

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

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CLUB PRESIDENTS REPORT

What a great way to finish off the season with our B Grade Netballers into the Grand Final. Our U13 and U15 girls also played off in the finals and our U14.5 footballers. Congratulations to all those involved, not everyone gets to play in finals but you all represented yourselves and the Club very well. We started the season back in April full of optimism with good numbers in all Grades of Football and Netball and while the senior team didn't taste the success they deserved, the effort was there every week. Paul is coaching again next year and has already started planning for next season. It will be great to be part of this group when they start winning games and getting the reward for the effort being put in. Well done to Matt Kenny for his selection in the Inter-League side. Craig Hardingham did a great job with the reserves assisted by Phil Thompson. The boys played some really good footy during the year. Bede McGuane stepped up to the U17.5s this year and continued to challenge the boys in his unique way which hopefully will get them ready for senior football with the club in later years. Congratulations to Tom O'Farrell, Alex Lockhart and George Bolton for being chosen in the inter-league side and Tom again for winning the Spirit of Sport award. Marc and Andrew did a fantastic job with the U14.5s which showed in the finals how much they have improved. Well done to Elijah Reid and Luke Fish for representing us in the inter-league side. A big thank you to all the players and coaching staff for the season, see you all next year for bigger and better things.

Once again the Netball has had a successful season with three teams competing in the finals. Well done to our B Grade, U13 and U15 girls. Congratulations to Alisha Montano for winning the Spirit of Sport award and for the U17 girls for winning the Spirit of Sport Club of the Year Award and to our Inter-League representatives. Well done everybody and a big thank you to Glenda Montano as President of the Netball and her committee for all your work during the year and to all the coaches and support staff who helped out.

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CONTRIBUTION IS INVALUABLE TO US!

BAKERS DELIGHT AWARD!

Since being instigated in 2004 the Bakers Delight High Achievers Award has been bestowed upon thirteen very worthy recipients and this year the fourteenth 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 2017 Bakers Delight High Achiever Award winner is **Alisha Montano**. Alisha started playing for the Western Eagles Football Netball Club in the 13 & Under side in 2011. She has now played 153 games for the club, 45 in the 13 & Under, 38 in the 15 & Under, 44 in the 17 & Under and 26 in B Grade, this season playing 2 games each week. She was team captain of the 17 & Under side, showing great leadership earning her the respect of her fellow team mates and coach. Alisha is fun loving, good spirited, fair minded, respectful and plays her sport within the fairness of the game. All these attributes contributing to her nomination and then success in winning the Blue Ribbon Spirit of Sport Award, not only for the round but as the overall winner for the year. Her encouragement of fellow team mates and younger players and willingness to help out is noticed by many. Alisha won the 13 & Under Runner Up Best and Fairest in 2012, Best & Fairest in 2013, 15 & Under Runner Up Best and Fairest in 2014 in both the Saturday team and the Night B Team and 15 & Under Best and Fairest in 2015. She was a member of the 2011 13 & Under Premiership team and has represented the Association on numerous occasions in their Interleague and Zone Championship teams.

Alisha is a student at Colac Trinity College, where she is currently completing her Year 11 studies. She has represented the school in Basketball, Netball and Cricket every year and was part of the T20 side who were the Year 9 State winners, from this she was chosen to train with the Barwon Rickets. She has helped out at Trinity College Open Days and the Trinity Productions. Alisha has represented Colac in the Kookas Basketball Squad team since she was about 10 years old and this year will be coaching a junior basketball side. She was a member of the inaugural Colac Imperials Under 19 Women's Football team who won the Grand Final this year. Along with her schooling and sporting commitments, Alisha has a part-time job at Reynolds IGA Supermarket. She completed Work Experience this year at The Colac Special School, working with Special Needs Children is where her passion lies. The Western Eagles Football Netball Club and Bakers Delight congratulate Alisha on her achievements and wish her continued success in whatever path she chooses to follow.

A very worthy recipient of the 2017 Bakers Delight High Achievers Award!
Well Done Alisha!

The committee has done a fantastic job again this year, thanks to Kayelene as secretary and the many other jobs she does, Marc as treasurer, Rob our Vice President, Rob, Marc and Andrew who make up the Football Department and Fran our Clearance/Match Day secretary and the rest of the committee for just doing the jobs that need to be done.

Our trainers this year have done a fantastic job again, they are there early in the morning and often packing up at the end after attending to the players all day so to Paul, Fran, Silv and Jack who helped out we say a BIG THANK YOU.

Thanks to Verena as treasurer of the money makers Jenny for organising the canteen and to all those who helped out with Thursday night teas.

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. Our social functions were well attended this year which made for some entertaining evenings and it was great to see good numbers out at the rooms. Thanks to Kayelene and Verena for your organising and to all those who helped.

The Hoot'n'Nanny was a big success again this year thanks again to Kayelene and all our helpers, its on again next year so please keep the 10th and 11th of February free to lend a hand.

On Saturday March 24th the Rodeo is coming to town. We are running this event in partnership with the P and A society and will be looking for volunteers to help. These two events are our major fundraisers to help the club function and improve the facilities.

Don't leave it to a few to do all the work.

The Netball A G M is on the 11th of October and the Football A G M is on the 14th of November. Both these meetings are out at the social rooms. We are always looking for new members on both committees with a different outlook and new ideas to guide the Club in future years.

Thanks Again

John Sherman

NETBALL PRESIDENTS REPORT

My thank you's begin with my trusted Executive who I am forever grateful to for your support, advice, and opinions, you have made my job easier and I cannot thank you enough. And to John and committee members thank you also for your support I appreciate it,

I would like to make special mention to Sally Montano our Umpire Co-Ordinator, you have done a magnificent job from week to week coordinator our umpires. Congratulations also to Emily Montano, Jaymie Coleman and Jenny Fish who have umpired both interleague and finals, this has been highly regarded in the CDFLNA

Also to all those who have reached milestones this year well done, keep on playing and see how far you can go.

I'd also like to make mention of Alisha Montano and Breanna Thompson on winning Spirit of Sport during the year, this is a very honorable achievement and one that you should be very proud of. And then to Alisha along with Tom for winning the overall for the year wow, that is just so fantastic for you both. But wait there is more, we then went on to win the Blue Ribbon Foundation Team of the Year which is the highest amount of points given for the year. Although we only won a few games in under 17s it just goes to show how much we are thought of amongst our fellow opponents.

Now to the coaches, Laura & Eliza, Carly, Michelle, Raelene, Kess and Jenny. I thank you very much for your time and effort in coaching and leading your group of girls this year it was pleasing to see some good competitive netball and also to see smiles on girls faces from training to game day. It was a terrific effort to get three of our 6 teams into finals, a testament to some great coaching and a wonderful and determined band of girls, we must stick together.

To Boydy, what a great fella you are, we are thankful to you for being our trusted trainer, for taping, picking up the girls when they fall and giving your advice on how to recover from injuries etc and to Silv and Fran when Boydy was absent.

To the ladies/men that have helped out and cooked our Thursday night teas thank you for the yummy food.

To you young netballers (and old) and parents I appreciate all the time keeping, scoring and primary caring that you have been rostered on for this year. I know at times it was annoying but your small contribution to officiating our games was great. Our games couldn't have gone ahead without your attendance. I hope that you ladies have enjoyed your year this year and I look forward to seeing you out on the court next year.

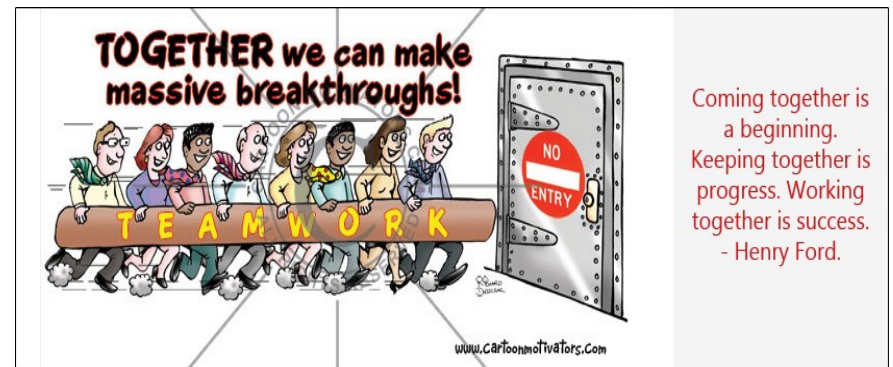
Finally to my family thank you for listening to me when I was ranting and for helping me get through the season, especially to Rob for giving me great advice when I needed it.

Thank you enjoy your break and get yourselves geared up for another exciting year at our great club eagles.

Glenda Montano

Do you ever think about what it takes to run a Football Netball Club?

There is an enormous amount of work goes into putting Football Teams on the field and Netball Teams on a court. While these Presentation nights mark the end of the season for some, for others they mark the beginning of preparations for the next season. These are the people who have volunteered their time for you, so when next you're asked to help out, put your hand up and do your little bit for those who do a lot. If you have some time or you can see something that needs to be done, don't wait to be asked.



CLUB MILESTONES

50 GAMES

NETBALL

Emily Heywood
Olivia Montano
Shanae O'Donoghue

FOOTBALL

Jeremy Carbury
Luke Fish
James Lockhart
George Bolton
Taine Jeffreys
James Palmer
Chris Boyd
Blake Gorfine

100 GAMES

NETBALL

Fiona Penny
Tayla Robertson
Brianna Thompson
Leah Sherman

FOOTBALL

Peter Hickey
Tyler Dower

150 GAMES

Jessica Montano
Amy McKenzie
Alisha Montano

200 GAMES

Alexandra Genua

**B Grade Netballers make it to
the Grand Final!**

**Huge thanks to the fabulous
supporters!**



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

Wednesday October 11th 2017

7.30pm at the Clubrooms

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

Tuesday 14th November 2017

7.30pm at the Clubrooms

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

WORKING BEE

SUNDAY 24TH 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

Titpullers Hoot 'n' Nanny

**Saturday 10th February
2018**

Keep this date free, we WILL
be needing your help

March 24 2018

Colac P & A Society
In conjunction with
The WEFNC
Are bringing to Colac a
RODEO

To be held at the Colac Show
Grounds
We will again be needing your
help
Keep an eye out for further
details



U/13 NETBALL!

We, Eliza and Laura, as coaches of the 2017 13 and Under netball team are both very proud of the way the girls played this year and more importantly the way they conducted themselves on the court. We would like to thank all the players for the hard work and cooperation during the season. This year there were 11 talented netballers on the team, all of which played a part in our successful season. In goals, Ella and Remy, our midcourt, Sarah, Lori, Tarliah, Leah, Sienna and Charlotte and in defence, Ruby, Olivia and Holly. The team managed to win 12 of the 18 games played this season and finished in fourth position, rightfully earning a place in the finals. We played Colac Imperials in the first round of the finals, unfortunately losing, but the game was well fought by the girls. We would like to thank our captains Sarah and Ruby for the leadership they have shown during the year and by encouraging the other players on the team. Thank you to Julie Mackay for being our team manager as well as Kess, Carly and Glenda for their help and support during the season.

We started off the season slowly with many players out, so we appreciate Rachael and Indy for filling in as well as all of the parents for your support and for cutting up oranges every week. Congratulations to the Best and Fairest winner and runner-up as well as the recipient of the coach's award. To the club thank you for the opportunity to coach and to supporters, umpires, scorers and timekeepers, there wouldn't be a game to play without you so thank you for your time and effort.

To the girls on our team we hope you have had fun and learnt something this year, and that we see you all continuing to play at Eagles in the future.

WINNERS

Best & Fairest: Sarah Mackay

Runner Up: Olivia Scott

Coaches Award: Holly Unwin

Best Finals Player: Sarah Mackay

U/15 NETBALL!

Another season has come and gone already and what a fantastic year it has been. The girls made it to the 2nd round of finals which unfortunately we went down to Otway, but they should be very proud of themselves! To make it to the finals is a massive achievement and they deserved to get there.

We only had the one injury this season with Samantha Whytcross hurting her ankle which meant she missed 6 weeks, but she still made it to every training and game to help guide her team. We still had the occasional girl go on holiday or get sick but they still powered through and took on new positions.

These girls have been an amazing group to coach. They are so easy going, which kept me smiling. They have listened to everything I have said and shown that in their game. They have improved so much this year, they never gave up and always kept fighting as a team. Thank you for such an enjoyable year I just hope you girls have enjoyed yourselves as much as I have.

I would also like to thank Natasha Grant and Keeley Hardingham for being able to help us out when we were short and qualifying for finals. A massive thank you to their parents also for getting them to the game. also thank you to Sarah Mackay and Ruby Stewart for helping us out when we were short. And thank you to Eliza and Laura for letting me do that.

Also a big thank you to Sheree my team manager for the season, she was a huge help with decisions, especially those during the finals.

A big thank you to Samantha Whytcross our captain this season. She was a fantastic leader on and off the court. She got the girls ready for training and games when I was running a little bit late, and helped the girls with any questions they had. Well done Sam.

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. Thank you Carly J

WINNERS

Best & Fairest: Shanae O'Donoghue

Runner Up: Olivia Montano

Coaches Award: Olivia Connelly

Best Finals Player: Samantha Whytcross

MONEY MAKERS

Moneymakers plays an important part in our football/netball club. So what is Moneymakers? Moneymakers is the financial reward from many areas of our club including our social functions, bar, booth, Thursday night teas and the canteen. All of this only possible by the hard work of a number of dedicated people and supported by our members. 2017 has been no different from any other year. Our thanks must go to those who take on roles that allow our club to function each and every week. These people are extremely committed to our football club and give freely of their time. It's important that we acknowledge and thank them.

Jenny Fish, as always what an amazing job you do organising our canteen. Thanks for all your hard work. Thank you to everyone who has assisted Jenny in some way throughout the season whether it be working in the canteen, baking, making salad rolls or bagging lollies. Everything you do is greatly appreciated.

This year was our first full season of operating the fryer on a Saturday after trialling it for part of last season. This has proved to be very successful. Thanks to Kayelene, Monty and other committee members who set up every week ready for a busy day. Thank you to the footballers, parents and to those who put their hand up to help on multiple occasions with the fryer. You have all done a fabulous job.

An enormous thank you to Kayelene Robertson and Jeanette McKenzie for organising and coordinating our Thursday night teas. You have both done an awesome job again this year. Special thanks to Adrian Robertson, Barry Buchanan, Jo Grant, Julie Kelly and Jacinta Langdon for helping in the kitchen on Thursday nights assisting Kayelene and Jeanette. Thanks also to anyone else who has given a hand.

Matt Bowen this year took on the role as Bar Manager. Thank you Matt for all the work you have done throughout the season. You did a great job. John Sherman thanks for your assistance with the bar in the latter part of the year. To those who volunteered to help in the booth, behind the bar or stocked the fridges. Thank you very much.

Our social functions again this year were run by the club committee. The committee organised a number of very successful events which were well supported. Special mention to Kayelene Robertson for organising and running our "Trivia with a Twist". Rob Montano and Kayelene Robertson for organising the ball. Congratulations to Jack Sherman, Jess Montano and Annabelle Perrett for organising the "Mock Wedding". This was a very successful event with everyone having a great night. Thank you to Jack Sherman for organising our last function of the season, the i-pod shuffle. Well done to all of you, you all did a fantastic job.

Lastly, an enormous thank you to everyone for your contributions in so many areas around the club. Without you we couldn't achieve the results we have. It not only takes a lot of hard work, time, effort and teamwork to run a football/netball club, it also costs a lot of money. So I can't emphasise enough just how important it is that we all work together, chip in and help and raise funds. Remembering everything we do is for the benefit of this great club. We should all be proud to be apart of "The Eagles Family".

Verena Jeffreys

SPIRIT OF SPORT AWARD!



Alisha Montano



Chris Boyd



Alex Lockhart



Brianna Thompson



Spirit of Sport Player of the Year

Alisha Montano

&

Tom O'Farrell

Spirit of Sport Team of the Year

17 & Under Netball

U/17 NETBALL!

Well what a season we have had. With the addition of some new faces as well as old, we began with a relatively fresh side. We started the season with Fi and I as coaches, with me taking over the ropes halfway through and the girls helping make my transition into sole coach an easy one. Although we didn't get the results we wanted in terms of scores, what we did get is an amazing bunch of girls. Girls who are not only great players, but genuinely great people. The teamwork and sportsmanship shown week in week out is a credit to them all and is definitely a great asset for your futures. I couldn't be more proud of the girls for winning the Spirit of Sport Team of the year award. This shows that not only I recognise you for the fair and kind players you are, other clubs do too. To the girls you all have such great ability and talent and I hope to see you stick around the club, as you are all brilliant. I must also make mention to all the people who helped out this year:

Tracy Manson for helping every week with Primary care

The trainers for helping the girls to get on the court and stay uninjured

A big thankyou to Glenda and Carly for all the things you do to get us all up and running week in, week out.

A huge thank you to Kayelene, Kayelene was an absolutely brilliant team manager. Her support, advice, guidance and perfect selection of oranges is something we are so grateful for.

Another very important thankyou I must make is to Fi Pi. Fi Pi had to step down as coach halfway through the season, but to be honest you were my co-coach the whole way. Your guidance and advice to the girls and I is something we are forever appreciative of.

I'm sure there are plenty of people I have forgotten because we have an amazing club with a brilliant support network, so thankyou to you all.

WINNERS

Best & Fairest: Alisha Montano

Runner Up: Brianna Thompson

Coaches Award: Mia Carson

C GRADE NETBALL!

Welcome all Netballers and Footballers to the final part of the 2017 Season.

I would like to thank all the C grade girls for having a successful and fun year as we came together as a great team by the second half of our season. We became a very competitive team and gave many of the top teams a run for their money. We all should be proud of what we achieved throughout the season.

I would like to thank each one of the girls for their commitment and hard work each and every week at training and on the court on Saturdays I couldn't have asked any more, and thank them for allowing me to try and have a go at being a coach for a season.

Also I really appreciated the help and assistance of my Team Manager Verena thank you, and a big thank you to Jeanette for her dedicated Primary Care role each week. I also need to thank Glenda the president who was always there as a support at any time and Cino for filling in for me on my absent times.

Congratulations to all the award winners tonight, and a big congrat's to the B Graders for making the Grand Final.

Cheers Rael's

"GO EAGLES"

WINNERS

Best & Fairest: Danielle Bowen

Runner Up: Carla McKenzie

Coaches Award: Annabelle Perrett

EAGLES REPRESENT!

A number 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

Matthew Kenny Football

Tom O'Farrell U17.5 Football (BOG)

George Bolton U17.5 Football

Alex Lockhart U17.5 Football

Elijah Reid U15 Football

Luke Fish U15 Football

Samantha Whytcross 15 & Under Netball

Ella Walter 13 & Under Netball

Jaymie Coleman Umpire

Emily Montano Umpire

Barwon Junior Netball Championships

Samantha Whytcross

Jaymie Coleman Umpire

Emily Montano Umpire

Finals Series

Louise McNamara

Jaymie Coleman

Emily Montano

Linda Knight

Bruce Boyd

Gary Bowen

Lionel Scott

Leo Scott

Albert Scott

SENIOR FOOTBALL

"When it's all said and done , there's been more said, than done". I think that sums it up and the only thing left to say is sorry. I came in 2 seasons ago, ready to turn our club around and turn the league upside down. I know we've had improvement in a lot of areas , but we're not judged on improvement, we're judged on wins and losses.

Id like to thank our committee , football department , sponsors & loyal supporters. I'd especially like to thank the players, it's never easy being picked in the worst side in the competition but your effort and support was truly appreciated. The future will be what you players want it to be. If you find excuses during the week, you'll definitely find them on the weekend, so maybe it's time for no more excuses, and no more words, other than "I'm sorry mum"

WINNERS

Best & Fairest: Matthew Kenny

Runner Up: Kieren Walsh

Most Determined: Riley Raven

Coaches Award: Dwaine Lancaster

B GRADE NETBALL!

Well what a year it has been. We started of to a cracking start (Pardon the Pun) in the opening game, poor old Jenny fractured her elbows in an horrific fall, leaving her out of action for 6ish weeks. Then Leah hurting her back at training leaving her out for a number of weeks also, therefore leaving our junior girls in particular to step up, and also to the rest of the team who came together and gelled nicely from the beginning. At training proved to be of importance in our performances on a Saturday.

We would like to thank our trusted Team Manager Katrina McGuane, who has been fantastic support to both of us as coaches and also to the rest of the team, keeping us all organized and in good stead for the games.

Thank you also to the people that officiated our games the umpires, scorers, timekeepers, primary carers, our games couldn't happen without you.

We could not be prouder of the group of girls we have coached this season, your attitudes and determination was what got us to the grand final. So congratulations to each and everyone one of you, hopefully next year if we stick together we can go that extra mile.

Go EAGLES

Kessima Duynhoven & Glenda Montano

WINNERS

Best & Fairest: Fiona Penny

Runner Up: Kessima Duynhoven

Coaches Award: Laura McGuane

Best Finals Player: Kessima Duynhoven

A GRADE NETBALL!

Another year of footy and netball has come to an end. I was fortunate this year to be a non playing coach, having played and coached in previous years. It was a hard job on the court and it proved to be a hard enough job from the sidelines.

Our A grade team this year had a good mixture of experience and youth. Eliza and Natalie from U17's, Ruby and Carly from B grade and our captain Ali, Lil and Jess as our experienced campaigners. Katrina was our late but very welcome 8th player.

I think we all knew it was going to be another tough year and it did turn out to be so. There was quite a difference between the top 7 teams and the bottom 4. In most games we were competitive for a ½ to ¾ but the other teams experience and quality then kicked in. We copped some heavy defeats which tested us both on and off the court. We tried to learn from those defeats and put them into practice in the other 6 games that we hoped we could be competitive in, and we were winning 3.

I would like to thank my manager Jenny and First aider Lou who stood behind me all year quietly encouraging the team. Ali, Lil and Jess for their encouragement and their experienced words during games. All our trainers for getting everyone on the park. Sally our umpires rep for working tirelessly to give us quality umpires. Fee, Kess and Shelley, thanks ladies for warming our bench and playing a few quarters here and there. To John and your committee, thanks for another year of service. 4 teams making finals is pretty well done. Lastly to our president Glenda and your committee. It's been a tough but extremely well done couple of years for you guys, so on your effort, tolerance, understanding and support we all say thank you.

WINNERS

Best & Fairest: Lilian Kent

Runner Up: Alexandra Genua

Coaches Award: Natalie Weller

RESERVES FOOTBALL

Coaching in 2017 has opened my eyes to a whole new world and I would like to thank the club for appointing me the reserves coach for this season. After being appointed as coach, the thing on the top of my list was to call the core group of players from 2016 and ask for greater buy-in from these players on the training track. Looking back on it now I couldn't be happier with how these guys responded to my message. Despite winning just two games for the year, I see 2017 as a great success for this group with up to 10 players from the Round 1 team playing senior footy during the year. From my point of view, every player in the team improved in some shape or form and everyone should be proud of their efforts.

I would like to thank my assistant coach Phil Thompson, who took the reins every week at three-quarter time as I went off to prepare for my commitments in the seniors. To my brother-in-law Adrian Friend, thanks for taking the time out to be the runner and filling in when numbers were short. Thirdly, I would like to thank my team manager Rob Montano who made things much easier on me in preparation for a game. While a special thanks must go to the trainers and support staff who make this club run on a daily basis.

I would also like to thank my family for their continued support with me travelling to the club from Tarneit three times a week.

In closing I look forward to the challenges we face as a club in the next 12 months and I hope to be an integral part of helping to move the club forward.

WINNERS

Best & Fairest: Xavier Donnelly

Runner Up: Riley Thompson

Most Improved: Patrick Hickey

Coaches Award: Brad Morgan

U/17.5 Football!

The 2017 season has flown by and as usual I need to thank the many people who helped along the journey.

Firstly, to the committee for allowing me to coach the team and for all the work you do behind the scenes. I've seen first hand your commitment to this club and the your fierce desire to see it improve. It's inspirational. Well done.

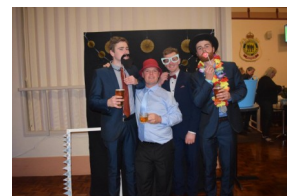
To Tim, Stu, John, Terry and Boydy for your advice and assistance. Coaching adolescent boys was always going to be a challenge for me so I needed help! It is greatly appreciated, and has made the year so much more enjoyable for the boys and I. Your willingness / desire to help, and a crystal clear focus on positive development, has been crucial to the progress we have made. We've been very fortunate to have had you as part of our team. You are wonderful role models for these young men.

To Fran, Silv and Jack for helping with first aid. The dedication and care you have shown in this role during the year has set a brilliant example and shows your willingness to assist this club and indeed the wider community. Thanks.

To the parents for your support. I'm sure there were times you wondered what the hell I was doing! I know that there were times I did! Yet I never received any negative feedback. I'm hoping you all appreciated that although my methods may at times be questionable, my intentions are always genuine and pretty simple. I want your child to be the best he can, to realise how important he is, to test his limits, to discover his boundaries and keep pushing them and to understand what it means to be part of, and influence, a real team. I want him to get comfortable with being uncomfortable.

Finally, to the boys for their efforts. When I think back to the first run in pre-season, and our journey through the year, it's been a challenging ride! We haven't always seen eye-to-eye, and at times it's been really tough to know what to do or say, but I cannot fault the endeavour you've shown and your preparedness to keep working.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS



Be Sure and support our Social Functions. They are a lot of fun and are detrimental to the running of our club. If you have any ideas, let us know!!



**Congratulations Matt
Kenny, selected as the
Captain of the CDFNL
Team of the Year**

The Alvie game is a terrific example of this. Undermanned and completely overwhelmed, it would have been easy to give up, but you never conceded defeat and that's something to be very proud of. I truly hope you've taken something positive from this season and are committed to returning next year and adding your influence to this great club. It's been a real privilege to have been your coach.

Congratulations to anyone who represented the club in inter-league and all award winners this year. You've obviously set an excellent example. I hope you all enjoy an eventful Summer with a view to returning bigger and better next season!!

Go Eagles.
Bede

WINNERS

Best & Fairest: Tomas O'Farrell

Runner Up: George Bolton

Most Improved: Jesse Robbins

Coaches Award: Max Skinner

Jake Inglis Memorial Trophy: Taine Jeffreys

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Editorial for the past season. Thanks to the photographers whose photos I may have borrowed from time to time. Thanks to Marc for printing and delivering each home game. Now for a rest, no more text message call outs and late night edits.

U/14.5 FOOTBALL!

Well here we are at the end of the season already! It may be an old cliché but it only seems like yesterday we started preseason training.

The boys have had a great year finishing 4th after making it into the second week of the finals. This success has been on the back of some hard work over a number of years by a large number of people ensuring we had good numbers of kids coming through. With 29 on the playing list this season, and a further 7-8 younger boys training throughout the year, whilst at times it was a challenge on training nights and game days, we managed, and what a great problem to have moving forward.

To the boys, you should all be extremely proud of your achievements this year; you have worked hard as a team, listened and carried out instructions as we wanted and always with a smile on your face. We as your coaches and as a club are extremely proud in the way you have played and conducted yourselves throughout the year.

Of course all this wouldn't be possible without the help of a number of people which we would like to thank. The Western Eagles Football Netball Club for giving us the opportunity to coach this great group. To our umpires; Pricey who did the bulk of the games, Terry and Keasty, the quality of umpiring that you guys produced during the year clearly helped with the development of kids which certainly showed during the finals games.

Matt Bowen for providing some guidance at training to our older boys and ruckmen. I am not sure you realise how much of an influence you have had on these boys, it's greatly appreciated. Mathew Walsh for filling in as the runner when John wasn't available.

To the water boys, trainers, and all who helped out at training nights and on game day all this cannot be possible without your help so thank you.

To the all parents and carers of the boys, your support of us and willingness to help out throughout the year has been nothing short of amazing. You have allowed us the freedom to teach and develop these boys without question. The boys are a credit to you all and I hope you are as proud of them as we are.

And finally a big thanks to John for his roles as team manager and runner. There is an enormous amount of paper work involved in getting the side on the field. It makes our job easier when you know that everything is organised each week and all we have to do is coach.

We would like to wish all the boys who are too old for the under 14½s next year all the best and hope they continue to play footy at our great club, it is a great game and a fantastic way to meet people and make new friendships that will last a lifetime.

WINNERS

Best & Fairest: Elijah Reid

Runner up Best & Fairest: Luke Fish

Senior Match Ball Award: James Lockhart

Most Improved: Joseph O'Farrell

Coaches Award: Leo Scott

Best Finals Player: Luke Fish

Now that football season is over I can finally get back to wishing it was football season.

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