

Western Eagles

Editorial

Final Edition

2023



FROM THE 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 fielded 90 junior football and netball players, 100 plus senior football and netball players. 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 thankyou to Damien, Angus 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!

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

To Fran, Damien, & Dani 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!

All five junior football & netball teams playing finals with 3 junior netball sides playing in Grand Finals. B Grade just missing out by 1 goal, A Grade finding form in the last half of the season...if only there were a few more rounds. And what about our senior list that had 21 players under 23. Exciting times ahead!

Also Molly Fish, Georgia Oates, Remy Duynhoven, Angus Borgia & Jack Fish all winning Best & Fairest awards for their grades. How good is that? Never has a CDFNL club managed to have all 5 juniors grades win a B&F in the same year.

And of course our u17 Netballers, Premiers & Champions! What an achievement. We also had successful Hootnanny with 600 B&S 's this year. A complete sell-out 3 weeks prior to the event. This event is a huge contributor to the financial viability of our club and we would like to thank Kayelene for all the hard work and dedication she has put into this event.

Another milestone for our club is that we are currently in the process of designing our long awaited new club facilities. Still a lot of work to happen but how exciting!

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!

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 give a hand at the club. Your help is invaluable & appreciated.

Double thanks to Damien Hickey who is the Team Manager for the U 14.5's and got the U 12's up & running for season 2023. He took on the coaching role of U12's & did an amazing job with an assistant in Angus Reid. Damien is efficient and does a fantastic job for the U 14.5s and always volunteering to do more to lighten my load. I cannot thank him enough!

Thanks also to Milvo who took on the Team Manager job for the U 18s. Special thanks to all the club helpers that help make game day. Goal umpires, timekeepers, water carriers and interchange stewards. Without them there would be no game.

To the canteen workers and the kitchen crew, who work tirelessly to keep us happy & fed all year. Tanya has done an outstanding job in taking on this role. Special mention of thanks to the guys who put their hands up to be our club umpires. John Hickey umpired nearly every U 14.5 game, Greg Shalley the Reserves and various people in the U 18s with John Carbury doing a fair few of them. 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 again this season...thanks heaps Melso!!

The biggest thanks goes to Louis Hickey. Rain, hail or shine Louis fronted up to run water for the seniors every single week, thanks mate!

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

With another season coming to an end, we are left with so many positives to sit back and reflect on!

Our 3 junior teams made it all the way to the Grand Final again, with Under 17s coming over the line as premiers and champions! We were once again able to use juniors up in the senior teams, 8 of the Under 17s had regular spots in the higher ranks, and some of the Under 15s were given the opportunity to come up as well.

Across all teams we were able to show great numbers at most training sessions, as well as the club's social functions. Our first get together for the year was Ladies Night which we held round one. Being able to sit all together in the marquee and watch the footy was great! Thanks to everyone who helped make this night and every other social event for the year happen! And how about our 5 Eagles winning league Best and Fairest across all grades? How amazing is that? Congratulations to Jack Fish and Angus Borgia, as well as Remy Duynhoven, Georgia Oates and Molly Fish. It's so exciting to see what the club has coming along in years to come!

Leah Sherman, with help from Jancy and all of the supporters, ran another successful season of the Development team. We saw some new faces come into the side this year, some became regulars and others just popped by for a game or two. Either way it was great to see them giving it their all and having fun, well done team!

Under 13s finished second on the ladder at the end of the home and away season, and after fighting through each week they faced an undefeated Bombers outfit in the big game. The girls played an amazing game, going goal for goal for a large portion of the match, before finishing down by a mere 3 goals, an amazing effort by all of the girls, well done!

Our Under 15s also had an awesome year, also finished second on the ladder and also played against Irrewarra-Beeac in the Grand Final, what are the odds! After showing really good abilities all throughout the court in the first couple of weeks of finals, Under 15s secured their spot in the decider. The girls fought hard for the whole match, unable to get it over the line. We should all be proud of their efforts not just in the finals, but throughout the whole season!

Under 17s, what a team! Fee and the girls have set the standard for all junior netball for the whole season. They started the year with 6 players, when Mia Compton, Rylee Reid and Camryn Smith made the decision to step up into the side. Being able to watch this team play was such an experience, all other clubs were in awe of their abilities and the amazing way they don't even need to say a word to know where each other were. Congratulations girls on an awesome season! In the words of my mother, the illustrious Fran Bowen, "SCARY GOOD!"

C Grade had a great mix of youth and experience this year! Kess named Maddie McCrae and Charlotte Black from Under 17s in the side to play through the mid. They had some injuries and illnesses, and welcomed Sierra Ryan back into the side after she had her baby boy Huxley. Despite all of the ups and downs, C Grade managed to be competitive against even the strongest sides and finished in 6th place on the ladder, excellent effort ladies!

What a year we had in B Grade! The team suffered some injuries early in the season, which led to getting some C grade players to bench, before Mia Compton and Rylee Reid joined the team permanently. After taking it to most teams, only losing to South who held fourth place for most of the year by one goal, the team was looking pretty good! In the end B grade missed out on finals by 1 goal and 2 points.. Look out next year!

To see how far our A Grade side has come in just one season is so exciting! From the beginning of the season, 4 Under 17 players Remy Duynhoven, Tilly O'Brien, Briea McLachlan and Sienna Mallon, an awesome new player Charlotte Howell, and experienced players Ali Genua, Jancy Shields-Jackson, Leah Sherman and Keeley Hardingham working together to figure out what works, to the tail end of the season finishing with 4 wins in a row, including one against fourth place holders Otway Districts. Amazing effort, and I can't wait to see how it plays out next season!

This year we started with an abundance of experienced umpires. We welcomed Grace Tevelein into the C Grade Badge club, congrats Grace! We also had the opportunity to bring in Ellie, who umpired her first ever CDFNL games this year, well done! After a couple of injuries, some umpires stepped up to umpire 2 games a week when needed before they played, thanks ladies! Thanks also to Barney, who did A and B Grade for us most weeks. With 3 of our badged umpires playing B, I'm not sure what we would have done without you! Congratulations to Jenny Fish, Emily Montano and Barney Hay for being selected to umpire finals, and well done for Emily and Barney umpiring the D Grade Grand Final, amazing effort by everyone, you all make my job easier!

A big shoutout to Grant Oates for brining in the new scoreboard, definitely an upgrade from the old one!

Thank you to Jen Fish, Fee Penny and Kess Duynhoven for all of your help throughout the year, as well as Fran for all of your advise with Play HQ and everything admin! Also for all of the very flattering photos you take of us all, greatly appreciated! Well done to all players who hit milestones this year, we had a fair few! Huge shout out to Jen Fish who played her 350th, and Kess Duynhoven who hit her 400th club game. These are massive milestones, especially taking into account time taken off to each have 4 superstar kids, as well as inevitable injuries.. Well done ladies, definitely something to aspire to for everyone!

Thanks to the committee, trainers, timekeepers, scorers, umpires, runners, water boys, canteen people, bar people, social committee, and every single other volunteer that put even the smallest of time back into the club for the year. A little goes a long way when a lot of people are giving it, and it's all of that effort that allows us to thrive and enjoy the club that we love!

Congratulations to all of our trophy winners for the year.

Can't wait to see you all for season 2024!

Cheers, Dani

CLUB MILESTONES

50 CLUB GAMES

Molly Fish
Georgia Oates
Bronte Scott
Georgia Egan
Jess Dellar

Libby Mott
Bella Lloyd
Mia Compton
Rylee Reid
Sierra Ryan

100 CLUB GAMES

Tyson Jones
Jonah Scott
Kyle Egan
Brad Morgan

Tilly O'Brien
Briea McLachlan
Sienna Mallon
Charlotte Black

Holly Unwin

150 CLUB GAMES

Pat Hickey
Aidan Robertson
Jeremy Carbury
Elijah Reid

Remy Duynhoven
Mia Carson
Olivia Montano
Leah Sherman

300 CLUB GAMES

Danielle Bowen

350 CLUB GAMES

Jenny Fish

400 CLUB GAMES

Kess Duynhoven

EAGLES REPRESENT!

LEAGUE BEST & FAIREST

UNDER 13s – Molly Fish

UNDER 14.5 – Angus Borgia

UNDER 15 – Georgia Oates

Under 17 – Remy Duynhoven

Under 18 – Jack Fish

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

INTERLEAGUE

Under 13s	Ingemar Borrack
	Harley Widdows
Under 15s	Levi Duynhoven
Under 18s	Nick Callahan
	Jakeb Grant
	Zavier Hunt
	Baiden Luppino
	Jordan Milverton



JUNIOR TALENT ACADEMY

Under 15s

Angus Borgia

EAGLES REPRESENT!

JUNIOR NETBALL



BARWON JUNIOR NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Under 13s	Alexis Borch
	Molly Fish
	Ashlin Tate
Under 15s	Mia Compton
	Georgia Oates
	Rylee Reid
	Camryn Smith
Under 17s	Remy Duynhoven
	Tilly O'Brien
	Briea McLachlan

CENTRAL WEST ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

13 & Under Div 2	Alexis Borch
	Chloe Hudson
13 & Under Div 1	Molly Fish
	Ashlin Tate
15 & Under Div 2	Jessica Dellar
	Georgia Egan
	Camryn Smith
15 & Under Div 1	Mia Compton
	Georgia Oates
	Rylee Reid
17 & Under Div 1	Remy Duynhoven
	Briea McLachlan



AGM

Tuesday 14th November

Irrewillipe Hall

7:30pm

**All members are invited and
encouraged to attend**



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FEBRUARY 10TH 2023

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FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS, WE WILL
NEED YOUR HELP!**

EAGLES REPRESENT!

SENIORS

FOOTBALL TEAM OF THE YEAR

Elijah Reid

NETBALL UMPIRING

C GRADE BADGE

Grace Tevelein

FINALS SELECTION

Johnathan Hay

Emily Montano

Jenny Fish

D GRADE GRAND FINAL

Johnathan Hay

Emily Montano

FOOTBALL UMPIRING

FINALS SELECTION

Raymond Hay

Ben Tate

Chris Egan

Linda Knight

Gary Bowen

UNDER 14 GRAND FINAL

Chris Egan

UNDER 18 GRAND FINAL

Linda Knight

RESERVES GRAND FINAL

Gary Bowen

SENIORS GRAND FINAL

Ben Tate

SENIOR FOOTBALL

Best & Fairest – Elijah Reid

Runner Up – Luke Fish

Most Consistent – James Beasley

Leading Goal Kicker – Chris Warwick

Best First Year Player – Rohan Heyward

Best Team Man – Angus Reid

Pre-season was promising with new recruits Lincoln Burley, Corey Stanley, Shaun Harmer, Trent Blake, Tyler George and as well as 8 players coming up from the Under 18's. These 8 players had already experienced senior football from last season.

We welcomed Scott Anderson & Bruno Dimasi as assistant coaches. Jason Murnane as fitness coach and runner. I like to thank these guys for helping me for the year.

Elijah Reid at 19 was appointed Captain for the club and he had an outstanding season and was a great leader for our club.

Despite having winning opportunities against Colac Imperials, Simpson & South Colac we couldn't take our chances and only winning the 2 games against Apollo Bay. We had 3 Under 18's debut in the senior side – Jack Fish, Jordan Milverton and Xavier Hunt that all showed potential at senior level.

I would like to thank our trainers and Louis Hickey who was our only water boy, he done a fantastic job.

Congratulations to the Under 17's Netball side winning the Premiership. Congratulations to all the award winner for Netball & Football.

Craig



Western Eagles Football Netball Club

Seniors Team - 2023

Back- Will Darwin, Jaxon Mallon, Angus Reid, Kirby Duynhoven, Lincoln Birley, Corey Stanley, Trent Blake, Chris Warwick, Kyle Egan, Bruno Dimasi

Middle- Jason Murnane (Runner), Reuban Beasley, Baiden Luppino, Luke Fish, James Beasley(V.Capt), Craig Hardingham(Coach) Elijah Reid(Capt), Scott Anderson, Cameron Lenehan, Louis Hickey(Water)

Front- Xavier Hunt, Connor Carson, Rohan Heyward, Shaun Harmer, Leo Scott, Jordan Milverton, Angus Connoley



RESERVES FOOTBALL

Best & Fairest – Justin Hickey

Runner Up – Adam Bird

Most Consistent – Damien Dellar

Most Improved – Harley Reynolds

Well what an up and down season it was, with a new coach and a different attitude to the way we think and play.

Starting with our pre season training with good numbers flowing through to the first game.

At the end of Round 5, we had a cracking game against South, losing by a goal, then a win the following week against Apollo Bay.

The wheels fell off a bit through the mid season where we were out played one week, to be solid the next, to be out played the following week.

The last 8 games saw a different outcome where we actually challenged teams, often winning the last quarter or last 2 quarters. With most of those games playing short with of numbers – a fantastic effort from those boys!

Positives for the season:

- 50 plus players playing Ressies
- 16 of those players going onto playing in the Ones on a regular basis
- We changed our attitudes to the way we played and believed in ourselves each week
- We brought positive instead of negative thoughts each week
- We reduced our losing margins and actually scored more than a point in many games

As the senior list improves we will have more balance and depth in our reserves team and we will be able to win more games and have a big presence in the league.

I'd like to thank everyone at our club for the opportunity to coach the Reserves team.

A big thank you to Craig for all his hard work this season and wish him and his family all the best for the future.

To Bruno - thank you for your one-on-ones and side chats.

To my Runners – JD and Pinter, thank you very much for getting my messages across.

To Jason - a big thank you for all your fitness work for the season, it has made a huge difference in the team.

To our First Aid Trainers and Strappers, - thank you for holding us all together.

To our footy department - a fantastic effort to all – well done!

To Hicks, Walshy, Doza & Fran - a massive thank you for all your help this season.

And most of all, a BIG thank you to the entire playing group for the 2023 season!

Sadly, Mat Bowen has retired (again), thank you for the years of service to our club – best of luck mate.

Thank you to all our sponsors for the 2023 season.

And well done to all our junior teams playing finals – Best of luck!

Last but not least, congratulations to all of our trophy winners – Well Done!

Your 2023 Ressies Coach, Jimbo

Go Eagles!



Western Eagles Football Netball Club

Reserves Team - 2023

Back- Mitch Crabbe, Ben Young, Damian Dellar, Jarred Dahl, Adam Bird, Mat Bowen, Justin Hickey, Nathan Brooks, Pat Hickey, Chris Boyd

Middle- Brad Morgan, Max Skinner, Harley Reynolds (V. Capt), James Reynolds (Coach), Brady Smith (Capt)
Jordan West, Jye Montano

Front- Aidan Robertson, Josh Beasley, John Duynhoven (Runner), Tom Walsh, Micheal Boyd



UNDER 18 FOOTBALL

Best & Fairest – Jack Fish

Runner Up – Xavier Hunt

Most Improved – Joel Beasley

Coaches Award – Tom Fish

The 2023 season was another successful year for the Western Eagles under 18's. We had fifteen players move on from last years' side and welcomed eight players up from the u14.5 team. Patrick Cunnington, Rory Gaylard and Joel Beasley also joined the club which was fantastic. In total we had ten bottom age players, six second year players and seven top age players. To finish the season playing such competitive football in two finals was a credit to the boys for all the hard work they put in throughout the year. The standards were set by the leaders of our side, Jordan Milverton, Nick Callahan and Jakeb Grant, who got all players committed to training Tuesday and Thursday nights from February onwards. I'm sure no other U'18 side would have had as many players training on a Tuesday as the Eagles. This really helped our performance in the second half of the season.

After round nine we were two wins and seven losses, at this stage it would have been easy for the boys to drop off training and throw in the towel. To their credit they kept at it and a 30 point comeback victory against Imperials led to a winning streak of nine of the last ten games. Defeating every side in the competition apart from Irrewarra-Beeac. Congratulations to all our trophy winners, no one worked harder at training than Jack Fish and Xavier Hunt, so their achievements are very well deserved. 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 Riley Lawler for all the time and effort he put into the co coaching role this season. Your work is greatly appreciated. Darren Milverton did an outstanding job as team manager, many thanks Milvo! It was great to have Angus Reid as our team runner this season. It is a big commitment for a young senior player to take on this role, thanks very much Angus. As always, thanks to Fran for all her work and for capturing many great shots through the lens. Thanks also to the u14.5 boys who played with us when we were struggling for numbers throughout the season, Angus, Reece and Ingemar. Definitely stars of the future!

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 your children.

Cheers, Phil



Western Eagles Football Netball Club

U 18 Team - 2023

Back- Nick Convey, Tyson Jones, Casey Thompson, Joel Beasley, Lachlan Gibb, Charlie Robb, Maddox Hunt, Henry McGuane, Tom Fish, Darren Milverton(Team Manager)

Middle- Matt Carbury, Ashton Veitch, Jakeb Grant (V. Capt) Riley Lawler(Coach), Phil Thompson(Coach)
Jordan Milverton (Capt), Nick Callahan(V. Capt), Rory Gaylard

Front- Josh Carson, Harrison Hunt, Charles Lenehan, Zavier Hunt, Patrick Cunnington, Jack Fish, Levi Duynhoven



UNDER 14.5 FOOTBALL

Best & Fairest – Angus Borgia

Runner Up – Reece Hunt

Most Consistent – Blake Wales

Most Determined – Ingemar Borrack

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 organised and Brad Kent who was the runner for the year.

We'd also like to thank the players and their parents from this season for your commitment and helping by being involved in a fantastic season. A much-improved season from last year, with a very young list the under 14.5s made the finals and ended up finishing 5th for the year.

To the players we would like to thank you for your continual growth and willingness to learn throughout the entire season, it was really good 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 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 for the second year, we thank you very much and have learnt a lot in the process.

Thank you to everyone for making 2023 a very successful year. We look forward to seeing you all again next season in 2024.

Thanks Elijah and Luke



Western Eagles Football Netball Club

U 14.5 Team - 2023

Back- Brad Kent (Runner), Brock Jamieson, Blake Wells, Riley Hayes, Harry Kent, Ingemar Borrack, Lachlan Darcy,
Brady Hickey, Nate Cook, Harlen Guy, Damien Hickey (Team Manager)

Middle- Max Meek, Kayleb Bartlett, Harper Lloyd, Reece Hunt (V.Capt), Luke Fish (Coach), Elijah Reid (Coach)
Angus Borgia (Capt), Louis Hickey, Hugo Saarikallio, Billy Martin

Front- Dan Darcy (Water) Beau Genua, Kayden Russell, Chase Hickey, Kade Genua, Harley Widdows, Luca Borgia, Talon Borch



UNDER 12 FOOTBALL

Ray Hay Award – Luca Borgia

Most Consistent – Harley Widdows

Most Consistent – Louis Hickey

It's been years in the making and it finally happened. The Eagles have finally unleashed an unruly bunch of rough headed eaglets (which is bulldog crossed with a rabid tiger). Unsure on how this would turn out we appointed Angus Reid and Damien Hickey as the eaglet tamers/coaches. Under the watchful eye of the godmother of the club Lady Fran. After a great deal of swearing and numerous counselling sessions with the coaches and the godmother we were ready to start. On a strict diet of raw meat and gravel the boys hit the ground like satan's soldiers. With no real expectations and a fingers crossed approach we went into the first game hoping no opposition players or spectators would get seriously hurt.

However, we soon realised that this unruly bunch of misfits could play football and play football they did beating Apollo Bay with ease. With the first win under their belts the boys got hungry disposing of everything they come in contact with only one side narrowly beating them in a fair fight. Not only did these boys do themselves proud but they did their club proud with every one of them contributing with best on ground performances, goals and big jobs brutally shutting down opposition forward lines. The skills, dedication and never quit attitude the boys displayed all year was an absolute credit to the young men they are and will be a force to be reckon with for years to come.

The boys found themselves thrown into the limelight every week with their heroes from the senior ranks proudly turning up to support and secretly learn from the eaglets that know no quitting. Overall, it was a very successful year with great support from parents, the senior football team and the committee.

Well done boys! We look forward to bigger and better things which will definitely come as the years go on.



Western Eagles Football Netball Club

U 12 Team - 2023

Back- Angus Reid (Ass. Coach), Brock Jamieson, Jimmy Armistead, Hugo Saarikallio, Brady Hickey, Kai Fraser, Louis Hickey, Lucas Rodger, Kayleb Bartlett, Damien Hickey (Coach)

Front- Leon Swanson, Billy Martin, Joe Bayne, Chase Hickey, Luca Borgia, Fran McMillan, Kade Genua, Tyler Russell, Buddy Gange, Max Lloyd

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 he was 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

JORDAN MILVERTON

A GRADE NETBALL

Best & Fairest – Briea McLachlan

Runner Up – Ali Genua

Coaches Award – Leah Sherman

Ann Tregae Rising Star Award – Tilly O'Brien

Following on from last year, we continued on with our plan of building the youth in A grade and I'm proud to say that it was another successful year. Going from 2 wins last year, to not only doubling it, but more than tripling it. 7 wins in total, defeating one of the top 5 teams and racking up a 4 straight winning streak to finish off 2023.

I have no doubt, that had we not been struck with injury – those numbers would've been higher. But not once did those girls throw in the towel. They challenged top sides, they made people eat their words and they made teams realise we were a threat.

It goes without saying that our four U17 players, have been a massive boost to this team. Remy and Briea have a connection that is very rare – and spectacular to watch. There were many moments on the bench that our jaws would drop and wonder how they managed to offload the passes to each other. Adding Sienna into the midcourt, who reads the play and has also played alongside those girls since day dot. It made feeding into the goalers look so easy. And then we got to add Tilly into our defence with Keeley, Leah and Jancy. Along the way, Tilly gained her confidence, and with Keeley missing 5 weeks with injury, it created an opportunity for her step up and cement her position as an A grade defender. Leah was then injured – which allowed Keeley and Tilly to really wave their long arms around.

We welcomed our new recruit Charlotte into our side which helped to strengthen our midcourt and goalers. Of course this side wouldn't have been what it was without the ever reliable Ali, Jancy and Leah. Their consistency, support, guidance and commitment to not only the team, but towards myself and this club is heart warming. We celebrated many milestones throughout the season – on and off the court.

We were very proud of Tilly's commitment to successfully walk the Kokoda trail; Remy, Briea and Tilly were the winners of the netball championships in Melbourne – which is a huge commitment travelling every week to Melbourne to play on Monday nights; Sienna managed a premiership with St Joeys football side and her Geelong Falcons commitments, Keeley took out St Joey's B&F.

Leah & Remy 150th game and Sienna, Briea and Tilly's 100th game

Special thanks goes to our benching B graders, and also to Brooke Egan. Thankyou Tanya, Kess, Glenda, my family and the committee who have supported my coaching visions and allowed me to coach at this great club x



Western Eagles Football Netball Club

A Grade - 2023

Back - Briea McLachlan, Tilly O'Brien, Keeley Hardingham, Remy Duynhoven, Charlotte Howell
Front - Fiona Penny(Coach), Leah Sherman, Ali Genua(Capt), Jancy Shields-Jackson, Sienna Mallon



B GRADE NETBALL

Best & Fairest – Jenny Fish

Runner Up – Olivia Montano & Hannah Williams

Coaches Award – Ellie Pownceby

Here we are again, another season over with plenty more experiences to add to the memory banks.. We were just shy of making finals again, it came down to 1 goal, 2 game points, as soon as we finished our game at the Bay we were frantically checking for scores, but alas it wasn't our time.

We lost a few players from last season, which meant we had room to welcome a couple of new players into the team, Tamzyn Harty returned, Edwina Harrington and Hannah Williams came in as delightful newbies, and the rest of the team – Em Montano and Holly Unwin in defence, Ellie Pownceby and I in the mid, and Jen Fish and Liv Montano down the shooting end made up our 9 at the start.

Due to people who won't be named hurting themselves, we had room for some more players after round 6.. We had a few C Graders come up to help out, thanks Lorraine, Arnie, Kess and Grace, before we asked Mia Compton and Rylee Reid to join our team permanently, a challenge the girls were more than happy to take on! Even after this, we still had inevitable absences, injuries and illnesses, so we also had the chance to ask Libby Mott, Jess Dellar and Georgia Egan from Under 15s, as well as Brooke Egan, to bench for us, thanks girls!

I'm very proud of the girls efforts this year, we had most of our team at all training sessions, the girls were quick to lend a helping hand where needed, and they were one of the funniest groups I've ever had the pleasure of coaching! On top of this, their netball improved throughout the year too! I put players in positions they hadn't tried before, and they all came leaps and bounds in skills from start to finish, you're all amazing!

Thanks to Grace and Petra for being my Primary Carers for most games! Thanks as well to Fee, Kess and Jenny, not only for what you all do as the netball committee but also as the other 3 coaches who let us borrow their players when needed!

Also a massive shoutout to the scorers, timekeepers, first aiders, trainers and umpires, without you guys the game doesn't go on!

Congratulations to all the trophy winners!

Bring on season 2024!

Cheers, Dani



Western Eagles Football Netball Club

B Grade - 2023

Back - Carly Ryan (Team Manager), Jenny Fish, Tamzyn Harty, Hannah Williams, Edwina Harrington,
Danielle Bowen (Coach)

Front - Rylee Reid, Ellie Pownceby, Emily Montano (Capt), Olivia Montano, Holly Unwin, Mia Compton



C GRADE NETBALL

Best & Fairest – Lorraine Mahoney

Runner Up – Kess Duynhoven

Coaches Award – Kiarne Jeffreys

What a year we have had! There's been a new baby, injuries and mystery illnesses, because of this we had to call on a few people to help us out throughout the year, so we would like to thank Georgia Oates, Brooke Egan, Georgia Egan, Jess Dellar, Rylee Reid, Fiona Penny, Tamzyn Harty and Mia Compton. We made it out the other side with 7 wins under our belt to finish 6th on the ladder unfortunately missing out on finals. We had a fun year with Lorraine and Kiarne captaining our side and we welcomed some juniors permanently into our team this year, Maddie and Charlotte and these girls continued to develop their skills as the year went on.

I would like to thank Verena for being my very organised Team Manager, your organisation is invaluable especially as a playing coach.

I'd also like to thank Kathryn and Petra for being our Primary Carer each week, it's very much appreciated.

To Dani, Jenny and Fiona thanks for all your help, guidance and support for all things netball throughout the year. Although we haven't necessarily had the senior success we would like, I feel we have created a fantastic environment in which people feel welcome and supported at The Eagles. When we look at the future of the Eagles and the junior success we have had, it's the environment which you guys the senior group have created that allows these up and coming players to flourish.

A massive thank you to John and the committee for all the work you do to make our club run so smoothly. All the volunteers that help out each week so we can go and do what we love thank you so much.

Cheers Kess



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C Grade - 2023

Back - Kess Duynhoven(Coach), Grace Tevelein, Caitlyn Guy, Ellie Langdon, Verena Jeffreys(Team Manager)
 Front -Georgia Oates, Maddie McCrae, Lorraine Mahoney(Capt), Kiarne Jeffreys(Capt), Mia Carson, Charlotte Black



UNDER 17 NETBALL

Best & Fairest – Remy Duynhoven

Runner Up – Briea McLachlan

Coaches Award – Rylee Reid

Best in Finals – Remy Duynhoven

Premiers, Champions and a League B&F winner - doesn't get much better than that, considering at pre season we only had 6 players. So Mia, Camryn and Rylee put their names forward to come up from U15s. There was never any doubt that these girls would be more than capable and they've definitely proven that. It's hard to believe they still have 2 years in u17s. Rylee and Mia also had a regular place with B grade.

This team had the perfect balance of strength, passion, determination, pride, willingness, skill and versatility. We could also adapt when we were short of players, which allowed us to try some different positions and involve 3 more u 15s to help us out. Big thank you to Jess Dellar, Georgia Oates and Libby Mott for qualifying and supporting us in the finals.

For anyone who watched throughout the year, whether it was U17s or A grade, there was no ignoring the incredible partnership of our goalers Remy and Briea. What they share isn't anything you can teach - its an incredible bond that amazes and leaves people in awe, assisted by the delivery into the ring by our midcourt - led by Sienna assisted by Mia and Maddie.

Our defending combination of Tilly, Riley, Charlotte and Camryn worked hard across the season which became so evident in the finals when South and Irrewarra struggled to get past them and into their goalers. It was great to hear how proud Rylee and Tilly were with themselves after the Grand Final with the way they worked together - hard work does pay off.

There were definitely games that were one sided - highest winning margin of 79. But we also had slow starts and challenges, but not once did the girls stop playing as a team. They picked each other up and they supported and encouraged each other.

When an opposition umpire approached me after a game and commended us on having such a positive bench - I was so proud. There can be a lot of negativity in sport and those things can have more impact than people realise. We need to continue to enjoy the friendships we have and love the challenges that come with the game. I've been very lucky to have Keeley and Ali to help me out courtside, along with Kess, Jenny, Tanya and Dani's support along the way. A huge thanks to all our umpires, helpers, committee and supporters for everything they have done to make this season a huge success.



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17 & Under - 2023

Back - Sienna Mallon, Charlotte Black, Tilly O'Brien, Briea McLachlan, Fiona Penny(Coach)
Front -Mia Compton, Rylee Reid, Remy Duynhoven(Capt), Maddie McCrae, Camryn Smith



UNDER 15 NETBALL

Best & Fairest – Georgia Oates

Runner Up – Jess Dellar

Coaches Award – Libby Mott

Best in Finals – Jess Dellar

Another great year from the U15 girls after a premiership winning season last year. We went through the home and away year with only 1 loss and finished second on the ladder behind Irrewarra Beeac. Our first 2 finals were hard fought wins to go straight through to the GF to again play IB. In warmer conditions than we were used to, we stuck with them till half time. Things didn't quite go as planned after that, and we ended up losing by 12.

Nothing to be ashamed of, we fought till the end, we were gracious in defeat and the club is super proud of you all. Thank you to our captain Georgia Oates who warmed the girls up every week, is our club B & F Winner and as well as League B & F for the second year running.

Thanks also to our manager Susan Egan and primary carer Sharon McCrae.

To Dani and her committee and umpires, thanks for the time you put in to get us all on the court.

Thanks to John and his committee and everyone else that makes this club run.

It's such a wonderful club to be a part of.

See you all for tryouts soon and look forward to the 2024 season.

Cheers Jenny



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15 & Under - 2023

Back - Susan Egan(Team Manager), Bella Lloyd, Georgia Egan, Gabby Montano, Jessica Dellar, Bronte Scott, Jenny Fish(Coach)

Front -Amelia Hayes, Ella Walsh, Georgia Oates(Capt), Macey O'Brien, Libby Mott, Tilly McCrae



UNDER 13 NETBALL

Best & Fairest – Molly Fish

Runner Up – Ashlin Tate

Coaches Award – Chloe Hudson

Best in Finals – Ashlin Tate

What an amazing season it has been. To have all our junior netball teams in the Grand Final 2 years in a row says a lot about not only the talent of players we have but also the environment we all, the Eagles Community, create for our players to flourish.

Our 13& Under group has had a fantastic year on the court, winning lots of games to end the season 2nd on the ladder. Off the court these players have continued to grow and develop their netball skills and knowledge, going from strength to strength in terms of leadership and teamwork. League vote count was very exciting night winning all age groups, I believe this is the first time in history that one club has done this. Molly took out the 13 & Under division on a massive 47 votes out of a possible 54, very consistent and impressive season by Molly, and totally deserving of this award.

We had 4 girls represent the CDFNL in the 13 & Under Interleague Teams. Molly and Ashlin in the Division 1 team and our defensive duo Chloe and Alexis in the Division 2 team. They represented the CDFNL in Altona at the Association Championships, Barwon Junior Championships in Geelong and Interleague game the league hosted in Colac.

Grand Final day was so exciting, even though we didn't get the win, I felt like we had. The standard of netball from these young ladies was ridiculous and every single one of them played their hearts out. I couldn't have asked for more. We nearly pulled off the upset of the season. I was so proud. Well done girls.

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

Thanks to Dani, Jenny and Fiona for their help and support with all things netball.

Thank you to Bec Tate for being our awesome primary carer throughout the last 2 years, we know we are in safe hands with you.

Thanks to Fran and Boydie for being our trainers during finals. Thanks to all our supporters during the year and especially cheering us on in the finals.

I would like to congratulate Fiona and the 17's girls on a well deserved win. It's been an absolute delight to watch these girls grow and develop into some of the best players in our league. Congrats to Jenny, Luke, Elijah, Phil, Riley and teams on all making finals, it's a fantastic testament to our club, although disappointing I'm sure you will all come back more determined next year.

A massive thank you to my team manager extraordinaire Kathryn. We've been a team for 4 years now and I cannot express how grateful I am for all your support, organisation and friendship during this time.

Thanks to John and the committee for doing an awesome job of running our great club. There's such a fantastic feel around the club and I can't wait to see where we can go next year.

Finally to all the girls, I'm so proud of you all, for your willingness to learn, your sportsmanship and your determination to always give your best. You're all amazing.

Cheers Kess



Western Eagles Football Netball Club

13 & Under - 2023

Back - Kathryn Oates (Team Manager) Bec Tate(Medical), Natalia Cook, Alexis Borch, Mia Oates, Chloe Hudson,
Kess Duynhoven (Coach)

Front -Gwen Scott, Pippa O'Brien, Ashlin Tate(Capt), Molly Fish(Capt), Leah Hudson, Abbey Dellar



NETBALL DEVELOPMENT TEAM

What a season for the development group, this is my 2nd season mentoring this group and it has been a wonderful experience. We had a couple of players move up to U/13 this season which have been exciting to watch. Our numbers continue to grow for dev group and it's great to see both the boys and girls giving netball a go. We increased our development group sessions to every home game this season as the little Eagles were extremely keen & played games against Birregurra, Apollo Bay, Otway, Imperials & South Colac. It's great to see the numbers are strong with other CDFNL teams also. The skills, development, team work and friendships these kids have built have been great to watch.

Thank you to the parents, our sidelines supporters and Jancy and Dani who have helped during the year, looking forward to season 2024.

Thanks, Leah



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 2023 Bakers Delight High Achiever Award winner is...

JONAH SCOTT

Jonah started playing football for the Western Eagles Football Netball Club in 2018 in the Under 14.5 side. He has played 104 junior games for the club.

Whilst Jonah is representing the Eagles in footy, he displays good sportsmanship and is a true team player on & off the field. Last year he even stepped up to run the boundary in a Senior game when no-one else was prepared to do so. Jonah's family also has had a long association with our club, firstly with Pirron Yallock & then the Eagles.

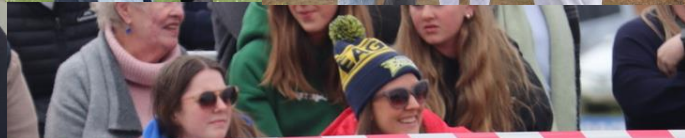
Jonah is currently a Year 12 boarding student at Ballarat Grammar where he takes on housing responsibilities and is held in great esteem particularly around public speaking.

Jonah is hoping to move to university in Melbourne next year to perhaps follow an engineering career path. At the moment he divides his time between his commitments at school, football & home.

Jonah is a thoughtful, mature young man who helps & cares for his family, especially in times of need. Jonah goes about business in a quiet unassuming way. He is humble, polite, inclusive & understated.

He is an excellent role model to both younger people & to his peers alike. The Western Eagles Football Netball Club and Bakers Delight congratulate Jonah on his achievements and wish him continued success in whatever path he chooses to follow. A very worthy recipient of the 2023 Bakers Delight High Achievers Award.

2023, A YEAR WHERE THE GOOD TIMES WERE FLOWING..



..AND SO WAS THE FOOD (& MILK)..



..AS WELL AS THE HAIR..



..THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!



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