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**Football  
Netball  
Club**

**# a stunning Anzac Day**

**# Work finally starts on Olinda Reserve**

**# Club legend set to visit on Life Members Day**

## **OFC'S ANZAC DAY TRIUMPHS**

**In perfect autumn weather conditions close to one thousand people were treated to a memorable Anzac Day ceremony at Upwey followed by some stunning performances from Olinda-Ferry Creek teams.**



***A crowd of around one thousand people helped provide a memorable Anzac Day spectacle at Upwey- and it was OFC who took the points !***

There were eight games of netball and football on Monday and OFC came away with the points in six of those matches.( the Reserves were a kick away from making it seven out of eight).

The Red and White blitz was a credit to all the players and coaches who represented our community and to the tireless support staff who ensured the day ran smoothly. This is the only time this year that we'll quote boxer Jeff Fenech but " we loves youse all".

**Best performances ?**

Well all six wins were sensational it's hard to go past the Senior Men's and Women's footy and our C Grade netballers. In a word they were "awesome".

There are some details below but because it's a "short week" we haven't burdened the coaches with requests for match reports

## **WORK IS UNDERWAY AT OLINDA RESERVE**

Although the timing isn't ideal with OFC set to host a huge clash against Pakenham this Saturday at least things are on the move,.

The old fence came down on Tuesday and at this stage it's unlikely the new fence will be completed in time for this weekend's matches.

"Bloodlines" understands that the top rail of the fence will definitely be in place by Friday night but the cyclone wire may not be be affixed to 100% of the posts by the weekend.



***New seating will be constructed in front of the pavilion***

**A 25 metre long net will be constructed at the top end of the ground, that will most likely be installed next week.**

**The net at the bottom end of the ground, to protect the netball courts, will probably not be built until the next stage of the project ( which we hope to learn more about by mid year).**



***The 25 metre long protective net will probably not be installed at the bottom end of the ground until the netball courts are complete.***



Other improvements include-

- \* new seating in front of the social rooms
- \* artificial turf to be professionally installed at the player entrances.
- \* repairs to turf at the oval entrance gate where the playing surface has become uneven.

## NIC MILLWOOD ON THE ROAD BACK



*Wasn't it great to see Nicole Millwood without crutches on Anzac Day. "Our Nic" is recovering from a season ending knee injury. Would she have cracked a game in A*

*Grade this year ? We^ll never know , but for someone who started her career in D Grade to merely be mentioned as an "A Grade possible" in the League's benchmark team is pretty darn impressive.*

## **SENIOR MEN BOUNCE BACK IN STUNNING FASHION.**

Shrugging off the disappointment of a home loss to Woori Yallock in round one Brendan Donovan's team were never headed in a "go to wo" win at Upwey on Monday.

With a huge crowd in attendance, and preceded by a moving and respectful Anzac ceremony, everything was set for Upwey to make it two wins in a row to start their season

However the visitors had other ideas and the crowd fell silent as The Bloods piled on six goals in an awesome first quarter.

In particular Josh Wallis, Kelsey Currie and Patrick Rosier were instrumental in getting the ball out of the middle and helping to provide a deluge of forward entries.

At quarter time OFC had set up a healthy 6.2. to 2.2. lead.

In the second quarter Matt Scharenburg seemed to own the entire half back line and was impassable. He led a water tight defence that kept the lid on the expected Upwey fightback and allowed OFC to go into the big break with a healthy 21 point lead.



*Percy Hyett has a relentless attack on the ball for a guy still only 16- another youngster Oakley Jessop was among our best at Upwey*

The Bloods continued to shut Upwey out in the third quarter but a series of forward entries went "unconverted" as we booted a wayward 1.6 for the quarter.

Upwey didn't need an invitation to seize the momentum and although the Tigers had fewer scoring shots their 4.2 in the third quarter put them to within seven points of us.

What a last quarter both teams turned on. It was a fitting finale to the Anzac Day match as these young warriors from the two clubs went toe to toe.

Halfway thru the term Upwey tied up the scores for the first time that afternoon, but some gut busting running by Nick Keegan, sensational marking from Lachy Taylor and a few explosive moments from the Rosier brothers helped us overwhelm The Tigers.

It was the second match in a row OFC has finished all over the opposition.

UPWEY 12.8.80      OFC 13.15.93

Best Players- Patrick Rosier, Lachlan Taylor, Kelsey Currie, Matthew Scharenberg, Mathieu Rosier, Oakley Jessop

Goal Kickers- Lachy Taylor 3, Matt Rosier 3, Angus Nelson 2, Pat Rosier 2, Kelsey Currie 1, Noah Desta 1, Nik Keegan 1

### SENIOR WOMEN



*Twilight pre-match Anzac observance by the OFC and Upwey women*

-we didn't ask the coaches for reports this week so many thanks to Sacha Sullivan for taking the time to put this together-

UPWEY 3.7.25      OFC 5. 5..3

Best Players- Lily Carlin, Madeleine Collins, Grace Belloni, Claire Hyett, Chelsea Wilson, Emmalee Keegan

Goal Scorers- Phoebe Dixon 2, Madeleine Collins 1, Kimberley Smith 1, Amalija Kostich 1

**RESERVES**



*Sean Atkinson kicks a much needed "clutch goal" after the half time siren*



Lets hope we don't come to rue this match as "the one that got away ".

For three quarters of this game Upwey looked to be a bit too quick, although not more polished, than The Bloods .

At the final break the Tigers held a commanding 17 point lead but a three quarter time speech from coach Theo Zaharopoulos sparked a sensational revival and we slammed on five goals to Upwey's two.

It was too little too late and we fell four points short of what would have been a stunning win.

Take aways- James Royle-Young continues to be a stand out at this level. Thomas Falzon showed his strength around the packs will come in very handy this year. Connor Keegan keeps getting better and Senior ruckman Sean Atkinson had a strong hit out.

UPWEY 10.10.70    OFC  10.6.66

Best Players- Connor Keegan, James Royle-Young, Tom Falzon, Mitch Low, Sean Atkinson, Harry Morgan

Goal Scorers- Owen Raszkieicz 3, Sean Atkinson 2, Adam Grimison 2, Tom Falzon 1, Rashad Chazbeck 1, George Azzam 1.

#### UNDER 19s.



*Former junior James McBride (left) made a sensational return to OFC kicking two of our three goals.*



**Our boys came up against a very polished unit on Monday and did well to prevent a complete score blow out.**

**Putting the match into context our most advanced players in this age group have been promoted to the Seniors, where they are having an exciting impact.**

**This has left the Unders short of numbers and consequently calling on under 17s and mates to fill some gaps.**

**In contrast Upwey had six players on the bench and has benefited from an influx of FTG juniors last year.**

**Take Aways- the two Lachies- Boyd and Johnson- provided strong leadership, Ethan Royle-Young and Tobeh Gaudion-Arrowsmith gave us some polish while Under 17 boys Luca Smith, Ned Ford, Hamish "The Hammer" Fraser and Lachlan Bates did well against the big bodies ( Ned and Luca were among our best)**

**UPWEY 20-10-130 OFC 3-2- 20**

**Best Players-**

**Lachlan Boyd, Ethan Royle-Young, Lauchlin Johnson, Luca Smith, Ned Ford, Joshua Meadows**

**Goal Kickers- James McBride 2, Laine Fransen 1.**

## **NETBALL'S CLEAN SWEEP.**

**Although we won all four games at Upwey ( the U/17 girls had a bye) there were a few anxious moments for our flagship A Grade team.**

**Brie DeJong's side was up by six at half time but going into the last quarter we were clinging to a one goal lead.**

**Injury concerns in attack meant Brie had to think fast and tweak the line up. Ever reliable defender Bron Simpson ended up spending time in the goal circle.**

**In the end the girls found an extra gear when it was needed and eased away to a five goal win.**

**UPWEY 35 OFC 40**

**Best Players- Brodie Smith, Jackie Cutting, Bronwyn Simpson**

**Goal Scorers- Hayley Howard 30, Jackie Cutting 8, Holly Taubert 1, Bron Simpson 1.**

## B GRADE



*Ava van Leemput- relentless running for B Grade in some surprisingly warm autumn sunshine*

**B Grade sits on top of the ladder after opening the season with two convincing wins.**

**To the surprise of a few OFC people Upwey held a one goal lead at quarter time in unusually warm conditions, and on a court that seemed to radiate heat. However in an awesome second quarter the Red and White girls came to life and shut down the Upwey attack. Incredibly the Tigers scored just two goals while OFC piled on 16 as Victoria Clarke and Jess Horner ran riot.**

**UPWEY 31      OFC 47**

**Best Players-Rhiannon Pendleton, Victoria Clark, Dana Millwood**

**Goal Scorers- Victoria Clarke 38, Jessica Horner 9**

## C GRADE



*Adriana Hawkins pulls in a high ball with Bindi Bates on the move in the background and about to shoot one of her 34 goals*

Our young C Grade team is also on top of the ladder in a division that has only three undefeated teams after just two rounds ( Narre and Wandin are the other two).

OFC raced to a 13-7 lead at the first break and steadily increased the pressure, and the lead, over the next three quarters.

How good is it to see veteran Mel Thomas helping this group- Mel finished with eight goals and was among our best.

**UPWEY 23 OFC 47**

**Best Players-Molly O'Bryan, Maddy Smith, Melanie Thomas**

**Goal Scorers- Bindi Bates 34, Mel Thomas 8, Adriana Hawkins 5**

### **D GRADE.**

We seem to remember in 2021 we lost this match at Upwey but there was no mistake this time around with The Divas having their first hit out in 2022 ( Round One was a bye.)

A fast paced and relentless first quarter helped OFC to a 13-6 lead at quarter time and match was pretty much "iced" at that juncture.

By the final buzzer sounded we had doubled that lead.

A couple of take aways- how well is OFC travelling if junior inter league squad member Harper Scott can help out in D ?

We also noticed the ageless Michelle Tomlinson threw 12 points and then baby sat her two grandchildren until the end of A Grade. Not sure which task took more energy.

Congrats to coach Kyle Claringbold on her first win.

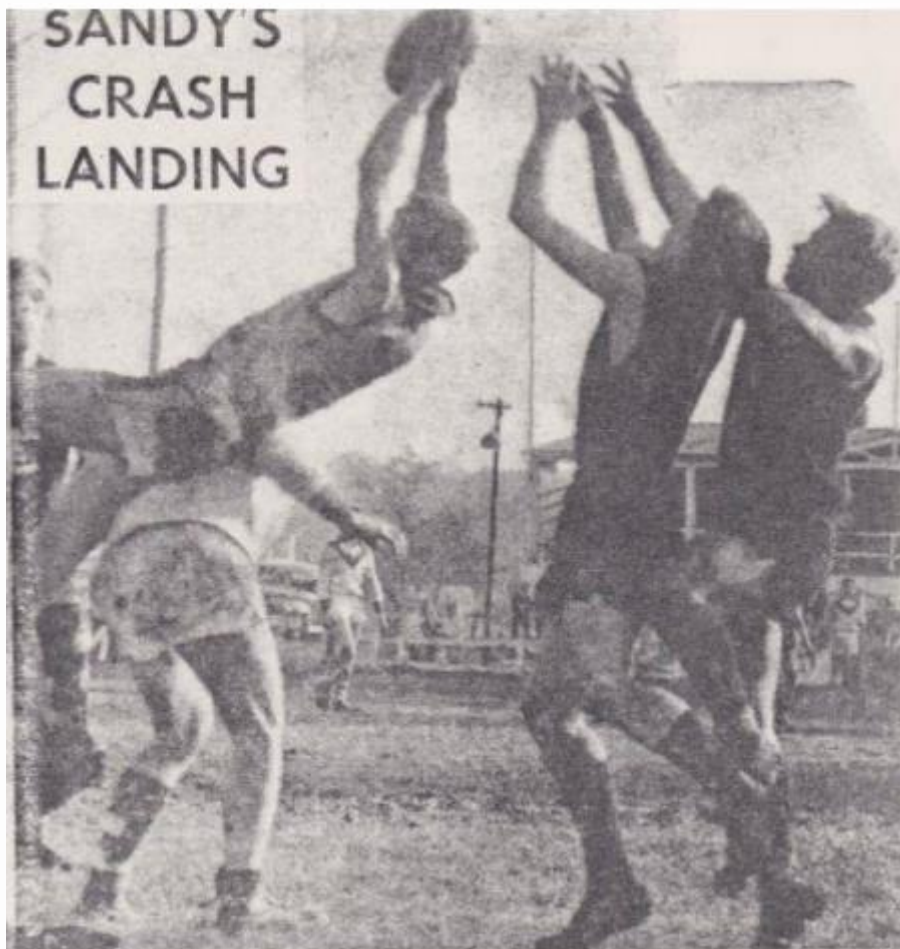
**UPWEY 20 OFC 35**

**Best Players-Mera Pringle, Keira Maher, Harper Scott**

**Goal Scorers- Mera Pringle 13, Michelle Tomlinson 12, Julie Smith 8, Samantha Mikulandra**



## Club Legend Returns for Life Members Day



*Skipper Sandy Gammon takes a spectacular mark at full back during the famous, and unlikely, 1965 second semi win over Coldstream.*

Four time OFC Premiership player Sandy Gammon is visiting from Queensland and will be a most welcome guest at Life Members day this Saturday.

Sandy was in the famous 1958 U/16 premiership team and went on to captain the teams which won senior flags in 1965 and 1966 .

In 1967 Arthur Gill was captain coach of the premiership side while Sandy was in a back pocket.

The two flags in ^65 and \*66 were among the greatest victories in OFC history.

The picture above was taken during the second semi against Coldstream. a team which had gone through the season undefeated and boasted an incredible

percentage of 258%.

To the surprise of everyone in the League OFC upset them in the semi then smashed them by nearly 10 goals in the grand final.

The following year OFC finished third on the ladder behind Wandin and Norwood .

In the grand final The Bloods trailed Wandin for most of the match before winning with what was pretty much the last kick of the game.

Welcome home Sandy !!!



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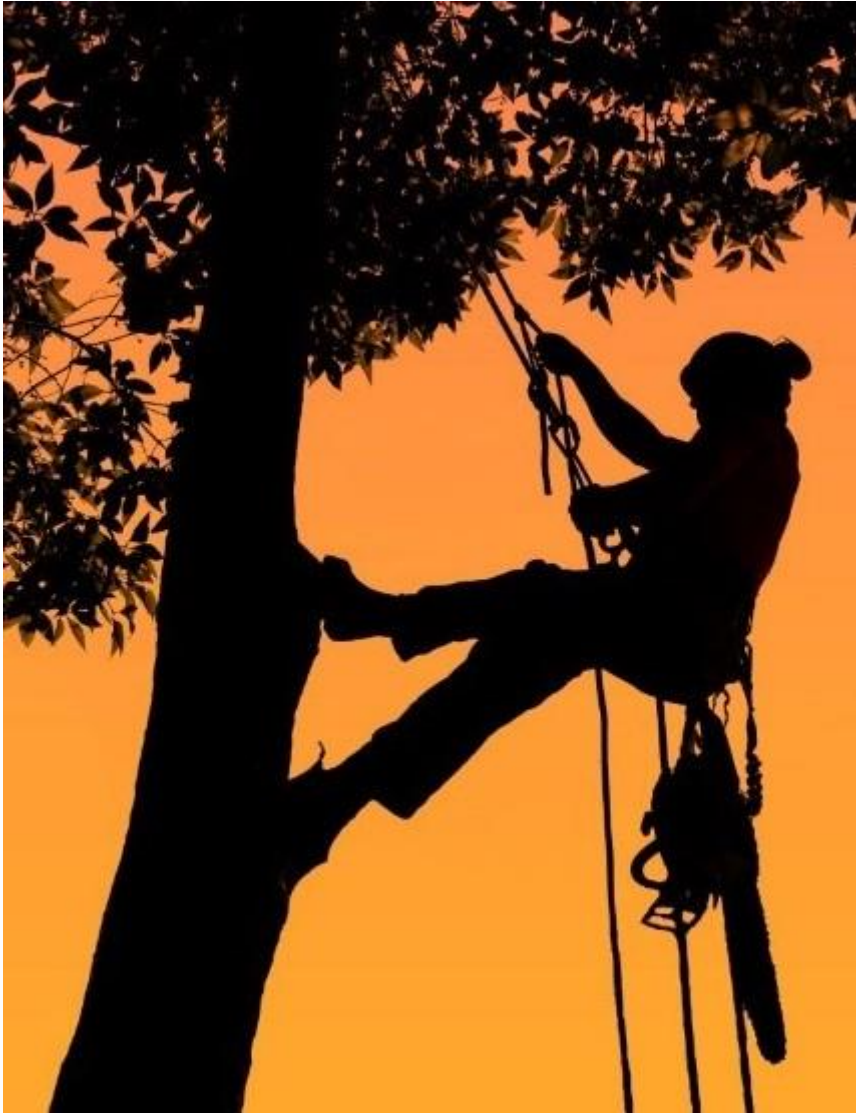
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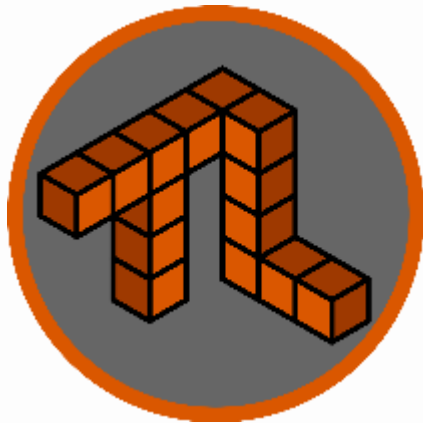
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