Olinda Ferny Creek



Football Netball Club

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We Proudly Present Our Champions of 2024



Eloise Argoon

Matthew Scharenberg

Lilly Carlin

Lets check those leadership boards-

Senior footy- Mick Scott Medal

M. Scharenberg - 246 votes

- F. Seal 143 votes
- P. Rosier 90 votes
 - P. Hyett 73 votes
- P. Lucas 73 votes
- J. Wallis 65 votes
- S. Cuthbert 45 votes
 - J. Box 44 votes
 - L. Taylor 43 votes
- E. Greenall 42 votes



So "Shep" salutes for fourth time in a row, but let's not forget this guy

We Say- Scharenberg's tally was actually better than the next two highest ranked players combined.

But Frank Seal, at just 21 years of age, had a breakout season and on the basis of this voting is clearly OFC's second best player.

Percy Hyett (pictured above) finished equal fourth with Pete Lucas, despite not playing again after being injured at Woori in June. Percy played just 11 games.

James Box also enjoyed a top eight finish in his first season with the Club-Bloodlines can see a hugh upside here.

Women's Footy

L. Carlin - 232 votes

- O. Edwards 207 votes
 - C. Hyett 109 votes
 - M. Collins 94 votes
 - V. Bateman 70 votes
 - C. Edwards 50 votes
 - K. Barry 45 votes
 - A. Hughson 34 votes
 - R. Gilson 29 votes
 - C. Wilson 28 votes



Liv Edwards and Lily Carlin (pictured) were consistently our best players over the journey, it was simply a matter of which one would take home the chocolates

We Say- Lily's pre season work stood out like a beacon for our club. She was training hard <u>before</u> her try out at Port and then also worked at Box Hill. She hit Round One like a force to be reckoned with-and nothing changed as the season progressed.

What also caught our eye is how very young this group is and if they stick together more success surely awaits them, especially if the experienced Maddy Collins and Claire Hyett continue to provide their valued leadership.

A Grade - Alma Fowler Medal

Eloise Argoon - 25 votes

Jess McCall - 23 votes

Harper Scott - 14 votes

Natalia Moriatis - 10 votes

Mera Pringle - 10 votes

Madi Wollaston - 10 votes

Dana Millwood - 6 votes

Molly Argoon - 4 votes

Cate Anderson - 3 votes

Ella Grigg - 2 votes



OFC Club recruited some important players this season but surely non had a bigger impact than netball's Eloise Argoon.

We Say- it was the toughest season on record for OFC netball and how much tougher would it have been without the experience and skill of recruit Eloise Argoon.

What also jumped out at us was the solid seasons that other youngsters Madi Wollaston, Harper Scott and Mera Pringle put together.

Co captain Ella Grigg polled just the two votes which is a reflection of the hot house Ella found herself in each week as she was asked to quell some of the best mid court players in eastern netball. She learned as much in one season of A Grade as

she would have playing five seasons in C Grade.

Reserves Footy- Paul Wicks Medal

- J. Lucas 98 votes
- O. Clarke 91 votes
- D. Noorda 83 votes
- C. Keegan 77 votes
- E. Royle-Young 76 votes
 - A. Nelson 74
 - D. Falkner 73
 - C. Horner 51
 - D. McNaughton 47
 - N. Marapas 43



What a popular win this one was. Jack only joined us from Vermont three seasons ago and has improved every year.

We Say -Lily Carlin and Jack Lucas- two sides of the same coin? In both cases a recipe of hard work plus more hard work has been the "proof in the pudding". Jack only came to our club three seasons ago but has emerged as a valued leader. Strong polling by Ethan Royle-Young, Darcy Faulkner and Ollie Clarke also grabbed our attention. These guys are only a season or two out of juniors but have emerged as core players for this team.

Incredibly Royle-Young accumulated his votes in just <u>seven games</u> during an injury plagued season. We hope this young guns fires up in the Seniors one day.

Under 18s

E. Griersmith-Rowe - 144 votes
C. Hine - 137 votes
B. Sullivan - 109 votes
A. Bates - 86 votes
Z. Seal - 71 votes
C. Hooper - 66 votes
C. Hutchins - 64 votes
L. Tonkin - 54 votes
T. Ford - 45 votes
L. Barry - 39 votes



With four (and later five) of the 2023 premiership team promoted to senior footie it was always going to be interesting to see who emerged from this hugely talented group as the "next best"- Etienne was the answer.

We Say- Etienne was among the hardest workers at the Cub this season and boy didn't he reap the dividends. We enjoyed watching this guy grow so much as the season progressed.

Also of interest- the guys who came second and third- Cass Hine and Bon Sullivanare big bodied players who look ready made physically and mentally to step up to senior level.

If you haven't seen Hine in action yet then check out his overhead work- his strong marking is reminiscent of Dave Noorda. He's a natural.

Also noted- rounding our the top 10- three U/16 boys. There's certainly some talent "coming through".

B Grade - Helen Wozitsky Medal

Mel Thomas - 21 votes

Cate Anderson - 21 votes

Emily McCall - 15 votes

Emma van der Nest - 9 votes

Jess McCall - 6 votes

Sofia Mikulcic - 14 votes

Millie Grigg - 13 votes

Natalia Moriatis - 2 votes

Charli Merrett - 2 votes

Rianne Fraser - 2 votes



Our only tie for the night and a fitting result as Cate Anderson (left) and Mel Thomas held this unit together throughout the season.

We say- Mel and Cate bookended our team on match day and one shudders to think what the results would have looked like without them.

Mel threw 273 goals from her limited opportunities in B Grade while Cate had a massive workload in defence each every week.

Youngster Millie Grigg was asked to "step up" and rewarded the club with a top five finish.

C Grade

Sarah Seddon - 51 votes

Rianne Fraser -45 votes

Sarah Kennedy - 35 votes

Aleisha McKay - 23 vote

Charli Merrett - 17 votes

Mia Westmore - 17 votes

Mickey Balzereit - 11 votes

Charlotte Rickards - 6 votes

Rani Egan - 5 votes

Emma van der Rest - 2 votes



Sarah Seddon had a clear win despite playing just 14 games

We Say- well what do we say that we haven't said during the season? Sarah is a leader and a huge Club asset. Hopefully Vicpol's gain won't be our loss but we wish her all the best in her new career.

Runner-up Rianne Fraser scored 361 goals in just 16 games (in a team that finished 10th on the ladder). An exciting youngster- we cannot wait to see more of her in 2025.

D Grade

Matilda Brewster - 50 votes

Emmy van Duuren - 42 votes

Ruby Fleming - 34 votes

Jaz Donner - 32 votes

Jess Day - 13 votes

Martha Box - 11 vote

Tahlia Credlin - 11 votes

Casey Patterson - 10 votes

Sam Mikulandra - 9 votes

Vanessa Bateman - 3 votes



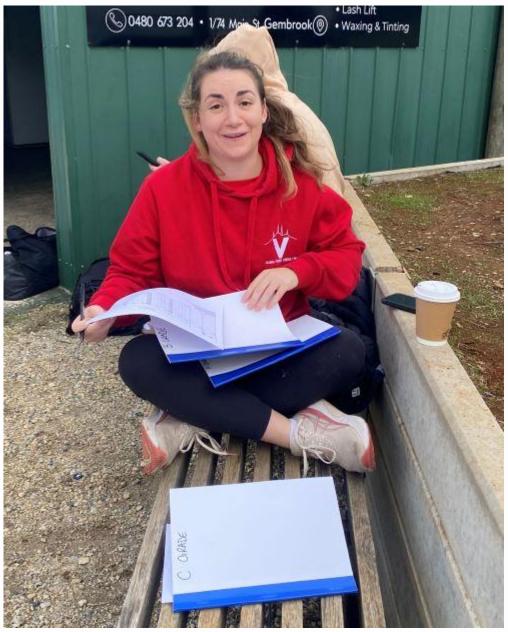
In her first year out of U/17s Matilda Brewster averaged nearly 10 goals a game.

We Say- "Tilly" was one of the constant strengths in a team that was patched together with greater urgency as the season progressed. In this grade she found herself competing against older and stronger women but continued to present a target.

The two players on 11 votes also caught our eye- Tahlia Credlin racked up those votes in just 12 games in an injury impacted season. Matilda "X" Box only played 10 games . How good would it be if they kept playing netball while pursuing their footy careers.

Our Best Clubperson in 2024 Is-

Dana Millwood



It's a cold morning in late April and Dana is not feeling 100%, she's getting a cold. She's left the family at home to drive to Gembrook and organise the day's netball teams. After that she'll have to step up to help the young A Grade team. Just a typical Saturday in her 2024 season.

President Ben Selby has made it clear that OFC would have had major issues fieldling netball teams this season if it wasn't for the input of Dana Millwood.

She took personal responsibility for a large part of the Club.

In times of crisis the best people step up and find a way to get things done. We recognise the huge number of hours she devoted to the task and the family and work sacrifices she made to ensure we had four netball teams on the court each week.

OFC, indeed our community, are indebted to our 2024 Pop Swyer Award winner.

Our 2024 Best Young Clubperson-It's Marvellous.

Yep Marvellous Mera Pringle has won the 2024 Zavan Award for OFC's Best Young Clubperson.

The pic below is from the League Awards night in 2023 when she won the C Grade medal.

Six months later she took the plunge into netball's deep end when she became a big part of our 2024 A Grade team. She also took a coaching role with D Grade and then emerged as a key organiser of OFC social functions.

It's been a treat to watch Mera grow from an underage netballer to become one of the central players in our whole big Club- in fact it's been marvellous.



(A Footnote to the Greg Zavan Award- which is now in it's 31st year. Greg was just

28 when he passed away suddenly in July 1993. Despite his young age he was known as a tireless worker around the club.

His sister Lisa still contributes to the community as secretary of Hilltop. Sadly their mother Joan died only a couple of weeks ago. Vaile Joan.

But the wheel keeps turning and Lisa's daughter Kim recently gave birth for the first time. Kim is a former OFC netballer and partner Marty played footie for us. They now live in beautiful Penguin.)

All Stars Winner!!!

So with more than \$3,500 up for grabs there was a fair bit of tension leading into the counting of the last votes in the All Star teams competition.

So who took home the cheque?



Well we have gotta tell you the final result was a lot closer than some of us expected

Franks Fighters tried to run down Lily's Legends. In the end they fell just 24 votes short.



So these were the players who helped Lily's Legends salute-Lilly Carlin, Percy Hyett, Sarah Kennedy, Rob Beekman, Bon Sullivan, Dana Millwood, Olivia Spence, Emily Spence, Aden Bates. There's some serious vote attracting power there.

The proud owners of Lily's Legends are Dyl Wilson, Peter Gough and Luke Hill- they paid top dollar -\$950- to it was a good investment.

Thank you Sacha for all your hard work with this- it was a lot of fun and now people are across the logistics we are sure it'll be bigger still in 2025.

Former Netball Coach Signed By Richmond

Tamara Luke continues to astound us with her glittering footy career, after being signed a few weeks back by Richmond..

Tam thought she had finished her AFLW playing days when she retired at the end of last season..

For those who don't know her "back story" Tam coached our netball A Grade to historic premierships in 2015 and 2017. It was during that 2017 season that she decided to try her hand at footy.

After breaking into the Box Hill team she was drafted by St Kilda and then signed by the Hawks before retiring at age 35.

But then the Tigers came calling as they desperately looked to cover two ruck

injuries and Tam's 20 goal season while captaining Box Hill caught their eye.



Tam Luke after her first match for the Tigers- Richmond are fourth on the ladder and after a late call-up to help out at Punt Rod she could find herself playing finals.

With only a few rounds of the brief but intense AFLW season still to come The Tigers are in fourth place on the ladder and host Geelong this weekend. They are only one win behind second placed Brisbane.



2015- Tam Luke (GK) leads OFC to it's first A Grade flag

Works About To Begin Again- Shire Gets Behind New Project

Shire of Yarra Ranges has agreed to chip in at least \$20k to pay for extended asphalting at the entrance to the ground. This will compliment the \$50k which the Hilltop clubs have raised.

Again we need to acknowledge the work Ben Selby and Dave Ardley have done on this project.



There'll be a large area of additional asphalting in front of the ticket box



The asphalt will extend to the northern corner of the pavilion and, as you can see here, will wrap around the old netball court

Three drainage pits will be built in front of the pavilion to cope with any increased water flow.

The project is due to get underway on 24/10 and asphalting should be completed by 19/11.

Meantime work has commenced on repairs to the centre wicket surrounds, which had seriously subsided in some places.



Artificial turf areas surrounding the wicket are being relayed



New grass has also been laid at the top end of the ground.

Unfortunately the timing of all this work has disrupted the start of the cricket season.

OCC will be off the ground during October. Let's support them in any way we cangrab a beer on Thursday or Saturday night or fill-in on the playing field when Dom calls.

Last night- Presentation Night- was big, but THIS is BIGGER.

The Olinda Ferny Creek Football Netball club will be hosting its annual general meeting on MONDAY, OCTOBER 14 at 7:00pm in the club rooms.

We strongly encourage anyone looking to take on a role at our club or for any clublevel queries, make sure you are in attendance to share your thoughts and ideas for football/netball operations moving forward.

We look forward to seeing many of you there!

If you thought Dana and Mera were inspirational this year well maybe there's something you can contribute too.

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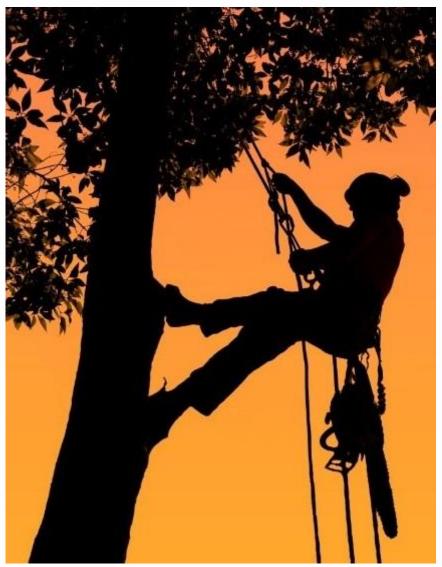
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