

Wow has it been an action packed fortnight for the club, with numerous events and other great things being announced, including funding commitments, social activities and planning for next year.

Firstly, you may have heard about the commitment from Emma Kealy at our last home game. Should the coalition win the upcoming state election they will contribute \$600,000 towards the modernisation of our facilities at Davis Park. This is certainly welcome news, but it comes with a big asterisk: they have to get elected first. While this could happen, it would be nice to know if the Labor government is also willing to match that offer. The Editor emailed Premier Daniel Andrews last week but is yet to hear back (which reminds us, we haven't heard back about our free portrait of The Queen either, but that's a separate issue). To the best of our knowledge there has not been any other news or announcements in relation to Davis Park.

Speaking of lack of news, we have heard very little from the local council in regards the grandstand since it was first closed. This is obviously disappointing. However, the club are trying hard to get funding so we can open it again. Details and a link to Pick My Project can be found in Brett's spiel on the next page. But members must vote if we want to get funding! This is not something that can be put off until later. There is limited funding available and how much funding we receive depends on how many votes we get. Anyone on the committee will be happy to help you if you're not sure how to vote. In the meantime, with no grandstand, we can only hope it's a fine day when we host the first league final in two weeks time.

But onto more positive news: we welcome Ararat to Davis Park this week, which is also our Sponsor's Day. We are very lucky to have so many sponsors at our club who donate so much. They give money, awards, vouchers, their time or a combination of all four. Without our sponsors we could not survive. And to top the day off, we have our Sportsmen's Night this Saturday evening as well. It's all happening at the community hub which is Davis Park this weekend. Hope to see you there.

The Editor.

From The President

Great to be on the winners list again with all grades of football and two netball wins last weekend in a very cold and wet day out at Dimboola. We will now have our 13 & Under netball, Reserves and Under 17 football in the finals race this September. A few games to go yet and still time to change the ladder for some teams but we look forward to supporting our teams throughout their finals campaign.

Voting is open for "Pick my Project" now and we would like to encourage the public to jump on board and vote for saving our Grandstand at Davis Park: If you are one of the many people who haven't been able to sit in this wonderful structure this season and watch the footy from the best seat in the ground and would like to see it open again please go to our Facebook page or the web site, <u>pickmyproject.vic.gov.au</u> and cast your vote and help a much need community asset open again for the comfort of the public to view our great game. Voting is open for a short time and we need your support.

This week we welcome Ararat to Davis Park. The longest trip for the year for both clubs and wish all the travelers well and a safe return trip home after a great day for sport. Today also is our sponsors day as we thank them for their support and contribution to our club. We appreciate your continued commitment to our community sporting club and look forward to sharing the day with you all.

Saturday night, we have a treat for all our supports. Footy legends Dustin Fletcher and Doug Hawkins along with comedic magician Warren Jackman will entertain us back in the clubrooms after one of our fabulous club meals. Stay around and listen to these legends tell their stories with what I'm sure will be a lot of fun and hilarious skills. Nights like these don't come often to country clubs and we wanted to reward our volunteers for the hard work they have put in over the year with a great night's entertainment.

Nominations are now open for club person of the year which will be presented at our Best and Fairest night. Remember to get a form from the secretary or print one from our website and make your nomination before the closing date. This year we will be hold our Junior Vote Count on the Sunday afternoon of 26th August at 2pm and the Senior Vote Count will be on WFL Grand Final night, 22nd September. Put these dates in your dairy and make sure you can get there to congratulate our club champions for 2018.

Good luck to all our teams this week.

Brett Wheaton, President.



Football Report

Some improved performances over the last couple of weeks from the senior group. Our game plan is starting to be really competitive against some of the better teams but all credit to the players who have really lifted and improved a lot in this second part of the season. Our desperation to be first to the footy has been a major reason, along with our ability to start executing our skills better. To get within eight goals of Horsham was a far better effort than the first time we played them when the margin was 24 goals. A great win against Dimboola followed in wet and greasy conditions.

Everyone has stepped, up with Ed Pritchard taking his game to another level while Mitch Dahlenburg, Aussie Merrett and Loui Preston have continued to improve the longer the season goes. A congratulations to Scott Hughes in reaching the half century of goals mark on the weekend; a very good effort in a team that has won only two games. Scott has also signed for 2019, which is great news for the club as we look ahead to next year.

On another positive note Harold Pritchard played his debut Senior game against Horsham then backed up again vs Dimboola and showed the enormous footballing ability he has at his disposal in a very good game for the 16 year old.

The Reserves have showed some encouraging form over the last two games, cementing their place in the finals for this season. With 2 games to go I urge all the players to get right behind Lukey, Shane and Shrivey; keep turning up to training two nights a week as you guys have a great opportunity ahead of you. The Under 17s have also locked themselves in for the finals so good luck to both of these teams as you look to progress to the Grand Final and then win the Premiership. Finals time is pretty simple equation you just have to win every game to you participate in. All the best to all the club's football and netball teams over the last two rounds.

Tim Bone, Senior Coach.



Netball News

Well, we had a bit of excitement in the netball division with our B Grade girls knocking off the top placed Horsham Demons at home! This was a hard fought match with our girls fighting it out to the end to take home the four points. Well done ladies!



On the weekend against Dimboola we had a mixed bag of results with our C Graders and U13s having good wins, the U15s and B Grade experiencing close losses and the score line blowing out in the A Grade and U17s. Our girls all played in the spirit of the game in dreadful conditions – I think that our U13s were the only ones with dry bodies and a dry court for the day as they mercy ruled Dimboola!

The details of the hotly anticipated netball trip have been released and are as follows: Depart Nhill Saturday morning, hitting a winery in the Adelaide hills for

lunch, into Adelaide to check into our accommodation and enjoy the activities that follow. Sunday morning we will go out for brekkie and hit the road, getting back to Nhill in the early-mid arvo. This will be on the 6-7th of October. Well done to Emily Barber and Rosie Smith for organising this. There will be further details to follow. This is open to all club ladies – not just netball oriented ones. Please contact Rose or Emily if you are keen – it's going to be a great weekend!



I would like to finish by encouraging everyone to have a think and submit nominations for Club Person of the Year. This is a great way to recognise volunteers who put in countless hours so that we can all enjoy our sports. You can download the form from the club website or grab one from the secretary's office. This award will be awarded at the Senior Vote Count and Presentation Night.

Good luck for the last two weeks of the home and away season! Best wishes to all teams who are finals bound – we will all be there cheering you on!

Emma Beer, A Grade Coach.



Nhill & District Sporting Club Vote Counts

A reminder about the vote counts coming up:

Junior Football/Netball: Sunday, 26th of August starting 2pm at Davis Park. Please bring a plate of afternoon tea to share.

Senior Football/Netball: Saturday, 22nd of September after the league Grand Final. More details to follow on Facebook and FlexiBuzz.

Hockey: Saturday, 25th of August starting 6pm. The presentations will be followed by a DJ and the return of the football and netball bus trip.

200 Senior Games

With Ben Pollock recently playing his 200th senior game, we thought it would be interesting to see which other footballers have reached that milestone. Here is

1.	S. Graham	364	7.	S. Donnell	219
2.	G. Warner	270	8.	B. Pollock	206
3.	C. Alexander	261	9.	C. Fischer	205
4.	W. Warrick	254	10.	T. Gilmore	203
5.	M. Magrath	226	11.	B. Bartlett	201
6.	G. Cole	222	12.	R. Gordon	201

Ahrens Field Bin Silent Auction

Have you noticed the field bin at the entry to Davis Park? Donated by Ahrens, we currently have a silent auction going for the bin. The current bid is located beside the bar; see Glenn Meek or Brett Wheaton if you would like to have a crack.

Hockey Report

Round 14 of WHA hockey saw NDSC – Hockey Division play on a warmish but wet/ turning freezing cold Friday evening and a freezing cold and wet Saturday at Dimboola. Nhill played against all Warracknabeal teams, with three draws and a close loss. Several members also sat in on the Hockey Victoria run Rules Session with Scott Robinson and gained some valuable insight, also benefitting as umpires from Scott and Neil Hall's insight on field.

Bandits

The Under 12 Development Program team Bandits got to play in a decent shower of rain this week finally, being reminded that hockey is a winter sport! Everyone played an awesome game against an improved Warrack team. Lots of passes and some fantastic tackles. Bandits were treated to the Hockey Victoria umpire Neil Hall umpiring their game, with some encouraging words and direction as they played. The kids rave about Neil, so big thanks to him for his expertise.

Thanks again to Rachel and Giana, this time filling in for the Kaniva Rampagers to give them a full team, both little champs.

Final score: Bandits 2 drew with Avengers 2.

Goal scorers: Violet Moloney 1, Jiah Clark 1.

Encouragement award: Noah Reichelt, for his enthusiasm and trying hard.

WHA Under 12 Presentations will be held immediately following the Under 12 matches this Saturday coming.

Leopards

Despite being third on the U16 ladder the Leopards played an even game against top team Revengers. Half time was 0-0.

Revengers scored early in the second half. Jason scored a little while later from a short corner with 3 or 4 well timed passes moving the ball around the D well and into the goal. With 10 minutes to go Lance scored, this also from a short corner, well executed with good passing around to create space. Very effective short corners.

One home and away round to go to fine tune some skills before finals!

Final score: Leopards 2 drew with Revengers 2. Goal scorers: Jason Reichelt 1, Lance McBride 1. Umpire votes: Ellie Murden 3, Jason Reichelt 2, Lance McBride 1, Matthew Reichelt 1. Coach's award (club glass): Ellie Murden. Coach's award (club voucher): Deegan Clark. Chaser Award: Tori Cuming. No Fear Award: Kayden Rowe.



White Hart Hotel

Thunderbirds

Despite a hard-fought draw with Warrack Women on Friday night in the penultimate home and away round, the two points earned are not enough to keep Thunderbirds' finals hopes alive for this season. Kellie scored about 6 minutes into the game and Nhill hung onto the lead into the break, fighting hard. Half time, Thunderbirds 1-0 up.

About 5 minutes into the second half Zoe copped the ball to the side of the face after running out on a short corner and left the field for the remainder of the game. Warrack eventually scored with two minutes to go to force the draw. Both teams fought hard with a lot to lose in this game, a must win for Nhill. A well played game, with Nhill playing out two short corners after the final whistle, but unfortunately unable to convert. Great to have Jeanette back again, and Milly!

Final score: Thunderbirds 1 drew with Warrack Women 1.

Goal scorers: Kellie Farquharson 1.

Umpire votes: Kellie Farquharson 3, Rachel Clark 2, Ellie Murden 1.

Coach's award (club glass and Amber's Sweet Bliss voucher): Veronica Kenneally, for placing good tackles and getting into the right position.

Rangers

Rangers played a good first half with a bit of attack and great defence work. Muzz was on fire in the goals blocking several shots, lucky we had some light cooling rain. Sam B was cutting off a lot through the midfield, as was Lee on half back and Sam V and Daisy at full back. Half time 0-0.

The rain set in, light but steady during the second half. Hoops were able to score from a deflection about five minutes into the half. Despite several short corners this was the only score for the game. Kellie copped a ball to the knee with instant dimples and lump but came back on a little while later. Rachel stopped a nice overhead on the left stick side and was able to push it forward. Forwards Blake, Darren, Andrew, Rodney, Chad and Shane put in a good effort. A great effort against the top two team.

Final score: Rangers 0 lost to Hoops 1.

Goal scorers: NA.

Umpire votes: Sam Bone 3, Sam Vonarx 2, Lee Marra 1, Blake Miller 1.

Coach's award (club glass and voucher): Lee Marra, for being strong in defence, backing up the other defenders and making good runs up into attack.

Round 15

Nhill hockey's next matches will be on Friday, 17th August and Saturday, 18th August at Dimboola. Nhill will take on Dimboola teams. Friday: Thunderbirds at 7pm; Rangers at 8.30pm. Saturday: Leopards at 11am; Bandits at 12.30pm. The WHA Under 12 End of Season Presentations will be held immediately following the Under 12 matches.

Rachel Clark, Hockey Reporter.

The Jungle Telegraph

One job. When you're the quiz master for the evening you literally have one job: don't tell people the answer when you're reading out the questions. But Ritchie Dodds, who insists on having the microphone at every home function, got a little carried away when showing off his musical knowledge. When asking which band Daryl Braithwaite was once the lead singer for, Ritchie couldn't help but sing a few lines from Sherbet as a bit of a clue. And then he went on a bit of a tangent and ended up telling the crowd that the lead singer of Sherbet was Daryl Braithwaite. He had gone full circle and completely forgotten the original question. It didn't really matter though as no one was listening anyway. We'd like to say a big thank you to Pete Mac for his organisation of the questions on the night. Macca was also impressed with Doddsy's ability to recall all of the sayings for each number during bingo... not realising that Ritchie was reading them off the projector screen.

A touch of class. Jonesy's reaction said it all when he touched the ball on the goal line last Saturday. It was a look of dismay, with a hint of sadness. Darcy Honeyman had just launched the ball from 60 on the run (if you ask him) and it was about to sail through for a goal... but Jonesy, 15 metres clear of any opponent, decided he'd reach out to grab it, only to have the ball brush his finger tips before going through. The goal umpire, however, must have been feeling sympathetic, as he decided to award a goal anyway. Jonesy could hardly hide his smirk. Dimboola, on the other hand, could not hide their outrage.

All in the delivery. Under 14's coach and SuperCoach failure Ed Pritchard was pretty happy with himself last home game. At three-quarter time his Under 14 boys were down, but Coach Ed gave a ripping address to the team before their last quarter. It was so good that Ed was heard to comment afterwards "I've got myself pumped up now!" So what was the result? The Under 14s fought hard but unfortunately did not get the win. Ed, however, went on to get best on ground in the seniors, so it obviously worked for him.

Together forever. Did you know Ben Jones and Simon "Grandpa" Cave have played together for quite a long time? Here's a photo of their early days at St Bernard's, Jonesy (back right) as a spritely 18 year old and Cavey (back left) aged only 47.



Through thick and thin. How nice is it to see Zieter supporting his Adelaide player, favourite Port Hamish Hartlett, after doing his knee earlier in the year? We wonder support was still as if his unwavering when Port lost last weekend to a kick after the siren? Safe to say it was a long drive home or Jordan and Harrap.



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Look-A-Like

This one is pretty obvious. Our Reserve's Team Manager and team kitchen organiser has more than a passing resemblance to the world's most famous plumber. He's also pretty handy with power tools apparently.



Jag The Joker

Jag The Joker is up to **\$440** this Thursday and it must go off before the end of the season! If we do not have a winner after training we keep drawing until we have a winner on Saturday!



Club Rosters

Keeping this club running takes a lot of hard work. Therefore, there are a number of rosters about the club to help spread the load. Please be prompt for your duties and if you're not sure what needs to be done then please ask. If you are not able to make your allocated date or time then you need to <u>arrange your own swap</u>. **Complete copies of the rosters can be found around the club, our website, and as a link on FlexiBuzz.**

Canteen Roster				
9am - 12pm	11am - 2pm	12pm - 3pm	2pm - 5pm	
Wendy Zimmermann*	Karen Kennedy	Kylie Gebert	Yvonne Jones	
Mandy Alexander	Fiona Reaby	Pritchard Family	Adele Bone	
Jeanette McLeod		Jane Sparling	Tracey Preston	
Emily Gladdis**	*Set Up 7am - 9am	**9:30am - 11am		

Rosters For Round 17, August 18th, Nhill vs Ararat

Afternoon Tea Roster			
Provide Afternoon Tea (3 dozen pieces by 9:30am)	Prepare & Serve 2:50pm - 4:30pm	Provide Soup (4 litres by 10am)	
Peta Foster	Karen Wheaton	Bianca Meek	
Sarah White		Karen Kennedy	
Carolyn Blackwood		Michelle Menzel	

BBQ Roster		Sandwiches		
8:30am - 10:30am	11:30am - 2:30pm	8:30am Set Up	9:30am Prep	
Brodie Cramer		Fiona Marshman	Janet Harris	
		Renae Wheaton	Michelle Barber	
		Mick Purchase	Murray Bone Family	

Bar Duties				
Day Bar Night Bar				
12pm - 2:30pm		5pm - 8pm		
1:30pm - 4pm		8pm - Late	Yvonne Jones	
2:30pm - 5pm				

Tea Roster				
16 August	Thursday	C Grade Netballers - Group 2		
18 August	Saturday	Senior Footballers	1/4 Chicken And Veg	
23 August	Thursday	Senior Footballers/A & B Netballers		

Sponsor's Spiel

The Nhill & District Sporting Club greatly appreciates its many sponsors. Without them, the club simply would not exist. Below is a list of businesses that are supporting us for 2018 and we urge our members to support them in return. Any businesses interested in sponsorship are asked to please contact Graeme Cole.

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Nhill & District Sporting Club Committee

A huge thank you to our committee members for 2018. Their time and contributions are certainly appreciated. Please support our volunteers and the club whenever possible as many hands make light work. There are still places available on the committee if any members would like to assist.

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Bar Notice

A reminder that we are a licensed premises. Therefore, as per the law, we will not allow underage drinking, there can be no BYO alcohol, and all visitors must sign the guestbook located at the bar.

Items For Tiger Tales

Do you have something worth including in Tiger Tales? All contributions are welcome. Items need to be submitted to the editor by the Tuesday evening before the next football/netball home game.

Please send all contributions to: