

TIGER

TALES

**Nhill & District
Sporting Club**



**2015
Presentation
Night Edition**

Night Of Nights

It's that time of the year where we recognise our best and fairest players as well as those who have given their all to the club, either on or off the field. We had a number of teams in finals this year, across hockey, netball and football, and while no side was able to see the ultimate success it was great to see the club represented across all three sports. And, once again, Nhill hosted two very successful finals, including the hockey Grand Final.

Our hockey teams have already had their presentation evening, as have our junior football and netball sides. Those award winners can be found later in this edition, as well as a place to write down tonight's awards if you feel so inclined. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our many sponsors who have supported us this season and in particular those who have sponsored the different trophies to be presented.

We had a number of members and players either poll well or be recognised in other ways at the league level this year. This is a terrific effort and also reflects very favourably on the club.

Well done again to the social committee to make tonight happen. We've had some magnificent events held this year and no doubt this evening will be right up there. Also thanks to those who helped set up and to the people behind the bar, as well as to Steve Graham for putting together all of the presentation slides for the senior (and junior) netball and football. Thanks, too, to those who have contributed to Tiger Tales this year and in particular to those who made submissions for this edition at the last minute.

Finally, a massive thank you to all those volunteers, club officials, committee people, coaches, trainers, team managers, umpires and everyone else who works behind the scenes to allow the players to take the field in our chosen sports. Without people in these crucial roles the club simply cannot exist.

Congratulations to all of the award winners for tonight and well done to the Sporting Club on another successful year.

Bring on 2016.

The Editor.



From The President

Well unfortunately we don't have any representation at the Grand Final last Saturday, but the Nhill Tigers have had a great season all the same. Our netball department has a bright future with some great junior netballers coming through the ranks. Congratulations to the Under 15B netballers who made it all the way to the Preliminary Final at Stawell. While our seniors didn't have much luck on the court, we managed to field all three teams and saw some really competitive matches throughout the year.

Our footballers had a mixed bag of results, with our Reserves and Under 17 footballers making it to the elimination final, but to no avail. Our Senior footballers had some great wins mid-season, but fell short of making finals. Again, I think our future is bright at Davis Park with some fantastic junior footballers coming through.

We are very excited to confirm that Senior Coach Alan Bennett will be returning for the 2016 season. Alan brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the club and has made significant contributions to the culture and atmosphere amongst not only the playing group, but larger supporter base.

Another case of juniors leading from the front was our hockey department, with the Junior Leopards making it all the way to the Wimmera Hockey Association Grand Final. Unfortunately the Leopards were rolled by Kaniva Raiders. Wendy and her hockey helpers did an exemplary job successfully hosting the Grand Final and WHA vote count and presentation night earlier this month.

2015 has been a year of milestones for our club. We are very lucky to have such a loyal membership base and playing group. I would also like to extend my congratulations to all club award winners for football, netball and hockey.

The days are warming up and the nights are getting longer, which means it's nearly cricket season. Nhill Tigers are looking for new recruits for the cricket season.

While the on-field action has come to a close for Nhill, there is still a lot happening behind the scenes. In particular, our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 23rd November. I encourage all members to attend this night.

Lastly, a big thank you to my Committee and the huge army of volunteers that make our club so great. Success is rated not only by the trophies in the cabinet. We pride ourselves on our passion, our people and our progress.

John 'Tank' McLeod, President.

Senior Presentation Night

Congratulations to all those who receive awards this evening. Below is a list of the presentations to be made as well as a place for members and guests to write down the winners. However, we will also publish a completed version of Tiger Tales online, including all award recipients.

Netball Award Recipients:

C Grade Netball

Best & Fairest: Steph Daly
Runners Up: Meg Hall & Elise Dickinson
Most Consistent: Louise Harris & Emily Barber
Coach's Award: Kahli White

B Grade Netball

Best & Fairest: Pip Wheaton
Runner Up: Shae-Lea Fischer
Most Consistent: Coach's Award: Hanna McIlree

A Grade Netball

Best & Fairest: Ellen Bennett
Runner Up: Emma Dickinson
Most Consistent: Emma Smith
Coach's Award: Ellen Bennett

Football Award Recipients: Reserves Football

Best & Fairest: Aaron Cramer
Runner Up: Graeme Cole
Most Consistent: Tom Crowhurst
Best First Year Player: Alex Pipkorn
Coach's Award: Lachlan Meek

Senior Football

Best & Fairest: Jordan Zeitz
Runner Up: Nathan Sachse
Most Consistent: Jake Harrap
Best First Year Player: Lochie Pilgrim
Coach's Award: Bradley Clark

Club Awards:

Best Club People: Helen Cannell & Josh Shrive
Player Life Member: Jeanette McLeod
Player Life Member: Debra Cook
Player Life Member: Emma Dickinson
Player Life Member: Aaron Cramer
Club Life Member: Julie Colbert

Milestones

Congratulations to all of our players who celebrated milestones this year. It's becoming a rarer and rarer achievement and it's great to see such stalwarts of the club recognised for their loyalty and longevity.

Steve Graham: 500 Wimmera League Games
Graeme Cole: 300 Club Games
Rob Bell: 300 Club Games
Jeanette McLeod: 273 Club Games
Emma Dickinson: 200 Club & 150 A-Grade Games
Aaron Cramer: 200 Club Games & 100 Reserve Games

Ben Pollock: 150 Senior Games
Simon Dufty: 100 Senior Games
Dave Winkler: 100 Club Games
Brad Clark: 50 Senior Games
Jayden Fischer: 50 Senior Games
Jake Pilgrim: 50 Club Games
Lachie Barber: 50 Club Games
Tyson Briggs: 50 Reserve Games

Hockey Report

The 2015 hockey season is done and dusted with our juniors flying the flag for Nhill in the grand final. Despite putting in a strong performance they were out classed on the day by the Kaniva Raiders.

Our own Vote Count and Presentation Night was held on 29th August in the clubrooms and was very well supported by players, parents, family and friends. The evening showcased our talented players with the following awards:

Juniors Best & Fairest Winner	Blake Miller
Juniors B&F Runner-up	Dakarai Delaney
Juniors Most Consistent Player	Ellie Murden
Junior's Coach's Award	Emily Koop
Women's Best & Fairest Winner	Jeanette McLeod
Women's B&F Runner-up	Lauren Bendall
Women's Most Consistent Player	Sami Crowhurst
Women's Coach's Award	Ameilia Rintoule
Open (Men's) Best & Fairest Winner	Tom Cook
Open (Men's) B&F Runner-up	Mont Miller
Open Most Consistent Player	Graeme Janetzki
Open Coach's Award	Joseph Morphett
Best Team Member	Peter Hedt

Davis Park played host to the Wimmera Hockey Association Grand Finals on 12th September. Meeky had the ground in tip top condition and the scoreboard set to handle hockey scores. After a very successful day and three grand final matches, the focus moved to the Nhill Community Centre where we hosted the WHA Grand Final Presentation Dinner. Kristy, Rae & co. did an outstanding job catering for the crowd, along with Chris, Janine and Nathan in the bar. Once again Nhill featured well in the awards with Tom Cook dominating the Open Best & Fairest vote count:

WHA Open Best & Fairest Winner	Tom Cook
WHA Senior Women's Encouragement Award	Sami Crowhurst
WHA 'Golden Whistle' Encouragement Award	Lachie Wilde

Thanks to the NDSC Committee for another successful year and we look forward to welcoming Aaron Huttig to the Hockey Manager's role in 2016.

Wendy Crowhurst, Hockey Manager.

Junior Football & Netball

Congratulations to all junior football and netball award recipients. A great way to finish off the 2015 season. Thank you to all those who helped organise the day, to the coaches and team managers, to all of the award sponsors, and to everyone else who has assisted with our juniors this year.

Netball Award Recipients:

13 & Under

Best & Fairest: Lucy Dorrington
Runner Up: Xenitty Crouch
Equal Most Consistent: Monique Wheaton
Equal Most Consistent: Ruby James
Coach's Award: Monique Wheaton

15 & Under B

Best & Fairest: Brooke Nossack
Runner Up: Alex Argall
Equal Most Consistent: Lucy Bone
Equal Most Consistent: Alyssa Menzel
Coach's Award: Tayla Kennedy

15 & Under A

Best & Fairest: Tessa Marra
Runner Up: Caroline Lee
Most Consistent: Tarnee White
Coach's Award: Sophie Cole

17 & Under

Best & Fairest: Tess McQueen
Runner Up: Claudia Schneider
Most Consistent: Cassidy Jones
Coach's Award: Jaleah Clark

Football Award Recipients:

Under 14s

Best & Fairest: Josh Lees
Runner Up: Angus Wheaton
Most Determined: Josiah Mock
Best First Year Player: Harold Pritchard
Coach's Award: Dominic Van Der Linden
Coach's Award: Solly Marshall

Under 17s

Best & Fairest: Lucas Dahlenburg
Runner Up: Jordan Gurry
Most Determined: Hayden Jarred
Best First Year Player: Owen Conway
Coach's Award: Daniel White
Coach's Award: Dane Lees



Team Photos Available

Football and netball senior team photos are available for purchase at this evening's presentation night. The cost is \$5.

Junior team photos were distributed at the junior vote count. Any player who did not receive one should contact their respective team manager.

A huge thank you again to Min Marshall for donating her time and resources to make these available to us.

The Jungle Telegraph

Another word for your vocabulary. We originally reported several weeks ago that "zacident" was the correct term for when Zac Webb has a brain fade. However, we recently learned that if events escalate beyond the "zacident" level they are then correctly referred to as a "zactastrophe". Hopefully we don't see these top level incidents too often.

Is it a bird?! Is it a plane?! No, it's just Super Barbs, going about his usual antics on the footy field. Image courtesy of the magnificently talented Lydia Windley, although boyfriend Tom tried to take the credit on Facebook earlier this year. Shame on you, Tom. Shame on you.



Kiss of death. With Australia's new Prime Minister now settled into the role, there's been one question on everyone's lips: will Ritchie Dodds update his selfie collection and take one with the country's new leader? In one of the biggest stories of the year, Dodds was himself photographed while taking a selfie with Tony Abbott. Tiger Tales broke the story that Dodds may have been offered the Liberal Leadership way back in April this year; but it appears instead of taking on the role, Dodds opted to give Abbott the kiss of death. Many have said it was the "Ritchie Selfie" that started the downward spiral in the polls for former Prime Minister Abbott, so much so that Dodds has now been nicknamed the "kingslayer".

Lost and found. For the sake of anonymity, we'll refer to the two people in this story as BC and JW Jnr. BC managed to lose his wallet during the evening of Saturday the 12th of this month. Hoping he'd left it at the pub, he called JW Jnr. to see if it was there. However, JW Jnr. had problems of his own - telling BC that he'd lost his phone and had no idea where he'd left it. Our astute readers, at this point, will be asking themselves that if JW Jnr. had indeed lost his phone then how exactly was he talking to BC? BC didn't realise this dilemma until after he'd hung up. We have no idea how long it took Jim, um, sorry, JW Jnr. to realise.

Webb makes history. In an astonishing turn of events, Zac Webb became the only person ever (well, for 2015) to poll votes in both the Senior and Reserve Best & Fairest counts for the Wimmera Football League. When asked how he achieved such a feat, Webb was surprised there was such a fuss: "Of course I got votes in both!" he said, "I like to turn it on for whichever grade I'm playing in and the umpires obviously appreciate that. Slipping them \$50 before match also obviously helps." While Zac may not be surprised by his votes, Nhill's table at the vote count apparently was. They were ready to once again yell out "The Harrap!" when hearing "1 vote, Nhill..." but were struck with silence when the sentence was fished with "...Zac Webb". No zacidents there.

Obligatory Grant Update. Moved to Adelaide. He's fine. Dad's not. Grace now favourite again. Well done Grace.

Football Reports

Senior Football

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped with the senior football at our club this season. From the President to the water boys, I have been so well supported and made to feel welcome and at ease. There are simply too many people to thank, but I really appreciated the support and efforts of all the players well lead by Liam Albrecht, Lachie Barber and Jake Pilgrim and Josh Shrive in the Reserves; the help from my assistant coach Nathan Sachse; reserves coach Tim Seymour; John Batson and all the trainers; Pawel our Physio; Steve Graham the runner; Chris Barber, Russell and Sam Borgelt, Yvonne Gladdis and Chris Jarred for their work with team and player management.

I have really enjoyed being back involved at Nhill, and I would like to thank John McLeod and the committee for the opportunity to coach, and for the encouragement to continue next season. Despite a disappointing finish with the senior side we still played some good football during the season to record four wins.

Well done to our Reserves and Under 17's for making the finals. I really hope that all the players have learnt a little more and progressed along their football journey to be in a better place to take on next season, and aim to keep on improving. The season has gone quickly, like all footy seasons do, so any disappointment or regret must be turned into positive actions. Embrace the opportunity to be part of this wonderful club, and commit to contribute whatever you can offer to make it a stronger, inclusive and welcoming place.

Congratulations to all award winners at our Presentation Night.

Alan Bennett, Senior Coach.

U14 Football

2015 proved to be a real learning curve for the Under 14s, winning the first game of the year comprehensively, then going on to only win a further two games. Although winning is great, success in junior sport should not be measured on wins alone, rather the improvement made throughout the season, which has certainly exceeded our expectations as coaches.

Throughout the year we set the challenge to the boys, "we can accept being beaten by a better side, but we can't accept being beaten for effort". To the boys credit they gave their all, week in week out, against much, much bigger kids, which as coaches, is all you can ask.

A big shout out to the U17 boys who played overage for us this year, your help was greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Josh Lees on winning our Best & Fairest; Josh has had a fantastic year, mainly playing in defence. Josh was a pleasure to coach, and is a great talent who has the potential to go a long way with his footy. Congratulations to the other award winners; Angus Wheaton (Runner Up B&F), Josiah Mock (Most Determined),

Harold Pritchard (Best First Year Player), Dominic Van Der Linden and Solly Marshall (Coach's Awards).

We would like to thank the boys for a fantastic year. Your commitment, attitude, effort and sense of humour has been greatly appreciated. We, as coaches and club supporters, look forward to seeing this group of boys show us their full potential, and rise through the ranks and become the next crop of Nhill senior players. If the U14s are anything to go by, the future of our club is looking bright.

We would also like to thank Skip (Team Manager); Rae Kennedy and Zac Webb (Runners); and Janine and Annie (Trainers); as well as anyone else who helped out during the year. It certainly made our job a lot easier.

Finally, Good luck to the boys moving up to the U17s next year; accept the challenge. To the boys still in the U14s, continue your great work and we will come back next year bigger and stronger.

Go Tiges.



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League Awards

Congratulations to all of our players and members who saw success and recognition at the league level. It shows huge talent and dedication and it's great to see our club have so many representatives.

Tessa Marra	Under 15A Rising Star Award
Brooke Nossack	Under 15B Rising Star Award
Lucas Dahlenburg	Under 17 Equal Runner Up Best & Fairest
Aaron Cramer	Runner Up Best and Fairest, Reserves
Ellen Bennett	A Grade, 6th Place
Lachie Wilde	Hockey's Golden Whistle Encouragement Award
Sami Crowhurst	Senior Womens Encouragement Award
Tom Cook	Open Hockey Best & Fairest
Julie Colbert	Wimmera Netball Association Life Member

Netball News

A Grade Netball

In A Grade we were able to get close but sadly couldn't get over the line for a win. We were competitive and the score often didn't reflect the effort put out on court. We were able to win quarters but just not four on the one day!

We had 17 players come through A Grade this season due to injuries and unavailability. We were able to blood lots of youth and give lots of opportunities for players to play top level netball, gaining experience and improving their netball.

Our players were adaptable and willing to play any position asked of them and did it to the best of their ability.

A big thank you to our core group of players, our fill ins and ever reliable Nicole Schneider our team manager.

Congratulations to Ellen Bennett for polling well in the Wimmera League best and fairest and being our leader through the mid court.

We look forward to next season and building on from what we have learnt this year and will strive for consistency and as always self and team improvement.

Emma Dickinson, A Grade Coach.

C Grade Netball

What a year the C Graders had! It was looking as though we wouldn't be fielding a team for this year, but enough players came out of the woodwork to don the tigers dress for season 2015. After not fielding a C Grade in 2014, this is a huge achievement for the club.

Firstly, I would like to thank all 20 ladies who played C Grade this year. Yes, 20! A lot of these players got the call on a Thursday night or Friday and obliged (willing or otherwise!). In particular I would like to thank Kristy and Kahli for sharing the Under 17s who were regulars for C Grade. While this is great experience for our juniors, it allowed C Grade to field a team on numerous occasions when we were short.

We had a great mix of players this year, from first timers to the club, first timers to Wimmera Netball and some more experienced players. The group only had one win for the year, but took the court week after week, working hard and having fun – what more could a coach ask for!

This year we had a great group of senior coaches – a big thank you to Jek, Smith and Dicko for assisting my team on numerous occasions.

C Grade was led from the front by Louise Harris, a captain who gave each game 'her all' and left everything on the court. Wise beyond her years, Louise was a supportive, passionate captain. Thank you for your support this year.

Our C Grade team is more than the girls who take the court. And behind every coach

is a team of highly organised and hard working people making us look good. My people were Guinness and Ange, who are absolutely brilliant club people. Thank you so much for your help throughout the year.

Congratulations to all award winners tonight!

Kat Colbert, C Grade Coach.

15 & Under B Netball

The U15Bs have had a magnificent season making their coach very proud. They have gelled well as a team to make it all the way into the Preliminary Final. The girls success wouldn't have been possible without the unlimited support of their parents and the club.

Thanks to Julie and Maddie Argall for being our team managers and keeping everything running smoothly throughout the season. Congratulations and thank you to all the U13s who stepped up to fill in throughout the season and especially to the three girls who not only qualified to play in the U15B finals but played in them too when other girls were injured.

An extra special thank you to Elise for her help as assistant coach! She's always there to push the girls hard at training and support them and myself on game day.

Emma McInnes, 15 & Under B Coach.



Look-A-Like

For our last edition of the year we had to make sure there was a final look-a-like. The resemblance is so strong that when we copied the images into Tales we actually couldn't tell who was who. One of them is Ritchie Dodds; the other two are Shannon Noll (who Dodds says he's a better singer than) and Gary Lyon (who Dodds says he's kicked more goals than). Good luck working out which is which.



Sponsor's Spiel

Then Nhill and District Sporting Club wishes to thank all our valued sponsors and contributors for their support and commitment throughout the year. We do greatly appreciate the generosity of so many who support our club in different ways. Our club offers opportunities for members of the community to be involved in many ways and without sponsor support we could not function or continue to invest into our sports and facilities. Below is a list of business who have supported the club in 2015 and we encourage our members to make sure that we support them in return.

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Commercial Hotel, Horsham	Nhill Pharmacy
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Nhill & District Sporting Club Committee

A huge thank you to our committee members for 2015. Their time and contributions are certainly appreciated. Please support our volunteers and the club whenever possible as many hands make light work.

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Do you have something worth including in Tiger Tales? All contributions are welcome. Items need to be submitted to the editor no later than the Tuesday evening prior to the next football/netball home game. Please send all contributions to:

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