

teams and as a club as a whole. Some sides would have been hoping for more success this year, but importantly the club is in a strong position and the foundations for 2019 have already been laid.

We had three teams make finals this year; the Under 17 and Reserve football, and the Under 13 netball. This was very positive to see. Davis Park hosted the Elimination Final which once again ran smoothly due to the tireless work of our volunteers. Unfortunately, the home final was not enough to get the Reserves over the line, but the Under 17 football had a great win. They faced Stawell in the First Semi-Final, who proved to be a very strong outfit. It was terrific to see our Under 13 netball make it all the way to the Preliminary Final! A sensational effort and an experience they will never forget. We have a report from their coach later in this edition.

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to Tiger Tales again this season. We rely heavily on other people making submissions so that everyone has something to read. We are especially appreciative of those who dish some dirt on their mates for the Jungle Telegraph. Thank you.

Finally, thank you to all of our volunteers for the season and in particular to our committee who have been short-staffed all year but continued to keep the club functioning and moving forward. We all know there will be vacancies within the committee next year, which raises the following question; some people are quick to point the finger, but are you willing to stick up your hand? We have plenty of good people with great ideas around the club, but we need those people to step forward and take on the challenge to help us succeed in 2019.

We hope everyone enjoys our Presentation Night this evening. Congratulations to all of the award winners and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

The Editor.

From The President

Here we are at the end of the season already. The Grand Final has been played and won, now we come together to celebrate our year and congratulate our club champions. While we acknowledge all our worthy winners tonight, I'd like to also congratulate everyone that has been in any way apart of club and helped, as the true club winners are you that make our club what it is.

Congratulations to our 13 & Under netballers on their finals campaign, who took it all the way to the Premilitary Final at Murtoa. It was the first taste of finals netball for those girls and what a great effort to get that far. Lots of talented girls in this team, which will be exciting to watch for many years to come and I'm sure plenty more successes and proud parent moments to be had. Well done girls on your successful year and thanks to Coaches Laura and Rae, Team Manger Michelle and everyone else who helped through out the year.

Also, our U17's boys made it through two finals. A very talented bunch of boys this year, some of which had their first taste of senior footy through out the year and fitted very easily into that group of footballers which is promising for the future of the club. What a great year of junior football you boys have had with several of them being selected to play interleague, winning Blue Ribbon awards, and much more to come. Congratulations to Angus Wheaton on his Runner up Best and Fairest WFL award. What a great season you have had with your footy in both Junior and senior levels. Thanks to Darren and Ben for another fantastic season coaching along with Peter as Team Manager. Well done guys.

While our senior footballers and netballers didn't see as much success this season as they would have liked, I feel the team building and playing groups are not far off success. Positive steps have been made and we are working our way towards that winning success across the club. Thanks to Tim and Emma and their helpers for the 2018 season. Well done to our Ressie boys again in making the finals this year. Congrats to Bob and Shane on their coaching and building that team spirit with the boys. Success isn't always measured by wins but how you get to win sometimes.

Coach of the year Rob Bell and his Auskick helpers: what a fantastic year you have had. Great to see numbers attending training Sundays and throughout the season, all enjoying being part of the fun of footy. Thanks to the parents for being part of the kids footy and getting involved in their sport. Congratulations Rob and Tracey on the award and making such an effort of the Auskickers.

Our club has had its Junior Vote Count recently and I'd like to congratulate everyone who has been part of the club for their involvement and contribution across all sports. Congratulations to our trophy winners on their year and well done to everyone for being part of the success. Tonight, we host our Senior Vote count out at

the Little Desert Lodge, which will be a fitting way to finish up the season for most of us.

Thanks to our great members on your support and help throughout the year. There is always plenty to do around the club yet somehow it always gets done and in style at Nhill.

Watch out for the Daniher Drive in Nhill for morning tea on Friday, 12th October as the cars roll into Davis Park for a stop over and cuppa. Its sure to be a fun morning and one not to miss.

White Hart Hotel

Brett Wheaton, President.

Football Report

Firstly congratulations to the Under 13 netballers for making it to the Preliminary Final; the Under 17 footballers to the Semi Finals; and the Reserves footballers to the Elimination Final. Well done on your efforts.

Unfortunately, our Senior team have been unable to meet our preseason expectations of playing finals footy this season, but their have been a number of positives. This includes the blooding of a number of Under 17s players; development of the younger senior players in the team; playing a more competitive brand of football in the second half of the season; and the commitment from the majority of players on the training front all season.

A number of thank yous from me as coach: Aaron Beer, my Senior Assistant Coach; Graeme Cole, Backline Coach; Ben Crouch, Runner; Liam Albrecht, Senior Captain; Luke Oldaker, Reserve Coach; Shane Gusman; Josh Shrive, Reserve Captain; Matt Fritsch; Solly Marshall; Xavier Bone; Peter Marshall during pre-season; all the trainers; the Under 17s footballers for running water; and all club volunteers, supporters and sponsors of the club. Your support is muchly appreciated.

2019 is a season that we have to play finals footy. We have to start winning games, and this means every player at the club has to work harder at their fitness and their game in general to be better players. Pre-season is going to be harder, the coaching group is going to push every player to improve their games because our performances this season weren't good enough. Trainings will be Tuesday and Thursday plus Saturday mornings. The recruiting committee will be announcing a number of signings in the coming weeks and we hope all our local players continue their buy in from this season as we look to continue building into 2019 with a better win loss record.

Congratulations to all award winners this weekend in football and netball but a big well done to all players throughout the 2018 season as it's a team game.

Tim Bone, Senior Coach.

Football Award Recipients: Reserves

Best & Fairest: Sam Bone Runner Up: Tom Crowhurst Most Consistent: Dylan Webb Best First Year Player: Jackson Morgan Coach's Award: Sam Albrecht

Club Award Recipients:

Best Club Person: Karen Rintoule Player Life Members: Benjamin Pollock



Seniors

Best & Fairest: Ben Jones Equal Runner Up: Jake Harrap, Stephen Craig Most Consistent: Jordan Zeitz Most Improved: Toby Marshall Leading Goal Kicker: Scott Hughes Coach's Award: Edmund Pritchard Players' Player Award: Stephen Craig

Game Milestones:

Ben Pollock - 200 Senior Games Pete Bone - 150 Reserve Games Karen Shurdington - 100 Club Games Kristy Nottle - 100 Club Games Jess Smith - 50 A Grade Games Nick Bone - 50 Senior Games Mitch Dahlenburg - 50 Senior Games Darcy Honeyman - 50 Senior Games Jordan Zeitz - 50 Senior Games Jake Harrap - 50 Senior Games Brodie Cramer - 50 Reserve Games

Netball News

Well, what a year we have had! Firstly, I would just like to thank everyone for their hard work this season. A massive thank you to Rebecca Clark, our fearless Netball Director. Bec, you have just been a dream - so organised, professional and driven. And to your subcommittee: Kristy Schneider, Amanda Cole, Emma Dickinson, Suzy Smith and myself. It was great to be a part of a committee of such hardworking, professional women who worked so well together.

A huge thanks to my fellow coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, umpires and volunteers for their efforts in getting each grade on the court each week. Although in some grades we may have been disappointed to not have the success we had hoped for at the start of the season, I feel like each team and individual player has grown, improved and hopefully had a lot of fun. It has been a really positive and fun season to be a part of.

Thank you to Leonie Graham for being our score secretary. Leonie has done this rather thankless job for as long as I can remember without a fuss. Leonie, we really appreciate your hard work and dedication for this season and those that have come before it.

Thank you to the players. It has been great getting to know everyone - either better or at all. You are all a great bunch of ladies and I hope you have all taken something positive away from this season, made some new friends, learnt something new and enjoyed yourselves.

As I am writing this, the Under 13 netballers are a day away from meeting Horsham Saints in the preliminary final in Murtoa. I am thoroughly looking forward to cheering these ladies on tomorrow and wish them all the best. I hope they have enjoyed their finals experience and know that our club is proud of them, regardless of the outcome.

I hope that everyone has a killer night tonight to celebrate our 2018 season. Congrats to all award recipients.

Finally, I hope that everyone is keen for a bigger and better 2019. I hope that we see you all back again next year. We will soon be advertising for expressions of interest for coaching staff for the 2019 season. For anyone considering coaching or assisting - I would recommend it. It is challenging at times, but like most things, it is definitely worth the effort. A sporting club can't operate without volunteers, so if coaching isn't your thing there are plenty of other roles that are required to be filled. So please, put your hand up and do your bit for our club.

Thank you to everyone for their support! Onwards and upwards in 2019!

Emma Beer, A Grade Coach.

Preliminary Finalists!

It has been a good season for the Under 13 girls leading up to finals, and they worked so hard to get where they did. Sunday's game against Saints was one of the best games I've seen the girls play and for the first time this season I think we got them scared.

Even though we didn't come away with a win, I think anyone who was there to watch the game will certainly agree that it was exciting. With a slow start to the game, we could see that the girls were nervous, but some slight changes over the last three quarters gave them a confidence boost and they came home strong.

Myself and my super mentor, Rae, are so proud of the girls for their efforts and it was quite hard for us to decide on who deserved the glass. If it were up to myself and Rae, we would have given out 10. Thankfully Emma Beer was happy to select our award winners.

Tilli Menzel, who played Centre the whole game, won the tiger glass and it was well deserved. Rhiannon Smith received the voucher, having a very consistent game.

All the girls deserve credit for how well their season has gone and all the helpers we've had throughout the year, including Michelle Menzel, our team manager, who without we would not be as organised and efficient.

A ripper end to a ripper year.

Laura Dittloff, Under 13s Coach.

Netball Award Recipients: C Grade

Best & Fairest: Eliza France Runner Up: Katherine Colbert Most Consistent: Isabelle Shelton Coach's Award: Catherine Bates

B Grade

Best & Fairest: Tracey Bell Runner Up: Emma Dickinson Most Consistent: Hannah Craig Coach's Award: Hannah Craig

A Grade

Best & Fairest: Lauren Tink Runner Up: Gorgia Sealey Most Consistent: Brittany Keller Coach's Award: Sarah Dickinson





Hockey Presentations

NDSC Hockey Division held their presentation night on Saturday, 25th August 2018 at the Davis Park clubrooms. There was plenty to keep the evening rolling along, with photos on a PowerPoint, mains and dessert, a vote count for the U16s, Women's and Open divisions, as well as PowerPoint presentations and awards, gifts and thank yous.

Hockey Manager Helen Cannell welcomed everyone to the evening and thanked everyone for their involvement to help make it a great year. Every little bit helps, from coaches, managers, players, line markers, canteen, bbq cooks, parents, supporters... the list goes on.

Various gifts were presented during the evening:

- Umpires Kellie Farquharson and Jason Reichelt, also one for Helen Cannell later. Also thanks to Lance McBride and Ellie Murden for helping umpire U12s.
- Coach gifts to Kellie Farquharson for Thunderbirds and Rangers, Mary-Anne Lovera and Peter Colbert for Leopards, and Rickie Chequer for Bandits.
- Special mention to Team Managers Hayley Sherwell for Bandits, Janelle Reichelt for Leopards, and Rachel Clark for Thunderbirds.
- Special mention to captains Ellie Murden and vice Jason Reichelt for Leopards, Leah Hawker and vice Grace McLeod for Thunderbirds, and David Reichelt for Rangers.
- Tech bench officials gifts for Kathy Koop, Janelle Reichelt and Kym Burns who officiated the most for the club.
- Flowers for Rachel Clark for general support, from Helen, also Women's team.
- Flowers and gifts for Helen for a wonderful job as Hockey Manager for 2018 in her first year in the job. Well done!
- Thanks to Meeky for the perfect grounds that the hockey enjoys; Jeanette McLeod, Mary-Anne Lovera and everyone for helping in the canteen, making soup or doing duty; Murray Miller, David Reichelt and the men for lining the field and moving goals.
- Thanks to Wendy Crowhurst with technical expertise on the presentation night.
- Thanks to the following sponsors of the awards: McBride Family, DJR Transport, Home Hardware, Deb Cook, The Crowhurst Family, J & J McLeod, Rural Energy, Miller Transport, W & H Cannell Builders.
- Thanks 8, 9, 10 Takeaway for the pizzas for tea and Bow Bakery for the crumble sweets.
- NDSC President Brett Wheaton addressed the crowd towards the end of the evening.

Hockey presentations finished up just before the DJ cranked the music upon the return of the football/netballers.



Rachel Clark, Hockey Reporter.

Hockey Award Recipients: Under 12s:

Encouragement Award: Claire Rowe Highest Goal Scorer: Violet Moloney Graduating Glass: Jiah Clark, Isaac Pohlner, Troye McBride

Under 16s:

Best & Fairest: Jason Reichelt Runner Up: Ellie Murden Most Consistent: Kendra Clark Most Improved Player: Alison Miller Defence Award: Kayden Rowe Team Spirit Award: Deegan Clark Highest Goal Scorer: Matthew Reichelt

Women's:

Mark Cook Best & Fairest Trophy: Grace McLeod Runner Up: Rachel Clark Most Consistent: Kellie Farquharson Coach's Award: Emily Koop Most Improved: Brandy-Lea Cuming Highest Goal Scorers: Kellie Farquharson, Leah Hawker, Ellie Murden

Open:

Equal Best & Fairest: Blake Miller, David Reichelt Runner Up: Sam Bone Most Consistent: Darren Schwarz Coach's Award: Lee Marra Most Improved: Rodney Reichelt Highest Goal Scorers: Rodney Reichelt, Jason Reichelt



The Jungle Telegraph

Big Bell brings home the bacon. Rob Bell had a successful night at the Wimmera Football/Netball League Vote Count last Monday evening, being named Auskick Coach Of The Year. Belly was clearly chuffed to receive the award and was asked to compare being Auskick Coach with his other football related job; runner for the Twos. "There are a lot of similarities between the two roles," said Bell. "Neither the Auskick kids nor the Reserves listen to what you say. Both groups follow the ball around like a roving maul and don't hold their positions. The skill level is almost identical. And of course I always need a beer after we've finished."

Bullen snags three. Belly wasn't the only one having success at the league vote count, with Darcy Bullen managing to accumulate three votes in the Twos. We asked him his thoughts on being one of Nhill's best vote-getters and he had this to say: "It was a pleasant surprise, to be honest. I'm not sure when I got the votes, but I presume I received best-on-around during the last round against the Giants. That's when I made their player on the mark look like a fool. He tried to lay a tackle, but as you may have seen from the picture on Facebook (photo included), I had my guns out and he had no chance of stopping me. It's a great photo, certainly better than that one of my teammate circulating around (photo not included)."



Night of confusion. "Retro Night" caused mass confusion amongst the senior playing group at the last home-and-away training of the season. Raiding Dad's (or Grandad's) wardrobe to find the oldest gear they could, players all embraced the occasion. However, this had unintended side effects, as players couldn't recognise each other in guernseys which were older than some of the blokes wearing them. All players were of course required to pull up their socks and tuck in their jumpers. This resulted in complaints from the younger lads who said their movement was being restricted. Those who managed to find some old shorts may not be able to sire children; so expect to see the club's junior numbers dip in about ten years' time.

Which way to Hopetoun? There was also confusion on the way to the last home-and-away game at Hopetoun, when the bus left Davis Park and headed down the main street towards Kaniva. Patrons worried that the bus driver had finally lost the plot. However, it turned out that Gorgia Sealy had just left her phone at home and an urgent detour was required to collect it. Too bad it then went flat trying to find service north of Lake Hindmarsh... **A story with mates.** Another tale has surfaced about fan favourite, Simon "Grandpa" Cave. We are reliably informed that towards the end of the season Cave refused to drive both Ben Jones and Jesse Morano to the game because he wanted to listen to an audio book for the duration of his journey. On the one hand, we're impressed to see Grandpa using such modern technology. We just presumed he still used wax cylinders to listen to his favourite tunes. But really, is an audio book a sound reason not to give your "mates" a



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lift? Couldn't you just put some music on, or maybe a podcast that everyone could enjoy? We've since heard the audio book in question was actually Fifty Shades Of Grey... so maybe it was best for all involved that Jonesy and Jesse drove themselves.

Cricket Details

The end of the football, netball and hockey seasons can only mean one thing: cricket season is just around the corner. As you may have heard, there have been major changes to senior cricket for the 2018/2019 season. The West Wimmera Cricket Association team's from last year have now come together under the NDSC umbrella. They will be entering senior sides into the Horsham Cricket Association as the West Wimmera Warriors.

Senior cricket training begins this week on Tuesday, 25th and Thursday, 27th of September, starting at 5:30pm at Davis park. Please make a effort to attend these early trainings as we will be looking at getting player sizes for new uniforms. A membership night is also planned that all players need to attend. Details will be released shortly.

Junior cricket has plenty happening this year as well, starting with a training camp next Wednesday, 26th of September from 9:30am through to 4pm.

Coaches include:

Guy Walker: Melbourne Renegades & Melbourne Demons Grace Lee: Western Waves Under 14 Female Coach Lauren Tink: Western Waves Under 17 Female Assistant Coach Tony Caccaviello: Cricket Victoria - Cricket Manager

If you are aged between 10 and 17 this will be a great opportunity for you to improve and develop your skills for the upcoming season with the help of some of the best cricket coaches available.

The cost of \$25.00 will include a BBQ lunch and drinks on the Wednesday. The payment will be taken on the day of the camp. Registrations are required. Please contact Trevor James on 0439 594 793 or email <u>tmjam6@gmail.com</u> for more information.

Junior Football & Netball

Congratulations to all junior football and netball award recipients. A great way to finish off the 2018 season. Thank you to all those who helped organise the day, to the coaches and team managers, to all of the award sponsors, and to everyone else who has assisted with our juniors this year.

Netball Award Recipients: 13 & Under

Best & Fairest: Tilli Menzel Runner Up: Arli Lowe Most Consistent: Eh Lah Pay Coach's Award: Paw Blu Moo

15 & Under A

Best & Fairest: Ruby James Runner Up: Jenna Schneider Most Consistent: Zara Clark Coach's Award: Demi Nossack

17 & Under

Best & Fairest: Lucy Bone Runner Up: Kiara Jones Most Consistent: Alex Argall Coach's Award: Olivia Dart

Look-A-Like

Football Award Recipients: Under 14s

Best & Fairest: Brayden Purchase Runner Up: Matt Brown Most Consistent: Connor Jones Most Improved: Alan Van Der Linden Best First Year Player: Lucas Cole Coach's Award: Rylan Schneider

Under 17s

Best & Fairest: Drew Schneider Runner Up: Jarryd Dahlenburg Most Consistent: Angus Wheaton Most Valuable Player: Mitchell Jones Most Determined: Darcy Alexander Best First Year Player: Blake Miller Leading Goal Kicker: Drew Schneider Coach's Award: Thomas Harris

At this year's Black Tie Ball, Harrap's hair reminded us of a well-known gaming icon. Of course, Sonic The Hedgehog doesn't wear glasses, nor does he own a jacket that is worth more than some people's first car. But that's the price you pay to be stylish.



Sponsor's Spiel

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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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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: