

# EAGLES EDITORIAL FINAL EDITION 2018



# FROM THE PRESIDENT

It seems a long time ago now since the first game when we were all in the change rooms belting out the loudest singing of the theme song I've heard in a long time. Unfortunately the senior side didn't get the chance to celebrate another win for the season but were more than competitive in most games and weren't far away in quite a few. As a whole, the club has had a successful year fielding all teams, with league representatives in both the football and netball and finishing with three netball teams in the finals and our two junior football teams. Paul has done a fantastic job as senior coach over the last three years and while the results may not be to where he expected, the work he has put in both on and off the field will lead to success in the future.

Congratulations to our two Grand Final teams, the U13 girls started the day off the best way possible by coming away with a win and our U14.5 boys were gallant in defeat. Our U17.5 boys also played some good footy in the finals and the U15 girls and A Grade girls also had a good finals series.

There are many people to thank for their hard work during the year, all our committee members for their support, Kayelene as secretary organising the Hoot'n'Nanny and other functions during the year, Rob as our Vice President, Rodeo organiser and many other jobs, Mark as our treasurer, Jenny our Netball President and her committee, Fran our match day secretary, the football dept Rob Mark and Andrew. A big thank you to our trainers, Paul Boyd, Fran, Silv, and Andrew Mallon who helped out. Gary Bowen our bar manager, Mel Hardingham our canteen manager and Thursday night tea coordinator. Verena our money makers treasurer along with Craig and Kayelene for organising functions during the year. To all our coaches, umpires, water boys team managers and the many helpers who are there every Saturday Thankyou.

The Hoot'n'Nanny was successful again this year along with the Rodeo which we ran for the first time this year. These functions require a lot of time to organise but are vital to keep the club running financially so please help out next year when they come around again. The functions held during the year were all well attended and were enjoyed by everyone who was there.

Thanks to our generous sponsors and cattle club members your support throughout the year is very much appreciated .

As always we are looking for new members to go on the committee. The Netball AGM is on the 10th October and the Club AGM is on the 13th of November at the club rooms.

Well done to all the trophy winners.

John Sherman

# **NETBALL PRESIDENT**

## **Jenny Fish**

I have learnt many things in my first year as president. Some things I will never do again, some things will change slightly but other things have been tried and tested and will remain unchanged. The start of the year brought us new look teams and coaches. As most clubs do we lost some players but we also gained some awesome ones and we hope they enjoyed their year.

To our coaches this year Ali, Kess, Fran, FePe, Annabelle and Dani, thank you for taking on these jobs. Lots of hard work goes into training sessions and game days. Thanks Danielle for organising our umpires every week. Also thanks to timekeepers, scorers and trainers and to everyone that does those thankless little jobs behind the scenes.

Congratulations to those teams that made finals and especially to the U13 netballers and U14 ½ footballers on making the grand final and to all trophy winners.

I'd like to thank the netball committee and John and his Committee for the year. There are some passionate people at this club who will always have your back if there's an issue. This year has reiterated to me that within this club no problem is too big or is ever yours alone. Thanks again, have a great summer and I hope to see you all next year

Jenny Fish

# EAGLES REPRESENT!

A number of people have taken advantage of the opportunity to participate in representative teams throughout the season. Congratulations to you all on your selections. You have all done us proud!

## Interleague Representatives

James Beasley (Seniors)

Jett Price (U13)

Jordy Milverton (U13)

Henry McGuane (U13)

Elijah Reid (U15)

Oliver McGuane (U18)

Tom O'Farrell (U18)

Alex Lockhart (U18)

## Barwon Junior Netball Championships

Remi Duynhoven

Zainab Balogun

## Finals Series

Louise McNamara

Bruce Boyd

Albert Scott

Jaymie Coleman

Gary Bowen

Emily Montano

Lionel Scott

Linda Knight

Leo Scott

## **WORKING BEE**

**SATURDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER**

**9 AM**

Many hands make light work, so please, if you can spare some time come and lend a hand. Bring lawn mowers, whipper snippers etc

**All members of the Western Eagles Football Netball Club  
are invited to attend**

W.E.F.N.C. Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 13th November 2018

7.30pm at the Clubrooms

Show your support of our great Club and be in attendance  
at these meetings.

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W.E.F.N.C. (Netball) Annual General Meeting

Wednesday October 10th 2018

7.30pm at the Clubrooms

**Titpullers Hoot 'n' Nanny**

**Saturday 9th February  
2019**

Keep this date free, we WILL  
be needing your help

# MONEY MAKERS

Through the efforts of a lot of hardworking people Money Makers has enjoyed a very successful and busy year. Money Makers is the financial reward which comes from many areas of our club including our social functions, Thursday night teas, catering, the canteen, bar and booth. I have the privilege of dealing with the end results of many people's hard work. All of this only possible by the commitment of a number of dedicated people and supported by the members. Our thanks and acknowledgement must go to those who take on these roles that allow our club to function each and every week.

This year Mel Hardingham took on the role of running our canteen. It takes a lot of time and organisation to get the canteen up and running each home game. I would like to thank Mel for all her hard work and commitment to making everything run smoothly. There is an awful lot to be done behind the scenes before we even get to Saturday. Thank you to everyone who has assisted in the canteen throughout the season. Your help is greatly appreciated. So, thank you very much.

An enormous thanks must again go to Mel Hardingham, Tracey Price, Glenda Montano, Jo Grant, Jacinta Langdon and anyone else who has supported the ladies in the kitchen on a Thursday night cooking tea. You have done a fantastic job providing us with some amazing home cooked meals and dessert after training. Thank you all for the time and effort you put in every week. We really appreciate everything you do.

A huge thank you must go to Gary Bowen who has been our dedicated Bar Manager. Gary has worked tirelessly in organising and running our bar throughout the season. Congratulations on a job well done. Thanks also to anyone else who has helped out in the bar or booth.

As every year our social functions were extremely successful. Thanks, must go to our social committee for organising these events. A few highlights of the year being our Race Night, Ball and Trivia Night. Thanks, must go to Craig Hardingham for organising our Race Night. This was something new that we hadn't done before. Everyone who attended had a great night. Thanks Craig. Our ball as always was a fantastic night with great music and plenty of dancing. Thank you must go to Monty and Kayelene for organising this event. Special thanks to Gary, Jeanette and Johnny for organising and running the bar. You were certainly kept very busy. Trivia with a Twist was another great night for both young and old, with 165 in attendance. Well done to the committee on the organising and running of another fantastic function. Thank you to everyone who supported any of our social functions throughout the year.

This year we put our hand up to cater for a Falcons game at the Central Reserve. Thank you to Kayelene for organising this day and well done to everyone who came along and helped out. A day which would have had to be one of the coldest and wettest days this year.

This year we successfully catered for the Elimination Final at the Central Reserve on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August. The organising of such a day is an enormous task, therefore a huge thanks in particular must go to Kayelene Robertson, Mel Hardingham, Silvana Sherman and Jenny Fish who worked for weeks making sure everything was right for the day. Congratulations to everyone who helped out and lent a hand. It is a huge job that is made easier with the support of many people.

Lastly, an enormous thank you to each and everyone of you for your time, effort and support given in so many ways around the club. Without you all we could not achieve the results we have. I encourage all members to make yourselves available, join the committee or even take on a role next year. I can't emphasize enough how extremely important it is that everyone chips in. It takes a lot of time and money to keep a football/netball club going. Remembering, everything that we do is for the benefit of this great club and everyone should be proud to be a part of "The Eagles Family".

Verena Jeffreys

## **RHYS EVANS KUBOTO**

### **COLAC RODEO**

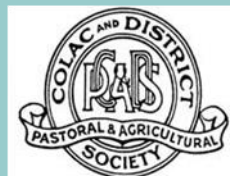
**March 30 2019**

Major fundraiser in  
conjunction with the  
Colac P & A Society

To be held at the Colac Show  
Grounds

We will again be needing your  
help

Keep an eye out for further  
details



# COLAC RODEO

On Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> this year the inaugural Colac Rodeo was held at the Colac Showgrounds, by the Western Eagles Football and Netball Club together with the Colac P&A Society, as with a lot of things the idea of running a Rodeo was discussed over a couple of cold frothies. The attitude of "why not" was born, why not bring a family friendly event to Colac and the district. Contact was made with Woodall Rodeo Promotions and after several meetings and number crunching the date was set and it was full steam ahead. The process of finding sponsorship, entertainment, food and merchandise vendors began.

Fortunately we were able to secure Rhys Evans and Kubota as major and naming right sponsor of the event, along with many other sponsors large and small which we are most grateful for, the Rodeo now had some financial stability as running an event of this of this size always has a element of financial risk.

So after months of meetings and planning and advertising the day had finally arrived. The arena was set up on the Friday and looked magnificent, we were confident that we were well organised and all steps had been taken to make the event work. The only thing we hadn't planned on was the 20mm of rain on the Friday night and Saturday morning, but the gods were looking after us and by mid-morning the rain was gone the dust had settled and the sun was shining.

Gates opened at 3pm with the crowd flowing at a constant pace the evening was fantastic weather wise we couldn't ask for better and we estimate a crowd of over 2000 people enjoyed a wonderful night of entertainment with a great atmosphere. The night had been a great success for the club and the P&A Society.

I would like to especially thank Sparky and Kayelene for their commitment to organising this event as always your efforts were second to none, to Verena as the event become closer your skills and knowledge at organising catering and just the little things that need to be done was fantastic. To our players, members and supporters your help on the day was greatly appreciated, as a result of this our Club was highly recognised and praised by the community. Finally to Ray Thomas and the P&A Society you were all a pleasure to work with and I think we all achieved what we set out to do, as two great organisations in the community of bringing a wonderful family event to Colac.

Stay safe over the summer

Rob Montano

PS Its back March 30 2019 YEEEEHHAAAAAH



# Senior Football

## Award Winners

Best & Fairest: Jye Price

Runner Up: Timmy Downes

Most Determined: James Beasley

Most Consistent: Nathan McNamara



**Western Eagles Football Netball Club**

*Senior Team- 2018*

Back row- Charlie Friend, Rayne Biviano, Patrick Eason, Tim Downes, Mitch Heilmore, Tyler Buchanan, Luke Henry, Kieren Walsh, Craig Hardingham, Grant Armistead, Riley Raven, Nathan Seabright, Dwayne Lancaster  
Middle- Jordan Kost, Jack Sherman, Matt Farney (Capt), Paul Price (Coach), Jye Price (C), Joel McInnes, James Beasley  
Front- Nathan McNamara, Riley Thompson, James Carter, Kellan Thompson, Nick Imbrogno



**Western Eagles Football Netball Club**

*Reserves Team- 2018*

Back row- Brad Morgan, Stephen Montano, Paul Downy, Peter Hickey, Grant Mitchell, Luke Price, Pat Hickey, Xavier Connelly, Chris Boyd, Mickey Boyd, Daniel O'Donoghue  
Middle- Tyler Dower (Runner), Anthony Young, Ned Fergus, Justin Hickey (Capt), Phil Thompson (Coach), Ash Jeffrey, Josh Beasley, Jacob Sweeney  
Front- Jimmy Ryan, James Palmer, Mal Riches, Jesse Robbitts

# **Reserves Football**

## **Award Winners**

**Best & Fairest: Riley Thompson**

**Runner Up: Tyler Buchanan**

**Coaches Award: James Palmer**

**Most Consistent: Anthony Young**

The year started positively for the Reserves side with good numbers at pre-season training. As the year progressed injuries and unavailability resulted in us utilising 54 different players, making it difficult to have a consistent team performance.

The most pleasing part of the year was the improvement of our younger players who stepped up from juniors, such as Jesse Robbins, James Palmer, Chris Boyd, Josh Beasley and also Jake Sweeny in his first year at the Club. Our last six weeks of the year were our most competitive and it was great to finish the year off on a high by defeating South in the last game (also Ressie's Day) A few people to thank:

Thank you to Paul Price for all his tireless work with the group and in general around the Club. To Fran who does a great job in organising everything so the coaches can focus on coaching. Our team manager Rob Montano, who had a much better year than the AFL team he supports! John Sherman and Terry Kavanagh for umpiring. Our trainers and time keepers. Adrian Friend for being our runner. Our team leaders Youngy and Robbo. A massive thanks to JJ Hickey who was a great support to me throughout the year. Finally thanks to our spiritual leaders' (past and present) Tip Rat and Morgs who were always willing to help out where ever required.

Congratulations to our junior teams and coaches on their successful season and let's hope the Eagles can keep soaring upwards in 2019!

Cheers ,

Phil Thompson

# U17.5 Football

## Award Winners

Best & Fairest: Oliver McGuane

Runner Up: Tomas O'Farrell

Most Determined: Luke Fish

Most Consistent: Josh McDonald

Firstly I would like to thank the Western Eagles Football Netball Club for the opportunity to coach the U17.5s in season 2018. Whilst we were faced with some challenges at the start of the season I could tell this group not only had ability but plenty of character to match. Going into the season we were short on numbers starting with 16 in round 1. I would like to thank all the U14.5s who came up and helped us out throughout the year as well as the coaches. The first half of the season saw plenty of up and downs including some heavy defeats to top sides some close wins against the lower sides on the ladder. We were sixth on the ladder and needing a big second half of the season to challenge for finals. Also we had Oliver McGuane (5 games), Tom O'Farrell (3 games) and Josh McDonald (1 game) miss games in the U17.5s and play senior football for the club and they certainly didn't disappoint and I believe this was not only crucial for their development in transitioning into senior football but they also came back better players for it.

The second half of the year didn't exactly start as we would have liked and after round 13 and only 5 games remaining we were a game plus 25% out of fifth place so we sat down as a team and decided if we were to make a run at finals we would have to lift our training from 1 night a week to 2 at this stage our squad would also be complete totalling 24 players.

In the next 2 weeks we would beat the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> teams on the ladder convincingly and playing a great brand of attacking football whilst keeping the opposition scores to a minimum. We would go on to win 4 games in a row and qualify for finals with 1 round remaining with a chance to finish in the top 3 should we win and Lorne lose which we did but Lorne won and we finished 4<sup>th</sup> with a record of 12-6.

Entering the finals full of confidence and a fit playing group we faced South Colac for the second week in a row whilst not playing our best footy we came away with a relatively easy win. Next up would be Lorne and we knew this game wasn't going to be easy and unfortunately we didn't start the way we wanted going goal less in the first half and trailing by 25 points at half time. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter will go down as the best quarter of junior footy I have seen by an individual (Oliver McGuane) and as a team in general kicking 5 goals 2 to no score entering the last quarter up by 7 points pushing into a strong breeze .....cont over page

We fought so hard in that last quarter to remain in front until the final siren, only for the game to go to extra time following a Lorne point after the siren. Eventually going down by 6 points after 10 minutes of extra time.

I know we all will look back and say what if I did this or that but the game went for 90 minutes and we didn't come out on top yes it's a missed opportunity and yes it hurts but lessons will be learnt from this experience .

I would like to congratulate all of the playing group on a great and thoroughly enjoyable season of football. To the five top age players Tom, Oliver, Alex, Caleb and Jason I wish you all the best in your football future and will love to see how you all progress. To the rest of the group I hope to see you all back in an eagles jumper next year and hopefully I will be reappointed to coach again.

I would like to thank my support crew from this year Jye Price my Assistant Coach who had a great relationship with the boys and grew into the role as the year went on. To Adrian Friend thanks for being my runner and always being there even through difficult times in your personal life . To Matt Reid for being my Team manager and organising everything so well. To the trainers, water boys and club umpires I thank you for providing your time to help this group of young men. To the parents thank you for entrusting me with communicating with the boys all year and your continued support.

Finally I would like to thank my family Mel and Keeley for their support during the year it was not easy coaching at the same time as Keeley's netball games and not watching her play but I think she likes that and to Mel you have been my rock all through my football career and I know you will continue to be so during my coaching career.

Congratulations to all the award winners and can't wait to see what 2019 brings for this great club

Craig Hardingham

## **Alex Inglis Memorial Trophy**

The Jake Inglis Memorial Trophy was instigated by Brian & Trish Inglis in memory of their son Jake in 2003.

Jake was taken from his family at a young age. He was only 8 when he passed away from illness. He would have been 24 this year.

Jake was a very popular, friendly, outgoing, full of life kind of guy. Never a day went by that he didn't bring a smile to your face through his cheekiness & great sense of humour.

He was seldom seen without a footy tucked under his arm & was always wanting to have a kick. He loved football & was a huge Hawks fan.

He loved life, people, laughter & football.

This award to honour Jake's memory is for the Best Team Player in U17.5s. Someone who exhibits the special qualities that Jake had & qualities we would all admire.

This year the Jake Inglis Memorial trophy goes to .... **Alex Lockhart**

# U14.5 Football

## Award Winners

Best & Fairest: Jaxon Mallon

Runner Up: Kirby Duynhoven

Most Committed: Kyle Egan

Most Consistent: Angus Reid

Most Determined: Rohan Heyward

Wowwee what a year, what an unbelievable year the team had, managing to make a grand final. We are so proud of all the boys in the way they have played and conducted yourselves throughout the year. I am sure that their parents, the club and supporters are as well.

To the boys, you should all be extremely proud of your achievements this year; you have worked hard as a team, listened and carried out instructions as we wanted and always with a smile on your face.

This season's success has been on the back of some hard work over a number of years by a large number of people ensuring we had good numbers of kids coming through. With 30 on the playing list this season, and a further 4-5 younger boys training throughout the year, whilst at times it was a challenge on training nights and game days, we managed, and what a great problem to have moving forward.

Of course all this wouldn't be possible without the help of a number of people which we would like to thank. The Western Eagles Football Netball Club for giving us the opportunity to coach this great group. To our umpires; Pricey who did the bulk of the games and John Carbury who made a special appearance in one game, the quality of umpiring that you guys produced during the year clearly helped with the development of the kids which certainly showed during the finals games.

Walshy for being the runner throughout the year, even if he nearly died at ¼ time in the first final and Milvo for covering when Walshy was away.

To the water boys, trainers, and all who helped out at training nights and on game day all this cannot be possible without your help so thank you.

To all the parents, your support of us and willingness to help out throughout the year has been nothing short of amazing. You have allowed us the freedom to teach and develop these boys without question. The boys are a credit to you all and I hope you are as proud of them as we are.

And finally a big thanks to John for his role as team manager he has been doing this role for 6 years and has seen the highs & lows over the years it's great for him to finish off on a great note. There is an enormous amount of paper work involved in getting the side on the field. It makes our job easier when you know that everything is organised each week and all we have to do is coach.

We would like to wish all the boys who are too old for whatever the age group may be next year all the best and hope they continue to play footy at our great club, it is a great game and a fantastic way to meet people and make new friendships that will last a lifetime.



# **A Grade Netball**

## **Award Winners**

**Best & Fairest: Hayley Foster**

**Runner Up: Fiona Penny**

**Coaches Award: Jancy Shields Jackson**

First of all I would like to thank everyone at the club who supported me in my very first season of coaching. It has been such an enjoyable experience and I will look back on this season with great memories and a lot of pride. When I put this team together I had a great feeling and I was excited to see what we could achieve together. To every team member- you should be incredibly proud of yourselves. To be the role models you are to all other grades, especially juniors, is something to be admired. The respect you all have for me and each other is what came out on the court and got us into finals for the first time in 5 years. Being in this positive environment at training and on game days made our team what it is and if we all stick together, who knows what could happen in 2019! A huge thanks goes to my team manager Glenda for being such a great support to me and to Sally, our primary carer for everything she has helped with during the season. Congratulations to our B & F winner Hayley Foster who has had an outstanding season also winning the Colac Herald MVP award, named GA in Team of the Year and coming runner up in the league B & F! Also congratulations to Fiona Penny, our runner up B & F on what has been a fantastic season being an integral part of our defence. Jancy Shields-Jackson was awarded my coach's award for consistently giving 100% effort in every game.

Thank you to everyone who contributes so much of their time to our club. Coaches, team managers, umpires, scorers, timekeepers, primary carers, trainers, players and every other person behind the scenes who work tirelessly to get everything organised for trainings, game day and functions.

Congratulations to all junior players involved in finals, what a fantastic effort to have 4 junior teams go as far as they have!

Ali Genua

# **B Grade Netball**

## **Award Winners**

**Best & Fairest: Kessima Duynhoven**

**Runner Up: Alisha Montano**

**Coaches Award: Ebony Skinner**

2018 has been a big learning curve for the B graders. With only 4 left from our 2017 grand final team we went from second on the ladder to second bottom. We had new combinations to work in and over the season we got some wins and were very competitive, unfortunately we just couldn't replicate last season. However the girls never gave up, we worked hard, had plenty of laughs -usually courtesy of Shellie- and made new friendships along the way.

There are lots of people to thank that make the netball day run smoothly, Jenny and Raelene for their organisation of general running. Dani for organising umpires, Silv and Boydie for taping everyone together, all the scorers, timekeepers and scoreboard kids. Also Cino for her awesome photography. Ali for organising trainings and Kerry Boyd for being our primary carer all year.

Jeanette has been a great support to me as team manager and together we have managed to get through another happy season. Thank you Jeanette.

Amy and Laura have been fantastic captains throughout the season always keeping things positive and upbeat.

The B graders are the Best as I say and I look forward to where this young group can go next year.

Go Eagles  
Cheers Kess



# **C Grade Netball**

## **Award Winners**

Best & Fairest: Danielle Bowen

Runner Up: Kiarne Jeffreys

Coaches Award: Christy Rothery & Tayla Robertson

A massive thanks to all my C Grade girls for a great season, You should all be really proud of the effort and improvement you all achieved this year.

Sadly we didn't get the results we were after, but I hope you have all had fun. Congratulations to all trophy winners and all coaches.

Thanks to umpires, team managers, primary carers, scorers and time keepers.

Last but not least my captain and vice captain Brooke and Dani, great job girls

Thanks Again

Fran

# 17 & Under Netball

## Award Winners

Best & Fairest: Shanae O'Donoghue

Runner Up: Samantha Whytcross

Coaches Award: Sharni Barry

Another netball season is done and dusted. For 3 of our players, it is the end of their junior netball careers, which hopefully over the years, they've learnt the skills they'll need to step up and play senior netball. For the others, we hope to see you return for another season at the Eagles in 2019.

This season began with good turnouts to pre-season sessions with the senior players, which helped prepare them for the season ahead. Although going by the ladder at the end of the season, we didn't make finals, due to us losing some of our game points, I hope the girls know that they deserved to be there, given their commitment to trainings, supporting each other on and off the court, and their positive attitudes towards the game and the way in which they conducted themselves. This makes them winners to me.

We were lucky enough to have quite a versatile team, allowing us to make changes easily. Having U/15's also step up and fill in when we were short was much appreciated.

Thanks to our captain and vice-captain, Shanae and Ellie, on a job well done. Both having an input with when needed and a positive attitude on the court. I wish the best of luck to the 2 Emily's, and Mia who I look forward to seeing them continue their netball at senior level. We welcomed Meg to our team and the club this year, and hope she has enjoyed being an Eagle as much as we have enjoyed having her, and hope she'll return next season. Well done to Laura who battled through illness on and off for the season, but still managed to give her all when she was on the court. And to Sam and Sharni for being so consistent during the season, I knew what you were capable of, and each week you proved it. It's been a pleasure to coach all of you.

My team manager Jess - you are a joy to work with, Your knowledge and support is fantastic, you make my job so much more enjoyable with you by my side- especially when you're on bee watch!

Lastly, to our trainers, our primary carer, Sally M, the umpires, scorers, committee for all your continuous efforts in making our season successful and to the families of these girls for being there to watch and support them, and do the running around to get them the trainings and game day.

Enjoy the break and see you back at the Eagles next year :)

# 15 & Under Netball

## Award Winners

Best & Fairest: Olivia Montano & Keeley Hardingham

Runner Up: Monica Smart

Coaches Award: Ella Milverton

The under 15 girls have had an awesome season really coming together as a team and excelling as a group. After the first five rounds the girls had their points taken away after a clearance issue but they did not let this set back get them down. The girls decided to use this unfortunate situation as a motivator and went forward to win 9 games with 7 losses and when they did loose it was always within a close margin.

The girls and I were determined to make it into finals and at the end of the season our dreams came true when we held onto our 5 place position on the ladder.

Our first competitor in the elimination final was Colac Imperials who we had lost to by 2 goals both times we played them during the home and away season. We managed to focus our energy into the game and give it 110% resulting in our first win against them by 5 goals.

With a huge confidence boost from winning the week before the girls were ready to preform against Simpson. when we first versed Simpson in round 8 the girls managed a win of two goals witch was a great effort due to how close the score had been during the game, later on in the season when we faced them again we unfortunately lost by 4 but again it was a very close game.

Going into the semi finals against Simpson although the girls were confident they also knew it could be a very close game due to the outcome of the previous two times we had played but with a massive effort from the girls they managed a 22 goal win over them which put us into the preliminary finals against Alvie.

We knew playing Alvie was going to be a tough game as we had lost twice to them both by over 8 goals. The girls put in a a super effort but unfortunately Alvie had us on the day and ended up winning by 11 goals.

Im so proud of how far each and everyone of the girls has come this season not only as individual players but as team mates too.

Firstly I would like to thank the girls for their hard work and dedication this season, then i would like to thank Dani Bowen for being my very helpful assistant coach, to Renee Scott for being our team manager and for organising not only the team but me on games days, to Annette Smart for being an awesome primary carer and to the committee, umpires, trainers and parents for there support.

-Annabelle Perrett

# **13 & Under Netball**

## **Award Winners**

**Best & Fairest: Briea McLachlan & Holly Unwin**

**Runner Up: Zainab Balogun**

**Coaches Award: Charlotte Black**

What a bright future we have at the Eagles. When you look across the junior teams for both netball and football. There is a lot of home grown talent and passion in these young sportspeople.

How lucky are we to have had so many girls try out to play for the Eagles. Unfortunately we couldn't take everyone, but I think we settled on a great mix of new and previous players. As some girls missed out and some girls were rotating weeks off throughout the season we decided to enter a Friday night team for the under 13's. We combined with some Birregurra and Imperials girls to make up the team.

These girls trained with their respective clubs and then played on a Friday night, as well as some Saturdays. The girls went on to win the Grand final. Well done girls.

Paige Compton who missed out on making our Saturday team but trained with us each week and supported us throughout the year was best on court in the Friday night Grand Final. Well Done Paige.

Tilly O'Brien also won the most improved(which is 3rd in their vote count). Well done Tilly.

The girls from both the Friday night team and Saturday team are amazing, such a talented group of young netballers. Throughout the season everyone has developed so much and are more than capable of playing 2 or 3 positions well - making our team very versatile indeed. We could put any number of combinations out on court and we knew the girls would play the best they could.

Throughout the year Zainab and Remy represented The Western Eagles in their CDFNL 13&Under team, participating in The Barwon Junior Championships in Geelong, Interleague and Central West Zone Championships at Diamond Creek. Well done girls on your great sportsmanship and dedication to developing your netball skills

This bunch of girls are very supportive of each other. They were ably lead by Holly and Remy who as co captains grew in their leadership skills across the season.

As we know the girls had a very successful year winning 16 of their home and away matches. However having finished 3rd for the season because of an administration error early in the season the girls had to play extra finals which in the end I think did us no harm.

The grand final was a hotly contested game with us trailing for most of the first 3/4's by a couple of goals. Three quarter time saw us fight back to level. In the last quarter the girls stepped up the pressure, as they have done all year, and went on to win the quarter 10 to 5.

All the girls in the team played across the final series and all had court time in the grand final, whoever was on the court played their little hearts out. It was fantastic. We came away with the win 30 to 25.

Holly Unwin earned best on court honours and deservedly so, she played a fantastic game in GK, getting many cut offs and shutting down their goalers in the last quarter.

Tanya and I couldn't of been more proud of the girls for such a great game and the great sportsmanship they showed not only for the grand final but throughout the whole season. Well Done girls!!

I would like to thank Tanya Mallon for being an awesome team manager and always being my sounding board and supporting me along the way. You have been amazing!! Thanks also to Sharon for being our primary carer all year and Nicole for filling in for Sharon if she unavailable. We really appreciate your help.

Thanks must also go the parents for scoring, timekeeping, supplying oranges and supporting me along the way.

I would like to congratulate Andrew, Marc John and all the Under 14 boys for making the grand final they did an awesome job against a very formidable team

I look forward to watching all these junior netballers grow and develop and hope that they have the same love for The Eagles that I have had over the last 20 years.

Go Eagles!!



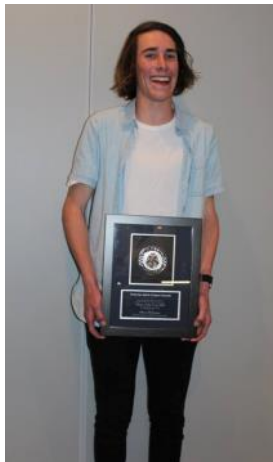
# **Spirit of Sport**

We again had a number of Spirit of Sport Winners throughout the year and again we are very proud of our young players and display of sportsmanship on the field and court.

## **Congratulations!!**



Thomas O'Farrell, Josh McDonald, Oliver McGuane and Shanae O'Donoghue



**2018 Spirit of Sport  
Winner of the Year  
Oliver McGuane**

## Hayley Foster and Jye Price

What a fantastic year Hayley and Jye have had personally on the netball court and football field. They both took out the Colac Herald Most Valuable Player award as voted by the opposition coaches and were both selected in the CDFNL Teams of the Year, and so deservedly so.

Both are very talented players and we are very honoured to have you both a part of the Western Eagles FNC



# BAKERS DELIGHT AWARD

Since being instigated in 2004 the Bakers Delight High Achievers Award has been bestowed upon fourteen very worthy recipients and this year the fifteenth is no exception. The award was initiated by Mick Menzies proprietor of our local store and is to be presented to a young member within our club who demonstrates not only sporting excellence, but who demonstrates good character, work ethic, club loyalty, academic achievement and leadership qualities.

After considering all the award guidelines it is with great pleasure that we announce the 2018 Bakers Delight High Achiever Award winner is **Tom O'Farrell**.

Tom started playing football for the Western Eagles Football Netball Club in 2013 in the Under 14.5 side. He has played 74 games for the club. At the age of 16 he received his first taste of senior football playing 1 Reserves and 2 Senior games in 2017. Tom was selected to play in the Worksafe Community Championships in 2016, 2017 and 2018, where he earned the Best on Ground honour in 2016 and 2017. In 2017 Tom was the Under 17.5 Football Best & Fairest winner.

Tom is a very well respected player around the club, not only by his peers but also by the younger and older players. He constantly displays good sportsmanship and is a true team player. As captain of the Under 17.5 football team he has lead the team with a positive attitude to the game and towards his team mates. He has a very respectful attitude to the opposition and umpires. Tom is always approachable and more than willing to share his knowledge and give advice to fellow and younger team mates. It is these attributes which awarded Tom the Spirit of Sport Player of the Year Award in 2017 and a Spirit of Sport Round winner again this year.

Tom is a year 12 student at Trinity College Colac, where he is currently a Vice Captain of the School. He is a dedicated student, class captain, volunteers to help at school functions such as their Open Days. Tom is very heavily involved in the Schools Social Justice Group. He is a Special Minister at St Mary's Catholic Church. Tom was a member of the Trinity College Senior Football Team who this year won the Herald Sun Country Shield. He is also a member of the Colac West Division 1 Cricket Team. This year, instead of the traditional Schoolies trip, Tom has opted to participate in the Tanzania Immersion Tour where through Community Engagement, cultural immersion and personal challenges he will experience personal growth. Tom has aspirations to head off to University where he may study Commerce and/or Law.

The Western Eagles Football Netball Club and Bakers Delight congratulate Tom on his achievements and wish him continued success in whatever path he chooses to follow.

A very worthy recipient of the 2018 Bakers Delight High Achievers Award

Well Done Tom!



## MILESTONE GAMES

50

### NETBALL

Lori Parsons  
Natalie Weller  
Annabelle Perrett  
Laura Ellemor  
Sarah Mackay  
Ella Milverton  
Monica Smart

### FOOTBALL

Jaxon Mallon  
Kirby Duynhoven  
Connor Carson  
Jye Montano  
Joe O'Farrell  
Angus Reid  
Ben Black  
Oliver McGuane (U17.5)  
Tom O'Farrell (U17.5)  
Pat Hickey (Reserves)  
Jye Price (Seniors)  
Jack Boyd (Seniors)  
Jordan Keast (Seniors)

100

### NETBALL

Mia Carson

### FOOTBALL

Justin Hickey (Reserves)

200

### NETBALL

Michelle Fraser

250

350

### NETBALL

Danielle Bowen

### NETBALL

Kessima Duynhoven

Do you ever think about what it takes to run a Football Netball Club?

There is an enormous amount of work goes into putting Football Teams on the field and Netball Teams on a court. While these Presentation nights mark the end of the season for some, for others they mark the beginning of preparations for the next season. These are the people who have volunteered their time for you, so when next you're asked to help out, put your hand up and do your little bit for those who do a lot. If you have some time or you can see something that needs to be done, don't wait to be asked.



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GREAT SEASON AND WELL DONE TO  
ALL AWARD WINNERS.

WE WISH ALL PLAYERS, SUPPORTERS &  
MEMBERS A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE OFF  
SEASON & WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
SEEING YOU ALL AGAIN NEXT SEASON!

