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LET THE SEASON BEGIN!!

It has been 186 days since Terrigal Avoca held aloft the Black Diamond Cup at Newcastle No.1 Sportsground.

Congratulations to the Panthers on winning the Black Diamond Cup for a fifth time, also to Maitland and Cardiff on winning the Black Diamond Plate and Reserve Grade Premierships respectively and also to Newcastle City on claiming the Women's flag.

Last years results will all be forgotten today when the clubs take the field to embark on the search for their own holy grail in 2018.

It has been a busy time for both clubs and the league since last September, there is no such thing as an off-season .

What has happened in the off-season and what can we expect in 2018:

- We welcome two new clubs, Port Stephens and Wallsend-West Newcastle in to the Black Diamond AFL making it 15 clubs plus the Umpires Association.
- Wal Bembic has been re-elected as President for a fourth year with Paul Redman replacing Mark Stocker on the BDAFL Board.
- Christine Burrows has been reappointed as the BDAFL Umpires Coach for a sixth year.
- Hunter Haval have continued as naming rights sponsor for both the BDAFL and also the Black Diamond Cup competition.
- Belmont 16 Footers Sailing Club, GE Industrial, Prime7, Star104.5, The Entertainment Grounds-Central Coast, Sportscoast Trophies and Marks Men Workforce have continued as partners for 2018. ISC Teamwear will continue as the BDAFL's exclusive apparel supplier
- BarTV continue as a BDAFL Media partner and will once again be broadcasting the BDAFL Match of the Round LIVE via the internet.
- The Hunter Haval Black Diamond Cup competition has been expanded and will consist of eleven teams in 2018, the most ever for that competition.
- The Board, in conjunction with AFL NSW/ACT also introduced a Community Club Sustainability Player Points system aimed at making for more competitive football.
- In it's fourth year the BDAFL Women's competition will increase to sixteen teams with four new teams, Port
 Stephens, Terrigal Avoca, The Entrance Bateau Bay and Wallsend-West Newcastle. It is pleasing to note that
 all clubs now have a women's team under their banner which makes for healthy clubs.
- Fourteen teams will compete in the Black Diamond Plate competition (Reserve Grade)
- Overall there will be forty one teams playing across the three competitions.
- A social competition will also be introduced during the season.
- The BDAFL held a successful season launch last week at the Belmont 16 Footers Sailing Club with in excess of 100 guests in attendance.
- In a great result for football in the region, Nelson Bay's Pippa Smyth became the first BDAFL Women's player
 to play in the AFLW competition when she debut for GWS Giants against Adelaide Crows.
- Jarrad McVeigh, Isaac Heeney (Swans) and Daniel Lloyd (GWS Giants) all played in Round 1 of the AFL, whilst Paul Hunter (Adelaide) debuted during the JLT competition.

The volunteers will again have a busy year ahead, and I would like to thank them for the contribution they make to not only BDAFL, but AFL in general. If you have the opportunity please see your club to lend a hand, your will find it very rewarding.

Well with the pre-season behind us it is time to bounce the ball, so to all players, umpires, officials & supporters (new or existing, young or old) I hope you have a successful and enjoyable season.

Enjoy the footy.



FIXTURES

Bateau Bay

Max McMahon Oval

2.00pm

10.00am

Saturday, 7 April 2018

Hunter Haval Blac	k Diam	ond Cup		
Nelson Bay	V	Terrigal Avoca	Dick Burwell Oval	2.00pm
Cardiff	V	Newcastle City	Hillsborough Oval	2.00pm
Wyong Lakes	V	Gosford	Don Small Oval	2.00pm
Lake Macquarie	V	Maitland	Tulkaba Park	2.00pm
Warners Bay	V	Killarney Vale	Feighan Park	2.15pm
Singleton—Bye				
GE Women				
Nelson Bay	V	Terrigal Avoca	Dick Burwell Oval	12.00pm
Cardiff	V	Newcastle City Novas	Hillsborough Oval	12.00pm
Wyong Lakes	V	Gosford	Don Small Oval	12.00pm
Lake Macquarie	V	Maitland	Tulkaba Park	12.00pm
Warners Bay	V	Killarney Vale	Feighan Park	12.00pm
Port Stephens	V	Newcastle City Stars	Ferodale Park	12.00pm
Singleton	V	Wallsend-West Newcastle	Rose Point Park	12.00pm
The Entrance BB	V	Muswellbrook	Bateau Bay	12.00pm
Black Diamond Pl	ate			
Nelson Bay	V	Terrigal Avoca	Dick Burwell Oval	10.00am
Cardiff	V	Newcastle City	Hillsborough Oval	10.00am
Wyong Lakes	V	Gosford	Don Small Oval	10.00am
Lake Macquarie	V	Maitland	Tulkaba Park	10.00am
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Singleton	V	Wallsend-West Newcastle	Rose Point Park	2.00pm

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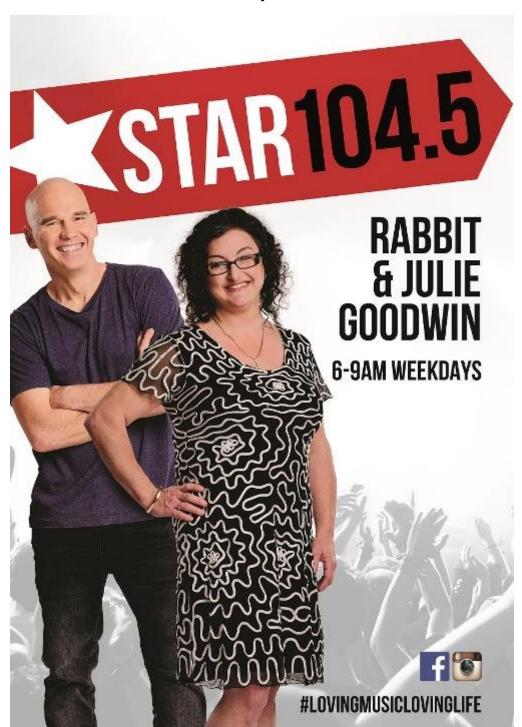
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The Entrance BB v

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Killarney Vale	V	Nelson Bay	Adelaide St Oval	2.00pm
Terrigal Avoca	V	Cardiff	Hylton Moore Oval	2.00pm
Maitland	V	Gosford	Max McMahon Oval	2.00pm
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Singleton	V	Warners Bay	Rose Point Park	2.00pm
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Gosford	V	Cardiff	Adcock Park	12.00pm
Port Stephens	V	Wallsend-West Newcastle	Ferodale Park	12.00pm
Singleton	V	Warners Bay	Rose Point Park	12.00pm
Maitland	V	Muswellbrook	Max McMahon Oval	12.00pm
Reserve Grade				
Killarney Vale	V	Nelson Bay	Adelaide St Oval	10.00am
Wyong Lakes	V	Wallsend-West Newcastle	Don Small Oval	10.00am
Terrigal Avoca	V	The Entrance BB	Hylton Moore Oval	10.00am
Lake Macquarie	V	Newcastle City	Tulkaba Park	10.00am
Gosford	٧	Cardiff	Adcock Park	10.00am
Singleton	V	Warners Bay	Rose Point Park	10.00am

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Maitland



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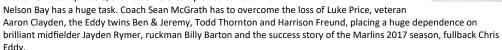
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BLACK DIAMOND CUP SEASON PREVIEW

Terrigal Avoca's defence of their hard-earned 2017 premiership sees a radically different Black Diamond Cup landscape and the most open season in years. The increase to a eleven team competition, the addition of the Community Club Sustainability Program (CCSP) adds a new dimension to the Cup. with all clubs now having to add careful mathematics to their weekly selection meetings. The Panthers now have three Central Coast derbies with the addition of Gosford and Wyong Lakes

into the Cup. Teralba-based Lake Macquarie enter the Cup as well, and the Black Diamond Cup makes a very important foray into the Hunter Valley with the addition of the 2017 Black Diamond Plate grand finallists, the Maitland Saints and the Singleton Roosters.

There has been the usual comings and goings in the off-season which keeps challenging clubs. Premiers Terrigal Avoca has seen the departure of Peter Van Dam, Alastair Richardson and premiership-winning coach Mark Skuse (retired) and key backman James Hart (travelling) whilst key midfielders Corey Billins (ankle) and Kurt Fleming (shoulder) will miss a large part of the season. A positive for the Panthers is the return of James Webster after missing the majority of the 2018 season with a knee injury. Cardiff may well be the early favourites for the flag. Nick Chapman has departed, but the outstanding midfield trifecta of Elliott Davey Medallist Tom Yensch, Marcus DeLeur and Simon O'Brien give the Hawks an outstanding midfield in their last season at Hillsborough before moving to their brand new headquarters, the Pasterfield Complex at Cameron Park.



Newcastle City welcome back talented ruckman Chris Jackson to No.1 Sportsground as they seek to atone for a rare minor semi-final loss to Nelson Bay at a windswept Dick Burwell Oval last year. His addition is off-set by the loss of key players in Aaron Seen, Nick Gill and Sam Payne. How City go about this season will be fascinating, with the expected continued improvement from their younger players. Expect big seasons from the likes of Conor Haswell, Jackson Crawford and Aidan Watling. The Blues will no doubt be in contention to reach their annual goal, the Grand Final, Warners Bay has lost utility Ben Kernahan and youngster Rob Schindler-Taylor, but they Bulldogs played reasonable football in the back half of last year after an interrupted pre-season and they will look to ensure a spot in the Top 7. Young ruckman Tom McDonell will be keen for a massive year one year after playing for the Sydney Swans academy. The return of Jack Hardman is a huge boost for the faithful at Feighan Oval, with real belief that a deep Finals run is within their grasp.

Killarney Vale showed enough last year, in patches, that they are definite Top 7 material this year if they can get their best 22 on the paddock each week. The loss of Ryan Barrett will hurt them however a fit Josh Mifsud and the return of Brendan Lewis will be a bonus. Scott Reed and Tim Oosterhoff will be other key players.

Maitland face similar challenges to Nelson Bay as they commence Black Diamond Cup football at the upgraded Max McMahon Oval. The loss of Ben Stewart, Todd Sheldon, Jim Taranto and Wade Beard presents a huge hurdle for the Saints, however will provide great opportunities for their younger players. Coach David Ross will be hoping for a quick recovery from a bad quad injury for star League representative forward Patrick McMahon.

The outstanding Andrew Scott has taken over the coach's clipboard for the Singleton Roosters, who are after a Top 7 berth after two terrific seasons Black Diamond Plate in 2016 and 2017. Scott welcomes back star backman Sam Brasington after a year in Sale and will look to midfielders 2016 Granland Medallist Alex Mitchell and Andrew Mac-Pherson to lead the way at Rose Point Park.

Wyong Lakes will be returning to the Black Diamond Cup scene for the first time since 2011 and the Magpies appear to be well placed. They will rely on experienced players Chris Koop-Folkes, Justin McPhan, Lee Moore and Tim Hillman to lead the way for youngsters such as Brayden Tos, Tyler Wood and Carter Jones.

Former junior Josh Barty has taken the coaching reins at Gosford and there is a positive feel around the club as they enter the challenge of a Black Diamond Cup return. The club has seen a number of other former juniors return to the club whilst on the other end of the scale veteran forward Tim Eather will once again pull on the Tigers guernsey. Pat Murphy, Alex Remy and Scott Burkinshaw were their keys last year and they will again be required to lead the way in 2018.

Lake Macquarie will be looking to their exciting band of youngsters to lead them back into the Black Diamond Cup. Damon Tually, Sam Wellard, Rory Sleeth, Jakson Bertoli and Riley Janissen have all had big pre-seasons and looking forward to playing in the Premier competition.







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GE BLACK DIAMOND WOMEN'S PREVIEW

There will be great intrigue in the 2018 GE Black Diamond Women's competitions as the experienced sides clash with the new teams in an expanded sixteen team competition.

Newcastle City took all before them in 2017 in a dominant performance, however in 2018, the Blues will field two evenly matches teams following an internal draft to decide the make up of the "Stars" and the "Nova's". Whilst not expecting the same domination as in 2017 both teams are filled with plenty of talent and will expected to be in contention at the end of the season.

The talent has been evenly distributed with Ash Hallyar, Paige Mathewson, Sarah Halvorsen, Roisin Rosie-Yates and Tayla Braithwaite lining up for the Stars, whilst the Nova's will be led by Kate Handley, Meaghan MacDonald, Audrey Gillingham, Erin White and Kailee Goodwin.

Nelson Bay have figured in all three Black Diamond Women's Grand Finals, however will be entering the 2018 season minus a number of familiar faces in Pippa Smyth, Lisa Steane and Jess Phillips. New coach Russel Fox will be relying on players such as Sophie Balcombe, Kate Holland, Lauren Cooper and Jemma Astley to lead the way for the Marlins.

Preliminary Finalists, Maitland and Gosford will be looking to take the next step in 2018. The Tigers will need to do it however without 2017 Women's Best & Fairest winner, Allison Parkin who has moved to

Sydney. Tarryn O'Hehir and Rachael Elcoate. Talented youngster Orana Young returns to the Tigers.

Maitland on the other hand have been reasonably stable in the off-season, and they will again be relying on key players Jacqui Dudgeon, Sarah James, Sarah Burns and Jodie Eagar to lead the way.

Killarney Vale are expected to be a key player in 2018 after making great strides in 2017. The new coaching staff are buoyant from what they have seen in pre-season and with a young playing list are expected to hit the ground running. Ashleigh Page, Skye Bailey and Georgia Butler, are predicted to have big years for the Bombers.

After making the finals for the first time in 2017, Wyong Lakes will be looking to continue this improvement under new coach, Josh Lawler. The Magpies have acquired former Killarney Vale captain Monique Maddalena in the off season and she will add great experience to the side. The Magpies keys will once again be Rebecca Ives, Emily Bohan, Aleece Hemmings, Alexandra Pearce and Ash Sephton.

Warners Bay coach, Tracy Baker will be looking for a change of luck on the injury front as she enters her second year in charge. Injuries have cruelled the Bulldogs past two seasons however they remain positive ahead of the 2018 season. Di Crep was a revelation in the ruck last year and she will again be a key. Kate Booth has been a stalwart down back, whilst Rachel Evans showed plenty of promise up forward last year.

Singleton were the big improvers in 2017 and a solid pre-season has the Roosterettes primed for a big 2018. Tori Cowburn was standout last year earning herself a spot in the Women's Team of the Year. Tahlia Thompson and Kyah McBride are two youngsters to keep an eye on for 2018.

Lake Macquarie have a new coach in club stalwart, John 'JJ" Janissen and the regular influx of new players. Whilst it may take the Dockers a little while to gel as a team they have a couple of players namely Holly Kozlik and Emma-Jayne Howe who will make an immediate impact.

Cardiff will be looking on an improved season after finishing 10th in 2017. Numbers have increased significantly in the off-season. Best & Fairest winner Mollie Palmer is expected to improve further this season.

Muswellbrook will enter their second season buoyed by an expanded playing squad and the introduction of the four new teams.

Of the four new teams, Port Stephens, Terrigal Avoca, The Entrance Bateau Bay and Wallsend-West Newcastle the Panthers appear to be the most advanced with solid numbers and the acquisition of experienced players in Morgan Ross, Leah Tagilala and Danielle Rippon.

All in all an exciting Women's season is about to commence. Good luck ladies !!!

WARNERS BAY BULLDOGS

Senior Coach: Marty Reiman

Colours: Red, White & Blue

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Welcome to round 1. After a long preseason we finally get underway. Today will start with a memorial service remembering club legend Kev Roach senior who sadly passed away at the end of last year. The day will also be the first meeting of the old dogs club.

To the football now and all 3 grades take on Killarney vale which always promises an action-packed day of footy, the girls start first and will be very keen to get to continue the good work over the summer. The ressies have a point to prove to the bombers after losing to them in last years final series while in the black Diamond cup it promises to be another close battle between two sides that will be very keen to draw first points for the year. We will also have family funday at the oval so bring the kids. After the game we will met at our new sponsor the Warner's Bay Hotel enjoy the day everyone and go the dogs.

Kevin Roach

The Warners Bay AFL community is celebrating the life & times of one of their loyal longstanding supporters today.

Kevin Roach Senior is a Life member of the club who passed away last September at the age of 85.

The Roach family arrived in Warners Bay in the mid - seventies from Melbourne and settled into their Bayview St home which was famous for many a celebration, including the annual vote count day. It was always an open house to any player passing by and they never walked out hungry or thirsty. Holding multiple positions in the club over the years alongside club founder & close friend John McKeown, Kevin Roach Snr helped forge the club into what is today. Kev's two grandsons, Jake and Luke Roach are permanent fixtures in the premier league side and his son, Kevin, has filled numerous roles for the club over the years.

Family, past players, friends & fellow supporters will gather from midday in the marquee to pay their respects and share a few yarns.

It is then planned to congregate in the middle of the oval at 1.45pm before the Black Diamond Cup game kicks off.







KILLARNEY VALE BOMBERS

Senior Coach: Scott Reed

Colours: Black & Red

Facebook: kybombers

No	Name	
1	DANIEL CARTWRIGHT	
3	BRADY RANKIN	
4	JUSTIN LLOYD	
6	JAMES KIDD	
7	SCOTT REED	
9	CALVIN BOND	
10	BEN SIMPSON	
11	BRENDAN LEWIS	
12	ALEX BAILEY	
13	KYALL WALFORD	
14	CONNOR REILLY	
15	JOSH MIFSUD	
16	CAMPBELL WILSON	
18	MICHAEL FORSTER	
20	JORDEN CARRICK	
21	MAX MUMFORD	
22	LACHLAN WATERS	
23	SHAUN SINCLAIR	
24	JAYDEN BANFIELD	
26	RYAN COUGHLAN	
27	JAKE SCHELLNACK	
30	MICK BROADBENT	
32	TIM OOSTERHOFF	
34	SAM JABOUR	
38	LIAM BANFIELD	
42	JORDAN CANOBIE	
44	HARLEY BECKETT	
49	MARC ADAMS	
51	JOSH CIECHOWSKI	
52	RICHY LYONS	
53	DEKLAN BATES	
54	JAKE BATES	
59	BRANDON REED	
82	DANE AMIDY	

FOOTY IS BACK! After what seems like only a few weeks of off-season 2018 is here. It's a big year for the Bombers 2018 sees us celebrate 40 Years of our existence with a massive weekend planned from June 15-16. With our corporate golf day on the Friday, playing our oldest rival in Gosford on Saturday and a celebration dinner on the Saturday night with the naming of our 40 Year Team.

Keep your eye on our Facebook page for more details as the date gets closer. We'd like to welcome back Bateau Bay Bowling Club as our Seniors major Sponsor for the third year running and can't thank them enough for their ongoing support. Our Men's major sponsor for this year is The Bottle-O at Killarney Vale and we look forward to forming a strong bond with them over the year.

The women have a major sponsor this year in Mortgage Choice and thank John Acton and his team for coming on board.

On the field there's been some changes with new coaches for our women in Life Members Peter Kelleher & Murray Schubert and the Plate side will have Jimmy Newburn at the helm in his first year at the Bombers. Our Cup side with be headed up by Scott Reed for the third year running. We wish our coaches and teams all the best this year and hope we all play semi-final footy and get to the Big Dance.

Finally, good luck to all teams this year and we look forward to having you at Adelaide St sometime this year.

ONE BIG BOMBER







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LAKE MACQUARIE DOCKERS

Senior Coach: Tom Croft

Colours: Purple & White

Facebook: Lake Macquarie Dockers AFC

No	Name
1	SAM WELLARD
2	MITCH MCLEAN
4	DANIEL SMITH
5	BEN TAYLOR
6	TIM CLARK
7	SHANE FREDERICKSON
8	TIM WELLS
10	DAMON TUALLY
11	ANTHONY KELLIHER
13	RORY SLEETH
14	DARRYL HENESSEY
15	JAKSON BERTOLI
16	DAMIAN MCINTYRE
17	AIDAN RUSH
18	SAM HINES
19	TOM O'DONNELL
20	JAKE O'DONNELL
22	TOM SANDFORD
23	CLAYTON BECK
25	MATT MEARES
26	BRAD FARRELL
27	RILEY JANISSEN
33	TYLER SMITH
34	ELIJAH BUTTON
36	ISIAIH BUTTON
40	JOSH FORD
43	SEAN CLUNE
54	JOEL JANISSEN
57	SHAUN MILLS
61	DYLAN RUMBLE
69	HARLEY DAVIS

We welcome the start of not only the AFL season in Newcastle back also our return to the top grade. It has seen immediate effects with the attraction of a few new players and were able to retention of the 17's.

The first game sees reserve grade up against Maitland. These games always prove to be a strong battle and the ressies will need to hit the ground running (literally) to get the choccies.

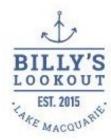
Along with a new coach the women have plenty of new faces in the Dockettes in 2018 and it will take a few weeks for the team to gel. They had a tough day out against Maitland in a preseason tournament. Coach JJ will be looking for their leaders Holly, Sheldon, Carla and Samantha to show the way forward. Keep an eye on Emma Jayne who can kick a bag full on her day.

The big match of the day commences at 2pm with Seniors of both clubs in Black Diamond Cup looking to start the year on a positive note. It was close match in the preseason with only a couple points separating the two teams, albeit both sides were playing their third game in very hot conditions. Coach Tom Croft is eagerly looking forward to seeing his troops on the field after a long preseason.

After the final match we encourage all supporters to come back to the Toronto Hotel for a cold beverage and a tall yarn about today's games.

We welcome Billy's Lookout as one of our major sponsors for 2018.

Go Dockers







MAITLAND SAINTS

Senior Coach: David Ross Colours: Gold, White, Red & Black Facebook: Maitland Saints Senior AFL

No	Name	
1	DANNY DAVEY	
2	ROB EDDY	
3	AIDEN DAMICO	
7	MITCH SAXBY	
8	MITCH GREAVES	
9	JOSH BUTTON	
11	HAYDEN TAYLOR	
12	KAIDEN RITCHIE	
14	RILEY NEWSTEAD	
15	BEN CROWLEY	
16	MICK NORTON	
17	JACK DOYLE	
18	HARRISON HARBROW	
19	CHRIS PEDLER	
20	PAT MCMAHON	
21	ANDREW THOMPSON	
23	COLIN CARROLL	
24	DEAN NOTMAN	
25	HUGH MATHESON	
26	LACHLAN JONES-MASHMAN	
28	THOMAS GRIMMER	
29	MATTHEW GREAVES	
30	MARK CURRAN	
32	NICK MCMAHON	
34	LACHLAN GUY	
36	LUCAS BRANDLE	
38	MICK PEATE	
39	KEVIN GREAVES	
40	KYLE WOOD	
44	CLINT WARNEKEN	
51	CALLUM RAINBOW	
57	DYLAN BENNETT	
58	DUSTIN SPRIGGS	
59	ADAM BOWLING	

Holy cow! Didn't that come around quickly. It seems like just November that the Sainters shook off the cobwebs and started into pre-season training and here we are in April already. There is always a question around a Premiership hangover but undoubtedly this year, after a flag and some outstanding results through the men and the women last season, we have been hit with the Premiership sledgehammer. 9 retirements just got us started. In addition to that, we send our best wishes to Trav (shoulder), Deano (our newest engineer), Jimmy (shoulder reconstruction) and Beardy (outright stupidity according to Chloe). Beardy's effort in crashing his motorbike twice, resulting in an ACL then then a fractured pelvis, has brought forth our first massive fine of the year which will be serviced through the proceeds from the sale of his bike. We wish all who either retired, moved on or critically injured themselves the best for their futures in footy.

That brings 2018. We are very much looking forward to the large challenge of heading into the Black Diamond Cup and, with the above-mentioned issues, I am looking forward at the age of 50 to making my debut at that level. All jokes aside though (ignore that, Rossy, I'm deadly serious), it will be a challenge. It will be an opportunity for new names and faces to become known around the club and through the town, for young talent to come to the fore and for all good little boys and girls (we are Saints after all) to enjoy a year of collegiality, club building and, most of all, fun. The footy we play will be good footy and the fun that we have will be great fun! Get around Rossy, Spriggsy, Junior and Cuz as they lead us forward through this year. I, for one, can't wait to get started.

This year we begin with a new sponsor at the Bradford Hotel. It begins an exciting new chapter in the club and we look forward to some great times with our new supporters. We continue with greater support from Club Maitland City in 2018 and also continue with McDonalds as our apparel sponsors and supporters in a range of other ways. We thank all of our corporate sponsors for their support and are glad it assists in bringing the best game of all to the Maitland area. Nothing more to say now except go the Tigers...(oops, big year, wasn't it Crows fans)...go the Saints!



Club Maitland City

WYONG LAKES MAGPIES

Senior Coach: Michael Tos

Colours: Black & White

Facebook: Wyong Lakes Australian Football Club Inc

No	Name	
1	MASON LAKSA	
2	NEESON NAIDOO	
3	JON KOOP-FOLKES	
4	CARTER JONES	
5	MITCHELL EDE	
6	JACK BENNETT	
7	KEATON JONES	
8	BILLY DENNISS	
9	TYLER WOOD	
10	LEE MOORE	
11	SCOTT HIGGINS	
12	JARRED CROSS	
13	PETER DRZAL	
14	JAMES NIXON	
15	CHRIS KOOP-FOLKES	
16	JACOB PARTRIDGE-CARR	
17	JORDAN DEEBLE	
18	ANDREW RASLAN	
19	JUSTIN MCPHAN	
20	ADAM TASKER	
21	BRAYDEN TOS	
22	BEN KENT	
23	BRENDAN CHARLTON	
24	JOSHUA COOK	
25	MITCH MCDONALD	
26	EMANUEL EDWARDS	
27	TIM HILLMAN	
29	DAVID MURPHY	
35	JAMES HOWIE	
36	JAYDEN NOBLE	
37	JOSH HORNER	
45	MAX WARRAN	
47	BRADLEY LAING	
48	BRENT RUSHWORTH	
50	RYAN MATHESON	
47	BRENT RUSHWORTH	
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Welcome everyone to the 2018 season and our Annual Back to the Don Day. This event is growing each year and it is a really great opportunity to catch up with players and members past and present and tell a few war stories. What do they say the older we get the better we were!

Our sponsor Central Coast Absolute Entertainment & Party Hire will be providing plenty of entertainment for the day!

After the day at the oval we will be heading back to Wyong Leagues Club, where we will be having plenary of fun with some fundraisers and karaoke too!

The club has been working hard over the off season on both on field and off field developments. The senior playing group are busting at the seems to be play in the Black diamond Cup for the first time since 2011. And no better way to start than the two oldest Central Coast clubs in Wyong Lakes and Gosford going head to head. I'm sure all three games today will be exciting and hard fort. Good luck to both teams for today and the rest of the season. Off field we would love to be saying that dirt will be turn shortly on our club house but that is not the case. The committee has done a mountain of work over the summer trying to some movement and we will not stop until we get the result we need and want, you can rest assured of that. To that end thank you to all that turned up to the Central Coast Council meeting in November when we addressed the Mayor, Councillors and the Council Executive on our plight. The sea of black and white nearly filling the public gallery showed the Council how much our ground and clubhouse mean to us and was greatly appreciated by the Committee. It showed our hard work is not going unnoticed.

Today we will launch are beyondblue fundraising efforts. For the fourth year Maitland Saints and the Magpies join forces to support this great charity and to raise awareness of mental health issues and show that with the support of your family, friends and club mates you can overcome depression and anxiety. As part of this work we remember Rhys McNaughton who we sadly lost just over 3 years ago. Best of Ground for both teams in all grades will receive a Medal in Rhys memory today. Additionally we extend our thoughts and prayers to Jody and Bob and all the family. We are always here for you. Now lets play some footy.







GOSFORD TIGERS

Senior Coach: Josh Barty

Colours: Black & Yellow

Facebook: Gosford Tigers AFC

No	Name
3	JOSH CUMMINS
4	TOM HUNT
5	ADAM LYONS
6	ALEX KING
7	JARRYD CALLAGHAN
9	JOSH BARTY
10	PAT MURPHY
11	LACHLAN HENDERSON
12	TRISTAN CARTER
13	MICHAEL CLANCY
14	JACK O'CONNELL
15	ALEX REMY
16	SAM SHERGOLD
17	MARC GLEISNER
18	JAMES RIGAS
19	MARK HAYWOOD
20	DANIEL WHITE
22	HARRY THOMPSON
23	TIM EATHER
24	SCOTT BURKINSHAW
29	JACK BREWSTER
30	LACHLAN BULL
31	TOM PAAVOLA
33	LIAM GHALAYINI
34	ROHAN BARSING
35	THOMAS MORLEY
41	LINDSAY PIKE
42	MATT NOBLE
46	DAVID BARROW

Round 1 is finally here! It's been a big off season for the Club, under direction of a new committee the club has renewed focus towards building a successful club for both Junior & Senior Football in Gosford.

The Club has appointed a new coaching team for 2018 including Mal Barsing, Joshua Barty, Wayne Smith, Gavin Cornish, and Simon Berry. The coaching team will help develop our youthful list and drive the standards we believe will deliver on field success.

The Club has secured the Elanora Hotel as a new sponsor for the next 3 seasons. We also welcome Bendigo Bank on board as a sponsor for the season.

2018 is a great opportunity for our young team to go up against some of the best teams in the competition are we are excited to what will unfold throughout the season.

Good Luck to all teams today and we will see you at The Elly after the match.







CARDIFF HAWKS

Senior Coach: Nathan Harkness Colours: Maroon & Gold

Facebook: Cardiff Hawks AFC

No	Name
1	SIMON O'BRIEN
2	TOMLASHLIE
3	MATT VUKOVIC
4	JACK LENNON
5	CHAD MAYO
7	BRYCE GRAETZ
11	ZAC METCALFE
12	LACHLAN PRICE
14	JOSH MURPHY
15	JAKE IRELAND
16	LUCAS BORROW
18	BRANDT JOB
19	CULLUM JONES
21	JACK PRATT
23	HUGH O'NEILL
24	CLINT JAMES
26	SCOTT HAWTHORNE
28	DAVE O'DONNELL
32	JESSE COMMBE
33	TRENT THOMPSON
35	MARCUS DELEUR
36	AARON WIVELL
39	CAL SPOOR
45	JOHN O'REGAN
47	ZAC MOORE
51	TOM YENSCH
53	ANDREW WALKER
56	MILES PETERSON
57	TOBY MACHART
66	CAM JONES

The 2018 season is finally here and it's set to be a monstrous one for the Cardiff Footy Club.

It has been awesome to see the majority of our 2017 playing group returning and eager to improve on last seasons results. Our club takes great comfort in knowing our players are led by admirable Captains, Simon O'Brien (mens) and Shez Vukovich (ladies). These keen and talented players are committed to working collaboratively with coaches Nathan Harkness, Tom Yensch, Paul Cooksley and Pete Youman to bring the best out of their teams.

Best of luck to all players and coaches today as we start the season off by hosting our clubs greatest rival, Newcastle City. This is a challenge that our club will face head on.

Thank you to all 14 Club Sponsors. Your support is pivotal to the Cardiff Australian Football Club's success in 2018.









NEWCASTLE CITY BLUES

Senior Coach: Tim Cotter

Colours: Navy & White

Facebook: Newcastle City Blues AFC

No	Name
1	AIDAN WATLING
2	MACAULEY O'MALLEY
4	STEPHEN BATTEN
5	LUKE RAWNSLEY
6	MATTHEW ENRIGHT
7	CONOR HASWELL
8	JAMES FOGARTY
9	JOSEPH O'DONOGHUE
10	HARRISON SELKIRK
11	STEVE SCOTT
12	JOE REIDY
13	MITCHELL KNIGHT
14	CADE TIFFITT
15	IAN BAKER
16	HAYDEN KAVANAGH
17	ETHAN DURBRIDGE
18	HAMISH THOMSON
19	JACKSON CRAWFORD
20	ABRAHAM GIBSON
21	CHRIS JACKSON
22	REED VAN HUISSTEDE
23	CAMERON KEAST
24	CHOL AROU
25	ASHEET TAK
26	LIAM DWYER
35	ADAM JOHNSTON
38	MAX QUINLAN
40	MITCHELL BLACK
69	PATRICK GILLINGHAM

The season begins with a new look Newcastle City taking the field in 2018 with a change in competition structure seeing us fielding a Black Diamond Cup, Black Diamond Plate and two Women's teams. Our beloved Thirsty Thirds couldn't find a home in 2018, although we are pleased to see a number of players joining the new Wallsend West Newcastle side.

A number of new coaching appointments with Tim Cotter taking the reins of the Black Diamond Cup side, Nathan Wilmott returning to the Black Diamond Plate after an undefeated season with the Stars Women's side, Chaz Wornes taking charge of the Novas again this season and Sean O'Leary, a returning Blues player coaching the Stars.

It has been a long off-season but with strong numbers at training, it bodes well for some good performances across all grades.

Our fantastic sponsors are back on deck for the year ahead with thanks to the Commonwealth Hotel, Body Work Physio and Darby Street Quality Meats









NELSON BAY MARLINS

Senior Coach: Sean McGrath

Colours: Blue & Gold

Facebook: Nelson Bay Marlins AFL Club

No	Name
2	ADAM GRINYER
3	BRAD SPENCER
4	RYAN REEDMAN
5	MARK SPENCER
6	JAMES ANDERSON
8	BEN THOMPSON
9	JOEL ERICKSON
10	JON FRUEND
11	LUKE BELL
12	DAVID WOOD
13	CHRIS EDDY
14	JAYDEN RYMER
15	JAMES BELLMAN
17	ANDREW LAST
18	JARRYD RYMER
21	CALLUM BAILLIE
22	MITCHELL BURCHER
23	RYAN MUDD
24	MARK EVERETT
25	BILLY BARTON
26	JOSEPH PARSONS
30	ALEC CLARK
32	TOM WOOD
33	JOSH HORVATH
34	TIM MURPHY
35	AARON CROUCH
36	ALLAN SMITH
37	BLAKE DEAN
40	GORDON YOUNG
41	JAMES FLEMING
42	JACOB RUSSELL
43	COLIN GRAHAM
44	NICK RIDGEWAY
46	MORGAN WOODLEY
60	KIERAN LAMOND
69	NATHAN STEWART

It's hard to believe we are here already! Round 1, 2018 footy season!

Welcome back to all our players, supporters and sponsors from 2017. Hope you all had a great time with family and friends over off season. The Marlins will once again be fielding 3 sides this year, Women's (coached by Russell Fox), Second Division (coach yet to be confirmed) and Black Diamond Cup (coached by Sean McGrath). Welcome back Sean for another year.

The girls return to the field without key players Lisa Steane and Pippa Smyth this year; with Pippa going on to play for the GWS Giants, making the Marlins proud. The team has a few new faces recruited over the off season & are looking forward to a big season ahead. We welcome back Sophie Balcombe as team Captain and Kate Holland Vice two key players to lead the side this year. The Black Diamond Cup side have loss key players Luke Price and Jeremy Eddy with them moving away, but have the likes of Jayden Rymer and Chris Eddy to lead the team this year.

The Men's side has also been busy recruiting over the off season and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new players to the club. Welcome to the Marlins family!

Today we kick off the season with all 3 teams at home against Terrigal Avoca! Go Marlins!









TERRIGAL AVOCA PANTHERS

Senior Coach: Chris Bishop

Colours: Red, White & Black

Facebook: Terrigal Avoca Panthers AFC

No	Name
1	MATT SHORTAL
3	JAMES WEBSTER
4	KURT FLEMING
5	LACHIE WHITE
6	DAMON SMITH
7	JOSH POLGLASE
8	WILL DELAHUNTY
9	JACK GRIMMOND
10	BRENDAN HARPER
11	JACK FITZGERALD
12	COREY BILLINS
13	JAYSON VAN DAM
14	LIAM TOWNSEND
15	JARROD FLINT
16	JACKSON FARQUHAR
17	BRANDON THOMAS
19	SAM ELLIS
21	ALEXANDER WHITE
22	CORBIN BOND
26	TOM CRESSWELL
28	CHRIS BISHOP
29	ETHAN FORMBY
35	BEN LAMB
50	JASPER DAVIS
65	WILL MCKELLAR

Welcome to the 2018 season! It's been a huge off-season on the back of our 2018 premiership and we are ready and rearing to go in the newly-structured BDAFL. We'd like to wish all clubs, especially the two new clubs in Port Stephens and Wallsend, all the best for the 2018 and also good luck to the five sides coming into the Black Diamond Cup competition, it should be an amazing season.

We'd like to thank Major Sponsor Breakers Country Club for furthering their contribution for season 2018. We love working with you guys and it's going to be a great year with monthly events to accompany our weekly Saturday night awards held back at the club in their awesome function facilities. We'd also like to thank our other sponsors for their support; Masterfoods, Kozzi Constructions, CATS Accountants, Delcare Constructions, Terrigal Ice Creamery, Upright Podiatry, Sidelines and New Leaf Dentists.

Of course, the biggest change for our club over the off-season has been the formation of our inaugural Women's side which has gone from to strength with over 40 girls attending training since November. Under the tutelage of co-coaches Sam Korsch and Jackson Farquahar, the girls have grown enormously, and we wish them all the best today in their first game for points against Nelson Bay.

On the Men's side of things, we have also seen a few changes, going from 3 sides to 2 and the reintroduction of Chris Bishop to the Head Coaching role. Chris will be assisted by club legend Pete Van Dam with the two of them working closely with Reserve grade coaches, Michael and Mathew Studdert. Both sides will start their campaigns today against hot rivals Nelson Bay in what should be two very interesting fixtures with both clubs undergoing numerous personnel changes.

We wish all grades luck for today and for the entire season. See you at Breakers tonight.









SINGLETON ROOSTERS

Senior Coach: Andrew Scott Colours: Red & White

Facebook: Singleton Roosters AFC

No 1 2 3	Name CHRIS FAULDER ALEX MITCHELL			
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3				
•	LUKE DAVIS			
4	ANDREW MACPHERSON			
5	BRANDON QUINN			
6	ANDREW SCOTT			
7	BRENTON POTTER			
8	SAM BRASINGTON			
9	DAINE COWBURN			
10	SCOTT MOORE			
11	ETHAN KOLATCHEW			
12	RICHARD WILKES			
13	TOM GRANT			
14	JACKSON KOLATCHEW			
15	BRAD HICKS			
16	CAMERON WHITE			
17	PATRICK FITZGERALD			
18	JESSE VINSON			
19	SAM HOWARD			
20	DAVID OMAN			
21	ANDREW HODGE			
22	OLIVER MOODY			
23	JOSHUA LONG			
24	NICK MACPHERSON			
25	NATHAN CHILDS			
26	DYLON HIXON			
27	JORDAN TAPPER			
28	MITCHELL GAFFNEY			
29	BEN GRAHAM			
30	JARROD WELSH			

The Roosters are looking forward to welcoming our members & supporters back to the Chook Pen for 2018. We'd also like to extend a warm welcome to Wallsend West Newcastle who begin their BDAFL journey at Rose Point Park this Saturday.

Our Cup side, replete with plenty of new & returning players, are chomping at the bit but will have to wait one more week to strut their stuff under new coach Andrew Scott.

It's our Plate & Women's sides that will have the honour of debuting our new guernsey this week - a crisp new design that includes a couple of nods to our club's history. Both these sides have no reason not to expect an improvement on last season's efforts & the signs for this are promising.

Finally, don't forget our first function of the year at our fantastic new sponsor – The Criterion Hotel. A Quiz Night will be held on April 21, with \$25 getting you dinner & a seat at tables of 8. See Breeza for info & tickets.

Go Chooks!

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WALLSEND-WEST NEWCASTLE

Senior Coach: Ryan Davies

Colours: Red, White & Black

Facebook: Wallsend West Newcastle Swans

No	Name
1	JACK HARDY
2	JONO HAMILTON
3	SHAWN NGHONG
4	HUGH FITTER
5	AIDEN BARTLEY
6	HENRY GORE
7	JUSTIN BECK
8	PETER STEVENS
9	AARON THORPE
10	THOMAS LEIGH
11	ZAC HEARN
12	LIAM GALLAGHER
13	LEVON RUSH
15	MATHEW WATSON
17	JAMES BAILEY
18	KAEDEN HUDSON
22	RYAN DAVIES
23	BEN HERRING
24	THOMAS HARDY
25	DANIEL HARDES
26	CSABA FELKAI
27	IVE MARDESIC
28	DAVID RALSTON



2018 is an exciting year for the Wallsend District Swans Junior ARFC as we finally see the addition of two Senior teams, a women's and men's team; plus we enter the big league (BDAFL) and become re-badged under the Wallsend-West Newcastle ARFC (The Swans). The Swans is an amalgamation of the Wallsend Junior Club and the resurrected West Newcastle club (the Demons) after a 20 year plus hiatus. Both these clubs have a lot a footy history, stemming from the inaugural win of the Black Diamond by Wallsend in 1889 to 2001, when West Newcastle (also amalgamated with Wallsend) won their last Grand Final against Cardiff. The current Swans are looking to the year ahead and to add to this history. The new Club sees the men and women playing in a new vibrant strip that plays on the classic Sydney Swan strip with a local icon replacing the Sydney opera house. This strip was designed by Wallsend Swans Junior life member Matthew Harwood. Waratah Oval will become the home of the Swans in 2018.

The inaugural women's team was initiated under 'Project Newcastle', with the help of NSW/ACT AFL, BDAFL and Hunter Coast. Its aim to add a new women's team within the Newcastle LGA. The Swan's jumped at this idea, given the growth of women's AFL in Australia and ability to provide a pathway to senior footy for our youth girls. With the help of Hannah Davis and Simon Smyth of NSW/ACT AFL, the BDAFL and various Swans committee members, the women's senior team has become a reality in 2018 and will play their first game at Rose Point Park, Singleton today. Darren Bird, the Swans Vice President has taken on the coaching reigns, having previously guided the Youth Girls. He is enthused with the year ahead and looks forward to leading the women to their first win. The Swans congratulate Sarah Leslie on her appointment as the inaugural team captain. We welcome the Swans family and friends to cheer this new team to success in 2018.

The men's senior team started life as a flicker of light at the end of 2017 but has become a sleeping giant at the season's dawn, with close to 25 players

been the hard work of the Swans committee, the BDAFL (notably Garry Burkinshaw and Wal Bembic) and coach / player Ryan Davies who has actively sought out past and current players (whilst carrying out training duties). With the help of junior coach, Brian Gaston, Ryan has slowly whipped the team into be the 'dark horses' or 'unknowns' of season 2018. Players have come from everywhere, such as Victoria, Western Australian and the ACT, with many Newcastle City and BDAFL players as well. The Swans thank the various clubs who transferred these players graciously. The team also sees the return of a number of recent juniors who have come back to Swans to play seniors for their club - welcome back Hugh, Ben and Daniel. The team will be lead by sandgroper Aiden Bartley who is our inaugural men's captain. The Swans look forward to the season start and putting training into practice GO THE SWANS.

(possibly more) likely taking the field in Round 1. The success of this team has



THE ENTRANCE BATEAU BAY

Senior Coach: Ryan Meyn Colours: Navy & Gold

Facebook: The Entrance Bateau Bay AFC

No	Name
1	LLOYD RAND
2	LACHLAN BENSLEY
3	RYAN BESLEY
4	ANGUS BROWN
5	LUKE BESLEY
6	MICHAEL BESLEY
7	RYAN MEYN
8	NATHAN KELLY
9	BRENDAN FRASER-BUTFIELD
10	KYLE ROBINSON
11	JARED CULLINAN
12	BEN GREENTREE
13	KYLE POLLOCK
14	PAT MCMAHON
15	TODD HINDMARSH
16	OLLIE GARDINER
17	CAM RUSSELL;
18	MAX IFIELD
19	GELN ROBILLIARD
21	ASH PALMER
23	HATHAN JACOB
24	JAY ORR
27	TRENT ALLEN
30	JASON WEILMAN
32	JACK BASTIN

Hi Footy Fans

We are back into footy mode this week with our 1st game of the 2018 season against our rivals Muswellbrook Cats.

It's been a massive off season for our club. We have several new committee members, new coaches & new sponsors.

Congratulations to our new coaches in Ryan Meyn (men's) and Trent Allen (women's).

Today is a new dawn for the club with a women's team representing the club for the first time. It is exciting to see and the girls have already proven to be a great acquisition to the club. Welcome you all.

After a tough 2017, the men's team are also looking forward to a strong 2018. To all the new players we welcome you as well.

We would like to welcome our major sponsor in The Entrance Leagues Club. The leagues club is a fantastic location for all our after-game functions. We encourage all of our players, parents, supporters & visiting teams to enjoy the wonderful facilities.

We have secured Austeel Central Coast as our Senior Men's Team sponsor. To Gavin & all his staff a huge welcome & thanks for your support.

Not to be out done our Inaugural Women's Team are pleased to announce A & J Bastin Transport as their sponsor.











MUSWELLBROOK CATS

Senior Coach: Brian Scott

Colours: Navy & White

Facebook: Muswellbrook Cats AFL

No	Name
1	LINCOLN CHURCHER
2	CAMERON DAVIS
3	ADAM HIGHAM
4	JORDAN SOLLY
5	JEREMY SMITH
6	SAM WHITE
7	TAYLOR SCOTT
8	NIGEL SMITH
9	CAMERON BENKOVIC
10	JAYDEN GALVIN
11	MATTHEW DUNN
12	DOMINIC WHITE
13	JAKE GURTMAN
14	JOEL BARNER
15	SAMUEL SAWKINS
16	JONO WILLIAMS
17	JACKSON COOK
18	TATE BARRY
19	KYLE BRAY
20	BEN SAWKINS
21	TOM CARTWRIGHT
22	LACHLAN WATTS
23	LENNIE CRAFT
24	MARK MCLAUGHLIN
25	ASHTON INGERSON
26	LINDSAY PATERSON
27	LACHLAN DAVIS
28	MICHAEL DUCK
29	MITCHELL PARTON
30	JEDD STOJAKOVIC
31	JACOB CONNOR
32	DREW HARKER
33	BLAKE FULCHER
34	JACKSON CHANNON
35	CALLUM STRACHAN
36	BROQUE SMITH
37	MASON SOLLY

The Muswellbrook Cats have been on the prowl all off season. With the relocation to the Muswellbrook Hotel for 2018, this has proved to be an easy transition not only for the club but most of all the players, and we thank Dan and Sue for their continual support of the Muswellbrook Cats. The "Clowder" has had a lot of new faces added to for the 2018 season, with Annette Garland taking over as President, Patrick Morton and Dom White taking the roles of Vice President and Michael Duck as the Treasurer and plenty of new and old faces filled the remainder roles.

Our Annual Yabbie Races have been held, and once again the player and community showed full support of the event, with our biggest year yet.....averaging \$75 per yabbie at auction!

The Invitational Cup was once again a huge success, with 6 women's teams and 6 men's teams making the trip to Muswellbrook. As always we ended up with the hottest weekend ever in March!!

Warners Bay took out the Men's group, with Newton taking out the women's, both winning prize money for there clubs of \$1000 each.

The day would not be as successful if it wasn't for the full support of the Christine Burrows and the umpires who travel each year to helps us out, your efforts are much appreciated.

Also the players who put in the mammoth effort of manning the fort throughout the day, it was a long and tiring day, without the efforts of Michael Duck, Donna Mullane, Tracy Davis and Annette Garland, the day would not run as smoothly as it would, and the response from the other teams proves we run a tight ship and a great show!

Congratulation to this years Coaching Staff, Briand Scott and Steve Mullane with the Men's teams, Ken Garland and Grant O'Leary looking after the women.

Captains have been announce with Jordan Solly and Matthew Dunn for the men, a very proud moment for the club when this was announce, as both Jordy and Matt have both come through the club from juniors, so to see them now Captain our Senior team is a pretty special moment for the clubs history book.

A captains group was established with Meghan Sawkins, Karli Anshaw, Jess Newton and Gyarn Rawson leading the way for the women's team. Lets see if 2018 will be the year of the CATS!!





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PORT STEPHENS

Senior Coach: Tony Merritt Colours: Black, Teal, White & Pink

Facebook: Port Stephens Power AFL

In 2018 Port Stephens Power AFC will see it's 18th Birthday and it's introduction into the Black Diamond AFL for the first time with our Women's team.

We are excited to be joining the Black Diamond family and overjoyed with the welcome we have received from Garry Burkinshaw, Wal Bembic and the club's already in the BDAFL and look forward to new adventures.

With some strong recruiting from the very beginning there is now a great group of Women from all walks of life who have formed a great bond and are ready to take to the field. They are a great group of dedicated women and Coaches Tony Merritt and Travis Connolly couldn't ask anymore of them.

Round 1 sees Ferodale Park host its first ever seniors match and we would like to thank our Women's sponsors and club supporters for making this happen.

Bring on 2018!! GO POWER!!







NEWCASTLE CENTRAL COAST UMPIRES

No	Name					
1	JOSEPH O'BRIEN					
3	JODY JACKSON					
4	DARREL LUCK					
8	COOPER WILLIAMS					
9	JASON CROOKALL					
10	PETER AUSTIN					
11	ANDY BALDWIN					
14	CHRISTINE BURROWS					
15	RACHEL GOODENOUGH					
17	CHRIS FALLEY					
18	STEPHEN BLUME					
19	HARRISON CROOK					
20	ROY REICHART					
21	JESSICA BARNES					
24	MATT JEFFREY					
25	JOHN SULLIVAN					
27	XANDER ROBINSON					
29	RACHEL ROBINSON					
30	MICHAEL BARNES					
31	JAKE LOWE					
32	RYAN STANTON					
33	SIMON MCCAULEY					
36	NICK HICKSON					
39	ASHLEY BORG					
40	JOEY HART					
41	ASHLEY DAVEY					
42	MAYAI LUCK					
43	ALEX MARTON					
45	SHANE LOWNDES					
47	COLIN GOODENOUGH					
48	JOSH BLACKSHAW					
49	PATRICK LALLY					
50	DAVID PARSONS					
52	LINCOLN MCCAULEY					
54	MILES MCCAULEY					

After a busy season last year the NCCUA pushed back the Annual Presentation Night and Dinner so that it could be held at Swansea RSL, our longest serving sponsor. Several awards were presented to acknowledge the hard work, dedication and talents of our umpires, including:

NCCUA UMPIRE OF THE YEAR: Joseph O'Brien NCCUA Field Umpire of the Year: Patrick Lally NCCUA Boundary Umpire of the Year: Mayai Luck NCCUA Goal Umpire of the Year: Jake Lowe

Best First Year Umpire: Yuri Porter

Golden Whistle recipients: Lincoln McCauley & Tom Sullivan

Coach's Award: Rachel Robinson President's Award: Ryan Stanton

NCCUA Club-Person of the Year: Jake Lowe

Traditionally the NCCUA also recognises the many milestones that our members and umpires achieve throughout the season. This is always a fantastic section of our night, but the highlight of this would have been Sully being presented with the Match ball from his 1000th match, which was signed by players and officials of both teams as well as the umpires involved in that match. We would like to sincerely thank Warners Bay and Cardiff for their efforts to make this happen. The NCCUA also announced the establishment of a new award, The Neville Turner Memorial Trophy, in honour of our late Treasurer, Life Member and Hall of Famer. This award was awarded to Stephen Blume. The night was capped off with the elevation of Neville Turner to LEG-END status within the NCCUA Hall of Fame, and Ashley Borg was awarded his NCUA Life Membership by Joseph O'Brien. The NCCUA Committee and Members would like to congratulate all award recipients. In November last year the NCCUA held it's AGM, where President Jake Lowe was re-elected for a fourth term, with Rachel Robinson being elected Vice President. Harrison Crook was re-elected Secretary and Ashley Borg was re-elected Treasurer. Andy Baldwin and Stephen Blume were both re-elected to the committee. New faces to the committee this year include Shana Doughney, Jody Jackson and Xander Robinson. They are also joined by Christine Burrows (BDAFL Umpires Coach) and Roy Reichert (AFL Hunter Coast Umpires Manager). The NCCUA would like to congratulate those that were elected and re-elected and thank them for their willingness to serve the Association. The AGM saw Nick Hickson thanked for his three years as Vice President, while John 'Sully' Sullivan did not seek reelection and was thanked for his tireless and continued service to the NCCUA. The NCCUA would like to take this opportunity to thank the Ray Dinneen, Swansea RSL, EightBulls Eatery & Espresso, Central Coast Physiotherapy and BodyWorx Physiotherapy for their continued support in 2018, as well as thanking TyrePower for their continued support of AFL Umpires throughout AFL NSW/ACT. We are extremely grateful to have such wonderful sponsors.

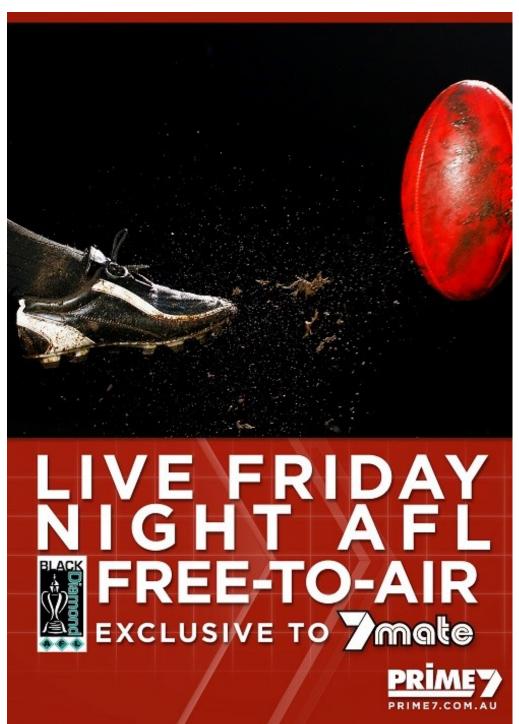
Good Luck everyone and enjoy Round One.







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2017 HUNTER HAVAL BDAFL LADDERS

BLACK DIAMOND CUP	Р	W	L	D	%	PTS
TERRIGAL AVOCA	16	14	2	0	186	56
CARDIFF	16	13	3	0	119	52
NEWCASTLE CITY	16	11	5	0	126	44
NELSON BAY	16	5	11	0	85	20
WARNERS BAY	16	3	13	0	80	12
KILLARNEY VALE	16	2	14	0	54	8

BLACK DIAMOND PLATE	Р	W	L	D	%	MR
WYONG LAKES	16	14	2	0	239	88
MAITLAND	16	14	2	0	239	88
SINGLETON	16	13	3	0	215	81
NEWCASTLE CITY	16	9	7	0	143	56
GOSFORD	16	8	8	0	111	50
TERRIGAL AVOCA	16	8	8	0	94	50
LAKE MACQUARIE	16	3	13	0	53	19
MUSWELLBROOK	16	2	14	0	41	13
THE ENTRANCE BATEAU BAY	16	1	15	0	18	6
GE WOMENS	Р	W	L	D	%	PTS
NEWCASTLE CITY	16	16	0	0	1868	64
NELSON BAY	16	14	2	0	394	56
GOSFORD	16	12	4	0	294	48
MAITLAND	16	12	4	0	185	48
WYONG LAKES	16	9	7	0	160	36
KILLARNEY VALE	16	9	7	0	147	36
WARNERS BAY	16	9	7	0	105	36
SINGLETON	16	6	10	0	46	24
LAKE MACQUARIE	16	4	12	0	65	16
CARDIFF	16	3	13	0	32	12
NEWCASTLE	16	2	14	0	17	8
MUSWELLBROOK	16	0	16	0	1	0
RESERVE GRADE	Р	W	L	D	%	MR
CARDIFF	15	13	2	0	340	87
KILLARNEY VALE	16	13	3	0	241	81
WARNERS BAY	15	12	3	0	210	80
TERRIGAL AVOCA	15	11	4	0	184	73
NELSON BAY	15	7	8	0	115	47
LAKE MACQUARIE	15	7	8	0	50	47
GOSFORD	15	6	9	0	59	40
MAITLAND	15	5	10	0	54	33
NEWCASTLE CITY	15	4	11	0	68	27
SINGLETON	15	3	12	0	39	20
WYONG LAKES	15	2	13	0	43	13

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BLACK DIAMOND CUP

TERRIGAL AVOCA	4.3	9.4	13.7	13.11	89
CARDIFF	4.5	6.7	8.11	11.14	80

GOALS:

TERRIGAL AVOCA: Ryan Webster 2, James Webster 2, Mark Skuse 2, Alexander White 2, Sam O'Brien 1, Sam Ellis 1, Daniel Heuston 1, Jayson Van Dam 1, Corey Billins 1

CARDIFF: Tom Yensch 3, Tom Quade 2, Jack Lennon 1, Nicholas Chapman 1, Liam Gibson 1, Josh Murphy 1, Marcus DeLeur 1, Trent Thompson 1

BEST:

TERRIGAL AVOCA: James Webster (McBain Medallist), Christopher Bishop, Jack Grimmond, Mark Skuse, Peter Van Dam, Jarrad Flint

CARDIFF: Marcus DeLeur, Chad Mayo, Tom Yensch, Liam Gibson, Simon O'Brien, Trent Thompson



WOMEN'S

NEWCASTLE CITY	3.2	6.5	7.10	10.11	71
NELSON BAY	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.6	12

GOALS,

NEWCASTLE CITY: Taylah Smith 2, Sarah Halvorsen 2, Ash Hayller 2, Audrey Gillingham 1, TaylaBraithwaite 1, Paige Mathewson 1, Meaghan MacDonald 1

NELSON BAY: Lisa Steane

BEST,

NEWCASTLE CITY: Erin White (B.O.G), Tayla Braithwaite, Paige Mathewson, Sarah Halvorsen, Madeline Smith,

NELSON BAY: Lauren Hughes, Lisa Steane, Philippa Smyth, Sophie Balcombe, Lauren Cooper, Kate Holland



2017 BDAFL PREMIERS

BLACK DIAMOND PLATE

MAITLAND	2.0	6.1	9.3	14.5	89
SINGLETON	5.2	6.5	7.6	9.10	64

GOALS:

MAITLAND: Wade Beard 4, Aiden Damico 3, Christopher Pedler 2, Hugh Matheson 1, Riley Newstead 1, Ben Stewart 1, Clint Warneken 1, Jim Taranto 1

SINGLETON: Alex Mitchell 2, Michael Phillips 2, Cameron White 1, Brandon Quinn 1, Andrew Hodge 1, Jackson Kolatchew 1, Dominic Harrod 1

BEST:

MAITLAND: Jim Taranto (B.O.G), Ben Stewart, Patrick McMahon, Timothy Sheldon, Aiden Damico, Wade Beard SINGLETON: Andrew Scott, Luke Davis, Joshua Long, Andrew Macpherson, Richard Wilkes, Jarryd Ingram



RESERVE GRADE

CARDIFF	3.4	5.5	9.8	10.10	70
KILLARNEY VALE	1.3	2.7	4.8	6.10	46

GOALS:

CARDIFF: Aaron Wivell 5, Lachlan Price 1, Jarrod Braybon 1, Jesse Coombe 1, Zachary Moore 1, Peter Bleus 1 KILLARNEY VALE: Michael Broadbent 2, Trent Debnam 2, Scott Reid 1, Dane Amidy 1

BEST:

CARDIFF: Clinton James (B.O.G), Nicholas Kocon, Zachary Moore, Jarrod Braybon, Brendan Wold, Thomas Lashlie KILLARNEY VALE: Robert Zahra, Brendan Lewis, Adam Fiene, Michael Broadbent, Peter Harvey, Justin Daley



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- Encourage participation, but don't force it;
- Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning;
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses;
- Lead by example and respect all Players, Coaches, Umpires, Officials and spectators. Physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated;
- Recognise all volunteers who give up their valuable time;
- Never publicly criticise Umpires and instead raise personal concerns with Club Officials in private;
- Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability as many such comments are politically incorrect and it is your Coach, team-mates, Club and family that are let down with such remarks;
- Respect the facilities and equipment of their own and opposing Clubs;
- Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any Player, Official, Umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable;
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, Coaches, Officials or Players;
- Refrain from using abusive language.
- Not to enter the field of play in any sanctioned Competition Match unless granted permission by an Official to do so;
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- Not make or post inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory comments in public, including via social media, about Players, Clubs, Umpires, Officials, the AFL or the League. Social media includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings

2017 LEADING GOALKICKERS

HUNTER HAVAL BLACK DIAMOND CUP			BLACK DIAMOND PLATE			
	SCOTT REED	KILLARNEY VALE	32	AARON KOSUB	WYONG LAKES	39
	KAYNE GIBBS	WARNERS BAY	27	WADE BEARD	MAITLAND	36
	JOSH MURPHY	CARDIFF	25	TIM EATHER	GOSFORD	36
	PAT GILLINGHAM	NEWCASTLE CITY	24	TRAVIS BATES	SINGLETON	33
	MARK SKUSE	TERRIGAL AVOCA	23	JARRED CROSS	WYONG LAKES	33

GE WOMEN'S			RESERVE GRADE			
MEAGHAN MACDONALD	NEWCASTLE CITY	62	JOSH MURPHY	CARDIFF	35	
ASHLEE HAYLLAR	NEWCASTLE CITY	42	MICHAEL RYAN	CARDIFF	35	
EMMA JAYNE HOWE	LAKE MACQUARIE	36	MATT STUDDERT	TERRIGAL AVOCA	34	
ALEECE HEMMING	WYONG LAKES	35	NEIL WALKER	GOSFORD	33	

2017 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	Sen	Res	Wom/3rds	Weight	Total
TERRIGAL AVOCA	84	32	22		138
CARDIFF	78	52	6		136
NEWCASTLE CITY	66	36	32		134
MAITLAND	84	20	24		128
WYONG LAKES	84	8	18		110
SINGLETON	78	12	12		102
GOSFORD	48	24	24		96
NELSON BAY	30	28	28		86
WARNERS BAY	18	48	18		84
KILLARNEY VALE	12	52	18		82
LAKE MACQUARIE	18	28	8		54
MUSWELLBROOK	12	0	-	1.2	13.2

Points are 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

2018 HUNTER HAVAL BLACK DIAMOND CUP

Round 1 - 7th April

Cardiff v Newcastle City Wyong Lakes v Gosford Nelson Bay v Terrigal Avoca Lake Macquarie v Maitland Warners Bay v Killarney Vale Singleton—Bye

Round 2 — 15th April

Killarney Vale v Nelson Bay Lake Macquarie v Newcastle City Maitland v Gosford Singleton v Warners Bay Terrigal Avoca v Cardiff

Wyong Lakes—Bye

Round 3 —19/20th April

Killarney Vale v Terrigal Avoca Gosford v Singleton Nelson Bay v Maitland

Warners Bay v Cardiff

Wyong Lakes v Lake Macquarie Newcastle City—Bye

Round 4-27th April

Cardiff v Nelson Bay Gosford v Lake Macquarie Newcastle City v Killarney Vale Singleton v Maitland

Terrigal Avoca v Wyong Lakes

Warners Bay—Bye

Round 5—5th May Killarney Vale v Cardiff

Lake Macquarie v Nelson Bay Maitland v Newcastle City Terrigal Avoca v Singleton

Warners Bay v Wyong Lakes Gosford—Bye

Round 6-12th May

Cardiff v Lake Macquarie Gosford v Terrigal Avoca Nelson Bay v Warners Bay Newcastle City v Singleton Wyong Lakes v Killarney Vale

Maitland—Bye

General Bye - Representative

Saturday 19th May

BDAFL v AFL Canberra

Round 7-26th May

Cardiff v Maitland Gosford v Warners Bay Killarney Vale v Lake Macquarie

Round 7-26th May cont..

Singleton v Wyong Lakes Newcastle City v Nelson Bay Terrigal Avoca—Bye

Maitland v Killarney Vale

Round 8 - 2nd June

Nelson Bay v Gosford Singleton v Cardiff Warners Bay v Terrigal Avoca Wyong Lakes v Newcastle City

Lake Macquarie—Bye Round 9—9th June

Gosford v Cardiff
Lake Macquarie v Singleton
Newcastle City v Warners Bay
Terrigal Avoca v Maitland
Wyong Lakes v Nelson Bay
Killarney Vale—Bye

Round 10-16th June

Killarney Vale v Gosford Maitland v Wyong Lakes Nelson Bay v Singleton Terrigal Avoca v Newcastle City Warners Bay v Lake Macquarie Cardiff—Bye

Round 11—23rd June

Cardiff v Wyong Lakes Lake Macquarie v Terrigal Avoca Maitland v Warners Bay Singleton v Killarney Vale Newcastle City v Gosford Nelson Bay—Bye

Round 12-30th June

Gosford v Maitland Terrigal Avoca v Killarney Vale Warners Bay v Nelson Bay Wyong Lakes v Singleton

Newcastle City v Cardiff

Lake Macquarie—Bye

Terrigal Avoca—Bye

Round 13—7th July

Killarney Vale v Wyong Lakes Lake Macquarie v Gosford Maitland v Singleton Nelson Bay v Cardiff Warners Bay v Newcastle City

Round 14-14 July

Nelson Bay v Newcastle City Singleton v Lake Macquarie Wyong Lakes v Terrigal Avoca Cardiff, Gosford, Killarney Vale, Maitland, Warners Bay—Bye

Round 15-21st July

Cardiff v Singleton
Killarney Vale v Warners Bay
Terrigal Avoca v Gosford
Wyong Lakes v Maitland
Newcastle City v Lake Macquarie
Nelson Bay—Bye

Round 16-28th July

Killarney Vale v Newcastle City Lake Macquarie v Warners Bay Maitland v Cardiff Singleton v Gosford

Terrigal Avoca v Nelson Bay Wyong Lakes—Bye

Round 17—4th August

Cardiff v Terrigal Avoca Gosford v Killarney Vale

Lake Macquarie v Wyong Lakes Singleton v Nelson Bay

Warners Bay v Maitland Newcastle City—Bye

Round 18-11th August

Cardiff v Warners Bay Gosford v Wyong Lakes Maitland v Lake Macquarie Nelson Bay v Killarney Vale Newcastle City v Terrigal Avoca

Singleton—Bye

Semi Finals 18th/19th August

Preliminary Final 25th/26th August

Grand Final
1st September

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	Р	W	L	D	%	Pts
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GWS	2	2	0	0	175	8
Port Adelaide	2	2	0	0	156	8
Gold Coast	2	2	0	0	147	8
Hawthorn	2	2	0	0	119	8
North Melbourne	2	1	1	0	137	4
Melbourne	2	1	1	0	114	4
Adelaide	2	1	1	0	113	4
West Coast	2	1	1	0	112	4
Sydney	2	1	1	0	103	4
Geelong	2	1	1	0	101	4
Essendon	2	1	1	0	98	4
Richmond	2	1	1	0	95	4
St Kilda	2	1	1	0	85	4
Fremantle	2	1	1	0	83	4
Brisbane	2	0	2	0	75	0
Collingwood	2	0	2	0	75	0
Carlton	2	0	2	0	73	0
Western Bulldogs	2	0	2	0	47	0

ROUND 2 RESULTS

ADELAIDE	18.10.118	def	RICHMOND	12.10.82
NORTH MELBOURNE	13.17.95	def	ST KILDA	5.13.43
GOLD COAST	15.11.101	def	CARLTON	9.13.67
GWS	15.5.95	def	COLLINGWOOD	12.7.79
MELBOURNE	14.16.100	def	BRISBANE	10.14.74
FREMANTLE	16.10.106	def	ESSENDON	14.6.90
WEST COAST	18.13.121	def	WESTERN BULLDOGS	9.16.70
PORT ADELAIDE	14.10.94	def	SYDNEY	10.11.71
HAWTHORN	17.16.118	def	GEELONG	18.9.117

FIXTURES

ROUND 3

Friday 6th April Carlton v Collingwood

Saturday 7th April Port Adelaide v Brisbane

Melbourne v North Melbourne Gold Coast v Fremantle Sydney v GWS St Kilda v Adelaide

Sunday 8th April

Richmond v Hawthorn Western Bulldogs v Essendon West Coast v Geelong

ROUND 4

Friday 13th April
Adelaide v Collingwood

Saturday 14th April

GWS v Fremantle Richmond v Brisbane Western Bulldogs v Sydney North Melbourne v Carlton West Coast v Gold Coast

Sunday 15th April

Essendon v Port Adelaide Hawthorn v Melbourne Geelong v St Kilda The Black Diamond AFL would like to thank the following partners for their support in 2018

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