



WorkSafe Victorian Country Football League

MININERA & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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2020



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – NIC BYRNE

Welcome to all members, sponsors and the wider community!

To start off I would like to thank the committee members, players and sponsors for their help, leadership and common sense that has been shown over the last four months.

This year has seen a lot of positives along with challenges for our club which I feel we have passed with flying colours.

This newsletter is to keep you in touch with what's been happening behind the scenes. As a club we have been achieving a lot while in lockdown.

Please stay safe, healthy and positive as together we will get through these testing times. If you have any questions or ideas for the club please feel free to contact myself, even if it's just for a chat.

Cheers Nic

HAY DONATION TO BUSH FIRE AFFECTED AREAS

At the start of the year the club donated six bales of hay to the affected fire region. Thanks to Jock Liston for picking them up and dropping them off in Lake Bolac. The hay was a part of the club's crop that was grown on the Brown's family farm on shares. The paddock produced a very good quality hay which pressed into round bales. Volunteers looked after the crop from the start to the end product donating time and machinery to get the job done. The club would like to thank the following;

- Scott Blurton for his Telehandler and Truck
- Nick Paterson and Woosha for transport
- Paul Liston for 2 loads
- Al Fraser and Camo for 2 loads (even if one bale didn't make the whole trip)
- Fridge did a load (he took the long way but made it eventually)
- John Forbes did the sowing, baling and loaded some trucks
- Matty Mulcahy did some bailing (he did more bales than Forbsey and I even if they were a different size, but size doesn't matter they say.....)
- NJB Transport did 2 loads and drove Al Frasers old rundown Tractor and Baler.
- Kurt Miller for loading with Charlie & Lyndal Geddes' tractor



CROPPING UPDATE – JOHN FORBES

The crops are looking good and will be cut for some hay and the balance will be harvested.

It has been a good season so far, so fingers crossed we have a good finish.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped out so far and if anyone would like to donate inputs or labour please make contact with myself or a member of the committee.

Also thank you to Michelle Brown who has made this possible.

OVAL UPDATE

The committee decided last year that before the 2020 season we would employ Brad McLean - Country Lawns Australia to mow, aerate, and sow the oval down.

He started this process in March with great results. Unfortunately there wasn't any footy played on the new surface but the efforts of Brad, Camo, Jock, Flick, Conner, Forbsey and Woosha to keep the water up to the oval was terrific. To help fund this effort we held a sheep drive with families donating what they could in the way of livestock. The club would like to thank Nick Franc, Al Gabb, The Byrne family, John Forbes, Al Fraser, The Meek Family, Tigger McCrow, Rob and Linda Coutts and the Paterson Families for their donations.



TB White & Sons handled the sale of the sheep and thanks goes to Tom Madden for his auctioneering skills.

GROUND UPDATE

On Friday 10th July the Labor Member for Western Victoria, Jalla Pulford MP announced that the Mininera Recreation Reserve Football Oval was successful in receiving a \$115,000 grant in conjunction with the Ararat Rural City Council who are also contributing around \$45,000 for the installation of a new automated irrigation system and oval resurfacing, the installation of a water tank and electrical upgrade and the resurfacing of the oval with a climatically resilient couch-rye mix.

We thank the Ararat Rural City Council for financing this project and we can't wait for sport to return to Mininera in the near future!

GRANTS UPDATE

Work is being done behind the scenes to try and secure some assistance through grants that are available to update and improve facilities not only around the ground but also in the social rooms.

Please feel free to share any ideas for possible grant applications you may have with a committee member.

SPONSORS

The club would like to thank all the sponsors. Your support goes a long way to help run this club. Saying that if you need something done please have a look who is supporting our local side and support them back.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of the club please contact Al Fraser our Treasurer. There are many different options to suit everyone's business.

There is a lot of things to be done to get keep our country club going. If you feel you can help out in anyway please put your hand up as every hand count's.

FOOTBALL COACHING



We have been lucky enough to keep our football coaching staff for next season. With Cal Young as Senior Coach. Brad Scott and Andy Jose will coach the reserves (who have won 2 out of the last 3 Grand Finals). Speaking with the coaches they are super keen to start training and planning the return to football in 2021.



NETBALL COACHING

The netball numbers are up! The girls are keen, training together online during lockdown. Jo Read will coach the A grade team. We are still looking for a B grade coach and Keira Blain will coach the C grade team. Lisa and Pete Hamilton will continue to coach the U/13 team.

If you are keen to have a go at coaching the B grade team or playing in any grade please contact Ange Brain our netball co-ordinator. We would love to hear from you.



NEW FENCE ON NETBALL COURT

There is a new and improved fence around the Netball/Tennis courts. It looks fantastic! Thank you to the Rec Committee, Footy/Netball Club and the Mininera Tennis Club for all your hard work to get this done. Well done, it's another great improvement to our club.

THANK YOU

Pete Hamilton has been busy plastering the walls in the club rooms. He has done a great job by himself and getting the place ready for a fresh coat of paint. Thank you Pete!

Trent Quick built some shelving in the Home Change Room. This will be a great improvement for game day storage. Thanks Quicky!

Also thank you to Kylie Box (for not only putting up with Jono Box) but for also preparing the Bulldog Banner. Great job Crops!



2020 Committee members

President – Nic Byrne

Vice President – Joe Liston

Secretary – Tarra Morgan

Treasurer – Al Fraser

Rec. – Conna Wilson

Bar – Darcy Osborne and Danny Cameron

Football Operations – Tony Liston

Netball Operations – Angela Brain

Cropping Operations – John Forbes

General Committee Members – Callum Baker, Peter Hamilton, Joe Liston, Graeme McCrow, Phillip Meek, Kurt Miller, Myles Read, Jo Read, Kristen Noack, Jonathan Box

Life Members

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In 2021, the Mininera & District Football league is celebrating its 100 year anniversary.

To commemorate this milestone, the league is putting together a publication containing the history of the league and all of its clubs. This includes the SMW Rovers, as well as the standalone clubs prior to the merger.

If you or someone you know may be able to provide any historical information (photos, records, results etc) from the last 100 years, please contact us via email (smwroversfnc@gmail.com) or message the Facebook page directly



JUST WANTING TO RECAP THE RESULT OF AN AWESOME WIN

2019 Chitticks Bakery Reserves Grand Final

SMW Rovers	10	13	73
Great Western	9	10	64

Goal Kickers:

A Peart 2, C. Baker 2, J. Fleming 2, N. McIntyre 2, L. Relouw, B. Luehman

Best Players:

L. Baker, L. Relouw, B. Luehman, M. Ross, T. Peart, J. Fleming



ANOTHER GREAT ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATED LAST SEASON

5 times SM&W Rovers Senior Best & Fairest
2007, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2016
3 times SM&W Rovers Senior
Best & Fairest Runner-up
SM&W Rovers Joint Senior Coach 2008
SM&W Rovers 2004 Senior Premiership



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SENIOR GAMES



SM&W Rovers Senior Awards
Best in Finals, Marcus Davidson Award,
Best First Year Player, 2 times MVP
3 times MDFL Senior Representative Team
2 times MDFL Senior Team of the Year

NIC BYRNE





WEEK 1 RESULTS

\$50 Jackpot - Dallas Cameron
*** Sorry jackpots to next week
as no comment made in the
10 minute deadline ***

\$25 The Park Hotel voucher - Kristen Noack

\$50 Table 48 Voucher –
Alex McCarthy

\$100 Cash Prize - Nick Paterson

Thanks to The Park Hotel and
Table 48 for their support

WEEK 2 RESULTS

\$50 Jackpot - Jackpotted to \$100 from last week
- Brenna Wright claimed within 10 minutes

\$25 The Park Hotel voucher - James Linke

\$50 Table48 Voucher - Ange Brain

\$100 Cash Prize - Keira Blain

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CONGRATULATIONS

Kurt Miller & Kristen Noack on their Engagement

Ian Worsfold & Breanna Wright on their Engagement

John Forbes & Linsey Mackay on their Engagement and arrival of a baby boy

Laura Lewis & Jamie Hall on their Engagement and arrival of a baby girl

Nick Paterson & Neka Jones on their Engagement and arrival of a baby girl

Danny & Abbie Cameron on the arrival on a baby girl

Tom & Georgie Madden on their wedding

Courtney Herbert & Alex Johnson expecting a baby soon

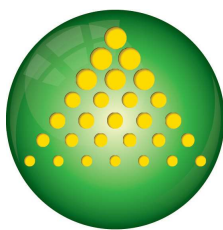
Lauren Cleary & Blake Dridan on the arrival of a baby girl

Dan & Sarah Curran on the arrival of a baby girl

Brady & Jess Curran on their Wedding and arrival of a baby girl

Sorry if I have missed anyone's special occasion

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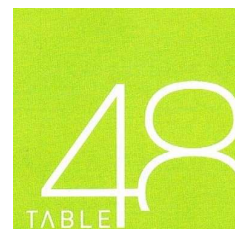
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