

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL ON A  
GREAT SEASON AND WELL DONE TO  
ALL AWARD WINNERS.

WE WISH ALL PLAYERS, SUPPORTERS &  
MEMBERS A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE OFF  
SEASON & WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
SEEING YOU ALL AGAIN NEXT SEASON!



# Western Eagles Football & Netball Club Annual Vote Count & Presentation Night

EAGLES EDITORIAL  
FINAL EDITION  
2016

## CLUB PRESIDENTS REPORT

Season 2016 started full of optimism with Paul Price appointed as senior coach, bringing with him a wealth of coaching knowledge and some new players to improve the playing list. While the wins didn't come in the seniors, at no stage did the players give up or lose interest, mainly due to Pauls enthusiasm. With another good preseason next year things will improve. It was great to see several of our U17.5 boys get a taste of senior football and not look out of place. We welcomed Cods back as Reserves coach this year and they improved as the year went on finishing off with a couple of wins. This year saw a major improvement in our junior program with the under 17.5's finishing 7th only 2 games out of the finals. I thank Phil Thompson who, after 4 years coaching and developing our juniors is finishing up. While the under 14.5s didn't taste as much success it was outstanding to see 30 of them running around at training each Thursday night. This is a credit to the Bede McGuane and Mals who put a lot of time and effort into making sure these kids are enjoying their footy and improving each week.

Congratulations to our U13 Netballers who represented us in the finals, winning their elimination final and falling short in the semi final. Well done girls its all good experience for the years ahead. A big thank you to Glenda Montano as president of the Netball and to her committee on a job well done. As in the football, with the juniors coming up and mixing with the senior girls our netball will continue to improve and more success will come. Thanks to all the coaches for your time and effort on Thursday night trainings and on Saturdays and to the umpires and everybody who helped out.

The job as President is made easier with the backing of a good committee and I thank Kayelene as secretary Marc as treasurer Rob the vice president Fran as Clearance/Match Day secretary and the rest of the committee for their work during the year always striving to make the club a better place to be and be involved in. Also to the Football department, Rob, Marc and Andrew for all the time spent chasing and organising players. Thanks to Gary our bar manager again this year. Always keeping the fridge stocked up and for senior goal umpiring. Thanks to Jenny Fish for organising the canteen on home games. Thursday night teas were a real hit this year with hardly a spare seat available every night. Thanks to the ladies who organised and cooked the meals.

## SPONSORS

### Major Sponsors

Austral Hotel  
HF Richardson  
Pura Milk

### Shorts Sponsor

Western Insurance Brokers

### Silver Sponsors

Bakers Delight  
Bargain Box Fabrics  
Colac Glass & Screens  
Colac Landscape Supplies  
Colac Toyota  
Don Nicolsons Sportspower  
Gravity Cafe & Bar  
Hip Pocket Workwear  
Hulms Bakery  
Lakeside Painting & Decorating  
Colac Motor Group  
Murnanes Country Fresh Meats  
Oz Trees

### Cattle Club

Barry Costin & Fran McMillan  
John & Silvana Sherman  
Lyndon & Diane Codling

### Gold Sponsors

B'rook Weed & Vermin Control  
BDH  
BKM Fencing  
Millville Child Care Centre  
Spike Colbourne Painter  
Western Insurance Brokers  
Western Waste

Cloverglen Contracting  
Rhys Evans Pty Ltd  
Salon 7 One  
The Co-Op Colac Pty Ltd  
Beta Electrical

Colac RSL  
McDonalds  
Colac Driving School  
Garden of Eden

### Membership Sponsor

Akat Robbos Pty Ltd

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS. YOUR  
CONTRIBUTION IS INVALUABLE TO US!

# BAKERS DELIGHT AWARD!

Since being instigated in 2004 the Bakers Delight High Achievers Award has been bestowed upon twelve very worthy recipients and this year, the thirteenth is no exception. The award was initiated by Mick Menzies proprietor of our local store and is to be presented to a young member within our club who demonstrates not only sporting excellence, but who demonstrates good character, work ethic, club loyalty, academic achievement and leadership qualities.

After considering all the award guidelines it is with great pleasure that we announce the 2016 Bakers Delight High Achiever Award winner is **Jack Sherman**

Jack has played a total of 124 games of football for the Western Eagles Football Netball Club, 58 in the Under 14.5's, 48 in the U17.5's, 1 game in the Reserves and 17 games in the Seniors. He is a very well respected member of the Club. Jack is held in high regard by his fellow team mates, coaches, team managers and is looked up to by the junior members of the club. He is good spirited, fair minded, respectful and plays his sport within the fairness of the game. His encouragement of fellow team mates and younger players and willingness to help out is noticed by many. Jack won the Under 14.5 Best and Fairest in 2013 and the honourable Jake Inglis Award in 2015. This year he completed his trainers course and last year his RSA to be able to help out around the club and took on the responsibility of the Instagram account for the Hoot 'n' Nanny.

Jack is a student at Colac Trinity College, where he is currently completing his Year 12 studies. He is a dedicated student who works hard and leads by example. In 2014 and 2015 he was Class Captain and this year has been chosen as their School Captain, another example of how respected he is. Jack has represented his school on many occasions where he has done them proud, for example, a participant at the Colac Anzac Day Service, member of the School Football team where they were grand finalists in the South West Country Shield Cup, Co-Coach of the victorious Super 8 Girls Cricket team. He is a visitor to the Aged Care facilities in Colac where he administers Holy Communion to the elderly. Jack was also instrumental in the organisation of the year 11 Relay for Life team in 2015.

Along with his football, Jack is an avid cricket player and member of the Stoneyford Cricket Club. He was a member of the 2015/2016 Grand Final team. He won the 2014/2015 Stoneyford Cricket Club under 16 Club Champion and has represented Colac in Junior Country Week and representative games.

The Western Eagles Football Netball Club and Bakers Delight congratulate Jack on his achievements and wish him continued success in whatever path he chooses to follow.

A very worthy recipient of the 2016 Bakers Delight High Achievers Award  
Well Done Jack!

The catering we did at the Interleague game was a big success due to the organisation from Jenny and Verena and to all those who helped on the day. The trainers did another magnificent job this year getting all the players ready and providing care and assistance to the injured. A BIG thank you to Paul, Fran, Silv and Scoob who we welcomed back to the club this year.

We are grateful for the continued support of our generous sponsors and cattle club members this year who's contribution helps with the general running of the club. We hope your support continues next year and into the future.

On the social side of things all the functions were well attended with the ball being the highlight of the year along with the trivia night and christmas in July all at the RSL. The \$3k draw was a big success along with the song raffle and teas after the games out at the rooms. Thanks Kayelene, Rob and Verena for organising and running these functions and to everyone else who helped out. Thanks Laura for doing the editorial on home games and to Barb on the emails.

The Hoot'n'Nanny was a success again this year and the weather was on our side. Thanks to Kayelene and Silv for all their time prior to the event and to everyone who helped out over the weekend. This is our major fundraiser for the club which sets us up for the season so keep the weekend of 11th/12th of February free to lend a hand.

Congratulations to our interleague representatives and to the spirit of sport award winners during the season. Well done to all the trophy winners.

The A G M is on Tuesday the 8th November where it all starts again for next year. We are always looking for new members on the committee with new ideas so keep this date free.

Thanks again

John Sherman

## NETBALL PRESIDENTS REPORT

Well what a great year of netball we have had in 2016. Western Eagles is a very competitive club in the CDFLNA and we continue to uphold fair play and respect of the game.

WE have a wonderful group of coaches I would like to thank Jess Montano, Carly Monahan, Dan Bowen, Jaymie Coleman, Fiona Penny & Jacinta Langdon for your guidance and leadership with your playing groups, your time and effort is very much appreciated. I'd like to congratulate Jessica Montano on her fine effort as a first year coach, advancing her under 13's to the second elimination final, your encouragement and skills you have taught these young girls is wonderful. Well Done.

I'd also like to thank the committee of 2016, Vice Pres Kayelene Robertson, Secretary Carly Monahan, Treasurer Kessima Duynhoven, Committee Members Raelene O'Donoghue and Danielle Bowen, who have all been very supportive and helped me along the way, I'd like to make special mention to Kayelene Robertson who has been my, I guess you could say "mentor" as she has guided me through the ups and downs and lead me on the right track. You have all contributed and been right by my side and cannot thank you enough,

To my Umpire Co-ordinator Sally Montano, wow what a fantastic job you have done with your fleet of umpires, your organization of umpiring and enthusiasm you gave to these ladies is second to none. I would like to congratulate you on mentoring these girls and make special mention to our new C Grade Badged Umpires, Emily Montano, Laura McGuane and Jenny Fish an absolute fantastic effort by all concerned, you are all great ambassadors for our club. Also congratulations to Louise McNamara on gaining her B Grade Badge a hard task to achieve and we thank you for your time.

To the parents and players, I appreciate your time in scoring, time keeping, primary caring and score board without you our games could not be played and your help is gratifying,

I would also like to recognize all players that achieved milestones this year, there has been many, of course the biggest being Jenny Fish for her 300<sup>th</sup> A GRADE game, that is just super amazing and our club is extremely proud and honoured to have you as our legend that we all look up to.

I must not forget our trusted trainer Paul Boyd, oh my gosh you are a terrific fella, the girls and committee are so very grateful for everything you do to help them get on the court and off when injured, cannot thank you enough Boydy.

To Jeanette and the Tea Ladies for feeding us all that yummy food on a Thursday night we and our tummies thank you.

## 300 A Grade Games!! Congratulations Jenny Fish. You are a true champion.



# CLUB MILESTONES

## **50 GAMES**

### **NETBALL**

Emily Montano  
Sharni Barry  
Mia Carson  
Madeline Mc Master  
Samantha Whytcross  
Laura Ladhams  
Ellie Langdon

### **FOOTBALL**

Josh Jones  
Max Skinner  
Riley Thompson  
Sam Ryan  
Murray Callahan  
Nick Kennedy

## **100 GAMES**

### **NETBALL**

Alisha Montano  
Maggie Sherman  
Alice Kavenagh  
Eliza O'Farrell  
Laura McGuane

### **FOOTBALL**

Matt Bowen

## **150 GAMES**

Michelle Fraser  
Chloe Robbins  
Peter Hickey

## **200/250 GAMES**

Lorraine Mahoney 200  
Carly Monahan 250

## **300 GAMES**

### **NETBALL**

Jenny Fish—All A Grade

Also to John Sherman and the committee, netball would like to thank you for everything that you provide for us, netballs, uniforms, bench seats, strapping tape the list goes on.

To the players, it is always great to see such positive attitudes from all the girls both training and on the court on a Saturday, well done to you all for your efforts this year, although only 1 out of 6 sides made finals I still think that if we can stick together and keep building we will be rewarded. I hope that you have enjoyed your year and look forward to seeing you out there again next year.

And finally to my husband Rob, I am always talking about the goings on at the club and I appreciated the advise and support that you have given me, you have kept my spirits up and helped me in my journey this year as president. Ta muchly. And to my girls as well.

Just a reminder that our AGM is on Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 at the RSL Upstairs. If you intend playing next year you must attend. Please give consideration to taking on a role whether it be on the committee or coaching and help our great club continue to grow.

GO EAGLES

Glenda Montano

\*\*\*\*\*

### **W.E.F.N.C. (Netball) Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday October 11th 2016**

**7pm at the Colac RSL**

**\*\*\***

### **W.E.F.N.C. (Club) Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday 8th November 2016**

**7.30pm at the Clubrooms**

**Show your support of our great Club and be in attendance  
at these meetings.**



Thank you to all contributors to the Editorial.

A big thank you to Laura Martin for putting it all together each home game.

## Titpullers Hoot 'n' Nanny

**Saturday 11th February  
2017**

Keep this date free, we WILL  
be needing your help

### WORKING BEE

**SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER  
10AM**

Many hands make light work, so please, if you can spare some time come and lend a hand. Bring lawn mowers, whipper snippers etc

## U/13 NETBALL!

What a year it has been for the Under 13's! The girls were lucky enough to make it to the second round of finals this year, which is an achievement, each and every one of them should be extremely proud of. The improvement from the whole side from round 1 to the end of the season has been incredible, we lost our first game of the season to Simpson by 26 goals and later went on to beat them by 13 in the qualifying final a couple of weeks ago. This just goes to show how much hard work the girls have put in both at trainings and on the court on a Saturday. I could not have asked for a better bunch of girls to coach in my first year of coaching, they all have a great attitude on and off the court, they all listen to advice, are willing to try anything and most of all they know how to have fun. It has been an absolute pleasure to coach each and every one of you and I hope you've enjoyed it as much as I have. A big thank you to all the parents, you should be very proud of the girls and I thank you for all your support throughout the season. A special thanks also goes to my team manager Sheree Milverton, you've been great to have on the bench with me and I really appreciate everything you have done. My last thank you goes to Kess Duynhoven, your support in my first year as coach has been nothing short of amazing and I can't thank you enough for helping me out at trainings and giving the girls so much help and guidance, I'm sure they've all appreciated it just as much as I have. Congratulations to everyone involved with the Under 13's this season, it has been a fantastic year and I can't wait to see you all back out at the club next year.

Jess

## WINNERS

Best & Fairest: Monica Smart

Runner Up: Sarah Mackay

Coaches Award: Ella Milverton

Best Finals Player: Monica Smart

## U/15 NETBALL!

Another year has come and gone, and what a year it has been. We have had a tough year with the amount of injuries we had but I am so proud of where we finished.

Before the season even started we lost one of our goaler's Shanae who had to have a knee reconstruction, we then had Emily H go down against Birre with a nasty foot/ankle injury that put her out for the rest of the season, Emily M also had a lot of trouble with her wrists which meant she missed a few games also. Even though these girls were injured they still made it to every training and game.

Even with all these injuries we still pushed through and had a pretty good year. I saw so much improvement in this group of girls, they always fought hard and never gave up no matter what positions or combinations I had on that court they always gave their all.

I had an absolute blast with these girls, they are so easy going, they always made me laugh and were eager to learn new things which made my life so much easier. I hope they have enjoyed themselves also.

I'd like to thank the girls that came up from under 13's to help when we were low on numbers, Sarah Mackay, Monica Smart, Ella Milverton and Olivia Montano. And a massive thank you to Jess for letting that happen.

I would also like to thank Ellie and Sharni our co-captains this year they got the team organised when I was late and helped the girls with any questions they had. So thank you.

Also I would like to thank Chloe my team manager she was a good help with decision on game day which kept my stress levels down.

Also a quick thank you Glenda and Sally that helped out when Chloe or myself wasn't around.

Lastly I would like to thank the club for giving me the opportunity to coach again so thank you. But also all the supporters, parents, umpires and on the day helpers if we didn't have these people willing to help the day wouldn't go on.

## WINNERS

Best & Fairest: Samantha Whytcross

Runner Up: Emily Montano

Coaches Award: Ellie Langdon

## MONEY MAKERS

Money Makers has had a busy and rewarding 2016. With contributions from many areas of the club. Our thanks must go to those people who take on the roles of responsibility that allow our club to function each and every week. So it's important to acknowledge and thank them.

Firstly a huge thank-you to Jenny Fish. What an amazing job you do each and every week organising our canteen making sure everything runs smoothly. The ladies who made salad rolls each home game thank you very much for your time and assistance. To those who have worked in the canteen your help has been greatly appreciated, as we just couldn't do it without you. How great was it to see the footballers doing their bit as well. Thank-you to the U/17.5 footballers and everyone else who sold raffle tickets. This year we trialed cooking hot chips on a Saturday with great success, this only being possible with the help of a number of people. Special thanks to the committee, Carl, JJ, Pete and everyone else who came into the kitchen to cook. An enormous thank you to Jeanette McKenzie who this year co-ordinated our Thursday night teas. Jeanette with the assistance of Kayelene and Glenda provided us with some amazing home cooked meals after training. Congratulations you did a fabulous job, so thank you very much. Our dessert queen Tracy Price thanks Tracy for providing us with delicious sweets, everyone loved them. Jodie Carbury, Julie Kelly, and Sally Montano thank you for your time and effort in the kitchen helping with the preparation and serving of the meals each and every Thursday night. Thanks to those who volunteered to do dishes and clean up at the end of the night.

A huge Thank-you must go to Gary Bowen who has been our dedicated Bar Manager for the last three seasons. Gary has worked tirelessly in organising and running our bar, putting in so much time and effort. We have appreciated everything you have done. Thanks also to Dan and Fran for assisting Gary and everyone else who has helped out in the bar and booth throughout the season.

Thanks must go to the club committee who this year took on the responsibility of organising our social functions. Special mention to Kayelene and Monty who were instrumental in the organisation and running of these functions. They organised a number of very successful events which were well attended. Highlights of the year being Trivia with a Twist and the Ball. Thank you to everyone who supported any of the functions lots of fun was had by all.

This year we successfully catered the Interleague matches at Central Reserve. The organisation of this day is a big job, Therefore a huge thanks must go to Jenny Fish, Kayelene Robertson and Silv Sherman for all your hard work. To everyone who came along and lent a hand. Congratulations on a job well done. These days are made easier by the support of many helpers.

Lastly an enormous thank-you to everyone for your time, effort and support given in so many ways around the club. Your help is greatly appreciated. Everything we do is for the benefit of the club and everyone should be proud to be apart of "The Eagles Family".

**Verena Jeffreys**

## SPIRIT OF SPORT AWARD!



Tayla Robertson



Natalie Weller



Thomas  
O'Farrell



Riley  
Thompson

## U/17 NETBALL!

Hello everyone and welcome to this year's vote count! First off I want to say a massive thank you to all the parents, supporters and helpers that have been there every week, without you these girls wouldn't be able to play!

Thanks to my amazing team manager Brooke Williamson who agreed to help me in her first year out at the Nest.. I'm glad you were by my side each week to listen to me rant and help make all the decisions!

Well done to our runner up for the year Laura McGuane, who has played an amazing year in goals and through the centre!

Congratulations to the Under 17s B&F winner for 2016 Eliza O'Farrell! Eliza, who was also our captain this season, wasn't only a leader in the defence end but over the whole court. She listened to everything Brooke and I said and took it on board every training session as well as on game day. We couldn't have asked for a better captain this year, thanks Liza!

Lastly, for our coaches award this season Brooke and I had a tough choice to make as all the girls were amazing each week! We decided to go with the girl who listened to everything, stayed back at training to practise that little bit more, and wasn't afraid to ask a question whenever she wasn't sure about something.. like Brooke, 2016 was her first year at Western Eagles, and she played at both ends of the court to show how versatile she will be leading into the senior grades next year. With that, I'd like to wish our Coach's Award winner for this season Natalie Weller a massive congratulations!

A huge good luck to all the girls for their future in netball, especially those that are going up to seniors next year! You've all been an absolute pleasure to coach and I've loved every minute!

~Dani Bowen

## WINNERS

Best & Fairest: Eliza O'Farrell

Runner Up: Laura McGuane

Coaches Award: Natalie Weller



## C GRADE NETBALL!

2016- My first year as a coach. A real eye-opener of all the hard work that goes into this great club of ours. First and foremost, to my team. Such a wonderful group of girls who gave their all every week. Everything I asked of them they did. Including, when at times I struggled with my role, they were all there with fantastic insight and willingness to say what they thought, and put it into action. Only 3 wins on the board this year, but every week, win or lose, the biggest smiles greeted me when they walked off the court, with their heads held high. We played our game and never gave up. Thank you to Carla and Shannon, my wonderful Captain and Vice Captain, for being great leaders, and Brooke and Raelene for joining us later in the season. Raelene unfortunately, injured herself, but still committed to the team every week, including stepping in for me when I was away, as coach. To Jeanette, the best team manager, support and advisor, anyone could hope to have. Thank you to the club, and all the effort that goes into our sport week in and week out. Once again, thank you to my C Grade girls, without whom, I wouldn't have had the opportunity to coach this year. Hope to see you all back next year, and wish everyone a safe and happy break. GO EAGLES!!

### WINNERS

Best & Fairest: Carla McKenzie

Runner Up: Annabelle Perrett

Coaches Award: Laura Ladhams

## EAGLES REPRESENT!

A number of people of people have taken advantage of the opportunity to participate in representative teams throughout the season. Congratulations to you all on your selections. You have all done us proud!

### Interleague

Sam Ryan U18 Football

Tom O'Farrell U16 Football

George Bolton U16 Football

Elijah Reid U14 Football

Samantha Whytcross 15 & Under Netball

Jaymie Coleman Umpire

Louise McNamara Umpire

### Barwon Junior Netball Championships

Samantha Whytcross

Shanae O'Donoghue

Jaymie Coleman Umpire

### U15 V/Line Cup Squad

Oliver McGuane

### Finals Series

Louise McNamara Umpire

Jaymie Coleman Umpire

Gary Bowen Goal Umpire

## SENIOR FOOTBALL

Presentation night, wow, it only seems like yesterday I was meeting you all upstairs at the meet the coach night. Unfortunately the season didn't go the way I wished it to. I thought a minimum of 6 wins would have been a pass mark, so obviously I feel I have failed you all. We did have some little wins along the way, none more so than Jack Sherman, Riley Grant, Jordy McLachlan, Riley Thompson, Sam Ryan, Brooklyn Johnson and George Boyd all playing senior football. It was a highlight of the season, to get a glimpse to the future with these terrific young players. My aim now is to get our current group of senior footballers to play at a level that these young players want to stay and play at this great club. Can I take this opportunity to thank the football department, committee, and everyone involved with the Western Eagles for the amazing support, warmth and caring you have shown myself and my family this year. My only hope is that you've all seen something in myself and the playing group that will bring you all back again in 2017, as I'm more determined than ever to return this great club back to a respected, revered force in the cdfnl. Thanking you all for the year... Paul Price

### WINNERS

Best & Fairest: Trent McLure

Runner Up: Jye Price & Nathan McNamara

Most Determined: Jordan Keast

Most Consistent: Craig Hardingham

## B GRADE NETBALL!

Thankyou to all the B graders for your support and understanding. Taking on a senior side was always going to be challenging, trying to divide my time between coaching and playing and still giving them both 100%. At times I did struggle with both, but that's the great thing about the Eagles-there's always help and support. Leaving the game at 3/4 time to warm up was not easy, even though Laura, Glenda and Verena had things under control, I would still be yelling out from the warm up court. Thankfully, I also had a great coach in Cino and understanding team mates.

To these girls, you have created some great memories and new bonds. An exciting addition has been the welcoming of Ruby to our club-suitably nicknamed "Sparky" after an incident with a live light switch. She definitely brought a spark to our team. We also have some terrific milestones through the season- Alexandra played her 100th after returning to the club, our vice captain(VC) Shelley played her 150th and our captain Lorraine- reached her 200th game. Well done girls!

Huge thanks goes out to Laura, Glenda and Verena- I could not have done this without you, especially Verena's organisational skills. Only one game she wasn't there and I was all over the shop! And the respect I have for Laura and Glenda is second-to-none. You're both amazing.

Thanks to the girls who helped out over the season when we were short on players, to Paul for his continued work getting the girls strapped. Thanks to all the committee, umpires, scorers, coaches and supporters for all the hard work that goes into making Western Eagles the best club to be a part of. I hope you'll all be back next year for a big season 2017!

Fee

### WINNERS

Best & Fairest: Michelle Fraser

Runner Up: Ruby Manson

Coaches Award: Lorraine Mahoney

## A GRADE NETBALL!

Perhaps Winston Churchill was referring to our team with his quote "Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm". At the beginning of the season I certainly wasn't anticipating finishing the year at the wrong end of the ladder, however with teams around us improving, we were unable to match them for entire games. We showed glimpses of brilliance and closely contested many matches, but just couldn't get over the line... except for once!!

Each of the A grade players needs to be congratulated and commended on their dedication, enthusiasm and endeavour and I thank them for never admitting defeat and continuing to display the true Eagles spirit.

The season did see some personal achievements with Jen Fish playing her 300<sup>th</sup> senior game and the debut of Nat Weller and Laura McGuane from the Under 17s side. Eliza O'Farrell showed she will be a player to watch, lining up alongside Kess and Lil in defence on several occasions, showing great improvement since her limited time with us last season.

A big thank you to Jancy for her leadership throughout the season. A great captain and club person, Jancy represented our club exceptionally well and never backed away from any challenge or responsibility.

I admire the commitment of our team and no more so than that of Lil. Lil's dedication to attending trainings, her willingness to be part of the Eagles club and her desire to achieve the best she can is clearly evident.

I must make mention of the tireless efforts of our team manager Raelene, who I thank from the bottom of my heart. Having a great manager like Raelene certainly makes my job easier and I couldn't have asked for more.

And last but not least, well done and a big thank you to Glenda and the committee for all the efforts you have made to make the Western Eagles the best club in the league!!

As we look forward to a well earned break, don't lose sight of the future and the coming season. Continue to strive for improvement, give players opportunities and accept that mistakes will be made. Remember "If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself" (Henry Ford).

Until next time, See ya. Cino

## WINNERS

Best & Fairest: Jenny Fish

Runner Up: Lillian Isaakson Kent

Coaches Award: Jessica Montano

## RESERVES FOOTBALL

Hi to all Eagles,

Last Report for the season, so better make it a good one. A slow start to the year saw some indifferent performances. With player numbers a bit low we were able to call on some U17's who all played really well for us. Thanks boys. Our players who played in the seniors did well and lifted their game up a notch. Micky, Panels and Tyler B on return to the reserves bought a better game with them. Improvement to the likes of Ant Young, Robbo, Scott Cas, Pat Hick and Pricey gave us a more stable team. With Xav, Fids, Tip and Panels in the middle we were able to match it with some of the better sides. The back 6 were good all year from Doery & Micky to the much improved Mitch B. The last few weeks our numbers have been really good so we haven't had to call on the U17's, with this, it's been a more regular and stable team. The return of some former players and some new players to the club and team it all looks positive for the next season and beyond.

Thank you to Jono, Phil and Sherms. Thanks also to the players who ran water and other jobs and to Robbo and Paul for time keeping and Goal Umpiring.

Pride and Passion in your performance, the teams and the Club.  
Congratulations to all trophy winners.

Cheers Cods.

## WINNERS

Best & Fairest: Brad Fidler

Runner Up: Xavier Donnelly

Most Improved: Scott Castle

Coaches Award: Paul Doery

## U/17.5 FOOTBALL!

The boys had a great finish to the season winning our last three games, taking our tally to eight wins for the year. The victory over Irewarra was a fantastic team effort with everyone contributing and playing their role to get us over the line by a couple of goals. This game and the win against Apollo Bay at the Bay really demonstrated how much the boys have improved throughout the year and displayed the great spirit in which they have supported each other. This should give them much confidence moving forward with the Western Eagles. James and I are really proud of the way the boys have committed themselves and represented our Club. Defeating two sides that are playing finals was a fantastic reward for the effort they have put in.

We have had some great achievements this year including seven U17.5's playing Senior football{Sam Ryan, Brooklyn Johnston, Riley Thompson, Jordon McLachlan, Jack Sherman, Riley Grant and George Boyd} Sam also played in the U18 Interleague. Another five boys from our team played Reserves football throughout the season. George Bolton and Tom O'Farrell played in the U 16 Interleague with Tom winning the medal for Best on Ground. Oliver McGuane was selected for Falcons U15 Training Squad. These performances show that there are plenty of opportunities to aspire to a higher level at the Eagles FNC and are promising for the future of the Club.

There are a number of people who have done an amazing job behind the scenes to support the U17.5 side. Firstly, I must thank James Beasley for his tremendous contribution, not just this year, but for the past three

seasons. As a young senior footballer it would be very easy for James just to focus on his own game but he continues to devote his time to teaching and supporting our juniors. This says a lot about James' character as a person.

The boys and I really value all the time, energy and knowledge James has given us. Thanks Beaso!

Stu Jeffrey's has also provided enormous support to our side in his role as Team Manager, runner and all other organisational duties required to put a side on the field each week. All his hard work is greatly appreciated and makes our job a lot easier as Stu always has everything organised. Thanks Stu! Fran also does a great job as secretary and puts in many hours to ensure everything is done that needs to be done.

## **SOCIAL FUNCTIONS**

Social functions are a very important part of any Football Netball Club. Not only for those illusive funds required to successfully run a club each season, but also as a way for members to get to know others around the club. They are also important to the success of teams on the field and court, the better we know each other the better we play for each other.

This year saw us run many function at the Colac RSL. This was done not only to support one of our many valued sponsors but also in an attempt to make it a bit easier for people to attend by having them in town. This seemed to work well for us based on the success of the functions Verena has mentioned in her Money Makers report.

Next season we propose to do similar to what we did this year, however we welcome and are open to any suggestions anyone may have regarding these functions. So if you have an idea or have ideas of something different, a change to something we did or even a suggestion for a theme to have when we have tea after a home game at the club rooms, which was another thing that proved to be successful, allowing us all to have a feed and socialise with other members of the eagles family and still be home at a reasonable time, then please let the committee know.

Hopefully we will see you all back at the Eagles next year, ready and rearing for more fun times.



This season saw the Eagles lead the charge against other clubs in having umpires be tested and receive their umpiring badges. Congratulations ladies on your achievements.

**Louise McNamara B Grade Badge**

**Jenny Fish C Grade Badge**

**Laura McGuane C Grade Badge**

**Emily Montano C Grade Badge**

Thanks to all the parents who have volunteered with match day duties such as time keeping, goal umpiring and central umpiring. Without your assistance the Club could not function. Also to the trainers, Scoob Onderwater, Silv Sherman and Paul Boyd. You bring a real professionalism to your role and as a coach and parent I feel secure in the knowledge that you are there to assist any player in need.

Thank you to all the U14.5 boys who stepped up and filled in for us when needed. Thanks also to the senior footballers who trained with us and ran water on match days.

Finally, I want to thank all the boys who played this year. I will always value the opportunity to be part of your football journey and appreciate your co-operation and willingness to work together to achieve something positive. You are all fantastic young people with much to offer. Your destiny as footballers is really in your own hands, if you put in the work you can be a big part of taking this Club to a successful future.

GO THE EAGLES

Cheers, Phil Thompson

## **WINNERS**

Best & Fairest: Riley Thompson

Runner Up: Brooklyn Johnson & Jordan McLachlan

Most Consistent: George Bolton

Coaches Committed: Jesse Robbins

Jake Inglis Memorial Trophy: Murray Callahan

# U/14.5 FOOTBALL!

Coaching junior sport can be a tough gig. Beliefs and expectations of children and parents/carers can be unrealistic and even selfish at times. The juggling act of trying to please everyone is a real challenge, and the pressure to 'succeed', can at times, be overwhelming.

We live in such a results-driven society, and in the case of sport, that relates to wins and losses. So with only three wins to our name, it would be easy to look back with regret and negativity at our season. But as I reflect on the year, it's not difficult to feel positive.

A fantastic group of 29 boys who were always willing to have a go, parents/carers who could generally see the bigger picture, were always supportive, and never undermined my authority, as well as wonderfully committed club people, made my role a real pleasure.

For me, it's all about positive development, so when I think about our year from this perspective, I feel very satisfied. My expectations are pretty high. It didn't seem to matter how hard I pushed, the boys kept turning up to training prepared to improve themselves and their teammates. At times I found it hard to see this in games, but the last few weeks it was clearly evident. Our ability as individuals to control the ball, and as a team, to control the play, had improved dramatically from early in the year. Well done boys. The hard work was worth it!!

It would be impossible to do this job without assistance, so at the risk of offending some, I need to acknowledge a few very important individuals. Mals for his steady demeanor. When I got far too emotionally involved he was able to settle me down. Sometimes! To JD for his exceptional organisational skills. It's always reassuring to know that all the i's are dotted and t's are crossed. To Boydy for his enthusiasm and commitment to helping the boys improve. Finally to Carl for his amazing stat keeping skills. He's living proof that you should never judge a book by its cover!

Well done to all award winners tonight. You've clearly set the correct example. Hope you all have an enjoyable cricket season and that I see you back next year in Eagles colours! Bede

## WINNERS

Best & Fairest: Max Skinner

Runner Up: Luke Fish

Most Improved: Elliot Roache

Coaches Award: Elijah Reid

## MESSAGE FROM FOOTBALL MANAGER—FRAN

There are always a lot of people I feel need to be thanked at the end of every season. These people make my role easier & assist in the running of our club.

A lot of people go into the running of a football club and for those who help out....your help does not go unnoticed.

A thankyou is extended to those who have taken on roles within the club, in coaches, runners, umpires, trainers, match day helpers and to all who give freely of their time to help out at the club. Your help is invaluable & appreciated.

Thanks to John Duynhoven who is the team manager for the U 14.5's.

John is efficient and does a fantastic job for the U 14.5s and makes it one less job for me to have to do. I cannot thank him enough!

Also to Stuart Jeffries who wears many shirts on game day....he is the runner of the U 17.5s, water carrier for the seniors & any other job I need help with he is always there to lend me a hand. Thanks Stu!

Special thanks to all the club helpers that help make game day. Goal umpires, time keepers, water carriers, interchange stewards & boundary umpires. Without them there would be no game.

Also to the canteen workers and the kitchen crew, who work tirelessly to keep us happy & fed all year. Special mention of thanks to the guys who put their hand up to be our club umpires. Terry Kavenagh, Bede McGuane, John Sherman, John Carbury, Andrew Mallon & Paul Price. This is a huge task that you commit to do for our club. You are all integral parts of our footy club and it's a pleasure to be involved with you all at the Western Eagles.

Fran