



# MACEDON CATS



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

## PREMIERS!

With three of our netball teams - B Grade, C Grade and Under 19s - playing in the RDFL Grand Final, we were able to take home the premiership cup in the C Grade. To get into a Grand Final is an exceptional effort and the club is very proud of the 33 netballers who represented Macedon FNC, along with their entourage of coaches, co-ordinators, statistician, trainer and supporters.

The C Grade team is made up locals, committee members and some great club people, who worked hard all year to earn their success. For some of these ladies it was their very first premiership, one which they will all remember for years to come. Well done!



## UPCOMING FIXTURES IN OCTOBER

### Netball Trials

Sunday 23rd

October

9:30am-12:30pm

Tony Clarke Reserve

*Registrations needed*

*BEFORE 21st October*

### Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 26th October

7pm

Tony Clarke Stadium

Meeting Room/Zoom

# PRELIMINARY FINAL AT MACEDON

## NETBALL RESULTS

### A Grade -

Macedon 31 defeated by Diggers Rest 39  
Goals: Ciara Stewart 23, Shanae Brundell 6,  
Ashlee Coxhell 2

### C Grade -

Macedon 30 defeated Diggers Rest 21  
Goals: Amy Ilic 19, Susan Eastman 11

### Under 19s -

Macedon 22 defeated Woodend Hesket 19  
Goals: Eliza Petherick 19, Beth Barry 2, Tess  
Randall 1



# GRAND FINAL AT ROMSEY

## NETBALL RESULTS

### B Grade -

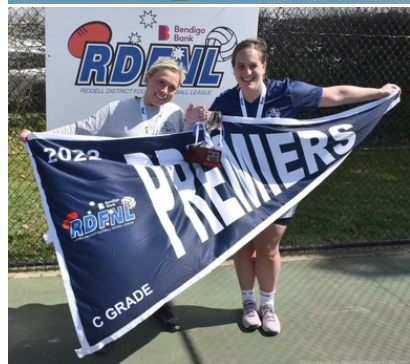
Macedon 29 defeated by Diggers Rest 32  
Goals: Georgia Fearn 15, Eliza Petherick 9,  
Samantha Nunan 5  
Best on Court: Brooke Seidel (Diggers Rest)

### C Grade -

Macedon 33 defeated Western Rams 24  
Goals: Susan Eastman 18, Amy Ilic 14, Amy  
Gooch 1  
Best on Court: Taylah Chamra (Macedon)

### Under 19s -

Macedon 24 defeated by Western Rams 52  
Goals: Eliza Petherick 12, Tess Randall 7,  
Beth Barry 5  
Best: Lia Seumanutafa (Western Rams)



## FROM THE PRESIDENT- ANDREW DICK

Three years ago, we had no Under 19 Football and the Senior Football coach had just resigned. We were a club in the transition. We weren't in as favourable of a financial position but much of that was about to change. We had the new light project commence and a new Senior Coach in Al Meldrum appointed and some great performances.

How good is it to be here three years later. We have weathered the COVID storm and come out stronger.

I would like to pay tribute to all those who ensured that we are in this position - volunteers, sponsors, supporters and a wonderful committee (rarely has a meeting been poorly attended), the RDFNL and Macedon Ranges community.

Six of our teams were in finals this year. Our club has an outstanding training program in football and netball, lead by our senior coaches and many equally able and committed assistant coaches.

We are a town with a small population that continues to deliver well above its population weight. It is the same in many other aspects of this town that we live in.

Looking to the future - it is very bright. We have a new electronic scoreboard and the chance of female football and even netball being part of the Junior club next year. This is hugely encouraging.

Going forward I really look forward to our club being even stronger - new facilities, a smooth transition from juniors to seniors and a 'One Club' feel from Juniors to Seniors, from Netball to Football.

To the players - I thank and congratulate you on your endeavour, pursuit of excellence, ability to support each other and all round respects. As a cohort you are a magnificent group of people.

Finally, thank you again to all those who have made this club a success in 2022!



# SEASON SUMMARY FROM THE COACHES

## SENIOR FOOTBALL

2022 has come to a close and in what was a challenging year, it was great for the Senior Football team and the Football program in general getting some nourishment with a finals win and then pushing the eventual grand finalists in the Semi-Final. In effect, 3 years of toil navigating a community sporting club through a global pandemic! Hats off to everyone!

Outside of team achievements, a big congratulations to our individual award winners this season who performed consistently throughout the season on the field and also on the netball court.

A huge thanks for all the effort and support to our volunteers, committee, sponsors, players, coaches and families for allowing Macedon FNC to function and provide opportunities for the local and extended community to be involved in such a great family club.

I believe we have learnt a considerable amount throughout 2020-2022 about what is important to people and what it means to be part of something bigger than any individual. We look forward to continuing to build a united club that people want to be a part of.

## UNDER 19.5 FOOTBALL

To get a team of 17-19-year-old young men onto a footy ground every Saturday for 18 weeks takes the effort of many, the majority of which are volunteers. Jo Gooch and Gav Gray do a power of work all season, Richard Blake and Dave Morrice for standing side by side, Al Drum and "Wang" Sanders for their direction, Chris Speers for doing a stellar job as our runner, Keith Miles, Paul Keane & Katelyn for their work, Andrew Dick and his committee and all the other volunteers that work tirelessly pouring beers, cooking the BBQ, serving food, setting up the ground and generally running a footy club.

My biggest thankyou goes to the 34 blokes who pulled on the jumper throughout the season. Our season started with a win, we enjoyed some cracking football and thoroughly deserved a place in the finals. Unfortunately, not quite getting the job done against Romsey.

Our team incorporated local Macedon players, boys from Woodend, Sunbury, Gisborne, Kyneton and Melbourne. Whilst we lose a few going to senior footy, our group is strong and a nucleus of a competitive team for season 2023. We look forward to welcoming the new crop of U 17's joining us.

Congratulations to Alec McGregor, Max Ramsay and Cooper Brendish for finishing top 3 in the best and fairest. Jake Williams for his award for effort, endeavour and just having a crack. Jake Stoeckel, Josh Blake, Will "Sugar" Thomas, Alec McGregor, Max Ramsay and Lincoln Roberts all played senior footy this year. A real feather in their caps and a genuine reward for their effort and footy ability.

A quick shout out to the netballers for their remarkable season and the to club in general who managed 6 teams into finals, let's make it 7 from 7 next season.

# NETBALL HEAD COACH

What a great year the netball department had this year!

A grade finished minor premiers which was something to be very proud of, but fell short, bowing out in the Preliminary Final. We learnt a lot from this loss and are going to come back in 2023 even stronger.

B grade showed consistency and unity all year and it was with that strength they faced a heartbreaking 2 goal loss against Diggers Rest in the Grand Final. Although this loss was devastating, these outstanding player celebrated the hard work that went into the season and will come back fighting.

We have had many successes on and off the court but none more important that our C grade winning the 2022 premiership. We are so very proud of the work Sally has done with this team and the silverware the girls wear around their neck to commemorate the win.

Our 19's came so close, exceeding expectations and taking a place in the grand final against Rockbank. The girls really found their stride in the lead up to the Grand Final unexpectedly beating Woodend in the Preliminary Final. Karlee made sure that they experienced 'that moment' when they beat Woodend, knowing that Rockbank was going to be a challenge. Rockbank beat us in the Grand Final but the girls learnt what it takes to make a Grand Final and how good you have to be to win it.

We are so very proud of all those involved in the netball department and the success across all 4 teams is evidence of having the right people in our club.

Thank you to:

Sally Brennan for your commitment to coaching the C grade team and bring home a flag. Thank you for all your time and commitment to our club in many ways over the years.

Karlee Bruno for putting in the hard yards with our 19's and building a strong foundation for Macedon Cats future A graders.

Glenn Williams for your thorough stats and advice throughout the season. Some of your pre-game number crunching has made all the difference in getting us over the line.

Anna Debono for all your help on game day. You are the incidental volunteer, always found around the court packing up, helping with soup, collecting drink bottles and handing out jumpers to our A graders while the coach does the post-game talk to freezing players.

Janelle Tate and Megan Geary. We wouldn't have the club success if we didn't have competent leaders leading the way. It is a big job volunteering for this role and you both did an impeccable job.

Rob Hyland for making sure that we are looked after at training and on game day. We have loved having you back in with our group and hope that you know the value you bring to the netball department.

## NETBALL HEAD COACH

Continued..

Ray for manning the soup station every home game, volunteering your time whenever we needed you and just helping in general over the years. I know that you and Sal are a package deal, so we can only hope that after a well earned break you come back to the club.

Finally, thank you to Andrew Dick for watching all our games this year and supporting our Netball department over your years as President of the club. It is a thankless job that deserves a thank you every now and then, so on behalf of the Macedon Cats Netball girls, Thankyou!

## UNDER 19S NETBALL

This year our 19 & Under playing group had a very successful season. After 2 disrupted years, we had only 2 existing players in our team. The first few rounds were tough, and although we showed potential, we were still learning a lot about each other and how to play together. We had some very convincing wins, some narrow losses, and some not so narrow losses. However, halfway through the season we were sitting fifth. There was a strong 5 in the competition, so we always knew we were going to be a part of the finals line up. Although we were plagued by illness and injury, we had some impressive wins which helped us climb the ladder to third before ultimately finishing in fourth.

We left our best netball for finals. We beat Riddell in our elimination final by 10, Melton by 7 in the semi and Woodend in a nail biter in the preliminary. Although we went down in the grand final this playing group showed commitment, dedication, flexibility and versatility. We were patient and determined which allowed us to build as our season went on. I am very proud of the success we had in our first year together and am excited to watch this team continue to develop and thrive.



# PRESENTATION NIGHT

On Friday the 16th of September, we held our club Presentation Night. Guests were served a three course meal, while the awards were presented, speeches given and thank you's made. It was an enjoyable night and many thanks go to those who organised and ran the night.

## FOOTBALL AWARDS

### Senior Football

Beatson Medal Best & Fairest:

Brodie Hoyne

Runner up Best and Fairest:

Jason Cooke

3rd in Best and Fairest: James

Wright

Selfless Award: Jarrod Bulluss

Bill Tunn Rising Star Award:

Dylan Johnstone



### Reserves Football

Joint Best and Fairest: Harrison Shipp and

Louis Bonjiovanni

Runner Up Best and Fairest: Ed Morrissey

Reserves Coaches Award: Jack Lord



### Under 19.5s Football

Clifford Medal Best & Fairest: Alec McGregor

Runner up Best and Fairest: Max Ramsay

3rd Place Best and Fairest: Cooper Brendish

Coaches Award: Jake Williams



### Club Award

Andrew Meldrum Jnr. Best Club Person

Award: Craig Hildebrand





# NETBALL AWARDS

## A Grade Netball

Climas Medal Best & Fairest: Katie Clarke

Runner Up Best and Fairest: Janelle Tate

Coaches Award: Janelle Tate (Runner Up: Katie Clarke)



## B Grade Netball

Sylvia Christiansen Best & Fairest: Demi Young

Runner Up Best and Fairest: Samantha Nunan

Coaches Award: Demi Young (Runner Up Bella Klaaysen)



## C Grade Netball

Best and Fairest: Steph Ferrier

Runner Up Best and Fairest: Allira Egan

Coaches Award: Susan Eastman.



## Under 19s Netball

Best & Fairest: Sheridan Jones

Runner Up Best and Fairest: Dacey Cole

Coaches Award: Tamika Bishop



# LEAGUE VOTECOUNT



## Reserves Runner Up Best Defender

HARRISON SHIPP



## Senior Football 2022 Team of the Year

HALF BACK FLANK: MATTHEW DICK  
CENTRE HALF FORWARD: JASON COOKE

## A Grade League Leading Goal Scorer

CHLOE WILLIAMS  
(592 GOALS)



## A Grade 2022 Team of the Year

GOAL SHOOTER: CHLOE WILLIAMS  
SUBSTITUTE: KATIE CLARKE



## GRANTS UPDATE

Earlier this year we received a \$35,000 grant from the Community Bank Gisborne and District Branch of the Bendigo Bank for an Electronic Scoreboard. This was a joint application from the Senior Macedon Football Netball Club, the Junior Macedon Football Club and the Macedon Cricket Club.

We were also successful in receiving funding from the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) for our efforts in promoting road safety to our community.

## SPONSORSHIP

The Macedon Football Netball Club gratefully acknowledges the support given by our sponsors throughout the 2022 Season.

Without your contributions, whether financial or material, the club would be struggling to maintain viability. It is important that MFNC, its members, volunteers, officials, and players, consider our sponsors when making decisions when seeking goods or services. Support those businesses who support us!!!

The club as a whole has had a positive season on and off the field in 2022. For our sponsors, new advertising and publicity opportunities will be available in Season 2023 on the commissioning of a new Electronic Scoreboard at Tony Clarke Reserve. A large portion of the cost for this has been through sponsorship by Gisborne and District Community Bank (Bendigo Bank). The MFNC would be grateful if any sponsors or individuals would care to assist in the realisation of the Electronic Scoreboard by contributing funds directly to the project. Please contact [vicepresident@macedoncats.com.au](mailto:vicepresident@macedoncats.com.au) if you would like to participate.

Best wishes for the summer, and we look forward to your continuing support in 2023.

## SPONSORS

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Mary-Anne Thomas MP

### General CORPORATE

Sponsor:

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# NETBALL TRIALS



SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2022



9:30AM – 12:30PM



TONY CLARKE RESERVE  
MACEDON

FOR REGISTRATIONS PLEASE  
SCAN THE QR CODE, READ AND  
COMPLETE THE FORM.



Please register  
BEFORE Friday  
21<sup>st</sup> October

A \$5 umpire fee is required for all players on  
the day.



## 2023 MACEDON CATS NETBALL TRIALS

MACEDON CATS FNC ARE CONDUCTING SENIOR NETBALL TRIALS ON SUNDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2022. OUR TRIALS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE AND WE ARE SELECTING FOR ALL GRADES FOR THE 2023 SEASON. WE ARE A WELCOMING, FAMILY FRIENDLY, ALL-INCLUSIVE CLUB THAT PROVIDES A STRONG PATHWAY FROM OUR 19'S AND UNDER PLAYING GROUP TO OUR, VERY COMPETITIVE, A GRADE TEAM.

PLEASE READ AND COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FROM BY SCANNING THE QR CODE OR CLICKING ON THE LINK BELOW. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING ALL NEW AND RETURNING PLAYERS.

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# **NOTICE OF AGM**

# **MACEDON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY  
26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

**7PM START**

**TONY CLARKE  
STADIUM**

**MEETING ROOM**

## **NOTICE OF AGM**

**MACEDON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB WILL BE HOLDING ITS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT 7PM WEDNESDAY 26TH OCTOBER AT TONY CLARKE STADIUM MEETING ROOM.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE.**

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