

# EAGLES EDITORIAL FINAL EDITION 2019



# **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

In November 2018 I was privileged to be elected President of the Western Eagles FNC after some years of being a committee person and most recently vice president.

My association with the club has been long and varied as a player and various roles undertaken after retiring from the game and it is with pride I present my first 2019 presidents report.

So where do I start, please don't be offended if I fail to name and thank you personally because at a football and netball club I believe as on the field and court we are a team, yes we have coaches and captains to lead us but we are one a team who work tirelessly for the betterment of the club.

So firstly I would like to thank and acknowledge our club volunteers who help out during the year and particularly on match day on and off the field and court. Without you this club cannot operate, you all are the lifeblood of the club.

To the Captains who have organised our much needed fund raising events such as the B&S, Rodeo, Canteen, Bar, Thursday Night Teas and social events that are the envy of many other clubs.

Together with our sponsors large or small I humbly thank you. You are so important to our financial stability.

I would like to thank our senior and junior coaches in both football and netball this year it is a relentless job with copious amounts of your valuable time dedicated to it.

You all have a genuine passion for the club to succeed and this was evident this year.

Personally to Grant, Craig Justin and Brad thanks for your hard work not only on the field but off it you all have one vision for this club and that is success. I know you are already actively working towards a bigger and better 2020.

To the players you should be proud of yourselves as I am. It could be so easy to walk away at times but you haven't, you all have represented the club with pride and it is a credit to you all and appreciated by the club.

We have talent at senior ranks, this is evident, but producing on a regular basis is challenging and a challenge we look forward to. Thanks again for donning an Eagles jumper.

I ask you all to consider your futures carefully as we are confident, off the back of some hard work, success isn't far away in which you all deserve to be a part of.

Our juniors are at the best levels for years and we have recognised these young men and women are the future of this wonderful club. Again to the coaches well done teaching these young people the game how to win and how to be gracious in defeat but never losing sight on enjoying the game.

This was made evident with 5 out of 6 football and netball sides featuring in finals with the 13 boys reaching the GF but unfortunately fell short and the U13 girls winning the ultimate prize, credit to you all.

To Jenny and your netball committee thanks for your efforts and commitment to fielding more than competitive teams in all grades, senior and juniors netball

Again your passion for development has shone through not only at senior level but also in the juniors and the finals series has proven that.

We can only hope this translates to senior success in the future as netball is a vital part of the club and we look forward to 2020.

To my Executive and Committee I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for all your efforts this year.

Football clubs take a lot of time and effort to run from volunteers and that is what you all are but you have passion for the club, your ideas advice and opinions have not only helped me but the club as we strive for success. Thankyou one and all.

Lastly as I finish up to my family Glenda, Jess Alisha, Olivia, Mum and Dad and my brother Marc. When I decided to take on this job last year your encouragement, talks and advice have been a wonderful support and appreciated by me, I love you all.

To the people of the Western Eagles Football and Netball Club as we know the start of the 2019 year was not kind to Montanos. From all the family I would like to thank you all for your love and support which we are forever grateful, it was overwhelming to us all thanks so much.

I will leave you all with this thought.

There is a very fragile line that is surrounding most clubs in country football at the moment.

It is very easy to slide into cultural and financial difficulty. Player retention must be our focus in all facets of the club, we need dedicated people, the club is not a bottomless pit.

A continued focus and ownership of responsibilities should be paramount to all.

Everyone must take responsibility for their actions and outcomes and be mindful of the effects it has on others and the club.

Especially us as adults to our juniors as they begin life's journey in a world full of obstacles.

Our club success may be judged by others from two o'clock to 4 o'clock on a Saturday afternoon, but our club is more than that unlike some, we are a proud and a resilient bunch perhaps starved of success that we all deserve.

Some have walked away but not us.

We will never lose focus on what we have achieved and what we want to achieve.

Now the time has come to make a stand.

I encourage you all to be aware of our AGM and get involved at the Eagles as we already are looking forward to 2020.

Rob

# **NETBALL PRESIDENT—Jenny Fish**

2019 was another successful year for our netball teams. Although we only had 2 teams make finals , all teams were competitive, and had good numbers throughout the year. A gr narrowly missing finals and B gr also finishing 6<sup>th</sup>. C gr were a little way off the pace but were very competitive. U15's finishing 6<sup>th</sup> and U17 and U13 teams making finals, with our U13's making the Grand Final. We again had great numbers trying out for our 6 sides and we were able to accommodate most of them into teams. Unfortunately there are always a few that miss out but that is why we have our tryouts early so they can hopefully find another club. To all our new families and players we hope you enjoyed your year and look forward to seeing you at the Eagles in 2020.

We also had great numbers in our development team which played at 10 am on the second court most home and a few away games. There are a few other clubs with a development team of their own but only a couple with the quality and quantity of girls we have. Our future is looking bright.

Chloe and Sam took over as our umpires co-ordinators this year. We have luckily lots of umpires to choose from but it took a bit of juggling to sort each week out as most of our umpires still play. We are the envy of many clubs with our quality and quantity of umpires.

Thanks also to Tania for doing the netball roster which also requires a lot of juggling. Most of the time people turned up for their shift, and if not someone was always willing to jump in so I thank parents, players and supporters for this.

To our coaches Ali, Kess, Fepe, Laura and Eliza, thanks for all the preparation you put in to training nights and game days and to their managers and First aiders and club trainers.

To Rob and his football committees and to Jo and the netball committee, thanks for the time and effort and dedication you have put in this year to keep this great club great.

It's not easy to keep a club surviving. We are very lucky to have the Hoot'n'Nanny and the Rodeo as our major fundraisers, but these are run by some very busy and tired people who have businesses and full time jobs and children and other things going on in their lives. So next time you are asked to help in some way, it may be big, it may be small, have a think before you answer. You might just surprise yourself with how you can contribute and make a difference.

These last 2 years as president have been challenging to say the least. Lots of hurdles to overcome, some huge, some not so, but behind me I have had an amazing group of people to offer support and advice and we came through the other side virtually unscathed and most certainly wiser for the experience. Thanks to everyone for the year and hope to see you all again at the Eagles in 2020.

# 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!

## **Football Interleague Representatives**

Sean Carbury (18)

Angus Reid (U15)

Jaxon Mallon (U15)

Rohan Heyward (U15)

Henry McGuane (U15)

Tully Borgia (U13)

Tex Glennon (U13)

Nick Convey (U13)

## **Netball Interleague & Zone Champ's Representatives**

Remi Duynhoven (13&U)

Zainab Balogun (13&U)

Ellinmor Borrack (13&U)

Briea McLachlan (13&U)

Holly Unwin (15&U)

Hayley Foster (Seniors)

# **MONEY MAKERS**

You may not know or realise what an extremely important role that Money Makers plays at the Western Eagles Football Netball Club. Money Makers is the financial reward that allows our club to function week in and week out. This financial reward comes from many areas of our club including Thursday night teas, the canteen, bar, booth and from social functions. I am extremely lucky to be dealing with the end result of lots of hard work, dedication and commitment by a number of people and supported by the members. I believe it is important that we thank and acknowledge those who take on the roles that allow our club to function.

An enormous thank-you to Glenda Montano and Jacinta Langdon for taking on organising and cooking our Thursday night teas. Thanks also to Jo Grant for all her work in the kitchen helping the girls. You have all done a fantastic job. Special thanks to Linda Knight, Kayelene Robertson and Adrian Robertson for all your assistance in the kitchen and behind the bar. Congratulations on a job well done.

A huge thank-you to Mel Hardingham for organizing the canteen. A job which isn't easy and at times quite time consuming. So, thanks Mel. To everyone who helped out in the canteen over the season your help and support each home game is greatly appreciated. Without this assistance we wouldn't have a canteen. Thank you to Linda Knight and her helpers for making the soup and sandwiches on home games. You have done a fabulous job.

This year we didn't have a designated bar manager to run the bar, but a number of people made themselves available and stepped in to help. Thank you to John Sherman for all his help in the bar and for doing the ordering. Thank you also to JJ Hickey for picking up and delivering our supplies on Saturday mornings. Special thanks to everyone who worked behind the bar or in the booth throughout the season.

As every year our social functions were extremely successful. Some of the highlights being the Ball, Trivia Night and Race Night. A huge thank you to Rob Montano and Kayelene Robertson for organizing the Ball. A night that was enjoyed by everyone. Special thanks to Jeanette McKenzie and Jake Rodda who gave up their time to run our bar at the Ball. Thank you so very much. Thank you to Craig Hardingham for again this year running the race night. I'm not sure who enjoys this night more the adults or the kids. For me our Trivia Night is always one of the best social functions that we run. It is a fantastic night that involves everyone at the Western Eagles. Juniors through to seniors. Thank you to Kayelene and Mel for organizing this event.

We very successfully catered the 1<sup>st</sup> semi final on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August. Congratulations to everyone who helped make this day as successful as it was. The preparation and organising of this day is an enormous task. So, a big thank you to Kayelene Robertson, Mel Hardingham and Rob Montano for all there work behind the scenes preparing for this day.

Lastly, an enormous thank you to everyone for your contributions in so many areas around the club. We can't achieve the results that we do without your help. It not only takes a lot of hard work, time, effort and teamwork to run a football netball club, it also costs an awful lot of money. So, it is important that we continually strive to raise as much money for our club as we possibly can. I understand that we all have busy lives but it is extremely important that we all continue to work together, put our hand up to help, join our extremely dedicated committee, take on a job and support fundraising activities. Remembering everything that we do is for the benefit of this great club. We should all be very proud to be a part of the Eagles Family.

Verena Jeffreys



## **NETBALL AGM**

**Wednesday**

**9th October**

**7pm**

**Irrewillipe Recreation Reserve**



## **WORKING BEE**

**SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER**

**9 AM**

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

**All members of the Western Eagles Football Netball Club are invited to attend**

**W.E.F.N.C. Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday 12th November 2019**

**7.30pm at the Clubrooms**

Show your support of our great Club and be in attendance at this meeting.

(meeting for all club members, football & netball)

**Titpullers Hoot 'n' Nanny**

**Saturday 8th February  
2020**

Keep this date free, we WILL  
be needing your help



# Senior Football

**Best & Fairest:** James Beasley

**Runner Up:** Christian Davis

**Best 1st Yr Player:** Tom O'Farrell

**Coaches Award:** Mitch Helmore

To All Players, Members, Sponsors and Supporters,

The season saw an improvement on the field in both the Senior side and Reserve side.

With a lot of new faces joining the club and change in leadership it took us a little while to get going. We saw some promising signs early during Pre Season and our first 6 weeks,

which also saw us challenge sides that have now gone on and played finals footy this year.

We saw the emergence of young stars and the future of our club with 7 Under 18 footballers playing Senior Football.

Although, only winning the 2 games for the year, we saw our average losing margin decrease by almost 50 points per game which is signs of our group heading in the right direction.

A big focus for us this year was to ensure we improved, we stuck together as a group, developed our young players and honoured the work and effort of those that put in all year.

Our new recruits provided glimpses of what they can do, while guys who have been with us for a couple of years continued to grow into genuine senior footballers.

We are excited of what is ahead for 2020, with the expectation majority of our list will remain and we will work hard to continue to bring good footballers, yet great people, to our great club.

We would like to take this opportunity to firstly thank the club for putting their faith in us in September when appointed and allow us to take control of how we wanted this group to play footy. The trust shown in two first year Senior Coaches was enormous and we thank you for that.

Secondly, our families. A lot of time and effort goes into this job and without the support and understanding of Mel, Keeley and Meg and Maya, we would not be able to do the things we did and try and improve this group of footballers.

To Tone Armistead and Steve Montano for your assistance and expert knowledge which allowed us to delegate important roles and free time up for us to focus on the things we needed to during the week and game day. We hope to continue to work with you both in 2020.

To Fran McMillan, Silv Sherman and Andrew Mallon for all of the work the three of you did throughout the year at various times. All clubs need volunteers, however, the three of you do an enormous job and we greatly appreciate that.

Lastly to our playing group, thank you for your time, effort and respect you have given us this year. New coaches and a new direction, however, the buy it was great.

We truly hope everyone enjoyed 2019 and stick around to enjoy further success in 2020. Be prepared for further improvement, but come with the belief that we can beat anyone on our day.

Congratulations to all the club award winners and those that also won awards at League Presentation night, you thoroughly deserve it.

See you ALL in November.

Armo & Hards

# **Reserves Football**

**Best & Fairest:** Peter Hickey

**Runner Up:** Stephen Montano

**Coaches Award:** Aidan Robertson

**Most Consistent:** Mackenzie Hagart

G'day fellow Eaglites,

We find ourselves at the end of season 2019. Looking back for the 12.40 side we can hold our heads up high with not only having 2 great wins but also coming within a goal or 2 in 3 other games. Another great success was to have named a full on ground side every Thursday night which a lot of other clubs struggled to do,

A massive thank you must go to Fran for everything she does behind the scene, Weeman for assisting us on the bench and being the runner, Rob for being the team leader as well as being President, Silv for being the trainer and also keeping the boys in line, Melso for helping with the training and John Sherman for doing the majority of the umpiring. We would also like to thank everyone else that helped filling in umpiring, Time keeping, runner, waterboys and of course the bar staff to keep us well hydrated on Thursday nights and Saturdays. We would not be able to run out on Saturday and enjoy doing what we do if it was not for the volunteers doing the required jobs, so thankyou very much, this does not go unnoticed,

We had a great opportunity to blood some juniors and give them the chance to play open aged football. We personally feel this is great for the development of the player and it also gives us joy to play with the future players of the eagles. A big thanks goes to Paul Doery for being Captain, the on field leadership and your off field banter is the exact reason we put you in the role, also the vice captains Riley Lawlor and Ant Young for your continual support.

Lastly thanks to all the players who put on the jumper and ran out with us. We may not always win the game but we always give it 100% and play with enormous pride and passion for this great club we all love. Also a shout out to Xavier Donnelly who had a terrible year with injury, if not for that he would have been polling at the top for the B&F.

Thanks Morgs and JJ

# U18 Football

**Best & Fairest:** Elijah Reid

**Runner Up:** Max Koczak & Max Troughton

**Most Improved:** Brodie Duynhoven

**Most Consistent:** Kayden Hunt

**Best Finals Player:** Josh Worboys



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**COLAC RODEO**

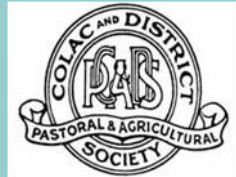
**March 14 2020**

Major fundraiser in  
conjunction with the  
Colac P & A Society

To be held at the Colac Show  
Grounds

We will again be needing your  
help

Keep an eye out for further  
details



If you know of anyone who might be interested in coming on board as a sponsor and being a part of this great family event, please get in touch with Rob Montano and let him know.

We are dependant on the success of the Rodeo so every little bit goes a long way.

# U15 Football

**Best & Fairest:** Jaxon Mallon

**Runner Up:** Angus Reid

**Most Consistent:** Jordy Milverton

**Most Improved:** Darcy Loader

**Best Player In Finals:** Angus Reid

Wow there you go, another season done and dusted. What a fantastic season the boys had making it to a preliminary final, what an unbelievable effort after losing such a large number from last season. We are so proud of all the boys in the way they have played and conducted themselves throughout the year. I am sure that their parents, the club and supporters are as well.

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. Well done to the boys who played interleague and to Jaxon and Angus for finishing 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in the league Best & Fairest, also to Tully on being the joint winner of the under 13 award.

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 group of boys. To our umpires; Bede McGuane, Luke Fish, Sean Carbury and John Carbury a big thank you, the quality of umpiring that you guys produced during the year clearly helped with the development of the kids.

Thanks to Walshy for being the runner throughout the year, he certainly travelled a few kilometres throughout the year, even with sore calves..

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, your support of us and willingness to help out throughout the year has been fantastic. 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 Milvo for his role as team manager he took over this role this year and did a fantastic job organising all of the off field work throughout the year. 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 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.

As this has been our last season as coaches, we would like to thank everyone who has helped out over the last 3 years and look forward to watching all the boys we have coached continue their football careers into the future

Marc Montano

Andrew Mallon

## **Jake Inglis Memorial Trophy**

The Jake Inglis Memorial Trophy 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. He would have been 25 this year.

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.

He was seldom seen without a footy tucked under his arm & was always wanting to have a kick. He loved football & was a huge Hawks fan.

He loved life, people, laughter & football.

This award to honour Jake's memory is for the Best Team Player in U18's. Someone who exhibits the special qualities that Jake had & qualities we would all admire.

This year the Jake Inglis Memorial trophy goes to .... **Sean Carbury**

# U13 Football

**Best & Fairest:** Tully Borgia

**Most Consistent:** Nick Convey

**Runner Up:** Tex Glennon

**Coaches Award:** Hamish Coulter

**Best Player In Finals:** Jack Fish

**CDFNL U13 Leading Goal Kicker:** Izaac Tate

The year began for us in February with pre season training out at Pirron Yallock. We started off with about 13 players and ended up with about 17 when the season commenced.

Only three players, our captains, Casey, Tex and Nick had played with the Eagles in 2018 so it was a very new team.

We welcomed a number of new families to the Club and their support through out the year was fantastic.

John D took on the role of team manager and did a brilliant job of keeping things well organised and ensuring match day duties were covered. Thanks for a job well done John!

Dave Glennon took on the role of team runner and also helped out at training on Thursdays. Thanks for all your help and support Dave it was much appreciated! Fran was also there to do whatever was required and snap some great photos. Thanks Fran.

The main focus for the team was to develop skills and enjoy playing football in a positive team environment.

The team exceeded all expectations and developed into a fantastic team ,especially considering we only had seven top age players. The remainder of the team was compromised of year threes to sixes,

We defeated every side in the competition and played some of the best junior footy I have ever seen in our first two finals.

Unfortunately we couldn't get over the line grand final but this does not detract from what was an amazing year by a group of talented and committed lads.

Well done to everyone who played you did an awesome job and it was an absolute pleasure to be your coach.

We had some stand out individual performance this year with Tully Borgia winning the League best and fairest and Izaac Tate winning the League goal kicking. Congratulations boys you have exciting futures ahead in the game..

Finally thanks to all parents for your great support this year. It was a great ride in 2019 and we look forward to watching the Eagles rise high again in 2020!

Thanks Phil

# **A Grade Netball**

**Best & Fairest:** Hayley Foster

**Runner Up:** Jancy Shields Jackson

**Coaches Award:** Prue Stewart

Firstly, a huge thank you goes to the club for supporting me this season as I took on my second year of coaching. A few changes were made to the team from last year but it has been another enjoyable year with a fantastic group of girls! I hope everyone in the team is very proud of their efforts and contributions over the season and although we narrowly missed a finals appearance, we still played some great netball and had games we should definitely be proud of. As I have mentioned previously, you are all wonderful role models to other grades, especially our juniors who no doubt look up to you and admire your efforts on the court and the way you take on challenges. Congratulations to Hayley Foster for another outstanding season and taking home our B & F award. Also a big congrats to Jancy Shields-Jackson for coming runner-up, so well deserved after another consistent season. Prue Stewart was awarded my coach's award for her dedication, determination and willingness to learn. Congratulations Prue!

Thanks to Glenda for being my team manager again this year and to Jenny being our primary care person each week. To the umpires coordinators and the umpires- thank you for making netball possible each week!

To everyone at the club who work tirelessly to make our club what it is- thank you. You all give so much time and effort to allow us to do what we love on a Saturday.

Congratulations to all teams that made finals! Fantastic to see!

See you all in 2020.

Ali Genua.

# **B Grade Netball**

**Best & Fairest:** Kessima Duynhoven

**Runner Up:** Danielle Bowen

**Coaches Award:** Alisha Montano

Thanks to this fantastic team for a great season together. It was not an easy task, trying to coach u17s and B grade and then go and play A grade, so a massive thanks for your understanding and patience. Thanks also to Ali for all the time and effort you put into the training sessions....we all know how much Shelly loves your sessions.

We had lots of laughs throughout the season and I hope everyone had an enjoyable time. We had a bit of a slow start to the season, trying to get the right combination together, and combating illness - lucky having versatile team can make this that bit easier to cover. It did also allow others to fill in for us when needed. Special thanks to Keeley for playing numerous weeks and slotting in without looking out of place one bit, gaining some extra experience with guidance on the court from kess- who would've gladly given her spot up to her on numerous games.

Congratulations to our captain Alicia on reaching the impressive 200 game milestone in the last round of 2019. A terrific achievement to a great player and asset to our club.

We welcomed Chloe back to the Eagles after taking a break from netball and Sam D - a handy midcourter-played her first season with us. This team has a lot of experience across the court and it would be great to see everyone return next season and have another run together. Thanks to Jeanette who has been more like a mum, then a primary carer -you have a heart of gold. Massive thanks to Tanya, my team manager, for taking the reigns at 3 quarter time each week so I could warm up and being there to bounce ideas around with, because sometimes 'the idea was right'. And last thanks goes to our little "Orange b#@\$h" Sienna for having the best oranges ready at half time each week. Thanks to all the committee, umpires, players and supporters for making 2019. Go Eagles. Fee



# **C Grade Netball**

**Best & Fairest:** Sierra Ryan

**Runner Up:** Olivia Connoley

**Coaches Award:** Kiarne Jeffreys

C Grade this year was a mix of the old, the new and the returning. Kiarne and Tayla was all that was left from last year. Mia, Marnie, Emily, Tash and Ollie were the new ones. Sierra has come back to the Eagles after playing juniors, which leaves Lorraine as the more mature of the group, lifting our average age a bit and returning after her 3<sup>rd</sup> child.

4 wins was all we had for the year but this group never gave up, pushing a lot of teams for 3 quarters or more to give us a look at what next year holds. They enjoyed their year turning up to training, most of the time, all 9 of them because they wanted to learn, not particularly from me but from the leaders of the group and also because they loved being around each other. This bond was evident on training nights, teas after training and on a Saturday.

Thanks for putting up with me as your coach. Most of the time I didn't have much organized but would fumble along sometimes not making much sense. Luckily our leaders had some knowledge of what to work on or how to change things to make it work.

Congratulations girls on an awesome year, both on and off the court. Keep that inclusiveness going next year when you will have a new look team. Have a great off season and hope to see you all fit and ready to play again for this great club in 2020.

Cheers Jenny.

# **17 & Under Netball**

**Best & Fairest:** Keeley Hardingham

**Runner Up:** Olivia Montano

**Coaches Award:** Ellie Langdon

**Best Finals Player:** Olivia Montano

Congratulations to this amazing team! There was a lot of challenges faced this season, which for some it would've been too much, but not this team. They have stood by each other with pride, strength and heart - an attribute that has made me so proud of each one of them. During departures, injuries, tough opponents, position changes or just everyday challenges, they stood by each other and encouraged each other. Even for myself, their reassurance that things would be ok is something I won't forget. There's an absolute sense of pride in this team - something as a coach you love to see.

There were many highlights along the way. We had Sam, Olivia, Sharni and Elli play their 100th game. We had Meg who took on the Kokoda trek which was an amazing experience from all accounts.

A big thank you to Sheree for doing our primary care and to Jess for once again being a fantastic team manager- always happy to have your help and support. To Holly, Natasha and Oily for benching and stepping up in the finals. There is a bright future for Sam, Meg, Elli, Sharni and Laura in senior netball next year and they will be assets to whichever side they may be in. Thank you to all the parents for your support and trust, the committee, umpires and supporters for everything you do.

I feel very privileged to have been a part of this side and even though the qualifying final didn't go our way - you'll always be a champion team in my eyes.

Fee

## **15 & Under Netball**

**Best & Fairest:** Brooke Egan

**Runner Up:** Ella Walters

**Coaches Award:** Olivia Scott

The 2019 season started well for the Western Eagles 15s and under team, with a few good wins to begin the season we had a strong standing in the competition. Our team consisted of many familiar faces of returning players, who are now top age in the 15s & under team (Sarah, Immy, Liv, Molly Ella and Kati) , as well as those that have come up from 13s & under (Holly and Lori) and a new face to the team (Brooke). In the middle of the season we were very competitive however, we lost a few important games and missed out on being in the top five. The girls should all be very proud of what they've been able to achieve this season and the continued effort they put in to both their netball skills and work as a team on the court. We have seen a lot of growth from all of the players and would like to thank them for their participation this year. To our team manager Megan and our primary carer Julie we appreciate you being there at the games to help us out this season. We'd like to thank Briea and Remy for filling-in and benching for our team throughout the year as well as all of the parents of our players who woke up early to bring their girls to the games and who supplied oranges every week. Thank you to the 15s and under teams two co-captains Immy and Molly, well done leading the team both on and off the court. Well done and congratulations to our best and fairest, our runner up and the recipient of the coaches' award. These awards are well deserved, the time and commitment you show to your netball is truly paying off. The netball season would not be possible without the work of the club, committee, association and everyone that works behind the scenes over the year and off season so a big thank you to everyone involved and thank you for giving us the chance to coach this year. We hope to see all of the players around the Nest next year and look forward to seeing you play in the future.

Thanks again for the season,

Eliza and Laura

# **13 & Under Netball**

**Best & Fairest:** Zainab Balogun

**Runner Up:** Briea McLachlan

**Coaches Award:** Paige Compton

**Best Finals Player:** Zainab Balogun

Another season is over or the Western Eagles and what an awesome one it's been for all our junior football and netball sides. The future of this club looks so promising with all the talent we have coming through.

I couldn't be more proud of our under 13 girls, they played the season with great sportsmanship, determination and a willingness to learn.

With many of the games throughout the season being quite one sided we used this as an opportunity for all our girls to learn and develop their skills in a variety of positions as well as honing their skills in their strongest positions. Through this the girls all improved immensely and it gave us the option of being a very versatile team - being able to put out any number of combinations on court.

At the start of the season we had 5 girls out with squad basketball so we needed to call on some help from the next generation of little eagles coming through, Mia Compton, Rylee Reid and Molly Fish all played for us against Lorne. They played a fantastic game and it was particularly lovely to see Molly play as she has literally grown up court side at the Western Eagles.

To have 3 girls finish in the top 10 of the league vote count is outstanding, with Zainab 3rd, Briea 4th and Remy 8th, it just highlights the depth of talent we have.

We also had 3 girls finish in the top 10 goal scorers with Briea 2nd, Remy 4th and Tilly 9th a fantastic effort to once again highlight our versatility and depth.

Four of our girls represented the CDFNL in the 13& Under Interleague team. Ellinor Borrack, Zainab Balogun, Remy Duynhoven and Briea McLachlan. They went through the season rarely defeated, I think having lost may be 2 games for the whole season. This team made it through to the state finals but unfortunately lost in semi's making them 3rd in the state. A huge effort for a team from a small country town. Well done girls.

What a win in the grand final. To come away having won by 25 goals is amazing. It is a reflection of how hard all the girls have worked for that game. It was such a great team effort and one they should all be proud of. It's an extra special win as it

meant back to back premierships. Congratulations to Sienna on taking out the best on court award.

I would like to thank all the parents for their support it has been such a fantastic year. Everyone helping out with scoring, timekeeping, oranges and setting up. It is very much appreciated. Thanks to Jenny and Jo for all their hard work both behind the scenes and game days.

Thank you to Rhonda for being our primary carer for the season, as well as thank you to Tony and Meagan for filling in through out the season.

Thanks to Paul Boyd for being our trainer for the finals. Thank you to all the supporters we had through out our finals campaign.

I would like to congratulate Phil, John and the Under 13 boys on an awesome season and making the grand final. You should all be proud of your efforts, although it is disappointing for you all, I'm sure you'll all come back even more determined next year.

A massive thank you to Tanya Mallon for being my team manager for the last 2 years. She has us all organised for game day and has been my sounding board through out the season - supporting me with any decisions I have made.

Finally to all the girls - I'm so proud we got to walk off court with this group of girls, having given their all and playing with tremendous sportsmanship. You are all amazing!!

Cheers

Kess Duynhoven



# **Spirit of Sport**

We again had a number of Spirit of Sport Winners throughout the year and again we are very proud of our young players and display of sportsmanship on the field and court.

## **Congratulations!!**



Oliver McGuane, Brodie Duynhoven,  
Olivia Connoley, Keeley Hardingham

# CDFNL AWARD RECIPIENTS

## TEAM OF THE YEAR

### Football

Mitch Helmore



### Netball

Hayley Foster



### U13 Football Best & Fairest

Tully Borgia



### U13 Football Leading Goal Kicker

Izaak Tate



# **BAKERS DELIGHT 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 2019 Bakers Delight High Achiever Award winner is **Luke Fish**

Luke started playing football for the Western Eagles Football Netball Club in 2014 in the Under 14.5 side. He has already played over 100 games for the club at just 16 years of age. The highest number of games he played in any one season being 34 games in 2017, 20 in the under 14.5 and 14 in the under 17.5, which is an amazing statistic. Luke did manage 1 reserves game in 2018 but it is this 2019 season that he debuts in the senior side round 1 and played another 5 senior games, 6 in all for the year. Luke has played in several junior final's games over his journey so far, receiving best finals player 2017 and a couple of best & fairest runner up awards.

Whilst Luke is forging a great playing career, it is off the field, or actually on the field as an umpire this year that has really set Luke apart from his peers. Luke whilst injured, has on numerous occasions this year umpired 2 games of football, been the runner in his under 18 side and water boy in the seniors, he even umpired games when picked to play senior football such is the dedication to not only the club but to the younger junior teams. The leadership Luke displays not only when playing football but also when he is umpiring or just helping around the club has earned him the respect of his peers, the senior playing group opposition teams and all associated with the club, everyone knows Luke.!

Luke has also excelled in cricket winning premierships with Irrewarra and representing the league in country week. He even took 5 wickets in his first-grade debut with Irrewarra as a 15-year-old.

Luke constantly displays good sportsmanship and is a true team player on and off the field.

Luke is currently completing year 10 at Trinity College Colac, where he has represented the school on numerous occasions in football and cricket including being 20/20 state champions. Luke is also undertaking a Cert 2 in building and construction on top of his year 10 studies with the ambition to become a builder post school study.

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

A very worthy recipient of the 2019 Bakers Delight High Achievers Award

Well Done Luke!



## MILESTONE GAMES

50

### NETBALL

Remy Duynhoven  
Holly Unwin  
Ella Walters  
Keeley Hardingham

### FOOTBALL

Nick Callahan (U15)  
Angus Connoley (U15)  
Rohan Heyward (U15)  
Lachlan Missen (U15)  
Henry McGuane (U15)  
Tom Fish (U15)  
Tom Walsh (U15)  
Jordan Milverton (U15)  
Reuben Beasley (U18)  
Nick Castle (U18)  
Sean Carbury (U18)

100

### NETBALL

Ellie Langdon  
Sharni Barry  
Olivia Montano  
Samantha Whytcross

### FOOTBALL

200

### NETBALL

Alisha 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 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.



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



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