



THE ACORN

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi all,

Brilliant weather on Sunday which produced some really good football by the Dragons. The football standard was high and I think we won more than 80 % of our games which is great. A special mention to the U13s team and coach Chris Morton who had a much needed win. Everyone is extremely happy for you and proud of you guys. Well done! See their victory song video on our Facebook page.

The Oakleigh Dragons Trivia Night is on this Friday night with 50 booked in but we have plenty more room so please organize your tables and book your place/table by clicking [here](#) or check out the ad on page 5. It's a cheap night out with great Dragon's people.

The trailer raffle is going very well with people asking for more tickets which is brilliant. We are now asking for all tickets to be returned asap, but try hard to sell all 4 tickets, remembering all proceeds go towards new lights for our kids. If you have trouble selling them, buy one and return the others please.

The night of the draw will be plenty of fun with the last prize being drawn out at 8pm with the remaining draws every half an hour. This will be great fun and create a lot of interest within the room. The bar takings this night are also directed towards the new lights so please come along and help fill the room for a funny night!

A big thanks to Kathy and all the teams for a successful day taking team photo's. The day ran smoothly with only a few minor hiccups which is brilliant. Thank you.

Good luck to the U9s in the Lighting Carnivals (remember run hard and play on at all times).

Hope to see you at Grub this week.

Pat Heverin

GO DRAGONS

2019 COMMITTEE

President: Pat Heverin

Vice President: David Cash

Secretary: Kathy McGeoch

Treasurer: Jackie Phillips

Sponsorship Co-ordinator: George Wintle

Child Safety Officer: Lisa O'Driscoll

Registrar: Jackie Phillips

Bar Manager: Jim Hall

Coaching Co-ordinators: Jeff Fortune & David Cash

Canteen Manager: Clancy Phillips

General: Sharon Westin-Shaw

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

You may have heard at recent Grub nights that the club is looking for new committee members to assist with the tasks required to operate the club and get our kids on the field. This is an ongoing request and you may well be sick of us by the end of the season. In saying that, there is great reward in volunteering. Studies show, volunteering connects you to your community, is good for your mind and body, can advance your career and brings fun and fulfillment to your life.

The Dragon's Committee will have a number of roles being vacated at the end of the season and to ensure a smooth transition, it would be ideal to have those roles pre-filled before the end of this season. Those roles are:

POSITION	CURRENTLY PERFORMED BY
SECRETARY (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE) Deal with club mail, takes minutes of meetings, attends League meetings as required. Maintain policies. Liaise with League, distribute mail/correspondence as required within club and externally, main contact point for Club. Oversee running of the Club along with President and Vice President.	Kathy McGeoch
TREASURER (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE) Maintain the Financial Accounts of the Club, including banking, presenting timely and accurate reports and budgets to the Committee.	Jackie Phillips
REGISTRAR Accept registrations and forward requirements onto League. Keep an updated Club registration database. Arrange and co-ordinate registration day with the help of volunteers. Contact person for new members.	Jackie Phillips
CHILD SAFETY OFFICER Ensure SMJFL Child Safety Guidelines are adhered to and provide access to training from the SMJFL including online training modules. Ensure adherence to existing policies.	Lisa O'Driscoll
TEAM MANAGER / VOLUNTEER SUPPORT Assist Team Managers to ensure they have everything they need to assist coaches, parents and players to ensure the smooth operation of all match day requirements. Ensure Team Managers are aware of By-Law updates and League requirements when overseeing match day operations.	Kathy McGeoch

The following roles have been vacant for some years and urgently need to be filled:

SOCIAL CO-ORDINATOR Arrange and co-ordinate a variety of social events for Club members together with volunteers. Can be a Non-Committee Role, attendance at Committee meetings required on an ad hoc basis.
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If you are able to fill one of these roles or would like more information about how you can help, please contact Kathy at secretaryOYCFC@gmail.com or Pat on 0402 905 198.

CANTEEN CORNER

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We need volunteers to help out in the canteen this Sunday. If you can help, please email Jackie registraroycfc@gmail.com

DATES TO REMEMBER

**2 AUGUST – Trivia Night
THIS FRIDAY**

**21 August – B&F Vote Count Night
(8pm, Coaches & Team Managers only)**

24 AUGUST – MAJOR RAFFLE



OAKLEIGH DRAGONS BACK TO THE 80S

TRIVIA NIGHT

**is this Friday night at Scammell.
There will be a reverse raffle where
you pick one of your favourite AFL
players from the 80s!**

Prizes: 1st \$200, 2nd prize \$100, 3rd \$50

BOOK NOW @

<https://bit.ly/2KSU2AX>



Jackie teaching boxing to the U12's.

TRAINING

It would be great to see more parents at training, helping the coaches set up/pack up, and enjoy getting involved with the activities. This would be a great help, especially with the younger teams.

GRUB GOES GREEN!

It was great to see so many of our families bring their own plates and cutlery at the last Grub at the Club.

We hope to see even more at this week's Grub.

Well done Dragon families!



WORKING WITH CHILDRENS CHECK

Each family **must** have at least one parent with a Working With Children's Check. If you don't, please head online [HERE](#) and apply. It's free and easy and makes our Team Managers jobs a lot easier as many of these jobs require you to have this check.

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

If you have any photos you'd like in the next Acorn, please email them with a description to Sharon at s_westin@hotmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS

100
GAMES

50
GAMES

George Ruzbacky U17

Aiden Jarvis-Stewart U13

Having a milestone game?

Send details and pics to Sharon at s_westin@hotmail.com





OAKLEIGH DRAGONS **BACK TO THE 80S** **TRIVIA NIGHT**

Friday 2 August
Scammell Reserve Clubrooms
7pm until late



THIS FRIDAY!!!

REVERSE RAFFLE • FUN GAMES • DRINKS @ BAR PRICES

TALK TO YOUR TEAM MANAGER ABOUT YOUR TEAM TABLE

THIS EVENT IS FOR PARENTS ONLY

BOOK NOW @ <https://bit.ly/2KSU2AX>

***plus \$0.30 booking fee**

**PLEASE RETURN
YOUR TICKET
STUBS AND MONEY
AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE**

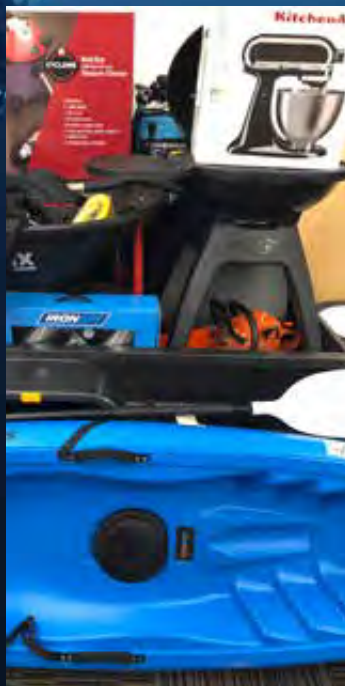
MAJOR RAFFLE

You may have seen our magnificent trailer at the club, full of amazing goodies, ready to be raffled. This will be our main fundraiser for the season, with all proceeds going towards new lights for the ground at Scammell. We will be allocating 50 tickets per team so let's do our best to sell out!

**SATURDAY 24 AUGUST
@ SCAMMELL**

TICKETS \$25 EACH

SNEAK PEAK



Trailer Raffle Contents

- 4x4 trailer
- Kitchen Aid food Processor
- Kitchen Aid
- Makita Drill
- Hilti Drill
- Ryobi 2000W Power Washer
- Sidchrome Toolbox (Basic tools inside)
- Sidchrome Socket Set
- AeroPro 2.5 HP 40litre Air Compressor with 4 piece spray Gun kit & 2 hoses
- Kyak and paddle
- Bristle Dart Board
- Easymix Wheel Barrow
- Spear & Jackson Shovel
- 4 x Columbia Jackets
- BackPack including mini Backpack
- Echo Chainsaw
- Senco 4 litre Air Compressor
- MasterCraft 26cc Petrol Blower
- Pope Garden hose and Reel
- Poweraid Cooler Bags
- Cyclone Wet/ Dry Vacuum
- Cyclone Angle Grinder
- Medalist Garden Tool Set
- Beef Eater Gas grill
- Trek Mountain bike
- Davey submersible D40 A pump
- Caroma Caravelle Toilet Suite with close coupled cistern
- 5 x Caroma Tapware and bathroom fittings eg towel rack

Special thanks to George Wintle for his efforts in getting these items donated.



COACHES' REPORTS

U11 MIXED DARREN GRENFELL

Opponent: Ormond JFC **Home Game:** E. E. Gunn Reserve

Result: Oakleigh Dragons won by 95 points (15.18.108 vs 2.1.13) **Match Day Captain:** Ethan

Pre-Game: For the second week in a row we had all 23 players suiting up to play. Ethan was named captain for the day as it was "his 50th match". However we will celebrate that milestone properly next week when we return to play at Scammell Reserve.

The Match in a paragraph: What an impressive team performance. Superbly led by Captain Ethan, the Dragons came out firing with a goal within the first 30 seconds. From there the team never let up. Great aggressive running, numerous linkages of play, handballing to players on the run, shepherding, and strong marking was a feature of our performance. Everything requested from the coach, the team delivered this week. The Dragon's won all four quarters, and in the process broke many team records:

- It was the first time in their history the team had passed the 100 point mark.
- 6 goals in the third quarter were the most goals kicked by the team in any one quarter.
- Most individual goal kickers in a single game with 11 different players scoring goals.
- And with Ben and Jacob kicking their first goals of 2019, the team, for the second season in a row, has managed to have every player on the list kick at least one goal each.

Special mentions from the game:

- Many players running with and bouncing the ball, including Ben, Will, Dean, Rayaan, Mitch, Oliver T and a 3 bounce run and clearance from Oliver P.
- Strong forward contesting marking shown by Austin, Ethan, Patrick, Tom and Tyson.
- Team solid tackling, with special mentions to Oliver T, Dean, Alex, Tyson, Drew, Oliver H and Sophie.
- The backline sweeping masterclass from Oliver P, Will, Rayaan, Seb and Sam.
- First goals of the season kicked by Ben and Jacob.
- Patrick's unselfish handball in the goal square to set up a goal for Zac in the last quarter.
- And to repeat – 11 different goal kickers – a real positive sign of a team performance.

Round 12 Goal Scorers: Mitch (2), Austin (2), Will (2), Josh (2), Oliver T, Tom, Patrick, Ben, Rayaan, Zac, Jacob

Most Pleasing aspect of the game: Four complete quarters of great running Dragon's football.

U10 MIXED MARCUS SPENCER

We played against: St Kilda City At: Scammell Reserve

We played against St Kilda City at the civilised time of 11.30am. After having photos taken earlier that morning, the boys were full of beans and ready to go. The sun was out and conditions were perfect for football.

Our team has been focussing on sharing the ball, giving the first option handball to break open play and this game showed we are continuing to improve in that area. At times we look to handball when a kick might be a better option, but it is a good sign that the boys are sharing the ball with their team mates as their first instinct.

We out-scored the opposition in each of the quarters and we ended up with a win of around four goals. We had good players all over the ground, with Campbell, Elliot S and Angus winning plenty of the ball throughout the game. The goals were shared around, but Hunter had a particularly good day in front of goals.

With two more game to go before our season ending Lightning Premiership, we are playing our best football. It's been a long season, but we will be working hard to ensure we finish it off in a really positive way.



COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U9 MIXED MARK D'ROZARIO

Round 12 was vs Prahran at Princes Highway Reserve. We came from the excitement of taking team photos to a game where Fergal addressed the players on the importance of second and third efforts and tackle pressure. They did not disappoint and scored 3 goals to one in the first quarter. The second quarter could have been a similar story, but we missed shots on goal, scoring 5 points. Nonetheless, the tackle pressure and efforts from the midfield were terrific. Andrew, Troy and Archie worked well together to set up shots on goals. Robbie showed confidence and is starting to come out of his shell. Fionn was a focal point in the forward line and all other worked hard to keep the ball in the forward line with their tackle pressure. The defence rebounded well and tackled hard. The third quarter saw the Prahran come back and the kicked a couple of goals to come close in the last quarter but Fionn kicked the sealer with hard work from the midfield setting him up.

More kids went down in this game than possibly the whole season so there was a lot of reshuffling going on to get the best balance in the side. There were knee injuries, ankles stress, big bumps, and an unlikely bee sting in the middle of winter. Through it all, Paul and Ewan showed a return to form working hard to get the ball. Aiden burrowed through packs and Jonathan keeps improving with every game. Maxx kicked his first goal and almost a second. The Darcy's were terrific, and Harland rebounded with great confidence. Well done to the boys to fighting through the tough games and with one round to go we look forward to the next game.

Go Dragons!

U14 GIRLS SIMON GREELY

The bar had been set last week with our fantastic effort against the top team. The girls knew that 'opportunity was calling' and they had to do whatever they could to get involved in the game and make a difference for the team. They didn't let themselves down.

The team played four great quarters of fair, tough, skilful football against a team that beat us last time. We had 8 different goal-kickers – a record for this group of girls, and 2 first time goal kickers. They were relentless in their pressure, tackling and chasing and played the game in a great spirit.

We look forward to playing the 2nd placed team next week who have a number of very strong and talented players. Hopefully, when opportunity calls next week the girls will be ready to answer the call and play like they have over the last 2 weeks.

Oakleigh Dragons – 9.13.67

Mordi-Braeside – 0.0.0

Best players – A wonderful team effort – again!

Goals – Lucia 2, Choetso, Elise, Alannah, Ruby, Sam, Giselle and Britney.

U12 GIRLS EMILY HEVERIN & JACQUIE MORGAN

This week the under 12 girls played against St. Peters at their home ground. The game was very rough and physical but we are very proud of our girls for pushing through and giving it a crack. Our goal kicker for this week was Sienna Bernado. All the girls played very well and we are proud of their efforts. It was good to see all of the girls step up to the challenge. In the end we only lost by a small margin. Hopefully we come across this team again before the end of the season. We were very happy with the girls efforts.



COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U12 MIXED TIM MORELAND

Today we travelled to Koornang Park to take on the only team that has defeated us this season – Caulfield Bears.

In a very tight contest we were able to kick ahead in the last quarter taking the game by 3 points in a thriller.

After Caulfield kicked the first goal in the opening minute we were able to kick 3 for the quarter to steady the ship.

The surprising thing from a coaching perspective is the we didn't score for the next 2 1/2 quarters. Now Caulfield came at us with everything and they are to be commended with the way they played however (at times) we are leaving the attack on the ball to too few.

Yanni, Theo and Daniel off half back we're unbelievable today. Time after time they found the ball in their hands and most importantly fighting to put themselves in those positions.

There were others who in patches supported our attack on the ball but we'll work at training on getting to more contests so we can eliminate 4 on 1's. The opposition at times ran the ball out far too easily.

All that aside, the boys showed great fight and resilience to come from behind and rally to drive the ball forward a number of times in the last quarter.

Nicho snapped a great goal to put us back in front, Bailey M tackles hard, Mason continues to fight for every ball and Angus stepped up in the last quarter.

Antonios and Nick F were awesome again today and are really forming a solid back partnership. Antonios is reading the ball well off the boot and Nick's intercept marks across half back are really important.

Jake is gaining in confidence every week and along with the skills of Raff, energy of Aiden and clearances from Isaac are really important to our team.

I won't mention everyone today but a good hard fought win. I really liked the way everyone responded at 3/4 time and shows how we can actually play when we are switched on.

Lets all try and get to training so we can practice some things and keep on improving each week.

Well done to everyone. Look forward to next week.

GO DRAGONS!

U16 BOYS JIMMY HUNT

This week the under 16s hosted the top of the table Ormond.

With an undermanned team the boys fought hard all day. In a close first half the dragons had a lot of the footy, but in what seems to be a usual story this year their composure delivering the ball to our forward line was lacking.

They were down by a couple of goals at half time and with a see sawing 3rd quarter they went into 3 quarter time down by 3 goals.

Unfortunately the boys ran out of legs in the last and ended up going down by 5 goals.

Sid battled hard all day in the ruck and Nikitas was tough in the middle.



COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U13 MIXED GAB ROBINSON

East Brighton Vampires 7.4.46 defeated by Oakleigh Dragons 7.7.49

Away from home, in a late Sunday fixture, the Mighty Dragons put in a stunning performance to beat the brave Vampires with the final kick of the day.

What a win!!!

The Dragons dominated play in the first half however this didn't translate to the scoreboard with the Vampires taking a two goal lead into the long break..

Both teams needed a win to stay in the finals race therefore the 3rd quarter was heavily contested with boys from both sides crashing in to gain dominance.

Specky and Bailey provided the spark and finally the Dragons got on a roll kicking 4 goals on the trot to lead by 14 points at ¾ time.

However, the last quarter saw the Vampires hit back hard, nailing 3 quick goals to take the lead by 4 points.

With the ball locked into the Dragons forward line and after numerous shots on goals the Vampires attempted to clear the ball with the resulting mark taken by Jacko on a 45 degree angle, 20 metres out.

And then the siren sounded ...

Under immense pressure, the man of the moment, took a deep breath, gathered his composure and coolly slotted the goal to seal a 3 point win.

The joy and pride in the boys eyes was wonderful to see!

Stevie G played his best game for the Club with a dozen contested marks, 30 possessions and tackles galore.

Pete led from the front all day inspiring the team as did Specky providing the spark we needed in the 3rd quarter to get the team going.

Aden and Bailey put their body on the line taking knock after knock and never giving in.

Special mention to Oscar and Dylan who played excellent games in the backline.

And to Jacko, well done. Not many people will experience what you did. Congratulations on delivering under such pressure.

Go Dragons!!!

U15 BOYS GONZALO VALENZUELA

Oakleigh 15.12-102 Def CHOGS 1.4-10

CHOGS were 3rd on the ladder and boys started with great intensity and never looked back. Great passages of play throughout the game ensured we were going into fwd 50 with purpose. Well Done boys.

U16 GIRLS GEORGE WINTLE

On the weekend the under 16 girls played Waverley Hawks at home. We were lucky enough to have Steph, Lucy, Tiarna and Mia all playing there 50th games. The team did not let them down and all got to sing the song after the game. Well done team and well done Steph, Lucy, Tiarna and Mia!



COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U9 MIXED BLUE NICK SOURRIS

It was an early start this week, with photos being taken. Looking forward to seeing how good the team looks.

This week we were back at home on Princes Hwy Reserve, playing East Brighton.

The game was played in great spirit by two great sides. The first 3 quarters were evenly matched. It was the final quarter were the opposition booted the last two winning goals.

It was a great performance from our boys, gallant to the very end.

There were a few individual performances that need to be mentioned. Jaron was best on ground with a scintillating performance in the midfield as was Caleb and James.Heath , Alex and Xavier all stared in the forward line, mesmerising opposition defenders. Our defenders as always were in the action too. A huge thank you to Liam, Thomas, Cooper and Curtis for a great performance.

U17 BOYS NATHAN LITTLE

Caulfield Bears 6.14.50 v Oakleigh JFC 6.2.38

Oakleigh JFC 19.15.129 defeated Mordialloc Braeside JFC 4.1.25

Our U17s put on a clinic this Sunday easily beating Mordialloc Braeside in a win that was all the more sweet given Mordy had beaten us by 2 points in a controversial finish earlier in the year. The Dragons strength on the backline and speed in the midfield allowed our forwards to dominate, ending the day with 11 different goalkickers and a 104 point win.

Mordy play a hard style of footy and there will no doubt be a few Dragons feeling battered and bruised this week but our tenacity, toughness and never say die attitude triumphed. Once again, a group of U16s ran straight back onto the field directly after their game to bolster our side, each playing an integral part in the win.

Congratulations to George Ruzbacky who overcame injury earlier this season to kick five goals this week after running through the banner to celebrate his 100 game milestone. Well done, George!

Go Dragons!





COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U13 MIXED CHRIS MORTON

It was the early game for us this week with the added bonus of getting spruced up for the team photo. If the game was to be based on the best-looking team, Hampton didn't have a chance. Aiden had his chance to run through the 50 games banner and Dylan lead the team out as captain for the day. Thanks to our last-minute additions to the team, Zoe and Chanel (U12s). Mitchell (U11s), on-site for his team's photo shoot, also jumped in to cover a late change.

Lights, camera, several dozens of smiles later, and the game began. The on-ball team of Rhys, Tom, Jackson and Dylan got the ball going our way from the start. The tackling intensity was up early, thanks to the tackling session Rhys (Dylan's dad) put on at training during the week. Will stepped up to take a good mark in the middle. When it did head towards our back line, Finn was cleaning up playing the perfect sweeper role. Aiden had his hands full with the task off containing the key Hampton big forward. It was a see-sawing quarter, but on one of our forward entries Tom took advantage of a linkup between Oscar and Jovan, and put the first goal on the board. Hampton managed to sneak one just before the siren to keep the score close.

In the huddle at quarter time, we were all very impressed how Tom made a special mention in front of the team that his goal was only possible because of Billy's efforts to shepherd the ball through.

We peppered the goals for most of the second quarter but ended up kicking 12 behinds. Rhys was working hard at every ruck contest. Mitchell and Chanel were buzzing around the forward line and constantly putting pressure on the opposition defence. Jovan, playing on the wing, was strategically holding back at the fifty-metre line stopping any ball that popped out of the forward line and quickly repelling it back in. On the one occasion Hampton managed to break the wall and get out into the open, Jake backed himself, left his opponent to inspirationally intercept and save a potential score. At half time we were 14 points up.

After half time, we continued to apply the pressure and once again dominated. Early on we added a couple of points to bring our score to an amazing 1.16. Tom continued his good form racking up contested possessions and getting the ball out of pack situations. James was taking the game on with run and bounces. Alex kept presenting out of the forward line and took a couple of good marks on the lead. Oscar was clean and composed across the half back. Sam was providing plenty of run up the wing. Billy decided we had enough behinds, got free of his opponent and put our second goal on the board. Yiannis, not to be out done, added one himself after dodging and weaving around several opponents. Billy then put the icing on the cake with his second just before the three-quarter break.

Being 35 points up at the final break, it was a great chance to get a couple of the backline into the action. Jake moved into the forward line and took a couple of good marks. Allen moved onto the ball and started weaving confidently through the opponents. Jackson, while creating run through the midfield, was also doing the team things with shepherds, and a motivating sprint across the ground to spoil an opponent who would have been off and running. Zoe took the chance to allude a player or 2 and go for a run through the middle. One great passage of play started deep on the wing with Oscar brushing off 2 opponents to get the ball to Finn who ran and kicked to Alex at centre half forward, who gave off to a running Dylan who then passed to Sam leading to fat side of the forward line. It was a joy for the coaches and supporters to watch.

The score didn't change too much and we ended up a comfortable 37 points in front. Being our first win for the season the song was belted out. It was a well-deserved win and gives us plenty of confidence to take into the remaining part of the season. Well done team!



SET UP / PACK UP DUTIES

Duty	Date	Team	Time	Venue
Set-up	4/8/19	NO GAMES		Princes Hwy
Pack-up	4/8/19	NO GAMES		Princes Hwy
Set-up	4/8/19	U9 Yellow	8.30am	WA Scammell
Pack-up	4/8/19	U15		WA Scammell

GRUB AT THE CLUB SCHEDULE

(Subject to change during the season depending on game times, your Team Manager will keep you posted).

Date	U8 & U9	U10	U11-U13	U14+	Holidays	Grub at the Club
28/4/19	Round 1	Round 1	Round 1	Round 1		Anzac Round U13
5/5/19	Round 2	Round 2	Round 2	Round 2		U11 & U12G
12/5/19	Round 3	Round 3	Round 3	Round 3	Mothers' Day	
19/5/19	Round 4	Round 4	Round 4	Round 4		
26/5/19	Round 5	Round 5	Round 5	Round 5		U10 & U17
2/6/19	Round 6	Round 6	Round 6	Round 6		
9/6/19	No Games	Queen's Birthday				
16/6/19	Round 7	Round 7	Round 7	Round 7		
23/6/19	Round 8	Round 8	Round 8	Round 8		U12
30/6/19	Round 9	Round 9	Round 9	Round 9	School Holidays	
7/7/19	No Games	School Holidays				
14/7/19	Round 10	Round 10	Round 10	Round 10	School Holidays	U16 & U16G
21/7/19	Round 11	Round 11	Round 11	Round 11		
28/7/19	Round 12	Round 12	Round 12	Round 12		
4/8/19	Round 13	Round 13	Round 13	Round 13		U9
11/8/19	Lightning Carnivals	Round 14	Round 14	Round 14		
18/8/19		Lightning Carnivals	Round 15	Round 15		U15 & U14G
25/8/19			Semi Finals	Semi Finals		
1/9/19			Grand Finals	Prelim Finals	Fathers' Day	Committee
8/9/19				Grand Finals		TBA