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SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL TAKES CENTRE STAGE

Welcome to the 2017 WorkSafe AFL Victoria Community Championships.

Following the successful debut season of the newly formatted senior representative competition last year, we are pleased to continue to provide community leagues with the chance to battle it out for the ultimate local footy bragging rights.

The 2017 WorkSafe AFL Victoria Community Championships promises to deliver another exciting round of community football, as the opportunity to participate in senior representative programs continues to be a highlight for footballers in community competitions across the state.

Today, a total of 30 leagues will compete in a one off head-to-head match across 15 different venues around Victoria.

This season, the Community Championships will take centre stage, with a host of players set to showcase their skills in front of big crowds in the heart of Melbourne's sporting precinct.

Childhood dreams of playing on Australian football's most hallowed turf will become a reality for a number of community footballers.

Representative players from the number-one-ranked Geelong Football Netball League and second-placed Mornington Peninsula Nepean Football League are set to battle it out for the coveted number-one ranking title on the MCG. The match will be played as a curtain-raiser to the Round 8 dedicated AFL Country Game between Essendon and Geelong.

This is a fantastic opportunity for not only players, but for umpires, coaches and volunteers to run out on the game's biggest stage.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making this match a reality, including our competition sponsor WorkSafe, AFL, Essendon and Geelong Football Clubs for their support.

In addition to the Championships, the next generation of community football stars will also have the opportunity to don their local colours in a number of junior and under-19 representative matches being played as curtain raisers to their Community Championship senior game.

This is a terrific initiative for younger players to be able to showcase their talent, represent their league and test their skills against some of the best players across metropolitan Melbourne and country Victoria.

Following on from a successful 2017 Community Umpiring Round last week, I would like to congratulate all the umpires who have been selected to adjudicate in today's matches.

Their hard work, dedication and strong performances either in the V/Line Umpiring Academies or metropolitan league associations will put them in good stead to officiate community football's top players.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the leagues, staff, players, coaches and volunteers involved in the 2017 WorkSafe AFL Victoria Community Championships, for their enthusiasm and support in the lead up to the event.

We hope that you enjoy the experience and wish you the best of luck for the remainder of the 2017 football season.

Brett Connell

AFL Victoria Community Football & Engagement Manager

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CANN CONFIDENT OF MORE UNDER-19 SUCCESS

NFL under-19 rep coach Rod Cann admits the plethora of talent at his disposal has caused a selection dilemma ahead of Saturday's representative match against the WRFL.

Cann last year guided the NFL's under-19 side to a commanding 85-point win over the MPNL and believes this year's squad is just as talented as the 2016 team.

Speaking to NFL.org.au, Cann admitted it was a tough process trying to reduce his squad of close to 50 players for Saturday's match at Preston City Oval.

"It's a pretty hard task, given the quality of the players that we've got to select from this year," Cann said.

"Selection is probably a bit more difficult this year where we have a couple of players playing seniors right across the league.

"It's a pretty hard task trying to get from about 50 down to 26. Certainly the quality is right up there again this year."

Cann said he had spent the past month watching as many under-19 games as possible in order to get as much insight into each player in the squad.

"The way the fixture has played out we've only had a month of football to have a good look at some of these guys," he said.

"We've spent a lot of time looking at games and how they're going and looking at videos and trying to get them training.

"It's been a hard task given the short lead-up time to get them all together and try to make an assessment on everyone."

Despite taking great confidence into the match, Cann is also wary of the quality of the WRFL side.

The WRFL last year beat the Ballarat Football Netball League by 95 points in its representative fixture and is again expected to select a skilful young side.

"I'd imagine they'll be coming into the game just as confident as we will," Cann said.

"There are a lot of unknowns when you come into these games. It's a little bit different to the senior group where a lot of the players are known around the leagues.

"It hard to get a gauge on the opposition because it's totally new opposition for us. You get a whole new



Bundooora's Beau Moorcroft during last year's under-19 representative win.

group of under-19s in the NFL and they'll have a whole new group of under-19 players themselves.

"We're as confident as we can be and without really knowing the opposition, I think we've put a strong list together."

Cann will again be assisted by South Morang's Mark Muscat, while Lower Plenty assistant coach Ben Turner is also part of the under-19 coaching panel.

Turner coached Greensborough for the past two years and previously led the Boro's under-19s to multiple premierships.

"Mark Muscat has come on board again, which is great and he knows the ropes," Cann said.

"I've been able to engage Ben Turner who has got a really good knowledge of some of the young guys coming through the competition.

"That has certainly been advantageous for us as well. It's a really strong assistant coaches group and we're really looking forward to getting it done this week"

YOUNG TALENT IMPRESSES WRFL COACH

by Kristen Alebakis

Under-19 WRFL coach Matt Dean says he can't wait to unleash the talent from the west on Saturday, as the league looks to win back-to-back WorkSafe Victoria Community Championship matches.

Last year, the WRFL's Under-19 team took on Ballarat at Whitten Oval and scored an impressive 95-point win. This year, Dean expects the level of competition to step up a notch, but says his side is ready to take on the NFL. "Training has been really good. We started with a refined squad, so we have had 30 to 35 players on the track and they are all good quality players who are all keen to play," he said. "Our ball movement has been really good. I'm pleased with how everything is going." Dean said he was happy to be back on board as coach, saying he jumped at the opportunity to coach the team again after such a rewarding experience last year.

Dean coached Spotswood's Under-19 team to back-to-back premierships in 2014 and 2015.

"I really enjoyed the experience last year," he said. "The support staff were great and the overall vibe from the players was great. I'm not currently coaching, so when the opportunity presented itself again I jumped at the chance."

Eleven players from last year's team have been selected, including best on ground medallist from Deer Park, Mark Galea.

Galea has had a remarkable 12 months, he also won an Under-19 premiership with the Lions and again claimed a best on ground medal for his strong performance.

Galea has been playing with the Senior side this year and has continued to impress the Under-19 coaching panel.

Noah Walker from Hoppers Crossing is another who has made the step up to senior level. He played in the Warriors Reserves premiership last year and claimed best on ground honours.

This year, Walker has also been playing with the senior team.

"Eleven of the boys from last year will play again this year, it means they have held their form and have grown as players," Dean said.

"It is great to see them put their hands up for selection again. "Thirteen or 14 of the boys are also playing



WRFL young gun and Deer Park star
Mark Galea. Picture DARRELL JONES

Division 1 footy, so they are already playing at a high standard of footy.

"Those players understand what is expected and what is required to play at a high level so come game day they will be ready to go.

"The rest of the squad are bottom age players who have moved up from the Under-17 competition.

"We hope the guys who played last year can show these younger players the way."

Dean said in the lead-up to the game, players would continue to train and play with their respective clubs, before coming together again in the days leading up to the match.

"Last year was a great result, but we have to focus on this game and we are expecting a strong opponent," Dean said. "They (NFL) are a strong league, so we are looking forward to the challenge.

"It is all about having a crack and playing your best because there isn't a game the following week.

"The boys are excited."

NFL - Under-19 Team List



Coach:	Rod Cann
Assistant Coach:	Mark Muscat
Assistant Coach:	Ben Turner
Team Manager:	Richard Dureau
Runner:	Steve Ellis

No.	Player	Age	Club	Goals	Behinds
1	James Condello	19	Macleod		
2	Kyle Green	18	North Heidelberg		
3	Tristan Mancuso	19	Bundoora		
4	Beau Moorcroft	18	Bundoora		
7	Mitchell Dale	18	Hurstbridge		
8	Mickey Edwards	18	Banyule		
9	James Hewson	19	South Morang		
10	Bill Hughes	17	Epping		
11	Jackson Jones	18	Montmorency		
12	Danyon Kambouris	18	Diamond Creek		
13	Wyatt Le Gassick	19	Montmorency		
14	Ben Paterson	19	Lower Plenty		
15	Sam Paterson	19	Lower Plenty		
16	Jordan Steele	18	South Morang		
17	Nick Beames	18	Greensborough		
18	Clancy Bland (C)	19	Whittlesea		
19	Tom Brindley	18	Greensborough		
20	Matt Coen	19	Whittlesea		
21	Ty Franks	19	Diamond Creek		
22	Mitch Green	18	St Mary's		
23	Jake Grey	18	Thomastown		
24	Ben Montanaro	18	Eltham		
25	Mark Pavlovski (VC)	18	Bundoora		
26	Tom Phelan	18	Greensborough		
29	Mitchell Hymus	18	Hurstbridge		
30	Corey Sleep	18	Lower Plenty		

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WRFL - Under-19 Team List



Coach:	Matthew Dean
Assistant Coach:	Alan Williams
Assistant Coach:	Chris Goetz
Chairman of Selectors:	Gary Turner
Team Manager:	Mick Gale

No.	Player	Age	Club	Goals	Behinds
1	Will Markovski	17	Caroline Springs		
2	Bailey Siwek	17	Werribee Districts		
3	Matthew Wright	18	Altona		
4	Mark Galea	19	Deer Park		
5	Jack Reynolds	18	Altona		
6	Gavin Donnon	19	Werribee Districts		
7	Ciaran Lynch	18	Spotswood		
8	Jake Galea	17	St Albans		
9	Jordan Dimkovski	17	Spotswood		
10	Lachlan Huell	18	Yarraville Seddon Eagles		
11	Darcy Wilson	19	Spotswood		
12	Blake Taylor	18	Werribee Districts		
13	Jack Robinson	19	Altona		
14	Sam Jackson	18	Caroline Springs		
15	Mickey Nicholls	18	Deer Park		
16	Josh Harris	17	Werribee Districts		
17	Noah Walker	18	Hoppers Crossing		
18	Jack Tessari	18	Werribee Districts		
19	Kyle Blake	18	Yarraville Seddon Eagles		
20	Brandyn Di Sisto	18	Werribee Districts		
21	Zak Busuttil	17	Spotswood		
22	Jy Lambley	18	Werribee Districts		
23	Jacob Vella	17	Caroline Springs		
24	Kevin Johnson	18	Yarraville Seddon Eagles		
25	Tyron Bennett	19	Spotswood		

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NFL UNITED FOR REP CLASH

NFL senior representative coach Garry Ramsay believes the tight bond developed by his playing group will play a key role in its clash with the Western Region Football League.

The NFL will take on the best of the WRFL at Preston City Oval on Saturday as part of the 2017 WorkSafe AFL Victoria Community Championships.

The NFL will be looking to return to the winners list at representative level after losing its past two matches against the MPNFL and VAFA.

Speaking to NFL.org.au, Ramsay said his playing group had developed a close connection and would be playing for their mates and jumper this week.

"I think the real strength comes with the comradeship that we have," Ramsay said.

"In the training sessions we've had everyone seems to get along really well. I would suggest that the strength will come from the tightness of the group."

The NFL has had a three-week training program to prepare for the match, with preparations ramping up this week in the lead up to big occasion.

Ramsay said he was pleased with how the squad had come together and said his squad would be well prepared to take on the WRFL.

"We look like we're really well balanced with backs, forwards and through the midfield," he said

"We're getting closer to getting the side to its final numbers. A few have had to drop out with injuries and different things.

"We're really confident that we will have the best available side out there."

Ramsay said the players' training workload had been managed in readiness for the game.

He said much of the training program had been about educating the squad about the style he wanted the side to play.

"Once we prepared the best available list we're not trying to teach them an in-depth game plan and we're not trying to change the way they play," Ramsay said.

"In the one session that we had trying to teaching them where we wanted to move the ball, they got onto it straight away, within about 35 minutes. They understand the way we want to play.



Justin White takes a strong mark against the MPNFL last year.

"I suppose the important part is that we are going to have a full week together this week where we will behave like a team to prepare properly. We will spend this week together like any normal week at club level. That will be really important."

The NFL currently sits fifth in the AFL Victoria Community Championships rankings, one spot ahead of the WRFL – who last year recorded a thrilling win over the Ballarat Football Netball League.

Ramsay expects the WRFL to again name a fleet-footed side for this year's Championships.

"I believe that they'll be relying on speed," he said

"They're going in with a fast side and that will be their style of footy. We believe that they will be picking a fast side so we'll be looking to counteract that."

Montmorency skipper Jesse Donaldson and Bundoora's reigning Frank Rosbrook medalist Matthew Dennis will again captain the NFL this year, with their leadership skills again coming to the fore during the training program.

"They've shown a lot of enthusiasm for the game and the program. Even at the first training session the stood out with their leadership so that is great."

Ramsay will be supported in the coaching box by Brett Jeffery, Jono Manzoney, Trevor Robinson and Michael Ryan.

BEST OF THE WEST READY TO FIRE

by Kristen Alebakis

Last year's thrilling three-point win will be used as motivation to inspire this year's crop of stars to win back-to-back WorkSafe Community Championship matches, WRFL Senior Coach Anthony Eames says.

The WRFL defeated Ballarat at Whitten Oval in 2016, with Werribee Districts sharpshooter Andrew Panayi kicking a goal with just minutes left to win the game. It was an incredible performance, a performance Eames believes will hold us in good stead as we look to take on the Northern Football League on Saturday.

"I am looking forward to the game," Eames said.

"Squad wise, all those guys (who played last year) have re-committed again and with the addition of some younger kids who are coming through the ranks I think we will have a really good squad."

Eames says some of the WRFL's young stars have been playing starring roles for their clubs during the first few rounds of the season and will be given every opportunity to pull on the WRFL jumper on game day. One of those young stars is Spotswood's Nick Ryan, who is also on Footscray's VFL list. He is expected to make his debut in the senior side.

Ryan captained the Under-19 Interleague team to victory in 2016 and has since stepped up into the Division 1 Seniors with the Woodsman.

"I think the talent coming through is strong and I think the performances of all clubs over the first few weeks of the competition has been good, it is an even competition this year," Eames said.

"Elliot Cavallaro from Altona has certainly impressed me, against Spotswood he took about 12 marks.

"I think the Sunshine boys have certainly put their best foot forward in the first few weeks of the year, Ben Christodoulou and Ben Dessent in particular, these type of guys have played well."

Another Sunshine star who has been making his mark on the WRFL competition is Josh Linton.

Linton returned to the WRFL this season after spending some time playing in the EDFL and in the country.

He says having the chance to rub shoulders with some of the league's stars has so far been a great experience.

"It means a great deal to represent the WRFL," Linton said.



WRFL star Nick Ryan gets a kick away during last year's Community Championships.
Picture DARRELL JONES

"I played a lot of junior footy in the Western Region and I have come back this year, so it means a lot to be part of the squad.

"We (the league) have a proud history and to represent the WRFL and to be playing alongside some of the best players is really exciting. It's something I am looking forward to."

Linton said playing for the WRFL would be a career highlight and the opportunity to play with some of the best from the west was an opportunity to good to refuse.

"You play a lot of footy and you go hard on the weekends, but to see all of these star players here together is a good experience," he said.

"I think we are a massive chance (against the NFL), with the names that we have on board, we could beat anyone so we will be right in it."

NFL - Senior Team List



Coach:	Garry Ramsay
Assistant Coach:	Brett Jeffery
Assistant Coach:	Jono Manzoney
Assistant Coach:	Trevor Robinson
Team Manager:	Richard Dureau
Runner:	Richard Geary

No.	Player	Age	Club	Goals	Behinds
1	Lachlan East	20	Hurstbridge		
2	James Kroussoratis	24	Banyule		
3	Jesse Donaldson (C)	25	Montmorency		
4	Josh Grabowski	26	Bundoora		
5	Ned McKeown	21	Macleod		
8	Jai Robinson	23	Whittlesea		
9	Justin White	27	Macleod		
10	Lucas Hobbs	26	Macleod		
11	Brad Leggett	25	Macleod		
12	Jordan Perry	22	Northcote Park		
13	Gerard Sutton	22	Northcote Park		
15	Jack Johnston	24	Greensborough		
16	Tom Simpson	20	Hurstbridge		
17	Nick Riddle	25	Greensborough		
18	Adam Symes	33	Heidelberg		
19	Anton Woods	25	Eltham		
20	Ryan Stone	26	Heidelberg		
21	Matthew Dennis (C)	30	Bundoora		
22	Stephen McCallum	26	Montmorency		
27	Isaac Muller	20	Bundoora		
28	Cameron Elmore	31	Lower Plenty		
29	Brent Marshall	27	Bundoora		
38	Liam Byrne	22	Bundoora		
42	Hamish Paynter	26	Macleod		

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WRFL - Senior Team List



Coach:	Anthony Eames
Assistant Coach:	Brett Jacobs
Assistant Coach:	Chris O'Keefe
Team Manager:	Tim Shellcot
Runner:	Brenton Quinn

No.	Player	Age	Club	Goals	Behinds
1	Andrew Panayi	25	Werribee Districts		
2	Liam Scarborough	19	Wyndhamvale		
3	Nick Ryan	19	Spotswood		
4	Ben Christodoulou	23	Sunshine		
5	Josh Norton	20	Spotswood		
6	Lucas Hall	25	North Footscray		
7	James Beilby	19	Spotswood		
8	Dylan Callard	24	Spotswood		
9	Josh Linton	31	Sunshine		
10	Jason Marks	25	Spotswood		
11	Ben Dessent	19	Sunshine		
12	Nayaf Hamad	20	Spotswood		
13	Joel Magnabosco	29	Altona		
14	Matt Smith	28	Hoppers Crossing		
15	David Isbister	29	Spotswood		
16	Elliot Cavallaro	21	Altona		
17	Reece Miles	29	Hoppers Crossing		
18	Bol Kalang	24	Wyndhamvale		
19	Braden Ferrari	21	Hoppers Crossing		
20	Liam Cavanagh	21	Sunshine		
21	Tim Quick	25	Deer Park		
22	Jordan Staley	23	Hoppers Crossing		

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NFL – Senior Team Player Profiles

1. Lachlan East – Young running defender who can play on both tails and smalls. Played a key role in Hurstbridge's 2016 Division 2 premiership campaign and has had a strong start to the 2017 Division 1 season.

2. James Kroussoratis – Explosive forward who leads the Division 3 goal kicking in his first season at Banyule. Won the Division 1 goal kicking award in 2015 when he booted 65 goals in the regular season, before guiding Eltham to the preliminary final.

3. Jesse Donaldson – Co-captain of the NFL's representative team. Goal-kicking midfielder who was named the Division 1 Coaches Player of the Year in 2014. Has represented the NFL every year since 2014 and has also played for Vic Metro in recent years.

4. Josh Grabowski – Elusive midfielder and forward from Bundoora who loves to take the game on. Having a strong start to 2017 and has booted eight goals in four games. Played 10 VFL games for Footscray last year.

5. Ned McKeown – Macleod utility with a booming left-foot kick. Has been named in the Division 1 Team of the Year in each of the past two years and finished fourth in the Division 1 best and fairest in 2015.

8. Jai Robinson – Reigning Whittlesea best and fairest winner who is a clean user by foot. Won Coburg's Development League best and fairest in 2015 and has previously played in a senior premiership with Mernda.

9. Justin White – Two-time Macleod premiership player who has this year taken on the role of club co-captain. Superb left-foot kick and an exceptional mark. Twice runner-up in the NFL's Division 1 best and fairest and represented Vic Metro last year.

10. Lucas Hobbs – High-leaping midfielder who has claimed Macleod's best and fairest in each of the past two years. A premiership winner with both the Kangaroos and Whittlesea. Wins his own ball and can play forward.

11. Brad Leggett – Reliable defender who can shut down his opponent and zone off to take intercept marks. Has previously been a member of the NFL's representative team and has been named in the Division 1 Team of the Year.

12. Jordan Perry – Northcote Park midfielder who won the Cougars' best and fairest in 2016 in his debut season with the club. Has been among the best players in each of the opening four games this year. Previously played VFL with the Northern Blues.

13. Gerard Sutton – A skillful and quick flanker from Northcote Park who can break the lines to set up scoring opportunities. An emerging leader who was added to his club's leadership group as a 20-year-old.

15. Jack Johnston – Swingman who is damaging at both ends of the ground. Played a key role in Greensborough's 2014 grand final win and was last year named in the Division 1 Team of the Year. Can take huge marks.

16. Tom Simpson – Captained the NFL's under-19 rep side last year and was best on ground in the big win over the MPNFL. Took out Hurstbridge's senior best and fairest in its Division 2 premiership campaign. Midfielder/forward who hits the scoreboard heavily.

17. Nick Riddle – Spring-heeled defender from Greensborough and former captain of Collingwood's VFL team. Was the NFL's best player in the representative loss to the VAFA in 2015 and went on to represent Vic Metro.

18. Adam Symes – Multiple premiership-winner with Heidelberg. Can hold down a key post down back and can also push forward to kick goals. Fearless when the ball is in his area and has the ability to take a massive grab.

19. Anton Woods – Courageous on-baller from Eltham who has a fierce desire to hunt the ball. Also a tackling machine. Former Morrish Medal winner who has played VFL with Williamstown and Northern Blues.

20. Ryan Stone – Heidelberg midfielder and forward who was an important cog in the Tigers' 2016 premiership team. Has averaged close to a goal a game since joining Heidelberg from the Wangaratta Rovers.

21. Matthew Dennis – Co-captain of the NFL's representative team and reigning Frank Rosbrook Medal winner. Also took out the award in 2012. Hard-working ruckman who is strong in the air and can match it with the midfielders at ground level.

22. Stephen McCallum – Fierce midfielder who claimed Montmorency's best and fairest last year. Wins his own ball and can also hit the scoreboard. Previously played more than 50 VFL games for Williamstown.

27. Isaac Muller – Young Bundoora tall who can play both forward and in the ruck. A strong mark and penetrating kick. Played VFL with Essendon in 2015 and 2016 and was previously a Murray Bushrangers representative.

28. Cameron Elmore – Lower Plenty defender who reads the play superbly and is one of the NFL's best intercept marks. Was the league's best player in last year's loss to MPNFL and was named centre half back in the 2015 Division 1 Team of the Year.

29. Brent Marshall – Bundoora captain who provides rebound from defensive 50. Fierce competitor who takes on the opposition's best small forward and likes the going tough. Can also play through the midfield.

38. Liam Byrne – Bundoora midfielder who wins the ball in the clinches. Finished second in his club's best and fairest last year. Has previously played VFL for both Essendon and Bendigo.

42. Hamish Paynter – Explosive ball magnet who can kick goals from long range. Was a key member of Macleod's 2015 premiership team and claimed his club's best and fairest award in 2014. Has this year taken on the role of club co-captain.



Northern Football League

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WRFL – Senior Team Player Profiles

1. Andrew Panayi – Classy small forward who has the ability to kick big bags of goals.

2. Liam Scarborough – Skilled small forward with an eye for the goals.

3. Nick Ryan – Last year's WRFL Under-19 Captain, terrific athletic competitor who never stops running, solid skills who can play anywhere.

5. Ben Christodoulou – Midfielder who runs hard both ways, wins his own ball and creates the play.

6. Josh Norton – Another Spotswood youngster who has forced his way into the squad with some solid form. Clean, tough and silky skills.

7. Lucas Hall – Only representative from Division 2 this year, athletic running type who will provide plenty of drive.

8. James Beilby – Exciting young onballer, strong work ethic and rarely misses a target.

9. Dylan Callard – Proven half forward who runs hard, will prove a tough match up.

10. Josh Linton – Well established running defender, has travelled around and finally come home to roost for the Sunshine FC. A strong leader.

11. Jason Marks – Quick half back flanker who provides plenty of drive.

12. Ben Dessent – Strong mid/forward who will prove a hard matchup for any team in WRFL this year.

13. Nayaf Hamad – Another Spotswood youngster who will show his elite skill level and hard running on the big ground.

14. Joel Magnabosco – Classy defender who uses the ball exceptionally well. Great on field leadership and direction.

15. Matt Smith – Tough relentless onballer who is driving his club in 2017, in close hands are awesome and great tackler.

16. David Isbister – Skilled midfielder who played in Keilor's 2016 premiership team.

17. Elliot Cavallaro – Exciting player with strong hands, can play at either end.

18. Reece Miles – Hard working In and under mid that thrives on the close contest, the bigger the challenge the better he performs.

19. Bol Kalang – Proved a top ruckman come key defender in the WRFL last year, playing top footy again in 2017.

20. Braden Ferrari – Young defender who is quickly becoming a pillar of strength down back for Hoppers Crossing FC.

21. Liam Cavanagh – Currently one of the best defenders in comp, has helped Sunshine FC become a strong defensive outfit.

22. Tim Quick – Strong hard running key defender who enjoys the one on one contest, always provides leadership and rises to the occasion.

23. Jordan Staley – Young key forward who is developing well under Steve Kretiuk at Hoppers Crossing FC. Hard running, Marking, Goal Kicker.



Reece Miles from the Hoppers Crossing Football Club in action during last year's Community Championships clash with Ballarat. Picture: DARRELL JONES



2017 OPEN DAYS

Wed 24th May 2017

Nunawading Basketball Stadium
East Burwood Reserve
Burwood

Wed 2nd August 2017

State Netball Hockey Centre
Parkville



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Match-Day Information



START TIMES

- **Seniors** – commences at 2:00pm
- **Under-19** – commences at 11:30am

ADMISSION PRICES

The price of admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for aged pensioners. Children under-16 enter free. Please note: no dogs will be permitted into Preston City Oval.

DURATION OF MATCHES

- The seniors match will run for 4 x 20-minute quarters, with time on
- The under-19 match will run for 4 x 25-minute quarters, with no time on

UMPIRES

Seniors

- **Field:** Billy Mitchell, Nathan McDonald, Joshua Robertson
- **Boundary:** Robert Hill, Shane Mallia, Tristan Webb
- **Goal:** Frank Di Cosmo, David Hili

Under-19

- **Field:** Nathan Bury, William Harris, Russell Yin
- **Boundary:** Tyson Cardamone, Jack O'Neill, Adrian Terrill
- **Goal:** Vic Filipou, Richard Thwaites

DRAWN MATCH

There shall be no drawn matches.

In the event of scores being level at the elapsed time the following conditions will apply:

- Goal umpires confirm scores
- Field umpires will re-commence the game (teams will not change ends) for a duration of five (5) minutes, plus time on. The siren will sound and the teams will

change ends and a further five (5) minutes shall be played, plus time on.

- If the game is still drawn after the second 5 minute period (plus time on) the siren will sound, the goal umpires will confirm scores and both teams remain in the positions they were in.
- The match will recommence from a ball up in the centre of the ground. The time keepers will allow play to continue until the next score when they will sound the siren. The team that scores first is the winner.
- At no stage during extra time are coaches permitted to address their players.

MEDIA

Live Stream: A live video stream of the seniors match, with commentary, will be available on both the Northern Football League and Western Region Football League Facebook pages, courtesy of Sportscast Australia.

Radio: A radio broadcast of the seniors match will be available on 88.6 Plenty Valley FM, with a simulcast on 88.9 Wyn FM.

Twitter: Follow the #AFLVChamps and #NFLvWRLF hashtags throughout the afternoon.



2017 WorkSafe AFL Victoria Community Championships

WORKSAFE AFL VICTORIA COMMUNITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Excitement is brewing across the state for the second WorkSafe AFL Victoria Community Championships, as country and metropolitan leagues prepare to go head-to-head this weekend.



Following a successful introduction of the competition last year, a total of 30 community football leagues will once again battle it out for the ultimate bragging rights on their quest to be crowned the premier community football league in Victoria.

The number-one-ranked Geelong Football Netball League will face second-placed Mornington Peninsula Nepean Football League at the MCG as a curtain-raiser to the Round 8 dedicated AFL Country Game between Essendon and Geelong.

Spectators have been encouraged to arrive at the venue early to enjoy the free Country Festival outside the MCG at Yarra Park from 2pm, which includes a host of family friendly activities, entertainment and live music from some of Australia's country music stars including Shannon Noll and Lee Kernaghan.

In addition, the 11 v 12 match between Hampden Football Netball League and South East Football Netball League will be played at Casey Fields located in Cranbourne East.

In addition to the Championships, the next generation of community football stars will also have the opportunity to don their local colours in a number of junior representative matches being played as curtain raisers to their Community Championship senior game. This is a terrific initiative for younger players to be able to showcase their talent, represent their league and test their skills against some of the best players across metropolitan Melbourne and country Victoria.

Keep up to date with all the Community Championships news on social media using the hashtag #AFLVChamps.

Below is the full list of this week's fixtures:

- Game 1** – Geelong FNL v Mornington Peninsula Nepean FNL at MCG
- Game 2** – Eastern FL v Essendon District FL at Bayswater Oval
- Game 3** – Northern FL v Western Region FL at Preston City Oval
- Game 4** – Goulburn Valley FL v Ovens and Murray FL at Wodonga
- Game 5** – Ballarat FNL v Bendigo FNL at Queen Elizabeth Oval, Bendigo
- Game 6** – Hampden FNL v South East FNL at Casey Fields, Cranbourne
- Game 7** – Gippsland FL v AFL Yarra Ranges at Worri Yallock
- Game 8** – Murray FL v Wimmera FNL at Moama Recreation Reserve
- Game 9** – Bellarine FNL v Sunraysia FNL (no match)
- Game 10** – Central Murray FNL v Heathcote DFNL at Queen Elizabeth Oval, Bendigo
- Game 11** – Geelong DFNL v North Central FL at Wedderburn Recreation Reserve
- Game 12** – Southern FL v Central Highlands at Lyndhurst
- Game 13** – West Gippsland FNL v Riddell DFNL at Macedon Oval
- Game 14** – Maryborough Castlemaine DFNL v Warrnambool DFNL at Reid Oval, Warrnambool
- Game 15** – Horsham DFNL v Colac DFNL at Horsham City Oval
- Game 16** – Kyabram DFNL v Golden Rivers FL at Murrabit



Handy advice for first home buyers

Buying a home is an important decision and purchasing your first home, even more so. It can be a tricky and somewhat daunting process which is why it is essential to do your homework, have a plan and budget, and seek expert advice before jumping in.

Here are some quick tips to help avoid some of the common traps when taking your first step onto the property ladder:

- Be clear on what you can afford to spend to avoid looking at properties that are out of your price range.
- Work of the best home loan for you and check the ongoing repayments taking into consideration interest rate increases over time.
- Get pre-approval for your loan so you know exactly what properties you can afford to be looking at.
- Understand all your costs such as stamp duty, pest and building inspections, insurance and legal fees.

For more advice regarding Home Loans call:

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77 Pier Street Altona, Vic 3018
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