

# CARNGHAM LINTON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

## 50-YEAR DINNER & HALL OF FAME PRESENTATION



**Thank you very much for attending the Carngham Linton Football Netball Club 50-Year Dinner and Hall of Fame Presentation held at the Ballarat & District Trotting Club on Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

The final round of the 2018 Central Highlands Football League and Central Highlands Netball League season today marked the completion of Carngham Linton's 50<sup>th</sup> home and away season as an amalgamated club.

Thank you to the Carngham Linton Football Netball Club Committee and all of our wonderful club volunteers for their contribution to the organisation and success of the day's competition against Skipton and to tonight's function.

Players, coaches, administrators, volunteers and sponsors are all eligible for induction in to the Carngham Linton Football Netball Club Hall of Fame in accordance with the criteria published on the club's website.

Personal qualities such as leadership, skill, courage, sportsmanship, integrity, loyalty and character are considered. The aim being to select inductees who embody the true Carngham Linton spirit and whose overall contribution is worthy of acknowledgement.

There are many more wonderful figures in the history of our club who will be inducted in future Hall of Fame presentations.

As a memento of this very significant night for our great club, we have published profiles of the eleven members who are the inaugural inductees in to the Carngham Linton Football Netball Club Hall of Fame.

### Hall of Fame Inductee Ivan Quilliam

Ivan Quilliam started his playing career for the Carngham Football Club in the in the 1950s and went on to play 186 senior games for the club.

Ivan played for the Carngham FC in two separate leagues, as the club participated in the Western Plains Football League from 1953 to 1961, then the Ballarat Football League District Section from 1962 to 1968.

Though the Carngham seniors did not make it through during his time at the club, Ivan was a prominent member of teams that played finals in 1962 and 1963.

He also played 86 games for North Ballarat in the Ballarat Football League.

Ivan completed his playing career with a further 135 senior and reserves games for Carngham Linton. He was a member of the 1971 and 1973 reserves premierships and also won the club reserves best & fairest award in 1974.

Ivan has served on the club committee and was President from 1976 to 1979. He was also Chairman of Selectors from 1971 to 1978 and played an important role in recruiting during this time.

Ivan is a life member of the club and continues to attend Carngham Linton matches today as a loyal supporter.



### Hall of Fame Inductee Hans Verdoorn

Hans was a local Linton junior and a member of the Linton team which finished runners-up to Derrinallum in the 1965 Western Plains Under-16 grand final. He won the Linton club's Under-16 Best & Fairest award in 1965 and 1966.

Hans commenced his senior playing career for Linton in 1967 and continued to play for the amalgamated Carngham Linton club in 1969, going on to play 151 senior games for the club. He was a member of the 1974 senior premiership team and was captain-coach of the 1976 senior premiership and 1977 runners-up sides. He also coached the reserves in 1975.

A champion rover, Hans won four club Best & Fairest awards in 1974, 1977, 1978 & 1979. He won the WPFL Brunn Trophy in 1977 & 1979 as the Best & Fairest senior player and also played inter-league games. He then joined Buninyong in 1980, winning both the Central Highlands Football League & Buninyong FC Senior Best & Fairest awards that year. Hans returned from Buninyong after two seasons and coached the Carngham Linton reserves team to runners-up in 1982. He then completed his playing career in the 1983 senior premiership team.

Hans was later Carngham Linton's joint Under-17 coach along with Michael Doolan, coaching premiership sides in 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005. Hans has been a Carngham Linton committee member and is also a life member.



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### Hall of Fame Inductee

#### Eugene Grigg

Linton local Eugene Grigg commenced with Linton's Under-16 team as a ten-year old when the Western Plains junior competition started in 1965.

Nicknamed "Blue", Eugene played in Carngham-Linton's Reserves football premierships in 1971 and 1973 and played his first senior game for the club in the second half of 1973 season. He played in Carngham Linton's 1974 & 1976 senior premiership teams.

Eugene then coached Bradvale in 1980 before spending 1981 with Redan in the Ballarat Football League where they reached the grand final.

He returned to captain-coach Carngham Linton to premierships in 1982, 1983 and 1985. Eugene was also a member of the Carngham Linton's senior premier teams in 1984 and 1987.

A super-fit, running left footer with wonderful hands, Eugene won the club's senior Best & Fairest award in 1983, 1984 and 1985.

The champion on-baller/centreman was a regular league high vote scorer, winning the Western Plains Football League Brunn Trophy as senior Best & Fairest in 1985 and again in 1987, which was his last season at the club. He was also a regular inter-league player for the Western Plains. Eugene played a total of 198 senior games for Carngham Linton and was made a life member of the club in 2004.



### Hall of Fame Inductee

#### Brendan O'Brien

Brendan "Bluey" O'Brien is a Snake Valley local who played juniors for the club and was a member of the 1980 and 1981 Under-16 premiership sides.

He was a long-serving reserves player for the club and played in seven reserves premiership sides in 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1994, 1995 and 1997.

The hard-working defender also won three club reserves best & fairest awards in 1985, 1989 and 1995.

Brendon also played 100 senior games for the club and was a member of the 1990 senior premiership side which defeated Illabarook at Rokewood.

Whilst enjoying a long playing career, Bluey was also became a hard-working club volunteer, umpiring many games, working the bar and serving as club delegate during our time in the Lexton Plains Football League.

Always up for some fun, Bluey's notes in the club newsletter created plenty of interest over a number of years.

He has served on the club committee for a number of years and was club Secretary for four years from 2002 to 2005.

Today, Blue serves as one of our gatekeepers and still actively supports the club. Brendan was awarded a Carngham Linton life membership in 2005.



### Hall of Fame Inductee

#### Sharon Nunn

Sharon Nunn moved to Snake Valley in the early 1970s and commenced playing with what was then known as the Carngham Linton Basketball Club as a 16-year old. She went on to play over 100 senior netball games for the club and used her height to be a prominent goal scorer. Sharon was a member of the 1972 senior runner-up team before playing in the club's first senior netball premiership in 1975. She also represented the Western Plains Association at inter-league level on a number of occasions.

Sharon has been a long-serving club volunteer and committee member and has served in the position of club treasurer over the last ten consecutive years from 2009-2018. She is also involved with the club canteen and catering coordination. Sharon has also served executive roles on the former Carngham Linton Netball Club committee.

Sharon has also been a member of the Carngham Recreation Reserve, and played an instrumental role in the securing a new flood-lit netball court and facility upgrades for the return of football and netball to Snake Valley in 2013 after an 8-year hiatus.

Sharon and her husband Gary have made a major contribution to the club over many years, while children Braith, Troy and Meg were all prominent players for Carngham Linton. Sharon became a club life member in 2013.



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#### Toni Palmer

Snake Valley local Toni started playing U/12s netball for Carngham Linton in 1975 and retired at the end of 2015 after playing 37 seasons of netball with the club.

She played her first senior netball game for the club in 1985 and was a member of the 1986 Under-16 premiership team when there was an age-group change in the association grades.

Toni has played a total of 26 years of senior netball, including winning the club senior Best & Fairest award in 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1994. She was also runner-up in 1996 and played in the 1996 and 1998 senior runner-up teams.

A reserves premiership player in 2006 and 2010, Toni also won the reserves club Best & Fairest in 2000 and 2007 along with C-Grade Best & Fairest awards in 2012 and 2013. She was also runners-up in the B grade on four occasions and three times in C grade.

She served as president of the Carngham Linton Netball Club for 3 years before it combined with the football club, attending as a club delegate at league meetings and working on the organising committee for a long period.

Toni has coached and team managed at all levels, coaching a reserves premiership in 1998 and Under-17 premiership in 2005. She was made a life member of the club in 2010.



### Hall of Fame Inductee

#### Karen Spratling

Since commencing her netball playing career with Carngham Linton in the early 1980s, Karen Spratling, or 'Sprats' as she is more fondly known, has been a member of Carngham Linton Football Netball club for more than 35 years.

As the earlier Carngham Linton Netball Club she has been a president, treasurer, secretary, player, netball coach and umpire.

She has continued to be an active member after the combining of the netball and footballs, being a netball director/mentor and committee member.

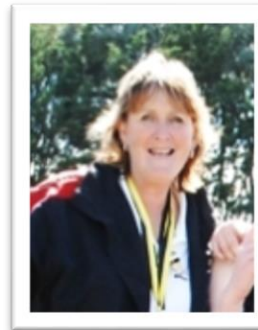
Karen has won several club best & fairest trophies during that time and has been the most successful winning netball coach to date.

'Sprats' has also been a wonderful scribe for the netball side of the club over a number of years, providing weekly reports for club media and local newspapers.

She has a great care for the players and has always made an effort to see their good work acknowledged.

Karen was awarded a Life Membership in 2010 for her contribution to the club.

She has remarkably officiated and participated in more than 2,000 games and is still regularly involved each Saturday.



### Hall of Fame Inductee

#### Frank O'Brien

Frank returned to Snake Valley, the place of his birth, in 1965 and first became involved at the CLFC as a goal umpire, when the oldest of his 8 children started playing in 1971.

He was later heavily involved on the club committee and served a stint as club President from 1980 to 1984. Frank was also a long-standing tribunal advocate for the Carngham Linton Football Club, as well as being a senior selector.

A voice in the local community, Frank was prominent on the Ripon Shire Council and also took his leadership abilities to local football.

Frank took over from Aiden Mathews as President of the Western Plains Football League in 1986, a position which he held until 1991. He was also a Western Plains League delegate to the Victorian Country Football League.

Frank was seen by many as the unofficial 'Father' of the Carngham Linton Football Netball Club, with his woolshed at the family property in Snake Valley hosting many memorable club functions back in the 1970s & 80s. He was awarded life membership in 1985, with his wife Kath & 4 of his children also life members. His family legacy continues with 4 grandchildren currently playing with the club, 2 of whom are current committee members. The senior football Best & Fairest award is named in his honour.





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### Hall of Fame Inductee Braith Nunn

Snake Valley local Braith Nunn played juniors for Carngham Linton and was a member of the 1992 Under-17 premiership side. Braith was a junior captain and went on to win the Western Plains Football League Under-17 Best & Fairest in 1993.



After winning the Western Plains League Senior 'Rookie of the Year' award in 1994, Braith went on to be an 8-time senior premiership player across the Western Plains and Lexton Plains Leagues in 1995, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2008. He also represented both the Western Plains and Lexton Plains Leagues at inter-league level.

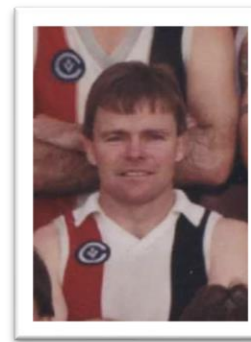
A durable, hard running, long kicking player with excellent skills, Braith won the club's senior Best & Fairest award in 1997, 2000 and 2001. He was later appointed as senior captain from 2004 to 2008 and became familiar with holding up the premiership cup after the last match in September.

Braith went on to play a massive 276 senior games for Carngham Linton as a loyal 'one club' player. This remained as the club record before being broken by current backman Tim Clarke in July 2018.

Braith became a Carngham Linton FNC life member in 2007.

### Hall of Fame Inductee Darren Quilliam

Darren Quilliam was a Snake Valley local and prominent junior player for the club, playing in the club's 1980 and 1981 Under-16 premierships. He also won the Western Plains Football League Under-16 Best & Fairest award in 1980.



The champion rover/forward then went on to play 134 senior games for Carngham Linton in a senior playing career mixed with Golden Point in the Ballarat Football League.

Darren played 5 senior premierships with the Saints in 1982, 1984, 1985, 1997 and 1998 and also won 5 Carngham Linton senior club Best & Fairest awards in 1986, 1993, 1994, 1998 and 1999.

Darren was a very courageous player and regarded as one of the best tacklers the club has seen.

Over at Golden Point, Darren was a member of their 1987 Ballarat Football League senior premiership team and in 2006 was inducted into "the Greats of Golden Point". He is a life member of Golden Point and was runner-up in the Henderson Medal for the BFL Best & Fairest.

He also played inter-league matches for the both the Ballarat and Western Plains Leagues.

Darren has had senior coaching stints at Carngham Linton as a player in 1993 and 1994, then later as a non-playing coach in 2012.

### Hall of Fame Inductee Sam Richardson

Stephen "Sam" Richardson was a Snake Valley local who played his first games in the Carngham Linton Under-16s as a nine-year old in 1969. He continued to play juniors for the club and was a member of two Under-16 premierships sides in 1975 & 1976.



After playing in the 1977 reserves premiership side, Sam went on to play 231 senior games for the club.

Playing mainly as a backman/utility player, he was a member of seven senior premiership sides in 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1989 and 1990.

Sam continued to play reserves for the club at the end of his career, playing in the 1992 and 1994 premierships.

Sam has served a staggering 15 years as club President across 3 separate terms. As a great spokesperson for the club, Sam had his first stint as President from 1991 to 1995 before stepping in to the Treasurer role in 1996. He then resumed the President position in 1997 and continued until 2000.

Sam later took on the Secretary role from 2010 to 2012, before his third term as President from 2013 to 2018. He has coached junior teams and has been a long-serving all round volunteer. Sam became a life member of the club in 1989.

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### **Carngham Linton Football Netball Club Best 50-Year Senior Netball Team**

Goal Shooter:	Karen Spratling	Lynne Baxter
Goal Attack:	Meg Porter	Sharon Nunn
Wing Attack:	Zoe Nunn	Jacki Spratling
Centre:	Jaime Palmer	Toni Palmer
Wing Defence:	Jo Crick	Cindy Burke
Goal Defence:	Tracey Dawson	Carmel Banks
Goal Keeper:	Pauline Bennetts	Rhonda Nunn

**Coach: Karen Spratling**

### **Carngham Linton Football Netball Club Best 50-Year Senior Football Team**

Backs:	Drew Fenton	Tim Clarke	William Caldow
Half Backs:	Joe O'Brien	Ian Mathews	Shawne Dummett
Centres:	William Grigg	William May	Braith Nunn
Half Forwards:	Nathan Pring	Terry Wilkie	Greg Currie
Forwards:	Darren Quilliam	Justin Porter	David George

**Ruck: Greg Dax      Ruck Rover: Eugene Grigg      Rover: Hans Verdoorn**

**Interchange: Grant Gillespie, Trevor Dummett, James Rayner, Jake Pring, Duane Bodey**

**Non-playing Joint Coaches: Barry Antonio, Robbie Waters**  
**Captain: Braith Nunn Vice Captain: Eugene Grigg**

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### Best 50-Year Senior Netball Team Profiles

In naming the best 50-year netball team, it was very difficult to select just seven players from a 50-year period.

It was therefore decided by the selection panel to nominate two teams of seven players.

#### **Karen Spratling**

Utilised her experience at State level to improve the standard of club netball. A long range shooter, Karen's strength was her ability to pass the ball in the ring with unerring accuracy.

#### **Meg Porter**

Multiple League and Club B&F winner and accurate and prolific goaler. Incredible body strength and reliable hands whose presence was a focal point for her team in the ring.

#### **Zoe Nunn**

Strong and consistent player who worked through the junior ranks as a goaler to be an outstanding centre court player and an integral part of 2010 Grand final team.

#### **Jaime Palmer**

Played every grade from U12s up and showed her versatility by excelling in various positions on court. B&F winner and her speed and agility is second to none.

#### **Jo Crick**

Played both ends of the court, but excelled in the defensive positions often shutting down the opponents drive to the ring. Strong rebounding ability and vision.

#### **Tracey Dawson**

Multiple and consistent B&F winner whose tenacity is a standout defensive player. Her determination to win the ball at any cost is a testament to her character, and her ability to read and intercept the ball was outstanding.

#### **Pauline Bennetts**

Her height and strength was an extreme asset to intimidate her opposition, and her reach over the shot was commanding. Excellent rebounder and fantastic team player.

#### **Lynne Baxter**

A champion goal scorer in the early years of the club and two-time Western Plains Netball Association Best & Fairest winner. Was a member of the 1972 senior runners-up and 1975 senior premiership teams.

#### **Sharon Nunn**

A fantastic, tall player in the goals who played 100+ senior games for the club during the 1970s. Played in the 1975 senior premiership win over Bradvale as well as the 1972 runner-up team.

#### **Jacki Spratling**

Long time player at the club whose strength was often underestimated by her opponents on court. Accurate shooter who then capitalised on that strength in WA with her extraordinary vision to the ring.

#### **Toni Palmer**

With several B&F trophies to her name, her strength was her tenacious ability to never give up. An outstanding centre court player who reads the game with ease to create play from seemingly nothing. Great annoyance ability to opposition.

#### **Rhonda Nunn**

Another multiple B&F winner who always made herself available and presented well anywhere on court. Her speed and leadership during play had been a highlight of her netball career.

#### **Carmel Banks**

Extraordinary versatile player who was the quiet achiever and ever reliable with a fantastic attitude to the game. Played centre court but stepped up to utilise her strengths in any position that was asked.

#### **Cindy Burke**

Awesome defensive player, who read the play extremely well and utilised her speed to create many turnovers for her side. Her major asset was her vocal direction and encouragement around the ring to assist the defenders to intercept.

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### Best 50-Year Senior Football Team Profiles

In naming the best 50-year football team, it was decided to nominate 25 players from the last 50 years. The team was named with a 5-man interchange bench and two non-playing coaches.

#### Drew Fenton

One of the club's best defenders during the '70s. Not overly tall but handled bigger opponents with ease. Played in the 1974 and 1976 premierships.

#### Tim Clarke

Club record of 279 games with club. Reliable and durable backman who played in 4 premiership sides. 2016 club Best & Fairest.

#### William Caldwell

Long serving ruckman. An inspirational, big occasion player who played a total of 8 senior premierships.

#### Joe O'Brien

One of Carngham Linton's most outstanding and loyal players, 259 games with the club. Played in 9 premierships.

#### Ian Mathews

Tall versatile defender who played both key defensive positions as well as up forward. Great mark and an excellent spoiler.

#### Shawne Dummett

An inspirational leader and a great "big occasion player". Safe pair of hands and a lovely left foot kick. Played in 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1987 premiership sides. Returned to the club in 1997 as captain/coach and played in the 1997, 1998 and 2000 premiership teams. 1987 club Best & Fairest.

#### William Grigg

Champion wingman who always seemed to have plenty of time. Played in 1974 flag as a 16-year old and went on to play over 200 games and another four premierships. 1980 club Best & Fairest.

#### William May

Champion centreman/half forward recruited from Casterton in the early 1970s. Brilliant mark for his size and loved to kick a goal. Premiership player on four occasions. 1973 club Best & Fairest and 1974 Brunn Trophy.

#### Braith Nunn

Hard running, long kicking player with excellent skills. Won 3 club's senior Best & Fairest awards and played in 8 senior premierships. His 276 games is the second highest number of senior games with the club.

#### Nathan Pring

Elusive half forward/onballer. Won the club Best & Fairest award in 2014 and was selected in the Central Highlands Football League's best team in all three years when playing for the Saints.

#### Terry Wilkie

Recruited to the club from Geelong west in 1981 and played an integral part in the 4 flags from 1982 to 1985. A strong mark and consistent goal kicker.

#### Greg Currie

Champion rover who has won five club Best & Fairest awards. A big possession winner and as tough as they come. Played in 6 premiership sides.

#### Darren Quilliam

Champion rover/forward who had a senior career mixed between Carngham Linton and Ballarat League Club Golden Point. Fearless ball getter and probably the club's best ever tackler. A premiership player on 5 occasions and 5-time club Best & Fairest.

#### Justin Porter

Star forward who won the Lexton Plains League senior goal kicking award in 5 consecutive years from 2001 to 2005, booting 100 goals or more on each occasion. Played in the 4 Premiership sides and won 2 club Best & Fairests. Kicked a Lexton Plains record of 29 goals in one match.

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### David George

Came to the club in 1987 as a defender but a switch up forward saw him lead the Western Plains League goal kicking in 1989 and 1990. A strong mark and very accurate kick, he played 3 premierships. Equaled the Western Plains League record of 21 goals in one match.

### Greg Dax

Champion young ruckman who set the club alight when he arrived in 1982. Played in 1982 and 1983 premiership teams. An athletic, strong marking big man who dominated the centre square and very dangerous when he rested up forward.

### Eugene Grigg

Champion onballer/centreman who is one of the club's most decorated players. Captain coach of 3 premierships and played in a total of 7 senior flags. Western Plains League Brunn Trophy winner on 2 occasions and 3-time club Best & Fairest winner.

### Hans Verdoorn

Champion rover who won 2 Western Plains League Brunn Trophies and 4 club Best & Fairest awards. Played in 3 senior flags and was captain-coach of the 1976 premiership team.

### Grant Gillespie

Super tough utility player capable of playing anywhere. Always at the bottom of the packs and a four-time premiership player.

### Trevor Dummett Jr.

Strong marking and long kicking backman who also had the ability to play in the ruck. 6-time premiership player.

### James Rayner

Tough, uncompromising backman who played 207 games and six senior premierships at the club.

### Jake Pring

Talented onballer/forward who reached more than 250 senior games with the club in 2018. Won 2 club Best & Fairest awards and played in 4 senior premierships with the club.

### Duane Bodey

Prominent onballer who could play up forward. Played 252 games and in 7 senior flags, also coached two seasons at the club.

### Barry Antonio

The club's first ever premiership coach. Came to the club in 1973 and taught us how to win. Fearless player with a great pair of hands and an effective kick.

### Robbie Waters

A great leader who was playing coach in 3 premierships for the club. A tough centreman/onballer.



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