



THE BURRA BLOG

First Final Edition, August 2015

SEASON WRAP WITH THE PRESIDENT

What a year it's been !

Firstly, let me say it's been a great honour to lead our great Club this year. Again we have made some tremendous progress as a Club with signings of many new sponsors including a major sponsor in Bloomdale, Diggers Rest.

We continue to lead from the front with fantastic membership which has grown every year over the last 4 years, driven from the wonderful family culture which has been the pride of our Club for many years. We have seen continued development of the Burra's Clubrooms with the south wall being installed late last year including clear blinds to stop that cold south westerly breeze coming through. I'm sure all supporters have appreciated that improvement. All this ongoing development of our Club comes from the tremendous behind the scenes work of our Committee Members. To each and every one on our Committee, and all our volunteers, I can't thank you enough.

Netball again saw progress with our first year Senior Netball Coach, Amy Carroll, laying foundations for a successful era ahead. We had terrific numbers in our Under Age Netball, and coach Courtney Sherwell continued to oversee the development of our young girls. We hope to see them all go on to be long time Burra girls. Well done to Amy Schwegler and Peta Kendall as well on managing our Netball Department.

On the Football side of things, we have seen yet another year where our Seniors and Reserves are a force to be reckoned with. Our Thirds are also right up there and we look forward to seeing a successful campaign from the young fellas. U18 Football Coach Bernie Griffiths has really drummed into our young boys our Club, Team, Player motto, and they are reaping the rewards from it. Our Reserves have had a perfect season to date going through the regular season undefeated, but still a long way to go. Seniors finished second this season and are really playing some quality football that our competitors will be worried about coming up against. As I said, still a long way to go, but reward for effort and there has been no shortage of it so far.

Good luck to our Football Teams in the Finals, and I hope to see all you up in Wallan on Saturday.

Again thank you for all your support this season...let's bring home a few Premierships !

Chris Payne
President





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NEWS THIS WEEK

Congratulations to all 3 football sides for making it to the finals. Unfortunately the girls missed out this year but we all know they'll be back better than ever next year. The U/18s have the potential to go all the way this year and are a massive chance, the Reserves took the minor premiership and are keen to capitalise on the year long success they have produced and the Seniors have found themselves in a great spot and are firing on all cylinders and are raring to go.

This week all 3 sides play at Greenhill Reserve, Wallan.

Under 18.5 play Kilmore @ **9 A.M.**
Reserves play Sunbury Kangaroos @ **12 P.M.**
Seniors play Riddell Bombers @ **2:20 P.M.**

It's an early start for the 18's but the boys would benefit greatly from all Burra supporters being there as early as possible, making as much noise and cheering them on as loud as they can, and continuing it on throughout the day. As always during finals, make sure you head back to our great sponsor The Black Horse after the games and visit Bobby and the crew their for a great meal to celebrate what should be a great day for the club!



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VALE PETE DOWSETT

Peter "PD" Dowsett

24th September 1960 – 12th August 2015

Pete's passion for the Burra began in the mid 90's when son Lindon started playing Junior Football & Cricket with Diggers Rest. He instantly became an active parent, involving himself with mentoring Lindon and his friends with their sport, and with his outgoing friendly personality, strong friendships were born both within the group of young boys and their parents.

In 2003 Lindon played his first game for the Diggers Rest Senior Football Netball Club under Coach Brian Hayes. It was then that Pete also expanded his passion to a Senior Club level. Over the years he assisted in many different roles including Vice President. Most would remember him as a devoted Umpires Escort.

Pete never missed a game of Netball cheering on both his daughters Karrah and Teagan along with their team mates.

After games, Pete would always be found in the Burra's Club having a refreshing beer or two telling a story to a captivated crowd. He loved to tell a tale.

Pete's involvement with the Burra spread across the 12 months of the year with him becoming very involved with the Diggers Rest Bulla Village Cricket Club from the mid 90's. His involvement included a career as a Valuable Player netting him a total of 111 games, 2033 runs, 28 wickets, 60 catches and 1 stumping. Let's not forget the 9 ducks and his highest run score of 94 in his last game.



Not just a player, Pete contributed greatly to the success of the DRBVCC in recent years. Pete was awarded Life Membership in 2009 and served 6 seasons as President from 2009 – 2015.

Unwell at the time, Pete was named as 12th man in the 2014/2015 GDCA B Grade Grand Final Burra Premiership. Unfortunately Pete was in hospital during that Grand Final, however through current technology, was able to watch the Burra win live from his bed.

Pete easily made friends with everyone he met and was well known throughout the RDFNL and GDCA. He was a true representative that the BURRA is proud of.

Devoted and loving father to Lindon, Karrah & Teagan. Father in-law to Kerrie, Brett and Ryan. Poppy to Cooper and Charlotte. Best mate, mentor, father figure and friend to all that met him. Not only a great talker but a fantastic listener.

Pete was a passionate, devoted and hardworking Burra member.

He will be remembered as a legend amongst us, and may his spirit be with all of us and his legacy be passed down through many Burra generations.

RIP Pete

DRFNC PRESENTATION NIGHT

Saturday 26th September 2015
Tabcorp Park, Melton

Our Club's annual gala night of nights will be held again this year at the venue of our valued sponsor,
Tabcorp Park, Melton.

Tickets are now available for purchase !!

\$85 per ticket includes a 3 course meal, beer wine and soft drink, and a night of excitement and celebration of the achievements at your Club in season 2015.

(\$55 for anyone under the age of 18, who must be accompanied by their parent or guardian*)

With the event around 4 weeks away and final numbers soon required, maybe talk to your friends about making up a table (tables of 10 or 12) and secure your attendance by purchasing your tickets as soon as possible.

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MILESTONE: DYLAN 'JON' HANNAN 150 GAMES

This week our Club celebrates an important milestone when Dylan Hannan plays his 150th game for our great Club.

Dylan has played with Diggers Rest all the way through Juniors and has become one of the most reliable and popular players at the Club. Known for his discipline and “team first” attitude, he has often been used to shut down opposition players. Dylan also has the ability to be a ball winning midfielder when the Coach doesn't need him to shut someone down. Dylan drives standards on the training track and has been a great Clubman from the day he walked in. This year Dylan has had some health issues which makes this milestone even more special. The entire Club wishes you the best of luck today Dylan.

"Congratulations on reaching 150 games ! These days that's a remarkable effort at one club and I have no doubt there will be some huge milestones to follow. I remember back to when I first come to Diggers you were in your nappies as a junior with potential to become a good Senior player, which you have. I wonder if that's due to Fitzzy making you tag me in circle work at training for all those years “running patterns”? Haha. As soon as you started playing Senior footy we all knew you had the traits to become a good leader. Your passion to win and putting the Club first when you cross the line is second to none. I have no doubt you will be a future Captain of our Club. Over the years we have become really close mates off the field, but over the last few months you have become an inspiration with how you have dealt with your health issues. I hope to play many more games with you, more beers on the river and tweak my swing on the golf course. Enjoy the best 2 hours of the week in your 150th. Love Goof " - Jeff Heritage



“Dylan, congratulations on playing your 150th. The ultimate Club person. You know what you're going to get from Dylan every week, whether it's a shutdown role, rolling through the middle or sneaking down forward (EEEHHHHH!!!!) Dyl comes under the ‘Nerd’ category when it comes to footy. Probably explains why he was Fitzzy's, Jamie's, Tyquin's, Morse's, Newmy's, Matty Walker's, Brian Hayes', Peter Clarke's, Bob Ryan's and is currently Shaun's favourite player. If Footy was a subject at school, Dyl would be top of the class. Good Luck on Saturday. Fingers crossed we're tipping a few in with a couple of medals dangling in a few weeks. Love ya mate.” - Rhys Berry

“Dyl, what can I say. Since the moment I first started training with Diggers you've been one of the best role models, on and off the field, I've ever known. Not known for pace, you always seem to keep a cool head and make the right decisions under pressure. It's been an honour of mine to have played so many of your 150 with you, and especially the way you've carried yourself over the past few months, still able to carry on training and playing. You're an absolute hero of the DRFC, and I look forward to the day we get to hold up the cup together. Congratulations mate.” – Tom Gleeson

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“Congratulations Jon !! 150 games doesn't do you justice, you've been wearing the Red and Blue your whole life. Playing alongside you since Under 9's has been an honor, not many people can say they've played footy together for 17 years. You've had your ups and downs but there's never been a time when you haven't put the Club before yourself. I know you'll hate the attention and that says a lot about your character. Good luck this week, I know you'll make your mark as you always do !” - Stuey Clarke

“I have had the privilege of watching Dylan come up through the 18's and transition into Senior Football. He was gun midfielder in his under 18 days finishing high in BNF results. After 18's there were a few years there where he played some 2's games mixed with Seniors games in a variety of positions. In those early years to be completely honest I had my doubts on what role he would play going forward. He has had to work to get where he is now. He did however, never doubt himself and is the perfect example of 'you are what you put in'.

There were a couple of years there where he got himself in an elite fitness bracket, continually running out of training and pushing others to get to his level on the track. Those years are what helped him transform into what he is now, the most reliable player I have ever played with, Captained or Coached. He has learnt to harness his strengths and cover his apparent weaknesses. He has played many roles throughout the years. “Roles” being the important word as the people who fill these, and do them well are the people that make Football Clubs and teams great. Dylan would put the team before his own personal achievement, would never complain, but more importantly, do them well.

Most people want to be midfielders, who run around and get plenty of the ball and I'm sure if you asked Dylan that's what he would love to be doing (or playing deep forward). The thing is now he is capable of doing that but not many other players are capable of doing what he does for the team. He will take the opposition's best runner or small forward most weeks and even due to his clear lack of leg speed will beat them. He has a great football brain and very rarely panics on the field. He has never had a problem saying what he thinks, but more importantly always does it in a measured way and in a way that won't affect the team. He has always put the Club first and is one of the only blokes over the years who hasn't given me any grief in trying to get them back to play football the next year. It is a very special milestone and one he should be truly proud of. It is something that is even that bit more special with what he has had to deal with this year. The ultimate Clubman. Thanks mate for everything!” - Shaun Sims



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1	18/4	VS RIDDELL
2	25/4	@ SUNBURY
3	2/5	VS RUPO
4	9/5	@ ROMSEY
5	16/6	@ WOODEND
-	23/5	INTERLEAGUE
6	30/5	VS MELTON
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