
LEAGUE WELCOME



Welcome to all our supporters, players and stakeholders to the 2019 TRFM Gippsland League season. After a long off season we are finally back at round 1 action and there is certainly plenty to look forward to on the field and courts this year. The League again has had a productive offseason with some new initiatives that will be looking to raise our profile in country football. During the offseason long time major sponsor Apprenticeship Groups Australia signed on again and now AGA Gippsland League TV is growing too. This season there will be two senior matches filmed every week. AGA GL TV will follow the TRFM call and also have another match of the round providing more coverage of the regions premier league. The League has also re signed with Red Onion who produce our record and digital products

and this partnership has also expanded to include Premier Data. This partnership will not only provide the print and digital records each week but also provide match statistics for our two feature games every week. The TRFM Gippsland League is the first League in the state to sign with Premier Data and we are excited to see what new coverage this will give for our League. As part of our agreement with Red Onion the League will also feature a live streamed match of the month which will be available through AGA GL TV in real time. There has been plenty of excitement from club land with some rumoured big name signings in both football and netball. We can't wait to see these elite players in the Gippsland League. Best of luck to all of our teams on the upcoming season.

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Under 16s 9:00am
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C GRADE PREMIERS - MAFFRA
Maffra 39 def Traralgon 38



17 & UNDER PREMIERS - MAFFRA
Traralgon 35 def by Maffra 43



15 & UNDER PREMIERS - SALE
Sale 33 def Bairnsdale FNC 21



13 & UNDER PREMIERS - SALE
Sale 46 def Leongatha 10

AFL GIPPSLAND COMMISSION UPDATE APRIL, 2019



Footy is back and on behalf of the AFL Gippsland Commission and Regional Administration Centre staff I would like to welcome our football and netball community to season 2019.

It has been a busy off-season for all three aspects of AFL Gippsland's operations – administration, development and governance – and I'm sure I'm not alone in being glad to see the first ball bounced and centre pass thrown.

From a governance perspective, the Commission has been working hard to find a solution for the future of the member clubs of the Alberton Football Netball League, following the conclusion of, and subsequent appeal relating to, AFL Gippsland's Leagues and Competitions Review.

It is pleasing to be able to confirm that a clear timeline and process is now in place with AFL Victoria for those clubs to follow to determine where they play football and netball in season 2020.

More information on this process is available on the AFL Gippsland website.

In terms of administration, there has been little change to the RAC personnel, with Daniel Heathcote heading up our team and once again overseeing the administration of the TRFM Gippsland League.

Stuart Goddard has moved across to manage the operations of the Alex Scott & Staff West Gippsland Football Netball Competition, while Nick Cullis has once more taken on the administrative duties of the Gippsland and Sale umpires associations.

Nick is also leading the administration of the Traralgon and District, Sale and District junior football leagues and AFL Gippsland Youth Girls Football League, with support from part-time administration assistant Brandon Milburn.

Tia McNair has taken on responsibility for the Bendigo Community Bank Southern Gippsland Junior Football Competition and the AFL Gippsland Women's Football Competition, while Damen Francis continues as our media and marketing manager.

There are some exciting innovations taking place across our leagues this season, particularly in the TRFM Gippsland League, which has teamed up with Red Vision and Premier Data to film and provide stats and video highlights for two games in each round during the home and away season and every finals game.

The inclusion of Tooradin Dalmore and Warragul Industrials in the West Gippsland competition has been

well received, with the former participating in a hugely successful season opener at Cora Lynn on March 23.

The open women's competition continues to progress with Foster fielding teams this season, while the four junior and youth competitions administered by the RAC are expected to field the same number of teams as last year – a good result in the challenging current climate of underage sport.

When it comes to the development space, it has been a huge few months for our team.

Adrian Bromage, Michael Roberts and George Morgan continue their work in the east, south and west of our region respectively, while Paul Vaughan was appointed to the central region in November.

Since the turn of the year, six AFL clubs have visited Gippsland to conduct a range of events from training and community, to player appearances (Collingwood, St Kilda, Melbourne and Hawthorn) and high-profile matches.

Collingwood continued to frequent the region as part of its partnership with the Latrobe Valley Authority, starting with an AFLW training camp in November, followed by a player appearance in South Gippsland, a two-day AFL Community Camp in Sale in February and culminating in and AFLW Round Four match against GWS Giants and a JLT Community Series showdown with Carlton at Morwell in March.

AFL Gippsland has worked closely with the LVA and the Collingwood Football Club to ensure these events not only promote the game, but actively encourage participation and aid our overall plan for the development of football in our region.

Activities included a shadow coaching opportunity for female coaches during the AFLW camp, a curtain raiser game for two of our youth girls teams prior to the AFLW match, an opportunity to form a guard of honour for the JLT Series game and skills clinic specifically targeting youth footballers during the Community Camp.

Coaches courses, salary cap and points system sessions, facility development grant applications and various other football-based community engagement activities – such as school programs – have been other areas of focus for our development team.

For more information on any of the above and to keep up with all the latest on footy in Gippsland, be sure to follow AFL Gippsland's website and social media pages.

Good luck to all clubs on a great season.

Ben Joske
Region General Manager, AFL Gippsland





SENIORS

GRAND FINAL - 22/09/2018

Leongatha 2.2 5.7 7.9 10.13-73
Maffra 3.1 5.2 8.3 10.4-64

LEONGATHA

Goal Kickers: C. Maskell 5, C. Dunne 3, C. Stone, T. Marriott

Best Players: C. Sanbrook, C. Maskell, J. Lockwood, J. Schelling, B. Willis, R. Olden

MAFFRA

Goal Kickers: A. Petrou 4, M. Bennett 2, D. Bedggood, M. Coleman, K. Porter, K. Renooy

Best Players: M. Coleman, A. Petrou, E. Carr, A. Carr, K. Porter, J. Huts



RESERVES

GRAND FINAL - 22/09/2018

Maffra 2.2 4.4 5.7 5.11-41
Leongatha 2.3 4.4 6.6 7.7-49

MAFFRA

Goal Kickers: J. Jones 2, R. Thatcher, B. Brunt, J. Reeves

Best Players: J. Ross, L. Shelton, J. Reeves, J. McIntosh

LEONGATHA

Goal Kickers: S. Horvath 2, L. Wright 2, C. Rump, T. Sauvarin, T. Bernaldo

Best Players: H. McGannon, M. Olden, T. Bernaldo, L. Riseley, N. Trotto, J. Norton



THIRDS

GRAND FINAL - 22/09/2018

Traralgon 2.2 5.5 11.7 11.11-77
Bairnsdale 2.2 2.2 2.2 2.4-16

TRARALGON

Goal Kickers: I. Copland 3, H. Neocleous 2, J. Van Iwaarden 2, L. Willaton 2, F. Shields, B. Cheetham

Best Players: E. Williams, N. Lowden, C. Ruyters, L. Johnson, L. Tripodi, H. Neocleous

BAIRNSDALE

Goal Kickers: B. Daniel 2

Best Players: A. McKenzie, B. Fulton, J. Wykes, C. Mein, N. Bulmer, J. Smith



FOURTHS

GRAND FINAL - 22/09/2018

Sale 1.1 1.2 5.6 6.6-42
Bairnsdale 3.6 4.6 6.9 9.15-69

SALE

Goal Kickers: B. Safstrom 2, M. Hawkins, C. Whitehill, M. Benson, S. Smith

Best Players: B. Safstrom, C. Whitehill, H. Swarski, J. Hutchins, M. Benson, S. Dunnett

BAIRNSDALE

Goal Kickers: T. Rees 4, B. Vickery 3, L. Huggins, R. Carstairs

Best Players: T. Rees, T. Jerkins, R. Stewart, L. Hoffman, F. Thompson, J. Carroll



TOP 50 PLAYERS PRESEASON 2019

Here it is! After multiple calls, emails and Facebook messages over the past few years, we have finally relented to public demand and produced a list of the top 50 players in the TRFM Gippsland League.

Much like the benchmark column that inspired this list – once Mike Sheahan’s, now Mark Robinson’s annual “Top 50” players in the AFL – the aim is to rank players based on how we expect them to perform during the upcoming season. The plan is to revisit this list at season’s end to see how it stacked up. With approximately 300 players set to pull on the boots at senior level in season 2019 – ranging from former AFL players to kids yet to debut at the top level – selecting and ordering 50 names for inclusion was no simple task. There are some important things to note that were taken into consideration when forming this list. Players currently listed at VFL clubs that have nominated a TRFM Gippsland League side as their home club, have not been included, regardless of how often they are expected to play at the higher level. Some recruits have been included, but others have not, as we have not witnessed them in action and are hesitant to predict their impact in a new league. The ranking of some players has also been affected by how many games they are expected to play, due to injury or other commitments. We fully expect this list to be divisive – there is no definitive way to rank players, other than subjective opinion – this is simply our view, based on several years of observing senior footy in this league and the various conversations with coaches, players, club presidents and other members of the Gippsland footy community. The intent is to generate conversation and interest in the league and highlight some of the immense talent that makes up one of the strongest and most entertaining community football leagues in the state.

Putting this list together and having so much talent in the League meant there have been some stars miss out. Notably Nate Paredes- Warragul after an off season injury we are not sure how many games he will play in 2019. A top 20 player if fit. Others in the initial squad included Jacob Wood – Moe, Tyson Biffin – Moe, Jayden Allison – Sale , Sean Westaway – Leongatha, Tom Barr – Drouin, Jordan Kingi – Drouin, Lee Stockdale – Traralgon, Lachlan Channing – Maffra, Colin Sanbrook – Leongatha, Shannon Bray – Wonthaggi & Chris Verboon – Leongatha to name a few.

There have also been some recruits which we have left out as we just don’t have enough information including Mitch Betson – Wonthaggi, Chris Robinson- Drouin, Todd Beck – Drouin, Jordan Ceppi – Moe , Tom Hams – Sale.



TOP 50 PLAYERS PRESEASON 2019 - 50 to 41

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BRAYDEN MCCARREY - BAIRNSDALE

FORWARD

Burst onto the scene in 2018 as one of the top goal kickers in the League with 41 goals and was named in the team of the year. At 22 he still has plenty of football ahead of him and after showing what he can do in his first full TRFM Gippsland League season, the future looks bright.

49

JOSH SCHELLING - LEONGATHA

BACK / RUCK

It was a toss-up between Schelling and Sean Westaway for this spot, but Schelling gets the nod with his continual improvement from his years in the league. Played a big role in the last two premierships with his athleticism in the ruck and now down back.

48

JAMES HUTS - MAFFRA

BACK

An uncompromising defender who is underrated around the League, Huts is a vital member of Maffra’s success over the past few seasons. Expect him to get the big jobs for the Eagles week in week out and win more than he loses.

47

RYAN HEARN - MORWELL

BACK

Up and coming star of the League. Hearn is a tall athletic swingman who has found his place in the back half. A senior interleague member for the past two years, where he has been used through the ruck and up forward and his name could feature frequently at the top end of this list in years to come.

46

SHAUN WYATT - BAIRNSDALE

MIDFIELD

His body hasn’t always allowed it, but when fit, Wyatt is one of the most exciting players in the competition. A former best and fairest and co-captain of Williamstown’s VFL Development League side, the 25-year-old will be desperate to play more than the 10 games he managed last year and showcase his run and gun game.

45

HAYDN HECTOR - TRARALGON

MIDFIELD

One of Traralgon’s most dynamic performers, Hector provides run and toughness through the mid-field. A running machine and still only 26, he will another key to a deep finals run. Named best for Traralgon four times in his 20 matches last year.

44

JORDAN STALEY - WONTHAGGI

FORWARD

Staley is an enigma for the Power. Has all the traits to take the competition by storm and will benefit from the club’s recruited and returning players. If the Power get rolling, he could jump much higher on this list.

43

RYAN TATTERSON - MORWELL

MIDFIELD

Morwell’s captain and best player, Tatterson accumulates the ball through the midfield. Earned his first senior interleague call up in 2017 and has established himself as a top 20 midfielder in the competition. Would be odds on to win Morwell’s best and fairest award.

42

TOM LONG - MOE

BACK

A strong and versatile defender, Long can play tall or small and swing forward when needed. Widely regarded as one of the league’s best defenders he would feature frequently in this list.

41

JACKSON HALL - TRARALGON

BACK

Hall has been a reliable marking defender at Traralgon for a number of years. Expect him to be a cornerstone of the Maroons’ back six and their push to challenge for higher honours in 2019.

TOP 50 PLAYERS PRESEASON 2019 - 40 to 31

40 MITCH DOWSE - SALE FWD / MID

One of the players that led Sale's dramatic improvement last season. Dowse has VFL experience at Casey and Northern Blues and after playing 19 games last year he will be looking to establish himself as one of the league's big guns in 2019.

39 BRAYDEN FOWLER - WARRAGUL FORWARD

The definition of an enigmatic forward. On his day can kick 10 goals, but injury clouds surrounded his 2018 season and affected his ranking. A TRFM call team favourite, expect Fowler to kick a few bags during the 2019 season.

38 KADE RENOBY - MAFFRA FORWARD

Still only 21, Renooy is nearing 50 senior games for the Eagles and is looking to establish himself as one of the competition's premier small forwards. With 60 goals over the past two seasons, Renooy will be hoping to again feature among the league's top goalkickers.

37 KEIRAN JONES - MAFFRA RUCK

Took his game to another level in 2018, when handed the responsibility of being the Eagles' number one ruck. A member of the last two grand final sides, Jones has a lot of senior experience despite his tender age. Selected in the AFL Victoria Country under 19 side last year, Jones will be looking to continue his upward trajectory in 2019.

36 DYLAN FARRELL - MOE RUCK

After transferring into Gippsland League in 2016 Trafalgar FNC product Farrell has become one of the league's most athletic rucks. He can go forward and kick goals, but with Spencer White in the side expect Farrell take on the Lions' share of ruck duties. Could quickly develop into a top player of the competition.

35 BRAD DESSERT - SALE FORWARD

At the halfway mark of last season Dessent would have ranked in the top 10. Dessent has already amassed 97 goals at senior level for the Magpies, despite just turning 21, including nine against the Hawks in round five last year, and finished the season with 43 goals. Look out if he is fully fit in 2019.

34 DYLAN LOPRESE - TRARALGON FORWARD

The key to Traralgon's forward set up. Loprese is a strong marking key forward and while he isn't renowned for kicking bags of goals, his leadup work more than makes up for it. Loprese kicked three goals and was Traralgon's best in last year's heart breaking preliminary final loss to Maffra.

33 TOM MUIR - WARRAGUL BACK / MID

After missing all of season 2017, the Gulls' captain will be desperate to build on his 14 games from 2018 and play some consistent footy again. Stints in the VFL and SANFL affirm his talent and credentials, and if fully fit, he could move up this list in 2019.

32 JAMES LLOYD - LEONGATHA FORWARD

Lloyd burst onto the Gippsland footy scene with a dominant five-goal performance in round five last year. He produces bursts that would have him in the league's top 20, but consistency will be the key for Lloyd, who was feast or famine last year, kicking multiple goals in eight of his 13 games, but going goalless in the

31 MITCH STANLAKE - MOE BACK

The former Gippsland Power star is establishing himself as one of the better defenders in the league. At 23, Stanlake has now played 48 games for the Lions and is primed to be a perennial top defender in the competition.

TOP 50 PLAYERS PRESEASON 2019 - 30 to 21

30 BEN WILLIS - LEONGATHA RUCK

With Willis you know what you get. Produces a contest and is hard and tough around the ball. Umpires constantly rate him among the league's top players with Willis picking up regular votes at league level.

29 BAILEY CAMERON - TRARALGON BACK

Will be a surprise ranking for some, however Cameron is gearing up for a break out season and could soon be considered among the league's best defenders. He is tall, athletic and already has 36 senior games under his belt at the age of 20. One to watch.

28 BEN HUGHES - WARRAGUL FORWARD

Hughes returns to the league after a two-year stint at Red Hill, this time as coach of Warragul. An enigmatic key forward that produced 94 goals in two years at Drouin, expect Hughes to push 40 goals and form a potent partnership with Brayden Fowler.

27 MATT RENNIE - WARRAGUL BACK

The media are on red alert every time Rennie enters the field. He loves to produce a specky but has also turned himself into one of the league's top defenders. Rennie spent two seasons on Casey's VFL list and has become a fan favourite at Warragul, kicking 30 goals as a

26 DANIEL BEDGGOOD - MAFFRA FORWARD

A game changer that has been one of the league's best for a number of years. Great overhead, deadly around goals and a great reader of the play, Bedggood is a lock in any forward line in the competition. 360 goals in 178 games for the Eagles says plenty.

25 CHARLIE RIENIETS - MOE BACK

A great story of hard work and persistence. Rieniets has developed into one of the most valuable players in the competition. A lock at full back he has become a strong and tall defender that takes on the league's best players and rarely gets beaten. Underrated as most full backs are, he's poised for another breakout year.

24 AIDEN LINDSAY - WONTHAGGI MIDFIELD

Lindsay has clearly established himself as the Power's most reliable player. The 2016 league MVP ended 2018 with a flurry of best on ground performances and with the club expecting players back in 2019, we could see Lindsay excel with more support through the midfield.

23 JAMES BLASER - MOE MIDFIELD

The joint 2017 league best and fairest finds himself ranked as the Lion's third best for 2019. Arguably Moe's player of the decade now finds himself surrounded with stars. Could this be the year the Lions take the next step? If so, expect Blaser to break back into the top 20.

22 LUKE BOWMAN - LEONGATHA MIDFIELD

Routinely flying under the radar, Bowman has been crucial to Leongatha's dominance over the past four seasons. A hard nut ball winner, the number 55 in the green and gold stepped up to represent the league last season and didn't miss a beat.

21 JACK LIPMAN - SALE RUCK

A mainstay in the Sale line-up over the past seven seasons, Lipman's massive frame and marking ability make him a crucial member of the Magpies' side. Fully fit, he is one of the league's most influential rucks.



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TOP 50 PLAYERS PRESEASON 2019 - 20 to 11



20 RUSSELL COWAN - BAIRNSDALE MID

A key cog in the Redlegs midfield. Cowan loves to get his hands on the footy and consistently wins his share of contested ball. He's also not one to shirk responsibility going forward, with 38 goals in his two seasons at Bairnsdale City Oval.



19 CADE MASKELL - LEONGATHA FWD

Captain at last year's Worksafe Community Championships, Maskell is a hard one to place. A top 10 player on his day, the versatile role player loves the big stage, as demonstrated on grand final day, when he booted five goals to claim the AFL Victoria Medal as well as a



18 HAYDEN BROWNE - LEONGATHA MID

With stars left and right, Browne is the heart and soul of the Parrots' midfield. With an uncompromising attack on the football, he leads by example and deservedly claimed the Stan Aitken medal as best on ground in the 2017 Grand Final on the back of one such perfor-



17 SPENCER WHITE - MOE FWD

The second highest ranking recruit to the league. Shows plenty of promise with a big frame and booming left boot. White was drafted to St Kilda as a top 25 pick in 2012 and at a prime age of 24, his best footy should be ahead of him. Don't be surprised to see him rank higher



16 DANNY BUTCHER - MAFFRA MID

It shows the depth of riches at Maffra's disposal that a player like Butcher, who has spent time on Port Adelaide's AFL and SANFL lists and is coming off an NTLF premiership with brother John, doesn't rank higher. Tough as nails and as committed as anyone to the Eagles'



15 ALEX CARR - MAFFRA MID

Another Maffra star that could have ranked higher. Carr had another great year in 2018 and we expect that he will again be a ball magnet through the Eagles midfield in 2019, alongside Butcher and his brother Ed. Has plenty of VFL experience under his belt.



14 JOSH HOPKINS - LEONGATHA FWD/MID

Hopkins has become one of the vital players in Leongatha's premiership-winning line-up. A versatile midsized forward that can play across half back and through the midfield. We expect him to take the next step in 2019 and become one of the league's elite gamebreakers.



13 EDDIE MORRIS - DROUIN MID/FWD

Burst back onto the scene in 2018 after a playing 64 senior games at Casey. Morris was named the best on ground in last year's Worksafe Community Championships clash against Murray and was selected to trial for the Victoria Country squad. Ever dangerous around



12 JACK JOHNSTONE - MAFFRA MID/BACK

Arguably could have been in the top five, let alone the top 10, but such is the depth of quality in the league this season he arrives at number 12. Johnstone is regarded as one of the competition's most consistent performers. A driving force behind the Maffra midfield, he



11 CHRIS DUNNE - LEONGATHA FWD

Not much needs to be said about the Parrots' premiership star. One of the most dangerous forwards in Gippsland football, Dunne claimed his second JG Lawless Memorial Award as the league's leading goalkicker with 65 majors in 2018. Expect 50 goals to be a pass mark for



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10 SAM PLEMING - MAFFRA BACK

Pleming has been the league's premier player since returning to Maffra from a distinguished VFL career at Port Melbourne in 2015. Would have been the perennial number one in years gone by but with the star reaching veteran status we expect Pleming to manage his season to ensure he's ready to move into LeBron James-style playoff mode come finals.



9 BERNIE VINCE - MOE MID

The hardest player to rank on the entire list. Arguably the best recruit Gippsland football has had in a decade, Vince comes straight from the AFL system where he was still averaging more than 16 disposals a game for a top four side before missing Melbourne's finals run through injury. On talent, he is the clear number one, but how many games he plays and how that impacts his influence, remains to be seen.



8 MITCH BENNETT - MAFFRA FWD

In competition with the man ranked at 11 for the title of best small forward in the league. With youth on his side, Bennett gets the nod this season with his strength overhead and eye for goal having him well-placed to eclipse the 50-goal mark for a fourth straight year.



7 JORDAN DESSERT - SALE UTILITY

The best utility in the competition in our opinion, Dessent spent time in the midfield, back line and forward line in 2018. More midfield time could see Dessent challenge for the Trood Award & Rodda Medal, but his goalkicking prowess and capability as a one-on-one defender offers the Magpies great flexibility.



6 MARK COLLISON - TRARALGON MID

A fully fit Mark Collison gives the Maroons a huge chance at breaking the hold Leongatha and Maffra have had on the top two spots. After managing just 10 games last season, the former AFL Victoria Country representative will be expected to produce big things again in 2019.



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5 TOM MARRIOTT - LEONGATHA MID

The reigning league best and fairest is arguably the best player in the competition and came under serious consideration for the number one spot on this list. An interrupted preseason is the main reason for Marriott slipping down a few spots, but the two-time League MVP will have plenty of time to make his mark as the season progresses and the big bodied midfielder remains one of the defending premier's biggest assets.



4 KANE MARTIN - SALE MID

The joint 2017 Trood Award and Rodda medallist will almost certainly remain one of the league's prime movers. Martin was among the top vote getters and made the team of the year, despite missing patches of football in 2018, and with 175 goals in 146 games for the Magpies since 2009, his ability to impact the scoreboard from midfield is elite.



3 BOB MCCALLUM - DROUIN RUCK

One of the superstars of country football, McCallum shows no signs of ageing. The 33-year-old was the league's sole representative in the 2018 AFL Victoria Country side after starring at the Worksafe Community Championships, yet again, and he looks set to continue to play a major role in the ruck and inside 50 for the Hawks, as he has done for the majority of his 200-plus senior games.



2 ED CARR - MAFFRA MID

After an amazing 2018, Carr is expected to once again be the driving force in the Eagles' midfield. Coming back to the league in his prime after 115 senior games at Williamstown in the VFL, Carr finished runner up in the league medal count in 2018 and his ability to win and use the footy effectively puts him among the league's elite talents.



1 SIMON DEERY - BAIRNSDALE BACK

The 2018 TRFM Gippsland League Most Valuable Player shows no sign of slowing down this year. Fresh off a Northern Territory Football League premiership with Nightcliff and still only 25, Deery is again ready to dominate with his physicality and athleticism across half-back. Featured in the best 10 times in his 19 games in the NTFL including being named best four times. After stints with Casey, Footscray and Williamstown in the VFL, Deery is enjoying his third full season back with the Redlegs and is set to spearhead their charge back towards the five.



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NETBALL REPORT



Netball season is back and the competition for the A Grade premierships starts today in round one. Reigning premier Moe will be attempting to back up the club's maiden A Grade flag and the Lions' title defence begins at Morwell. The Tigers were the best team in the regular season last year but couldn't manage to win a final. Reports suggest Morwell should have star shooter Daisy Hill more regularly this season and have strengthened their side. Moe's test will be to keep the young core of its team together and playing consistently week in and week out.

Beaten grand finalist Traralgon starts its campaign away to perennial premiers Drouin. The Maroons will again be one of the favourites in 2019. After falling heartbreakingly short in last year's decider without two-time Netball Shooting Star winner Taylin Gourley, they will be well in contention again. Drouin has gone through a large change in personnel since the 2016 flag, but topping up with good junior players has kept the Hawks competitive. After finishing fourth last year they will again be looking towards finals netball and will be hoping 2017 MVP and Hutchison medallist Stacie Gardiner returns to lead the side after missing the last part of 2018.

The Warragul rebuild led to a taste of finals action in 2018. Despite having the League's MVP and Hutchison medallist in Renee Cook, the Gulls ended up falling to rival Drouin in the elimination final. This season brings renewed confidence highlighted by the recruit of the off-season, Christie Hillberg as playing A Grade coach. A perennial league best and fairest in her time at Korumburra Bena, Hillberg will be keen to make her mark in the major league. Wonthaggi Power will be the Gulls' opponent in round one and after a disappointing 2018, the

Power's young guns will be looking to develop into a more competitive side. Wonthaggi has several young stars in the Victorian Netball League competition and will be hoping the likes of Chelsea Bowman, Zali Anderson and Annabelle Williams can take the next step as senior netballers.

Maffra is in its second season under superstar coach Jo Ballinger and after being on the cusp of finals last season, the Eagles will be expecting to make the step into the five. Ballinger has brought a confidence to the playing group and developing junior players like Emma Allman will be expected to make a big impact at senior level. The Eagles have a great defensive setup led by Sarah Luke and will be a side to watch this year. Their round one opponents Leongatha loom as an unknown quantity. Experienced star Kathy Reid has taken on the coaching role and, like a lot of sides, she will be looking for young players to step up. The Parrots have been successful in B Grade and C Grade over the past few years but haven't had the top end talent to contend in A Grade, dropping to ninth place last year.

Round one presents a great opportunity for Sale and Bairnsdale to get their season off to a winning start. The Magpies have only managed to win four games the last two years but boast a very strong junior program which could soon pay off at senior level. Junior graduates Jenny Wrigglesworth and Alex Stephenson will be heavily relied on for improvement at A Grade level.

Bairnsdale was the big improver in 2018, going from one win in 2017 to seven. The Redlegs' younger brigade led this rise with Allison Dwyer, Paris Dunkley and Isla Pearson all playing big roles. If they can keep the side together, they could look to push towards the five.

NETBALL TEAMS

BAIRNSDALE NETBALL TEAM LISTS					
A GRADE	B GRADE	C GRADE	17 & UNDER	15 & UNDER	13 & UNDER
COACH: Katelyn & Ashleigh Wheeler Isla Pearson Sally Deller Paris Dunkley Alison Dwyer Michaela O'Connor Macy Tatnell Matilda Alvin Abbey Sproule	COACH: Lindy Bills Mia Clifford Jess Stevenson Vicky Stuckey Kate Allen Nellie Austin Tyler Dykes Carlee Knight Sophie Bills Kayla Neilson	COACH: Ebony Mooney Alison Smith Lauren Bills Ebony Mooney Kate O'Connor Jasmine Kazakas Tracey Malady Rachel Brooker Kelsey Leatham Kristy Richardson	COACHES: Fran Fitzsimon Jemma McLaughlin Sophie Bills Jess Stevenson Charli Young Macy Tatnell Kate Storck Paige Barr Hayley Stevenson Mia Clifford	COACHES: Annora Virgo Brielle Malady Ruby Timms Olivia East Indi Dalton Anna Mooney Abbey Bills Stella Fitzsimon Katie Curtis	COACH: Kristy Richardson Rahni O'Connor Olivia Rees Allie Healey Emily Anderson Olivia Pearson Indi Kellow Jordan O'Connor

MOE NETBALL TEAM LISTS					
A GRADE	B GRADE	C GRADE	17 & UNDER	15 & UNDER	13 & UNDER
COACH: Peter Moody Sammy Waters Shannon Freeman Charlie Bird Georgia Moody Isabella Hodgson Carly Mullen Bianconi Jessica Hudson Elise Sim Alex Moody	COACH: Krissy Travers Rachel Shaw Maleah Travers Milly Murphy Haley Patricia Taylor Ashlee Travers Demi Plunkett Cheree Carney Laini Galea	COACH: Karlee Kerrigan Remi Edebohls Beckea Jones Taylah Summersgill Elly Brown Bree Phoenix Elise Demczuk Patty McInnes Elyse Gordon	COACH: Shannon Freeman Laini Galea Milly Murphy Destiny Mackrell Alyssa Anderson Meg Morris Lily Campbell Caitlin Demczuk Kaitlyn Anne Thompson Nikita Blair	COACH: Sammy Waters Layla Blair Lacey Pedersen Erin Warner Cali Koch Ashley Paul Olivia Rock Natalie Bills Alisha Molesworth Elise Molesworth	Demi Plunkett Indiana de Dios Hayley Koot Kirby Boyde Molly Young Haylee Wilson Hailey Davis Tilly King Imogen Smith Piper Albert

WARRAGUL NETBALL TEAM LISTS					
A GRADE	B GRADE	C GRADE	17 & UNDER	15 & UNDER	13 & UNDER
COACH: Christie Hillberg Alexandra Cole Christie Hillberg Myah Healey Mackenzie Minichiello Mia McGaritty Hayley Roberts Jaime Rollinson	COACH: Madeleine Stevenson Melissa Burton Paris Wright Naomi Allardyce Madeleine Stevenson Eboni Wall Rebecca O'Halloran Alanis Joyner Lily Sheehan	COACH: Kim Weller Kim Weller Georgia Lyons Hannah Mackenzie Grace Cant Cara McIntosh Eliza Monacella Jessie Gleeson Cindy Dawson Clare Atkinson	COACHES: Clare Atkinson Jacinta Bagot Bella Hefford Emily Hobbs Zoe Phillips Myah Healey Lily Sheehan Tanea Guy Laura Miller Ella Weir	COACHES: Paris Wright Jacinta Bagot Bella Hefford Emily Hobbs Zoe Phillips Myah Healey Lily Sheehan Tanea Guy Laura Miller Ella Weir	COACH: April Heenan Mia Radford Lucy Williamson Tia Jenkins Pippa Cook Keely Pyle Charlotte Bundle Mackenzie Heenan Maggie Cook Anabell Looby Maci James

WONTHAGGI NETBALL TEAM LISTS					
A GRADE	B GRADE	C GRADE	17 & UNDER	15 & UNDER	13 & UNDER
COACH: Fiona Cengia Zali Anderson Ellie Bates Sophie Bolam Chelsea Bowman Cassidy Bowman Chloe Cengia Olivia Gilmore Annabelle Williams Bella Anderson	COACH: Carley Gilliland Sophie Bolam Kealey Carew Carley Gilliland Jemma Gilmore Bonny Huitema Kiani Liddle Ava Scapin Lily Sharples Abby Tranter Isabella Tiziani	COACH: Elise DeSantis Whitney Anderson Elise DeSantis Maddie Dowel Alesha Kelly Zoe Lowe Ella Morcom Hope Thomas Jess Tiziani Felicity Tack Macie Gilmore Nina Hunter	COACHES: Fiona Cengia / Sharon Anderson Bella Anderson Ellie Bates Chelsea Bowman Macie Gilmore Nina Hunter Isabella Tiziani Annabelle Williams	COACHES: Bec Wright Biara Brusamarello Maya Fraser Imogen Lindsay Laetitia Pugh Freya Scapin Kirra Sleeman Alicia Smith Felicity Tack Brigitte Tack Tess Wingfield Leah Zappa	COACH: Bec Wright Charlie Berry Ella Berry Annalise O'Halloran Mia Plenkovich Baia Pugh Sarah Seuren Sonia Seuren Ella Smith Macey Peterson Gypsy Schmidt Eva Brown Zac Mabilia

SALE NETBALL TEAM LISTS					
A GRADE	B GRADE	C GRADE	17 & UNDER	15 & UNDER	13 & UNDER
COACH: Mel Johnston Hayley Castle Tori dessent Macy Gardiner Kristy Glover Morgan Mayne Ruby Phillips Livinia Ronchi Alex Stephenson Jenny Wrigglesworth	COACH: Rebecca Gray Olivia Barnett Kirsten Craft Breanna Kerton Keisha Jackson Mel Johnston Maddy McMillan Ella Ronchi Ally Waugh	COACH: Ruby Phillips Shauna Anderson Bree Courtney Ella Fraser Ally Gull Sara Morrison Jamieson Randell Ellen Robinson Courtney Saddington Ella McIndin	COACH: Danielle Anstee Shauna Anderson Olivia Barnett Cleo Fox Tilly Gordyn Keisha Jackson Grace Ronchi Isabella Tatterton Lara Van der Voort Jenny Wrigglesworth	COACH: Bernadette Dillon Abbi Boulter Ruby Dillon Tess Hanson Ruby Hanford Isla McCarthy Charlotte Ronchi Lilli Stobie Grace Tauschke Indigo Waugh Milla Anderson	COACH: Bernie Dillon Ally Beale Georgie Hrehoresen Alyssa Light Chloe McInnes Sophie Robinson Kate Van der Voort Sophie Williams Sienna Wynd Georgia Anderson Jasmine Stewart Krystal Craft

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LEONGATHA NETBALL TEAM LISTS					
A GRADE	B GRADE	C GRADE	17 & UNDER	15 & UNDER	13 & UNDER
COACH: Kath Reid Kate Sperling Katherine Bohn Lauren Redpath Maddison Kerr Nicola Marriott Jasmin Friend Georgia Riseley Kayla Redpath Jessica Edgar Kate Browne	COACHES: Danielle Mackie Lily Scott Simone Dekker Sally Trease Kasie Rump Abby Forrester Jaclyn Smith Zali Hill Abby Davison	COACH: Kasie Rump Ashlea Payne Emalie Gordon Ashli Gilliam Evonne Dekker Elicia Garnham Luca Riseley Elise Dowling Ash Van Rooy Carlie Dwyer Georgina Drew	COACH: Kate Sperling Alicia Marshman Bethany Scott Phoebe Davidson Stacey Gilliam Zari Rogers Holly Van Der Pligt Keely Price Ella Lyons Chloe Brown	COACH: Georgia Riseley & Lily Scott Makenzi Gourlay Alice Reid Harper Mc Lennan Ada Hill Zara Littlejohn Lily Hume Phoebe Hinds Kinesha Anderson Katie Harris	COACH: Evie Dekker & Lily Scott Jayde Hall Chelsea Fox Audrey Mc Gannon Molly Heber Sienna Cruickshank Grace Guy Sienna Goldsmith Lara Gill Lucy Patterson

MAFFRA NETBALL TEAM LISTS					
A GRADE	B GRADE	C GRADE	17 & UNDER	15 & UNDER	13 & UNDER
COACH: Jo Ballinger Abbey Pleydell Leyla Berry Emma Allman Jemma Dorward Taylah Ballinger Maddie Ballinger Alex Gattaly Faith Biddle Sarah Luke	COACHES: Georgie Cutler Mollie Huts Coco Henry Emily Balzomeris Sarah Edey Taylah Ballinger Hannah Bourke Maddie Davis Natalie Allman Amy Daly	COACH: Paige Biddle Anna Gaw Tash Bedgood Rachel Edey Megan Raine Meg Fitt Maddie Rachford Ella Schacht Stephanie Howson Myah Proud	COACH: Taylah Ballinger Zara Flynn Abbey Ross Mahli Oldham Jana Hennig Chloe Proud Tuana Cooper Abi Allman Charlotte Keifer Poppi Fleming Marnie Davis	COACH: Katie Jones Bec Bourke Lucy Jones April Burton Heidi Gray Jamie Gattaly Phoebe Regan Kate Harrington Jasmy Hennig Chelsea Allman Kheali Oldham	COACH: Jo Ballinger Chloe Rees Ciara Fitt Tayli Dimarco Tilley Pengergast Tara Dunsmuir Milla Boyle Tiffany Gieschen Bridie Daly Maddi Jones Demi Scriven

DROUIN NETBALL TEAM LISTS					
A GRADE	B GRADE	C GRADE	17 & UNDER	15 & UNDER	13 & UNDER
COACH: Kylie Proctor Alana Rippon Deb Thomas Kym Diston Sarah Roughtead Niki Bryce Rachael Morris Ruby Pratt Stacie Gardiner Natalie Sloan Olivia Konstanty Maddison Dunn	COACH: Jodie Proctor & Lisa Biffin Abby Kingi Abbey Tyrrell Ali Lieshout Ali McArthur Chelsea de Riter Monique Kiezzenberg Lateisha Edwards Jodie Proctor Lia Olsen	COACH: Heather Newcombe Darcy Appleby Emily Bethune Georgia Henderson Kate Butler Kathryn Buckland Courtney Millar Rachel Pullen Sarah Sharpe Jess Murray	COACHES: Ruby Pratt & Nat Sloan Lucy Bertrand Bailey Fleming Brooke de Riter Ella East Ella Gown Harriet Louden Kiarna Craig Kristin Groenewaldt Macy Newcombe Oliva Konstanty Sabine Lieshout	COACH: Ali Lieshout Allanah Jagoe Alex McKenzie Sharni Boote Holly Cheyne Lucy McKellar Milli Tomkins Montana Lewis Morgan Cook Tess Mapleson Gemma Gregg	COACHES: Abby Tyrrell Adah Thomas Harper Saddington Lainey Downey Matilda Carroll Zaryl Lewis Mia Trewin Ella Kleevan Amy Boote

MORWELL NETBALL TEAM LISTS					
A & B GRADE	C GRADE	17 & UNDER	15 & UNDER	13 & UNDER	
COACHES: Rachel Tatterton & Rachael Patterson Claire Allison Courtney Garth Emily Donoghue Nadine Soutar Lexi Bowe Tanya Budge Madi Hutchison Caitlin Mareska	COACH: Shane Mynard & Laura Marino Fiona Cuddy Jessica Hutchinson (VC) Alyssa Holme Maddison Bond Isabelle Kennedy Kadra Lardner Andrea Mynard Maddy Schneider Joanna Watson	Gail Macfarlane & Emily Donoghue Lucy Bertrand Chloe Radford (VC) Jaide Delicata Charli Leslie Maddy Macfarlane-Mate Isla McCrae Zaisella Radford Rahni Styles Abbey Tripp	Claire Allison & Madi Hutchison Ashlyn Pavey Mikayla Couling (VC) Seisha Boyd-Thomas Emma Darling Charlotte Di Toro Alyssa Furian Emily Neocleous Anna Solomon Emma Spagnolo	Caitlin Mareska & Lucy Bertrand Olivia Fourze Leila Gaunt (VC) Kaieli Evans Charly Giddens Ruby Knowles Amelia Owyler Jorja Owyler Amelia Riddle Lucy Riddle	

TRARALGON NETBALL TEAM LISTS					
A GRADE	B GRADE	C GRADE	17 & UNDER	15 & UNDER	13 & UNDER
COACH: Caitlan Ponton Saskia Eenjes Maya Bown Ramayer Gourley Taylin Gourley Stacey O'brien Caitlan Ponton Jaimee Salleh Maddison Stockdale	COACH: Rebecca Duddington Nicole Jennings Rebecca Duddington Bree Guttridge Kasey Guttridge Nicole Jennings Chelsea Livingstone Alyce Murphy Lori Scholtes Cassidy Smith	COACH: Sophie Membrey Molly Clavarino Traxareq Hanratty Amy Hussson Amie Jackson Bridget Kase Annie Little Sophie Membrey Loren Ponton Liesl Sexton	COACH: Ramayer Gourley Isabella Bettridge Ella Hall Heidi Gaudion Lauryn King-Church Chelsea Lawn Milan Maaka Matilda Vanberkel Alannah Webster	COACH: Chelsea Livingstone Amali Adams Amity Blair Emma Farley Sophie Little Montanna Styles Aillyssa Tangi Moly Vanberkel Chelsey Webster	COACH: Lori Scholtes Alice Farmer Charlie Hamilton Addison Howe Ava Melbourne Asha Nightingale Emily Scholtes Lucy Traill India Van Berkel Grace Van Tilburg

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5 YEARS AGO - 5TH APRIL, 2014

Morwell showed that they were going to go hard in defending their crown with a strong win over Wonthaggi. After a dour first half, the Tigers kicked eleven goals to three after the break. Ben Kearns their best with four goals. Pundits wondered how Maffra would fare with both Burgiel brothers now departed. They answered with a powerful display at home against Moe, Owen Booth controlling the ruck and Daniel Bedgood (5 goals) on top up forward. Sale came from behind against Traralgon, kicking six goals to two in the final term to run out 21 point winners. Bairnsdale won comfortably against Leongatha, but errant kicking for goal (9.20.74) cost them some early percentage. Warragul won the Western Derby against Drouin, led superbly by onballers Chris Carey and Brad Scalzo.

Ladder: Morwell 4, Maffra 4, Warragul 4, Bairnsdale 4, Sale 4, Traralgon 0, Leongatha 0, Drouin 0, Moe 0, Wonthaggi 0.

Morwell 15.11.101 d Wonthaggi 6.12.48

Morwell: Best: B.Kearns, A.Close, A.Bailey.
Goals: B.Kearns 4, A.Close 3, D.MacDonald 3, T.Lockyer 2.
Wonthaggi: Best: A.Lindsay, J.Blair, T.Gilliland.
Goals: all singles.

Sale 14.18.102 d Traralgon 12.9.81

Sale: Best: T.Hams, K.Martin, J.Gooch.
Goals: M.Ferguson 3, M.Davis 2, T.Hams 2, J.Gram 2.
Traralgon: Best: T.Northe, M.Geary, A.Slottje.
Goals: T.Johnston 4, M.Geary 3.

Bairnsdale 9.20.74 d Leongatha 6.7.43

Bairnsdale: Best: S.Henshaw, L.Dyer, A.Fitzgerald.
Goals: J.Gibbs 4.
Leongatha: Best: C.Bruns, B.Willis, S.Westaway.
Goals: C.Maskell 2.

Maffra 19.9.123 d Moe 8.12.60

Maffra: Best: O.Booth, J.Huts, W.Gieschen. Goals: D.Bedgood 5, K.Porter 2, D.Sheen 2, O.Booth 2, D.Adams 2.
Moe: Best: K.Airdrie, C.McIntosh, J.Thornton. Goals: T.Long 2.

Warragul 11.16.82 d Drouin 6.6.42

Warragul: Best: C.Carey, B.Scalzo, T.Fusinato.
Goals: C.Carey 2, D.Proctor 2, J.Proctor 2, T.Carey 2.
Drouin: Best: K.Bott, L.Duffy, L.Axford.
Goals: D.Olsen 2.

10 YEARS AGO ... 18TH APRIL, 2009

A pair of thrillers and two blowouts marked the opening round of 2009. Traralgon survived a withering run from Drouin, the Hawks rattling on six final quarter goals to come up twelve points short. At Morwell, just three points separated the Tigers and Sale at the final break, Sale kicking 3.6 to three straight to take the game by nine points. Moe and Leongatha had huge wins over Garfield and Warragul respectively, Matt Forsys (Moe) (7 goals) and Dwayne Holt (Leongatha) (8 goals) cashing in on their teams' success. Maffra had the bye.

Ladder: Moe 4, Leongatha 4, Traralgon 4, Sale 4, Morwell 0, Drouin 0, Warragul 0, Garfield 0, Maffra 0.

Traralgon 18.9.117 d Drouin 15.15.105

Traralgon: Best: R.Hore, T.McQuaiter, J.Mowat.
Goals: M.Geary 3, D.Campbell 2, J.Mowat 2, M.Burge 2, N.Quenault 2, T.Aitken 2, T.Darby 2.
Drouin: Best: D.Barrand, A.Soumilas, P.McGrath.
Goals: B.Carmody 5, D.Carmody 2, D.Barrand 2, D.Macfarlane 2, J.Barr 2.

Sale 15.15.105 d Morwell 15.6.96

Sale: Best: R.Love, A.Cox, D.McLay.
Goals: B.Sayers 5, B.McKay 2, N.Fowler 2.
Morwell: Best: M.P.Duncan, A.Bailey, L.Dowling.
Goals: B.Knowles 3, A.Bailey 2, J.Dowling 2, L.Dowling 2, L.Norder 2.

Moe 25.22.172 d Garfield 2.6.18

Moe: Best: J.Blaser, M.Forys, T.Long.
Goals: M.Forys 7, A.Payne 5, A.Thorpe 2, J.Munro 2, R.Horton 2.
Garfield: Best: J.Coburn, Z.Hower, B.Marsh.
Goals: both singles.

Leongatha 20.12.132 d Warragul 7.12.54

Leongatha: Best: J.Sutherland, D.Holt, B.Rayson.
Goals: D.Holt 8, M.Truscio 3, T.Brown 3, M.Hardy 2, B.Rayson 2.
Warragul: Best: C.Rowe, R.Davey, J.Ferguson.
Goals: all singles.

20 YEARS AGO ... 17TH APRIL, 1999

With talk of league restructures in the newspapers from early March, the Gippsland Latrobe league began with one message clear – Traralgon were going to be the season's trendsetters. The Maroons easily accounted for Wonthaggi, a team which would contest the 1999 Preliminary Final. Peter Wolfe and Greg Morley controlled the ball at ground level and Paul McCulloch led the forward line with five goals. Moe paid the price for their first win at Leongatha in six years with three players sidelined through injury. The Lions prevailed by a single point after trailing narrowly at the final break, Jordan Meikle also kicking five goals for the winners. Maffra dominated the middle two quarters against Sale, kicking seven and eight goals in those terms to put the game beyond doubt. Andrew Gieschen was clearly best afield for the Eagles with seven goals. Morwell gained a sold lead in their first half against Warragul, but then struggled to hold on to it, with the Gulls kicking six goals to two after half time. Danny Millar (Morwell) and Justin Cant (Warragul) were best for their respective teams.

Ladder: Traralgon 4, Maffra 4, Morwell 4, Moe 4, Leongatha 0, Warragul 0, Sale 0, Wonthaggi 0.

Traralgon 20.12.132 d Wonthaggi 6.5.41

Traralgon: Best: P.Wolfe, G.Morley, M.Cameron.
Goals: P.McCulloch 5, R.Forsyth 3, M.Malone 2, N.Robertson 2.
Wonthaggi: Best: B.Forsyth, P.Brosnan, S.Petherick.
Goals: R.Tack 2.

Moe 11.12.78 d Leongatha 11.11.77

Moe: Best: L.Sim, S.Garner, T.Coad.
Goals: J.Meikle 5, C.Whitbourne 2.
Leongatha: Best: B.Crofts, D.Clark, P.Helms.
Goals: B.Standfield 3, D.Read 3, B.Crofts 2.

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40 YEARS AGO ... 21ST APRIL, 1979

Not surprisingly the match of the day in the opening round of the 1979 season was at Maffra where the Eagles took on arch-rival Sale. The Eagles led by 23 points at half time before Sale closed it to six points at three quarter time. Despite having six scoring shots to Maffra's four in the final term, Sale's errant kicking for goal cost them as Maffra won by 14 points. Onballers Jeff Gieschen (Maffra) and Ian "Emu" Jones (Sale) were named as their sides' best players. Six goals in each of the second and final quarters saw Traralgon win comfortably over Morwell, Tom Bermingham leading the way for the Maroons with five goals. In the closest game of the day shocking inaccuracy cost Warragul dearly. The Gulls' score of 9.18.72 to Moe's 11.12.78 told the tale of the match. Bairnsdale got the jump on Yallourn/Yallourn North to lead by 29 points at quarter time, but the Blues kicked eight goals to one to take a handy lead in at half time. Gary Jennings kicked five goals for the Blues who won by 24 points. Leongatha was far too strong for league newcomer Newborough and topped the ladder after their 113 point win.

Ladder: Leongatha 4, Traralgon 4, YYN 4, Maffra 4, Moe 4, Warragul 0, Sale 0, Bairnsdale 0, Morwell 0, Newborough 0.

Traralgon 17.19.121 d Morwell 8.12.60

Traralgon: Best: R.Johnson, G.Hore, G.Hollands.
Goals: T.Bermingham 5, S.Johnson 3, I.Schuback 2, A.Jennings 2.
Morwell: Best: J.Knowles, B.Stanistreet, J.Vickery.
Goals: C.Metcalf 2, J.Vickery 2.

Moe 11.12.78 d Warragul 9.18.72

Moe: Best: R.Cuneen, T.Alexander, D.Heath.
Goals: P.Boyce 3, D.Heath 2, J.Henderson 2.
Warragul: Best: R.Vansittart, R.Ballingall, A.Singline.
Goals: I.Twite 3, P.Gravener 2.

Maffra 16.9.105 d Sale 13.13.91

Maffra: Best: J.Gieschen, S.Clavirino, C.Wojcinski.
Goals: S.Clavirino 5, P.Hesz 2, C.Wojcinski 2, T.McConnell 2.
Sale: Best: I.Jones, D.Mason, C.Healey.
Goals: R.Coulthard 3, G.Pleming 2, T.Somerville 2, D.Mason 2.

Yallourn/Yallourn North 15.15.105 d Bairnsdale 11.15.81

YYN: Best: R.Koeleman, G.Young, N.Meredith.
Goals: G.Jennings 5, R.Lee 3, N.Meredith 2.
Bairnsdale: Best: M.Frew, G.Mitchell, R.Patrick.
Goals: R.Christie 2, G.Lowrey 2, S.O'Brien 2.

Leongatha 25.19.169 d Newborough 8.8.56

Leongatha: Best: G.Salmon, W.Lynch, P.Lynch.
Goals: T.Maxwell 4, S.Hayes 3, W.Lynch 3, A.Westaway 3, R.Winkler 2, T.Hemming 2, B.Salmon 2.
Newborough: Best: P.Risol, P.Butler, N.Hunt.
Goals: C.Carr 3.

Maffra 21.9.135 d Sale 14.10.94

Maffra: Best: A.Gieschen, N.Sellings, M.McMahon.
Goals: A.Gieschen 7, M.McMahon 3, J.Bramich 2, C.Jennings 2, A.Dunsmuir 2, N.Sellings 2.
Sale: Best: B.Johnson, A.Gerrand, E.Hug.
Goals: B.Clay 3, D.Harrington 2, R.Aurisch 2, A.Gerrand 2, L.Hogan 2.

Morwell 10.17.77 d Warragul 7.15.57

Morwell: Best: D.Millar, S.Waters, D.Preston.
Goals: S.Giardina 3, D.Keating 2, D.Preston 2, B.Sherriff 2.
Warragul: Best: J.Cant, T.Heenan, A.Carr.
Goals: B.Mounsey 2, B.Marshall 2, T.McMahon 2.

30 YEARS AGO ... 15TH APRIL, 1989

An early sign of what was to become a closely fought season, Round One produced four exciting matches. Sale came from five points down at three quarter time to kick eight final quarter goals against Morwell, Steve Dunkley leading the way for the Magpies with five goals. Bairnsdale overcame an early deficit against Churchill to control the game from half time onwards, although their lead was never at any stage "match-winning". Warragul's six goal third quarter was instrumental in their gaining a narrow lead against Maffra, the Gulls holding on to win by eight points. Moe blew Leongatha away in the first quarter at Leongatha with an opening term of 7.7 to 0.1. Although the Lions kicked just four more goals for the game, it wasn't until the final term in which the Parrots slammed on eight goals that Moe relinquished the lead. Glenn Thorson (Leongatha) (5 goals) and Graeme Jose (Moe) (6) starred up forward for their teams. Traralgon had the bye.

Ladder: Sale 4, Leongatha 4, Bairnsdale 4, Warragul 4, Traralgon 4, Maffra 0, Churchill 0, Moe 0, Morwell 0.

Sale 18.9.117 d Morwell 12.12.84

Sale: Best: S.Dunkley, G.Collins, B.Day. Goals: S.Dunkley 5, B.Day 4, A.Tsiafoggannis 3, J.Whitford 2, D.Hogan 2.
Morwell: Best: J.Albanese, K.Fleming, R.Kerr. Goals: P.Petrou 3, A.Little 3, J.Albanese 2.

Bairnsdale 18.8.116 d Churchill 14.9.93

Bairnsdale: Best: D.McMahon, G.Trinder, T.Hack.
Goals: G.Schaeche 6, P.Rowe 3, T.Hack 2, W.Trinder 2, J.Mulqueen 2.
Churchill: Best: J.Dear, D.Hall, D.Hamilton.
Goals: D.Starr 3, D.Hamilton 2, D.Hall 2, C.Welsh 2.

Warragul 12.12.84 d Maffra 11.10.76

Warragul: Best: G.Davine, R.Ballingall, T.Ollington.
Goals: R.Ferguson 3, G.Davine 2, R.Hefford 2.
Maffra: Best: A.Svenson, A.Gravener, P.Behar.
Goals: B.Jones 4.

Leongatha 16.12.108 d Moe 11.14.80

Leongatha: Best: D.Reid, C.Debondt, L.Anthony.
Goals: G.Thorson 5, L.Alexander 4, D.Reid 4, R.Fisher 2.
Moe: Best: W.Pace, G.Jose, N.Dyt.
Goals: G.Jose 6.

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Leongatha v. Maffra (1969 – 2018)

All matches: Played 119 Leongatha 58, Maffra 61
At Leongatha: Played 54 Leongatha 34, Maffra 20
Last ten matches: Leongatha 6, Maffra 4
Last win at Leongatha: Leongatha 2017, Maffra 2018
Last 5 years at Leongatha: Leongatha 2, Maffra 3
Last three matches: 2018 (M) Leongatha 9. 8. 62 d Maffra 7.11. 53
2018 (2nd Semi at Traralgon) Leongatha 16.
9.105 d Maffra 5.11. 41
2018 (Grand Final at Morwell) Leongatha 10.13.
73 d Maffra 10. 4. 64

Present winning sequence: Leongatha 3
Match Aggregate High: 258 pts (2007) Maffra 30.22.202 d
Leongatha 8. 8. 56
258 pts (2012 Qual.F) Maffra 26.17.173 d Leongatha 13. 7. 85
Match Aggregate Low: 67 pts (2003) Leongatha 6. 7. 43 d Maffra
3. 6. 24

Highest scores: Leongatha 32.19.211 (1978), Maffra 30.22.202
(2006 & 2007)
Lowest scores: Leongatha 1. 4. 10 (2002), Maffra 1. 3. 9 (1997)
Greatest winning margin: Leongatha 177 (1978), Maffra 186 (2002)
Most goals (match): Leongatha 9 C.Brown (1994)
Maffra 14 A.Burgiel (2007)

Notes: What better way to open the 2019 TRFM Gippsland League season than having a rematch of the two power teams of the competition. Leongatha and Maffra have contested the last three Grand Finals, each one a classic match in its own right. The Parrots now have back-to-back premierships, the first time they have achieved this feat in this league. Maffra will be aiming for its 20th consecutive season of finals football, their last miss being a 6th placing in 1999. In the last 19 seasons Maffra has won 8 premierships and have been the runner-up four times, a truly golden age for the club. As they have the habit of regularly winning on each other's ground, today's match will be entertaining from first to last with the winner decided in the closing stages.

Sale v. Bairnsdale (GFL 1901-53, GL 1960-98, 2011 - 2018)

All matches: Played 245 Sale 136, Bairnsdale 105, drawn 4
At Sale: Played 112 Sale 73, Bairnsdale 38, drawn 1
Last ten matches: Sale 7, Bairnsdale 3
Last win at Sale: Sale 2018, Bairnsdale 2017
Last 5 years at Sale: Sale 3, Bairnsdale 2
Last three matches: 2017 (B) Sale 20.11.131 d Bairnsdale 9. 7. 61
2018 (S) Sale 16. 9.105 d Bairnsdale 10.13. 73
2018 (B) Sale 12.13. 85 d Bairnsdale 10.13. 73

Present winning sequence: Sale 3
Match Aggregate High: 280 pts (1971) Sale 30.18.198 d Bairnsdale
13. 4. 82
Match Aggregate Low: 33 pts (1902) Sale 3. 2. 20 d Bairnsdale 1.
7. 13
Highest scores: Sale 30.19.199 (1996), Bairnsdale 27.21.183 (1994)
Lowest scores: Sale 1. 8. 14 (1903), Bairnsdale 1. 6. 12 (1914)

Greatest winning margin: Sale 161 (1996), Bairnsdale 131 (1994)
Most goals (match): Sale 11 M.Ferguson (2012)
Bairnsdale 10 I.McLean (1923),
D.Preston (1994)

Notes: This fixture is another of the many derby type matches that occur within the league. These two eastern-most clubs have a long history of matches dating back well over one hundred years, with games always played with plenty of spirit in front of large crowds. The last four or five years have been ones of unfulfilled promise for both teams, Bairnsdale making good starts to seasons before injury to key players has spoiled their efforts. For their part, Sale had a few disastrous starts to seasons before steaming home. Last year they looked set for a serious tilt at the flag, just a game behind the eventual Grand Finalists, only to see it all come undone in a "straight sets" exit. Winning today's match will be exactly the tonic for both the Magpies and Redlegs, and the fans of both will have plenty to enthuse about.

Drouin v. Traralgon (1910, 1936-40 (CGFL), 1960-64, 2005-2018)

All matches: Played 53 Drouin 12, Traralgon 41
At Drouin: Played 24 Drouin 7, Traralgon 17
Last ten matches: Drouin 0, Traralgon 10
Last win at Drouin: Drouin 2011, Traralgon 2018
Last 5 years at Drouin: Drouin 0, Traralgon 5
Last three matches: 2017 (T) Traralgon 16.16.112 d Drouin 6. 4. 40
2018 (T) Traralgon 16.10.106 d Drouin 14.10. 94
2018 (D) Traralgon 14.15. 99 d Drouin 12.14. 86

Present winning sequence: Traralgon 18
Match Aggregate High: 222 pts (2009) Traralgon 18. 9.117 d Drouin
15.15.105
Match Aggregate Low: 55 pts (1909) Traralgon 5. 6. 36 d Drouin
2. 7. 19
Highest scores: Drouin 17.20.122 (1936), Traralgon 30.27.207 (2014)
Lowest scores: Drouin 0. 1. 1 (2014), Traralgon 4. 9. 33 (1962)
Greatest winning margin: Drouin 53 (2010), Traralgon 206 (2014)
Most goals (match): Drouin 7 J.Hoskins (1936)
Traralgon 9 T.Johnston (2014),
L.Stockdale (2014)

Notes: Although Traralgon has a current 18 game winning sequence against Drouin, both encounters last year could easily have ended the Maroons' run. Traralgon won their Round 6 meeting by twelve points, but they had to overcome a three quarter time deficit of 19 points, Traralgon coming home with six goals to one. When they met at Drouin in Round 15 it was pretty much neck and neck from the second quarter onwards, some missed chances in the final term seeing the Hawks 13 points adrift at the final siren. Drouin's 4 ½ wins last year was a big improvement on their winless 2017, but close calls such as these could have seen them pushing for a finals spot, something that will be on top of their "to do" list this year. Traralgon came within a goal of playing off in last year's Grand Final, the Maroons having a third straight year as Preliminary Finalists. Fans will be out in big numbers to see how well each team has recruited over the Summer and once again there should be little between the teams as the final siren sounds.

By Paul Carter

Morwell v. Moe (1932-53 (CGFL), 1954 – 2018)

All matches (1932 -):: Played 189 Morwell 99, Moe 87, drawn 3
At Morwell: Played 92 Morwell 55, Moe 36, drawn 1
Last ten matches: Moe 7, Morwell 3
Last win at Morwell: Morwell 2018, Moe 2017
Last 5 years at Morwell: Morwell 3, Moe 2
Last three matches: 2017 (Elim.F at Traralgon) Moe 14.14. 98 d
Morwell 8. 5. 53
2018 (Mw) Moe 7.15. 57 d Morwell 7.11. 53
2018 (Moe) Moe 30.14.194 d Morwell 9. 6. 60
Present winning sequence: Moe 7
Match Aggregate High: 325 pts (1997) Morwell 44.15.279 d Moe
7. 4. 46
Match Aggregate Low: 54 pts (1990) Moe 5. 5. 35 d Morwell 2. 7. 19
Highest scores: Morwell 44.15.279 (1997), Moe 30.14.194 (2018)
Lowest scores: Morwell 1. 3. 9 (2001), Moe 3. 2. 20 (1953)
Greatest winning margin: Morwell 233 (1997), Moe 134 (2018)
Most goals (match): Morwell 13 D.Jorgenson (1954), R.Taylor (1997)
Moe 14 K.Rainsford (1994)

Notes: After the heart-stopper these teams played in Round 6 last year, when Moe scraped home by four points, no-one saw what happened when they met again at Moe in Round 15. Moe kicked its highest ever score against Morwell and had their biggest ever win over the Tigers, taking their current winning streak over them to seven. Both teams have embarked on a ground up approach to securing their club's ongoing success, restructuring their junior clubs to ensure that their talented youngsters feel very much a part of the club and that they have an important part to play. Moe are a little further down the track than Morwell and have already tasted great success at the junior levels, while the Tigers are seeing the fruit of their toils beginning to emerge. It's always a great battle when these teams face up to each other and there will be plenty to please fans of both teams this afternoon.

Wonthaggi v. Warragul (1995 – 1999, 2010 - 2018)

All matches: Played 28 Wonthaggi 13, Warragul 15
At Wonthaggi: Played 14 Wonthaggi 8, Warragul 6
Last ten matches: Wonthaggi 5, Warragul 5
Last win at Wonthaggi: Wonthaggi 2017, Warragul 2018
Last 5 years at Wonthaggi: Wonthaggi 3, Warragul 2
Last three matches: 2017 (Wa) Warragul 13.11. 89 d Wonthaggi 6.11. 47
2018 (Wo) Warragul 10. 8. 68 d Wonthaggi 7. 7. 49
2018 (Wa) Warragul 10.13. 73 d Wonthaggi 3. 5. 23
Present winning sequence: Warragul 3
Match Aggregate High: 237 pts (1995) Warragul 20.20.140 d
Wonthaggi 14.13. 97
237 pts (1997) Warragul 25.14.164 d Wonthaggi 11. 7. 73
Match Aggregate Low: 55 pts (2016) Warragul 4. 9. 33 d Wonthaggi
2.10. 22
Highest scores: Wonthaggi 27.18.180 (2014), Warragul 25.14.164 (1997)
Lowest scores: Wonthaggi 2.10. 22 (2016), Warragul 2. 1. 13 (2014)
Greatest winning margin: Wonthaggi 167 (2014), Warragul 91 (1997)
Most goals (match): Wonthaggi 7 R.Tack (1999)
Warragul 7 M.Cumming (1997)

Notes: Both teams would have been disappointed with their seasons in 2018. Wonthaggi finished with just two wins and their first Wooden Spoon since returning to this competition in 2010. The Power also had another four games where their losing margin was 24 points or less, indicating that they were very much in with a chance on those occasions. Although Warragul improved from 7th in 2017 to 6th last year, their first half of the year cost them dearly. The Gulls won just three of their first nine games, the six losses included one point losses to Drouin and Sale. They stormed home with six wins from the final nine games to fall just a game short of Moe and Traralgon, those one point heart-breakers coming back to haunt them. Today's match, and the promise of a bright start to the season, is vitally important to both the Power and the Gulls, both with new coaches that they'll want to impress.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE ROUND ONE RECORDS 1954 - 2018

HIGHEST SCORES

35.24.234	MORWELL v Churchill	1994
33.23.221	MORWELL v Moe	1997
31.27.213	BAIRNSDALE v Newborough	1980
32.16.208	MAFFRA v Drouin	2005
32.13.205	WONTHAGGI v Moe	1996

LOWEST SCORES

2. 3. 15	DROUIN v Morwell	2017
2. 6. 18	GARFIELD v Moe	2009
2. 7. 19	MORWELL v Moe	1990
2. 8. 20	YALLOURN v Morwell	1966
3. 2. 20	YALL./YALL.NTH v Leongatha	1982

GREATEST MARGINS

185	MORWELL 35.24.234 d Churchill 7. 7. 49	1994
180	BAIRNSDALE 31.27.213 d Newborough 4. 9. 33	1980
174	MORWELL 33.23.221 d Moe 7. 5. 47	1997
171	SALE 30.23.203 d Churchill 4. 8. 32	1985
158	MAFFRA 32.16.208 d Drouin 8. 2. 50	2005

"HEART STOPPERS"

Draw	Warragul 8.11. 59 drew Trafalgar 8.11. 59	1965
1	Moe 11.12. 78 d Leongatha 11.11. 77	1999
1	Wonthaggi Power 9. 9. 63 d Leongatha 8.14. 62	2010
2	Yallourn 7.11. 53 d Morwell 6.15. 51	1958
2	Heyfield 9.11. 65 d Yallourn 8.15. 63	1968
2	Morwell 16. 9.105 d Traralgon 15.13.103	1983
2	Wonthaggi 21. 7.133 d Morwell 21. 5.131	2004

GOALKICKERS

13	Shane Loveless (Sale) v Moe	1987
12	Ron Cox (Newborough) v T.T.U.	1984
11	Murray Silver (Wonthaggi) v Morwell	2004
11	Chris Dunne (Drouin) v Moe	2011
11	Matthew Ferguson (Sale) v Bairnsdale	2012
10	Paul Rowe (Bairnsdale) v Churchill	1992
10	Darren Sheen (Maffra) v Moe	2013

LEONGATHA FNC



COLOURS
Emerald Green & Gold

COACHES
Seniors: Paul Carbis
Reserves: Chris Rump
Thirds: Ash Hickey
Fourths: Gene Vanderzalm

SCORES	¼	½	¾	FINAL
SENIORS				
RESERVES				
THIRDS				
FOURTHS				

SENIORS	
1	Colin Sanbrook
2	James Lloyd
3	Hayden Browne
4	Josh Hopkins
5	Kyle Cooper
6	Joel Rendon
7	Jackson Harry
8	Tom Marriott
9	Nick Nagel
10	Harrison McGannon
11	Ryan Olden
12	Steve Forrester
13	Chris Verboon
14	Chris Rump
15	Brok Davidson
16	Nathan Trotto
17	Chris Dunne
18	Laughy Wright
19	Justin Pellicano
20	Ben Willis
21	Jack Ginnane
22	Aaron Hillberg
23	Cade Maskell
24	Tully Bernaldo
25	Des Bowman
26	Patrick McGrath

THIRDS	
1	Will Littlejo+B6:B38hn
2	Mason McGannon
5	Tom vanderkolk
6	Matt Portelli
7	Cade James
8	Tyson Hanegraaf
9	Travis Nash
10	Mitch Bentvelzen
11	Jack Hume
12	Colby Micheal
13	Oscar Sullivan Bowler
14	Daniel Sturtevant
15	Jacob Lamers
16	Reegan Kemp
17	Liam O'Niell
18	Zac Reid
20	Izaak McRae
21	Luke Stothart
24	Jake van der Pligt
25	Kyah Clarkson
26	Shannon Kennedy
27	Zane Bartlett
28	Alex Krausz
29	Tyson Davies
30	Tyler O'Connor
32	Kyle Evers
33	Nathan Harris
51	Nathan Harris

FOURTHS	
1	Darcy Hume
2	Levi Hickey
3	Aaron Turton
4	Ned Hanily
5	Joel Leeden
6	Taite Cumming
7	Hudson Martin
8	Rhys Weaver
9	Jesse Burns
10	Zack Scholtz
11	Lucas Vanderzalm
12	Ryan Gilliam
13	Tom Hanily
14	Harrison Sheedy
15	Haidyn Kewming
16	Luke Marshman
17	Flynn Materia
18	Noah Clark
19	Alex Battersby
20	Noah Fixter
21	Ty Hall

MAFFRA FNC



COLOURS
Red & Black

COACHES
Seniors: Wayne Butcher
Reserves: Mathew Davis
Thirds: Sam Bedggood
Fourths: Trent Knobel

SCORES	¼	½	¾	FINAL
SENIORS				
RESERVES				
THIRDS				
FOURTHS				

SENIORS	
1	Dylan Alexander
2	David Adams
3	Jarryd Clohesy
4	Sam Walker
5	James Read
6	Winston Gieschen
7	Daniel Bedggood
8	Tom Jolly
9	Edward Carr
10	Lachlan Channing
11	Danny Butcher
12	Luke Shelton
13	Club Jumper
14	Ben Batalha
15	Mitchell Bennett
16	Josh Davis
17	Club Jumper
18	Jackson Scott
19	Billy Pleming
20	Kelvin Porter
21	James Whelan
22	Daniel O'Brien
23	Jack Egan
24	Jack Johnstone
25	Curtley Nettleton
26	Trent Knobel
27	Ben Brunt
28	Kieren Jones
29	Sam Robbins
30	Alex Carr
31	Joel Lambourn
32	Sean Day

THIRDS	
3	Ben Anderson
4	Max Gravener
5	Declan Scriven
7	Riley Boyle
8	Junior Bradshaw
9	Tom Thatcher
10	Lachlan Hicks
11	Mac Huts
12	John Booker
13	Cayden Jones
14	Floyd Fulton
15	Ben Kearns
17	Shane Atkinson
20	Charlie Pritchett
21	Ari Fleming
22	Harry Conway
24	Mitch Harrigan
25	Andrew Veale
26	Max Van Der Zwart
27	Curtis Cook
29	Cal Hennig
30	Beau Wisely
32	Ari Fleming
33	Cayden Jones
34	Ethan Albrecht
35	Beau Wisely

FOURTHS	
1	Jonti Schuback
2	Tyson Daly
3	Owen Gallagher
4	Ben Harrington
5	Lachie Allman
6	Harry Langford
7	Ethan Albrecht
8	Club Jumper
9	Ty Ruthberg
10	Max Knobel
11	Zane Perkins
12	Cohen Wade
13	Shaymus Wain
14	Jake Pleydell
15	Coby Burgiel
16	Seb Pendergast
17	Darcy Woodall
18	Harry Gravener
19	Ben Missen
20	Drew Mahoney
21	Brodie Johnson
22	Kane Brady
23	Zac Harrigan
24	Jack Hrehoresen
25	Shane Felmingham



COLOURS
Black & White

COACHES
Seniors: Shane Fyfe
Reserves: Sam Anstee
Thirds: Josh McLaren
Fourths: Kane Fraser

SCORES	¼	½	¾	FINAL
SENIORS				
RESERVES				
THIRDS				
FOURTHS				

SENIORS	
1	Kane Martin 29
2	Max Reeves 30
3	Zac Hurley 31
4	Jackson Glenane 32
5	Jack McLaren 33
6	Chris Laverty 34
7	Mitch Dowse 35
8	Jayden Allison 36
9	John Gooch 37
10	Lachie Ronchi 38
11	Jarrold Freeman 39
12	Mitch Thacker 40
13	Nic Dowse 41
14	Club Jumper 42
15	Shane Fyfe 43
16	Ollie Collins 44
17	Adam Wallace 45
18	Jordan Dowsett 46
19	Jack McLindin 47
20	Tom Hams 48
21	Will Leslie 49
22	Tim Dessent 50
23	Jordan Dessent 51
24	Declan Barnett 52
25	Jack Lipman 53
26	Daine McGuinness 59
27	Brad Dessent 61
28	Josh Ryan

THIRDS	
1	Luke Williams
2	Nic lerardi
3	Blake Safstrom
4	Joseph Ziino
5	Will McKinnon
7	Lachy Sutherland
8	Sam Smith
9	Jake Hutchins
10	Sam Tatterson
12	Charlie Comben
13	Kyle Simpson
14	Nathan Whitford
15	Mitch Bown
16	Mason Hawkins
17	Ethan Dyer
18	Bailey Jackson
19	Sebastian Segafredo
20	Louis Jones
21	Will Mayne
22	Michael Jones
23	Archer McGuinness
24	Lewis Staplehurst

FOURTHS	
1	Harry Ronchi
2	Kai McDonald
3	Blake Safstrom
4	Cooper Whitehill
5	Ostin Waugh
6	Sam Dunnett
7	Sam Smith
1	Harry Ronchi
1	Harry Ronchi
2	Kai McDonald
3	Blake Safstrom
4	Cooper Whitehill
5	Ostin Waugh
6	Sam Dunnett
7	Sam Smith
8	Ben Crozier
9	Jake Hutchins
10	Harry Swaski
11	Angus Tilley
12	Lachlan Sutherland
13	Connor Waixel
14	Hunter Pearce
15	Fergus Grubb
16	Mason Benson
17	Will McKinnon
18	Nick leradi
19	Malakai Nico
20	Jack Butcher
21	Aidan Lowe
22	Mason Hawkins
23	Archer McGuinness
24	Noah Smolenaars
25	Bailey Reid



COLOURS
Red & Navy

COACHES
Seniors: Darren Martin
Reserves: Paul Anderson
Thirds: Paul Capes
Fourths: Darren Vickery

SCORES	¼	½	¾	FINAL
SENIORS				
RESERVES				
THIRDS				
FOURTHS				

SENIORS	
1	Matthew Corbett 26
2	William Hamilton 27
3	Russell Cowan 28
4	Jesse Glassborow 29
5	Ryan Halford 30
6	Tomm Bryan 31
7	Brayden Radford 32
8	Callan McKeon 33
9	Ricky Tatnell 34
10	Shaun Wyatt 35
11	Keenan Hynes 36
12	Liam Giove 37
13	Dylan Somerville 38
14	Nicholas Sing 39
15	Simon Deery 40
16	Charlie Bryan 41
17	Keiran Vickery 42
18	Brad Daniels 43
19	Nicholas Bulmer 44
20	Benjamin McKinnon 45
21	Peter Jenner 46
22	Ethan East 47
23	Link Robinson 48
24	Nathan Dennison 49
25	Nicholas George 50

THIRDS	
1	Boris Bryant
2	Joshua Carroll
3	Lachlan Huggins
4	Will Capes
5	Riley Taylor
6	Jake Richards
7	Riley Timms
8	Tom Betts
9	Jordan Hack
10	Blake Fulton
11	Thomas Southen
12	Flynn Davis
13	Kyran McNaughton
14	Darcy Fenning Chester
15	Jeb Clay
17	Ben Murphy
18	Tom Grambau
19	Drew Marsden
21	Harry Kellow
22	Finn Somerville
23	Tyran Rees
24	Darby McNamara
25	Koby Noonan
27	Byron Vickery
29	Flynn Thompson
30	Harrison Cook
32	Harrison Hopkins

FOURTHS	
1	Liam Carroll
2	Benjamin Bockmann
3	Tom Selleck
4	Dylan Bryant
5	Elvis Moser
6	Reece Carstairs
7	William Bromage
8	RJ Farnham
9	Cooper Young
10	James Dore
11	Ethan Taylor
12	Caleb Crofts
13	Bohdi Stirling
14	Phillip Stewart
15	Randall Stewart
16	Liam Scott
17	Christopher Farnham
18	Harry Wilmot
19	Damon O'Connor
20	Jobe Somerville
21	Cassidy Stewart
22	Jack Mayes
24	Toby Jerkins
26	Dallas Smith
27	Thomas Stephenson
29	Cooper Vickery
30	Bodey Carr

WONTHAGGI FNC



COLOURS

Teal, Black & White

COACHES

Seniors: Lee Rowe
Reserves: Tom Wells
Thirds: Charlie Ware
Fourths: Darren Brown

SCORES	¼	½	¾	FINAL
SENIORS				
RESERVES				
THIRDS				
FOURTHS				

SENIORS			
0	Wayne Luke	32	Jake Kuyper
1	Shannon Bray	33	Matt Coyne
3	Dom O'Connor	34	Curtis Gilmour
4	Tom Murray	35	Kurt Brown
5	Michael Kelly	36	Matt Ware
6	Kane McCarthy	37	Josh Bates
7	Lochlan Jones	38	Mitch Davey
8	Troy Harley	39	Sean Roche
9	Tim Knowles	40	Elliot Staley
10	Toma Huther	41	Ben Walsh
11	Pat Ryan	42	Mark McCall
12	Steven Scott	43	Zane Macdermid
13	Joel Liddle	44	Luke O'Connor
14	Lochie McKinley	45	Chris McLean
15	Aiden Lindsay	46	Koby Brann
16	Jordan Staley	47	Cade Waters
17	Jake Collins	48	Will Forsyth
18	Riley Lindsay	49	Caleb Boucher
19	Ben Eddy	50	Josh Waters
20	Will Lenahan	51	Tommy Wells
22	Mitch Betson	52	Flynn Anderson
23	Lochlan Scott	53	Andrew Sorenson
24	Zac Gilmour	54	Lachie Burns
25	Ferg O'Connor	55	Adam Busana
26	Jakeb Thomas	56	Michael Welsh
27	Tom Davey	57	Darcy Tiziani
28	Will Joplin	58	Ryan Suttie
29	Logan West	59	John Ricotas
30	Mitchell Hayes	60	Sam Liddle
31	Thomas Guyula		

THIRDS	
1	Noah Anderson
2	Ry Ennoss
3	Jye Gilmour
4	Kye Benson
5	Jarvis Brown
6	Ben Wingfield
7	Thomas Simpson
8	Riley Scarce
9	Eros Reid
10	Micah Condron
11	Wade Lindsay
12	Harrison Dawson
13	Will Speed
14	Heath Dobbie
15	Max Pier
16	Josh Schulz
17	Dean McRae
18	George Burgess
22	Kaleb Snelling
23	Shaun Tessari

FOURTHS	
2	Oliver Dawson
3	Ethan Dickison
4	Jackson Baker
5	Cooper Logan
6	Stewart Beaumont
7	Jesse Condron
8	Kyle Yann
9	Silas O'Halloran
10	Ainsley Dunker
11	Hayden Fincher
14	Cooper Scott
15	Hunter Tiziani
17	Fraser Clark
18	Luke Speed
19	Mark Mancarella
20	Brodie Mabilia
22	Kody Macdermid
24	Reeve Moresco
25	Luke Eagle
26	Cooper Lindsay
27	Ben Robinson
28	Brodie Senior-Gibson
35	Anthony Williams

WARRAGUL FNC



COLOURS

Red & Black

COACHES

Seniors: Ben Hughe
Reserves: Jamie Somers
Thirds: John Giliam
Fourths: David Carpenter

SCORES	¼	½	¾	FINAL
SENIORS				
RESERVES				
THIRDS				
FOURTHS				

SENIORS			
1	Thomas Kelly	31	Lachlan Miller
2	Matt Rennie	32	Toby Bransgrove
3	Club Jumper	33	Brad Coates
4	Brayden Fowler	34	Lucas Monacella
5	Sam Russell	35	Shawn Beecroft
6	Will Jolley	36	Jamie Somers
7	Mitch Nobelius	37	Daniel Gorman
8	Luke Di Ciero	38	Harley Nobelius
9	Matt Ross	39	Tim Stoll
10	Michael Lynn	40	Brendan Sheehan
11	Tom Muir	41	Hayden Lawson-Pepper
12	Nick Mulqueen	42	Sam Whibley
13	William Cole/res Brad Nott	43	Nate Paredes
14	Jake Hughes	44	Club Jumper
15	Sam Fennell	45	Scott Kelly
16	Nathan Tutton	46	Kyle Cant
17	Simon Fairbairn	47	Cameron Bedford
18	Club Jumper	48	Aaron Baxter
19	Nick Stevenson	49	Club Jumper
20	Angus Emery	50	Jack Nuttall
21	Ben Hughes	51	Club Jumper
22	Daniel Giardina	52	Club Jumper
23	James Davidson/res Jake Orlicki	53	Will Pyle
24	Brad Hefford	54	Ben Mackie
25	Josh Fairfull	57	Brad Quirk
26	Lachlan Pyle		Kim Drew
27	Boeden Fries		Luke Tynan
28	Jared Lane		Leigh Sheehan
29	Rowan Lawson-Pepper		Scott McIntosh
30	Lachlan Waters		

THIRDS	
1	Club Jumper
2	Mason McGarrity
3	Matthew Boyles
4	Jye Mitchell
5	Eddie McGillvray
6	Liam Giliam
7	Oliver Whibley
8	Charlie Stern
9	Tully Loomes
10	Thomas Baum
11	Harrison Pyle
12	Patrick Mulqueen
13	Connor Ives
14	Declan Bagot
15	Ty Jackson Miller
16	Harrison Prestidge
17	Malcolm Elliot
18	Caleb Serong
19	Fraser Phillips
20	Club Jumper
21	Lachlan Wilson
22	Daniel Coates
23	Lachlan Bambdridge
24	Darcy Porch
25	Will Gown
26	Club Jumper
27	Club Jumper
28	Ned Tworkowski

FOURTHS	
1	Vinnie Caia
2	Will Hendrikse
3	Zac Keeble
4	Jye Nooy
5	Nathan Whitten
6	Patrick Carpenter
7	Ethan Bongiorno
8	Cooper Alger
9	Jai Serong
10	Matthew Roberts
11	Brayden Notman
12	Will Hatfield
13	Ethan Turner
14	Liam Serong
15	Kai Maclean
16	Jake Websdale
17	Tom Carpenter
18	Brody Tutton
19	Tom Stern
20	Corey Maric
21	Club Jumper
22	Hayden McCarthy
23	Mathew Pecoraro
24	Rhys Galvin
25	Patrick Ireland
26	Club Jumper
27	Club Jumper
28	Tom Heenan
	Lane Ward
	Jackson Roberts



COLOURS
Yellow & Black

COACHES
Seniors: Denis Knight
Reserves: Craig Giddens
Thirds: Michael Hall
Fourths: Brett Sherriff

	SCORES	¼	½	¾	FINAL
SENIORS					
RESERVES					
THIRDS					
FOURTHS					

SENIORS	
1	Burkeley Macfarlane
2	Anthony Rosato (D.V.C)
3	Josh Hecker
4	Kuiy Jiath
5	James Jacobsen
6	Joel Soutar
7	Patrick Charles
8	Ryan Tatterson (Capt)
9	Tyler Hillier
10	Brendan Briggs
11	Retired Jumper
12	Liam Charles
13	Harrison Pepper
14	Taylor Weatherall (V.C)
15	Will Kennedy
16	Michael Duncan
17	Nick Wilson
18	Harry Law
19	Max Linton
20	Reece Lewis
21	Dan Musil (V.C)
22	Judah Leak
23	Daniel Schneider
24	Luke Dal Pra
25	Daniel Siddle
26	Jack Hudson
27	Ryan Mayo
28	Shea Burzese
29	Nathan Noblett
30	Elijah Lappin

THIRDS	
1	Callum Hutchison
2	Damien Hough
3	Joshua Bloomfield
4	Jordon Wilson
5	Shea Burzese
6	Nathan Noblett
7	Beau Hutton
8	Jordon Thomas
9	Seth Healy
10	Jayson Sharman
12	Jack Beechy-Danvers
13	Blair Rooney
14	James Soloman
15	Nixon Hall
16	Brandon Mcauliffe
17	Nathan Williams
18	Colby Kennedy
19	Jayden McCormack
20	EJ Sharp
22	Blake Hughes
23	Liam Little
24	Cody Macdonald
25	Brody Deering
26	Jimmy Quinn
27	Zac Bezzina
28	Harrison Pepper
29	Burkeley Macfarlane
57	Tom Caile

FOURTHS	
1	Jordan Answerth
2	Campbell Blewett
3	Jake Brown
4	Zac Carlson
5	Ben Williams
6	Tom Grey
7	Chris Rooney
8	Andrew Rooney
9	Blake Couling
10	Luke Healy
12	Jacob Parsons
13	Anthony Cini
15	Riley Tripodi
16	Brayden Gillespi
17	Josh Monacella
18	Bryce Williamson
19	Josh Seymour
20	Sam Treasure
21	Mitch Lovison
22	Tristan Waak
23	Kyle Vitale
24	Rhys Luxford
25	Will Akemeade
26	Harry Van Rossum
28	Josh Schulz
37	Callum Bailey
40	Zac Casey



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Reserves: Daniel Earl
Thirds: Tyson Biffin
Fourths: Craig Skinner

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SENIORS					
RESERVES					
THIRDS					
FOURTHS					

SENIORS	
1	Mitchell Stanlake
2	James Blaser
3	Tyson Biffin
4	Harrison Sim
5	Spencer White
6	Jacob Wood
7	Grady Cocksedge
8	Darnell Grech
9	Bryce Collings
10	Chris McIntosh
11	Jayden Van Dyk
12	Charlie Rienets
13	Lucas Jenkinson
14	Josh Wilson
15	Jay Murphy
16	Scott Van Dyk
17	Karl Mutke
18	Hayden Prestidge
19	Dylan Farrell
20	Peter Ainsworth
21	Thomas Fleming
22	Ben Morrow
23	Sean Spiteri
24	Josh Galea
25	Tyler Morrow
26	Sam Cogle
27	Matthew Pearce

THIRDS	
1	Matt Devon
2	Trent Baldi
3	Patrick Bills
4	Lachlan Rock
5	Riley Baldi
6	Hayden Molesworth
7	Jordy McKay
8	Matt Heywood
9	Brock Smith
11	Zac Skinner
14	Jack Walton
15	Wade Anderson
16	Leo Conolly
18	Blake McGown
19	Riley Taws
20	Blake Dyson
21	Ben Van Dyk
23	Ben Maslen
24	Darcy Durham
25	Jess McGrath
29	Sam Flanders
32	Caleb Michie

FOURTHS	
1	Aydan Connolly
2	Jacob Balfour
3	Jack Van Den Dolder
4	Bailey Humphrey
5	Riley Moore
6	Luke Summersgill
7	Thomas Blackshaw
8	Ryan Griggs
9	Jack Edebohls
10	Nathan Wheildon
11	Joe Skinner
12	Sam Hanson
13	Luke Balzomeris
15	Dylan Thornby
16	Riley Pearce
17	Tristen Smith
18	Bailey Brown
20	Maclan McInnes
21	Rohan Demczuk
22	Callan Hawckett
23	Ben Fleming
24	Jacob Puddy
25	Tajh Eden
27	Brandon Watson
29	Ryan Webber

TRFM Gippsland League has been drawn against Central Murray for the 2019 Worksafe Community Championships, with the match to take place on Saturday, 18 May at Cohuna Recreation Reserve. The TRFM Gippsland League has appointed Steven Kidd as coach of its senior interleague football team for 2019.



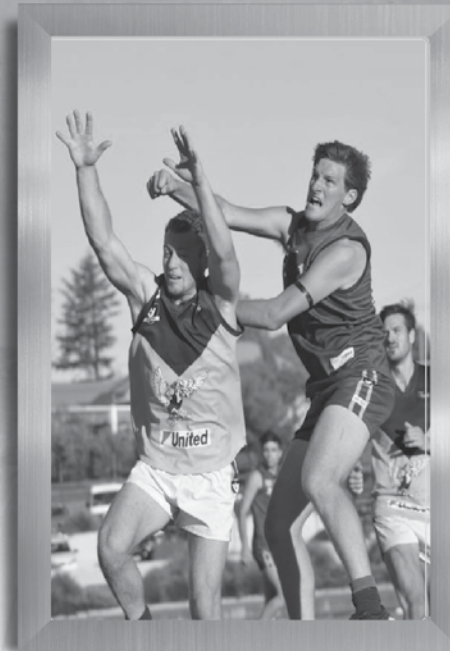
Steven spent the past four years as senior coach of Warragul Football Netball Club's senior side and oversaw a dramatic change in the Gulls' fortunes in that time, highlighted by a finals appearance in 2016 – the club's first since 2008.

The 2016 Gippsland Senior Coach of the Year award winner has also been involved with the senior interleague program previously as an assistant coach and he was excited at the prospect of leading this year's Worksafe AFL Victoria Community Championships campaign.

The initial TRFM Gippsland League senior Interleague squad

Simon Deery	Bairnsdale	Danny Butcher	Maffra	Jordan Dessent	Sale
Russell Cowan	Bairnsdale	Eddie Carr	Maffra	Jayden Allison	Sale
Brayden McCarrey	Bairnsdale	Alex Carr	Maffra	Jack Lipman	Sale
Bob McCullum	Drouin	Mitch Bennett	Maffra	Kane Martin	Sale
Tom Barr	Drouin	Jack Johnstone	Maffra	Brad Dessent	Sale
Eddie Morris	Drouin	Daniel Bedggood	Maffra	Haydn Hector	Traralgon
Liam Axford	Drouin	Kade Renooy	Maffra	Dylan Loprese	Traralgon
Tom Marriott	Leongatha	Tyson Biffin	Moe	Lee Stockdale	Traralgon
Cade Maskell	Leongatha	Darnell Grech	Moe	Mark Collision	Traralgon
Chris Dunne	Leongatha	Charlie Rieniets	Moe	Tate Marsh	Traralgon
James Lloyd	Leongatha	Mitch Stanlake	Moe	Nate Paredes	Warragul
Ben Willis	Leongatha	Spencer White	Moe	Kim Drew	Warragul
Sean Westaway	Leongatha	Ryan Tatterson	Morwell	Matt Rennie	Warragul
Colin Sanbrook	Leongatha	Ryan Hearn	Morwell	Tom Muir	Warragul
Josh Hopkins	Leongatha	Jack Hudson	Morwell	Aiden Lindsay	Wonthaggi
Luke Bowman	Leongatha			Shannon Bray	Wonthaggi

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WELCOME TO SEASON 2019

With the new season fast approaching, excitement is mounting across country Victoria for the return of community football.

Whether you are a player, coach, umpire, volunteer or spectator, the beginning of a new season brings with it a feeling of happiness, excitement and anticipation for what lies ahead.

Season 2018 saw record participation for football in Victoria. More Victorians are playing Australian Football than ever before, with new participation rates revealing a rise across all key segments.

There was a total of 474,633 participants that picked up the football last season in Victoria, an increase of 2.8 per cent from the previous year. Female football continued to grow with 127,115 women and girls playing the game and community football increased by 4 per cent in club participation reaching 170,000 participants for the first time.

Children, inclusion and diversity programs also saw an increase in participation, as well as coaching and umpiring with thousands of accredited coaches and umpires taking to the field.

The rapid growth of female football continues to reach new heights with the addition of 250 new female teams joining the competition in 2018, which now sees a total of almost 1,000 dedicated female club teams across Victoria.

With continuous growth in football participation across all areas, we look forward to seeing more people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds get involved in the game this year.

Country football's contribution to the national game was reinforced last year with 25 male and 11 female players from Victorian regional under 18 teams drafted to AFL and AFLW clubs.

It is an exciting new era this year with the launch of the NAB League, and a big congratulations to all the boys and girls selected in squads for the six regional teams this season.

This achievement is a credit to both the talent pathway programs and the local community clubs which continue to provide the foundation for the next generation of stars to reach the elite level.

In addition, Victoria held seven JLT games in suburban and rural areas of the state which was made possible with the ongoing support of facility upgrades. AFL Victoria is working closely with the AFL, local leagues, and all levels of government to improve our sport's community facilities.

I would like to wish all players, coaches, umpires, volunteers and administrators the best of luck for the upcoming season. I hope it is a successful and enjoyable one for all those involved.

Stephen O'Donohue

AFL Victoria Country Football & Development Manager

Rule Changes 2019

Gippsland League will be operating under the following rule changes from the AFL

Summary - Rule Changes / Interpretations

Kick-Ins

- For Kick-Ins from a Behind, a Player will no longer need to kick to himself or herself to Play On out of the Goal Square.

- Following a Behind, the Person on the Mark will be positioned 10 metres from the top of the Goal Square (currently 5 metres).

Marks / Free Kicks:

- For all Defenders who take a Mark or gain a Free Kick within 9 metres of their own Goal, the Person on the Mark for the attacking team will be brought in line with the top of the Goal Square.

Umpire Contact

- Players will be prohibited from setting up behind the Umpire at each Centre Bounce.

50-Metre Penalty

- Stricter on the infringing player, allowing the Player with the ball to advance The Mark by 50 metres without the infringing player delaying the game.

- In addition, the Player with the Football will be able to play on during the advancement of the 50-Metre Penalty.



Kicking for Goal post-siren

- A Player who has been awarded a Mark or Free Kick once play has ended will now be able to Kick across their body using a Snap or Check-side

Kick. The Player shall dispose of the football directly in line with the Person on the Mark and the Goal.

Marking Contest

- 'Hands in the Back' rule interpretation to be repealed, allowing a Player to place his hands on the back of his opponent to protect his position in a

Marking contest but not to push the Player in the back.

Ruck Contests – Prior Opportunity

- A Ruck Player who takes possession of the Football while contesting a bounce or throw up by a field Umpire or a boundary throw in by a boundary

Umpire, will not be regarded as having had Prior Opportunity. Where there is uncertainty over who is the designated Ruck, the Ruck for each

Team will continue to nominate to the field Umpire.



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CLUB NOTES



BAIRNSDALE

2019 season here we come.

We are upbeat and excited to take on the new season with the reintroduction of seconds for our club. With a shot of invigoration and some strong numbers we plan to see a strong performance from our senior teams.

Simon Deery returns to us from a season playing in the NT football league with a premiership under his belt. No preseason needed from him. Marto again takes the reins of the seniors with Ando (Paul Anderson) taking on the challenge of the reserves which is a young fit side. We also welcome Adam Easton to the club to assist Marto and take charge of the senior mid field group. Adam has plenty of coaching experience in the Yarra Valley League and will be a welcome addition to the coaching group. Ever reliable Mel George will again also assist Marto.

Paul Capes takes over the U18's who hope to again see September finals. Our reigning premiers in the U 16s are being coached by veteran East Gippsland player Darren Vickery. Good luck Big Shot.

Great depth of numbers across the teams will see a competitive club in the league this season.



It was a slow preseason and recruiting drive for our netballers but thanks to some dedicated ladies we are once again ready to start the season with good numbers across the board. A grade is once again lead by the joint expectant mums, no court time for these ladies, and making her debut to Gippsland netball coaching is Norz Virgo taking on the U 15 team. Which team will we see in finals this year, will it be the U15's again or a surprise package. Good luck to all our coaches and netball players.

On a club note we saw our season launch on Thursday 6th April and our first big social event will be our very popular Bogan Bingo night on the 27th April. So to all you hidden bogans, dust off those mullets and moccasions and make sure you come along to a great social night.

So on a final note, welcome to all our new families and players from across East Gippsland. We hope you enjoy the new league and the vibe around our club this year. Make sure to get in amongst it. Many hands make light work. Go the redlegs!

TRFM GIPPSLAND LEAGUE 2019 MVP AWARD

The TRFM GIPPSLAND LEAGUE Most Valuable Player will be awarded to the senior player who receives the most votes in the regular season. Votes are awarded by the coaches for each senior match in a 3,2,1 determining the most valuable player in the match.



NAME	TEAM	votes
Simon Deery	Bairnsdale	17
Tom Marriott	Leongatha	16
Jordan Dessent	Sale	15
Jack Lipman	Sale	14
Nathaniel Paredes	Warragul	14
Jayden Allison	Sale	13
Danny Butcher	Maffra	12
Russell Cowan	Bairnsdale	10
Jack Johnstone	Maffra	10
Alexander Carr	Maffra	10

WINNER: SIMON DEARY - 17 VOTES

CLUB NOTES



DROUIN

Football Club Notes

We look forward to the start of the home and away season by hosting league power house Traralgon at Drouin. We are hopeful of strong performances in all games after a solid pre-season. We welcome a lot of new players to the club including Todd and Bailey Beck, Chris Robinson, Harry Wans and several players back from long term injury including Ryan Taylor. Congratulations to Jamie Ferguson who has been appointed our new senior captain for 2019.

We are pleased that Jordan Kingi continues as our senior coach and Rhys Fairlie and Tyson Buckingham share the role of reserves coach. We welcome Nick Fogarty to the role of Under 16's coach – we know he will have a really positive impact on the club. We are disappointed not to have under 18's but will work hard to have a team for 2020. Team managers for 2019 are seniors –Brendan Butler, Reserves Michael Derrick and Under 16's Naomi Appleby. We thank all these people for their work for the club as well as all our other volunteers.

The club welcomes two new major sponsors – LandGipps and Simonds Homes. These major businesses have formed a strong partnership with the club going forward and will help us build our financial base. LandGipps and Simonds will help us to undertake a home building project in competition with Warragul FNC. This competition will be known as the Block Challenge. Our supporters and players will hear lots about this during 2019.

Our Club person of the week is our hardworking President Chris Soumilas who has been very busy over the past 4 months putting plans in place for this season.

DROUIN HAWKS NETBALL CLUB

Welcome everyone to season 2019. Special welcome to our sponsors, both new and on-going and to our new families. Drouin Hawks Netball Club is super excited about their prospects this season. We are keen to regain a premiership or two after a few years without a flag.

Drouin are delighted to have Mel Ahearn as Head Coach this year. Mel brings a wealth of experience and fresh eyes to the club. She will be a great mentor to our new junior coaches and has already had an impact at training.

In the Senior ranks, the club welcomes back Stacie Gardiner, Kate Butler and Sarah Roughead all after having children. Sarah's sister Maddie has also joined the club as a new recruit.

Coaching staff – A Grade – Kylie Proctor, B Grade – Jodie Proctor and Lisa Biffen, C Grade – Heather Newcombe and Sam East are all excited about building on season 2018 where both A and C made finals and B



SOCIAL EVENTS

coming up include:

SATURDAY 6 APRIL - LADIES DAY CANCER FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY 4 MAY - PAST PLAYERS FUNCTION

FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER - BONANZA NIGHT

NOTICE BOARD

SATURDAY 6 APRIL

LADIES DAY FUNDRAISER FOR CANCER RESEARCH

SATURDAY 4 MAY – PAST PLAYERS FUNCTION

Chris helps in any way he can as the club tries to build a strong base going forward. He is a hands on leader and we really appreciate Chris's contributions to our club. He is our Drouin Family Hotel Club Person of the Week.

We are looking forward to a positive start to the season today against the Maroons.

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grade narrowly missed out.

We have some new and enthusiastic junior coaches – Ruby Pratt and Nat Sloan take on the 17's, Ali Lieshout – 15's. Abbey Tyrell continues with the 13's. We extend our best wishes to all our new players today as they step out for the first time in the maroon and gold.

Congratulations to Ella Gown, Ella East and Lucy McKellar who have been selected in the Gippsland Eastern Zone Academy.

LADIES HIGH TEA TODAY IN CLUBROOMS AT 3PM.

Guest Speaker NORMA PLUMMER.

All funds raised will go to the McGrath Foundation.

All welcome \$25

GAME TIMES are 30 minutes earlier today
due to the afternoon tea.

LEONGATHA

It's fair to say that the season has crept up on us a little more quickly than we would have liked. Whilst it's always great to kick off the first game, we do feel a little under prepared. As always there is a lot happening around the club.

The new season always brings challenges across the board. The greatest of all is the need for volunteers. If you are thinking about what you could do for the club, please make yourself known to us and let us know what you're able to do. It is always very rewarding and many hands make light work.

Firstly to the netballers. A massive amount of work has gone into preparations for this season. Kath Reid has been appointed head coach, together with Danielle Mackie and Kasie Rump they have been training the girls hard. They are fit, ready and with a little bit of luck all our teams will be super competitive. The juniors are also set to go, huge numbers tried out for the junior sides, with Kate, Sperling, Georgia Riseley, Evie Dekker and Lily Scott coaching we feel that another great year is in the offing. As well as all that, trying to get the new courts ready to play on has been a monumental task, you could say that Jeanne is ready for the end of the year and not the start. Good luck girls!!

The football has been a little quieter. A few ins and outs but on the balance of it, a fairly stable list. A few changes in the coaching ranks, Ash Hickey and Mick Hanily looking after the 3rds and Chris Rump taking on the Reserves this year.

Some sad news for the club though with the recent passing of club great Clive Salmon. The Salmon name is synonymous with the LFNC and none more than Clive. A life member, premiership player, football runner and worker around the club for many years. His legacy will live on for many years with his children and now grandchildren making their mark. The club will wear black arm bands to remember Clive today.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Ben Perry all the best as he heads to England to follow his cricketing dream. Go well Ben, we can't wait to hear how the Poms are suffering at your hands!!



Today we unfurl two premiership flags. This is one of the payoffs for all the hard work that goes into a long hard season of competition. Whilst our players (deservedly so) get most of the recognition, today is also a chance to acknowledge the dedication and hard work that so many volunteers put into achieving the ultimate success. Today we ask Glenn and Shirley Ann Wright to represent the volunteers of the LFNC and unfurl the flags.

To all those that will represent the Mighty Parrots this year. We wish you all the best and hope you have an enjoyable season with much success.

Tonight we have teas available after the game courtesy of Brent Sinclair. Please stay and enjoy.

Our Raffle will be drawn by 5:45 so the winner can take their prize home with them.

Straight after tea we will conduct the annual player auction. There is sure to be plenty of interest with some club favourites up for grabs again.

Next Week: Traralgon @ Home followed by the Op Shop Formal with the tunes by Russel Hemming and Co.

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TRFM General Manager Mat Cummins addresses the crowd



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CLUB NOTES



MAFFRA

On the eve of this 2019 season, after a very satisfying 2018, our club recognises the administrators who have left the onfield performance to the coaches and their support crews, while attending to maintaining the club into the future. Their year started in November 2017 with catering for the Great Victorian Bike Ride which turned into a bonanza after the event was abandoned on the day it arrived in Maffra.

President Steve Saunders and his cohort found the time and resources to cater for the extra day that 2000 people had to be fed and entertained. It was a considerable task but the club was richly rewarded financially and reputationally. For the new 'four person' presidency, whose budget was the primary focus, this was an unexpected boost.

With Steve having made this indelible mark on our culture he has handed the reins to John Brunt for 2019 and eased back into the executive for a while.

Steve saw only fleeting glimpses of our home games as he was the No1 steward for our top shelf Corporate Box customers. This contact between the club executive and Sponsors has enhanced the package for both parties, there are not enough home games each year for those interested. We are a fortunate club to have the support of this small town with a big heart.

Committee members each share their tasks at home games, a team in themselves they all miss much of the action in order to give home and visiting supporters the opportunity to appreciate our own indigenous game and the Commonwealth game Netball.

To have four Grand Finalists was a satisfactory return on the committee's investment, to secure even one premiership would be an achievement but we aimed for the full house. All built on the strength of having a meaningful connection to the biggest town in Victoria - not on a major highway - Maffra. Our major sponsor The Maffra Community Sports



Club is enjoying the successful transition to a tourist destination with its engineering achievements in renovating this heritage hotel.

Along with our beautiful Main Street, it is certainly worth a visit, you can also check out the service of all of our sponsors - they are proud Maffra people, proud of their / our enthusiastic teams. Our Eagles.

Our Netball premiers have all of these people to thank for their achievement, something they will cherish forever, all of our grand finalists made their own contribution, their families sacrificed in this too, in the most skilled competition available.

Like all sportsmen we respect, too, the efforts of our opposition.

For our readers who remember we lost Noel Terrence Durrant over the Summer, a key position player who may have made the difference in our tight prelim final loss to Moe in 1970 when he coached Boisdale to a flag. He returned in 71 and was a member of our memorable victory over Sale at Stratford, a man's man. Vale Terry

We are the mighty Maffra Eagles we are the good old Red and Blacks.

MOE

Today we make the short trip to Morwell to take on our old adversaries. Welcome back to all sponsors, players, parents and supporters to another season of footy and netball, we hope the next six months produce some more memorable moments for our teams.

Congratulations are due for the A Grade girls who secured the clubs maiden netball flag in the top tier last season. Well done to Coach Peter Moody, Captain Sammy Waters and all players on their historic achievement.

As we move into the new season our thanks go out to all sponsors who have jumped on board this season, especially our corporate sponsors Moe Racing Club, Greenham Ag, Danny Edebohls Property Sales, Traralgon Automotive Group, Able On Site Services, Law Somerville, Fowler Street Dental and Narracan Drive Car Wash.

At board level things remain largely unchanged, although we must acknowledge the work of outgoing treasurer Lis Keilty for her dedication over some eight years in the job. Her attention to detail ensured no stone was left unturned and made sure every expense coming in and going out was accounted for.

Fresh from winning the Maffra Cup last Sunday, Manny Gelagotis has accepted another term as President, whilst Liesl McKay will again be serving as Secretary.

The Reverend Clinton Taylor will add another role to his ever growing CV this season, coming in as Vice-President and filling the junior football coordinator role, along with Mitch 'Swan' Stanlake, who has been handed the poisoned chalice of social coordinator.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tonight; Sportsman's Night @ Clubrooms, 7pm.

April 25; ANZAC Day races @ Moe Racing Club.

Our other board members return from last season: Gary Maslen (sponsorship), Charles Weir (football director), Melissa Rock (netball director), Jodi Galea (junior netball), Brian McKenzie (past players and centurions) and Karen Prestidge (merchandise).

On the field and court our coaches for 2019 are: football, Seniors: Lachlan Sim; Reserves: Daniel Earl; Under 18's: Tyson Biffin and Under 16's: Craig Skinner. Netball, A Grade: Peter Moody; B Grade: Krissy Travers; C Grade: Karlee Kerrigan; Under 17's: Sammy Waters; Under 15's: Shannon Freeman and Under 13's: Demi Plunkett.

Throughout the off season the club recruited a few new players and welcomed back some old familiar faces, best of luck to all in their journeys wearing the maroon and blue.

Ins: Spencer White (WAFL), Lachlan MacLeod (VAFA), Jordan Ceppi (VAFA), Bernie Vince (AFL), Leigh Montagna (AFL).

Returning: Lucas Jenkinson, Ben Cogle, John James (yes).

MORWELL

Highly respected football coach, Denis Knight, will today coach Morwell seniors for the first time for Home & Away points. We are delighted to have Denis at MFNC and we warmly welcome both Denis and Rebecca to Tigerland where they have already had a very positive impact. The strength of our junior squads in both Football and Netball is the best we have had in many years and we are keen to provide all younger players, a positive sporting experience, surrounded by good people and positive role models. MFNC warmly welcomes the new players and their families to Tigerland and hope you enjoy years of friendship at our club. Facility upgrades including new shared pavilion at the Netball, new light towers and continued work going forward does promise a great experience for all players and spectators.

Coaching staff for 2019 are as follows:

Senior Football - Denis Knight
A & B Grade NBall - Rachel Tatterson & Rachael Paterson
Reserves Footy - Craig Giddens
C Grade Nball - Shane Mynard & Laura Marino
U18 Footy - Michael Hall
U17 NBall - Gail MacFarlane & Emily Donoghue
U16 Footy - Brett Sherriff
U15 NBall - Claire Allison & Madi Hutchison
U13 NBall - Caitlin Mareska & Lucy Bertrand

Latrobe City Australia Day Awards
 Congratulations to both Jeff and Carmel Gniel who received Australia Day Awards for their outstanding service to local sport. Jeff (trainer) and Carmel (Canteen Mgr.) have been local sport volunteers for over 25 years. Currently they continue to do exceptional volunteer work in Morwell football, Morwell netball, Gippsland Power and Morwell cricket and it was great to see their selfless dedication recognised.

Volunteers – the MFNC committee is always keen to welcome parents or players who can play a small role to assist the club. If you can assist just for 1 or 2 hours it all helps, so see Daryl Couling our volunteer co-ordinator or your team manager. Any assistance is greatly appreciated at our club; a family friendly club. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers in hosting the highly successful AFL JLT game on March 11th. Your help made it a highly successful day and The Legends Bar was rapt to see trainer Jeff Gniel and wife Carmel toss the coin at the Collingwood game where they all said "it's now official- Jeff is a tosser".

Thursday Night Meals
 All players, parents and supporters are urged to get along to Thursday night meals at the club. It is a warm family friendly environment and a great chance to meet other people/players in the club. You can also see a dress rehearsal of the TV show 'The Front Bar' with Rino, Big John and Davis Love III.

Netball - Rachel Tatterson, Claire Allison and Rachael Paterson have put together an impressive netball squad and today against Moe we expect some great contests. Rachel Paterson comes on-board with much netball experience and coaching success. We are very pleased to have Rachael around the courts. Also welcome to our new Under 11 netball squad who play in a mid-week comp under dedicated coaching of Mikayla Couling & Ashley Pavey.



Social - stay back tonight for a big night of fun and entertainment with Bogan Bingo from 6:30pm in the Social Rooms.

Go to the MFNC website for all latest news and photos and thanks to Jodie Harlow for all her hard work. Jodie is keen to get stories and photos for the site and especially if anyone can get a photo of 'Barcode' Brendan with his wallet open!

Membership - A range of membership packages is available and MFNC would love to see your committed support by taking out a 2019 membership. You can apply online via our 'Team App' and our website at www.morwellfnc.sportingpulse.net. Membership options include –

- \$500 Top Tiger
- \$200 Club Member
- \$330 Family Membership
- \$80 Super Supporter
- \$50 Past Player Membership

Milestones - In Round 2 next week, Joel Soutar, decorated player and former coach will play his 250th game for the Tigers. Please come along next week to applaud Joel on this very significant milestone.

Get Well – Long-time club volunteer Dean (The Water Boy) Boynes is recovering from illness at the moment and we all wish Dean a speedy recovery and hope to see him running the grounds in the near future.

Sponsors - MFNC is very appreciative of the support and generosity of all our sponsors. Many have been with MFNC for a number of years and their support is pivotal to getting 10 teams on the grounds/courts on game day. Morwell Bowling Club and Willaton Transport are back as lead sponsors and Michael Henderson has worked hard at bringing additional sponsors who will be recognised in the record in coming weeks.

Today we warmly welcome neighbouring Moe with a senior footy side wearing the heir apparent tag and netball teams with a deep depth of talent. It suggests a great day of competition; so good luck to all teams and Go Tigers

SALE

S.F.N.C would like to welcome all the new and existing families, members and players to the 2019 season. There has been plenty of work being done on and off the field and netball court this off season and we are ready to rumble in our first match-up against Bairnsdale.

The football department has retained all the coaches from last season with The Fourths keeping club legend Kane Fraser at the helm of the young up and comers.

The Thirds will welcome existing and new faces under the coaching prowess of Josh McLaren and again be pushing for some finals action.

Reserves coach Sam Anstee is looking forward to an improved 2019 after finishing last season with a couple of wins, the boys are ready to go. Anstee has been quoted "Big things to come this year, finals here we come".

Our Senior Brigade will again be lead by 4-Time coach, Shane '5-time' Fyfe, who has been stated as The Best Player in the Gippsland League that wears his socks up. Whilst welcoming back Tom Hams and Will Leslie as some experience, the Seniors have also had a good injection of youth with a lot of our thirds from last year looking to step up and play at the best level they can.

We are excited to host Bairnsdale in our season opener today on the Netball courts, with our junior teams always close and enjoying the battle on the court.

Our coaches for the year are:

U13- Returning Premiership coach, Bernie Dillon
 U15- Bernadette Dillon
 U17- Danielle Anstee
 C Grade- Ruby Phillips
 B Grade- Bec Gray



A grade premiership player Mel Johnston will once again head our A grade girls who remain largely unchanged except for the exciting inclusion former junior best and fairest Livinia Ronchi and Centre court speedster Macy Gardiner. With a season under their belt and the experience gained from last year our girls have a very bright future ahead.

We extended a very warm welcome to all new and existing players and families and look forward to a wonder season ahead.

Our Social team has been having regular catch ups and have already released some dates that our Magpie Army need to keep clear. Starting tonight with a Trivia Night upstairs, never to late to enter a team. We also have footy on the big screen for Anzac Day at The Nest and a Past Players and Officials Reunion on 4th of May. The big one to keep open is The Hypnotist Night on the 11th of May.

Goodluck to all today in the opening round.
 LET'S GO MAGPIES!!

TRARALGON

With the season fast approaching we find ourselves excitedly waiting in anticipation of what the 2019 season will produce for us and I am confident it will once again be a very successful year for the Traralgon Football Netball Club.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome all new members and their families to our great club and I'd like to also extend a warm welcome back to all last year's members and supporters.

Since the end of the 2018 season we have been extremely busy with a lot of change and new processes being introduced across the entire club, one of major changes was the appointment of Tim McGibney to the role of senior football coach.....welcome to Tim, Ashlee and family.

We have also been very fortunate to secure some fantastic new platinum partners for 2019 and beyond and we welcome Gibson's Dentistry, ARB Traralgon, KFC Traralgon, BMC and Traralgon Harley Davidson on board as sponsors. The ongoing partnership arrangements in place for all our sponsors is vital to the financial security of the club moving forward and I thank each and every one of them for their generous support.

On behalf of the club I'd also like to acknowledge the wonderful support again of the club's major partner, P & D Rigging and Crane Hire who have greatly supported us for many years.

We welcome the long overdue upgrade of the netball court that will also include new lighting and will provide a much safer environment for our netballers to train and play. These upgrades will also enable us to host night games of netball in conjunction with football. We will also continue to push for new change facilities for our netballers. The football change rooms will also see some new much needed floor coverings installed prior to round one.

This year we have embarked on a huge fundraising opportunity for our club in conjunction with new platinum partner, Traralgon Harley Davidson and some of our other sponsors in the form of a monster raffle that includes a \$35K Harley Davidson motor bike as first prize. This raffle offers us a huge opportunity to help secure our club financially this year and beyond and I cannot stress enough how important it is that ALL members and supporters of our club get behind it to ensure its success.

We have also seen the introduction of a new supporter's club (Roosters Club) that has been very well received. This group of fifty members will provide the club with much needed funds that will be primarily be used to help with football department expenses. I'd like to thank everyone who helped set this club up, and also thank the wonderful members of the Rooster's Club for their support.



We have also put a lot of effort into introducing an online membership option for our members as well as an online merchandise store that will enable easy purchasing of club apparel for our members and supporters. Thank you to everyone involved in setting up these important online links that will make these roles so much easier moving forward.

I would like to thank my wonderful committee for their support throughout the off season and look forward to working with you all in pursue of success in 2019. I'd also like to wish our players, coaches and volunteers all the very best for the year ahead.

In closing I say welcome again to everyone to the 2019 season – it's now time we all dig in and do your bit to help make it a memorable season for the mighty Maroons and I implore everyone involved at this great club to embrace the 'one club' philosophy that I know will deliver us all the fun and success that this club continues to achieve and expect.

The TFNC would like to wish all clubs well in 2019 and we look forward to the friendly encounters with each club throughout the year.

Today we travel down the highway to take on Drouin and I would like to wish all our netball and football teams the best of luck..... GO MAROONS!

Regards

Andrew Livingstone
 President TFNC

WARRAGUL

Warragul Football and Netball Club are very excited for the upcoming 2019 season.

With the appointment of Ben Hughes as Senior Football Coach and Christie Hillberg as Senior Netball Coach.

All players both senior and junior have been working extremely hard over the off season.

We would like to welcome all new players to the club and hope it is an exciting year for the Mighty Gulls.

A big thank you goes out to all our Coaches and Committee for all their work so far.



A huge thank you to Chris Blackwood for all his work over the past years a President. Welcome to Aaron Rhodes.

This week we head over to Wonthaggi, I wish all teams all teams the best of luck and hope the outcome is red and black for the day.

Reminder to all members IPOD Shuffle 8pm start is on tonight back at the rooms up to see you all there.

WONTHAGGI

Welcome to season 2019. It is with great sadness that we announce we lost our life member and Club Secretary, Mr John McCurdy. There was nothing that John didn't do around the Club over the years and his loss after a very short fight came unexpectedly. He will be sorely missed and forever in our hearts. Heartfelt condolences to Kerry and the entire family. Vale Johnno

The offseason has come and gone quickly and now we start with the anticipation and excitement all over again as we gear up for the kick off of a new season. With quite a number of changes on and off the field, our Senior and Junior committees have been working hard to make our football netball season a successful 2019.

We would like to welcome Lee Rowe as our new senior coach with Tommy Wells back to coach the Reserves. We also welcome back Charlie Ware to the coaching ranks in the under 18's. After a very successful season and prelim final berth, Dasha will be guiding the under 16's again.



The netball girls will be once again led by Fiona Cengia, who is primed and excited for her 2nd year as A Grade coach. Carley Gilliland has taken on our B Grade netball and Elise Desantis has the C Grade coaching role. Along with Fiona, Sharon Anderson is coaching the Under 17's. While our under 13 coach from 2018, Bec Wright, will continue coaching this team along with coaching the under 15's. The preseason for the netballers has been met with a lot of excitement and enthusiasm.

We have a number of social events coming up. Keep up to date with what's on by following our Facebook page. Good luck to all our teams.

Go Power

2019 SEASON FIXTURE

ROUND 1	<i>1st June</i>	Drouin v Warragul (S)
<i>6th April</i>	Warragul v Traralgon	Leongatha v Wonthaggi (S)
Leongatha v Maffra	Leongatha v Sale	ROUND 13
Sale v Bairnsdale	Maffra v Moe	<i>20th July</i>
Drouin v Traralgon	Wonthaggi v Bairnsdale	Traralgon v Sale
Morwell v Moe	Morwell v Drouin	Maffra v Morwell
Wonthaggi v Warragul	ROUND 8	Wonthaggi v Moe
ROUND 2	<i>8th June</i>	Bairnsdale v Drouin
<i>13th April</i>	Traralgon v Morwell	Warragul & Leongatha BYE
Maffra v Bairnsdale (N)	Sale v Wonthaggi	ROUND 14
Moe v Drouin	Drouin v Maffra	<i>27th July</i>
Morwell v Wonthaggi	Moe v Leongatha	Moe v Bairnsdale
Warragul v Sale	Bairnsdale v Warragul	Drouin v Sale
Leongatha v Traralgon	ROUND 9	Warragul v Maffra
ROUND 3	<i>9th June</i>	Wonthaggi v Traralgon
<i>19th April</i>	Leongatha v Bairnsdale	Leongatha v Morwell
Wonthaggi v Leongatha	Wonthaggi v Drouin	ROUND 15
Maffra v Sale	Warragul v Moe	<i>3rd August</i>
<i>27th April</i>	Morwell v Sale	Sale v Moe
Bairnsdale v Morwell	Maffra v Traralgon	Traralgon v Bairnsdale
Traralgon v Moe (N)	ROUND 10	Morwell v Warragul
<i>19th April</i>	<i>22nd June</i>	Leongatha v Drouin
Warragul v Drouin (S)	Traralgon v Drouin	WP & Maffra BYE
ROUND 4	Moe v Morwell	ROUND 16
<i>4th May</i>	Warragul v Wonthaggi	<i>10th August</i>
Sale v Traralgon	Maffra v Leongatha	Traralgon v Warragul
Leongatha v Warragul	Bairnsdale & Sale BYE	Sale v Leongatha
Morwell v Maffra	ROUND 11	Moe v Maffra
Moe v Wonthaggi	<i>29th June</i>	Bairnsdale v Wonthaggi
Drouin v Bairnsdale	Bairnsdale v Maffra	Drouin v Morwell
ROUND 5	Sale v Warragul	ROUND 17
<i>11th May</i>	Wonthaggi v Morwell	<i>17th August</i>
Bairnsdale v Moe	Traralgon v Leongatha	Wonthaggi v Sale
Sale v Drouin	<i>6th July</i>	Maffra v Drouin
Maffra v Warragul	Drouin v Moe	Leongatha v Moe
Traralgon v Wonthaggi	Maffra v Wonthaggi	Warragul v Bairnsdale
Morwell v Leongatha	Warragul v Leongatha	<i>WORKSAFE GAME OF THE MONTH</i>
ROUND 6	<i>7th July</i>	Morwell v Traralgon
<i>25th May</i>	Bairnsdale v Sale (S)	ROUND 18
Moe v Sale	ROUND 12	<i>24th August</i>
Bairnsdale v Traralgon	<i>13th July</i>	Bairnsdale v Leongatha
Wonthaggi v Maffra	Morwell v Bairnsdale	Drouin v Wonthaggi
Warragul v Morwell	Moe v Traralgon	Moe v Warragul
Drouin v Leongatha	<i>14th July</i>	Sale v Morwell
ROUND 7	Sale v Maffra (S)	Traralgon v Maffra

QUALIFYING FINAL (Saturday)	31 AUGUST	ELIMINATION FINAL (Sunday)	1 SEPTEMBER
2ND SEMI-FINAL (Saturday)	7 SEPTEMBER	1ST SEMI-FINAL (Sunday)	8 SEPTEMBER
PRELIMINARY FINAL	14 SEPTEMBER	GRAND FINAL	21 SEPTEMBER