

# **Western Eagles**

## **Editorial**

### **Final Edition**

### **2022**



# **FROM THE COMMITTEE**

Well, what a year it has been...!! with 2 years of COVID, abandoned matches, unfinished seasons, isolation rules, players in & players out...you wouldn't wish this scenario on your worst football & netball enemy, and despite all these challenges look where we are.

And where is that.? Let's start with the numbers:

- 89 Active Junior Players Football & Netball
- 104 Active Senior players Football & Netball
- 432 members
- 56 sponsors

And so many more supporters.

This doesn't happen by chance or luck, it happens because we have a football community that cares about the club, it cares about future and most importantly it cares about each other. With the challenges the committee has faced gearing the club back up after 2 years, both off and on the field the response from our football club community has been unbelievable and we cannot thank you all enough. It has exceeded everyone's expectations.

We would also like to thank our wonderful sponsors, where would we be without them.? Possibly fallen by the wayside along with so many other sporting clubs due to the pandemic. But not the Eagles, we have actually grown our sponsorship base.! What an unbelievable achievement considering the current economic climate. Such a great effort by our amazing sponsorship committee.

The Canteen and Bar coordinators, Meagan, Steph and JD, our kitchen staff on Thursday nights and all the mums, dads, husband, wives, and kids that helped out in our canteen and also the finals catering we thank you.

To Fran & Danni and the fantastic volunteers that have helped get both football & netball teams on the field & court, from coaching, team managers, umpires, water boys, medical trainers, timekeepers, scorers, runners and many more, we also thank you, the time you give our club cannot be underestimated and never goes unnoticed.

So, we again ask...where are we at...?

Let us tell you where...4 out of a possible 5 junior football & netball teams playing in Grand Finals, C grade netball playing finals, our B grade just missing out on finals, under 14 football winning games with one of the youngest lists in the comp and 2 senior football sides and A grade netball side fronting up week in and week out despite the losses and adversity faced each week.

And of course, 1 under 15 Netball Premiership.... what an achievement!!!

What does that all that mean, it means success, it means pride, it means we are the Western Eagles Football Netball Club be loud and proud and let's continue to care about our club...

Congratulations to all of this year's trophy winners.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable "off Season" and hope to see you all next year.

Go Eagles.....

# **A MESSAGE FROM 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 Damien Hickey who is the Team Manager for the U 14.5's. Damien is efficient and does a fantastic job for the U 14.5s and always volunteering to do more to help me. I cannot thank him enough!

Thanks also to Ant Coulter who took on the Team Manager job for the U 18s. Often a difficult job as it's not straightforward.

Special thanks to all the club helpers that help make game day. Goal umpires, timekeepers, 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. Meagan & Steph have done an outstanding job in taking on these roles.

Special mention of thanks to the guys who put their hand up to be our club umpires. John Hickey (umpired every U 14.5 game), Luke Fish, Craig Hardingham and Chris Egan (Umpired every week in either Reserves or U 18s). We could not play a game without you guys.

This is a huge task that you commit to do for our club.

Huge thankyou to Andrew Mallon who I could not have done without this season. His help was invaluable to me this season...thanks heaps Melso!!

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

# **FROM THE NETBALL COORDINATOR**

What a year! We had 4 netball teams make finals, 3 went into the grand final and our Under 15s were able to bring home the flag! We had great numbers for all sides throughout the year and were able to utilise our junior players to fill in where needed.

A Grade were able to come away with a couple of wins for the year, remaining competitive against even the strongest teams each week. The scoreboard may not have gone the girls' way, but they gave it their all!

B Grade ended up in 6<sup>th</sup> place on the ladder in a very close competition! It could have been any combination of teams in the top 5, but the girls gave it their all and fingers crossed they can be up there next season!

C grade finished as minor premiers, which was a fantastic effort considering they were one of the teams hardest struck with injuries and illnesses for the season, before unfortunately being beaten by South in the Preliminary Final. Great effort this year ladies!

The Under 17s also finished the home and away season on top of the ladder, and after a brilliant win in week 2 of finals they secured their spot in the big game! With 7 players away, 6 under 15s followed up their own game with under 17s as well! Even though they didn't get the win, the girls played an amazing game of netball and should be incredibly proud of how they carried themselves through both games, with the guidance of the Under 17 players who they played alongside.

Under 15s also finished on top, and after going down by 1 to South in Round 2 of finals, the girls managed to turn it around, beating Imps by 8 in the prelim, and getting over South in the end by 8 goals! The girls have played so well all season, and to see it all come together on the big day was brilliant!

Under 13s had a great season too, finishing second on the ladder, the girls lost by 3 to South in the first round of finals, then defeating Alvie in the second week, followed by beating South by 7 to earn a spot on the big stage! They faced down an undefeated Irrewarra-Beeac outfit, and though they didn't quite get over the line, they played a great game and should be very proud of how far they've come this season!

And who could forget our smallest players, the development team! Leah and her little squad had a great time playing whenever they could, it was great to see a fair few clubs have the next generation of players ready to go! It's exciting knowing how much potential is already at the club, the players each week gave it their all and learned a lot!

Thank you so much to everyone that came out to cheer on our teams, especially the 3 junior teams playing Grand Final Day, to see so many people in navy and gold cheering on the sideline was amazing!

Congratulations to Jenny Fish and Emily Montano who were both selected to umpire in finals. This is a great honour and is very well deserved for both of you!

We have been looking into numbers for next season and will be in contact with junior parents over the next couple of weeks to discuss expressions of interest and plans moving forward!

Senior players – keep an eye out in the paper and on Facebook for announcements about try outs!

Thank you to all of the coaches, team managers, umpires, primary carers, trainers, scorers and timekeepers from this year, without all of your time and effort we wouldn't be able to run.

A massive thank you to Jenny Fish, Fiona Penny, Kess Duynhoven and Fran McMillan for being my sounding boards this year. Being my first year as Netball Coordinator, especially with a whole new system to use, I needed a lot of help, and you ladies were always there to give me a hand, so thank you so much!

Thanks also goes to the committee, always there behind the scenes working away. It is great being able to see how you all work and being able to ask questions and learn from you all.

Congratulations to all of the winners tonight! I'll hopefully see you all for the 2023 season, GO EAGLES!

Dani Bowen

# **CLUB MILESTONES**



## **50 GAMES**

Matt Carbury  
Angus Borgia  
Ashton Veitch  
Brooke Egan  
Molly McCrae  
Maddie McCrae  
Marnie Tevelein



## **100 GAMES**

Aidan Robertson  
Jancy Shields-Jackson  
Emily Montano  
Remy Duynhoven



## **150 GAMES**

Justin Hickey

## **200 GAMES**

Kiarne Jeffreys  
Chloe Robbins



## **250 GAMES**

Michelle Fraser  
Ali Genua

## **300 GAMES**

Carly Ryan



## **150 SENIOR GAMES**

James Beasley



## **CDFNL Senior Team of the Year**

Luke Fish – Back Pocket

## **CDFNL Under 15 B&F**

Georgia Oates

## **CDFNL Under 17 Runner Up**

Remy Duynhoven

## **CDFNL B Grade Runner Up**

Jenny Fish





# **EAGLES REPRESENT!**

This year we had a number of players taking the opportunity to try out for representative sides. Congratulations to you all on your selections, you've made the club very proud!

## **Football Interleague**

Angus Borgia (Under 13)  
Ingemar Borrack (Under 13)  
Tully Borgia (Captain) (Under 15)  
Jack Fish (Under 15)  
Levi Duynhoven (Under 15)  
Connor Carson (Under 18)  
Jaxon Mallon (Under 18)  
Tex Glennon (Under 18)

## **Football V-Line Cup**

Tully Borgia (Under 15)

## **Netball Interleague**

Molly Fish (Under 13)  
Jessica Dellar (Under 13)  
Ellinor Borrack (Under 15)  
Camryn Smith (Under 15)  
Rylee Reid (Under 15)  
Mia Compton (Under 15)  
Remy Duynhoven (Under 17)

## **Netball Central West Association Championships**

Molly Fish (Under 13)  
Jessica Dellar (Under 13)  
Ellinor Borrack (Under 15)  
Camryn Smith (Under 15)  
Rylee Reid (Under 15)  
Mia Compton (Under 15)  
Remy Duynhoven (Under 17)  
Brooke Egan (Under 17)  
Briera McLachlan (Under 17)  
Jenny Fish (Umpire)





**AGM**  
**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Irrewillipe Hall**  
**7:30pm**  
**All members are invited and**  
**encouraged to attend**



## **WORKING BEE**



**FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER FROM 10AM**  
**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK SO**  
**COME OUT AND HELP IF YOU CAN!**

**TITPULLERS HOOT 'N' NANNY**



**FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> 2023**  
**KEEP AN EYE OUT ON FACEBOOK**  
**FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS, WE WILL**  
**NEED YOUR HELP!**



# **SENIOR FOOTBALL**

**Best & Fairest – Luke Fish**

**Runner Up – James Beasley**

**Most Consistent – Kallan Thompson**

**Most Determined – Elijah Reid**

**Most Improved – Cameron Lenehan**

**Best First Year Player – Connor Carson**

The 2022 season has been nothing but a rollercoaster for our group in the seniors and reserves. We may have finished with the wooden spoon for the first time since I took over as coach but there are a lot more positives for us to look at. The start of the season was difficult as we lost several key personnel as we looked to build on promising signs in 2021 despite all the challenges of Covid and another cancelled season. We welcomed players including Chris Warwick, Jackson Kurzman and Scott

Anderson who helped fill the gaps of experience we lost. In the first half of the year, we struggled to get our best side on the park due to illness and injury but to the boys' credit they never stopped fighting. It got to the point where I again played again, the family still calls me Johnny Farnham. There were some promising signs with a win against Otway and a close loss to Apollo Bay. In the second half of the year, I thought we saw what Eagles footy is all about. Despite not winning another game, the competitiveness and never die attitude of this group was on full display. Giving young players a go is one of my proudest achievements in the last four years. The continued development of our guys including Cameron Lenehan, Connor Carson, Elijah Reid, Kayden Hunt and Luke Fish has been Great to watch.

This year we had nine Under 18s play senior footy and they're all better for the experience. Those boys were part of a side that made the Grand Final. My message to those boys is stick together because you can build something special here and get this club back on the map. Lastly, I'd like to thank the club for the opportunity to coach over the last four years. The last three haven't been easy, we haven't always seen each other but we've stuck by each other. To my wife Mel and daughter Keeley, thanks for all of your support especially when I come home not wanting to talk about footy. And to Dad, thanks for your daily feedback as my shadow coach. This club has become a second family to us and we're looking forward to seeing it grow over the next few years.

Craig

# **RESERVES FOOTBALL**

**Best & Fairest – Nick Woods**

**Runner Up – Brodie Duynhoven**

**Most Consistent – Damon Wettemans**

**Coaches Award – Josh Beasley**

G'day fellow Eaglites. Firstly, congratulations to all the teams from the club who made the finals. It was great to see four Eagles teams make it all the way to the Grand Final and a big congratulations to the Under 15s netballers for bringing a premiership home. The future is obviously bright with the outstanding youth we have at the club! Can you believe that we have completed our first full, uninterrupted season of football and netball since the 2019 season? Some of us old and/or unfit blokes from the lunchtime league sure can! Although we only managed to squeeze out one victory from the 12 o'clock team, there were plenty of positives and little wins throughout the season that are worth celebrating. Other than our hard-fought victory against Otway in front of a home crowd, we pushed a couple of teams well above us on the ladder in a few games, played some really good quarters and passages of football in others, and most importantly, never threw in the towel and gave up no matter what the scoreboard said! We also stuck together and had a bit of fun and a few laughs, which is what local footy is all about. We had quite a few players who started the season playing in the resses who broke their way into the senior ranks and played some good footy. This was great to see, as that is what twos players should be striving for. We should be pushing the senior guys to work harder to keep their spots and be ready to help them out when they need us - we are all part of the one club. As most of the players who went up to the ones were our fitter midfielder types, it also gave the opportunity for some of our more seasoned campaigners such as ourselves and Jimbo to spend some time rotating through the guts (with mixed results). Thanks for that guys - we really appreciate it! We also had a fair few pictures featuring members of our team gain some traction on the Ultimate Ressie social media pages, which helped on the laughter front. A special shout out goes to Damo Wettemans whose action shot from Apollo Bay even ended up on the official AFL social media pages. Thanks to Fran for always taking such lovely photos of us in full flight on the field. And absolutely no thanks are in order to a couple of the guys who took candid shots in the changerooms of some of our more experienced players icing their almost career ending shin splints after the game! A massive thank you to the many volunteers behind the scenes that helped us make it onto the field every week. Thanks to Mels for taping us together so we didn't fall apart, Chris Egan and Johnny Sherman for umpiring throughout the season and JD and Sparky for all the organisational stuff they do of a Saturday (the post-game hydration is especially appreciated). Thanks to the juniors who helped us out with numbers throughout the season when we were short. Anyone watching those games would agree that they were in no way simply making up the numbers - they were showing us how it was done! It was amazing to see them come in and constantly be in our best players despite already playing a game beforehand. There is some serious talent in our junior ranks who probably won't spend too much more time in the reserves when they finish up with junior footy. The biggest thanks go to our "Team Mum" Fran who literally does too many jobs to list! Fran does any job asked of her (including some dumb requests from the younger members of the team) whilst also dealing with the many other plates she is juggling at the time. Also, a big thanks Jimbo for his pre- and post-game rev ups and feedback, and help on the sidelines (when he wasn't forced to play). Thanks to all the other people who assisted on the bench, did the timekeeping, acted as runner and ran the water. We couldn't do it without every pitching in!

Thanks, Morgs and JJ

## **UNDER 18 FOOTBALL**

**Best & Fairest – Jordan Milverton**

**Runner Up – Tully Borgia**

**Most Courageous – Rohan Heyward**

**Coaches Award – Declan Hunt**

**Best in Finals – Baiden Luppino**

The 2022 season is done & dusted and what a year it turned out to be. Kingy & I had high expectations for the young group we had after we were cut short in the 2021 due to covid lockdown. We thought we could go all the way then and this year was no different! Losing 6 or 7 top age players from last year was always going to be tough on us early but that didn't stop the boys at all. We lost Rd 1 to Colac Imps and from there we found our feet going on to win 9 in a row before falling against Imps for a second time. Halfway mark of the year, we were sitting pretty on top of the ladder and looking the goods to play finals footy & getting some redemption on last season. 2nd half of the season was very different losing 3 out of 4 games early and putting some pressure back on ourselves to find some form heading into finals. We finished the year 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder behind Imps and would face Irrewarra-Beeac in the first final. The boys turned up to play easily dispatching them by 10 goals. 2<sup>nd</sup> week we would face Imps, the only team we hadn't beaten during the year and once again the lads were up for a fight coming out 9 goal winners and off to the big dance. The granny was a different story & we didn't seem to show up & Lorne were able to run away with the flag.

Kingy & myself are extremely proud of everything we accomplished in 2022 and for such a young group they should be extremely proud of the season. Thanks to Fran & Ant Coulter for taking care of everything behind the scenes to make our jobs as easy as possible. Thanks to Walshy for showing up week in, week out, rain, hail or shine to do the running. You were massive for us to lean on at times during the year.

And to all the parents & supporters who showed up every week, we appreciate all of you guys...so thanks a lot. Also, the club for putting trust into us to take the reins of the U 18 boys. We had an absolute ball this season.



## **UNDER 14.5 FOOTBALL**

**Best & Fairest – Harrison Hunt**

**Runner Up – Levi Duynhoven**

**Most Consistent – Angus Borgia**

**Most Determined – Nate Cook**

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone that has helped us out this season. John Hickey in umpiring each week, Damien Hickey our Team Manager, who made our job so much easier by having everything organised and Brad Kent for doing the running for the year.

We would also like to thank the players and the parents of the players for your commitment and involvement in a terrific season.

Although just finishing short of making the finals, it was great to see the individual growth in each player from start to finish, especially with having such a young side. Thanks to the parents and volunteers that helped out with goal umpiring & time keeping and also in the canteen throughout the course of the year.

You have all made this season run very smoothly for us as first year coaches and this has been much appreciated. Huge thanks to the committee for taking a chance on us & giving us the opportunity to coach the U 14.5's.

Looking forward to seeing you all again in season 2023.

Elijah & Luke.

# **JAKE INGLIS MEMORIAL AWARD**

The Jake Inglis Memorial Trophy is awarded for the Best Team player in the under 18s. It is decided by the coaches, for someone thinking of the team, someone unselfish and always willing to help.

Just a bit of history about the award....

It was instigated by Brian & Trish Inglis in memory of their son Jake in 2003.

Jake was taken from his family at a young age. He was only 8 when he passed away from illness.

Jake was a very popular, friendly, outgoing, full of life kind of guy. Never a day went by that he didn't bring a smile to your face through his cheekiness & great sense of humour, and he was old beyond his years.

He was seldom seen without a footy tucked under his arm & was always wanting to have a kick with anyone around. He loved life and he loved football not to mention a huge Hawks fan.

This award to honour Jake's memory goes to someone who exhibits the special qualities that Jake had & qualities we would all admire in a person.

This year the Jake Inglis Memorial trophy goes to ....

**NICK CALLAHAN**

## **BAKERS DELIGHT HIGH ACHIEVERS AWARD**

Since being instigated in 2004 the Bakers Delight High Achievers Award has been bestowed upon many very worthy recipients and this year 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 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 2022 Bakers Delight High Achiever Award winner is....

**Angus Connoley.**

Angus started playing football for the Western Eagles Football Netball Club in 2017 in the Under 14.5 side. He has played 108 junior games for the club as well as 5 senior games.

Whilst Angus is representing the Eagles in footy, he displays good sportsmanship and is a true team player on & off the field. He captained our U 18s this season and led them admirably to a Grand Final.

Football is not the only sport Angus enjoys. Angus spent 2 years with the Kookas, whilst also partaking in tennis, badminton & motor bike riding. He is currently a Year 12 student at Trinity College where he has represented the school in tennis & basketball.

Angus is undecided where his future is heading at this stage. Although currently working at Maccas, he may take a gap year or pursue a career as a Phys Ed teacher while contemplating joining the police force down the track.

Angus is a thoughtful, mature young man who helps & cares for his family, especially in times of need. He is an excellent role model to both younger people & to his peers alike.

The Western Eagles Football Netball Club and Bakers Delight congratulate Angus on his achievements and wish him continued success in whatever path he chooses to follow. A very worthy recipient of the 2022 Bakers Delight High Achievers Award.

# **A GRADE NETBALL**

**Best & Fairest – Ali Genua**

**Runner Up – Leah Sherman & Jancy Shields-Jackson**

**Coaches Award – Sam Whytcross**

Another season is over and what a season it's been. My goal this year as the A grade coach was to give some of our up-and-coming youngsters the opportunity to get a taste of senior netball. We had 2 permanent u17s, Remi and Briea and 2 fill ins- Sienna and Tilly. No one would question their efforts and abilities and it showed exactly why they were chosen to have a go. We need to continue to support and encourage our juniors to continue to play with the Eagles in their senior careers. A grade may not have won a lot of games in past years, but this year we saw improvements, especially going from the first time we played teams to the second time. Our margins got smaller, we won quarters, our competitiveness improved, and we began to believe we could push the top sides. We identified our weaknesses and worked on them - our aim - to be competitive - and we did that. 2 wins out of 18 may not sound good, but for the likes of Leah, Ali, Alisha, Jancy and Sam - who have been in that side for a while now- there was a new sense of pride and excitement. We didn't want to be the team that teams played to get a good percentage. We made small goals during the games to work on - that in itself were wins for us. I wouldn't have had the confidence to coach this side without the amazing support of Kess as team manager and Alisha as captain. Huge thanks to Abbey for being out Primary carer, to other team members who benched, Danielle and Jen for the massive amount of work they have done, the umpires and committee members for getting our club up and about week in week out. Too many people take what we have for granted- we all need to step up and do it together so we can all continue to enjoy our unique club.

Ali G - At the start of the season, Ali was questioning her game play, but her winning this is the best proof anyone would need to confirm their ability in being an A grade player. Her consistency, fitness, reliability and being hard at the ball all contributed to her reaching her 250th game against Otway. No one could ever doubt her commitment to her team or our club, she gives 100% towards her training and her game week in week out.

Jancy - Consistent is the most accurate word to describe Jancy. You know you're going to get 4 quarters out of her every week - even when she was struggling with sickness - she'd still smash out a run in the centre - or on the wings. She provides great talk on the court, especially for the defenders. She's been a great asset to our club, and it was great to see her play her 100th game this season.

Leah - has been the backbone to our defence. She is always so positive and supportive of her teammates and is such an easy-going player to coach. She works hard and plays hard. She has also done an amazing job with the development games - seeing the smiles she brought to those little players was such an uplifting thing to see on a Saturday morning

Coaches award - Sam - I coached Sam as an u17 in my first year of coaching at the Eagles, so I've seen first-hand how her game has grown. She has the ability and the potential to become an amazing mid court player. This season brought another level to her game. Her confidence, her strength and her determination was admirable. Even though she had injuries, she was so determined to help the team achieve the goals we set out. I hope we get to see you continue to grow Sam, because there's still more to come from you

Until next year, stay safe and Go Eagles.

Fee



# **B GRADE NETBALL**

**Best & Fairest – Jenny Fish**

**Runner Up – Danielle Bowen**

**Coaches Award – Emily Montano**

This season has been the most challenging one that I have played in for a very long time, with every single game presenting a fight for us. There was very little difference between playing the top teams and those that were on the bottom, which made for some interesting matches! This team pulled together through inevitable injuries and illnesses to show a competitive side every week! Ladies, I'm so proud of how far each and every one of you have come this year, you were all eager to learn, more from playing together than from me. Your positivity and energy was infectious, and I've had so much fun coaching you all! Though we just missed finals, we definitely gave it a fair shot, and hopefully we can crack into the top five next season!

Congratulations to all of you that hit milestones this year – Molly McCrae 50 games, Emily Montano 100 games, Chloe Robbins 200 games and Carly Ryan a huge 300 games!

A massive shout out to the juniors who played up with us in B Grade this year – Tilly O'Brien and Holly Unwin. You both take everything on board and put it into practice straight away on the court.

You have had no trouble fitting in playing with the senior girls, you both should be so proud!

Also a big thanks to those who have stepped up to our bench – Kess Duynhoven, Lorraine Mahoney, Arnie Jeffreys, Brooke Egan and Mia Compton. Whether you took the court or not, you were more than happy to come up and give a hand when needed, so thank you.

To my team managers, Fi Penny for the first part of the season followed by Fran Bowen, thank you for being my eyes and ears on the bench. Being a playing coach can be tough, but knowing I have someone on the bench that I can bounce off in a rush in the breaks makes it so much easier, thanks a bunch!

To the umpires, scorers, timekeepers, trainers, primary carers and committee thank you all as well, the work you all do each week makes our club run.

To my B&F for the year – Jenny Fish (also runner up B&F for the league) you are a champion. You always have a positive attitude and bring a sense of confidence and stability to those you play alongside. I was so excited to get another chance to play with you this season. Your talent and ability to read the play on court hasn't dimmed since the first time I played with you. Thank you for being the happy, bubbly, energetic person I've always known you to be, you're an absolute joy to coach, and I look forward to more games by your side. Well deserved, congrats Jen!

To my coaches award recipient – Emily Montano – congratulations. For a girl who I coached in 13s, to come back after a few years off saying she doesn't have to play because she works until 12 and doesn't think she deserves a spot in B Grade, you've definitely proven yourself wrong! I can't believe how much you have improved this year! You are constantly asking questions and trying everything you're asked to do with your usual 110% effort! You have given the best goalies in the competition a run for their money, and you should be incredibly proud of yourself, I know I am!

Well done Em!

Thanks for this season everyone, bring on 2023!

Dani

# **C GRADE NETBALL**

**Best & Fairest – Kess Duynhoven**

**Runner Up – Sierra Ryan**

**Coaches Award – Abbey Hayes**

Hi everyone, For the people who don't know me I am Marnie, I am the 2022 C Grade coach. This was my first year at coaching, so I didn't know what to expect, but gosh I am so proud to tell you all how well my team went this season. I was so excited to see who was picked for C grade, I had a few 2021 B graders, newbies, and some of the original C graders. But I also thought, this is a whole new team, how will we go? Well, during the season we had 13 wins, 4 losses and 1 draw. We had a winning streak from round 2 to round 10. Then we faced Colac Imperials for the second time, lost, but only by 2 goals!

During the second half of the season, we were top of the ladder, we would discuss at trainings how we are doing so well, we only have a few rounds left, so the team and I decided, well, let's give it a real crack and see if we can make finals, which we did! We finished on top, despite having a loss on the last round. We had the first week of finals off, so most of us went and watched Colac Imperials vs Birre to see who we would play the following Saturday in the second qualifying final. We ended up playing Colac Imperials, unfortunately poor Caitlyn was sick the Friday night before the big game, I kept saying to Kess, "Lucky we tried those combos last round!!" You never know what is going to happen in finals. Unfortunately, we had a loss to Imps, 30-39, we were a bit disappointed, but I kept saying "Oh well! Next week!"

We then played against South Colac in the Preliminary final, despite the result of a loss 33-39 and poor Caitlyn getting injured within the first 2 minutes of the game, the girls played so well, and when we all came off the court, we were gracious in defeat, because I could tell that all the girls who played, played as hard as they could, and fought right to the end. I couldn't have been more proud of them that day, putting our key defender Sierra in shooter and Brooke on in defence because of Caitlyn hurting herself. They took on their positions without complaint and gave it 100%. Abbey Hayes pushed herself that day, she played a whole game in WA, she had been on antibiotics for tonsillitis and bronchitis that week, she said to me after the game, "I nearly called time, but I kept looking at the bench and saying nope, nope I need to keep going." That's what I love about Abbs, she sucks it up and keeps giving it her all. Also, Kiarne is an absolute legend for running a full game in C that day, no complaints either, and she played amazing. As I said to the girls before every final, let's all be proud of where we are, some of you might not know, but since I've played for Eagles C grade, we have been 8<sup>th</sup> on the ladder with only 3 or 4 wins for the season. I could see how proud and excited the girls were to step court for the Preliminary final, and represent our club, Western Eagles. We are a friendly little country club, I made sure that when my C grade team took court for any game, we would play our game and not rough or dirty netball. That's one thing I like about this club, we all play clean netball, we respect our teammates, umpires, opposition and coach.

Thanks to Mum and Grace for being my Team Manager and Primary Carer, and everyone else who has supported either myself or has helped our C grade team throughout the season, it doesn't go unnoticed.

Congratulations to our best and fairest winner Kess Duynhoven. Kess played GK for majority of the season, or GD when needed. She is an amazing player and presented great leadership as our captain, alongside Kiarne, for this year.

Congratulations to our runner up Sierra Ryan. Sierra played a range of positions throughout the season, mainly GD or GA when needed. Sierra is a versatile netball player, she is strong bodied and gives you her all when needed.

Congratulations to Abbey Hayes for receiving the coaches award. Abbey is a fun and talkative person. I've seen Abbey as a goaler during our junior years, play defence last year, but this year she took on the role of being my key WA. Abbey is a beautiful netballer, her direction, talk and ring feeds to the shooters are unbelievable. Abbey will always ask questions and be open at our trainings when she doesn't know where to go or needs guidance from spectators.

Thanks for the year girls, let's hope to have another good year for the 2023 season!!

# **UNDER 17 NETBALL**

**Best & Fairest – Remy Duynhoven**

**Runner Up – Tilly O'Brien**

**Coaches Award – Maddie McCrae**

**Best in Finals – Brooke Egan**

First of all, I would like to take this moment to thank Western Eagles for giving me the opportunity to coach this amazing and very talented U/17 netball side. It has been a while since I've coached a netball team and I've loved every minute of it being back, doing something that I love to do and is passionate about. This year has somewhat been challenging from round one knowing the possibilities of losing 7 girls to the school top end trip if we were to make it to the grand final, I needed to qualify 6 girls from the under 15 side and to get them on the court for 16 quarters was at times quite challenging, but we got there in the end.

This year seen my team play good netball and rise beyond their youth seeing most of the girls playing senior for the first time in their career whether it was in A grade, B grade, or C grade they all accepted the challenge for playing a higher and faster game. We were hit with injury, sickness and of course COVID throughout the year, but in saying that we all bounced back, trained hard and play good netball. It was just nice to see the girl's back on court playing netball after having 1 year with no netball or football in 2020 and an interrupted season in 2021.

We went through the home and away season on top of the ladder with only two losses and a draw. Showing other teams that we were the team to beat, and I could not be prouder of the bunch of girls that I coach this year.

Sitting on the top of the ladder after the home and away rounds. Saw us have the first week of finals off. Going into the second semi facing a very good Irrewarra Beeac side, we knew we needed to step up and play good netball to be able to go straight through to the grand final and that is what we exactly did. Irrewarra were on the back step every quarter; our fast movement of the ball and strong intercepts saw us play one of our best games of netball this year winning comfortably 43 to 33. Our ability to shut down their key player was a credit to everyone on the court. By unfortunately that was the end of the season for seven girls in our side. That was our Grand Final.

The Grand Final again saw us take on Irrewarra Beeac. I knew it was going to be a challenge for us, but I knew that the u/15 girls that come up to play could match up with any of these Irrewarra girls. I was beyond blown away with how everybody on the court stepped up and matched it with them till halftime. In the end I think we just run out of legs, but we certainly did not disappoint anybody. To Holly our captain, Brooke and Jemaya, your leadership on the court to help guide and encourage the u/15's was certainly shown that day. But unfortunately, we just couldn't get over the line and we certainly did give it a good crack. I had a lot of people come up to me from our game from other clubs saying that they were ever barracking for us or saying how good the talent we have out their Eagles.

Too our umpires who umpired throughout the year for our club, without you ladies the game of netball would not exist, and we would not be able to play the game that is loved by so many. To Molly, my team manager, you put your hand up and the start of the year in which I so grateful for. There were so many games that I threw in the deep end with quick changes and so many girls coming on and off the court with only a couple of minutes remaining in each quarter just to get them qualified. Molly was all over the changes and I thank you for all that you have done for this team and for me. To Dan, Jen and Kess what you ladies do for the Western Eagles netball is beyond amazing, but not just the netball the club also.

Finally, to Taylah, Sam and Abby congratulations on your team's effort's this year, we are all very proud of their achievements the U/15 girls has shown. To win a premiership is a great achievement. You could go through all you're sporting career and never make finals, let alone a grand final and then go on to win it. Another season is over and in no time a new one will begin and who knows what that will bring hopefully more success for the Western Eagles football Netball club.

Best and Fairest - Congratulations to Remy who was awarded the league runner up best and fairest award as a bottom age player and has shown why she is playing A grade netball at the age of 16 in a key position of GA. Her ability to read the play and able to shut down her Opposition is a credit to her. Her athleticism and her ability to take the intercept through the mid court is the highlight of her game and is so nice to watch. Remy is very oppositions nightmare and it's very rarely that you see her opponent takes the upper hand.

Runner up Best and Fairest - Congratulation to Tilly. Tilly is a very versatile player, with injuries Tilly mostly ran the centre this year as well as being introduced to a new position of GD and GK. Tilly has one of the most effective shoulder passes that I have I've seen for a long time. She has stepped up into a GD and GK position and has the ability to shut down goalers space and is able to take a strong rebound.

Coachers award - Maddie played mostly WA or WD position. She listens and takes direction well, and trains hard to improve her game, in which she has taken the next step this year with her netball. Well done, Maddie.



# **UNDER 15 NETBALL**

**Best & Fairest – Georgia Oates**

**Runner Up – Mia Compton**

**Coaches Award – Bella Lloyd**

**Best in Finals – Rylee Reid**

Our Under 15's team have had a season to remember this year. They finished off the home and away season with 17 wins and 1 loss against quality opposition in South Colac. We saw the girls develop their netball skills through their commitment to training and performance on game day. This groups of girls always brought plenty of laughter and energy to each training session whilst all demonstrating their eagerness to learn and grow as both individuals and a team. Their composure and skill execution in our challenging games against sides like Colac Imperials and South Colac earnt them first spot on the ladder at the conclusion of the home and away season. After a week off our first final resulted in a loss to South Colac in what was well fought out game. The girls shook of the nerves in our second final and were able to defeat Colac Imperials to book their spot in the Grand final. On Grand final day the girls become premiers defeating South Colac with a game not to be forgotten. This season we have seen all our girls grow and develop as players both on and off the court. We thank the Bronte, Jess and Molly from Under 13's for their contribution to our team also. We are incredibly proud of the Under 15's team for the season they have had this year as a team along with their individual development. We loved seeing their confidence in themselves personally and in each other grow as the season went on.

With some amazing individual efforts this season we saw Georgia Oates awarded Under 15's League Best and Fair, Camryn and Ellinor talent identified with an invitation to trial for Netball Victoria's Talent Academy and had Mia, Ellinor, Rylee, and Camryn represent the Colac and District League.

As coaches we wish to thank the girls for this season and for making our first year as coaches one to remember and wish all the players the best for wherever their netball takes them.

A huge thankyou to the parents of all the girls for their support this season.

Thank you to the committee and all those who ensure everything is in place and organised each week which enables the teams to play and enjoy themselves. We also wish to thank the other coaches and senior players who were always willing to help at trainings to make up numbers and challenge our girls or pass on some of their tips.

To the other club players, families and supporters who proudly cheered for us during the season and in the Grand final thank you, it was great to be able to see so many people watch the girls get their win and play in that atmosphere.

Congratulations to all junior players and teams on a successful year at Western Eagles.

Thanks,

Taylah, Sam and Abbey

# **UNDER 13 NETBALL**

**Best & Fairest – Molly Fish**

**Runner Up – Jessica Dellar & Ashlin Tate**

**Coaches Award – Libby Mott**

**Best in Finals – Molly Fish**

Firstly, I would like to start by saying how proud I am of our 13's netballers. They had a fantastic season where they were able to develop not only as netballers but as friends along the way.

Making it through to the Grand Final we knew we had a tough task ahead, but the girls were up for the challenge.

We tweaked our line up a bit and came out firing, we had a little hiccup in the second quarter but came home strongly to be evenly matched for the remainder of the game.

I was so proud of everyone's effort and sportsmanship. We have a talented bunch of netballers who all support one another.

Thank you to the supporters on Grand Final day, it was great to have so many of you there cheering us on.

Thank you to the parents who supported me as a coach all year, it made my job so easy.

Congratulations to Taylah, Sam, Abbey and the 15's on a wonderful well deserved win. It was fantastic to see all your hard work pay off.

Well done to the 17 girls and 18 Boys for making their grand finals and giving it their all.

I'd like to thank Bec for being our primary carer all year and Amanda for helping out when needed.

Thank you to Kathryn for being my sounding board and awesome Team Manager. You were all an incredible help to me.

Thank you to the umpires, trainers and everyone in-between. It's all of you that make this such a great club to be a part of.

Finally thank you to the committee who do an amazing job of organising everything.

The Future is bright for the Western Eagles with such a talented bunch of young netballers and footballers coming through.

Best and Fairest Molly Fish - Congratulations Molly on a fantastic season. You are a very smart netballer, wise beyond your years. This year you were the co-captain of our team along with Macey, you always led from the front, encouraging everyone, asking questions to further develop your skills, and giving your all in every game. You represented the CDFNL in Interleague Netball as well as being Best in the Finals series for the Western Eagles. Molly came 4<sup>th</sup> in the League vote count, an amazing effort considering she is a bottom age player. I look forward to watching you continue to develop your netball skills in the years to come.

Runner Up Best and Fairest Ashlin Tate - Congratulations Ashlin you have had a fantastic first season with the Eagles.

Ashlin is a very versatile player, who also tries her best and is continually asking questions to improve her game.

Ashlin played across all areas of the court during the season. Ashlin also represented the CDFNL in Interleague Netball. I have no doubt you will be an integral team member for the Eagles in the years to come.

Runner Up Best and Fairest Jessica Dellar - Congratulations Jess on an outstanding season with the Western Eagles.

Jess is an amazing netballer who continually pushes herself and her team mates to get better. Her ability to play anywhere on the court makes her a coach's dream, along with her height and determination she is a great asset to our side. Jess also represented the CDFNL in Interleague Netball. Jess, I look forward to seeing where you can take your netball.

Coach's Award Libby Mott - Libby would have to be the most reliable and consistent netballer in our team this year.

She always played well, always gave her all and could always be relied on to get the next pass or to get that intercept. She has been a delight to coach always listening, always learning, and taking on board any instructions.

Congratulations Libby on an awesome year.

Thanks Everyone

Cheers Kess

# **LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

I am here tonight to induct our newest life member to the Western Eagles Football Netball Club. This honour is normally given to the last life member, but as Marc Montano is away, I am privileged to have been asked to do the honours.

I am not sure of the exact numbers of games this person has played for the club, but I do know that this person played games for both Pirron Yallock and Irrewillipe before playing for the amalgamated club of the Western Eagles. This person commenced at Pirron Yallock in about 1986 and continued to then play for Irrewillipe and the Western Eagles until 1996 where this person was a premiership player.

They then semi-retired until playing a few more frequent games in 2001, and this will give it away, he then commenced being a trainer in 2002 so he didn't have to play anymore. He still continues at the club in this volunteered role as a trainer to this day, 21 years later, when other clubs are paying trainers for their time and expertise.

Over this time he has had lots of up and downs in his private life that most people would have simply stopped giving their time and stayed home on weekends, but not this man, he continued to show up week in week out and help out. He is that good at his job that other clubs ask him for help on game days. He has a passion for the club and helping the kids coming through with advice and encouragement

I would like to congratulate **Paul Boyd** on being the latest inductee with Life Membership of the Western Eagles Football Netball Club.

Please be upstanding and toast to the newest Life Member of the Western Eagles Football Netball Club, Paul.





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