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GRAND FINAL GAME TIMES

Under 16s: 8:15am start

4 x 18 Minute Quarters - No time on

BREAKS: 4 min / 8 min / 4 min

U16s must finish by 10:15am

Under 18s: 9:55am start

4 x 20 Minute Quarters - No time on

BREAKS: 5 min / 8 min / 5 min

U18s must finish by 12:10pm

RESERVES: 12:10pm start

4 x 20 Minute Quarters - No time on

BREAKS: 5 min / 8 min / 5 min

Reserves must finish by 2pm

SENIORS: 2:20pm start

4 x 20 Minute Quarters - Plus time on

Breaks : 5min / 15 min / 5 min

Estimated Finish 4:20pm

Netball Playing Times

A GRADE 2:30pm

B GRADE 1:15pm

C GRADE 12:00pm

17 & Under 11:00am

15 & Under 10:00am

13 & Under 9:00am



President's Report

Thank you for attending the Parklea EDFNL 2023 Grand Final. Hope you enjoy the day!

Congratulations and all the best to all the football and netball teams participating today. Unfortunately, there can only be one winner across the 10 levels of competition but as far as I am concerned any team that makes it to the last day of the season must judge it a successful year.

From a league view we had yet another positive year. The numbers were better across all football grades and off field the club and league administrators did a fantastic job to ensure things ran smoothly. On the league administration side, this year I can confidently say we rose to new heights. Tim Cosstick did yet another outstanding job assisting clubs with the Play HQ system and newcomer Tanya Helliard has enhanced our social media, the publicity for sponsors and recently produced a new league website. The Follower is now available on our league website and Instagram and via a QR at each ground thanks to Tanya.

Last Sunday we held the 2023 Junior and Senior presentation functions. Congratulations to Poowong's Jack Hazendonk & Trafalgar's Dylan Farrell who tied in the Alf Walton medal count for the Senior Best & Fairest. Remarkably it was the fourth time Jack was won and the second time for Dylan. Well done to Neerim Neerim South who achieved back-to-back Robin Hood Club Championship awards along with Nilma Darnum who won the Parklea Most Disciplined Club award at Senior level and Ellinbank who won it at Junior level. Jack Hazendonk had a big night also taking home the Relink Consulting 'Most Valuable Player' award and Nilma Darnum was the recipient of the Warragul Downtowner 'Community Club of the year.'

We fielded 8 & 9 teams respectively at U16 & 18 level this year which was an improvement on the 2022 season, and I was really pleased with the feedback after the league once again opted to organise an U16 East v West match followed by an Interleague match

against the WGFNC. While time consuming for all involved and an expensive initiative, the Board of Management see it as an investment rather than a cost as we don't want kids disengaged from football.

As you may know I intend to stand down from the league Presidency – a role I have occupied for 35 years - at the upcoming AGM in November but still intend to be on the Sub-Committee.

I'd like to think over my tenure the league has ran successfully, progressed to be more professional and never reform shy. The friendships forged over the years are priceless and far than outweigh the issues along the journey. As you may know some clubs have made enquiries to join our league in 2024. It is too early to say whether another team will be accepted into the EDFNL, but I would just like to reiterate that to be a sustainable league we must stay ahead of the game and if that means taking on new clubs, I think this is the way to go – all be it clubs that will add value to our league.

The EDFNL is once again grateful to our sponsors. Indebted to have Parklea an Australian owned property developer sign on again as a naming right sponsor. I would also like to thank our other partners Physioworks, MP Wayne Farnham, Warragul Regional Newspapers, the Downtowner, John Duff & Co, Robin Hood Inn, Hip Pocket Warragul, Body Fit Training Warragul, Intersport Warragul - who sponsor our footballs, and AG Warehouse. We would also like to acknowledge our new sponsors Relink Consulting who sponsor this year's MVP award, Quality Site Welding who provide the grand final dais, C&R Strength & Conditioning and Almara Cabinets. Great to have SEN Track 91.9 Latrobe Valley back on board broadcasting our match of the day. Well down to Rob Goodwin and Dylan Beaumont for their research and commentary. Wishing everybody all the best for the future!

Roger Gwynne
EDFNL President

SEN BREAKFAST



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The 2023 minor premiers Buln Buln will be out to put the ghosts of last season's one-point Grand Final loss behind them when they meet Neerim Neerim South once again. The match has all the elements of a classic. The Lyrebirds took all before them in the home and away season while the Cats are riding on the crest of a wave with three consecutive wins this final series. Buln Buln is chasing their 11th flag and first since they won the 2014 East division premiership and the Cats its ninth.

It is a massive day for the Neerim Neerim South who will be represented in all four matches.

SENIORS – BULN BULN v NEERIM SOUTH

Head-to-Head in 2023

Round 1 – Neerim Neerim South 6.11.47 defeated by Buln Buln 7.9.51

Round 12 – Buln Buln 16.13.109 defeated Neerim Neerim South 6.5.41

TOP 5 LEADING GOALKICKERS PER CLUB

| BULN BULN | NEERIM NEERIM SOUTH |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Hayden Baker 51 | Luke Kinder 54 |
| Reece Campbell 37 | Lachlan Bambridge 49 |
| Bob McCallum 28 | Thomas Crole 34 |
| Riley Rundell 23 | Chris Urie 30 |
| Matt Gray 21 | Isaac Fuller 23 |

The match pits the two most attacking and miserly defensive teams which suggests the side with the superior midfield on the day will hold the premiership cup aloft.

Buln Buln was a cut above all comers this season. It boasted the most settled team with nine players having played all matches as opposed to only four at Neerim South. However the Cats aside from emerging forward Tom Crole and star veteran Chris Urie (quad - doubtful) should be close to full strength. Likewise Buln Buln with the return of experience half back Sam Batson, for only his 2nd senior match of the season in round 19.

Compared with 2022 Buln Buln look a better team on paper with the arrival of ruck rover Mitch Nobelius, who has returned after a decade at Warragul, ex-Longwarry speedster Riley Rundell and former Nilma Darnum wingman Dylan Cann. The Lyrebirds average 21 points more per match this year. One could argue Neerim Neerim South is also a better team this year with the presence of ex-Bunyip forward Jack Blakey, who has added midfield drive and pace.

For Buln Buln, Nobelius, veteran ruck duo coach Bob McCallum and Matt Gray will trouble the Cats tallies while centreman Trent Baker, goal sneak Hayden Baker and emerging star Brendan Wall will play a big role in their fortunes. For Neerim, it too has a rising star in Ayden Ramm while Captain Kody Wilson, Nathan Bayne and Tyssen Morrow to name just a few will have a big say in the outcome. Neerim to go back-to-back in another thriller. The Cats look to have more avenues to attack and have peaked at the right time.

RESERVES – NEERIM NEERIM SOUTH v LANG LANG

Lang Lang will attempt to win their second reserves flag and first since 2002, which is the only premiership the Tigers have won since it joined the EDFL/EDFNL in 2001. It will have to do it the hard way though having come through from the elimination final. It boasts four of the top ten goal kickers in the competition led by Laim Hetherington (40), Jesse Hand (32), Geordie Wells (24) & Mitch Tribuzi (20). For the Cats Adam White, Fletcher Robertson-Edgar, Tom Zeldryn, Harry Notman & Aaron Mitchell have been their mainstays and will shape the course of the match.

U18s – NEERIM NEERIM SOUTH v ELLINBANK

Will be a ripping contest. For Neerim the form of midfield dynamo and 2023 Bill Cumming medallist Jay Ladson, Jackson Williames, Isaac Guy, Chad Owen and Lincoln Morehu has all made a strong contribution to their minor premiership while for Ellinbank Jack Champion, Rick Rosser and Pat Alger have been prime movers. With the availability of Liam Lisle, who has played the entire season in the seniors and the return last week of key forward Billy Auldlist from long term injury the Eagles are not without a big chance.

U16s – ELLINBANK v NEERIM NEERIM SOUTH

Shapes as a close contest with by far the two top teams all season. For those to arrive early keep an eye on Ellinbank's Logan Joyce – the 2023 Ian Cooper medallist - Hugh Cunningham (33 goals this year), Vincent Onslow (30), Joel Armstrong, Ayden Clarke and Jhy Good who all have bright futures while for Neerim, Kai Mounsey (68 goals) and the U16 leading goalkicker, Kyson Cornwall, Braiden Curtis-Smith, Max Williames and Ash Mounsey are all players to watch.

GRAND FINAL SELECTIONS

U16s – ELLINBANK v Neerim Neerim South

U18s – Neerim Neerim South v ELLINBANK

RESEERVES – NEERIM NEERIM SOUTH v Lang Lang

SENIORS – Buln Buln v NEERIM NEERIM SOUTH

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Football Results

PRELIMINARY FINALS

SENIORS

Ellinbank Eagles: 0.3, 2.5, 4.8, 4.8 (32)

Neerim South Cats: 4.1, 6.2, 12.8, 12.8 (80)

Goals: Ellinbank: Anthony Battista 1, Jake Dean 1, Timothy Mashado 1, Shaun Phelan 1

Neerim South: Lachlan Bambridge 3, Jack Blakey 3, Rhys George 2, Lachlan Guy 1, Eddie McGillivray 1, Tyssen Morrow 1, Kody Wilson 1

Best: Ellinbank: Timothy Farthing, Will Jolley, Timothee Mashado, Michael Ablett, Liam Anderson, Ryan Carpenter
Neerim South: Not supplied

UNDER 18S

Buln Buln Lyrebirds: 0.1, 1.4, 1.4, 1.4 (10)

Ellinbank Eagles: 2.3, 3.6, 4.9, 6.12 (48)

Goals: Buln Buln: Riley Warner 1

Ellinbank: Billy Auldlist 2, Joel Armstrong 1, Liam Bellio 1, Jack Champion 1, Logan Joyce 1

Best: Buln Buln: Logan Wallmeyer, Will Battley, Ryley Huysman, Mackye Rietmueller, Damon Ingram

Ellinbank: Jack Champion, Luke Carbon, Patrick Alger, Joel Armstrong, Liam Bellio, Billy Auldlist

RESERVES

Buln Buln Lyrebirds: 0.1, 2.2, 2.2, 2.2 (14)

Lang Lang Tigers: 3.3, 3.3, 5.6, 8.8 (56)

Goals: Buln Buln: Bradley Fusinato 1, Bailey Leatham 1

Lang Lang: Rhyce Harvie 2, Liam Hetherington 2, Mitchell Tribuzi 2, James Vela 2

Best: Buln Buln: Jacob Pickthall, Simon Dawson, Sean Symes, Riley McKerrow, Aaron Warner, Thomas Jessup

Lang Lang: Liam Edgar, Rhyce Harvie, Dwayne Harvey, Jesse Hand, Bryce Fraser

UNDER 16S

Neerim South Cats: 0.0, 2.3, 2.6, 2.6 (18)

Lang Lang Tigers: 0.1, 1.1, 2.1, 2.1 (13)

Goals: Neerim South: Riley Morehu 1, Kai Mounsey 1

Lang Lang: Robi Nooy 1, Stafn Sagolj 1

Best: Neerim South: Riley Morehu, Blair Loft, Kyson Cornwall, Keegan Friedlander, Braiden Curtis-Smith, Joseph Sheehan

Lang Lang: Ashton Townley, Zachary Kouris, Diesel Bonaddio, Jarrad Francome, Robi Nooy, Jaeden Ward

UMPIRE CODE OF RESPECT POLICY

- All players will display total respect towards umpires and always abide by their decisions and directions
- Supporters are asked to treat the umpires with respect and to accept their decision and also ensure that any comments made during the course of the game do not become personal or offensive.
- The Ellinbank & District Football Netball League will take a strong stand against any player or supporter who fails to consider the umpire code of respect policy

Robin Hood Inn



Robin Hood Inn Club Championship

| | SENIORS | RESERVES | U18 | U16 | TOTAL |
|--------------|---------|----------|-----|-----|-------|
| NEERIM SOUTH | 27 | 35 | 30 | 33 | 125 |
| BULN BULN | 34 | 28 | 28 | 20 | 110 |
| ELLINBANK | 28 | 28 | 22 | 32 | 110 |
| TRAFALGAR | 28 | 16 | 10 | 25 | 79 |
| LANG LANG | 18 | 25 | 4 | 20 | 67 |
| LONGWARRY | 12 | 8 | 18 | 16 | 54 |
| YARRAGON | 11 | 14 | 10 | 5 | 40 |
| POOWONG | 20 | | 10 | 5 | 35 |
| CATANI | 8 | 22 | | | 30 |
| NYORA | 12 | 12 | | | 24 |
| NILMA DARNUM | | 10 | | 4 | 14 |

Congratulations to Neerim Neerim South back to back club champions 2022/23

Trivia

Last weeks Question & Answer:

Last Sunday the 2023 Alf Walton medal (for EDFL NOW EDFNL Best & Fairest) was held.

How many winners can you name over the last 10 years?

Here is the table.

| | | |
|------|--|------------------------------------|
| 2013 | Brendan Kimber Daniel Barrand Andy Soumilas | Cora Lynn Ellinbank Garfield |
| 2014 | Luke Walker (West Division) Tye Holland (East Division) | Kooweerup Longwarry |
| 2015 | Matthew Gray | Buln Buln |
| 2016 | Tye Holland | Warragul Ind |
| 2017 | Paul Pattison | Catani |
| 2018 | Russell Lehman Jack Hazendonk | Longwarry Poowong |
| 2019 | Jack Hazendonk | Poowong |
| 2020 | Abandoned | |
| 2021 | Dylan Farrell | Trafalgar |
| 2022 | Jack Hazendonk | Poowong |



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CONGRATULATIONS TO JACK HAZENDONK

Poowong ruck rover Jack Hazendonk won the 2023 Relink Consulting Most Valuable Player award. For the first time the award votes were provided by both senior coaches. Therefore 12 votes were awarded for every match as opposed to six in 2022. Despite having won his fourth Alf Walton medal this season it was the first time he won the MVP award. Jack is the heartbeat of the Magpies team.

A great team man, a feature of his game is his aggressive running and willingness to work hard all over the field while having a knack of kicking important goals. Such was his consistency he polled votes in 13 of the 18 matches he played including 10 Best on Grounds. He is the first player from Poowong to win the MVP award.

Runner Up was Trafalgar Captain and ruckman Dylan Farrell, who also was a model of consistency polling in 11 matches and with 10 Best on Grounds. He polled 40 votes while Hazendonk received 49. Hazendonk & Farrell tied for this year's Alf Walton medal for the league best & fairest.

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LEADERBOARD

| PLAYER | CLUB | VOTES |
|-------------------|--------------|-------|
| Jack Hazendonk | Poowong | 49 |
| Dylan Farrell | Trafalgar | 40 |
| Bryce Joyce | Ellinbank | 35 |
| Darren Granger | Longwarry | 33 |
| Kody Wilson | Neerim South | 28 |
| Tyler Payroli | Yarragon | 26 |
| Mitch Nobelius | Buln Buln | 25 |
| Travis Stewart | Nyora | 24 |
| Ayden Ramm | Neerim South | 20 |
| Hayden Baker | Buln Buln | 20 |
| Brad Harding | Lang Lang | 18 |
| Curtis Barker | Trafalgar | 18 |
| Dylan Heylen | Nyora | 18 |
| Josh Brown | Lang Lang | 17 |
| Lachlan Bambridge | Neerim South | 17 |
| Nathan Tutton | Buln Buln | 17 |
| Shaun Phelan | Ellinbank | 17 |
| Jace Butler | Trafalgar | 16 |
| Ryan Atherton | Ellinbank | 16 |
| Riley Rundell | Buln Buln | 15 |
| Mitchell Virtue | Trafalgar | 14 |
| Rylan Smith | Ellinbank | 14 |
| Sage Tapner | Nilma Darmum | 14 |
| Trent Baker | Buln Buln | 14 |

PAST WINNERS

| YEAR | PLAYER | CLUB | VOTES |
|-----------|------------------|--------------|-------|
| 2022 | Jack Hazendonk | Poowong | 49 |
| 2021 | Matt Gray | Buln Buln | 17 #1 |
| 2020 | Season abandoned | | |
| 2019 | Paul Pattison | Catani | 28 |
| 2018 | Tyson Bale | WIFC | 25 |
| 2017 | Paul Pattison | Catani | 27 #2 |
| | Shane Brewster | WIFC | 27 |
| 2016 | Chris Urie | Neerim South | 27 #3 |
| | Ricky Clarke | Cora Lynn | 27 |
| 2015 | Dylan Heylen | Nyora | 20 |
| 2014 WEST | Luke Walker | Koo Wee Rup | 30 |
| 2014 EAST | Tyson Bale | WIFC | 29 |

1 denotes only 11 round season

2 denotes 2017 award tied

3 denotes 2016 award tied



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Congratulations to the Nilma Darnum FNC the winners of the Warragul Downtowner Community Club of the Year Award. Nilma were involved in many community activities over the course of the year among some of these;

- Held an Epilepsy Awareness Round to raise funds and awareness of the Epilepsy and the Epilepsy Foundation.
- Held an Indigenous Round to promote a togetherness in the community with our Indigenous community.
- During our Round 16 – Carlton Draft Day we invited local community groups such as Warragul Scouts, Warragul Lyons Club and Darnum / Ellinbank CFA to run stalls & show their equipment to the greater community which benefited them.
- During Summer our players help locals to cart hay.
- Donated our time to prepare the reserve so the Darnum Primary School could hold their community sports at the reserve.

The BOM would also like to commend the Ellinbank FNC and last seasons inaugural winners whose players were part of a community team running various distances in the Hallora marathon in support of the Peter McCallum Foundation. Among a few other community involvements the club again raised money for the Fragile X Foundation as it has for the last 4 years. Fragile X is a genetic condition that causes a range of developmental problems including learning difficulties and cognitive impairment. Ellinbank held a Fragile X round again during the season to support and raise awareness by wearing orange on the scheduled game day. All of its monies go the Fragile X foundation for further research. Well done to Ellinbank!



Nilma Darnum President Rob Campbell (right) receiving the award from EDFNL President Roger Gwynne

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Parklea Most Disciplined Award



| SENIORS TABLE | | RESERVES TABLE | |
|---------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| BULN BULN | 253.0 | ELLINBANK | 266.0 |
| NILMA DARNUM | 252.0 | NILMA DARNUM | 266.0 |
| NYORA | 252.0 | BULN BULN | 264.0 |
| ELLINBANK | 251.0 | NEERIM SOUTH | 262.0 |
| LANG LANG | 250.0 | CATANI | 260.0 |
| NEERIM SOUTH | 248.0 | LANG LANG | 257.0 |
| POOWONG | 247.0 | POOWONG | 254.0 |
| LONGWARRY | 241.0 | YARRAGON | 253.0 |
| YARRAGON | 239.0 | TRAFALGAR | 236.0 |
| CATANI | 238.0 | NYORA | 235.0 |
| TRAFALGAR | 222.0 | LONGWARRY | 232.0 |

| TOTALS - SENIORS & RESERVES | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|------------|
| CLUB | TOTAL | WEEKLY AVE |
| NILMA DARNUM | 518.0 | 14.4 |
| BULN BULN | 517.0 | 14.4 |
| ELLINBANK | 517.0 | 14.4 |
| NEERIM SOUTH | 510.0 | 14.2 |
| LANG LANG | 507.0 | 14.1 |
| POOWONG | 501.0 | 13.9 |
| CATANI | 498.0 | 13.8 |
| YARRAGON | 492.0 | 13.7 |
| NYORA | 487.0 | 13.5 |
| LONGWARRY | 473.0 | 13.1 |
| TRAFALGAR | 458.0 | 12.7 |

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Nilma Darnum President Rob Campbell (right) receiving the MDC Shield from EDFNL President Roger Gwynne

Junior Most Disciplined Award 2023



UNDER 16s

| | TOTAL | WEEKLY AVE |
|--------------|-------|------------|
| ELLINBANK | 270.0 | 15.0 |
| POOWONG | 269.0 | 14.9 |
| NILMA DARNUM | 265.0 | 14.7 |
| TRAFALGAR | 279.0 | 14.7 |
| LANG LANG | 264.0 | 14.7 |
| BULN BULN | 260.0 | 14.4 |
| NEERIM SOUTH | 244.0 | 14.4 |
| LONGWARRY | 256.0 | 14.2 |
| YARRAGON | 221.0 | 13.8 |
| CATANI | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| NYORA | 0.0 | 0.0 |

UNDER 18s

| | TOTAL | WEEKLY AVE |
|--------------|-------|------------|
| ELLINBANK | 234.0 | 14.6 |
| POOWONG | 234.0 | 14.6 |
| NEERIM SOUTH | 244.0 | 14.4 |
| BULN BULN | 243.0 | 14.3 |
| LANG LANG | 228.0 | 14.3 |
| LONGWARRY | 236.0 | 13.9 |
| YARRAGON | 218.0 | 13.6 |
| TRAFALGAR | 231.0 | 13.6 |
| CATANI | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| NILMA DARNUM | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| NYORA | 0.0 | 0.0 |

TOTALS - U16s & U18s

| | TOTAL | WEEKLY AVE |
|--------------|-------|------------|
| ELLINBANK | 504.0 | 14.8 |
| POOWONG | 503.0 | 14.8 |
| NILMA DARNUM | 265.0 | 14.7 |
| LANG LANG | 492.0 | 14.5 |
| BULN BULN | 503.0 | 14.4 |
| NEERIM SOUTH | 488.0 | 14.4 |
| TRAFALGAR | 510.0 | 14.2 |
| YARRAGON | 439.0 | 13.7 |
| LONGWARRY | 492.0 | 13.7 |
| CATANI | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| NYORA | 0.0 | 0.0 |



Ellinbank's Under 18 Coach Toby Wallace (right) receiving the Junior MDC Shield from EDFNL President Roger Gwynne

Football Ladders



| TEAM | P | W | L | D | FOR | AGST | % | PTS |
|----------------------|----|----|----|---|------|------|--------|-----|
| SENIORS | | | | | | | | |
| Buln Buln Lyrebirds | 18 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 1884 | 694 | 271.47 | 68 |
| Ellinbank Eagles | 18 | 14 | 4 | 0 | 1431 | 758 | 188.79 | 56 |
| Trafalgar Bloods | 18 | 14 | 4 | 0 | 1201 | 929 | 129.28 | 56 |
| Neerim South Cats | 18 | 13 | 4 | 1 | 1845 | 745 | 247.65 | 54 |
| Poowong Magpies | 18 | 10 | 8 | 0 | 1114 | 1190 | 93.61 | 40 |
| Lang Lang Tigers | 18 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 967 | 1201 | 80.52 | 36 |
| Nyora Saints | 18 | 6 | 12 | 0 | 1077 | 1514 | 71.14 | 24 |
| Longwarry Crows | 18 | 6 | 12 | 0 | 1148 | 1694 | 67.77 | 24 |
| Yarragon Panthers | 18 | 5 | 12 | 1 | 869 | 1285 | 67.63 | 22 |
| Catani Blues | 18 | 4 | 14 | 0 | 1018 | 1428 | 71.29 | 16 |
| Nilma Darnum Bombers | 18 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 870 | 1986 | 43.81 | 0 |
| RESERVES | | | | | | | | |
| Neerim South Cats | 18 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 1675 | 342 | 489.77 | 70 |
| Ellinbank Eagles | 18 | 14 | 4 | 0 | 1446 | 423 | 341.84 | 56 |
| Buln Buln Lyrebirds | 18 | 14 | 4 | 0 | 1421 | 572 | 248.43 | 56 |
| Lang Lang Tigers | 18 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 1458 | 556 | 262.23 | 50 |
| Catani Blues | 18 | 11 | 7 | 0 | 1023 | 752 | 136.04 | 44 |
| Trafalgar Bloods | 18 | 8 | 10 | 0 | 985 | 707 | 139.32 | 32 |
| Yarragon Panthers | 18 | 7 | 11 | 0 | 776 | 1146 | 67.71 | 28 |
| Nyora Saints | 18 | 6 | 12 | 0 | 675 | 1251 | 53.96 | 24 |
| Nilma Darnum Bombers | 18 | 5 | 13 | 0 | 506 | 1212 | 41.75 | 20 |
| Longwarry Crows | 18 | 4 | 14 | 0 | 695 | 1500 | 46.33 | 16 |
| Poowong Magpies | 18 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 206 | 2405 | 8.57 | 0 |
| UNDER 18S | | | | | | | | |
| Neerim South Cats | 17 | 15 | 2 | 0 | 1457 | 611 | 238.46 | 60 |
| Buln Buln Lyrebirds | 17 | 14 | 3 | 0 | 1285 | 535 | 240.19 | 56 |
| Ellinbank Eagles | 16 | 11 | 5 | 0 | 1081 | 533 | 202.81 | 44 |
| Longwarry Crows | 17 | 9 | 8 | 0 | 1054 | 974 | 108.21 | 36 |
| Yarragon Panthers | 16 | 5 | 11 | 0 | 613 | 1080 | 56.76 | 20 |
| Poowong Magpies | 16 | 5 | 11 | 0 | 536 | 1141 | 46.98 | 20 |
| Trafalgar Bloods | 17 | 5 | 12 | 0 | 528 | 917 | 57.58 | 20 |
| Lang Lang Tigers | 16 | 2 | 14 | 0 | 472 | 1235 | 38.22 | 8 |
| UNDER 16S | | | | | | | | |
| Neerim South Cats | 17 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 1307 | 419 | 311.93 | 66 |
| Ellinbank Eagles | 18 | 16 | 2 | 0 | 1259 | 399 | 315.54 | 64 |
| Trafalgar Bloods | 19 | 12 | 6 | 1 | 1017 | 566 | 179.68 | 50 |
| Lang Lang Tigers | 18 | 10 | 8 | 0 | 866 | 661 | 131.01 | 40 |
| Buln Buln Lyrebirds | 18 | 10 | 8 | 0 | 654 | 708 | 92.37 | 40 |
| Longwarry Crows | 18 | 8 | 10 | 0 | 788 | 907 | 86.88 | 32 |
| Yarragon Panthers | 16 | 2 | 13 | 1 | 346 | 1087 | 31.83 | 10 |
| Poowong Magpies | 18 | 2 | 15 | 1 | 418 | 1141 | 36.63 | 10 |
| Nilma Darnum Bombers | 18 | 2 | 16 | 0 | 387 | 1154 | 33.54 | 8 |

Grand Final Matches



Under 16s - 8:15am

Ellinbank v Neerim South

Under 18s - 9:55am

Neerim South v Ellinbank

Reserves - 12:10pm

Neerim South v Lang Lang

Seniors - 2:20pm

Buln Buln v Neerim South

13 & Under – 9am

Buln Blun v Catani

15 & Under – 10am

Buln Buln v Yarragon

17 & Under – 11am

Trafalgar v Ellinbank

C Grade – 12 Noon

Ellinbank v Nilma Darnum

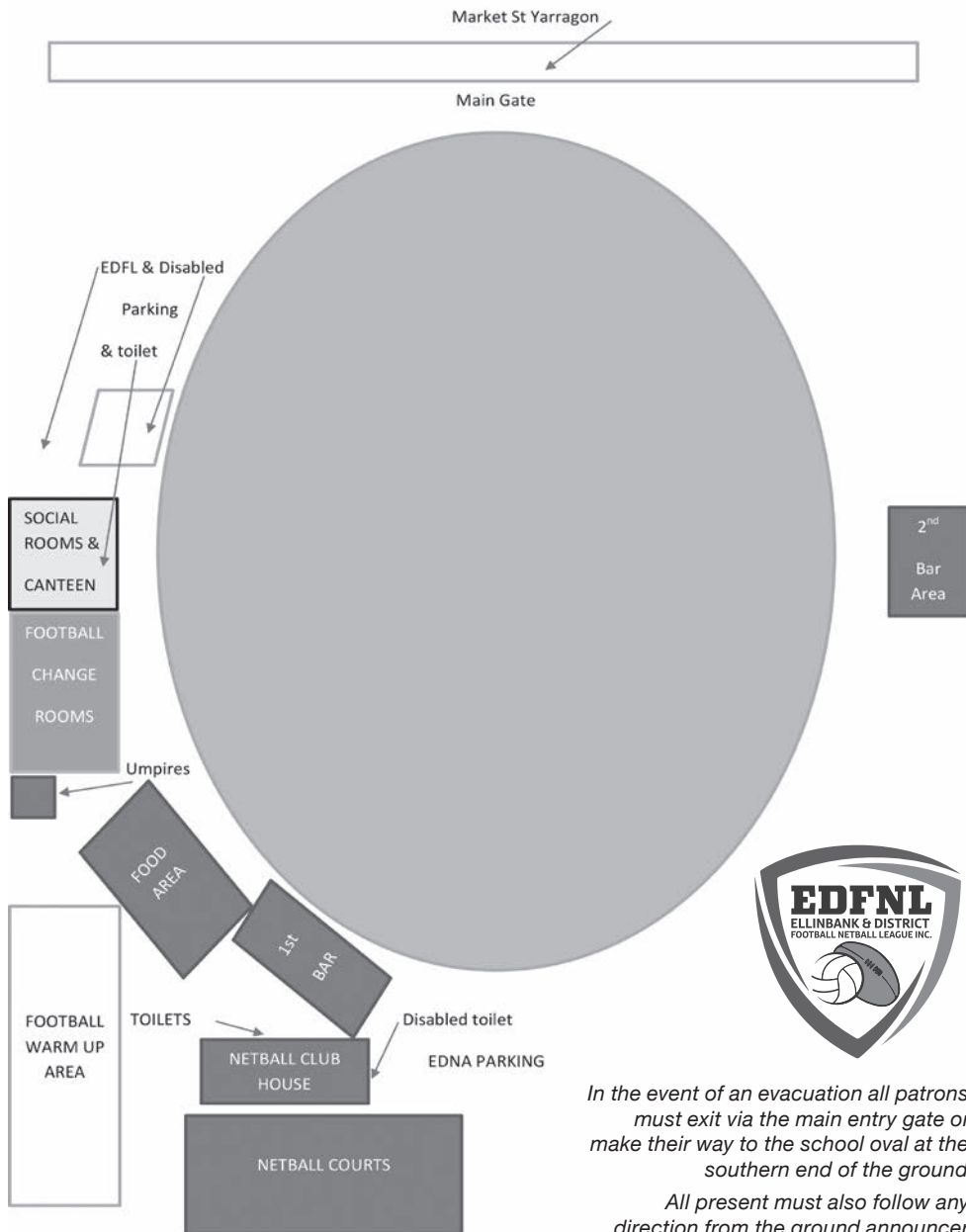
B Grade – 1:15pm

Ellinbank v Trafalgar

A Grade – 2:30pm

Neerim South v Ellinbank

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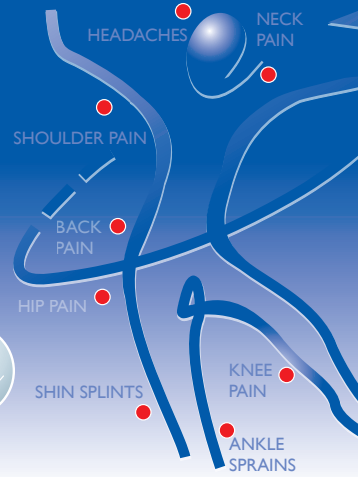
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Buln Buln Club Notes



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Well here we are, the big dance, the grand final, the last game of what has been a fantastic season thus far.

First of all I would like to thank all our wonderful sponsors, supporters and most of all the many fantastic volunteers that have helped shape our club throughout the 2023 season.

Today see's our u13 and u15 netball sides get the chance to compete for the ultimate honour of being crowned premiers. Both sides have played fantastic netball throughout the year and we thank and congratulate the coaches and support staff on the magnificent job you have done in getting the girls into the big one.

Best of luck today and let's bring it home.

The senior side today have the opportunity to reap the ultimate reward for all the hard work

they and so many have put into to get to this final Saturday of the year. It's great seeing such a close bunch of mates getting the chance to not only play together each week but to get the opportunity to play in a grand final together doesn't come around everyday. The committee and supporters are super proud of what you have achieved so far this season and we wish you all the best today. LFG boys

Congratulations to Hayden Baker and Jack Symes who are both playing their 100th senior games for the club today. It has been a pleasure watching you both over the last few years and I hope that you can both celebrate this fantastic milestone with premiership.

Congratulations to the U14's who last week won their second premiership in a row. The boys played out a fantastic

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Catani Club Notes



Grand Final Day... the day we all want to be a part of and here we are!!

Our one team – our Baby Blues, 13&Under, line up this morning to start proceedings on the netball court. They have been playing for this opportunity all year and here it is, the chance to win Catani's first 13&Under Premiership and first junior flag since 1986... our only junior flag in the history of the Club.

Last week against Poowong, although we lead at every change, the Pies pushed us to earn today's spot in the Grand Final. In the rain at Lang Lang, we started well, leading 5-1 at quarter time. Another low scoring second quarter with only 5 goals added, we just couldn't keep control like we wanted with the wet ball, with just a lead of three goals, 7-4 at the long break.

At half time a few changes were made with Claire Finger going into the Centre and her sister Rachel taking her spot at GK pushing Miley Warde into GA. A much better third quarter as the rain eased and we moved the ball with better accuracy to open up a commanding 7 goal lead, 15-8 at the last break.

The last quarter was much more free flowing, but there was never an easy ball with Poowong pushing until the final siren until we ran out 9 goal winners, 24-15. Tahlia Morel in GD was named Best on Court with our two wings, Zavier Carr and Tiffany Carpenter each getting the other awards.

Finally, from the Coach personally – I am so proud of what this 13&Under team has achieved this year. Only one loss throughout the season and a 1 goal loss in the Qualifying Final proves we deserve to be here today. Let's hope it's 3rd time lucky for a 13s Premiership after Runners Up in 2018 and 2019. Whatever the result, this group of kids are brilliant, and I can't wait to see them on the court playing the game we love for a very long time to come!

And, now from the President personally. A massive thank you to everyone who has been connected with Catani this year, be it on the court as a player, as a coach or umpire, on the committee or on the sidelines cheering us from Round 1 to today from 13s through to A Grade – without everyone's support, we would not be where we are today.

The #cataniarmy are outstanding and it's been an absolute pleasure being President this year and over the last 15 years. I can now, with 100% confidence and certainty hand over to the future of our Club and know that the next generation is going to ensure we continue to progress and be a strong club on and off the court.

See you at the courts!

The Other President
Ange.

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Ellinbank Club Notes



Preliminary Final Results

A Grade: Ellinbank 48 def Nilma Darnum 46
BOC: Alana Rippon

D Grade: Ellinbank 32 def Longwarry 26
BOC: Chloe Johnson

Seniors: Ellinbank 4.8 32 def by Neerim South 12.8 80
Best: Tim Farthing, Will Jolley, Tim Mashado, Michael Ablett, Liam Anderson & Ryan Carpenter

U18: Ellinbank 6.12 48 def Buln Buln 1.4 10
Best: Jack Champion, Luke Carbon, Patrick Alger, Joel Armstrong, Liam Bellio & Billy Auldlist

Big round of applause for our Senior side, congratulations on a wonderful 2023 season!

Good luck to all our wonderful teams playing today: A, B, C, D, U18 & U16, we are all so proud of you and will be barracking so hard and loud. GO EAGLES!!!!

Also a massive congratulations to our super star defender Chloe Lowrie (Wallace), C Grade League Best & Fairest, amazing achievement Chloe! And not to forget League Goal Throwing Awards to B, C & D Grades.

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Lang Lang Club Notes



There were mixed results last weekend at Home for the Preliminary Finals, with the U16 falling just short of making the Grand Final with a 5-point loss. While the reserves had a strong win over quality opposition to earn the privilege of playing on Grand Final Day. Best of Luck to the Reserves side today!

Coaches Comments:

Reserves

Last week against Buln Buln saw 22 committed players playing to their best. All over the ground the boys won their positions. Our ball movement out of the back half in tricky conditions was spot on. Best players were Buckets, Frizz, Wasabi and Tribz.



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Longwarry Club Notes



Last week's Prelim final's results saw the end of our finals campaign for all 3 netball grades. While we gave it our all it just wasn't our day! However, congratulations to our 5 teams who made it to finals what a great achievement we

should be proud of how far we come. Bigger and better season 2024! GO CROWS Good luck to all teams competing today.



Grand Final: Seniors



Buln Buln

Coach
Bob McCallum



Neerim South

Coach
Brent Mounsey



| SENIORS | | | |
|---------|--------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Fynn Hammond | 27 | Bailey Leatham |
| 2 | Riley Rundell | 28 | Thomas Axford |
| 3 | Jake Herbal | 29 | Shaun Beecroft |
| 4 | Mitch Nobelius | 30 | Jared Lane |
| 5 | Brendan Wall | 33 | Josh Bloink |
| 6 | Jake Baker | 34 | Daniel Axford |
| 7 | Jack Symes | 36 | Jacob Pickthall |
| 8 | Sean Symes | 37 | Aaron Warner |
| 9 | Trent Baker | 38 | Jaryd Kelly |
| 10 | Reece Campbell | 40 | Simon Dawson |
| 11 | Timothy Stoll | 44 | Bob McCallum |
| 12 | Bryce Monahan | 45 | Jarrold Castle |
| 13 | Matt Gray | 47 | Jared Doyle |
| 14 | Brad Fusinato | 48 | Tai Strachan |
| 15 | Brandon Allen | 51 | Brody Tutton |
| 16 | James Taylor | 52 | Brayden Notman |
| 17 | Sam Batson | 53 | Lachy Axford |
| 18 | Nathan Tutton | 54 | Angus Mulconry |
| 19 | Hayden Baker | 55 | Matt Garner |
| 20 | Tom Jessup | 56 | Damian Jones |
| 21 | Thomas Park | 57 | Michael Rowlinson |
| 22 | Dylan Cann | 58 | Asher Hogan |
| 23 | Jackson Kos | 59 | Jake Smith |
| 24 | Sam Reid | 60 | Ricky McKerrow |
| 25 | Jake Pierrehumbert | 60 | Ricky McKerrow |

| SENIORS/RESERVES | | | |
|------------------|--------------------|----|---------------------------|
| 1 | Alexander Johnston | 28 | Matthew Edwards |
| 2 | Cooper Clancy | 29 | Rhys George |
| 3 | Tom Muir | 31 | Toby Bayne |
| 4 | Harry Notman | 32 | Jack Blakey |
| 5 | Chis Urie | 33 | Christopher Charles |
| 6 | Isaac Fuller | 34 | Matthew Pecoraro |
| 7 | Tom Gill | 35 | Connor Perry |
| 8 | Ben Fitzpatrick | 36 | Lachlan Smith |
| 9 | Kody Wilson | 37 | Adam White |
| 10 | Timothy Beauraine | 38 | Jack Hayley |
| 11 | Ashley Lockett | 40 | Blake Appleby |
| 12 | Jack Erickson R | 41 | Jeremiah Jones |
| 12 | Luke Kinder | 42 | Fletcher Robertson-Edgar |
| 13 | Dean Stringer | 44 | Tom Zeldenryk |
| 14 | Matthew Keliher | 45 | Christian Robertson-Edgar |
| 15 | Nathan Bayne | 46 | William Johnson |
| 16 | Lachlan Bambridge | 47 | Aaron Mitchell |
| 17 | Thomas Crole | 49 | Riley Ferguson |
| 18 | Tyssen Morrow | 50 | Benjamin Lockett |
| 19 | Declan Bagot | 51 | Ethan Busse |
| 20 | Brock Dorling | 52 | Samuel Fusinato |
| 21 | Ayden Ramm | 53 | Jarrold Meggetto |
| 22 | Lachlan Guy | 55 | Marko Kulas |
| 23 | Justin Lockett | 56 | Lachlan Willis |
| 24 | Eddie McGillivray | 60 | Mitchell Sayburn |
| 25 | Reece Clarke | 61 | Jack Erickson |
| 26 | Dane Fawcett | 61 | Jack Erickson |

Grand Final: Reserves



Neerim South

Coach
Greg Fusinato &
Terrence Nottman



Lang Lang

Coach
Brad Palmer



| SENIORS/RESERVES | | | |
|------------------|--------------------|----|---------------------------|
| 1 | Alexander Johnston | 28 | Matthew Edwards |
| 2 | Cooper Clancy | 29 | Rhys George |
| 3 | Tom Muir | 31 | Toby Bayne |
| 4 | Harry Notman | 32 | Jack Blakey |
| 5 | Chis Urie | 33 | Christopher Charles |
| 6 | Isaac Fuller | 34 | Matthew Pecoraro |
| 7 | Tom Gill | 35 | Connor Perry |
| 8 | Ben Fitzpatrick | 36 | Lachlan Smith |
| 9 | Kody Wilson | 37 | Adam White |
| 10 | Timothy Beauraine | 38 | Jack Hayley |
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| 16 | Lachlan Bambridge | 47 | Aaron Mitchell |
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| 19 | Declan Bagot | 51 | Ethan Busse |
| 20 | Brock Dorling | 52 | Samuel Fusinato |
| 21 | Ayden Ramm | 53 | Jarrold Meggetto |
| 22 | Lachlan Guy | 55 | Marko Kulas |
| 23 | Justin Lockett | 56 | Lachlan Willis |
| 24 | Eddie McGillivray | 60 | Mitchell Sayburn |
| 25 | Reece Clarke | 61 | Jack Erickson |
| 26 | Dane Fawcett | 61 | Jack Erickson |

| RESERVES | | | |
|----------|----------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Adrian Patella | 35 | Alex Brennan |
| 3 | Cayden Gowan | 37 | Kobee Dore Wilson |
| 5 | Brent Miller | 41 | Mark Hunter |
| 7 | Bryce Ridsdale | 44 | Travis Short |
| 9 | Jesse Hand | 45 | Nathan Perkins |
| 13 | Georgie Wells | 47 | Andrew Thompson |
| 14 | Mark Penn | 49 | James Vela |
| 15 | Bryce Fraser | 50 | Liam Hetherington |
| 18 | Liam Edgar | 51 | Jack Jenkins |
| 22 | Lincoln King | 52 | Luca Mascardri |
| 24 | Rhyce Harvie | 54 | Lachlan Trudgeon |
| 26 | Tom Brennan | 55 | Ben Brierley |
| 28 | Dwayne Harvey | 56 | Stanley Geyer |
| 30 | Troy Miller | 57 | Mitch Tribuzi |
| 31 | Scott Fairburn | 68 | Ryan Floate |

Saturday 16 September – GROUND:Yarragon

| SCORES | ¼ | ½ | ¾ | FINAL |
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| BULN BULN | | | | |
| NEERIM SOUTH | | | | |

Saturday 16 September – GROUND: Yarragon

| SCORES | ¼ | ½ | ¾ | FINAL |
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| NEERIM SOUTH | | | | |
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Grand Final: Under 18s



Neerim South

Coach
Connor Perry



Ellinbank

Coach
Toby Wallace & Jeremy Gray



| UNDER 18S | |
|-----------|--------------------|
| 1 | Chad Owen © |
| 3 | Keegan Friedlander |
| 6 | Pat Sheehan |
| 9 | Jay Ladson |
| 11 | Sam Ladds |
| 14 | Kyson Cornwall |
| 18 | Lincoln Morehu |
| 19 | Kai Mounsey |
| 25 | Nate Chandler |
| 27 | Xavier Cox |
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| 39 | Isaac Guy |
| 43 | Jack Hamilton |
| 47 | Xavier Muir |
| 48 | Jackson Williams |
| 53 | Jackson Snelling |

| UNDER 18S | |
|-----------|------------------|
| 1 | Tom Bingham |
| 2 | Saxon Rice |
| 3 | Jordan Lewis |
| 4 | Rick Rosser |
| 5 | Ripley Pyle |
| 6 | Luke Carbon |
| 7 | Jack Champion VC |
| 8 | Cooper Faith |
| 9 | Billy Auldust VC |
| 10 | Liam Lisle C |
| 11 | Will O'Brien |
| 12 | Liam Bellio |
| 14 | Ronan McNamara |
| 15 | Patrick Alger |
| 16 | Ayden Clarke |
| 17 | Logan Joyce |
| 18 | Joel Armstrong |
| 19 | Adam Mills |
| 22 | Samuel Vaughan |
| 23 | Vincent Onslow |
| 24 | Jonty Kennedy |
| 28 | Max Currie |
| 29 | James Keogh |
| 30 | Archie Martel |
| 32 | Adam Campbell |
| 35 | Hugh Cunningham |
| 41 | Jarrod Clynes |
| 57 | Phillip Conley |

Grand Final: Under 16s



Ellinbank

Coach
Peter Joyce



Neerim South

Coach
Lachlan Guy Cooper Clancy



| UNDER 16S | |
|-----------|------------------|
| 1 | Bailey Helps |
| 3 | Logan Joyce C |
| 4 | Ashley Debenham |
| 5 | Jack Winduss |
| 6 | Rhylee Stewart |
| 7 | Tyler Christian |
| 8 | Nate Murphy |
| 10 | Luke Callewaert |
| 13 | Mitchell Warren |
| 14 | Ayden Clarke VC |
| 15 | Joel Armstrong |
| 16 | Jay Irwin VC |
| 18 | Charlie Armour |
| 19 | Jhy Good |
| 20 | Liam Klason |
| 23 | Vincent Onslow |
| 24 | Lucas Tyrrell |
| 25 | Shayne Sherry |
| 26 | Luke Rollinson |
| 29 | Blake Handley |
| 30 | Archie Martel VC |
| 34 | Brodie Onslow |
| 35 | Hugh Cunningham |
| 54 | Nathan Handley |

| UNDER 16S | |
|-----------|----------------------|
| 2 | Jet Muir |
| 3 | Keegan Friedlander |
| 4 | Tom Blackburn |
| 5 | Ash Mounsey |
| 7 | Jesse Etchell |
| 8 | Owen Findlater |
| 10 | Will Kew |
| 12 | Jordan Franz |
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| 41 | James Welford |
| 44 | Blake McDonald |
| 45 | Kayden Strickland |
| 46 | Blair Loft |
| 49 | Bryson Stephens |
| 50 | Braiden Curtis-Smith |

Saturday 16 September – GROUND: Yarragon

| SCORES | ¼ | ½ | ¾ | FINAL |
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| NEERIM SOUTH | | | | |
| ELLINBANK | | | | |

Saturday 16 September – GROUND: Yarragon

| SCORES | ¼ | ½ | ¾ | FINAL |
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| NEERIM SOUTH | | | | |

Netball Grand Final Preview



In the first season of the amalgamated Ellinbank & District Football Netball League, we'll see reigning Premiers and Champions Neerim South take on the ever-consistent Ellinbank in the A Grade Grand Final.

Neerim South will go into the match as raging favourites having not lost a game since the "Covid half season" of 2021. Ellinbank have an extremely enviable finals record, having won a threepeat of Premierships, 2016-2017-2018 and have been in at least a Preliminary Final since but will be underdogs come this Saturday at Yarragon.

Ellinbank were surprise winners in the Preliminary Final, defeating the more fancied Nilma Darnum but will be up against a rested Neerim South who have the wood over them. In their two meetings this season, the Cats have disposed of the Eagles comfortably, 31 goals in Round 5 and 22 goals in Round 17.

Neerim South took the shortest way possible to the big dance, defeating Nilma Darnum in the Second Semi Final, but in their closest margin all year winning by just three goals. It was presumed this would replay itself come Grand Final day, however Ellinbank had other ideas.

Despite being down with five minutes to go, Ellinbank had turned to its talented youth and a wily campaigner and held their nerve to win their way through to the Grand Final and the opportunity to take on Neerim South for the 2023 flag.

On the court there are going to be some matchups that are definitely worth the admission price. If Jane Bunn has the predictions right, the game will be played in hot conditions and be hot in the contest. Starting in the midcourt, Neerim's Tarli Hillberg and Ellinbank's Alana Rippon will give their teams every opportunity with the ball. They both have very agile Wing Attacks in the Cat's Mia McGarrity

and Ellinbank's coach Co Coach and Captain Tayla Wallace. The speed of Ellinbank through the midcourt will be hard to handle but Neerim's full team defence will make it tough to feed the goalers.

The Wing Defences of both teams will have their hands full, Neerim's Hayley Stringer v Wallace and Leah Liddel from Ellinbank against McGarrity. If either of these can get the upper hand it will provide their teams a great advantage in the contest.

Its obvious games are won and lost in the goal ring and both ends are going to be fiercely contested making it hard to score, yet when the pressure is on, diamonds are made and goalers can be everyone's best friend.

Ellinbank are blessed with experience and youth with Bowman, Harper, Johnstone and Joyce all taking turns in the goal circle. Wallace as coach and WA has a plethora to choose from and can change things depending on match ups and game scenarios.

The defence duo of Christie Urie and Paris Smith will have their work cut out for them against the different dynamics Ellinbank can put on the court, however they have been the best unit for the year with the least amount of goals scored against them.

At the other end in Neerim's goal ring, Kim Edwards and Emma Wood have combined extremely well all season, despite it being their first year playing together. You wouldn't know it with the amount of goals shot and the connection they have to each other. They can both change things up with their unique game style making it difficult for defenders to read.

Ellinbank however have complete trust in their defenders with Co Coach and Captain Rhiannon Haines leading the team. Combining with ever reliable Emma Robertson or if home grown favourite

Netball Grand Final Preview



Sam Walker takes the court, Edwards and Wood will know they are in for a tough 60 minutes of netball.

Based on previous results, you'd expect Neerim to do this in a canter. However, with the predicted heat and Neerim used to only using seven players, the super fit Ellinbank will be ready to take their chances. Experience in finals is priceless and Ellinbank have plenty of this and will use it when the game is up for grabs. Whatever the outcome at around 4pm on Saturday, the victor will know they've earned every part of the Premiership Cup they will raise.

In the other matches on Saturday, there will be some great games of netball to watch with seven different clubs featuring across the day. All games except A Grade will see 1 v 2 on the ladder standings after 20 weeks of netball played with Ellinbank A's the only team different coming from third spot.

The day starts at 9am with Buln Buln versus Catani in the 13&Under match. If the Second Semi Final between these two young teams is anything to go by, the day will start with a cracker of a game. Only a goal separated them with Buln winning in a match that could have gone either way. Get the rule book ready if we go into overtime!

The 15s match will also feature Buln Buln, up against Yarragon, the two best teams in the competition for the year in this age group. Each have recorded a win over the other with Buln edging out Yarragon in the Second Semi Final by just 3 goals. Like the previous game, it could go either way when the final siren sounds.

The 17&Under game is a hotly anticipated match between Trafalgar and Ellinbank. Both teams have some of the best junior talent going around and have the ability to swing players into numerous positions. Traf won by 11 in Round 8, Ellinbank by eight in Round 19 and Traf by seven in the Second Semi Final. Is it Ellinbank's turn to win this time around? We will know around midday on Saturday.

Ellinbank could win an amazing 7th Premiership in a row if their C Grade gets the chocolates over Nima Darnum. Having only lost Round 1 this year, and undefeated the year before, they are definitely favourites to add to their flag collection. Nilma Darnum as a club had ambitions of being in more Grand Finals this weekend, so will throw all their support to their C Grade team but will find the going hard against a quality team in Ellinbank.

Another game, another Ellinbank team on court with their B Grade looking to go back-to-back Premiers. Trafalgar bowed out earlier than they wanted last year and will be desperate to win their first senior EDFNL premiership. Having finished on top of the ladder, with just one loss for the year to Ellinbank and then losing to them in the Second Semi by 7 goals, they will be primed to get a win and hold up the Premiership cup at the end of play.

13&Under Buln Buln v Catani @ 9am

15&Under: Buln Buln v Yarragon @ 10am

17&Under: Trafalgar v Ellinbank @ 11am

C Grade: Ellinbank v Nilma Darnum @ 12pm

B Grade: Ellinbank v Trafalgar @ 1.15pm

A Grade Neerim v Ellinbank @ 2.30pm

Netball A Grade Bios



Neerim South

| NAME | POSITIONS | BIO |
|------------------|--------------------|--|
| Bridget Halligan | Midcourt / Defence | Played mostly in B Grade this year and will be ready go should she be called upon to take the court. Versatile player who can play midcourt or defence. |
| Christie Urie | Defence | Coach and leader of this team. Role model at the club. What can't you say about Christie, League B&F who never shirks a contest. Will make it tough for any goaler she's up against. |
| Emma Wood | Goals | New to the club this year with a basketball background. Combines well with Kim and can interchange between goaling positions. The unknown of her style of play will be to her advantage. |
| Hayley Stringer | Midcourt | Captain of this team who never gives up and will give her all for her Club. Transitioned into more of a Wing Defence this season but still has the mindset of an attacking player. |
| Kim Edwards | Goals | A steady and reliable goaler for Neerim. Can be unpredictable with her change in play but always reliable and accurate under the post. |
| Mia Chandler | Midcourt | Another young player who will come off the bench if needed. Tenacious midcourter, who has played mostly B Grade this year, but has experience beyond her years. |
| Mia McGarrity | Midcourt | Returned to the club this year and has slotted in nicely to this A Grade team. Has speed to burn and a deadly pass to her goalers. Will influence the attack end of the court. |
| Paris Smith | Defence | Strong and reliable Goal Keeper who has stepped up and found her natural ability under the guidance of Christie. Confuses the goalers space well and will make it hard for any goaler with her reach. |
| Tarli Hillberg | Midcourt | Starts the Cat's play from the Centre and has an innate ability to read the play. Defensive pressure is amazing and controls the game from the midcourt. Is the link between the sisters and gives Neerim plenty of opportunity either in attack or defence. |

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| Coach | |
| Captain | |
| Last A Grade Premiership | |
| Any club history of note | |

Netball A Grade Bios



Ellinbank

| NAME | POSITIONS | BIO |
|-----------------|-----------|---|
| Abbey Bowman | Goals | Has played 10+ years of senior netball at Ellinbank. Is an experienced, strong and passionate goaler, who is accurate and reliable in the goal circle. |
| Alana Rippon | Midcourt | A workhorse through the midcourt who has the tank to run for days as well as blistering speed across the court. Consistent and makes every ball and opportunity count she does all the one percenters for her teammates. |
| Chloe Johnstone | Goals | At just 16 years of age, she is cool, calm and collected, beyond her years. She is an accurate, agile and tall target in goals but versatile in her position and can swing both ends if required. |
| Ebony Harper | Goals | A hard-working Goal Attack who creates plays with her speed, agility and sharp angles. Can be relied upon by her teammates in the goal ring especially from distance and when the stakes are high. |
| Emma Robertson | Defence | Reliable and consistent defender always ready to make a difference on the court. Providing spark and voice when the going gets tough. Has a strong work ethic and always puts in a four-quarter effort |
| Leah Liddel | Midcourt | An experienced defender is new to the club this year. Has great physical presence on the court and is not afraid to make it known to her opponent. Has deceiving hands and closing speed. |
| Reagan Joyce | Goals | Another youngster from Ellinbank who is an enigmatic goaler. A fierce competitor who loves the challenge of a physical match despite her age. Her strong drives to the posts and ability to change the run of play are an asset to her team. |
| Rhiannon Haines | Defence | Co Coach and Co Captain for 2023, she is a consistent and competitive defender. Rejoining the club after a 4 year spell, she has provided the A Grade team with a spark to take their game to another level in her always polished performance on the court. |
| Sam Walker | Defence | An experienced defender who reads the play like a book and makes life difficult for the goalers in her way. Has found her way back to the Club this year and will command the goal ring creating headaches for any goaler. |
| Tayla Wallace | Midcourt | Co Coach and Co Captain and heart and soul of the A Grade team for Ellinbank. Is fleet of foot with uncanny speed and agility who can cut through any defence and find herself on the circle edge. Provides the ball on a platter to the goalers and does it for the full 60 minutes. |

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| Coach | |
| Captain | |
| Last A Grade Premiership | |
| Any club history of note | |

Grand Final: Netball



A GRADE

Neerim-South

Coach: Christie Urie

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|--------------------|
| Mia Chandler |
| Bridget Halligan |
| Kimberley Hillberg |
| Tarli Hillberg |
| Mia McGarrity |
| Paris Smith |
| Hayley Stringer |
| Christie Urie |
| Emma Wood |

Ellinbank

Coach: Taylah Wallace & Rhiannon Haines

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|-----------------|
| Abbey Bowman |
| Rhiannon Haines |
| Ebony Harper |
| Chloe Johnstone |
| Reagan Joyce |
| Leah Liddel |
| Alana Rippon |
| Emma Robertson |
| Taylah Wallace |

| QTR | GOALS | TOTAL | QTR | GOALS | TOTAL |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Team | | | Team | | |
| 1st | | | 1st | | |
| 2nd | | | 2nd | | |
| 3rd | | | 3rd | | |
| Total | | | Total | | |

B GRADE

Ellinbank

Coach: Lauren Johnson & Stefanie Backman

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|------------------|
| Cassie Armour |
| Teagan Bramstedt |
| Jenny Carpenter |
| Abbey Cook |
| Georgia Durrand |
| Remy Ferguson |
| Lauren Johnson |
| Dannielle Kettle |
| Shannon Pratt |
| Sam Walker |

Trafalgar

Coach: Alesha Hallinan & Cass Wass

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|------------------|
| Alesha Hallinan |
| Lateisha Edwards |
| Cass Wass |
| Brandi King |
| Tessa Sneddon |
| Imogen Smith |
| Bella Rosato |
| Ash Farmer |
| Tillie Mansfield |

| QTR | GOALS | TOTAL | QTR | GOALS | TOTAL |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Team | | | Team | | |
| 1st | | | 1st | | |
| 2nd | | | 2nd | | |
| 3rd | | | 3rd | | |
| Total | | | Total | | |

Grand Final: Netball



C GRADE

Ellinbank

Coach: Alana Rippon

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|---------------------|
| Emma Atherton |
| Stefanie Backman |
| Molly Bingham |
| Kristi Brinksma |
| Jacqueline Kleinitz |
| Chloe Lowrie |
| Meg Thomas |
| Chloe Tuck |
| Chanea Wilkinson |

Nilma Darnum

Coach: Caitlyn Frecklington

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|------------------|
| Jacklyn Borsato |
| Kaylee Campbell |
| Tiffany Day |
| Skye Kahan |
| Sam Prowse |
| Ebony Van Hamond |
| Hayley Heatley |
| Caitlyn Wishart |

| QTR | GOALS | TOTAL | QTR | GOALS | TOTAL |
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| 1st | | | 1st | | |
| 2nd | | | 2nd | | |
| 3rd | | | 3rd | | |
| Total | | | Total | | |

17 & UNDER

Trafalgar

Coach: Ellie Farmer

| |
|-------------------|
| Piper Albert |
| Lena Blackshaw |
| Tilly King |
| Maisie Mantfield |
| Imogen Smith |
| Keeley Ryan-Lewis |
| Tillie Manfield |
| Tessa Farrell |

Ellinbank

Coach: Kelly Treyvaud

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|-------------------|
| Molly Bingham |
| Ava Brock |
| Brooke Cahill |
| Emily Johnson |
| Chloe Johnstone |
| Reagan Joyce |
| Violet Pyle |
| Harper Saddington |
| Indiana Smart |
| Rosie Taylor |

| QTR | GOALS | TOTAL | QTR | GOALS | TOTAL |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Team | | | Team | | |
| 1st | | | 1st | | |
| 2nd | | | 2nd | | |
| 3rd | | | 3rd | | |
| Total | | | Total | | |

Grand Final: Netball



15 & UNDER

Buln Buln

Coach: Meaghan Newitt

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|-------------------|
| Aubrey, Alexandra |
| Axford, Beth |
| Bridger, Ruby |
| Coleman, Georgia |
| Earwicker, Brylie |
| Francis, Millie |
| Kay, Tilly |
| Pollard, Veronica |
| Thomas, Charli |

Yarragon

Coach: Kellie Orgill

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|--------------------|
| Lanah Hill |
| Aude Grigglesstone |
| Bella Halliday |
| Courtney McWhinney |
| Gracie Sanders |
| Mischa Moore |
| Rubie Ostojic |
| Tegan Eeltink |

| QTR | GOALS | TOTAL | QTR | GOALS | TOTAL |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Team | | | Team | | |
| 1st | | | 1st | | |
| 2nd | | | 2nd | | |
| 3rd | | | 3rd | | |
| Total | | | Total | | |

13 & UNDER

Buln Buln

Coach: Ella Pitkin & Adrienne Percy

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|---------------------|
| Earwicker, Philpa |
| Francis, Ruby |
| McKerrow, Elizabeth |
| Percy, Matilda |
| Pratt, Sapphire |
| Smorenburg, Jade |
| Steenholdt, Bree |
| Walsh, Tiffany |
| Wells, Pippa |

Catani

Coach: Angela Banbury & Antonia McFarlane

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|-------------------|
| Bonnie Kerr |
| Claire Finger |
| Ella Purvis |
| Mila Palmer |
| Miley Warde |
| Poppy Ward |
| Rachael Finger |
| Sienna Ploeg |
| Sienna Schmidt |
| Tahlia Morel |
| Tiffany Carpenter |
| Zavier Carr |

| QTR | GOALS | TOTAL | QTR | GOALS | TOTAL |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Team | | | Team | | |
| 1st | | | 1st | | |
| 2nd | | | 2nd | | |
| 3rd | | | 3rd | | |
| Total | | | Total | | |

Football & Netball Tipping



| TIPSTER | Davyd Reid Warragul Drouin Gazette | Dylan Beaumont SEN 91.9FM | EDFNL ByStander 'Kiss of Death' | Brian Sell EDFNL Identity | Trainers Association | Angela Banbury EDFNL |
|-----------------|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| FOOTBALL | | | | | | |
| | Buln Buln | Neerim South | Neerim South | Buln Buln | Buln Buln | Buln Buln |
| NETBALL | | | | | | |
| | Neerim South | Neerim South | Neerim South | Neerim South | Neerim South | Neerim South |
| TOTAL | 175 | 177 | 164 | 172 | 181 | 177 |

Note: In the case of a draw in both the football and netball the tipsters are both awarded one-point.

Congratulations to the 'Trainers Association' who irrespective of this week's results is the 2023 Winner!

Wayne

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Neerim-Neerim South Club Notes



Grand Final Day is here and it's such a huge day for the Catters, with our 16's, 18's Reserves and Senior teams playing, and our A grade netball too! We are extremely proud of all of our teams, and for the first time in history we have all our Footy teams playing in the Granny! What a great position for our club to be in! A big thank you to everyone involved at the Cattery, you've all helped get our club into this position!

A massive congratulations to all our award winners at the Junior and Senior League Vote Count last Sunday night! What a fabulous achievement! We are super proud of you all!

16's Leading Goal Kicker Kai Mounsey

18's Best and Fairest Jay Ladson

18's Leading Goal Kicker Pat Sheehan

C Grade Runner Up Best and Fairest Em Robb

A Grade Runner Up Best and Fairest Christie Urie

A Grade Goal Throwing award

Robin Hood Inn Club Championships

Our 16's Minor Premiers will take on Ellinbank after defeating Lang Lang in the Prelim. The boys lost to Ellinbank in the 2nd Semi Final but welcome back Kai Mounsey up forward who didn't play that game. It should be a cracker of a game to get us started for the day! Good luck Lachie, Cooper and boys!

Up next our 18's who were Minor Premiers will hit the ground against Ellinbank. They last met in the 2nd Semi Final where the boys won and put themselves straight into the Granny. The boys are strong all over the ground and it should be another cracker of a game! Good luck Pez and boys!

Our Development team, also Minor Premiers, will take on Lang Lang. Our boys won the easy route into the Granny by beating Buln Buln in the 2nd Semi Final and have had a ripper of a season winning all games bar a draw with Lang Lang. What a game this will be!! Good luck Fusi, Tex and boys!!

The Senior boys have won their last 3 games by pretty decent margins to get themselves into the big dance against Buln Buln. The boys are on a roll and are playing incredible football. They're looking to beat Buln again in a replay of last year's Grand Final to go back to back premiers, but hopefully not in such a heartstopping way this time please!! Good luck Mounsey and boys!

A Grade, our undefeated, unstoppable Minor Premiers!! The girls have had another ripper season and are looking to go back to back Premiers and Champions!! They take on Ellinbank after defeating Nilma in the 2nd Semi Final and heading straight into the Granny. Look for the girls to be at their best after an uncharacteristic off start to their last game. Good luck Christie and gals!

LETS GOOOOOO CATTERS!!!

Nilma-Darnum Club Notes



Good Luck to our C Grade team for today. We are super proud of our girls. Go Darnos!!!



Also super proud of Stacey – A Grade league B&F and Onnie – B Grade league B&F



And as a club we are very excited to receive the EDFNL Community Club Award along with the EDFNL Most Disciplined Club Award.

A great time to be a Darno!

Nyora Club Notes



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Poowong Club Notes



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Congratulations to our League Best & Fairests

13 & Under
Best & Fairest
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17 & Under
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Bianca Monson

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Trafalgar Club Notes



WELCOME to Grand Final day.

Best wishes to all teams taking part, and to Yarragon FNC who are hosting.

Be sure to cheer on our B Grade girls who are on court today at 1pm. B Grade has had a great year, and will be looking to finish the season on the highest note possible with a flag.

Earlier in the day, at 11am, our 17s are also playing in the Grand Final. The team went straight through to the deciding match after winning a fortnight ago, and will be out to add more silverware to the club's trophy cabinet.

While we will be aiming for wins, hopefully we don't see any players wearing runner-up medals if they happen to hand them out.

Traf was very well represented at league vote count, and a few players polled exceptionally well.

Congratulations are due to senior captain Dylan Farrell, who won his second EDFNL senior best-and-fairest.

The skipper has now won two of the last three league medals, and could be well on his way to becoming an all-time great of the club, if he isn't already.

Congratulations also to B Grade sharpshooter Cass Wass, who came runner-up in the league, along with Piper Albert (17s) and Liam Coulthard (fourths football), who also came runner-up in league counts in their respective teams.

At club land, our juniors have celebrated their seasons.

Congratulations to the following best and fairest winners:

Under 18 football: Toby Radford

Under 16 football: Liam Coulthard

Under 17 netball: Immy Smith

Under 15 netball: Tahlia Hammond

Under 13 netball: Aylah Collins

While the playing side of the season is finished, part of our attention has already turned to next season.

Senior football coach Tom Hallinan is back for another stint, and will be joined by new reserves coach Kevin Hennessy.

More than 90 per cent of the playing list has recommitted for next season, which should hopefully lead to a strong preseason.

In the meantime, cricket season is fast approaching. The first games will be played in early October, and the Trafalgar Cricket Club is looking forward to the season ahead in WDCA.

The Trafalgar FNC and Trafalgar Cricket Club enjoy a great relationship, and encourage any interested people to get in touch with our friends next door.

The cricket club fields three senior teams and juniors in 17s, 15s and 13s, as well as an entry-level program for beginners, meaning there is sure to be a team to suit your or your children.

For more information, visit <https://trafalgarcricketclub.com.au/> or call 0402 556 338.

Yarragon Club Notes

Well here we are... the final week of the finals series for 2023 and that one day of the year that every team and club dreams about.

IT'S GRAND FINAL DAY and what a privilege it is for our club to be hosting the day yet again for the third year in a row.

A big shout out to our amazing hard working committee and all of our amazing volunteers who have made today happen.

We welcome everyone to the home of the Panthers at Downton Park Reserve in what is promised to be an exceptional day for Football and Netball where the best of the best of the year are about to battle it out one last time! Grand Final fever is in the air and we wish all the very best of luck to each of the teams who are taking part in today's grand final matches.

UNDER 15'S MAKE IT TO THE BIG DANCE – WOOHOO!!

They did it! These legends that are our Under 15 netballers have made it to the granny!

What a season and finals series it has been for these girls. They've made it through the hard way, by playing every week throughout the finals campaign to get here today and we couldn't be more proud of them. Playing on home turf and with a home crowd advantage, the Panther Army are right behind you all. With just one more assignment left ... a premiership (hopefully).

GOODLUCK & GO GET 'EM GIRLS!

JUNIOR & SENIOR LEAGUE VOTE COUNT: SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Congratulations to our players who received votes at last Sunday's league vote counts and especially to our very own Courtney McWhinney who took out the League Best & Fairest in the 15&Under and our 15's for taking out the Goal Throwing Award in their age group for the third year in a row.

FINAL MESSAGE TO SEE THE 2023 SEASON OUT

On behalf of the Yarragon Football Netball Club, we would like to thank our players, coaches, trainers and first aiders, support staff, canteen and Thursday night meals ladies, sponsors, committee members and last but not least the PANTHER ARMY (and anyone I have forgotten) for another great year. The club is well and truly on the way up and the future of Yarragon is looking bright. Let's stick together and bring on a massive pre-season ahead of the 2024 season that awaits us in approximately 24 weeks time (but who's counting?).

Keep a lookout on our socials for news and updates that the club has to provide during the off season.

We hope you all enjoy the break and look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year!

Over & out! G.O P.A.N.T.H.E.R.S

GUA Report



Firstly congratulations to all Clubs, Coaches, Players in both Football and Netball on getting this far and I hope Grand Final day treats you well.

As big as it is for players it also is the pinnacle for Umpires as well, with many training sessions behind us for both fitness (umpires run 8-10km per game) and understanding of the over 120 rules to interpret the season can be demanding. As a group we bring together over 60 people to help put a game of football together every weekend for our social enjoyment.

In making the grade in umpiring finals, umpires are judged in many areas including the following

- Fitness
- Ability to work as a team
- Match management
- Decision making and consistency



Although many of us have an interpretation of holding the man and dropping the ball do you know the following

1. Where is the free kick paid if an official from either side is inside the 50m arc when kicking out?
2. What happens if there is a draw?
3. Who has the power to call a head count?
4. What happens if the contacts a field umpire

I'll leave it to you to discuss and find out you might be surprised

- There are many little things that you demand us to get correct 100% of the time and our mental strength must be there to make those decisions while being scrutinised by many people

This September will create a lifetime of memories enjoy the ride for the highs are worth it the lows will hopefully make us stronger once again all the best to you all and all being well, we won't be noticed which means our job has been done

Good Luck



Umpire Appointments



FOOTBALL

SENIORS

| Field | Boundary | Goal | Emergency |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Jarrold Reid | Geoff Galbraith | Roger Croxford | Brett Rollinson |
| Jess Barnes | James Quinn | Leo Green | |
| Brayden Hunter | Andre Elliott | | |
| | Flynn Pallot | | |

RESERVES

| Field | Boundary | Goal | Emergency |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| James Trowbridge | John Stuckey | Jeff Bell | Wayne Hansch |
| Jamie Warden | Elise Barratt | Niall Thompson | |
| Kohen Lott-Stephens | Jude Fernando | | |
| | Zaiden West | | |

UNDER 18S

| Field | Boundary | Goal | Emergency |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|------------|
| Matthew Russell | Justin Fernando | Dimi Tzitziras | Ben Courts |
| Ebony Hunter | Matt Finger | Carmen Stuckey | |
| Peter Heywood | Lucas Siriwardene | | |
| | Rachel Tate | | |

UNDER 16S

| Field | Boundary | Goal | Emergency |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Tim O'Meara | Ethan Cooke | Renee Marriott | Charlotte Waller |
| Allistair Bliss | Indie Hayes | Andrew Thompson | |
| Gerry Boland | Kane Norbury | | |
| | James Firth | | |



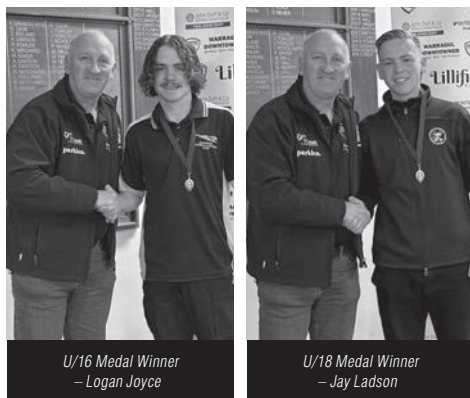
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| Sophie Cook | Claire Lambert |
| Claire McDonald | Jacqui Riddiford |
| Madlyn Borsato | Lucinda Caldow |
| Angela Banbury | |

Junior Presentation Night



Congratulations to Ellinbank's Logan Joyce, Under 16s and Neerim South's Jay Ladson, Unders winners of the 2023 EDFNL Best & Fairest.



U/16 Medal Winner – Logan Joyce

U/18 Medal Winner – Jay Ladson



Junior MDC – Ellinbank



U16 Leading goal kicker – Kai Mounsey, Neerim South

UNDER 16 LEADERBOARD

| | | |
|----------------------|--------------|----|
| 1 Logan Joyce | Ellinbank | 35 |
| 2 Liam Coulthard | Trafalgar | 25 |
| 3 Mitchell Grant | Longwarry | 23 |
| 4 Max Williames | Neerim South | 22 |
| =4 Rory Nettle | Poowong | 22 |
| 6 Isaac Caroleo | Trafalgar | 19 |
| 7 Joel Armstrong | Ellinbank | 18 |
| 8 Diesel Bonaddio | Lang Lang | 17 |
| 9 Darcy Britt | Nilma Darnum | 15 |
| =9 Memphis McQualter | Trafalgar | 15 |

UNDER 18 LEADERBOARD

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|----|
| 1 Jay Ladson | Neerim South | 35 |
| 2 Jack Champion | Ellinbank | 32 |
| 3 Jackson Williames | Neerim South | 18 |
| 4 Rylan Kovacs | Buln Buln | 17 |
| 5 Zak Keeble | Yarragon | 16 |
| 6 Logan Wallmeyer | Buln Buln | 15 |
| 7 Liam Smith Butterworth | Yarragon | 13 |
| =7 Ryan Bradshaw | Buln Buln | 13 |
| =7 Will Battley | Buln Buln | 13 |
| 10 Bryce Townsend | Poowong | 9 |

Other award winners

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Under 16 Medal Winner | Logan Joyce |
| Under 18s Medal Winner | Jay Ladson |
| Under 16 Leading Goal Kicker | Kai Mounsey |
| Under 18 Leading Goal Kicker | Patrick Sheehan |
| Junior Most Disciplined Club | Ellinbank collected by Toby Wallace |
| U18 Coach | |



U18 Leading goal kicker – Patrick Sheehan, Neerim South



End of 2023 Season Review

PARKLEA EDFNL END OF SEASON REVIEW – CLUB BY CLUB

BULN BULN – 1st (Grand Finalist) 17 wins

Leading goal kicker – Hayden Baker (51)

Pacesetters all season. The return of Mitch Nobelius added midfield grunt, evergreens Brendan McCallum and Matt Gray are still by far the best ruck duo in the league and Trent Baker a warrior. The Lyrebirds displayed a more potent attack this season to fix one of their weaknesses of recent years – scoring big totals. The pace and goal scoring ability of recruit Riley Rundell (22 goals) helped immensely. Youngsters Brendan Wall and Daniel Axford made huge strides.

ELLINBANK – 2nd (Preliminary Finalist) 14 Wins

Leading goal kicker – Shaun Phelan (63)

Many thought time was getting on for a good deal of the Eagles list, but to counteract this its ladder position was largely due to the rapid rise of its emerging players led by Bryce Joyce, Ryan Atherton and Cora Lynn recruit Rylan Smith. Small forward Shaun Phelan was the competition Leading goal kicker in a team that showed real intensity at the ball and outstanding teamwork and unity. It did exceptionally well considering the extended absence of many experienced players namely Adam Cook, Ben Wragg, Tom Johnson and Liam Anderson.

TRAFALGAR – 3rd (eliminated in 1st Semi Final) 14 wins

Leading goal kicker – Matt Swenson (46)

With 12 of its 2022 finals team missing the Bloods had its doomsayers but it proved a hard nut to crack for all rivals. A team with more substance than style. Captain and ruckman Dylan Farrell had another stellar season – winning his 2nd Alf Walton medal after tie-ing with Poowong ball magnet Jack Hazendonk. Defender Hardy Kenny shapes as a quality player. Cranbourne recruits Curtis Barker and Daniel Baker provided invaluable experience and Mitch Virtue, Blake Radford and Jace Butler didn't play a bad game. Lack of firepower proved their undoing.

NEERIM SOUTH – 4th (Grand finalist)

Leading goal kicker – Luke Kinder (54)

Unlucky not to get the double chance as its round 9 game v Yarragon was abandoned and declared a draw. Not the force it was last year during the home and away season, but its best can blow away any team. Captain Kody Wilson was a constant source of strength in concert with experienced pair Nathan Bayne and Tyssen Morrow. Bunyip recruit Jack Blakey was a driving force and young ruck rover Ayden Ramm put in many spirited efforts. The attack of Luke Kinder, Lachlan Bambridge, Tom Crole and Chris Urie is by far the best attacking quartet in the league.

POOWONG – 5th & 10 wins

Leading goal kicker – Alex Henshall (26)

Did not provide the same menace as last year. This was no surprise due to a mass exodus of experience over summer. League MVP and ruck rover Jack Hazendonk is a star. He won his fourth Alf Walton Medal this year to unquestionably stamp himself as the best recruit in the past decade. Steven McInnes did well midfield and forward as did Alex Henshall, ruck Conor Cunningham wielded his influence and down back Tom Robertson and Mitch Vant'hof offered heaps of resistance.

LANG LANG – 6th & 9 wins

Leading goal kicker – Chaise Jordan (32)

Like 2022 the Tigers finished 6th with 9 wins and were found wanting in big matches. Josh Brown and Brad Harding were outstanding in and around the middle, recruits Chaise Jordan, Kade Finlay Smith and Kalin Parker all impressed. One thinks finishing sixth will not pass the muster with many supporters and a quality forward or two would do wonders for the Tigers.

NYORA – 7th & 6 wins

Leading goal kicker – Scott Pugh (29)

Hard to get your head around the Saints. Occasionally brilliant and other times not in the contest. Banked heavily on Jordan Anderson, Dylan Heylen and spring heeled ruck Travis Stewart (24 goals) for its spark. Wingman Jack Rosenow, Finlay Cousins and Connor Thompson all showed plenty. Its defence often buckled far too easily and an area to address in 2024.

LONGWARRY – 8th & 6 wins

Leading goal kicker – Jedd Serong (42)

Put in too many sub par efforts after it lost playmaker Russell Lehmann in the first third of the season. New recruit Darren Granger was outstanding all over the field. Luke Clarkson was a much-improved player and Jedd Serong a terrific forward target. Good hope for improvement with its young brigade led by Cooper Brown, Liam Kirkman, Fintan Fox and Tyler Vanderheyden to name just a few.

YARRAGON - 9th & 5 wins

Leading goal kicker – Mitch Jolly (17)

The Panthers disappointed. For whatever reason many players were indisposed, and it often found itself at sixes or sevens during games. Its defence was solid but too often played in fits and starts. Hampton Park recruit Trav Davis was a terrific pick up, but relied too heavily on Devin Pollock, Zak Hogton, Ryan Devine, Rob Herman and Sam Van Der Zalm. Badly needs another quality forward or two.

CATANI – 10th & 4 win

Leading goal kicker – Lauchlan Gregson (19)

Made good progress season. Recruited quite well. Under new coach Luke Young it did not lose due to lack of effort. Put on a bold show for most part of most matches but lacked key forwards. Newcomer Tyson Robinson was often in the thick of the action, veteran Tom Keily proved a top swingman and Cody Banbury hard at the ball. Recruit Matt Souter-Smith won plenty of disposals, Jack Roberts, James and Brett Williams and Ryan Cunningham all had their moments. While again 2nd last the Blues did score 401 more points and conceded 862 less points than in 2022.

NILMA DARNUM – 11th & 0 wins

Leading goal kicker – John Hayes (20)

Marooned at the foot of the table for the second consecutive year. No wins make grim reading, but the Bombers did improve appreciably. This year its percentage was 41 as opposed to last seasons paltry 16. New forward-midfielder Sage Tapner played a big hand in its improvement while Nathan Campbell, Oxley Huson, Nick Carrigy and Seb Crowle put in many workmanlike efforts and Mal Hunter posed a threat up forward from limited opportunities.

SEN 91.9FM Team of the Year



| | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| FORWARDS | Lachlan Bambridge (Neerim South) | Shaun Phelan (Ellinbank) | Luke Kinder (Neerim South) |
| H/FORWARDS | Jedd Serong (Longwarry) | Travis Stewart (Nyora) | Hayden Baker (Buln Buln) |
| CENTRES | Ayden Ramm (Neerim South) | Darren Granger (Longwarry) | Dylan Heylen (Nyora) |
| H/BACKS | Jace Butler (Trafalgar) | Tom Robertson (Poowong) | Bryce Joyce (Ellinbank) |
| BACKS | Jack Blakey (Neerim South) | Hardy Kenny (Trafalgar) | Brandon Allen (Buln Buln) |
| RUCK | Dylan Farrell (Trafalgar) | Jack Hazendonk (Poowong) | Kody Wilson (Neerim South) |

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Travis Davis (Yarragon)
 Mitch Nobelius (Buln Buln)
 Nick Carrigy (Nilma Darnum)
 Ryan Atherton (Ellinbank)

Honourable Mentions:

Josh Brown (Lang Lang)
 Ryan Cunningham (Catani)
 Chaise Jordan (Lang Lang)
 Bob McCallum (Buln Buln)
 Lachlan Shaw (Yarragon)
 Tom Keily (Catani)
 Tyler Payroli (Yarragon)
 Mitch Virtue (Trafalgar)



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Senior Presentation Night



Tom Hallinan - Jack Hazendonk



Reserves Winner - Nathaniel Rodda, Catani



Arthur Pollard Award - Cooper Brown

Congratulations to Poowong ruck rover Jack Hazendonk and Trafalgar ruckman Dylan Farrell who tied for the 2023 Alf Walton medal for the EDFNL senior best and fairest which was held at the Warragul Downtowner last Sunday. Quite extraordinary it was Hazendonk's fourth medal after winning in 2018 (a tie with Russell Lehman) and then outright in 2019 & 2022. The 28-year-old joined Poowong in 2017 where he has now played 106 matches and kicked 150 goals since crossing from Devon Meadows in the MPNFL. Jack runs himself and opponents ragged, always shows courage and unflinching desire and just keeps taking himself to a new level each year. He joins Nyora's Scott Wightman as the only other four-time winner. (1982, 83, 84 & 87) For Farrell, the Trafalgar captain, it was his second Alf Walton medal after winning in 2021. Now 29 years of age, Dylan hails from Trafalgar and introduced himself to our league in 2016 when he played a season at Buln Buln before three seasons at Moe before he rejoined the Bloods where he has played 134 games and kicked 70 goals. Close to, if not the tallest player in the league his mobility belies his size. His leadership, tap work, strong hands and ability to read play and double as a forward target has caused rivals many a headache this season and for that matter in 2022 when he was runner up in the Walton medal.

SENIORS LEADERBOARD

| | | |
|--------------------|--------------|----|
| 1 Dylan Farrell | Trafalgar | 30 |
| =1 Jack Hazendonk | Poowong | 30 |
| 3 Kody Wilson | Neerim South | 17 |
| =3 Travis Stewart | Nyora | 17 |
| 5 Bryce Joyce | Ellinbank | 16 |
| =5 Dylan Heylen | Nyora | 16 |
| 7 Darren Granger | Longwarry | 15 |
| =7 Jack Symes | Buln Buln | 15 |
| =7 Robert McCallum | Buln Buln | 15 |
| 10 Ryan Atherton | Ellinbank | 13 |

RESERVES LEADERBOARD

| | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|----|
| 1 Nathaniel Rodda | Catani | 30 |
| 2 Adam White | Neerim South | 22 |
| =2 Jesse Hand | Lang Lang | 22 |
| 4 Sam Barwick | Ellinbank | 19 |
| 5 Bryce Monahan | Buln Buln | 15 |
| 6 Fletcher Robertson-Edgar | Neerim South | 13 |
| 7 Simon Dawson | Buln Buln | 12 |
| 8 Liam Edgar | Lang Lang | 11 |
| =8 Tim Leicester | Ellinbank | 11 |
| =8 Shaun Lamb | Nyora | 11 |

Other award winners

Parklea Seniors Most Disciplined Club Award – Nilma Darnum
 Relink Consulting Most Valuable Player Award – Jack Hazendonk (Poowong)
 Robin Hood Inn Club Championship Award – Neerim Neerim South
 Warragul Downtowner Community Club Award – Nilma Darnum
 Arthur Pollard Award for junior that polls most votes at senior level – Cooper Brown – (Longwarry)



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2ND SEMI FINALS

13 & UNDER:

Catani 5, 7, 15, 24, (24)
Poowong 1, 4, 8, 15, (15)

BEST

Catani: Tahlia Morel

GOALS

Catani: Sienna Ploeg 4
 Poowong: Layla Nicholls 6

15 & UNDER:

Yarragon 6, 13, 23, 30, (30)
Longwarry 3, 6, 11, 20, (20)

BEST

Catani: Lanah Hill

GOALS

Yarragon: Lanah Hill 16 Courtney McWhinney 14
 Longwarry: Cleo Traumanis 13 Madison Pitman 5 Alexis Tainton 2

17 & UNDER:

Ellinbank 10, 19, 22, 32, (32)
Longwarry 4, 7, 17, 26, (26)

BEST

Ellinbank: Chloe Johnstone

GOALS

Ellinbank: Molly Bingham 16 Reagan Joyce 16
 Longwarry: Charlize Traumanis 17 Olivia Jones 9

C GRADE:

Nilma Darnum 12, 21, 34, 36, (36)
Longwarry 7, 15, 23, 32, (32)

BEST

Nilma Darnum: Hayley Heatley

GOALS

Nilma Darnum: Kaylee Trickey 24 Skye Kahan 12
 Longwarry: Jenni Law 27 Renee McDonald 3
 Vickie Stephens 2

B GRADE:

Trafalgar 14, 32, 39, 51, (51)
Buln Buln 10, 19, 29, 35, (35)

BEST

Trafalgar: Alesha Hallinan

GOALS

Trafalgar: Cassandra Wass 39 Brandi King 12
 Buln Buln: Patty McInnes 25 Jessica Chambers 8 Laura Williams 2

A GRADE:

Nilma Darnum 13, 28, 39, 46, (46)
Ellinbank 14, 24, 35, 48, (48)

BEST

Ellinbank: Alana Rippon

GOALS

Nilma Darnum: Hayley Purcell 44
 Ellinbank: Chloe Johnstone 34 Ebony Harper 9
 Reagan Joyce 5



Netball Report - Preliminary Final



Preliminary Finals Saturday 9th September – Lang Lang

13 & Under – Catani v Poowong

Catani took a strong lead in the first quarter with fantastic defence from GD Tahlia Morel. Ball work down the court was fluent by Poowong's GD Ainsley Logan but they could not convert.

Catani 5-1

Poowong began the second quarter well and started to close the gap. The weather made the ball slippery and made it hard to convert the passages of play into goals. Poowong's WD Elsie Henshall had a fantastic performance in the second quarter.

Catani lead 7-4

Poowong's C Elsie Henshall has a strong start being backed up by their GK Pallas Jackman-Riches. Catani are too good with GA Sienna Schmidt and WA Xavier Carr forming plays and sinking goals.

Catani 15-8

Catani GD Tahlia Morel starts well again with 2 disposals in the first minute. Poowong made a change but was too late, with Catani GA Miley Warde and GD Tahlia Morel being standouts for the home stretch.

Catani 24 Def Poowong 15

BOC Catani Tahlia Morel

15 & Under Yarragon v Longwarry

Longwarry started strong but Yarragon hit their stride. Lots of turnovers in the mid court, but Yarragon couldn't convert. The Yarragon GS Lanah Hill was strong but couldn't find the ring and convert into goals.

Yarragon lead 6-3

Great defensive effort and pressure from the first whistle in the 2nd quarter from Yarragon. Strong leads allowed Yarragon a great head start even with the Longwarry GD Kira Wilson working hard. Longwarry's wet weather play option of short sharp passes not playing off against the defensive work of Yarragon allowing room for error.

Longwarry changed up positions coming into the third putting the pressure on Yarragon after converting the first three centres. It didn't take Yarragon long to respond and with great patience they maintained a confident lead.

Longwarry working hard and keeping Yarragon accountable kept them in the game but in the end a great start from Yarragon allowed them the win on the day

Yarragon 30 Def Longwarry 20

BOC Yarragon Lanah Hill

17 & Under – Ellinbank v Longwarry

Both sides have amazing turnovers and defensive pressure and great turnovers. Ellinbank had better luck converting these into goals. Ellinbank managed to hold a 6 goal lead at quarter time 10-4

Both sides have great communication in the goal ring. Ellinbank were smooth and neat coming down the court. Longwarry were quick with their goals in the ring. Ellinbank had easy passes down the court and exceptionally timed leads and worked beautifully as a team

Ellinbank backed each other down the court in the 3rd. Both teams have hands over all balls. Longwarry gained more confidence in the court, which resulted in better defence and more goals. Ellinbank had strong intercepts in their defensive side. Longwarry's flow down the court is exceptional leading to a massive comeback. Ellinbank 22-17

Both teams back & forth with great turnovers from both. Overall, Ellinbank finished off strong with great goals and intercepts.

Ellinbank 32 Def Longwarry 26

BOC Ellinbank Chloe Johnstone

C Grade – Nilma Darnum v Longwarry

In blustery conditions the preliminary got under way. The pressure was intense with multiple turnovers at each end. It was goal for goal in the first 5 minutes, with Nilma first to settle they were able to get the jump on the scoreboard by the first quarter break leading by 5 goals.

Netball Report - Preliminary Final



While Longwarry started the second quarter with fresh legs, Nilma opted to stick with the same line up. The wind influenced in this quarter and certainly impacted the accuracy of both passing and shooting from both sides. With a hotly contested ball it remained goal for goal throughout this term.

The Nilma defenders came out firing on the third quarter with multiple turnovers leading to a run of goals, with Nilma breaking away to a 9 point lead at quarter time.

With their seasons on the line the girls had everything to play for coming into the last quarter. Missed opportunities and inaccuracy at both ends created an atmosphere that was both intense and electric. Longwarry came out firing in the last 5 minutes, gaining momentum. With the crowd on the edge of their seats, Nilma just narrowly scraped through with the win by just 4 goals.

Nilma Darnum 36 Def Longwarry 32

BOC Nilma Darnum Hayley Heatley

B Grade – Trafalgar v Buln Buln

With 2 very experienced sides both teams were quick to settle. Intensity was high, but turnovers few with both teams playing lovely controlled netball. It was goal for goal for the first 10 minutes. T

Trafalgar gained control in the second with Buln struggling to get their shots to drop. Trafalgar defenders Ashlea Farmer and Tillie Manfield rebounded well and being rewarded by the attacking end. Buln started to settle but weren't able to capitalise. Trafalgar stayed strong leading at half time 32-19

Strong start by Buln as they started closing the gap in the first few minutes. Lots of defensive turnovers for both teams. The sun came out as both teams started to play goal for goal. Good pressure all over the court from both teams, some smart play and turnovers and some passes not being converted. With Trafalgar up by 10 at the end of the quarter 39-29.

Intensity was high at the start of the fourth. Lots of back and forth play as both teams fought for the first goal of

the quarter, which went to Trafalgar quickly followed by a goal from Buln. Goal for goal play continued as both teams were desperate for a turnover. Some great defensive pressure had Trafalgar pull their lead out to 14 points. Buln held on but were unable to capitalise as Trafalgar's lead grew. Both teams continued to play strongly until the end with Trafalgar taking the win.

Trafalgar 51 Def Buln 35

BOC Trafalgar Alesha Hallinan

A Grade Nilma Darnum v Ellinbank

With the wind still blowing and the sun trying to break through the clouds, Nilma win the toss. Ellinbank took some good intercepts and capitalised on the scoreboard early. Their defensive pressure down the court and passes into the ring were precise and accurate. However the last 5 minutes saw Nilma lift and bring the deficit to 1 point at quarter time.

Ellinbank took the first break in the second with quick ball movement and transition into their attack. Some great defensive pressure from Nilma WD Serena Mooney and precision feeding into GS Hayley Purcell saw Nilma up by 4 goals at half time. 28-24

Ellinbank went into the 3rd quarter with some changes in their defensive end. The blustery conditions played havoc with shooting, especially down the pavilion end. Nilma's pressure down the court and accurate passing into the ring saw them increase their lead to 8 goals. At the end of the third quarter, Ellinbank had fought back to a 4 goal difference.

Ellinbank came our firing in the last quarter and scored the first goals of the quarter. The intensity lifted with intense pressure by both teams. Nilma GS Hayley Purcell held well and feeds were impressive giving Nilma 2 quick goals. The crowd lifted and the game was alive, with both sides going goal for goal. Ellinbank were too strong in the end and took the win by 2 goals.

Ellinbank 48 Def Nilma Darnum 46

BOC Ellinbank Alana Rippon

Netball Votes



A GRADE

*B & F: Stacey Lawry
(R) from Nilma Darnum*
*RU: Christie Urie (L)
from Neerim South*
*Goal Throwing Award:
Neerim South*



B GRADE

*B & F: Ondine Olsson
(R) from Nilma Darnum*
*RU: Cassandra Wass
(L) from Trafalgar*
*Goal Throwing Award:
Ellinbank*



C GRADE

*B & F: Chloe Wallace
(L) from Ellinbank*
*RU: Emily Robb (R)
from Neerim South*
*Goal Throwing Award:
Ellinbank*



17 & UNDER

*B & F: Bianca Monson
(L) from Poowong*
*RU: Piper Albert (R)
from Trafalgar*
*Goal Throwing Award:
Ellinbank*



15 & UNDER

*B & F: Courtney
McWhinney (L) from
Yarragon*
*RU: Kira Wilson (R)
from Longwarry*
*Goal Throwing Award:
Yarragon*



13 & UNDER

*B & F: Jenna McDonald
(L) from Longwarry*
*RU: Ainsley Logan (R)
from Poowong*
*Goal Throwing Award:
Buln Buln*

Netball Votes



A GRADE

| NAME | VOTES | CLUB |
|-------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Stacey Lawry | 36 | Nilma Darnum |
| Christie Urie | 32 | Neerim Neerim South |
| Kimberly Hillberg | 27 | Neerim Neerim South |
| Tara Potts | 24 | Trafalgar |
| Taylah Wallace | 24 | Taylah Wallace |
| Danielle Hanley | 19 | Catani |
| Ashleigh Honan | 18 | Catani |
| Rhiannon Haines | 17 | Ellinbank |
| Tahlia Peterson | 15 | Buln Buln |
| Ella McDonald | 14 | Trafalgar |

B GRADE

| NAME | VOTES | CLUB |
|------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Ondine Olsson | 30 | Nilma Darnum |
| Cassandra Wass | 25 | Trafalgar |
| Cassandra Armour | 24 | Ellinbank |
| Kelsey Kendal | 22 | Lang Lang |
| Lauren Eastwell | 22 | Buln Buln |
| Lauren Johnson | 19 | Ellinbank |
| Dannielle Kettle | 18 | Ellinbank |
| Isabella Rosato | 17 | Trafalgar |
| Alesha Hallinan | 16 | Trafalgar |
| Ava McGarrity | 16 | Neerim Neerim South |

C GRADE

| NAME | VOTES | CLUB |
|--------------------|-------|--------------|
| Chloe Wallace | 35 | Ellinbank |
| Emily Robb | 29 | Neerim South |
| Hayley Heatley | 26 | Nilma Darnum |
| Claire Martyn | 24 | Buln Buln |
| Madison Loudon | 22 | Catani |
| Kristi Brinksma | 18 | Ellinbank |
| Meaghan Newitt | 18 | Buln Buln |
| Stefanie Backman | 18 | Ellinbank |
| Chelsea Richardson | 17 | Lang Lang |
| Stacey Adams | 16 | Catani |

17 & UNDER

| NAME | VOTES | CLUB |
|--------------------|-------|-----------|
| Bianca Monson | 27 | Poowong |
| Piper Albert | 26 | Trafalgar |
| Chloe Johnstone | 22 | Ellinbank |
| Reagan Joyce | 22 | Ellinbank |
| Abbey Warde | 21 | Catani |
| Charlize Traumanis | 21 | Longwarry |
| Brooke Cahill | 20 | Ellinbank |
| Olivia Jones | 20 | Longwarry |
| Hayley Wilson | 17 | Longwarry |
| Brianna Ware | 15 | Poowong |

15 & UNDER

| NAME | VOTES | CLUB |
|---------------------|-------|--------------|
| Courtney McWhinney | 41 | Yarragon |
| Kira Wilson | 39 | Longwarry |
| Emma Henshall | 38 | Poowong |
| Georgia Coleman | 37 | Buln Buln |
| Ruby Bridger | 30 | Buln Buln |
| Mia Tweddle | 24 | Nilma Darnum |
| Prezance Havilitama | 24 | Catani |
| Mischa Moore | 21 | Yarragon |
| Lauren Marx | 19 | Nilma Darnum |
| Lucy Coulthard | 19 | Trafalgar |

13 & UNDER

| NAME | VOTES | CLUB |
|-------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Jenna McDonald | 42 | Longwarry |
| Ainsley Logan | 34 | Poowong |
| Nicola Fort | 28 | Poowong |
| Emily Melville | 27 | Lang Lang |
| Miley Warde | 27 | Catani |
| Sapphire Pratt | 25 | Buln Buln |
| Aylah Collins | 24 | Trafalgar |
| Addison Moore | 22 | Yarragon |
| Keelie Carbonneau | 21 | Neerim Neerim South |
| Claire Finger | 21 | Catani |

Leading Goalkickers



SENIORS

| GOALS | PLAYER | CLUB |
|-------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 58 | Shaun Phelan | Ellinbank Eagles |
| 53 | Luke Kinder | Neerim South Cats |
| 51 | Hayden Baker | Buln Buln Lyrebirds |
| 46 | Lachlan Bambridge | Neerim South Cats |
| 44 | Matthew Swenson | Trafalgar Bloods |
| 42 | Jedd Serong | Longwarry Crows |
| 35 | Reece Campbell | Buln Buln Lyrebirds |

RESERVES

| GOALS | PLAYER | CLUB |
|-------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 37 | Liam Hetherington | Lang Lang Tigers |
| 30 | Jesse Hand | Lang Lang Tigers |
| 29 | Ricky McKerrow | Buln Buln Lyrebirds |
| 24 | Geordie Wells | Lang Lang Tigers |
| 23 | Jake Dean | Ellinbank Eagles |
| 23 | Bryce Monahan | Buln Buln Lyrebirds |

UNDER 18s

| GOALS | PLAYER | CLUB |
|-------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 44 | Patrick Sheehan | Neerim South Cats |
| 42 | Cooper Brown | Longwarry Crows |
| 35 | Jack Champion | Ellinbank Eagles |
| 33 | Ryan Bradshaw | Buln Buln Lyrebirds |
| 29 | Damon Ingram | Buln Buln Lyrebirds |

UNDER 16s

| GOALS | PLAYER | CLUB |
|-------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 67 | Kai Mounsey | Neerim South Cats |
| 51 | Isaac Caroleo | Trafalgar Bloods |
| 32 | Hugh Cunningham | Ellinbank Eagles |
| 28 | Archie Thompson | Lang Lang Tigers |
| 28 | Vincent Onslow | Ellinbank Eagles |

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Times have changed over the tenure of EDFNL President Roger Gwynne



Many would be interested to know that current EDFNL President Roger Gwynne has announced he is stepping down from his current role and the Board of Management (BOM) at the upcoming 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM). Such is his devotion to the league he still intends to join the Subcommittee in 2024. It is only fair we acknowledge Roger's tenure and contribution to the league, and we sincerely thank him and offer best wishes for the future. The league will release on our social media a more substantial piece on Roger's extensive and colourful career and his strong input towards the healthy state of the now EDFNL around the time of the AGM in late November.

However, this editorial is mainly to relate the change in football, the league and associated administration matters over the time Roger was involved.

With time, especially for the baby boomers, we forget how much things have changed so quickly. Roger started as Nyora delegate in the eighties when Hallora-Strezlecki was in the league. He joined the league executive in 1988 and took over the President role in 1994, the year after Longwarry joined the EDFL. Thus, his first decade predated smartphones, the internet was in its infancy and only PC nerds had heard of the World Wide Web. Of course, there was no such thing as photoshop, drones, DVDs, play station, Facebook and iPhone.

Quizzing Roger on the most noticeable differences in the league when he commenced on the executive he said, "the 30-mile radius rule, shockingly muddy grounds, poor facilities and a delegate system," come to mind, adding "Poowong had a wood fire stove to heat up their water and there was no such thing as goal padding. At one club the players had to share the same shower. We were part of the VCFL not AFL Vic Country, everything was paperwork based,

there was a 19th & 20TH man and no red and yellow card system."

Roger, now 76 years of age, somewhat not surprisingly believes there is an over dependence on technology and a lack of face-to-face interaction. To all the younger folk that read this, it is difficult to disagree modern technology has produced greater productivity and improvements in efficiency, health and knowledge but it is a hard sell to many old timers who still make up a good deal of the EDFNL supporters.

Roger says the league administration has changed from "pastime to semi-professional" and the scale of the club and league responsibilities is infinitely far greater. He cites just this year as an example whereby clubs are required to have a Child Safety Officer, Volunteer Coordinator and our league must have a Match Review Panel.

Among other things to have changed since the late 1980s and 1990s we now have countless new laws of the game, a player point system, salary caps, code of conduct and a duty of care set by the AFL. A few clubs have OHS and social welfare officers and social media persons while accreditation for coaches and trainers and concussion protocols are compulsory. There are also many policies to abide by, perhaps the most notable being respect & responsibility and racial vilification and let's not forget the AFL COVID protocols we had to follow in recent seasons.

Nonetheless Roger is adamant country grounds still retain their character and charm and football is still part of the fabric that binds many of our towns. He repeatedly states for all the changes over his time "good administrators and good people are the backbone of a successful club and clubs provide people with purpose and direction, and this will never change".

Can't disagree with these thoughts from Roger.

Football & Netball Scoresheet



| QTR | GOALS | BEHINDS | POINTS |
|------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| SENIORS | | | |
| Team | | | |
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| 2nd | | | |
| 3rd | | | |
| Total | | | |
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| 1st | | | |
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| 3rd | | | |
| Total | | | |
| RESERVES | | | |
| Team | | | |
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| Total | | | |
| Team | | | |
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| UNDER 18s | | | |
| Team | | | |
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| UNDER 16s | | | |
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| QTR | GOALS | TOTAL | QTR | GOALS | TOTAL |
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| C GRADE | | | | | |
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| 17 & UNDER | | | | | |
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| 15 & UNDER | | | | | |
| Team | | | Team | | |
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| 13 & UNDER | | | | | |
| Team | | | Team | | |
| 1st | | | 1st | | |
| 2nd | | | 2nd | | |
| 3rd | | | 3rd | | |
| Total | | | Total | | |



EDFNL 2023 Draw

ROUND 1 – Saturday 1st April

Trafalgar 9.6-61 v Yarragon 6.2-38
Longwarry 12.16-88 v Nilma Darnum 6.8-44
Ellinbank 18.12-120 v Catani 5.9-39
Neerim South 6.11-47 v Buln Buln 7.9-51
Poowong 7.11-53 v Nyora 6.11-47
BYE: Lang Lang

ROUND 2 – Saturday 15th April

Yarragon 11.10-76 v Lang Lang 8.4-52
Nilma Darnum 13.8-86 v Trafalgar 13.13-91
Catani 10.6-66 v Longwarry 11.10-76
Buln Buln 16.10-106 v Ellinbank 6.6-42
Nyora 6.8-44 v Neerim South 21.17-143
BYE: Poowong

ROUND 3 – Saturday 22nd April

Lang Lang 11.18-84 v Nilma Darnum 6.7-43
Trafalgar 11.7-73 v Catani 6.8-44
Longwarry 7.6-48 v Buln Buln 18.16-124
Ellinbank 16.11-107 v Nyora 3.8-26
Neerim South 24.7-151 v Poowong 7.7-49
BYE: Yarragon

ROUND 4 – Saturday 29th April

Catani 6.6-42 v Lang Lang 17.8-110
Buln Buln 11.6-72 v Trafalgar 8.6-54
Nyora 15.8-98 v Longwarry 16.8-104
Poowong 3.6-24 v Ellinbank 12.15-87
Nilma Darnum 7.1-43 v Yarragon 18.15-123
BYE: Neerim South

ROUND 5 – Saturday 6th May

Lang Lang 7.9-51 v Buln Buln 11.13-79
Trafalgar 12.4-76 v Nyora 7.6-48
Longwarry 7.13-55 v Poowong 9.14-68
Ellinbank 8.5-53 v Neerim South 5.10-40
Yarragon 6.15-51 v Catani 4.8-32
BYE: Nilma Darnum

ROUND 6 – Saturday 13th May

Nyora 10.11-71 v Lang Lang 7.6-48
Poowong 5.14-44 v Trafalgar 12.8-80
Neerim South 22.22-154 v Longwarry 1.9-15
Buln Buln 19.14-128 v Yarragon 6.6-42
Catani 12.11-83 v Nilma Darnum 3.7-25
BYE: Ellinbank

ROUND 7 – Saturday 20th May

Lang Lang 3.2-20 v Poowong 13.8-86
Trafalgar 4.9-33 v Neerim South 9.9-63
Longwarry 2.11-23 v Ellinbank 15.11-101
Yarragon 2.7-19 v Nyora 6.7-43
Nilma Darnum 5.3-33 v Buln Buln 13.19-97
BYE: Catani

ROUND 8 – Saturday 27th May

Neerim South 26.15-171 v Lang Lang 3.5-23
Ellinbank 15.9-99 v Trafalgar 5.6-36
Poowong 11.5-71 v Yarragon 5.10-40
Nyora 15.18-108 v Nilma Darnum 13.6-84
Buln Buln 15.13-103 v Catani 7.9-51
BYE: Longwarry

ROUND 9 – Saturday 3rd June

Lang Lang 5.9-39 v Ellinbank 4.7-31
Trafalgar 10.12-72 v Longwarry 8.9-57
Yarragon v Neerim South *Abandoned*
Nilma Darnum 8.11-59 v Poowong 17.12-114
Catani 13.14-92 v Nyora 9.4-58
BYE: Buln Buln

ROUND 10 – Saturday 10th June

Longwarry 9.10-64 v Lang Lang 10.10-70
Ellinbank 15.6-96 v Yarragon 5.4-34
Neerim South 2.5-17 v Nilma Darnum 35.26-236
Poowong 10.10-70 v Catani 9.6-60
Nyora 3.4-22 v Buln Buln 15.9-99
BYE: Trafalgar

ROUND 11 – Saturday 17th June

Lang Lang 5.6-36 v Trafalgar 5.16-46
Yarragon 9.17-71 v Longwarry 5.8-38
Nilma Darnum 3.4-22 v Ellinbank 13.16-94
Catani 6.12-48 v Neerim South 9.1-64
Buln Buln 11.16-82 v Poowong 10.5-65
BYE: Nyora

ROUND 12 – Saturday 24th June

Yarragon 8.8-56 def by Trafalgar 10.9-69
Nilma Darnum 13.9-87 def by Longwarry 22.16-148
Catani 4.6-30 def by Ellinbank 15.15-105
Buln Buln 16.13-109 def Neerim South 6.5-41
Nyora 6.9-45 def by Poowong 13.9-87
BYE: Lang Lang

ROUND 13 – Saturday 1st July

Lang Lang 11.11-77 v Yarragon 4.10-34
Trafalgar 12.15-87 v Nilma Darnum 3.4-22
Longwarry 16.19-115 v Catani 7.11-53
Ellinbank 4.1-25 v Buln Buln 3.6-24
Neerim South 24.18-162 v Nyora 2.2-14
BYE: Poowong

ROUND 14 – Saturday 8th July

Nilma Darnum 7.15-57 def by Lang Lang 9.11-65
Catani 6.4-40 def by Trafalgar 7.14-56
Buln Buln 28.17-185 def Longwarry 4.3-27
Nyora 9.6-60 def by Ellinbank 10.12-72
Poowong 4.12-36 def by Neerim South 7.7-49
BYE: Yarragon

ROUND 15 – Saturday 15th July

Lang Lang 8.15-63 v Catani 4.10-34
Trafalgar 5.3-33 v Buln Buln 9.9-63
Longwarry 13.9-87 v Nyora 9.9-63
Ellinbank 15.9-99 v Poowong 9.9-63
Yarragon 13.12-90 v Nilma Darnum 7.10-52
BYE: Neerim South

ROUND 16 – Saturday 22nd July

Lang Lang 11.9-75 v Nyora 8.5-53
Trafalgar 16.10-106 v Poowong 2.2-14
Longwarry 5.7-37 v Neerim South 19.20-134
Yarragon 1.2-8 v Buln Buln 20.11-131
Nilma Darnum 13.12-90 v Catani 14.8-92
BYE: Ellinbank

ROUND 17 – Saturday 29th July

Buln Buln 17.15-117 v Lang Lang 2.-10-22
Poowong 14.14-98 v Longwarry 12.8-80
Neerim South 12.18-90 v Ellinbank 8.8-56
Catani 10.10-70 v Yarragon 10.5-65
BYE(S): Nyora, Trafalgar, Nilma Darnum

ROUND 18 – Saturday 5th August

Poowong 4.5-29 v Lang Lang 11.15-81
Neerim South 10.10-70 v Trafalgar 13.6-84
Ellinbank 15.22-112 v Longwarry 7.3-45
Nyora 13.8-86 v Yarragon 9.10-64
Buln Buln 33.22-220 v Nilma Darnum 4.1-25
BYE: Catani

ROUND 19 – Saturday 12th August

Lang Lang 6.8-44 v Neerim South 10.12-72
Trafalgar 7.8-50 v Ellinbank 5.6-36
Yarragon 4.2-26 v Poowong 12.6-78
Nilma Darnum 8.1-58 v Nyora 13.23-101
Catani 9.4-58 v Buln Buln 13.16-94
BYE: Longwarry

ROUND 20 – Saturday 19th August

Ellinbank 13.18-96 v Lang Lang 1.1-7
Longwarry 6.5-41 v Trafalgar 13.16-94
Neerim South 10.19-79 v Yarragon 2.5-17
Poowong 8.17-65 v Nilma Darnum 3.5-23
Nyora 14.6-90 v Catani 13.6-84
BYE: Buln Buln

SPECIAL ROUNDS

Round 3 – Anzac Day Weekend
Round 10 – King's Birthday Weekend
No matches on Easter Weekend

THERE WILL BE A FINAL 5 SYSTEM IN 2023

WEEK 1 – Qualifying Final - Saturday 26th August & Elimination Final - Sunday 27th August
WEEK 2 – 2nd Semi Final - Saturday 2nd September & 1st Semi Final - Sunday 3rd September
WEEK 3 – Preliminary Final - Saturday 9th September
WEEK 4 – Grand Final - Saturday 16th September

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