

Western Eagles FNC A Season in Review 2024.



A word from our **PRESIDENT**

Here we are again at the end of another season. It's the time you look back and assess how the year has been...and what a year!

Each week we field 90 junior football and netball players, 100 plus senior football and netball players with the addition this year of our D grade side. We have over 450 club members and supporters with 65 plus sponsors.

And let's not forget our rising superstars, our U12 footballers and our netball development team. It's pretty exciting seeing the future of the club wear the Eagles strip. Big thank you to Damien, Angus, Tyler, Fran & Leah for all the hard work they have put in.

We would like to thank our wonderful sponsors. Your support allows us to continue developing and growing our club. Our sponsorship base has again grown this year which is attributed to a dedicated sponsorship team. Well done.

Also, our Cattle Club. Wow! This year our cattle club has exceeded all expectations. 20 plus cattle club sponsors either donating cattle, sheep or cash allowing us to further be in a better financial position so we can grow our club even further. Big thank you to Matt Reid for all the time and effort to making this a success.

The canteen & Thursday night coordinators Tanya, Kate, Tracey Kathryn and kitchen & bar staff Ali, Sally and all the mums, dads, husbands, wives, players, and kids that helped out in our canteen, finals catering & social events we thank you.

To our sub committees. football, netball, grants, social, merchandise thank you for all the hours you have dedicated to the club. Again, a massive commitment and we thank you for this.

To Fran, Damien, & Jenny 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 the many more, we also thank you. The time you give our club cannot be underestimated and never goes unnoticed.

What a year!

Five football & netball teams playing finals with U15 & U17 netball and our u14.5 football sides playing in Grand Finals. A great achievement. Although we may not have come home with the wins, we couldn't be prouder of our team's commitment and dedication they have showed. What an exciting future we have.

Also, Rylee Reid U17 Best & Fairest, Angus Borgia U14.5 Best and Fairest runner up and Remy Duynhoven, Colac Herald Most Valued Player, Team of the year inclusion and the Emma McVilly U19 Rising Star. How good is that!

We also achieved the most wins for Senior football since 2013 and most wins for reserves football since 2014. Our players should be as proud of themselves as I am. It could've been 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. This achievement shows that we are going in the right direction and there are exciting times ahead.

Oh, and did I mention that we defeated an undefeated Grand Final winning team during the year! How good was that!

I would also 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.

We also had a successful Hoot n Nanny with 640 B&S 's this year. This event is a huge contributor to the financial viability of our club and we would like to thank everyone involved who made this a successful event.

To the Committee. Thank you for all your time and effort you have committed this year. Your dedication and passion for the Western Eagles has allowed us not only to sustain a fantastic club but put it in an exciting place for the future.

This year the committee have been working hard on projects that the broader Eagles community don't see. We have worked to streamline our processes to reduce volunteer time.

One of those achievements was to introduce an accounting system. This has allowed us to streamline supplier payments, club invoicing and at any given time know exactly where the Eagles financial position sits. This alone has reduced the treasurer's role in excess of 50%.

We also have worked on roles & responsibilities so individuals have a clear understanding of what the role entails.

Some of our large achievements included

- Shifting Round 2 and resowing the Eagles ground. And how good does it look. Massive thank you to Matt Reid who devoted a lot of time in coordinating and the huge task of watering.
- We built a gym. This allows us to be in town for preseason and have a space to go to when nights are not so pleasant. Thanks to everyone that committed their time to completing this
- Also, we built new netball facilities which include a match day office and changerooms. Possibly the best in the league. Thanks to Damien, the Hickey boys, Jezzy, Kirby and Tom.
- We also are in the process of final design our long-awaited new club facilities. Still a lot of work to happen but how exciting! Once the design is completed the task of securing funding for this will start.
- We have received grants to replace the netball goal post padding and over the off-season AFL standard goal posts will be installed to the oval.

Pretty exciting!!!

But there is no doubt we need help. We can't just work in the club we have to work on it. So, the AGM is 12th November. We need to spread the load and share responsibilities. All committee and subcommittee roles become vacant at the AGM. If you want to be part of shaping the future of our great club, come along and get involved.

What does this all mean...it means success... it means pride... it means that the Western Eagles isn't going anywhere. Be loud, be proud and let's continue to care about the great club we have.

Congratulations to all this year's trophy winners.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable 'off season' and see you stronger than ever next year.

Go Eagles!



Netball President....

2024 was another successful year for our netball teams with 5 teams making finals. All teams were competitive throughout the year with our 3 junior teams finishing in the top 3, A and B gr narrowly missing finals and C and D gr finishing 4th and 5th respectively. We had U15's and U17's make the Grand Final but unfortunately couldn't get the win.

We again had great numbers trying out for our 7 sides and we were able to accommodate most of them into teams. We were very excited to announce our first D gr team and to make finals in their first year is a great effort. We had lots of juniors coming up to seniors, not just to make up numbers but to let us know that the next few years at the Eagles you're going to want to watch.

To all our new families and players, we hope you enjoyed your year and look forward to seeing you at the Eagles in 2025.

We also had great numbers in our development team with Leah which played at 1030am on the second court most home and a few away games. Most other clubs have a development team of their own but only a couple with the quality, quantity and enthusiasm of our girls and boys. Our future is looking bright.

Emily took over as our umpires coordinator this year. We are lucky to have lots of umpires to choose from, and quiet often being asked to help out other clubs. We are the envy of many a club with our quality and quantity of umpires. Congrats also go to Emily and Barney who got a gig umpiring a Grand Final last weekend.

Thanks also to Fepe for doing the netball roster which also requires a lot of juggling, especially this year with a new scoring system. 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. Special mention to Petra who was our scoring go to guru this year.

To our coaches Siobhan, Kess, Remy, Briea, Anne, Barney, Sharney, Ali, Leah, Glenda and Fepe thanks for all the preparation you put in to training nights and game days and to their managers, First aiders and club trainers. To all that help me setup early and the teams that pack up late thank you.

We are also lucky to have Oatsey and Borchy who were there early at home games to connect our tv scoreboard and also put up and take down our marquee on the 2nd court. Much appreciated.

To John and his football committee, thanks for the time, effort and dedication you have put in this yr to keep this great club great.

This year as netball Co-Ordinator has been no different to others. A few hurdles to overcome, some huge, some not so, but behind me I have had an amazing group of people, Kess, Fepe, Dani, Lorraine and Leah, that were always there 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 2025.

Jenny Fish

CLUB MILESTONES.

50 GAMES

Lachlan Darcy
Charlie Robb
Louis Hickey
Ben Young
Mitch Helmore
Jarred Dahl
Riley Lawlor
Hugo Saarikallio

Mia Oates
Macey O'Brien
Pippa O'Brien
Ashlin Tate
Amelia Hayes
Gabby Montano
Meg Nelson
Ellie Pownceby

Riley Hayes
Harper Lloyd
Brady Hickey
Harry Kent
Jordan West
Blake Wales
Harley Reynolds
Harrison Hunt

100 GAMES

Angus Borgia
Ingemar Borrack

Georgia Oates
Mia Compton

Jack Fish
Tully Borgia

150 GAMES

Angus Reid
Brodie Duynhoven
Tom Fish

Sharney Bowen

Connor Carson
Leo Scott

200 GAMES

Reuben Beasley

Laura Martin

Luke Fish

300 GAMES

JUSTIN HICKEY

LORRAINE MAHONEY

JAMES BEASLEY

Eagles Represent

League Best and Fairest Juniors.

17&U – Rylee Reid

U14.5 runner up - Angus Borgia

Interleague.

U13: Louis Hickey
Luca Borgia
U15: Angus Borgia
Ingemar Borrack
Riley Hayes
U18: Levi Duynhoven
Jack Fish
Tully Borgia
Geelong Falcons V Line
Squad: Angus Borgia

Association Championships.

13&U Div 2: Norah Casey
Leah Hudson
13&U Div 1: Lila Morris
15&U Div 2: Ashlin Tate
15&U Div 1: Chloe Hudson
Jess Dellar
Molly Fish
Isla Casey
Libby Mott
17&U: Georgia Egan
Mia Compton
Rylee Reid
Georgia Oates

Barwon Junior Netball Championships.

13&U: Leah Hudson
Lila Morris
15&U: Chloe Hudson
Jess Dellar
Molly Fish
Libby Mott
Ashlin Tate
17&U: Georgia Oates
Mia Compton
Rylee Reid

Eagles Represent

Selected to umpire League Grand Finals

Field Umpires

Linda Knight

Goal Umpires

Gary Bowen

Lionel Scott

Boundary Umpires

Harry Kent

Jack Connor

Noah Martin

Netball

Johnathon Hay

Emily Montano

Jenny Fish was selected to Umpire at Association Championships

EAGLES ACHIEVE

Congratulations Remi Duynhoven on what has been an outstanding season.

2024 CDFNL TEAM OF THE YEAR EMMA MCVILLY AWARD COLAC HERALD-SPORTSPower PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Congratulations
Emily Montano
on completing Umpire
Cadet Program
elevating to a be a
Nationally Accredited
Umpire Tester next
January.

Emily was selected to
umpire Barwon
Championships and
duly umpired finals at
the Championships.

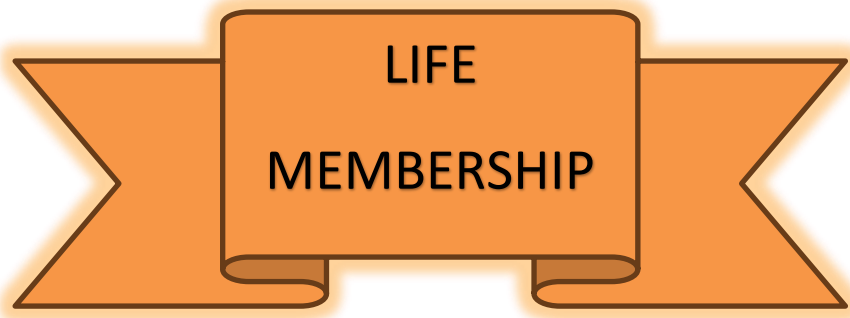


*Regaining badges in
netball umpiring were*

Sharney Bowen
C Grade

Grace
O'Sullivan
C Grade

Jenny Fish C
Grade



Today our newest Life Member is inducted to the Western Eagles Football Netball Club.

This person has not only been involved with the Western Eagles, but also was a member/ player of the Pirron Yallock Football Netball club prior to the amalgamation in 1996.

Since returning to the Western Eagles in 2012 with their family, this person has held a variety of different roles within the club. They have been Netball club President 2013 and 2014, Secretary of the general committee 2016, 2017 & 2018, a general committee member, been part of the Rodeo Committee, co-coordinator of Thursday night dinners, the Canteen of a Saturday and also over the last 11 years assisted then headed up the running of our major Fundraiser the Titpullers Hoot n Nanny which has helped raising tens of thousands of dollars for the Club.

Congratulations **Kayelene Robertson** on being the latest inductee with life membership of the Western Eagles Football Netball Club.

Kayelene, this is a wonderful recognition and you deserve the spotlight to celebrate the moment.



LIFE MEMBERSHIP

WEFNC Congratulates **LORRAINE MAHONEY** on being elevated to **Life Member of the Eagles.**

Lorraine's commitment to excellence has been evident since arriving at the club 20 years ago.

Having reached the milestone this season of 300 plus senior matches this year, Lorraine has also been proactive around the club taking on roles of player, coach, and committee member.

During her career she has won two premierships and been presented with multiple Best and Fairest awards.

A most accurate goal shooter, Lorraine plays with a smile on her face and is team mate and friend to many.



Net-Set-Go was newly introduced this season by the dedicated work of Kess Duynhoven. The program sponsored by Woolworths and Fonterra is a program designed as an introduction to the basics of netball for ages 5-8 in a fun inclusive environment.

Thanks, Kess for instigating the program and all your helpers for giving their time to work with the youngsters.



Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 12th November 2024

Lake Bowling Club, Colac. 7.00pm

All members, players, parents and supporters are invited and encouraged to attend.

Special THANKS must go to to~~~~~ President; Secretary; Treasurer; Committee Members; coaches; players; scorers; trainers; primary carers; umpires; repairers and builders; rubbish removers; bar & canteen managers; gate keepers; cleaners; function organizers (especially ball and special effort); parents; caterers; timekeepers; team managers; runners; water carriers; kitchen & bar staff; mowers and grounds maintenance; Thursday night teas; working bee regulars; merchandise and sponsorship coordinators; babysitters; everyone who has lent a hand in any way; record keepers; OFF SEASON WORKERS; recruiters; ticket sellers; sponsors; Hoot 'n Nanny organizers and workers and everyone who has helped put this newsletter together.

TITPULLERS HOOT 'N' NANNY



FEBRUARY 8TH 2025

KEEP AN EYE OUT ON FACEBOOK
WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP.

SENIORS FOOTBALL

B & F **Elijah Reid**

R/U **Jeremy Smith**

Most Consistent **Luke Fish**

Most Improved **Tyler George**

Coaches Award **Angus Connoley**

Best First Year Player **Jack Fish**

Firstly, I would love the opportunity to thank the Western Eagles family for welcoming our family into your Club. It's been such fantastic journey so far!

Well done to all Netball and Football teams on a pretty successful year.


Well done to all teams that made the finals, such an amazing achievement and experience!


The 2024 season was based on on and off field culture change. The question we asked our group was how do we want to be perceived on and off the field?





On field we wanted the outside to see us as a hard team to play against and earn their respect. Off field we wanted to be a welcoming, professional and family club.


I think this season we ticked those boxes! We changed our game plan to play with confidence, we worked so hard on our skill level and pressured the opposition to force turnovers!

We ticked so many boxes this year.

To win back to back wins 

To win 3 in a row 

To beat a top 5 side    

To cut our losing margin by half 

To be in the contest longer than a half 

We played an exciting brand of footy, something we wanted our supporters to enjoy watching! Jack Fish, Tully Borgia, Nick Convey, Gus Bennett, Tyson Jones and Joel Beasley all having a crack at senior football, our future looks amazing.

In reflection, our first win was amazing, 2 in a row was incredible. To beat an undefeated side in Lorne was an experience that I'll always cherish in my coaching career. So much emotion, pride, and sense of change was an amazing feeling to share with everyone around the club.

The change comes where opposition are now worried about playing us. They had to respect us! Such an amazing feat in such a small amount of time!

Then to go on and win 3 games in a row was such a huge achievement for our group.

5 wins for the season, average losing margin down by 71% on previous seasons.

Thank you to Bruno, Jimbo, Jye, Camo, Riley, Mel's, Boydey, Fran, Footy department (Bruno, Pat, Hick and Dozer) all the junior coaches, John and The committee, Elijah our captain, Luke and Mitch vice captains, Ando for running the Geelong crew, all the behind the scenes volunteers a massive thank you, all our supporter's and families and all our playing group, especially the ones that have travelled this season.

What an incredible season!!

Now season 2025 can it be a finals campaign?

Fingers crossed.

Dan Casey



Western Eagles Football Netball Club

Senior Team - 2024

Back- Louis Hickey (water), Bruno Dimasi, Cameron Lenehan, Zeke Copland, Connor Carson, Leo Scott, James Carter, Adam Bird, Tom Marshall, Linc Birley, Scott Anderson, Jeremy Smith, Angus Reid, Charlie Friend, Kallan Thompson, Franky Farnes, Wylie Bamford (Runner), Jye Montano

Middle- Rohan Heyward, Tyler George, Luke Fish, Dan Casey (Coach), Elijah Reid (Capt), Mitch Helmore, James Beasley

Front- Tom Walsh, Jack Fish, Angus Connoley, Tully Borgia.



Western Eagles Football Netball Club

Reserves Team - 2024

Back- Paul Doery, Chris Boyd, Kyle Egan, Hunter Reynolds, Jakeb Grant, Pat Hickey, Harley Reynolds, Kirby Duynhoven, Damon Wetemans, Brandan Pinter, Jacob Sweeny, Ben Young

Middle- Riley Thompson, Jaxon Mallon, Aidan Robertson (Capt), James Reynolds (Coach), Jarred Dahl (Ass. Coach) Brady Smith, Jordan Milverton, Reuben Beasley

Front- Shaun Harmer, Brad Morgan, Matt Kenny, Max Skinner, Micky Boyd

Absent- Brodie Duynhoven, Will Darwin, Justin Hickey

RESERVES FOOTBALL

B & F Kirby Duynhoven

R/U Shaun Harmer

Most Consistent Brodie Duynhoven

Most Improved Will Darwin

Coaches Award Harley Reynolds

So, it's time to reflect on the season just gone & what a difference a year can make! A new head coach - a completely different approach to the way we play & believe in ourselves come game days.

Firstly - 5 WINS!

An amazing effort in its own right, as especially in the past where we've been lucky to win 1 or 2 games a year. There were fantastic wins, absolute nail-biters, then there were games that we let slip away and then the games against Lorne & Simpson, where we pushed them the whole 4 quarters. The game against Imps had everything you wanted in football, plenty of emotions from players & supporters, some big named players and a first gamer in Oatsy. What a cracking game it was to watch and be a part of.

Our last game against South Colac was an absolute amazing effort, to push a team that always plays finals for 4 quarters & for us to come so close shows us how far we've come this year. 5 wins, 2 games that we should have won, & then coming so close against South, the possibility of playing finals is so close - you can feel it! Can't wait until next season, the atmosphere will be amazing, keep up the hard work!

A big thankyou to all these people: -

- Dan for your leadership this year and in the future seasons
- Bruno for your words of wisdom throughout the year
- Cuz for the most annoying ass coach you can have, well done for your efforts this year.
- To our football department for all your hard work week in - week out
- To my side kicks each week on the boundary, Dave, Walshy, Fran & Hicks
- To Jerry, my #1 runner
- To our trainers and umpires that hold us together and put up with us on the ground
- And to all of you who make our club run smoothly every day, we the Resses of 24 thank you!
- And to all the players who had a run this season, well done on your accomplishment - 5 wins!
- Congratulations to all our trophy winners and all the best for season 25

Your coach Jimbo

U18 FOOTBALL

B & F **Levi Duynhoven**

R/U **Joel Beasley**

Most Improved **Max Wilson**

Rising Star **Sam O'Brian**

The 2024 season was an interesting for the Western Eagles under 18's. We had 7 players move on from last years' side and we had no players up from the u14.5 team. We welcomed Gus Bennett, Sam O'Brian, Max Wilson, Harry Ingawerson and Otis Swayn also joined the club which was fantastic. In total we had bottom age players, second year players and 5 top age players.

Congratulations to all our trophy winners. Levi Duynhoven played some high-quality football this season. I can't wait to see him progress and hope that he continues to work hard at his football. Joel Beasley has improved 10-fold. In the last 2 years I've watched him develop from a quite kid into a hard-hit player. I hope that Joel can continue to improve and prove himself at a senior level next year. I thank each and every player, not just in regards to football but also for what each of you contribute to our club as young positive members of the community. I really enjoyed our time together this year. Many thanks to Cameron for all the time and effort he put into the co coaching role this season. Your work is greatly appreciated. Thank you to Damian Hickey did an outstanding job as team manager. Thank you to Dozer for picking up the runner job. It was definitely hard when my plans for runner and team manager had fallen through. Thanks also to the u14.5 boys who played with us when we were struggling for numbers throughout the season, Angus, Blake, Riley, Harper, Harry, Lachie and Ingemar. Definitely stars of the future!

Thankyou also to the Committee for giving me the opportunity to coach these young men.

Finally, thanks to all the parents for your support and for helping out with whatever roles were required throughout the year. It was an absolute pleasure to coach these young men.

Thank you, Western Eagles!

Riley Lawlor



Western Eagles Football Netball Club

U 18 Team - 2024

Back- Nick Convey, Harrison Hunt, Declan Hunt, Charles Robb, Maddox Hunt, Harrison Ingwersen, Levi Duynhoven, Lachy Gibb, Ashton Veitch, Tyson Jones

Middle- Max Wilson, Joel Beasley, Jack Fish, Riley Lawler (Coach), Cameron Lenehan (Ass. Coach), Casey Thompson, Otis Swayn, Matt Carbury

Front- Charles Lenehan, Tully Borgia, Josh Carson, Patrick Cunnington, Rory Gaylard, Sam O'Brian, Absent Gus Bennett



Western Eagles Football Netball Club

U 14.5 Team - 2024

Back- Harley Widdows, Nate Cook, Talon Borch, Brady Hickey, Jack Connor, Riley Hayes, Harry Kent, Lachlan Darcy, Rory Smart, Louis Hickey, Kayleb Bartlett, Jimmy Armistead, Damien Hickey (Team Manager)

Middle- Harrison Casey (water), Hugo Saarikallia, Harper Lloyd, Ingemar Borrack, Elijah Reid (Coach), Luke Fish (Coach), Angus Borgia (Capt), Blake Wales, Dan Darcy (water), Max Lloyd (water)

Front- Joe Bayne, Buddy Gange, Kade Genua, Chase Hickey, Brock Jamieson, Beau Genua, Luca Borgia, Max Meek, Billy Martin, Harlen Guy

U14.5 FOOTBALL

B & F **Ingemar Borrack**

R/U **Angus Borgia**

Most Consistent **Riley Hayes**

Most Determined **Harper Lloyd**

Best in Finals **Ingemar Borrack** and Best on Ground in Grand Final

Firstly, we'd like to thank everyone who has helped out this season including John Hickey who did the umpiring this year for us, Damien Hickey who was our team manager and made our job so much easier by having everything organized along with Brad Kent and Tyson Bartlett who were both extremely helpful to us this season.

We would also like to thank the players and parents of the players for your commitment and helping being involved in a fantastic season. With again, a much-improved season from last year, a team that in the past 3 years has gone from winning only a couple of games for the year to then playing in finals to have this year played off in a Grand Final with a list filled with lots of very good young talent.

To the players we would like to thank you for your continual growth and willingness to learn throughout the 3-year journey that myself and Luke have been involved in and has been extremely rewarding to see the individual improvement in each player from start to finish especially having such a young side. Thanks to all the parents and volunteers that helped out with goal umpiring, scoring and in the canteen through the course of the year. You have all made this season run very smoothly for us and this has been very much appreciated.

To the committee for allowing us to undertake this opportunity to be a part of this year's journey we thank you very much and we have learnt a lot in the process of this year.

Thank you to everyone for making 2024 a very successful year for the U 14.5s albeit not as successful as we would have liked. We are extremely proud of all the boys for their efforts.

We look forward to seeing you all back again next season in 2025.

Thanks Eliiah and Luke

U12 FOOTBALL

Most Consistent **Chase Hickey**

Most Consistent **Talon Borch**

Ray Hay Umpires Award **Beau Perkins**

After a successful campaign in 2023 to say expectations were high is an understatement. However super coaches Angus and Tig accepted the challenge without hesitation. Short on numbers (and height) we made a deal with the elusive Otway Panther and enlisted the help of a handful of Demons. After a slow start to the season the boys clicked and took out Alvie in sensational fashion. First win under the belt for the Demon possessed Eagles they start to deliver devastating blows to any team who dared to take the field against them.

Thanks to parents for the way their kids listened and behaved throughout the year. There were a number of seasons highlights on the field and many laughs off. The junior night was heaps of fun with stacks of kids having fun. Tig and I wish top age kids all the best for their footy future and look forward to seeing them come up through the Eagles ranks. A few people we would like to thank is our umpires for the year Ray Hay and Tom Fish who did an awesome job, Fran and Damien Hick for making it all possible, Otway footy club for lending us some boys and the senior boys who come to games every week to cheer the young fellas on.

Angus and Tig



Western Eagles Football Netball Club

U 12 Team - 2024

Back- Tyler George (Coach), Charlie Telfer, Chase Hickey, Brock Jamieson, Talon Borch, Tate Fraser, Luca Borgia, Beau Perkins, Angus Reid (Coach)

Middle- Raff Swanson, Cooper Dahl, Jackson Scott,

Front- Max Lloyd, Vinnie Melville, Dan Darcy, Harrison Casey, Hamish Bishop, Nate Jamieson, Miller King, Seth Currer. Oliver Hill(Absent)

A. GRADE NETBALL

B & F Remy Duynhoven & Tilly O'Brien

R/U Briea McLachlan

Coaches Award Hannah Williams

My aim as a senior coach for the past 3 seasons has been to give our younger players more opportunities and become a more competitive side. I wanted to create a belief that our team could match it with any side in the league. Our margins proved that we had that belief – only 2 teams defeated us by more than 10 goals – and those 2 teams finished at the top of the ladder. We made a comment that it was disappointing to be getting so close, but getting no reward. But realistically, we have been rewarded. We've been rewarded by ticking off our own goals.

In 2022 we won 2 games. In 2023, we won 7 games. We finished that season with 4 straight wins, so the pressure was on for this season to continue our winning streak. We did - we won 6 in row and got a cover photo on the footy record.

Our streak came to an end though with a 1 goal loss against Otway. We managed 6 wins this season and finished 7th on the ladder.

For those that aren't aware of how much youth is in this team – at the start of the season we had 6 players between the ages of 15 – 17. The raw talent these kids have has been so amazing to watch and help to develop these junior players into a senior players. They've been well supported and guided by Ali and Jancy as our more senior players. The experience and youth created a balance on and off the court. Ali, Jancy and myself at times were amazed by their younger teammate's maturity levels on the court.

I'm extremely proud of what we've achieved together. 3 years as the A grade coach and the successes we've had have made the decision for me to not continue on in 2025 a tough one. But I believe there is more out there for this side and I can't wait to see the continued success for the A grade side in 2025.

Fi P



Western Eagles Football Netball Club

A Grade - 2024

Back -Tanya Mallon, Paige Compton, Tilly O'Brien, Hannah Williams, Briea McLachlan, Sienna Mallon
Front -Jancy Shields-Jackson, Ali Genua, Remy Duynhoven (Capt) Mia Compton, Fiona Penny (Coach)



Western Eagles Football Netball Club

B Grade - 2024

Back - Ali Genua (Coach), Emily Montano, Glenda Montano (Coach), Olivia Montano, Leah Sherman (Coach)
Front -Rylee Reid, Michelle Fraser,, Jenny Fish, Ellie Pownceby (Capt), Charlotte Howell, Edwina Harrington, Grace O'Sullivan

B. GRADE NETBALL

B & F Grace O'Sullivan

R/U Jenny Fish & Ellie Pownceby

Coaches Award Edwina Harrington

With a great group of girls in B Grade this year, the 3 of us have really enjoyed coaching. To sum up the season, we would say we have had some impressive games, some very funny moments and more than our fair share of injuries. This contributed to us finishing outside the top 5 but we remained very competitive right up until the last game, only losing to a finals contender by 1 goal.

We hope everyone in the team is very proud of their efforts and contributions throughout the season. With injuries to Emily, Charlotte, Leah and Olivia that took them out for weeks/the season, they were still a great support to the team while sitting on the bench and still coming to training.

Well done to our under 17 players Rylee Reid, Georgia Oates and Georgia Egan who stepped up this season and played huge roles in the B grade side each week, playing some amazing netball.

Congratulations to our best and fairest winner Grace O'Sullivan. In her first year at the club, Grace was a fantastic player, umpire and all round club person who always put her hand up to fill any role. Playing most of her games in WD, Grace's speed and determination to get those turnovers has been incredibly admired by everyone.

Congratulations also goes to our joint runners up Jenny Fish and Ellie Pownceby. Both have had very consistent seasons, always putting in the hard work and bringing so much to our team. Well done and well deserved!

Edwina Harrington received our coach's award this year. We want to thank her for being so willing to listen, keen to learn and bringing positivity and fun each week. Congratulations on a great season Eddie!

Special thanks to our primary care person Ronan O'Sullivan who took great care of us each week. We were never short of oranges, lollies and of course- encouragement!

A huge thanks goes to all the umpires and to everyone at the club who work tirelessly to make our club what it is. 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!

See you all in 2025.

Leah, Glenda and Ali

C. GRADE NETBALL

B & F **Lorraine Mahoney**

R/U **Siobhan Casey**

Coaches Award **Carly Ryan**

Best in Finals **Carly Ryan**

Determined and fun are the two words to describe the 2024 C Grade team, supported by Fiona Penny as team manager and Chloe Jennings as personal carer.

I was fortunate to take the role of coach from round 6 this year, against Alvie and with Fiona and Chloe we keen to support the ladies to experience success. This game resulted in a win and then we were on a role from there. Round 8 saw us verse this year's premiership team Colac Imperials. Losing by 2 goals in the last minute of the game we became further united and determined to win next time. We played a thrilling round 9 game against South Colac securing a win by 4 goals after being down by 9 mid-ways through the 3rd quarter.

As the season went on, we continued to win, and all 10 players contributed to the success we were experiencing. We came across one archrival who continued to be our nemesis for the season, Birregurra. Other teams in the top five could beat them, we could beat those teams however we were unable to beat Birregurra. We lost to Birregurra twice in the home and away season, however we were maintaining 3rd position, and the finals series was approaching. Unfortunately, we let one game slip, in the heat and battling illness against Irrewarra that saw us drop to 4th position and that was where we stayed.

We played another thrilling game in the last two rounds, losing to Imperials by 2 again and then again beating South by 4. Both these teams played in the grand final and had we made it that far we would have pushed the premiership team again. Playing on Sundays we presented well and played hard through the finals. Our first final saw us beat Irrewarra by 16 goals. In a convincing win, many asked why we were playing on Sunday.

The following Sunday we versed Birregurra, our archrival and whilst we stayed close throughout the game, the final quarter saw us go down by 8 goals.

Congratulations to the C Grade team, a determined encouraging and fun group of ladies to play with.

Bring on season 2025!!

Siobhan



Western Eagles Football Netball Club

C Grade - 2024

Back -Ann Rowe, Charlotte Black, Kess Duynhoven, Sierra Ryan, Siobhan Casey, Johnathon Hay(Coach)

Front -Danielle Bowen, Carly Ryan, Mia Carson (Capt) Kiarne Jeffreys, Kaila Morris, Lorraine Mahoney



Western Eagles Football Netball Club

D Grade - 2024

Back -Ann Rowe (Coach), Shae De Francesco, Caitlyn Guy, Makayla Tevelein, Mikinley O'Reilly, Johnathon Hay

Front -Sharney Bowen, Hayley Farnes, Keisha Smith (Capt), Maya Farnes, Meg Nelson,

Absent -Laura Martin

D. GRADE NETBALL

B & F **Shae DeFrancesco & Mikinley O'Reilly**

R/U **Maya Farnes**

Coaches Award **Laura Martin**

Western Eagles have not had a team in the D Grade competition... until now! After lots of hard work in the pre-season, the newest team at the Nest was raring to go- but started with 2 byes right at the start against Lorne and Apollo Bay.

Our first official game was at Otway, and was an absolute nail-biter resulting in a draw.

We steadily improved throughout the season, and had some awesome games where everything seemed to fall into place. Beating Irrewarra-Beeac was such an exciting moment, as it meant that we were almost certainly going to make finals- and then we did!

Heartbroken as we were to bow out in the first Elimination Final, we were incredibly proud to get to finals in our first year, and honored to represent Western Eagles on the day.

Thank you to all of the club officials and Committee members who made this season and the previous seasons all happen- you're all legends!

A huge thank you also to our D Grade officials- Chloe for keeping us organized, and Grace, Dani and Boydy for keeping us all taped together.

Thank you as well to Ann and Barney for your support throughout the year.

Go Eagles- bring on 2025!

Sharney

17&U NETBALL

B & F Rylee Reid

R/U Mia Compton & Georgia Oates

Coaches Award Bella Lloyd

Best in Finals Mia Compton

Our 17& Under team had an outstanding season this year on the netball court, winning 14 games to finish the season off in 3rd place. Throughout the season it was incredible watching these girls continue to grow as netballers and as a whole team. On and off the court these players never failed to show their personality which made a constant positive environment to be in. The persistence and resilience these girls showed at training each week made it easy for them to grow and develop their netball skills and knowledge. All the hard work and efforts the girls put in led to an amazing end of season result with us playing in the grand final. Unfortunately, we didn't get the results we had hoped for, but the girls still gave 100% to challenge south for the u17s cup. The girls played exceptionally well and we couldn't be prouder with how the girls handled themselves on the court.

A big congratulations to Rylee Reid for winning the CDFNL league u17s best and fairest as well as the Western Eagles u17s best and fairest. Rylee has had a fantastic season in u17s as well as B grade and winning best and fairest was well deserved.

3rd place in the league best and fairest and equal runners up in the Western Eagles Best and fairest was taken out by Georgia Oates who has also had an amazing season in u17s and stepping it up in B grade and A grade this year.

Mia Compton has also proved herself this year, coming equal 2nd in the Western Eagles u17s best and fairest. Mia also took on the challenge of playing in A grade this year playing WA and C

A special thanks to the under 15s Libby Mott, Molly Fish and Jess Dellar for benching each week. It was awesome to have you guys fill in to help us get the grand final.

Thanks to all umpires as we wouldn't be able to play the game without you.

We would like to thank all the amazing parents for their support, helping with oranges, lollies, scoring, timekeeping and all the little jobs in between.

Thank you to Nelly Lloyd for putting the primary carer vest on every Saturday, you look great in green. Big thank you to Kathryn Oates for being our amazing Team manager, organizing everything to make sure we are ready for game day. We are grateful for your support and input with the girls.

Thanks to John and the committee for doing an awesome job of running our great club. We know there is so much that goes on behind the scenes and it doesn't go unappreciated. It has been a privilege to coach these wonderful girls. We are so grateful for all the support we have had for our first-year coaching.

There is such a great atmosphere created at Eagles and we are excited to see what next year will bring.

Remy



Western Eagles Football Netball Club

17 & Under - 2024

Back -Kathryn Oates, Georgia Oates, Georgia Egan, Gabby Montano, Bella Lloyd, Isla Casey, Nelly Lloyd

Front -Remy Duynhoven (Coach), Tilly Farnes, Mia Compton (Capt) Rylee Reid (Capt), Amelia Hayes, Briea McLachlan (Coach)



Western Eagles Football Netball Club

15 & Under - 2024

Back -Tracy Hudson, Rebecca Tate, Chloe Hudson, Alexis Borch, Ellie Lloyd, Mia Oates , Olivia Montano (Coach)

Kess Duynhoven (Coach)

Front -Ashlin Tate, Macey O'Brien, Jessica Dellar(VC), Libby Mott (Capt), Molly Fish,(VC),Pippa O'Brien, Bronte Scott

15&U NETBALL

B & F Molly Fish

R/U Jessica Dellar

Coaches Award Libby Mott

Coaches Award Chloe Hudson

Best in Finals Jessica Dellar

We have had a fantastic season filled with growth, challenges, and achievements. Our girls have demonstrated tremendous teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship, making this season memorable.

I have been fortunate to coach most of these girls for 3 years now, the improvement in their skills and game understanding has been great.

We won 16 of our 18 games during the home away season, only losing to the top team. This allowed us to finish in second position putting us in good stead for the finals series. Playing 4 games throughout the finals was a great experience for us, we improved with each game making it to the grand final to come up against the undefeated Irrewarra Beeac team. The girls played fantastically and really made it a great contest only going down by 12 goals, halving our scores from throughout the season. I was extremely proud of how we played.

Once again, we had a strong representation in the CDFNL Interleague Teams in the 15's age group with Chloe Hudson, Jess Dellar, Molly Fish, Isla Casey, Libby Mott and Ashlin Tate all taking part in the Association Championships in Werribee, Barwon Junior Championships in Geelong and the Interleague Game played against Central Highlands in Ballarat.

I would like to thank all the parents for their support, helping with oranges, lollies, setting up early on Saturday mornings, scoring, timekeeping and all the little jobs in between.

Thanks to Jenny and Fiona for their help and support as well as our other junior coaches Siobhan, Briea and Remy, we are blessed to have such wonderful coaches.

Thank you to Bec Tate for being our awesome primary carer throughout the last 3 years, we know we are in safe hands with you.

Tracy Hudson has been awesome in the role of team manager. Being so organized, an endless support to myself before and during game day, I cannot thank you enough.

Congratulations to Remy and Briea coaching in a grand final in your first year as coaches with that awesome group of girls was so wonderful watch. Congratulations to Luke and Elijah also coaching in the 14.5's grand final the boys played amazing and like us improved considerably on the scores from throughout the season. Look out next year for these 2 teams!

Thanks to John and the committee for doing an awesome job of running our great club, the number of hours put in by you all is incredible, we are so lucky to have such dedicated volunteers.

To all the girls, I'm so proud of you all. This season has been a testament to the talent and determination of our team, your willingness to learn and your sportsmanship is to be commended. You're all amazing, and I can't wait to see how you grow and excel in the coming season!

Cheers Kess

13&U NETBALL

B & F **Norah Casey**

R/U **Lila Morris**

Coaches Award **Mia Fraser**

Coaches Award **Alecia Hutchins**

Best In Finals **Leah Hudson**

Enthusiastic, keen to learn and full of spirit. The under 13 team consisted of 11 players this season, all with their own unique personalities, strengths and abilities. We set out to provide them with a positive experience to learn and develop both on and off the netball court and we believe the season was a success for them. I was fortunate to be well supported by our team manager Jenny Darcy, who always managed to make the girls laugh and smile and personal carer Kaila Bishop, who was always positive and encouraging. We had a wonderful group of parents who gave me the space and the privilege to coach their children. Coaching is not always an easy task, but it becomes an easy job when you are well supported and can see amazing growth in the girls.

We have laughed, we have cried, we have run around the footy oval this season. The girls have worked hard, encouraged each other and cheered from the sidelines. This group of 11 girls can teach us all a lesson in teamwork and team spirit. The girls were determined and at the same time good sports people. I often received comments on what a clean game of netball our girls played, developing a good netball ethos to carry them through their netball career.

At the end of the home and away season the girls finished 2nd on the ladder having lost only three games for the season. There were some close games throughout and times I wondered how they would go. They always held the "Eagles' comeback" in the back of their mind as they played together and often won. The finals series was an exciting, thrilling and nerve-racking time for the girls. Many had not played a Saturday final before, and this was challenging. Leah Hudson rose to the role of captain and guided the girls through. They won their first final convincingly and then had a shot at the making the GF against Irrewarra. This was a close game however the girls couldn't quite get over the line. Primarily bottom age, the under 13's exceeded expectation and made it to the preliminary final. The Preliminary final was going to be a big ask and we gave it our best shot. Whilst we didn't make it through, everyone was on the court that day and experienced the joy, disappointment and pressure of a final. Over this season I have watched the girl's confidence and ability to understand netball IQ grow. They will be great players to come, but more importantly they have learnt what it is to belong to a club and a community.

Siobhan

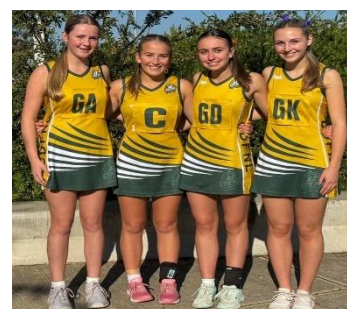


Western Eagles Football Netball Club

13 & Under - 2024

Back - Kaila Morris, Gwen Scott, Mia Fraser, Natalia Cook, Lila Morris, Harriet Darcy, Norah Casey, Jennie Darcy
Front - Alecia Hutchins, Abbey Dellar, Siobhan Casey (Coach), Leah Hudson (Capt), Edie Mackay, Zoey Lloyd

Junior Representative Netballers



NETBALL DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

This season saw our numbers grow in development, we had 3 age groups U/13, U/11 and U/9 & a mixture of boys and girls. We mixed the teams together at times also and this created a great game as the young ones always stepped it up and accepted any challenge in front of them with the older players guiding them.

We had 2 players move up to U/13's, which was exciting to watch them take the court and when they finished their game, they were eager and keen to help out & join back in with development whether playing, doing drills or umpiring.

We had games every home game weather pending & it's wonderful to see that nearly every CDFNL club has a team now & this space continues to grow each season. The skills, development, friendships and teamwork that these kids continue to build is great to watch & the friendships they form among the other clubs as well.

Thank you to all the Senior netball helpers this season, you may not feel like you're doing much but the kids then are able to put a name to your face, watch and cheer you on as a player yourself, it gives them confidence and club belonging.

Thanks to our cheer squad of parents, your support for this group is greatly appreciated.

The club is looking forward to seeing the Eagles development group take the court again in 2025.



Western Eagles Football Netball Club

Development Squad - 2024

Back - Harper Finn, Scarlett Saarikallio, Charlotte Boyd, Regan Smart, Evie Meek, Poppy Sherman, Reigan Whiting, Piper Woods

Front - Deni Morris, Pyper Keast, Elise Bishop, Olivia Boyd, Sydney Borgia, Poppi Morris, Eva Oates, Imogen egan, Ruby Lenehan

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 for those who didn't know Jake or of his story

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 and was always wanting to have a kick with anyone around. He loved life and he loved football not to mention he was a huge Hawks fan.

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

This year the Jake Inglis Memorial trophy goes to

Charlie Robb

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 2024 Bakers Delight High Achiever Award winner is...

Jack Fish.

Jack started playing football for the Western Eagles Football Netball Club in 2019. In his first year, Jack played full seasons in both U13s & U15s. He has since played 89 Junior games plus 19 Senior games, totaling 108 games for The Western Eagles. Jack stepped up to the senior ranks this year, while still being eligible for U 18s. Jack has also represented the CDFNL Interleague in U 15's & U 18's.

Whilst representing the Eagles in footy, Jack displays good sportsmanship and is a true team player on & off the field. At home games, Jack arrives early to start up the BBQ & is always prepared to help out in any way. Jack's family also has had a long association with our club, firstly with Pirron Yallock & then the Eagles.

Jack is currently a Year 11 student at Trinity College where he represents the school in many sporting events, but excelled in Cross Country. Jack is the 17 boys' cross-country champion at Trinity and also came 2nd in the 17-20 age boys in the Greater Western Championships and also competed in the State Cross Country Championships.

While Jack holds a keen interest in woodwork, he is hoping to receive an apprenticeship and follow a career path in Landscaping

Jack is a thoughtful, mature young man who goes about business in a quiet unassuming way. He is humble, polite and inclusive.

He is an excellent role model to both younger people & to his peers alike and has earned respect from all who know him.

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

A very worthy recipient of the 2024 Bakers Delight High Achievers Award.

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