

**Olinda  
Ferny  
Creek**



**Football  
Netball  
Club**

- 
- Seniors Finish Season In Fourth Place
  - OFC Wins Big as Awards Season kicks off



*Will there be a happy ending ? Thankfully yes (see below). But there were too few of them against Wandin. This stunning pic was taken by "Muffins" Currie and is surely one of his best.*

## Seniors Finish Fourth

We had hoped for a different result, or even a better result. But as so often happens in footy the month of September is an anvil on which "hopes" are smashed. And so it proved on Saturday when Wandin brought an emphatic 10 goal end to our finals campaign.

The one sided game starkly underlined the difference between the top three teams and the rest of the Outer East competition. However we are the "best of the rest" and that's compensation that can't be ignored as we come to terms with the pain of our loss.



*The end of a campaign that started in November last year*

Let's just spend a minute or so putting it all into context. We played Wandin, the reigning premier, three times during the year and we were reasonably close to them in nine of those 12 quarters of footy.

On two occasions ( the last quarters at Olinda and at Yarra Glen in the final) we were partly overrun by circumstances ( send offs and injuries got us at Olinda, while at Yarra Glen Dyl re-jigged the team in a last ditched bid to salvage some pride). However it was the second quarter at Yarra Glen that truly did us in. Wandin sent a

ton of ball into their forward 50 and our defence sagged under the pressure. That was coupled with a series of decisions ( four in a row) which went against us. End

Result ? We didn't cope.

We're not quibbling about the umpiring decisions, it's just that sometimes you seem to get the rub of the green and sometimes you don't. In the end it all evens out.



*Coach Dyl Wilson catches up with youngster Luca Smith post match*

How about this for a positive take away from the finals campaign ? Other than Shep, who was our best yet again, it was the young midfielders Frank Seal and Peter Lucas who caught the eye along with Noah Desta and James Box. Noah and Boxy are also young and still learning the craft.

U/18 player Ned Ford got a mention in our best while his junior team mate Luca Smith was sensational in the first quarter and competitive thereafter. The other two juniors, "Heaney" Tonkin and Aden Bates were excellent in bursts.

Who have we forgotten here ? James Royle-Young was a stand out and across the two finals probably in our best three or four. He's come of age, and that's exciting.

We could keep naming guys but the pattern is clear, we have an exciting group of youngsters coming through our system and can't wait for 2025.



*...and the happy ending we promised. As always Frank has eyes for the ball only.*

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**Coach's Award For Lily ???**

Well, not quite the Coach's Award , but she did finish third in the Outer East Best and Fairest vote count. Traditionally as we've seen in recent years the Coach's Award tends to go to the third place getter, and this is ironically something Lily Carlin herself has occasionally drawn attention to.

After a strong pre season at Port Melbourne and finding herself on the Box Hill list Lily's footy grew remarkably in 2024. Her stamina and disposal stood out in a competition which is improving every season. We just love to watch her play.



***Carlin The Courageous- Lily is always among the top possession winners and because she's so good with the ball in her hands its easy to overlook her ferocity at the contest.***

The Outer East Women's Footy awards night was a big one for OFC- Chelsea Wilson also voted well in the B and F, finishing seventh, and OFC was named the "Best Conducted Club" which is a credit to Simon, Ben, Sasha and everyone associated with the group.



***Chelsea Wilson- a huge impact this season- she finished seventh in the League B and F despite playing just 8 of 16 matches***



***OFCFNC "Best Conducted Club" Division One. Coach Simon Gilson with the award.***

**The big night for OFC women didn't end there-**



*We are so proud of the fact these young women represent OFC. Outer East Team of the Year- Charlotte Edwards, Chelsea Wilson, Lily Carlin and Liv Edwards.*

**Outer East Division One "Team of the Year" -**

**Charlotte Edwards- wing**

**Chelsea Wilson- interchange**

**Lily Carlin- midfield**

**Liv Edwards- forward pocket.**

## **What's That Noise ? It's "Opportunity " Knocking !**

**There's an opportunity coming up next month for any OFC person to have a say in how our amazing club is run . Can we organise more social functions ? Do we need more social media and better communication ? Get involved- either by yourself or with a friend. Come along to our AGM and get on board.**

**Annual General Meeting-Monday 14th October.  
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### Olinda Break-In

For the first time since the new Clubrooms were opened a decade ago there's been a break-in and robbery.

Padlocks to all three storage areas at the rear of the pavilion were cut last Thursday night.

All we can say is that the thieves worked long hours for little reward. Generally only sporting gear , new and used, is kept in the storage units so there wasn't much they could take. With one exception.

OFCJFC had just purchased a new TV screen for the Social Rooms, four nights later it was gone.

So folks- if you come across a brand new large TV, going cheap, you'll know who to call.



The year ? 2017. Not too sure about Hot's hairdo that night, but we like the bloke so we won't draw attention to it. Special shout out to "The Guvna" who's somewhere in Canada.



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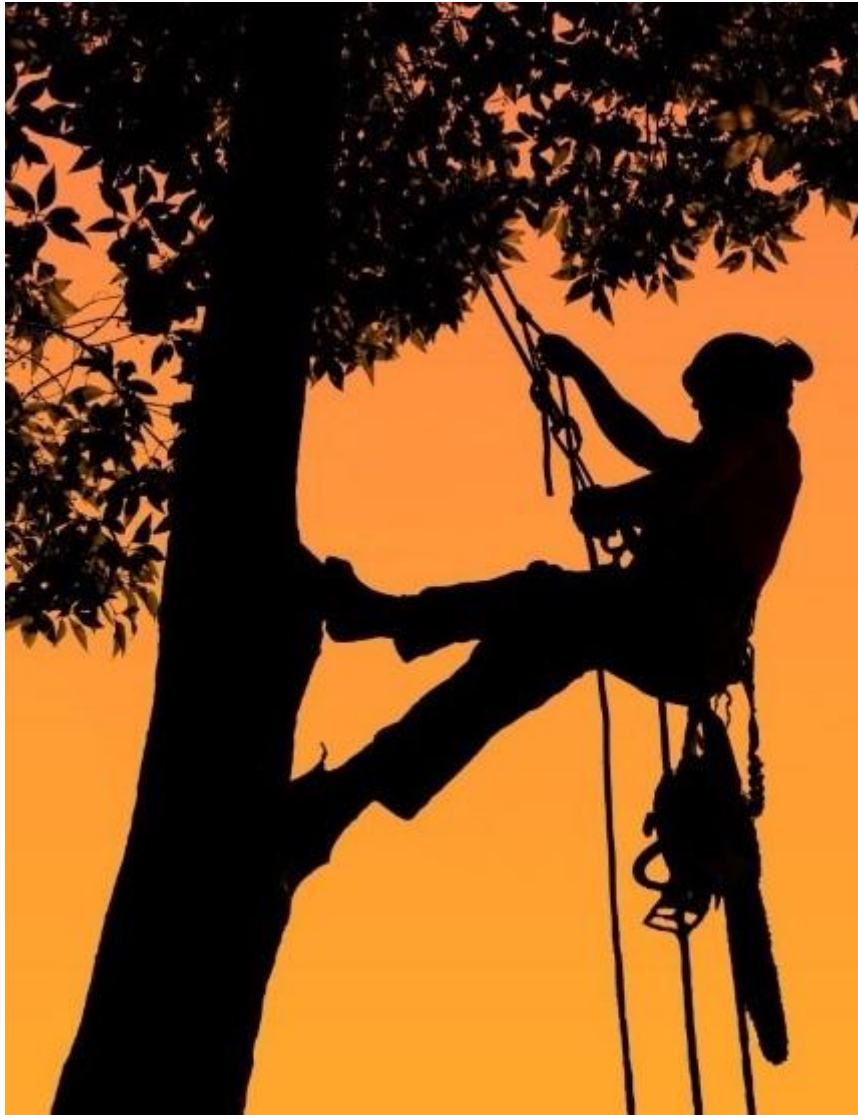
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