, Brock Johnston (Warners Bay) 9, Cameron Benkovic (Muswellbrook) 8, Jedd Stojakovic (Muswellbrook) 8, Kristopher Clouten (Wyong Lakes) 8, Kevin Greaves (Maitland) 7, Thomas Dwyer (Newcastle City) 7, Justin Daley (Killarney Vale) 6, Nick Ridgeway (Nelson Bay) 6, Isaac Hillery (Newcastle City) 6, Ryan Johnston (Newcastle City) 6, Matt Till (Singleton) 6, Aaron Coelho (Terrigal Avoca) 6, Matt Gencur (Terrigal Avoca) 6, Shane Higgins (The Entrance Bateau Bay) 6, Connor Reilly (The Entrance Bateau Bay) 6, Kris Toohey (The Entrance Bateau Bay) 6, Nathan Brennan (Warners Bay) 6, Patrick Quinn (Warners Bay) 6, Tristan Carter (Gosford) 5, Jordan Jeffriess-Tapper (Singleton) 5, William Denniss (Wyong Lakes) 5, Neil Walker (Gosford) 4, Mark Curran (Maitland) 4, Nigel Smith (Muswellbrook) 4, Bradley McPherson (Nelson Bay) 4, Phillip Lemessurier (Newcastle City) 4, Chris Bennett (Terrigal Avoca) 4, Robert Gray (The Entrance Bateau Bay) 4, Kelan Casey (Gosford) 3, Alex King (Gosford) 3, Christian Robertson (Gosford) 3, Aaron Smith (Gosford) 3, Jake Owens (Killarney Vale) 3, Patrick Schell (Killarney Vale) 3, Angus Hansen (Maitland) 3, Lee Nevin (Maitland) 3, Michael Pedler (Maitland) 3, Chris Pedler (Maitland) 3, Mitch Towers (Maitland) 3, Ben Howarth (Muswellbrook) 3, Nathan Smith (Singleton) 3, Thomas Cansick (Terrigal Avoca) 3, Matt Studdert (Terrigal Avoca) 3, Jackson Vincent (Terrigal Avoca) 3, Michael Besley (The Entrance Bateau Bay) 3, Sam Jabour (The Entrance Bateau Bay) 3, Chris Avery (Warners Bay) 3, Josh Brackenbury (Warners Bay) 3, Josh Nicol (Warners Bay) 3, Neeson Naidoo (Wyong Lakes) 3, Jason Roe (Wyong Lakes) 3, Deklan Bates (Gosford) 2, Dean Simonson (Gosford) 2, Adam Tomsett (Gosford) 2, Damian Tomsett (Gosford) 2, Jack Nancarrow (Killarney Vale) 2, Campbell Saunders (Killarney Vale) 2, Gerard Schell (Killarney Vale) 2, Dylan Bennett (Maitland) 2, Matt Greaves (Maitland) 2, Hugh Matheson (Maitland) 2, Mathew Merrett (Muswellbrook) 2, Jake Parker (Muswellbrook) 2, Taylor Pryor (Muswellbrook) 2, Colin Graham (Nelson Bay) 2, Dylan Stuart (Nelson Bay) 2, Jonothan Hamilton (Newcastle City) 2, Nitilaksh Prasad (Newcastle City) 2, Codie Schulze (Newcastle City) 2, Andrew Vickery (Newcastle City) 2, Johnny Cornelius (Singleton) 2, Colm Hand (Singleton) 2, Jarryd Brown (Terrigal Avoca) 2, David Grimmond (Terrigal Avoca) 2, Ben Lane (The Entrance Bateau Bay) 2,

Brandon Reed (The Entrance Bateau Bay) 2, Jesse Smith (The Entrance Bateau Bay) 2, Joseph Ferguson (Warners Bay) 2, Kayne Gibbs (Warners Bay) 2, Gary Newham (Wyong Lakes) 2, Jake Bates (Gosford) 1, Liam Ghalayini (Gosford) 1, Kieren Handley (Gosford) 1, Thomas Paavola (Gosford) 1, Jordan Tulk (Gosford) 1, Brandon Cozens (Killarney Vale) 1, Conor Lyon (Killarney Vale) 1, Brendan Martin (Killarney Vale) 1, Scott Reid (Killarney Vale) 1, Danny Davey (Maitland) 1, Mitch McKee (Maitland) 1, Greg Mudd (Maitland) 1, Peter Taylor (Maitland) 1, Tate Berry (Muswellbrook) 1, Jackson Cook (Muswellbrook) 1, Mark McLaughlin (Muswellbrook) 1, Ben Grace (Nelson Bay) 1, Jace Brokenshire (Newcastle City) 1, Liam Carroll (Newcastle City) 1, Daniel Hamilton (Newcastle City) 1, Tim Sullivan (Newcastle City) 1, Dale Cox (Singleton) 1, Gary Eade (Singleton) 1, Lachlan Foote (Singleton) 1, Andrew Parsons (Singleton) 1, Nicholas Roberts (Singleton) 1, Keegan Foley (Terrigal Avoca) 1, Tim Kosmeier (Terrigal Avoca) 1, Michael Roach (Terrigal Avoca) 1, Doug Kennedy (The Entrance Bateau Bay) 1, Joel Pittard (Warners Bay) 1, Michael Vo (Warners Bay) 1, Karl Younger (Warners Bay) 1, Ryan Berry (Wyong Lakes) 1

TRIBUNAL

2016 saw the BDAFL continue to adopt AFL NSW/ACT's Tribunal Manual Guidelines which included the Prescribed Penalty matrix with a couple of minor amendments made.

In 2016 there were 51 reports and 1 citing which resulted in 51 Prescribed Penalties offered. From this the Prescribed Penalty was accepted on 43 occasions which meant that the tribunal was required to hear 9 cases.

During the year Anthony Monk, Paul Deaves, Dave Thomas, Suzanne Russell-Parker, Dave Reed and Wal Bembic sit as members on the Tribunal Panel.

A break up of reports and tribunal hearing statistics are as follows:

SUMMARY	2016	2015	2014	2013
No of Charges	52	26	25	24
Set Penalties Offered	51	25	23	24
Set Penalties Accepted	43	25	18	19
Cases Before Tribunal	9	1	7	5
Guilty & Suspended	7	1	4	3
Guilty & Reprimand	0	0	1	2
Not Guilty	2	0	2	0
Sentences > Prescribed Penalty Offered	0	0	0	1
Sentences same as Prescribed Penalty Offered	1	0	0	0
Sentences < Prescribed Penalty Offered	5	0	4	4
2016 CHARGES	Set Penalty	Guilty	Not Guilty	
Striking	26	4	1	
Attempting to Strike	2	0	0	
Abusive Conduct/ Abusive Language toward an umpire	7	0	0	
Rough Conduct	1	0	1	
Making Contact with an Injured Player	1	0	0	
Kicking	1	0	0	
Misconduct	0	1	0	
Engaging in a Melee	3	2	0	
Instigating a Melee	1	0	0	
Wrestling	1	0	0	

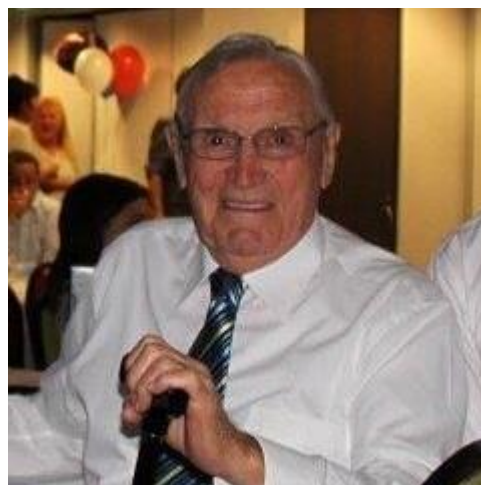
VALE – JOHN MCKEOWN

AFL Football is much the poorer following the death of BDAFL Life Member and Warners Bay AFC Founder, John McKeown in June at age 95.

The best way to describe John's achievements would be to repeat an article written by Damian Mahoney & Russell Macey which was published in the AFL Football Record in 2009.

BULLDOG FOUNDER HAD A PROFOUND IMPACT

Most of us would consider ourselves to be passionate about footy; some might happily claim fanatical or even 'tragic' status.



But how do you classify a person who devotes 37 years to the club he founded, 22 of those as President, property steward, recruiting officer and canteen manager, and someone also responsible for the establishment of a schoolboy competition that still runs today?

And what if all that was achieved after a playing career in a state where Australian Football is not the dominant sport?

It's difficult to find the right terms to recognise the contributions made to Australian Football by John 'Mac' McKeown, aged 87.

But at Warners Bay Football Club located 15 kilometres south-west of Newcastle on the edge of Lake Macquarie in NSW, his status as a club legend is undisputed.

The story of McKeown's life is both intriguing and inspiring.

Living in the Great Depression as a child in Western Australia, McKeown was forced to attend more than 20 primary schools as his father travelled around Australia in search of employment.

As a young adult, he enlisted in the Royal Australian Airforce and was assigned to ground crew work before graduating to flying duties in 1942.

He flew Lancaster bombers over Berlin at the end of World War II before moving back to Australia and embarking on a teaching career. He had played Australian Football in the Sydney League before enlisting and continued to play on his return to Australia.

After various postings in NSW, he moved to rugby league stronghold of Newcastle in the late 1960's after accepting a position of mathematics master at Warners Bay High School. With no local Australian Football team in the area and not even the scent of a sherrin in the sports equipment storeroom, McKeown - ever the evangelist-set about converting students to the game.

McKeown was largely - if not solely - responsible for the Lions Cup, a statewide schoolboy competition that Warners Bay High School won in 1976.

Through the now defunct competition, he introduced thousands of schoolboys to Australian Football.

As students' interest in the game grew beyond school, McKeown formed the Warners Bay Bulldogs Football Club and entered an Under 17's team in the Newcastle Australian Football League (NAFL). The NAFL later became part of the Black Diamond Football League (BDAFL), who play for the oldest sporting trophy in the country (the Black Diamond Cup).

After winning the flag in 1974 and finishing runner-up the next two seasons, the Bulldogs entered a reserve grade team in 1976 under McKeown's direction.

In 1977, prompted by the NAFL Board, McKeown fielded a senior side, with the club winning its maiden senior title in 1984 and playing in 12 first grade grand finals from 1983-1996.

In that span, the Bulldogs win six premierships, including a record equalling four in a row from 1990-93.

McKeown who was known as 'Mr Aussie Rules' around the Hunter region for his work promoting the code, was club president during those halcyon years from 1997-98 thereafter acting as volunteer at training and on match-days.

There is little doubt McKeown's selfless work and commitment to Australian Football laid the foundation for the code's growing popularity in NSW.

Though failing health affected John in his later years he still managed to attend a Bulldogs home match at least once each year the last being this year when the club celebrated their 40th anniversary



VALE – NEVILLE TURNER

The BDAFL community is shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of BDAFL Life member and umpire, Neville Turner in October aged 67 years.

Neville made a significant contribution to the BDAFL, Cardiff AFC and NCCUA with his contribution being measured by the fact that he is a Life Member of all three organisations.

After moving to Newcastle Turner joined the Hawks and played in their Premiership side in 1979.

After finishing his playing career Turner joined the NCCUA, initially as a Boundary Umpire before progressing through to Field Umpiring. Neville was still umpiring in 2016 with his last appointment being the emergency umpire for the GE Women's Grand Final.



He umpired 353 matches as a Field Umpire and in doing so was only the second umpire in Newcastle Central Coast Umpires Association (NCCUA) history to pass 350 matches. Included in this tally was 111 Black Diamond Cup games.

Nev was made a Life Member of the BDAFL in 2005.

In addition to playing and umpiring Neville was actively involved off-field as well filling Executive positions at both Cardiff and the NCCUA.

Nev was highly respected by his peers and was always will to chip in and give a hand or an encouraging word when needed.

APPROVED SUPPLIERS

2016 saw BLK continue as the BDAFL exclusive on-field apparel supplier and preferred off-field apparel supplier for the third year and the second of the current three year agreement.

Once again the Board decided to continue with the arrangement of all clubs requiring to purchase their on-field apparel through the league. The benefit of this arrangement is:

In previous years there has been an issue with clubs not receiving their playing attire prior to Round 1. In order to alleviate the BDAFL encouraged all clubs to order their attire prior to Christmas and the BDAFL would not invoice the clubs until May.

This arrangement worked well with the majority of orders being placed prior to Christmas and whilst the majority of the orders were delivered prior to Round 1 there were also major issue with the length of time it took for orders to be finalised.

The cyclone which severely affected Fiji in February had a significant issue with BLK's ability to meet production level. It should also be noted that other issues apart from the cyclone also contributed to delivery of orders reaching unacceptable levels.

In 2016, the retail purchases for apparel included 1,444 Jumpers, 1,986 pairs of shorts, 1,514 pairs of socks, 654 polo shorts, 660 training singlets/shirts, 361 jackets/hoodies and 125 gym shorts.. Total spend was \$155,352.50 which compared to \$87,230.50 in 2015 and \$45,797 in 2014.

A meeting was held with BLK CEO, Tyron Brandt, NSW State Manager, Simon Healey and Local Manager, Brett Turner to discuss BLK's unsatisfactory performance. They agreed that BLK's performance was unsatisfactory and explained the reasoning for it and also the steps taken to address these issues moving forward.

Following the meeting discussions were held in regards to rewriting the current agreement and extending the deal. The new deal included:

- Increased Cash payment structured around amount of sales
- Service Level Agreement in relation to Delivery
- Two sets of Representative attire (previously one)
- Prices fixed at 2015 level.
- Agreement to cover 2017-2019



In addition to the above BLK also provided compensation to both the BDAFL and the clubs affected by the delivery delays.

The Board determined that the new deal was a benefit to the league and clubs and agree to the new agreement.

In 2016, the BDAFL again used Sherrin KB footballs, with a new football required for all Black Diamond Cup matches. A used football (defined as having not been used for more than two games previously) could be used for 1st & 2nd Division. The footballs were embossed with both the BDAFL and BLK logos

The Women used 4.5 sized footballs with used footballs permitted to be used. Women's footballs were embossed with both the BDAFL and GE Industrial Solutions logos.

The clubs were required to purchase all match day footballs through the Football Operations Manager, who in turn placed the orders through AFL NSW/ACT.

AFL NSW/ACT sold the match day footballs for \$110.00 (retails price \$159.99) with the BDAFL providing a further discount of \$6 per football, making the price \$104.00 for the clubs. The BDAFL supplied all Women's match day footballs free of charge. AFL NSW/ACT also provided 15 footballs free of charge and we appreciate this support.

PUBLICITY

In 2016 the Black Diamond AFL continued to form strong relationships with the media and public outlets.

The follow list includes the outlets that supported the Black Diamond AFL 2016:

Television

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| <u>Prime7</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BDAFL media partner provided an advertisement for weekend matches throughout each week including during Friday night's AFL match. - Match specific advertisements were provided for all finals matches. - Provided introduction to the Season Launch & BDAFL Elliott Davey Medal Presentation Night |
| <u>NBN Central Coast</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended matches on regular occasions and took vision for their nightly news. Also conducted interviews for their news program. |
| <u>NBN Newcastle</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provided scores each week and on occasion had vision occasionally for the news. Also conducted interviews for their news program. |

Radio

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| <u>Star104.5FM</u>
<i>Central Coast</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BDAFL media partner saw information posted on their website as well as regular reports on their daily shows. - Their 'Roadstar' vehicles attended/reported on games on a number of Saturdays during the season, Grand Final in Newcastle. - Match fixtures and results were included in news bulletins. |
| <u>94.1FM Hits & Country</u>
<i>Central Coast</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Football Operations Manager was a regular on their Saturday mornings sports show |
| <u>96.3FM</u>
<i>Central Coast</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Football Operations Manager was a regular on their Saturday mornings sports show |
| <u>97.3FM</u>
<i>Lake Macquarie</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Football Operations Manager was a regular on their Saturday mornings sports show |
| <u>ABC 1233AM</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Football Operations Manager appeared on Saturday Morning Sport Show on occasions. |
| <u>101.3SeaFM & 107.7 2GO</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AFL NSW/ACT Regional Manager had weekly spot to promote AFL and also the BDAFL. |
| <u>102.9 KO-FM</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Results were included in news bulletin and special events were mentioned. |

Print

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| <u>Central Coast Express</u>
<i>Central Coast</i> | <p>Wednesday Edition – Review of last round</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Friday Edition – Preview to upcoming matches. - The articles varied in length and often included photos of players. |
| <u>Newcastle Herald</u>
<i>Newcastle</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Write up of matches in Saturday's Edition - Review of weekend's match in Monday's Edition. - Review of matches also included on website, with photos on Saturday evening. |

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promoted BarTV Finals Broadcast through website - Editorial of special events throughout the year including season preview.
<u>Maitland Mercury</u> <i>Maitland</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Articles appear regularly on a weekly basis primarily on Maitland Saints.
<u>Port Stephens Examiner</u> <i>Port Stephens/Nelson Bay</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Articles appeared during the year on Nelson Bay, including feature articles on special achievements
<u>Singleton Argus</u> <i>Singleton</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Article about the Roosters appeared during the year.
<u>Muswellbrook Chronicle</u> <i>Muswellbrook</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Match review about the Cats appeared during the year.
<u>Central Coast Grandstand</u> <i>Central Coast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fortnight publication with articles on BDAFL appearing in most editions
<u>Newcastle Star</u> <i>Newcastle</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Articles appear regularly on a weekly basis
<u>Lake Mail</u> <i>Newcastle</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Articles appear regularly on a weekly basis
<u>Sunday Telegraph</u> <i>Regional</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Results in Sunday's paper

In addition to the above "Girls Play Footy" page did several interviews that were podcast on their website.

The Football Operations Manager provided area specific reviews, previews and other media releases to all media outlets throughout the year.

A media kit was also provided to all Media outlets at the beginning of the year.

The league is grateful for the coverage that the game received and hopes to extend our coverage in season 2016. In addition to the above external media coverage the BDAFL made a concerted effort to improve its exposure via social media.

Social Media

<u>Website</u> <i>www.bdafl.com.au</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The website has shown a significant viewership over the past 12 months (Oct 2015-Sep 2016 - 1,625,504). Focus has been on having more regular content with the target of a fresh news item each day during the year and every second day in the off season. The downside to the website is the advertisement placement from Fox Sports Pulse which detracts from the website.
<u>Facebook</u> <i>bdafl</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Normal news has been transmitted via this source. The number of followers has increased from 1400 in October 2015 to current figure of 1907. A paid marketing campaign was undertaken at the beginning of the year.
<u>Twitter</u> <i>@bdafl</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information that has been posted on Facebook are also included on Twitter. The number of followers have increased from 283 to 341 in the past 12 months.
<u>Instagram</u> <i>bdafl</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Account activated during the year. Has 286 followers.

THE FOOTBALL RECORD

The production of a weekly Football Record continued in 2016.

Each club were required to provide their team list with jumper numbers at the beginning of the season and requested to update throughout the season. Clubs were also required to contribute club notes each week. The notes were placed adjacent to their team list and home clubs were issued with 50 copies of the record.

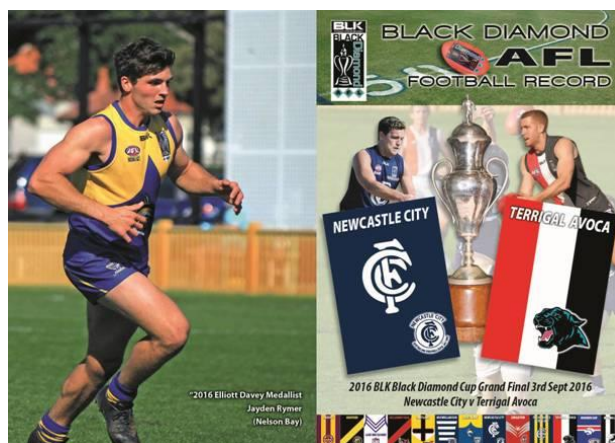
The Grand Final Record included a coloured cover which was provided by Target Press Printing, who also designed the cover.

The publication was compiled and edited by Garry Burkinshaw who would then lodge a copy of the record with Officeworks, Gosford on Tuesday Morning for printing and collating. Once printed and collated, the A5 booklets were collected that afternoon, sorted and boxed into home club lots and couriered to the designated address of a home club official by each Friday.

Officeworks provided a 5% discount for the inclusion of an advertisement in the Record.

The season's records will be bound and kept as part of the leagues historical records.

Whilst there is a reasonable effort in publishing the Football Record the end result is a tremendous vehicle for the league and clubs to push their cause and a wonderful effort for those concerned in its publication.



QUALITY LEAGUE PROGRAM

The BDAFL once again was involved in the AFL NSW/ACT Quality League Management Framework program which requires the league to be measured against a number of benchmarks, aimed at improving the way leagues are governed. Most senior and junior leagues across the state are involved in the program.

In 2016 the BDAFL were assessed by AFL at 95% (95% in 2016).

AFL NSW/ACT will provide all leagues who obtain a rating of at least 80% a \$1,000 cash payment as well as a set of representative gear.

GRANTS & FACILITIES

Grants

AFL NSW/ACT provided the three new women's teams with a \$500 subsidy to assist with start-up costs. A Representative subsidy of \$2,000.00 was also provided to the BDAFL to assist with costs for the trip to Wagga Wagga.

Facilities

AFL NSW/ACT in conjunction with Federal, State and Local government continues to invest in the upgrade of facilities in our region:

Newcastle No.1 Sportsground

Newcastle Council have applied for a Grant of approx. \$1M via the Hunter Infrastructure Investment Fund to assist with upgrade of No 1 Sportsground. Application has been in place for approx. 6 months with no decision as yet.

Hylton Moore Oval

After not being available for the 2015 season, Terrigal Avoca returned to Hylton Moore Oval at the beginning of 2016.

The quality of the surface, for the duration of the season, as well as the facilities certainly made the wait worthwhile.

Adelaide St Oval

Significant work was completed at Adelaide St Oval throughout 2016 with the club accessing funds via Grants and with council support.

Drainage was installed at the beginning of the year which will be a significant plus for the venue in coming years.

A new front fence was also installed as well as new interchange benches.

The club has also received a grant to upgrade the PA system.

Given the improvements being undertaken the facility has the ability to be the league's premier venue.

Cardiff Home Ground

After being without a permanent home base since the closure of Maneela Park in 2005, Cardiff received excellent news during the year with Lake Macquarie Council announcing the club would be the winter tenant for the new facility at Cameron Park.

This was a significant announcement for the club and just reward for the significant work down by a number of club officials over the years.

The ground will be available for use from 2018.

In 2016 the club continued to train at Hillsborough Oval and play home matches at No 1 Sportsground, on a share basis with Newcastle City.

With Council looking to reduce the usage at No 1 Sportsground, Cardiff will play home matches at Hillsborough Oval in 2017 before the move to Cameron Park.

Feighan Park

At the conclusion of the 2016 season works commenced at Feighan Park to install drainage and reconfigure the ground.

This is a significant development

Don Small Oval

After years of trying Wyong Lakes have received funding to rebuild their clubroom which was destroyed by fire in 2013. Funding has also been obtained to upgrade changerooms.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

November	April
BDAFL AGM held	2017 season commences
Phil Lewis & Steve May re-elected to Board	Terrigal Avoca return to Hylton Moore for first time since 2014 as club celebrates 40 th anniversary.
Darrel Luck, Corey Shackleton and Dane Amidy accepted as BDAFL Life Members	Cardiff star Michael Ryan announces retirement from Black Diamond Cup football.
27 men's team nominations received	Gosford women withdraw side from AFL Sydney women's competition
10 women's team nominations received with Cardiff, Killarney Vale and Singleton fielding teams for the 1 st time.	Wyong Lakes remember former player Rhys McNaughton, who committed suicide in October 2015.
Mark Stocker joins Board filling casual vacancy	Newcastle City forward Courtney Knight kicks 800 th career goal.
Wal Bembic and Phil Lewis re-elected as BDAFL President and Vice President respectively	BDAFL hold Mega day with all three Black Diamond Cup matches played at No 1 Sportsground
Newcastle to host NEAFL match	May
Daniel Lloyd (GWS Giants) and Paul Hunter (Adelaide Crows) drafted as Rookies	BDAFL commences Run Against Violence club visits
Star 104.5FM continue as media partner of BDAFL	Warners Bay celebrates 40 th anniversary
December	Wyong Lakes hold 5 th Annual Pink Charity day
Belmont 16 Footers Sailing Club continue as Major Partner	Warners Bay stalwart Jimmy Newburn plays 250 th senior game
AFL NSW/ACT announce Women Academy to be based in Newcastle	Game times for GE Women's matches increased from 15 mins to 20 mins per quarter.
January	AFL NSW/ACT Coaching Course held at Doyalson
BDAFL fixture released	Peter Van Dam named captain of BDAFL Rep team. It will be his 11 th appearance.
Chris Bishop named Representative Coach	BDAFL hold information night regarding future direction of the competition
Sports trainers Course held	BDAFL Rep team defeat Farrer FNL by 36 points in Wagga.
February	Warners Bay, Terrigal Avoca, Newcastle City and Terrigal Avoca celebrate Indigenous Round by wearing specially designed indigenous jumpers
Former Collingwood player, Scott Reed named Killarney Val coach	Warners Bay's Rob Schindler-Taylor plays at the MCG before Dreamtime game as part of the Rio Tinto' Footy Means Business' program
Wyong Lakes join uni study into mental health	June
BarTV to continue to broadcast BDAFL games LIVE in 2016	BDAFL Life Member and Warners Bay founder John 'Mac' McKeown passes away.
BLK become new major sponsor of BDAFL	Daniel Lloyd elevated to GWS Giants senior list
Prime7 continue media partnership with BDAFL	Steve May resigns from Board
Pre-season Rep games held against Sydney Swans Academy.	Killarney Vale stalwart Corey Shackleton announces retirement from Black Diamond Cup
BDAFL hold Registration Day	Inaugural Women's Rep squads announced with Simon Berry as senior coach and Craig Golledge Development squad coach.
Drainage work commences at Adelaide St Oval	'Van for Van Dam fundraiser held for Terrigal Avoca stalwart Peter Van Dam and family.
March	July
Cardiff announced as tenant for new facility at Cameron Park	BDAFL hold "Women's Round" with all five women's matches held at No 1 Sportsground
Pullmans Magenta Shores becomes partner of BDAFL	Women's Rep team announced with Amy Hessel named as captain.
Working with Children workshops held	Club Delegates Meeting Held
Club Delegates Meeting Held	Cardiff captain Nick Kocon plays 300 th game
BDAFL Operations Meeting held	Maitland & Wyong Lakes raise \$6k for Beyond Blue
Umpires Forum held in Swansea	NEAFL match scheduled for No 1 Sportsground relocated to Blacktown due to state of the ground
Wilson Security becomes naming rights partner for Match of the Week broadcast.	AFL Canberra wins inaugural "Country vs Coast Challenge Trophy after defeating BDAFL in Women's Rep match. The BDAFL Women's Development team defeat AFL Canberra YG
Newcastle City retain Women's Gala Day crown	Jack Hardman makes NEAFL debut for Sydney Swans Reserves.
Season Launch held at Belmont 16 Footers	Rachel Goodenough umpires 150 th BDAFL match, being the first woman to reach milestone.
BDAFL announce charity partnership with Run Against Violence	Cardiff's Damon Rowett represents NSW/ACT at National Inclusion Carnival
Steve Allan becomes BDAFL Ambassador	Former Geelong Premiership captain, Tom Harley makes guest appearance for Newcastle City
Coaching Course held at Hexham	John Sullivan umpires 400 th BDAFL match

August	September cont....
Nelson Bay defeat Terrigal Avoca for first time in Black Diamond Cup history	Newcastle City's Aaron Seen wins McBain Medal
Newcastle City claim Black Diamond Cup Minor Premiership and Club Championship	Singleton win 1 st Division and The Entrance Bateau Bay the 2 nd Division Premiership
Killarney Vale obtain Joss and AFL NSW/ACT Grant	Nelson Bay's Sarah Dodds wins Run Against Violence 400m women's final
Elliott Davey Medal Presentation Night held at Belmont 16 Footers	Nelson Bay's Lauren Cooper named as finalist for prestigious AFL Women's Emerging Leader award.
Nelson Bay's Jayden Rymer wins Elliott Davey Medal	October
Lisa Steane wins Women's Best & Fairest award	Megan Farrell appointed to the Board
Ken and Annette Garland (Muswellbrook) win BDAFL Volunteer of the Year award	Lisa Steane and Jess Cassidy attend GWS Giants Women's Draft combine
Nelson Bay wins GE Women's Grand Final, finishing the season undefeated. Lisa Steane named Best on Ground.	BDAFL Life Member, Neville Turner passes away suddenly
Lake Macquarie's Sam Wellard wins Run Against Violence 400m men's final	GE Industrial to continue as naming rights sponsor for the BDAFL Women's competition.
September	Chris Burrows reappointed BDAFL Umpires Coach for 2017
Newcastle City win 7 th Black Diamond Cup Premiership	BDAFL hold meetings with all clubs to discuss competition structure review.



Clockwise from top left: Newcastle City Women's Gala Day Winners, Run Against Violence (RAV) Marquee, RAV Club Visit, Wyong Lakes Beyond Blue Jumper, Warners Bay, Nelson Bay & Newcastle City Indigenous Jumper, Newcastle City Soldier On Jumper, Nic Kocon celebrating 300th game.



COMPETITION LADDERS

2016 BLK Black Diamond Cup Final Ladder								
TEAM	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	PC	Pts
Newcastle City	17	16	1	0	2165	792	273.36	64
Terrigal Avoca	17	11	6	0	1577	1073	146.97	44
Nelson Bay	17	8	9	0	1459	1514	96.37	32
Cardiff	17	8	9	0	1346	1781	75.58	32
Warners Bay	17	6	11	0	1111	1548	71.77	24
Killarney Vale	17	2	15	0	896	1846	48.54	8

2016 First Division Final Ladder								
TEAM	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	PC	Pts
Singleton	17	15	2	0	1875	524	357.82	60
Maitland	17	15	2	0	1636	730	224.11	60
Newcastle City	17	14	3	0	1668	620	269.03	56
Gosford	17	13	4	0	1743	851	204.82	52
Terrigal Avoca	17	8	9	0	1362	960	141.88	32
Wyong Lakes	17	8	9	0	1373	1044	131.51	32
Warners Bay	17	5	11	1	838	1454	57.63	22
Cardiff	17	3	14	0	629	1758	35.78	12
Lake Macquarie	17	2	14	1	525	1637	32.07	10
Killarney Vale	17	1	16	0	341	2412	14.14	4

2016 GE Women's Final Ladder								
TEAM	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	PC	Pts
Nelson Bay	15	15	0	0	968	141	686.52	60
Gosford	15	12	3	0	1079	202	534.16	48
Newcastle City	15	12	3	0	941	197	477.66	48
Cardiff	15	11	4	0	820	321	255.45	44
Wyong Lakes	15	10	5	0	656	465	141.08	40
Warners Bay	15	5	10	0	569	467	121.84	20
Maitland	15	5	10	0	608	637	95.45	20
Killarney Vale	15	3	12	0	352	798	44.11	12
Lake Macquarie	15	2	13	0	318	969	32.82	8
Singleton	15	0	15	0	13	2127	0.61	0

2016 Second Division Final Ladder								
TEAM	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	PC	Pts
Muswellbrook	14	14	0	0	1866	380	491.05	56
The Entrance Bateau Bay	14	12	2	0	1286	443	290.29	48
Newcastle City	14	10	4	0	1394	446	312.56	40
Terrigal Avoca	14	10	4	0	1181	636	185.69	40
Warners Bay	14	7	7	0	673	1085	62.03	28
Gosford	14	6	8	0	823	1038	79.29	24
Maitland	14	6	8	0	650	1213	53.59	24
Nelson Bay	14	4	10	0	870	1089	79.89	16
Singleton	14	3	11	0	663	1536	43.16	12
Killarney Vale	14	3	11	0	488	1341	36.39	12
Wyong Lakes	14	2	12	0	550	1237	44.46	8

2016 Black Diamond Cup Home & Away Results

Round 1					
Warners Bay	11.8	74	Killarney Vale	8.10	58
Nelson Bay	11.9	75	Terrigal Avoca	18.19	127
Cardiff	5.6	36	Newcastle City	22.21	153
Round 2					
Nelson Bay	6.6	42	Newcastle City	24.18	162
Warners Bay	9.7	61	Cardiff	12.6	78
Terrigal Avoca	19.12	126	Killarney Vale	7.2	44
Round 3					
Cardiff	10.10	70	Terrigal Avoca	10.20	80
Killarney Vale	10.8	68	Nelson Bay	14.11	95
Warners Bay	3.8	26	Newcastle City	19.9	123
Round 7					
Cardiff	16.17	113	Nelson Bay	6.13	49
Terrigal Avoca	9.12	66	Warners Bay	13.9	87
Killarney Vale	3.1	19	Newcastle City	29.18	192
Round 4					
Nelson Bay	24.9	153	Cardiff	10.11	71
Terrigal Avoca	16.17	113	Warners Bay	8.7	55
Newcastle City	21.18	144	Killarney Vale	5.4	34
Round 5					
Nelson Bay	27.8	170	Warners Bay	7.10	52
Cardiff	20.12	132	Killarney Vale	16.11	107
Terrigal Avoca	12.3	75	Newcastle City	11.14	80
Round 6					
Warners Bay	15.10	100	Cardiff	19.7	121
Killarney Vale	8.6	54	Terrigal Avoca	13.15	93
Newcastle City	19.10	124	Nelson Bay	8.7	55
Round 8					
Killarney Vale	17.12	114	Cardiff	11.6	72
Warners Bay	14.8	92	Nelson Bay	9.5	59
Newcastle City	16.15	111	Terrigal Avoca	7.2	44
Round 9					
Nelson Bay	5.7	37	Terrigal Avoca	13.13	91
Warners Bay	4.7	31	Killarney Vale	7.16	58
Cardiff	2.5	17	Newcastle City	20.28	148
Round 10					
Newcastle City	18.15	123	Warners Bay	11.7	73
Nelson Bay	16.14	110	Cardiff	17.11	113
Terrigal Avoca	14.17	101	Killarney Vale	8.12	60
Round 11					
Cardiff	18.12	120	Warners Bay	9.11	65
Terrigal Avoca	14.5	89	Newcastle City	7.9	51
Killarney Vale	6.9	45	Nelson Bay	14.10	94
Round 12					
Terrigal Avoca	18.25	133	Cardiff	4.6	30
Warners Bay	15.8	98	Nelson Bay	10.9	69
Killarney Vale	2.8	20	Newcastle City	18.16	124
Round 13					
Warners Bay	11.12	78	Terrigal Avoca	6.10	46
Killarney Vale	7.7	49	Cardiff	22.17	149
Newcastle City	19.9	123	Nelson Bay	9.5	59
Round 14					
Newcastle City	12.15	87	Terrigal Avoca	12.4	76
Nelson Bay	13.10	88	Killarney Vale	5.7	37
Cardiff	9.7	61	Warners Bay	5.10	40
Round 15					
Terrigal Avoca	11.13	79	Nelson Bay	15.5	95
Killarney Vale	10.9	69	Warners Bay	15.7	97
Newcastle City	22.18	150	Cardiff	11.8	74

Round 16					
Nelson Bay	8.11	59	Warners Bay	6.10	46
Terrigal Avoca	16.23	119	Cardiff	2.4	16
Newcastle City	16.19	115	Killarney Vale	2.5	17
Round 17					
Killarney Vale	6.7	43	Terrigal Avoca	17.17	119
Warners Bay	6.5	41	Newcastle City	22.20	152
Cardiff	10.13	73	Nelson Bay	21.24	150

2016 First Division Home & Away Results

Round 1					
Gosford	17.4	106	Wyong Lakes	13.8	86
Lake Macquarie	4.5	29	Newcastle City	14.13	97
Cardiff	4.8	32	Terrigal Avoca	16.10	106
Singleton	14.20	104	Maitland	3.4	22
Warners Bay	23.9	147	Killarney Vale	3.1	19
Round 2					
Maitland	14.7	91	Cardiff	8.10	58
Singleton	13.8	86	Newcastle City	8.8	56
Warners Bay	2.2	14	Gosford	23.12	150
Wyong Lakes	12.17	89	Lake Macquarie	6.4	40
Terrigal Avoca	26.21	177	Killarney Vale	1.1	7
Round 3					
Warners Bay	4.7	31	Newcastle City	15.9	99
Maitland	11.15	81	Gosford	7.1	43
Lake Macquarie	9.4	58	Terrigal Avoca	16.15	111
Wyong Lakes	21.14	140	Killarney Vale	2.2	14
Cardiff	1.2	8	Singleton	21.17	143
Round 4					
Terrigal Avoca	16.8	104	Warners Bay	5.4	34
Newcastle City	17.21	123	Lake Macquarie	2.1	13
Gosford	25.18	168	Cardiff	2.1	14
Maitland	14.8	92	Wyong Lakes	9.8	62
Singleton	34.14	218	Killarney Vale	1.0	6
Round 5					
Cardiff	1.3	9	Maitland	30.8	188
Terrigal Avoca	6.3	39	Newcastle City	16.14	110
Gosford	21.29	155	Killarney Vale	2.3	15
Lake Macquarie	6.10	46	Warners Bay	6.10	46
Wyong Lakes	7.12	54	Singleton	9.12	66
Round 6					
Killarney Vale	1.0	6	Terrigal Avoca	29.7	181
Warners Bay	18.12	102	Cardiff	3.5	23
Lake Macquarie	4.2	26	Maitland	23.9	147
Gosford	8.6	54	Singleton	16.6	102
Newcastle City	15.12	102	Wyong Lakes	4.6	30
Round 7					
Terrigal Avoca	19.8	122	Wyong Lakes	3.4	22
Singleton	20.12	132	Warners Bay	6.3	39
Maitland	4.5	29	Newcastle City	12.8	80
Lake Macquarie	3.6	24	Killarney Vale	7.6	48
Cardiff	9.5	59	Gosford	14.11	95
Round 8					
Newcastle City	14.10	94	Terrigal Avoca	2.11	23
Gosford	12.8	80	Maitland	12.10	82
Warners Bay	8.12	60	Lake Macquarie	8.1	49
Killarney Vale	9.5	59	Cardiff	13.9	87
Singleton	17.13	115	Wyong Lakes	1.4	10
Round 9					
Gosford	10.4	64	Lake Macquarie	5.9	39
Wyong Lakes	15.21	112	Warners Bay	1.2	8
Singleton	5.8	38	Terrigal Avoca	4.3	27
Cardiff	4.1	25	Newcastle City	19.13	127
Maitland	29.19	193	Killarney Vale	2.1	13

Round 10					
Newcastle City	14.16	100	Warners Bay	8.6	54
Lake Macquarie	8.6	54	Cardiff	7.1	43
Gosford	13.11	89	Terrigal Avoca	10.8	68
Killarney Vale	1.0	6	Wyong Lakes	28.18	186
Maitland	16.7	103	Singleton	6.4	40
Round 11					
Lake Macquarie	1.3	9	Singleton	17.16	118
Killarney Vale	1.1	7	Gosford	34.14	218
Terrigal Avoca	6.5	41	Maitland	9.11	65
Wyong Lakes	6.10	46	Newcastle City	10.15	75
Cardiff	6.10	46	Warners Bay	9.9	63
Round 12					
Killarney Vale	3.0	18	Newcastle City	27.19	181
Warners Bay	4.2	26	Wyong Lakes	15.13	103
Singleton	7.4	46	Gosford	11.5	71
Terrigal Avoca			Cardiff	Forfeit	
Maitland	14.11	95	Lake Macquarie	1.1	7
Round 13					
Killarney Vale	6.4	40	Lake Macquarie	11.13	79
Singleton	19.11	125	Cardiff	3.0	8
Warners Bay	3.11	29	Terrigal Avoca	6.4	40
Wyong Lakes	6.12	48	Gosford	7.17	59
Newcastle City	8.9	57	Maitland	12.4	76
Round 14					
Cardiff	8.19	67	Killarney Vale	0.0	0
Newcastle City	3.0	18	Singleton	5.13	43
Gosford	15.11	101	Warners Bay	7.12	54
Lake Macquarie	1.5	11	Wyong Lakes	21.12	138
Maitland	6.13	49	Terrigal Avoca	3.5	23
Round 15					
Newcastle City	15.12	102	Cardiff	2.2	14
Singleton	34.9	213	Lake Macquarie	0.1	1
Killarney Vale	9.5	59	Warners Bay	12.8	80
Wyong Lakes	5.15	45	Maitland	12.9	81
Terrigal Avoca	7.6	48	Gosford	12.12	84
Round 16					
Wyong	16.7	103	Cardiff	10.4	64
Terrigal Avoca	2.2	14	Singleton	21.18	144
Newcastle City	25.16	166	Killarney Vale	0.1	1
Maitland	18.21	129	Warners Bay	3.1	19
Lake Macquarie	1.1	7	Gosford	22.11	143
Round 17					
Gosford	9.9	63	Newcastle City	11.15	81
Warners Bay	2.2	14	Singleton	21.16	142
Wyong Lakes	14.15	99	Terrigal Avoca	8.9	57
Cardiff	8.14	62	Lake Macquarie	5.3	33
Killarney Vale	3.5	23	Maitland	17.11	113

2016 GE Women's Home & Away Results

Round 1					
Warners Bay	11.12	78	Killarney Vale	1.5	11
Gosford	12.11	83	Wyong Lakes	0.1	1
Nelson Bay	4.7	31	Newcastle City	3.1	19
Singleton	0.0	0	Maitland	10.12	72
Cardiff	6.12	48	Lake Macquarie	1.3	9
Round 2					
Nelson Bay	11.8	74	Killarney Vale	1.1	7
Maitland	2.2	14	Cardiff	7.4	46
Wyong Lakes	5.9	39	Lake Macquarie	4.5	29
Singleton	0.0	0	Newcastle City	18.18	126
Gosford			Bye		
Warners Bay			Bye		

Round 3					
Wyong Lakes	8.4	52	Killarney Vale	2.0	12
Warners Bay	2.1	13	Newcastle City	4.8	32
Lake Macquarie	0.1	1	Nelson Bay	10.8	68
Maitland	2.3	15	Gosford	10.6	66
Cardiff	17.15	117	Singleton	0.0	0
Round 4					
Newcastle City	2.4	16	Gosford	2.2	14
Warners Bay	4.9	33	Lake Macquarie	0.3	3
Maitland	3.2	20	Wyong Lakes	4.4	28
Nelson Bay	8.11	59	Cardiff	1.0	6
Singleton			Bye		
Killarney Vale			Bye		
Round 5					
Gosford	17.9	111	Killarney Vale	1.0	6
Nelson Bay	6.3	39	Warners Bay	4.11	35
Wyong Lakes	23.27	165	Singleton	0.0	0
Lake Macquarie	0.0	0	Newcastle City	21.13	139
Cardiff			Bye		
Maitland			Bye		
Round 6					
Warners Bay	5.4	34	Cardiff	4.6	30
Killarney Vale	1.3	9	Nelson Bay	14.8	92
Newcastle City	12.12	84	Wyong Lakes	0.0	0
Gosford	21.19	145	Singleton	0.0	0
Lake Macquarie	4.4	28	Maitland	10.12	72
Round 7					
Maitland	2.1	13	Newcastle City	11.23	89
Cardiff	2.5	17	Gosford	6.8	44
Singleton	0.0	0	Warners Bay	23.25	163
Nelson Bay	9.7	61	Wyong Lakes	0.0	0
Lake Macquarie	5.8	38	Killarney Vale	4.2	26
Round 8					
Killarney Vale	1.2	8	Cardiff	3.6	24
Newcastle City	17.13	115	Lake Macquarie	1.0	6
Gosford	12.13	85	Maitland	2.3	15
Singleton	0.0	0	Wyong Lakes	17.20	122
Warners Bay	2.0	12	Nelson Bay	3.7	25
Round 9					
Wyong Lakes	4.3	27	Warners Bay	0.6	6
Gosford	11.11	77	Lake Macquarie	1.6	12
Maitland	3.8	26	Killarney Vale	3.3	21
Singleton	0.0	0	Nelson Bay	14.28	112
Cardiff	3.2	20	Newcastle City	2.6	18
Round 10					
Gosford	2.4	16	Nelson Bay	7.8	50
Killarney Vale	3.3	21	Wyong Lakes	5.14	44
Maitland	33.22	220	Singleton	0.0	0
Lake Macquarie	1.7	13	Cardiff	8.9	57
Newcastle City	11.7	73	Warners Bay	3.3	21
Round 11					
Killarney Vale	0.1	1	Gosford	9.12	66
Wyong Lakes	1.0	6	Newcastle City	5.9	39
Cardiff	11.3	69	Warners Bay	5.1	31
Maitland	0.3	3	Nelson Bay	6.8	44
Lake Macquarie	22.19	151	Singleton	0.0	0
Round 12					
Lake Macquarie	0.0	3	Wyong Lakes	10.7	67
Warners Bay	2.2	14	Gosford	4.2	26
Newcastle City	2.5	17	Nelson Bay	6.5	41
Cardiff	5.11	41	Maitland	5.5	35
Killarney Vale	19.28	142	Singleton	1.1	7

Round 13					
Warners Bay	4.5	29	Maitland	5.6	36
Wyong Lakes	6.6	42	Gosford	0.7	7
Singleton	0.0	0	Cardiff	24.24	168
Killarney Vale	6.7	43	Lake Macquarie	2.3	15
Nelson Bay			Bye		
Newcastle City			Bye		
Round 14					
Gosford	3.14	32	Warners Bay	0.1	0
Nelson Bay	5.20	50	Maitland	1.2	8
Newcastle City			Singleton	Forfeit	
Cardiff	10.25	85	Killarney Vale	0.1	1
Lake Macquarie			Bye		
Wyong Lakes			Bye		
Round 15					
Killarney Vale	5.6	36	Warners Bay	4.10	34
Nelson Bay	15.11	101	Lake Macquarie	0.2	2
Newcastle City	5.7	37	Cardiff	3.6	24
Wyong Lakes	7.3	45	Maitland	4.8	32
Singleton	0.0	0	Gosford	34.19	223
Round 16					
Maitland	4.4	28	Warners Bay	9.11	65
Nelson Bay	17.15	117	Singleton	1.0	6
Newcastle City	7.10	52	Killarney Vale	1.2	8
Lake Macquarie	1.2	8	Gosford	13.6	84
Wyong Lakes	3.0	18	Cardiff	11.2	68

2016 Second Division Home & Away Results

Round 1					
Warners Bay	20.16	136	Killarney Vale	1.6	12
Gosford	11.19	85	Wyong Lakes	9.8	62
Nelson Bay	8.7	55	Terrigal Avoca	14.12	96
Singleton	5.6	36	Maitland	14.13	97
Muswellbrook	13.6	84	The Entrance Bateau Bay	6.4	40
Newcastle City			Bye		
Round 2					
Warners Bay	13.6	84	Gosford	7.14	56
Terrigal Avoca	16.13	109	Killarney Vale	2.2	14
Singleton	4.0	24	The Entrance Bateau Bay	19.19	133
Nelson Bay	10.11	71	Newcastle City	8.7	55
Maitland	5.4	34	Muswellbrook	22.11	143
Wyong Lakes			Bye		
Round 3					
Wyong Lakes	4.9	33	Killarney Vale	9.9	63
Warners Bay	3.1	19	Newcastle City	15.20	110
The Entrance Bateau Bay	12.17	89	Nelson Bay	6.3	39
Maitland	0.4	4	Gosford	19.17	131
Muswellbrook	29.22	196	Singleton	2.2	14
Terrigal Avoca			Bye		
Round 4					
Terrigal Avoca	6.6	42	The Entrance Bateau Bay	8.4	52
Nelson Bay	17.12	114	Gosford	6.6	42
Newcastle City	4.11	35	Muswellbrook	12.7	79
Maitland	10.16	76	Wyong Lakes	5.11	41
Singleton	13.13	91	Killarney Vale	6.6	42
Warners Bay			Bye		
Round 5					
Terrigal Avoca	7.12	54	Newcastle City	7.11	53
Gosford	7.12	54	Killarney Vale	7.7	49
Nelson Bay	21.12	138	Warners Bay	1.4	10
Wyong Lakes	12.5	77	Singleton	7.14	56
The Entrance Bateau Bay	25.25	175	Maitland	0.1	1
Muswellbrook			Bye		

Round 6					
Warners Bay	4.1	25	Muswellbrook	19.15	129
Killarney Vale	6.6	42	Terrigal Avoca	12.15	87
Gosford	14.8	92	Singleton	10.8	68
Newcastle City	16.19	115	Nelson Bay	9.4	58
Wyong Lakes			Bye		
Maitland			Bye		
The Entrance Bateau Bay			Bye		
Round 7					
Terrigal Avoca			Wyong Lakes	Forfeit	
Maitland	2.3	15	Newcastle City	18.7	115
Singleton	10.8	68	Warners Bay	11.10	76
The Entrance Bateau Bay	11.8	74	Gosford	4.7	31
Muswellbrook	23.11	149	Nelson Bay	6.4	40
Killarney Vale			Bye		
Round 8					
Warners Bay	0.1	1	The Entrance Bateau Bay	16.18	114
Newcastle City	14.17	101	Terrigal Avoca	0.4	4
Gosford	14.13	97	Maitland	9.7	61
Singleton	15.13	103	Wyong Lakes	5.4	34
Killarney Vale	1.0	6	Muswellbrook	20.8	128
Nelson Bay			Bye		
Round 9					
Wyong Lakes	3.9	27	Warners Bay	6.20	56
Gosford	2.2	14	Newcastle City	20.18	138
Nelson Bay	3.6	24	The Entrance Bateau Bay	13.12	90
Maitland	8.10	58	Killarney Vale	5.7	37
Muswellbrook	18.17	125	Terrigal Avoca	2.1	13
Singleton			Bye		
Round 10					
Newcastle City	19.9	123	Warners Bay	2.2	14
Gosford	7.4	46	Terrigal Avoca	9.14	68
Killarney Vale	9.13	67	Wyong Lakes	8.5	53
Nelson Bay	8.1	49	Muswellbrook	18.6	114
Maitland	11.8	74	Singleton	5.6	36
The Entrance Bateau Bay			Bye		
Round 11					
Wyong Lakes	3.4	22	Newcastle City	14.8	92
Killarney Vale	3.18	36	Nelson Bay	8.14	62
The Entrance Bateau Bay	20.18	138	Singleton	4.6	30
Muswellbrook	16.19	115	Gosford	5.5	35
Terrigal Avoca	18.8	116	Maitland	5.2	32
Warners Bay			Bye		
Round 12					
The Entrance Bateau Bay	17.11	113	Wyong Lakes	1.4	10
Warners Bay	9.7	61	Nelson Bay	7.12	54
Singleton	4.2	26	Muswellbrook	25.18	168
Killarney Vale	Forfeit		Newcastle City		
Gosford			Bye		
Terrigal Avoca			Bye		
Maitland			Bye		
Round 13					
Killarney Vale	5.2	32	The Entrance Bateau Bay	16.12	108
Newcastle City	16.11	107	Maitland	6.3	39
Singleton	12.10	82	Nelsons Bay	9.5	59
Warners Bay	Forfeit		Terrigal Avoca		
Wyong Lakes	6.9	45	Gosford	8.12	60
Muswellbrook			Bye		

Round 14				
Nelson Bay	4.11	35	Maitland	9.16 70
The Entrance Bateau Bay	9.13	67	Terrigal Avoca	4.4 28
Gosford	6.7	43	Warners Bay	7.9 51
Muswellbrook	25.21	171	Wyong Lakes	1.4 10
Singleton			Bye	
Killarney Vale			Bye	
Newcastle City			Bye	
Round 15				
Terrigal Avoca	15.15	105	Gosford	6.1 37
The Entrance Bateau Bay	7.11	53	Muswellbrook	9.9 63
Killarney Vale	14.4	88	Warners Bay	8.4 52
Newcastle City	23.10	148	Singleton	2.5 17
Wyong Lakes	8.8	56	Maitland	10.14 74
Nelson Bay			Bye	
Round 16				
Muswellbrook			Killarney Vale	Forfeit
Newcastle City	5.4	34	The Entrance Bateau Bay	5.10 40
Terrigal	29.28	202	Singleton	2.0 12
Wyong Lakes	12.8	80	Nelson Bay	10.12 72
Maitland	2.3	15	Warners Bay	13.10 88
Gosford			Bye	



2016 CLUB STATISTICS

Players Used

Club	Teams		2016					
	Mens	Wom	TOTAL	Men	Wom	Seniors	Reserves	3rds
Cardiff	2	1	130	86	44	45	70	
Gosford	2	1	119	87	32	44	77	
Killarney Vale	3	1	150	121	29	45	67	68
Lake Macquarie	1	1	90	53	37	53		
Maitland	2	1	101	76	25	44	57	
Muswellbrook	1		32	32		32		
Nelson Bay	2	1	105	71	34	52	43	
Newcastle City	3	1	152	114	38	41	70	60
Singleton	2	1	114	83	31	45	62	
Terrigal Avoca	3		111	111		44	75	60
The Entrance Bateau Bay	1		41	41		41		
Warners Bay	3	1	147	116	31	40	81	67
Wyong Lakes	2	1	97	69	28	42	51	
Total	27	10	1389	1060	329	568	653	255
Average/per team					33	44	65	64
Increase on 2015 - No	0	4	145	-4	149	5	-30	-109
Increase on 2015 - %		66.7%	11.60%	-0.4%	82.8%	0.9%	-4.4%	-29.9%

Break up by Ages (as at 1 January 2016)

All

Age	Games Played					Total	%
	1 - 4	5 - 8	9 - 12	13 - 16	17+		
17 & Under	52	27	37	57	19	192	13.85
18 - 21	61	52	69	77	38	287	20.71
22 - 25	91	51	62	90	39	333	24.03
26 - 29	55	46	45	62	18	226	16.31
30 - 33	42	23	39	32	12	148	10.68
34 - 37	32	12	18	21	2	85	6.13
38 - 39	14	2	1	3	1	21	1.52
40+	43	14	20	14	3	94	6.77
Total	390	227	281	356	132	1386	
%	28.14	16.38	20.27	25.69	9.52		

Average Age = 25.52 yrs.

Average Age played 5 or more games = 24.85yrs

Black Diamond Cup

Age	Games Played					Total	%
	1 - 4	5 - 8	9 - 12	13 - 16	17+		
17 & Under	10	2	3	6	2	23	8.61
18 - 21	25	10	11	14	15	75	28.09
22 - 25	19	14	16	15	13	77	28.84
26 - 29	18	6	9	8	5	46	17.23
30 - 33	6	6	2	9	4	27	10.11
34 +	11	3	1	4	0	19	7.12
Total	89	41	42	56	39	267	
%	33.33	15.36	15.73	20.97	14.61		

Average Age = 24.15 yrs.

Average Age played 5 or more games = 23.87yrs

First Division

Age	Games Played					Total	%
	1 - 4	5 - 8	9 - 12	13 - 16	17+		
17 & Under	40	16	17	16	2	91	15.4%
18 - 21	48	24	14	18	5	109	18.5%
22 - 25	77	34	17	28	5	161	27.2%
26 - 29	40	20	16	12	3	91	15.4%
30 - 33	43	11	12	6	2	74	12.5%
34 +	35	12	4	10	4	65	11.0%
Total	283	117	80	90	21	591	
%	47.9%	19.8%	13.5%	15.2%	3.6%		

Average Age = 24.95 yrs.

Average Age played 5 or more games = 24.49yrs

Second Division

Age	Games Played				Total	%
	1 - 4	5 - 8	9 - 12	13 +		
17 & Under	43	13	16	4	76	12.3%
18 - 21	55	29	19	13	116	18.8%
22 - 25	69	37	21	10	137	22.2%
26 - 29	43	33	10	8	94	15.2%
30 - 33	36	11	17	6	70	11.3%
34 +	69	21	24	11	125	20.2%
Total	315	144	107	52	618	
%	51.0%	23.3%	17.3%	8.4%		

Average Age = 26.49 yrs.

Average Age played 5 or more games = 26.86 yrs.

Women's

Age	Games Played				Total	%
	1 - 4	5 - 8	9 - 12	13 +		
17 & Under	9	7	14	27	57	17.48
18 - 21	12	16	21	28	77	23.62
22 - 25	15	10	16	27	68	20.86
26 - 29	12	9	14	26	61	18.71
30 - 33	6	4	8	8	26	7.98
34 +	14	5	11	7	37	11.35
Total	68	51	84	123	326	
%	20.86	15.64	25.77	37.73		





Average Age = 24.39 yrs.

Average Age played 5 or more games = 23.77 yrs.

Retention of Juniors*Under 17's → Senior Football*

Year	2015 16yo Jnrs Play 2016 BDAFL	2015 16yo In CC & HC Jnrs	Retention Rate	Players eligible to play Juniors in 2016 but only played BDAFL	Players still eligible for U17's in 2017 who played Seniors in 2016
2016	48	114	42.10%	7	22
2015	38	128	29.69%	5	23
2014	49	180	27.22%		17

<p>Warners Bay Bulldogs Senior Coach – Marty Reiman Seniors – Black Diamond Cup 5th – 6 wins, 11 losses Best & Fairest – Jake Roach Leading Goalkicker – Jack Hardman (38 goals) Reserves – First Division 7th – 5 wins, 11 losses, 1 draw Best & Fairest – Leo Vo Leading Goalkicker – Tim Hof (15 goals) Thirds – Second Division 3rd – 9 wins, 8 losses Best & Fairest – Michael Vo Leading Goalkicker – Leigh Anderson (27 goals) Women's 6th – 5 wins, 9 losses Best & Fairest – Kate Booth Leading Goalkicker – Casey Elkins (12 goals) <i>Club Person of the Year</i> – Todd Sheldon</p>	<p>Newcastle City Blues Senior Coach – Mitch Knight Seniors – Black Diamond Cup Premiers – 18 wins, 1 loss Best & Fairest – Anthony Baker Leading Goalkicker – Mitch Crawford (71 goals) Reserves – First Division 3rd – 15 wins, 4 losses, 0 Draw Best & Fairest – Sam Edwards & Tim Cotter Leading Goalkicker – Cameron Sheridan (40 goals) Thirds – Second Division 4th – 10 wins, 6 losses Best & Fairest – Daniel Osarek Leading Goalkicker – Simon Akers (24 goals) Women's 2nd – 13 wins, 5 losses Best & Fairest – Audrey Gillingham Leading Goalkicker – Kate Handley (29 goals) <i>Club Person of the Year</i> – Nathan Wilmott</p>
<p>Killarney Vale Bombers Senior Coach – Scott Reed Seniors – Black Diamond Cup 6th – 2 wins, 15 losses Best & Fairest – Max Mumford Leading Goalkicker – Scott Reed (19 goals) Reserves – First Division 10th – 1 win, 16 losses, 0 draw Best & Fairest – Jake Greentree Leading Goalkicker – Campbell Wilson & Mick Young (8 goals) Thirds – Second Division 9th – 3 wins, 11 losses Best & Fairest – Scott Reid Leading Goalkicker – Glen Dempsey (9 goals) Women's 8th – 3 wins, 12 losses Best & Fairest – Georgia Butler Leading Goalkicker – Ashleigh Flack (12 goals) <i>Club Person of the Year</i> – Michael Smith</p>	<p>Lake Macquarie Dockers Senior Coach – Mick Sleeth Seniors – First Division 9th – 2 wins, 14 losses, 1 draw Best & Fairest – Daniel Zuzek Leading Goalkicker – Tim Clark (14 goals) Women's 9th – 2 wins, 12 losses Best & Fairest – Holly Kozlik Leading Goalkicker – Samantha Lawrence (11 goals) <i>Club Person of the Year</i> – Daniel Smith</p>
<p>Maitland Saints Senior Coach – David Ross Seniors – First Division 2nd – 16 wins, 4 losses Best & Fairest – Ben Stewart Leading Goalkicker – Wade Beard (58 goals) Reserves – Second Division 7th – 6 wins, 8 losses Best & Fairest – Leeroy Nevin Leading Goalkicker – Danny Mitchell (10 goals) Women's 7th – 5 win, 10 losses Best & Fairest – Jessica Cassidy & Anna Frazer Leading Goalkicker – Sarah James (23 goals) <i>Club Person of the Year</i> – The Merrick Family</p>	<p>Nelson Bay Marlins Senior Coach – Sean McGrath Seniors – Black Diamond Cup 3rd – 9 wins, 10 losses Best & Fairest – Jayden Rymer Leading Goalkicker – Jeremy Eddy (38 goals) Reserves – Second Division 8th – 4 wins, 10 losses Best & Fairest – Ben Thompson Leading Goalkicker – Nick Ridgeway (39 goals) Women's Premiers – 17 wins, 0 losses Best & Fairest – Lisa Steane Leading Goalkicker – Emily Nichols (34 goals) <i>Club Person of the Year</i> – Kylie Clayden</p>
<p>Cardiff Hawks Senior Coach – Adam Dugan Seniors – Black Diamond Cup 4th – 8 wins, 10 losses Best & Fairest – Max Hillier Leading Goalkicker – Aaron Wivell (53 goals) Reserves – First Division 8th – 3 wins, 14 losses Best & Fairest – Jason Adlington Leading Goalkicker – Paul Donkin (9 goals) Women's 4th – 11 wins, 5 losses Best & Fairest – Eliza Bunner Leading Goalkicker – Amy Worth (22 goals) <i>Club Person of the Year</i> – Shane Jones</p>	<p>Terrigal Avoca Panthers Senior Coach – Chris Bishop Seniors – Black Diamond Cup 2nd – 12 wins, 8 losses Best & Fairest – James Webster Leading Goalkicker – James Webster (28 goals) Reserves – First Division 5th – 8 wins, 9 losses Best & Fairest – Jack Fitzgerald & Ethan Formby Leading Goalkicker – Ethan Formby (24 goals) Thirds – Second Division 5th – 10 wins, 5 losses Best & Fairest – Mat Studdert Leading Goalkicker – Mat Studdert (23 goals) <i>Club Person of the Year</i> – Colin Barker & Brendan Harper</p>

Singleton Roosters Senior Coach – Stephan Nester Seniors – First Division Premiers – 17 wins, 2 losses Best & Fairest – Andrew Scott Leading Goalkicker – Travis Bates (113 goals) Reserves – Second Division 8 th – 3 wins, 11 losses Best & Fairest – Matt Tull Leading Goalkicker – Brandon Partridge & Peter Kolatchew (9 goals) Women's 10 th – 0 wins, 15 losses Best & Fairest – Christine Everett Leading Goalkicker – Nadene McBride (2 goals) <i>Club Person of the Year</i> – Nadene McBride		Wyong Lakes Magpies Senior Coach – Aaron Kosub Seniors – First Division 6 th – 8 wins, 9 losses Best & Fairest – Lee Moore Leading Goalkicker – Justin McPhan (58 goals) Reserves – Second Division 11 th – 2 wins, 12 losses Best & Fairest – Kris Clouten Leading Goalkicker – Ben Kent & Ryan Berry (14 goals) Women's 5 th – 10 wins, 4 losses Best & Fairest – Emily Bohan Leading Goalkicker – Kirstyn Pearce (22 goals) <i>Club Person of the Year</i> – Corrine Vingerhoad	
Gosford Tigers Senior Coach – Brad Deitz Seniors – First Division 4 th – 13 wins, 5 losses Best & Fairest – Brad Deitz Leading Goalkicker – Tim Eather (63 goals) Reserves – Second Division 6 th – 6 wins, 8 losses Best & Fairest – Michael Holgate Leading Goalkicker – Jordan Tulk (13 goals) Women's 3 rd – 12 wins, 5 losses Best & Fairest – Emily Crookes Leading Goalkicker – Morgan Ross (79 goals) <i>Club Person of the Year</i> – Karina Berry		The Entrance Bateau Bay Senior Coach – Mark Edmondson & Rob Gray Seniors – Second Division Premiers – 15 wins, 3 losses Best & Fairest – Michael Besley Leading Goalkicker – Brandon Reed (34 goals) <i>Club Person of the Year</i> – Peter Allen Muswellbrook Cats Senior Coach – Brian Scott Seniors – Second Division 2 nd – 15 wins, 1 loss Best & Fairest – Beau Harris Leading Goalkicker – Adam Higham (57 goals) <i>Club Person of the Year</i> – Michael Duck	

Divisionalisation

Divisionalisation was introduced in 2012 in an attempt to obtain more competitive competition across all grades.

This meant that the competitions became team based as opposed to club based.

Average Winning Margins

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Black Diamond Cup	56	61	57	67	67	86
First Division	76	60	52	64	48	71
Second Division	66	56	50	74	68	n/a
Women's	62	44				

Wins & Percentage (Men's Competitions)

Wins		<3	3-5	6-8	9-11	12-14	>14	Teams
2016	No	4	5	8	3	4	3	27
	%	15	18	30	11	15	11	
2015	No	3	7	6	4	6	1	27
	%	11	26	22	15	22	4	
2014	No	3	8	2	7	5	1	26
	%	11	31	8	27	19	4	
2013	No	4	4	5	1	7	1	22
	%	18	18	22	4	32	4	
2012	No	2	3	4	4	2	3	18
	%	11	17	22	22	11	17	
2011	No	2	7	0	4	4	1	18
	%	11	39	0	22	22	6	

Percentage		<51	51-100	101-150	151-200	201-300	>301	
2016	No	7	8	3	1	5	3	27
	%	26	30	11	4	1	11	
2015	No	4	11	2	4	5	1	27
	%	15	41	7	15	19	4	
2014	No	4	9	3	7	3	0	26
	%	15	35	12	27	11	0	
2013	No	6	5	3	3	1	4	22
	%	27	23	14	14	4	18	
2012	No	4	6	1	2	4	1	18
	%	22	33	6	11	22	6	
2011	No	4	5	1	3	3	2	18
	%	22	28	5	17	17	11	

Club Success

Club	Last Senior Finals	Last Senior Premiers	Last Any Premiers
Cardiff	2016	2006	2011 – 2nds
Killarney Vale	2015	2007	2007 - Seniors
Lake Macquarie	2007	n/a	n/a
Maitland	2016	n/a	n/a
Muswellbrook	2016	n/a	n/a
Nelson Bay	2016	2013	2013 - Seniors
Newcastle City	2016	2016	2016 – Seniors
Singleton	2016	2016	2016 - Seniors
Terrigal Avoca	2016	2015	2015 - Seniors
The Entrance Bateau Bay	2016	2016	2016 - Seniors
Warners Bay	2015	n/a	2012 – 2nds
Wyong Lakes	2015	2014	2014 – Seniors

BLACK DIAMOND CUP RECORDS

Highest Winning Score
Round 12 - 2008, Cardiff 65.29 (419) d Lake Macquarie 4.2 (26) at Bill Elliott Oval
Highest Losing Score
Round 11 - 2004, Killarney Vale 22.11 (143) V Nelson Bay 25.7 (157) at Dick Burwell Oval
Lowest Score
Round 3 – 2011 (ppt), Singleton 0.0 (0) v Terrigal Avoca 33.16 (214) at Hylton Moore Oval
Most Goals in a Match - Team
Round 12 - 2008, Cardiff 65 goals v Lake Macquarie 4.2.(26) at Bill Elliott Oval
Most Behinds in a Match - Team
Round 16 - 2001, Newcastle City 39.35 (269) V Woy Woy at No. 1 Sportsground
Most Goals in a Year - Player
135 Maurice Goolagong (Terrigal Avoca) 2001
Most Goals in a Match - Player
25 Maurice Goolagong (Terrigal Avoca) Rd18 2001, V Woy Woy at Heazlett Park, Avoca
Most Goals in a Grand Final - Player
8 Courtney Knight (Newcastle City) 2013, V Terrigal Avoca at No 1 Sportsground

Club Championship Winners

2016	Newcastle City AFC	2007	Newcastle City AFC
2015	Terrigal Avoca AFC	2006	Newcastle City AFC
2014	Terrigal Avoca AFC	2005	Cardiff AFC
2013	Nelson Bay AFC	2004	Cardiff AFC
2012	Terrigal Avoca AFC	2003	Newcastle City AFC
2011	Warners Bay AFC	2002	Newcastle City AFC
2010	Cardiff AFC	2001	Killarney Vale AFC
2009	Cardiff AFC	2000	Cardiff AFC
2008	Cardiff AFC		

GRAND FINALS

	Grand Finals	Premierships
Cardiff	12	4
Newcastle City	10	7
Terrigal Avoca	8	4
Killarney Vale	3	1
West Newcastle Wallsend	1	1

Premiership winning team home and away finish	
First Place	10
Second Place	4
Third Place	3

Teams to make Grand Final finishing outside the top two	
West Newcastle Wallsend	2001
Cardiff	2003
Newcastle City	2009
Killarney Vale	2014

FINALS GATE TAKINGS COMPARISONS

YEAR	Elimination	Qualifying	1 st Semi	2 nd Semi	Prelim	G/Final	TOTALS
2000	n/a	n/a	\$1,158.00	\$ 998.00	\$1,349.00	\$4,622.00	\$ 8,127.00
2001	n/a	n/a	\$2,100.00	\$1,824.00	\$1,700.00	\$4,783.00	\$10,407.00
2002	\$1,768.00	\$1,260.00	\$1,015.00	\$1,486.00	\$1,896.00	\$5,053.00	\$12,478.00
2003	\$1,592.00	\$1,530.00	\$1,140.00	\$1,894.00	\$1,755.00	\$5,626.00	\$13,537.00
2004	n/a	n/a	\$ 715.00	\$1,693.00	\$1,243.00	\$5,836.00	\$ 9,487.00
2005	n/a	n/a	\$2,358.00	\$2,454.00	\$1,416.00	\$5,948.00	\$12,176.00
2006	n/a	n/a	\$2,317.00	\$2,454.00	\$2,056.00	\$5,410.00	\$12,236.00
2007	n/a	n/a	\$2,917.00	\$3,596.00	\$3,416.00	\$8,059.00	\$17,988.00
2008	n/a	n/a	\$1,713.00	\$2,777.00	\$3,507.00	\$5,062.00	\$13,059.00
2009	n/a	n/a	\$1,443.00	\$2,425.00	\$4,429.00	\$11,168.00	\$19,465.00
2010	n/a	n/a	\$2,041.00	\$3,708.00	\$3,421.00	\$10,334.00	\$19,504.00
2011	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$3,879.00	\$4,564.00	\$10,373.00	\$18,816.00
2012	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$4,325.80	\$5,644.60	\$12,971.00	\$22,941.40
2013	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$3,620.00	\$5,367.00	\$9,776.00	\$18,763.00
2014	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$4,036.60	n/a	\$8,879.45	\$12,916.05
2015	n/a	n/a	\$3,096.70	\$4,378.00	\$5,581.65	\$6,164.30	\$19,220.65
2016	n/a	\$1,867.15	\$2,882.85	\$4,238.90	\$5,495.50	\$8,630.20	\$23,114.60

FINALS

Grand Final				
Year	Winner	Score	Runner Up	Score
2000	Terrigal-Avoca	17.16 (118)	Cardiff	10.18 (76)
2001	West New-Wallsend	21.9 (135)	Cardiff	18.13 (121)
2002	Cardiff	11.15 (81)	Terrigal-Avoca	7.10 (52)
2003	Newcastle City	17.16 (118)	Cardiff	11.10(76)
2004	Cardiff	16.13 (109)	Terrigal-Avoca	15.9 (99)
2005	Cardiff	17.11 (113)	Killarney Vale	11.6 (72)
2006	Cardiff	8.9 (57)	Newcastle City	2.4 (16)
2007	Killarney Vale	9.9 (63)	Newcastle City	4.17 (41)
2008	Newcastle City	14.12 (96)	Cardiff	8.11 (59)
2009	Newcastle City	12.15 (87)	Cardiff	11.14 (80)
2010	Newcastle City	17.21 (123)	Cardiff	10.12 (72)
2011	Newcastle City	14.20 (104)	Cardiff	10.11 (71)
2012	Terrigal Avoca	10.8 (68)	Cardiff	7.12 (54)
2013	Newcastle City	18.9 (117)	Terrigal Avoca	14.9 (93)
2014	Terrigal Avoca	17.12 (114)	Killarney Vale	8.11 (59)
2015	Terrigal Avoca	14.9 (93)	Newcastle City	10.11 (71)
2016	Newcastle City	14.13 (97)	Terrigal Avoca	5.6 (36)

Preliminary Final				
Year	Winner	Score	Loser	Score
2000	Cardiff	13.17 (95)	Killarney Vale	11.17 (83)
2001	West New-Wallsend	15.19 (109)	Killarney Vale	12.11 (83)
2002	Cardiff	13.15 (93)	Killarney Vale	11.11 (77)
2003	Newcastle City	18.15 (123)	Terrigal-Avoca	11.17 (83)
2004	Terrigal-Avoca	19.8 (122)	Newcastle City	13.12 (90)
2005	Cardiff	28.16 (184)	Terrigal-Avoca	14.10 (94)
2006	Newcastle City	20.17 (137)	Terrigal-Avoca	11.7 (73)
2007	Killarney Vale	15.18 (108)	Warners Bay	11.9 (75)
2008	Cardiff	24.12 (156)	Warners Bay	12.10 (82)
2009	Newcastle City	15.24 (114)	Terrigal-Avoca	12.10 (82)
2010	Cardiff	13.12 (90)	Terrigal-Avoca	9.10 (64)
2011	Cardiff	15.16 (106)	Terrigal-Avoca	3.5 (23)
2012	Cardiff	13.11 (89)	Newcastle City	8.8 (56)
2013	Terrigal Avoca	26.12 (168)	Cardiff	6.12 (48)
2014	Killarney Vale	12.11 (85)	Newcastle City	6.11 (47)
2015	Terrigal Avoca	13.21 (99)	Killarney Vale	7.7 (49)
2016	Terrigal Avoca	16.21 (117)	Nelson Bay	12.10.(82)

Second Semi Final				
Year	Winner	Score	Loser	Score
2000	Terrigal-Avoca	21.18 (144)	Cardiff	15.17 (107)
2001	Cardiff	20.12 (132)	Killarney Vale	13.11 (89)
2002	Terrigal-Avoca	20.14 (134)	Cardiff	16.7 (103)
2003	Cardiff	14.16 (100)	Newcastle City	12.12 (84)
2004	Cardiff	23.20 (158)	Terrigal-Avoca	11.12 (78)
2005	Killarney Vale	14.9 (93)	Cardiff	12.14 (86)
2006	Cardiff	23.19 (157)	Terrigal-Avoca	11.7 (73)
2007	Newcastle City	18.20 (138)	Killarney Vale	11.8 (74)
2008	Newcastle City	14.10 (94)	Cardiff	9.16 (70)
2009	Cardiff	16.17 (113)	Terrigal-Avoca	8.11 (59)
2010	Newcastle City	13.14 (92)	Cardiff	12.16 (88)
2011	Newcastle City	9.23 (77)	Terrigal-Avoca	5.8 (38)
2012	Terrigal Avoca	11.12 (78)	Newcastle City	7.10 (52)
2013	Newcastle City	15.14 (104)	Terrigal Avoca	10.12 (72)
2014	Terrigal Avoca	17.10 (112)	Newcastle City	12.10 (82)
2015	Newcastle City	9.15 (69)	Terrigal Avoca	6.8 (44)
2016	Newcastle City	10.17 (77)	Terrigal Avoca	8.7 (55)

First Semi Final				
Year	Winner	Score	Loser	Score
2000	Killarney Vale	17.14 (116)	Nelson Bay	13.17 (95)
2001	West New-Wallsend	26.23 (179)	Nelson Bay	14.16 (100)
2002	Killarney Vale	3.11 (29)	Newcastle City	2.7 (19)
2003	Terrigal-Avoca	17.12 (114)	Nelson Bay	14.15 (99)
2004	Newcastle City	29.19 (193)	Warners Bay	6.12 (48)
2005	Terrigal-Avoca	9.7 (61)	Newcastle City	6.8 (44)
2006	Newcastle City	11.17 (83)	Warners Bay	5.12 (42)
2007	Warners Bay	14.14.(98)	Cardiff	12.9.(81)
2008	Warners Bay	12.8 (80)	Killarney Vale	9.6 (60)
2009	Newcastle City	17.16 (118)	Warners Bay	5.13 (43)
2010	Terrigal Avoca	12.12 (90)	Warners Bay	9.5 (59)
2011	Cardiff	14.5 (89)	Warners Bay	4.12 (36)
2012	Cardiff	17.17(119)	Killarney Vale	1418 (92)
2013	Cardiff	17.7.(109)	Killarney Vale	10.8 (68)
2014	Killarney Vale	12.12 (84)	Cardiff	9.12 (64)
2015	Killarney Vale	16.7 (103)	Warners Bay	5.9 (39)
2016	Nelson Bay	10.17 (77)	Nelson Bay	9.10 (64)

CLUB BLACK DIAMOND CUP WINS AND LOSSES SINCE 2000

CARDIFF				
Opposition	Won	Lost	Drawn	Total
Gosford	28	1	-	29
Killarney Vale	36	11	-	47
Nelson Bay	24	8	-	32
Lake Macquarie	13	-	-	13
Newcastle City	26	30	-	56
Singleton	6	1	-	7
Terrigal Avoca	30	28	-	58
Warners Bay	41	9	-	50
West New/Walls	4	3	-	7
Woy Woy	2	-	-	2
Wyong Lakes	13	1	-	14
TOTALS	223	92	-	315

Win Ratio: 70.79%

LAKE MACQUARIE				
Opposition	Won	Lost	Drawn	Total
Cardiff	-	13	-	13
Gosford	2	7	-	9
Killarney Vale	2	11	-	13
Nelson Bay	1	1	-	2
Newcastle City	-	14	-	14
Singleton	1	2	-	3
Terrigal Avoca	-	14	-	14
Warners Bay	2	13	-	15
Wyong Lakes	2	8	-	10
TOTALS	10	83	-	93

Win Ratio: 10.4%

TERRIGAL-AVOCA				
Opposition	Won	Lost	Drawn	Total
Cardiff	28	30	-	58
Gosford	26	2	-	28
Killarney Vale	36	13	-	49
Lake Macquarie	14	-	-	14
Nelson Bay	32	1	-	33
Newcastle City	27	33	-	60
Singleton	6	-	-	6
Warners Bay	32	7	-	39
West New/Walls	3	3	-	6
Woy Woy	2	-	-	2
Wyong Lakes	15	1	-	16
TOTALS	221	89	-	310

Win Ratio: 71.29%

GOSFORD				
Opposition	Won	Lost	Drawn	Total
Cardiff	1	28	-	29
Killarney Vale	6	21	-	27
Nelson Bay	9	14	-	23
Lake Macquarie	7	2	-	9
Newcastle City	1	26	-	27
Singleton	1	1	-	2
Terrigal Avoca	2	26	-	28
Warners Bay	6	22	-	28
West New/Walls	1	5	-	6
Woy Woy	2	-	-	2
Wyong Lakes	13	5	-	18
TOTALS	49	150	-	199

Win Ratio: 24.6%

SINGLETON				
Opposition	Won	Lost	Drawn	Total
Cardiff	1	6	-	7
Gosford	1	1	-	2
Killarney Vale	1	6	-	7
Lake Macquarie	3	2	-	5
Nelson Bay	0	3	-	3
Newcastle City	-	6	-	6
Terrigal Avoca	-	6	-	6
Warners Bay	1	7	-	8
Wyong Lakes	1	1	-	2
TOTALS	8	38	-	46

Win Ratio: 17.39%

KILLARNEY VALE				
Opposition	Won	Lost	Drawn	Total
Cardiff	11	36	-	47
Gosford	21	6	-	27
Lake Macquarie	11	2	-	13
Nelson Bay	18	11	-	29
Newcastle City	12	33	1	46
Singleton	6	1	-	7
Terrigal Avoca	13	36	-	49
Warners Bay	29	20	-	49
West New/Walls	7	1	-	8
Woy Woy	2	-	-	2
Wyong Lakes	15	1	-	16
TOTALS	145	147	1	293

Win Ratio: 49.48%

NEWCASTLE CITY				
Opposition	Won	Lost	Drawn	Total
Cardiff	30	26	-	56
Gosford	26	1	-	27
Killarney Vale	33	12	1	46
Lake Macquarie	14	-	-	14
Nelson Bay	24	7	-	31
Singleton	6	-	-	6
Terrigal Avoca	33	27	-	60
Warners Bay	39	5	-	44
West New/Walls	7	1	-	8
Woy Woy	2	-	-	2
Wyong Lakes	16	-	-	16
TOTALS	230	79	1	310

Win Ratio: 74.19%

WARNERS BAY				
Opposition	Won	Lost	Drawn	Total
Cardiff	9	41	-	50
Gosford	26	2	-	28
Killarney Vale	20	29	-	49
Lake Macquarie	13	2	-	15
Nelson Bay	17	16	-	33
Newcastle City	5	39	-	44
Singleton	7	1	-	8
Terrigal Avoca	7	32	-	39
West New/Walls	3	3	-	6
Woy Woy	2	-	-	2
Wyong Lakes	14	2	-	16
TOTALS	123	167	-	290

Win Ratio: 42.41%

NELSON BAY				
Opposition	Won	Lost	Drawn	Total
Cardiff	8	24	-	32
Gosford	14	9	-	23
Lake Macquarie	1	1	-	2
Killarney Vale	11	18	-	29
Newcastle City	7	24	-	31
Singleton	3	0	-	3
Terrigal Avoca	1	32	-	33
Warners Bay	16	17	-	33
West New/Walls	6	0	-	6
Woy Woy	2	-	-	2
Wyong	3	8	-	11
TOTALS	72	133	-	205

Win Ratio: 35.12%

WYONG LAKES				
Opposition	Won	Lost	Drawn	Total
Cardiff	1	13	-	14
Gosford	5	13	-	18
Killarney Vale	1	15	-	16
Lake Macquarie	8	2	-	10
Nelson Bay	8	3	-	11
Newcastle City	-	16	-	16
Singleton	1	1	-	2
Terrigal Avoca	1	15	-	16
Warners Bay	2	14	-	16
West New/Walls	-	1	-	1
TOTALS	27	93	-	120

Win Ratio: 22.5%

WEST NEWC/WALLSEND				
Opposition	Won	Lost	Drawn	Total
Cardiff	3	4	-	7
Gosford	5	1	-	6
Killarney Vale	1	7	-	8
Nelson Bay	-	6	-	6
Newcastle City	1	7	-	8
Terrigal Avoca	3	3	-	6
Warners Bay	3	3	-	6
Wyong Lakes	1	-	-	1
TOTALS	17	31	-	48

Win Ratio: 35.42%

SENIOR MENS REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

YEAR	OPPOSITION	VENUE	RESULT	FOR	AGAINST
2001	Syd Football Assn	Newcastle No.1	Won	30.16 (196)	16.6 (102)
2002	Comb Defence Force	Newcastle No.1	Won	16.16 (112)	4.6 (30)
2003	Riverina FL	Wagga Wagga	Lost	6.5 (41)	28.17 (185)
2004	South Coast AFL	Camden	Won	43.34 (292)	8.4 (52)
2005	Hume League	Culcairn	Won	12.14 (86)	10.10 (70)
2006 **	Riverina FL	Wagga Wagga	Won	5.2 (32)	3.6 (24)
	Farrer FL		Won	4.3 (27)	3.1 (19)
	Hume FL		Won	8.3 (51)	1.1 (7)
	Riverina FL (Final)		Won	6.7 (43)	6.6 (42)
2007	North Coast	Newcastle No.1	WASHED OUT		
2008	AFL Sydney U23s	Newcastle No.1	Lost	19.13 (127)	21.20 (146)
	Riverina FL **	Wagga Wagga	Lost	0.3.(3)	8.5 (53)
	Hume FL **		Lost	4.5 (29)	7.6 (48)
	Farrer FL **		Lost	5.5 (35)	6.3 (39)
	North Coast **		Won	19.8 (122)	4.3 (27)
2009	Riverina FL	Newcastle No.1	Lost	12.7 (79)	14.18 (102)
2010**	Riverina FL	Wagga Wagga	Won	4.1 (25)	3.6 (24)
	Farrer FL		Won	6.2 (38)	2.6 (18)
	AFL Sydney U23s		Lost	3.3 (21)	7.5 (47)
	AFL Sydney U23s (Final)		Lost	2.6 (18)	10.8 (68)
2011	Farrer FL	Newcastle No.1	Won	13.14 (92)	9.13 (67)
2012	Riverina FL	Blacktown ISP	Lost	7.14 (56)	17.11 (113)
2013	Farrer FL	Wagga Wagga	Won	10.12 (72)	10.8 (68)
2014	AFL Sydney U23s	Newcastle No 1	Won	17.11 (113)	10.5 (65)
2015	NSW/ACT U22's	Blacktown ISP	Won	19.10 (124)	10.12 (72)
2016	Farrer FL	Wagga Wagga	Won	15.21 (111)	11.9 (75)

** NSW Country Championships

SENIOR WOMENS REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

YEAR	OPPOSITION	VENUE	RESULT	FOR	AGAINST
2016	AFL Canberra	Bateau Bay	Lost	4.7 (31)	12.6 (78)

Black Diamond AFL Incorporated

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Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 September 2016

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Black Diamond AFL Incorporated
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Committee's Report
For the year ended 30 September 2016

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Black Diamond AFL Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 September 2016.

Committee Members

The names of committee members at the date of this report are:

Wal Bembic - President

Garry Burkinshaw - Treasurer

Phil Lewis – Vice President

Kevin Greaves

Paul Kelly

Luke Rankin

Mark Stocker

Megan Farrell

Steve May (retired May 2016)

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were: Administer and Promote the Sport of Australian Rules Football in Newcastle and the Central Coast.

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The deficit from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to

Year ended	Year ended
30 September 2016	30 September 2015
\$3,300	\$12,988

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee on:

Wal Bembic - President

Garry Burkinshaw - Treasurer

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Accrual Basis

Black Diamond AFL Incorporated
Profit & Loss
 October 2015 through September 2016

	Oct 15 - Sep 16	Oct 14 - Sep 15
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Club Affiliation Fees	81,955	81,045
Finals	18,822	15,937
Fines	891	891
Football Record		55
Gate Takings - No 1 Sportsground	1,439	494
Grants - AFL NSW/ACT	2,352	5,428
Ground Hire - Clubs	17,043	14,892
Insurance	47,932	42,750
Interest Received	1,091	1,561
Medal Night	13,550	12,350
Retail Sales	146,897	83,420
Sponsorship	47,800	35,979
Sundry Income		100
Umpires Fees		
Total Income	379,771	294,901
Cost of Goods Sold		
Retail Purchases	151,064	86,028
Total COGS	151,064	86,028
Gross Profit	228,706	208,873
Expense		
Accounting Fees	1,050	1,000
Administration	37,417	37,568
Advertising & Marketing	14,295	10,307
Affiliation Fees	477	818
Awards & Payments	12,211	11,086
Bank/Govt Fees	81	87
Board Member Expenses	170	310
Computer Expenses		27
Depreciation	80	103
Donation - Charity	4,335	
Finals.	17,832	20,170
Football Record.	5,156	5,285
Functions - Belmont 16's		
Ground Hire	17,865	15,384
Insurance.	49,227	44,268
Match of the Week Broadcast	11,300	7,737
Medal Night.	16,215	15,140
Meeting Expenses	391	387
Office Rent & Storage	432	5,178
Postage	110	196
Printing & Stationery	4,122	3,086
Rep Football - Opens	11,646	2,998
Rep Football - Pre-Season	1,835	
Rep Football - Women	4,770	
Season Launch.	3,041	2,926
Sponsorship Expenses	262	251
Sundry Expenses	797	792
Telephone & Internet	1,220	1,355
Travel & Entertainment	3,455	3,455
Tribunal	273	
Umpires Expenses	5,050	4,025
Uniforms		171
Website, Internet & Sport Pulse	292	275
Total Expense	225,406	194,386
Net Ordinary Income	3,300	14,487
Other Income/Expense		
Other Expense		
Wet Weather Fund		1,499
Total Other Expense		1,499
Net Other Income		-1,499
Net Income	3,300	12,988

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Accrual Basis

Black Diamond AFL Incorporated

Balance Sheet

As of September 30, 2016

	Sep 30, 16	Sep 30, 15
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Chequing/Savings		
CBA Online Saver	62,355	56,265
Cheque Account	7,833	10,901
Total Chequing/Savings	70,188	67,165
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable	924	6,382
Total Accounts Receivable	924	6,382
Other Current Assets		
Deposits	300	300
Inventory	15,068	9,846
Total Other Current Assets	15,368	10,146
Total Current Assets	86,480	83,693
Fixed Assets		
Property & Equipment	452	532
Total Fixed Assets	452	532
TOTAL ASSETS	86,932	84,225
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable	184	2,597
Total Accounts Payable	184	2,597
Other Current Liabilities		
GST Liabilities	3,593	788
Tax Payable	-4,748	-3,762
Total Other Current Liabilities	-1,154	-2,974
Total Current Liabilities	-970	-377
Long Term Liabilities		
NAFL Permanent Loan	2,000	2,000
Total Long Term Liabilities	2,000	2,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,030	1,623
NET ASSETS	85,902	82,602
EQUITY		
Abnormal Items	3,551	3,551
Opening Bal Equity	-1,114	-1,114
Retained Earnings	80,165	67,177
Net Income	3,300	12,988
TOTAL EQUITY	85,902	82,602

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 September 2016

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act of New South Wales. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(a) Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

(b) Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the entity reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

(c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

(d) Leases

Leases of PPE, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership, are transferred to the association, are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised by recording an asset and a liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for that period.

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Leased assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the lease term. Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the period in which they are incurred.

(e) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the assets and liabilities statement are shown inclusive of GST.

(f) Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period, which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

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Depreciation Schedule for the year ended 30 September, 2016

	Total	Priv	OWDV	DISPOSAL		ADDITION	DEPRECIATION			CWDV	PROFIT		LOSS	
				Date	Consid	Date	Value	T	Rate	Deprec	Upto	+ Above	Total	Priv
nt and equipment														
Computer	1,000.00	0.00	96	14/03/05	0	0	96	D	20.00	19	0	0	0	0
VCR Player	217.27	0.00	22	31/07/05	0	0	22	D	20.00	4	0	0	0	0
TV	127.00	0.00	14	31/07/05	0	0	14	D	20.00	3	0	0	0	0
Computer	1,527.18	0.00	12	23/03/06	0	0	12	D	40.00	5	0	0	0	0
on Scanner	144.55	0.00	1	20/04/06	0	0	1	D	40.00	0	0	0	0	0
ark Lazer Printer	362.73	0.00	3	20/04/06	0	0	3	D	40.00	1	0	0	0	0
board	200.00	0.00	55	08/11/07	0	0	55	D	15.00	8	0	0	0	0
ip	538.18	0.00	1	28/02/10	0	0	1	D	66.67	1	0	0	0	0
iks Software	734.45	0.00	2	28/02/10	0	0	2	D	66.67	1	0	0	0	0
	4,851		206		0		206			42			164	
							Deduct Private Portion			0				
							Net Depreciation			42				

Black Diamond AFL Incorporated
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Depreciation Schedule for the year ended 30 September, 2016

	DISPOSAL			ADDITION		DEPRECIATION			PROFIT		LOSS					
	Total	Priv	CWDV	Date	Consid	Date	Cost	Value	T	Rate	Deprec	Priv	CWDV	Upto + Above	Total -	Priv
Office Furniture																
150.00		0.00	14		0		0	14	D	20.00	3	0	11	0	0	0
Filing Cabinet																
100.00		0.00	9		0		0	9	D	20.00	2	0	7	0	0	0
Desk																
50.00		0.00	5		0		0	5	D	20.00	1	0	4	0	0	0
Computer Stand																
75.00		0.00	6		0		0	6	D	20.00	1	0	5	0	0	0
3 x chairs																
561.19	19/10/07	0.00	218		0		0	218	D	10.00	22	0	196	0	0	0
Desk, Table, Chairs																
180.91	25/11/07	0.00	74		0		0	74	D	12.00	9	0	65	0	0	0
Fridge																
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1,117			326		0		0	326			38	0	288			
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								Deduct Private Portion			0					
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								Net Depreciation			38					

Black Diamond AFL Incorporated
ABN 92 825 700 134
Statement by Members of the Committee
For the year ended 30 September 2016

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In the opinion of the Committee the Income and Expenditure Statement, Statement of Financial Position, and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Black Diamond AFL Incorporated as at 30 September 2016 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

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President

Garry Burkinshaw - Treasurer
Treasurer

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Black Diamond AFL Incorporated
ABN 92 825 700 134
Independent Auditor's Report to the Members
Financial Year Ended 30 June 2016

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of The Black Diamond AFL Incorporated. (the association), which comprises the Statement by Members of the Committee, Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes for the financial year ended 30 June 2016.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of The Association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of New South Wales 2009 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibilities also includes such internal control as the committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

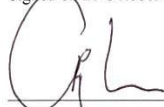
Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Association. as at 30 June 2016 and its financial performance for the year then ended, in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of New South Wales 2009.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist The Association to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of New South Wales 2009. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Signed on 21 October 2016



Greg Lawrence, Partner
Achieve Financial Group
93a Young Street Carrington NSW 2294



MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a quality sporting experience within an inclusive environment, fostering the development of Australian Football.

VISION

“Strong Management, Healthy Clubs, Competitive Football”

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The BDAFL will be measured against the following

- To have an adaptable organisational structure commensurate with available resources
- Each club to meet BDAFL Governance Standards
- Develop strategy to ensure competitive and sustainable competition structure
- To identify and pursue one facility improvement per year
- Maintain and develop effective relationships with both internal and external partners

The Black Diamond AFL would like to thank the following partners for making season 2016 a great success.

We look forward to your support again in 2017

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GE
Industrial Solutions





Elliott Davey Medal Winner
Jayden Rymer (Nelson Bay)



Women's Best & Fairest Winner
Lisa Steane (Nelson Bay)



Volunteer of the Year
Ken & Annette Garland (Muswellbrook)



2016 Wilson Security Black Diamond Cup Premiers