

2010







The Club reappointed Tony Bellenger for a 4th year as Senior Coach and Tony coached the team to the Grand Final, but could not take his place in the team after he broke his leg in the 2nd semi final against Maldon at Dunolly.

The team also suffered a significant loss during the season when Assistant Coach Brendon Hedger suffered a serious knee injury while training for the VCFL squad for the Country Football Championships. This dealt the club a major blow as Brendon was the dominant ruckman of the competition and unfortunately with the injury happening just on the clearances deadline; he could not be replaced. The loss of Tony and Brendon played a key role in the clubs downfall in the Grand Final and had both players been fit enough to take the field then the club could quite easily have been celebrating a premiership.

It was a disappointing finish to a season that promised more!

With the input of former senior premiership players to the Reserves team such as Trevor Field and Gary & Brad Wardlaw, Our Reserves football team enjoyed a rise up the ladder and only for a disappointing three point loss in the 1st semi final they could possibly have played off in the Grand final.

Trevor Field won the MCDFNL Reserves Best & Fairest.

The Under 17 football team had a reasonable season but could not quite make the finals after missing by percentage. But a number of juniors showed promise of big things to come and Bryce Howell, Nathan Field, Matthew Jukes and Taylor Hall all establishing themselves as promising senior footballers in the future.

Andrew Wardlaw played his 250th game.

Paul Wardlaw played 200th game.

Carl Moser played his 150th game.

Club Best & Fairest was Lachlan Edwards who is the son of seven time B & F David Edwards.

Life Memberships were ratified at the AGM and to be presented in 2011 to Ron Beavis, Gary Wardlaw, Michael Wardlaw, Russell Neil and Stacey Blair.

Football

Seniors – Runners Up

Reserves – 4th

Under 17 – 6th

Netball

A Grade – Premiers

B Grade = Premiers

C Grade – Runners Up

17 & Under – Runners Up

15 & Under – 9th

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2011







After a promising 2010 season, 2011 saw a number of players that had been the nucleus of our success in recent years leave the club, which had an impact on the playing list throughout the senior & reserves teams resulting in both grades dropping down the ladder.

One positive out of the list of departures was that it provided an opportunity to play a number of junior players which resulted in 21 players playing their first senior games for the club during the season.

The Under 17 team played off in the finals and were defeated in the semi final.

An Under 15 competition was introduced in 2011 and our team had a great season. They were held scoreless in the opening game and improved throughout the season to be defeated in the Preliminary Final by 15 points. This was a great outcome considering their start

to the season, and there is a lot of promising juniors for the coming years.

There was a number of milestone games but the two most significant were Ben Howell and Brad Wardlaw who played their 300th club games and became Life members as a result of doing so. Both players have been outstanding contributors over the season's and are also very active off the field.

Sam Beavis and Aaron Calder also played their 250th club games and are also very strong contributors around the club.

Best & Fairest for the second successive season was Lachlan Edwards.

Despite our senior football teams failing to play finals, 2011 was a successful season for the club with 8 of our ten teams playing finals.

Football

Seniors – 11th

Reserves – 9th

Under 17 – 5th

Under 15 – 3rd

Netball

A Grade – 5th

B Grade – 5th

C Grade – Runners Up

17 & Under – Runners Up

15 & Under – 5th

13 & Under – 4th

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2012



 Maryborough Castlemaine DFNL
Avoca Football Netball Club
Reserves Football Best & Fairest - 2012 



Brad Wardlaw





Season 2012

The 2012 season showed a lot of promise at the start of the season, but a lack of depth was evident as the season drew to a close.

Despite the lack of depth the senior team did show an improvement from the previous season and managed to compete in the finals.

The Reserves had a disappointing season, but it did allow the club to play a number of juniors in the reserves alongside a number of our experienced former senior players which was a good learning curve for our players of the future.

The Under 17 team played off in the finals and were defeated in the semi final.

The 2012 season continued to be a learning tool for the Under 15 boys and it is great to see that they continue to improve as each game progresses.

There were a number of milestone games with Jaye Farnsworth and Paul Hamilton playing their 200th club games, while Josh Barker played his 150th game for the Bulldogs.

Best & Fairest for the third successive season was Lachlan Edwards.

Brad Wardlaw was the winner of the Reserves MCDNFL Best & Fairest Award.

Football

Seniors – 8th

Reserves – 11th

Under 17 – 3rd

Under 15 – 7th

Netball

A Grade – 5th

B Grade – 7th

C Grade – 6th

17 & Under – 13th

15 & Under – 5th

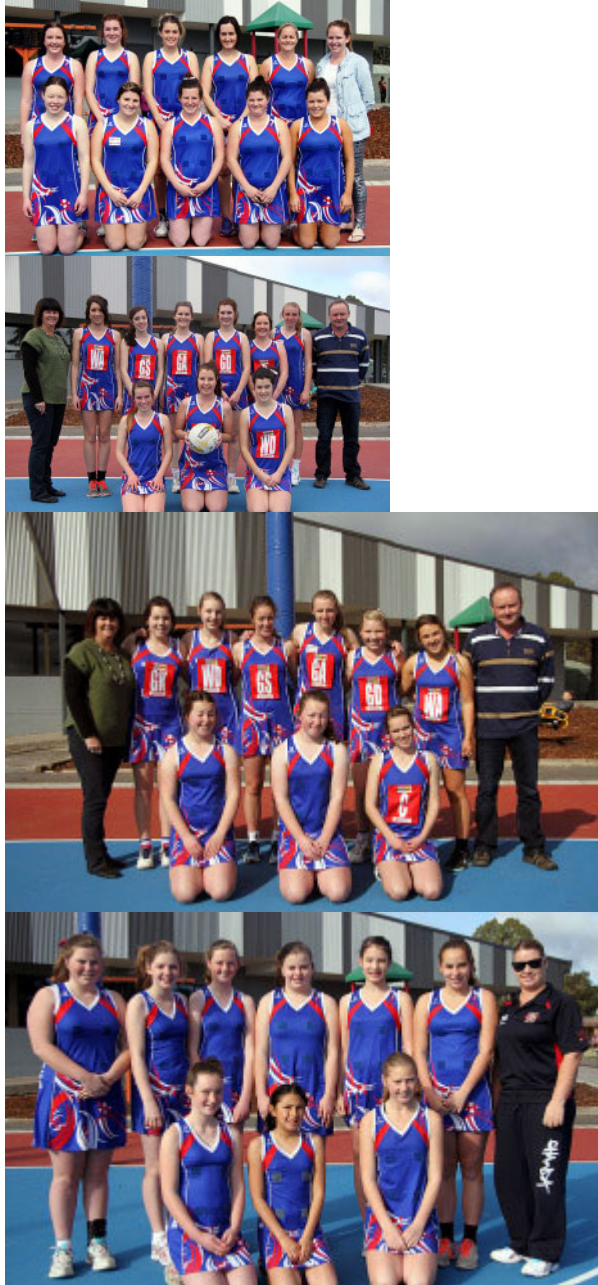
13 & Under – 3rd

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2013







2013

After a slight improvement in season 2012, the club was looking forward to taking another step up the ladder, but it was not to be as we again finished in 8th position on the senior football ladder.

There was a marked improvement in the reserves who also played finals football, but with the recruitment of some key players including Murray Bond, Jesse Britton, Jayden Molloy and Tom Nankivell, the club felt we were better than a 8th position finish for our senior team.

The Under 17's and Under 15's both played finals and showed signs of improvement.

An Under 12 competition was introduced and our boys had an outstanding season playing off in the Grand final but going down to Campbells Creek by 29 points.

There was a number of milestone games played but the major milestone of season 2013 was the 500th game for Avoca by Trevor Field when we played Newstead on Saturday July 13th. An outstanding achievement for our club stalwart.

Anthony Neil also played his 300th club game vs Navarre on Sunday 5th May and received Life membership of the club.

Other milestones in 2013 were Ben Howell playing his 200th senior game and Carl Moser playing his 100th senior game.

Devon Svilicic, Nick Barker and Shaun Orr all played their 150th club games, while Adrian Pilgrim played his 100th game.

Best & Fairest for the fourth successive season was Lachlan Edwards.

Football

Seniors – 8th

Reserves – 8th

Under 17 – 5th

Under 15 – 4th

Under 12 – Runners Up

Netball

A Grade – 10th

B Grade – Premiers

C Grade – 9th

17 & Under – 10th

15 & Under – 4th

13 & Under – 3rd

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2014









 **MARYBOROUGH CASTLEMAINE** 
District Football Netball League
Under 15 Football Best & Fairest - 2014



Daniel Howell





Taylor Kennedy



Season 2014

After making inroads into the top eight in the previous two seasons, Season 2014 was a big disappointment that saw both the senior & reserves team plummet down the ladder to both finish in 12th position.

It was a controversial start to season, when four time Best & Fairest winner Lachlan Edwards walked out on a contract, which was not well received by many who thought that once you sign a contract that you honour that contract. He was reluctantly cleared by the committee after much discussion.

The Under 17's, 15's and 12.s all played finals and the club were very happy that Daniel Howell won the MCDFNL Best & Fairest in the Under 15's, while Taylor Kennedy also won the MCDFNL Best & Fairest in the Under 12 grade.

Gary Wardlaw played his 350th Club Game vs Royal Park on Saturday 26th July.

Other milestone players were Ricky Rogers playing his 150th game and the following players all played their 100th club games. Jay Armstrong, Darcy Carey, Cameron Holland, Joel Howell, Geoff Jolly, Blake Salmon.

While it was a disappointing season on the field for the Senior & Reserves Football teams, the club did have a reasonably good season as we were represented in the finals by nine of our eleven teams, with both the A & B Grade girls playing in the Grand Final. Unfortunately both were defeated by Navarre. The A Grade girls going down by ten goals and the B Grade girls losing by 4 goals, but it was a great effort by the girls, particularly the A Grade girls who finished in tenth position the season before.

Senior Football Best & Fairest was Alec Wiltshire

Football

Seniors – 12th

Reserves – 12th

Under 17 – 5th

Under 15 – 3rd

Under 12 – 3rd

Netball

A Grade – Runner Up

B Grade – Runner Up

C Grade – 7th

17 & Under – 6th

15 & Under – 4th

13 & Under – 4th

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2015







Season 2015

Season 2015 started off on a promising note when the senior football team defeated Dunolly in the opening game of the season. But unfortunately losses in the next eight games soon brought things back to earth. The Reserves also lost the first nine games and it is fair to say that the atmosphere around the club was very low.

Improvement was shown in both the senior and reserves grades later in the season with both grades winning a number of games, but the victories were against teams that were out of the top eight.

The Junior grades all played finals, but the Under 11.5's were knocked out of the Preliminary Final by Newstead.

Trevor Field played his 550th club game against Carisbrook on Sat 20th June. And Ben Howell played his 350th club game on the same day.

Jaye Farnsworth played his 250th club game against Trentham a couple of weeks later on Saturday 4th July.

The following players played their 100th club games: Mitch Holland, Daniel Howell, Taylor Kennedy, Ash Wardlaw, Brayden Wardlaw, Riley Wardlaw.

The netball girls flew the flag once again with the B & C Grade girls making the Grand Final and the C Grade girls achieving the Ultimate success by winning the Premiership.

Senior Football Best & Fairest was Jake Nicholson.

Football

Seniors – 10th

Reserves – 12th

Under 17 – 6th

Under 15 – 7th

Under 12 – 3rd

Netball

A Grade – 5th

B Grade – Runner Up

C Grade – Premiers

17 & Under – 4th

15 & Under – 7th

13 & Under – 7th

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2016



AVOCA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB
2016 UNDER 11.5 FOOTBALL TEAM
RUNNER UP



Back: Ryan Wallley (Coach), Tara Kennedy, Patrick Higgins, Billy Barber, Nathan Reynolds, Jake Holman, Jason Plante, Noah Warden, Billy Wallace, Josh Finney, Sam Robinson, Jai Howell, Lachlan Wardlaw, Ryan Blainey (Match Coords)
Front: Eric Robinson, Blake Ross, Ben Holland, Campbell Blair, Tommy Barber, Hayden Robinson, Albert Payne, Georgia Gallop, Matthew Warden, Thomas Rodgall, Logan Howell, Isaac Ross, Ashley Locking, Glen Harvey, Noah Paine, Mascot Jed Armstrong

[Season 2016](#)

The senior team could only win three games in a very disappointing and controversial season which saw coach Jamie Briody resign mid season after he found that he did not have the support of the playing group.

The Reserves team made some improvement from the previous season to win six games and finish in 9th position.

The Under 17 and Under 14 teams both finished mid ladder, while the Under 11.5 boys played in the Grand Final and were leading with ten seconds to go only to have premiership glory cruelly ripped out of their hands with the last kick of the day by a Carisbrook opponent.

Under 11.5 player Jai Howell also suffered a similar defeat when losing the MCDFNL Best & Fairest on the last vote card of the evening.

The following players played their 150th club games in 2016: Darcy Carey, Nathan Field, Joel Howell, Rhys Walkley.

The following players played their 100th club game in 2016: Jamie Beavis, Nick Drury, Sam Gleisner, Kai Murdoch, Chris Redpath.

Senior Football Best & Fairest was Harley Hunter.

Season 2016 was a season from hell as far as controversy both on and off the field and court, with a number of unsavoury incidents occurring which created stress on many of our committee, supporters and players.

It is a season that can only be better left behind and hopefully the club will springboard back up the ladder after hitting rock bottom.

Football

Seniors – 12th

Reserves – 9th

Under 17 – 8th

Under 15 – 6th

Under 12 – Runner Up

Netball

A Grade – 7th

B Grade – 4th

C Grade – 7th

17 & Under – 7th

15 & Under – 4th

13 & Under – 3rd

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2017









Season 2017

A number of new appointments to the committee including the appointment of Bill Drummond as president has been seen as a very positive move, and it is believed that the club made inroads to getting the club right after a very disappointing and controversial season 2016.

Season 2017 saw a very improved atmosphere around the club, particularly around the social side of the club, with a number of outstanding social activities organised by the social committee.

While the senior football team continued to struggle as a result of an unusually large number of injuries sustained to key players, the club still managed to have eight of our eleven teams representing the club in the final series.

There was a very large number of milestone games played in 2017, with the highlights being 400 games to Stacey Blair, Collen Spoulsby and Lucy Walkley playing their 350th games. Three players joined the 200 club, being Bryce Howell, Damien Miles and Devon Svilicic.

Maddy Egan was Runner up In the MCDFNL A Grade Best & Fairest while Colleen Drummond was Runner Up in the MCDFNL C Grade Best & Fairest.

Alistair Meldrum was the Senior Football Best & Fairest and Maddy Egan was the A Grade Netball Best & Fairest.

Season 2017 was definitely a big improvement on the previous season and it is felt that the club is on the right path to success.

Football

Seniors – 12th

Reserves – 8th

Under 17 – 7th

Under 15 – 4th

Under 12 – 5th

Netball

A Grade – 3rd

B Grade – 4th

C Grade – 5th

17 & Under – 10th

15 & Under – 10th

13 & Under – 5th

Season 2018

2018









Season 2018

The club had a stable season in 2018; however our injury toll continued which had an effect on our senior football team missing the finals. A one point loss to Trentham in the final game of the home and away season cost us a spot in the finals. A draw would have put us into the finals.

Our Reserves football team made the finals for the second year in succession and made the preliminary final, which augers well for the future.

The club is happy with the path we are on as the atmosphere around the place is very positive that we are on the right track to being a successful club in all areas.

There was once again a very large number of milestone games played in 2018, with the highlight being 600 games to Trevor Field, which is a significant milestone.

Jaye Farnsworth achieved Life membership when he played his 300th game for the Bulldogs. 200 game milestones were achieved by Darcy Carey, Nathan Coghlan and Matt Veitch, while Jamie Beavis and Cameron Holland played there 150th games for the club.

Jason Hunt was Runner Up in the League Best & Fairest losing by two votes on the last card of the count.

Our netball girls had a mediocre season on the courts with only three grades playing finals, but they believe they are heading in the right direction for success in the future.

Maddy Egan was Runner up In the MCDFNL A Grade Best & Fairest for the second season in succession

Netball Milestones were achieved by Alana Burge playing her 350th game, Sarah Neil played her 250th game, while Claire Hamer played her 150th game.

100 game players were Ellen Barber, Bianca Powell, Maddy Redpath and Samantha Wardlaw.

Rowan Andrews was the Senior Football Best & Fairest and Caitlin Drummond was the A Grade Netball Best & Fairest.

Season 2018 was definitely a big improvement on the previous season and it is felt that the club is on the right path to success.

Football

Seniors	-	10 th
Reserves	-	4 th
Under 17.5's	-	8 th
Under 14.5's	-	3 rd
Under 11.5's	-	5 th

Netball

A Grade	-	6 th
B Grade	-	9 th
C Grade	-	5 th
17 & Under	-	4 th
15 & Under	-	9 th
13 & Under	-	12 th

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2019











2019 was a very good season for the Avoca Football Netball Club.

Three premierships for the club.

A & B Grade Netballers won on the netball court, and the Under 14.5 footballers broke the premiership drought on the football oval when they won our first football premiership for 21 years. The A grade netballers were undefeated Premiers and Champions!

We also had a couple of our netballers win individual awards at League level with Jess Hollett winning the Nalder Tracey Medal for the **A Grade MCDFNL Best & Fairest** award, and Colleen Drummond won the **C Grade MCDFNL Best & Fairest** award.

Maggie Quinlan was Runner Up in the B Grade MCDFNL Netball award by 3 votes.

Jack Duke was fourth in the Berry Powell medal for the MCDFNL Senior Football Best & Fairest, losing to the winner by just 2 votes.

Jason Hunt was third in the MCDFNL Reserves Best & Fairest award by 5 votes.

Taylor Kennedy was Runner Up in the MCDFNL Under 17.5 Best & Fairest award by 2 votes.

Jai Howell was Runner Up in the Under 14.5 MCDFNL Best & Fairest award by 1 vote.

Jai was also the winner of the MCDFNL Under 14.5 Leading goal kicker award with 82 goals, and was voted as the best player in the Grand Final.

There were a number of players that played **milestone games** during the season with two of the major milestones being Stacey Blair and Colleen Drummond, both playing there **450th game**.

200 games were played by Caitlin Drummond, Rhys Walkley, Nathan Field, Riley Wardlaw and Taylor Kennedy.

150 games were played by Casey Walkley, Lachlan Wardlaw, Samsen Marlow and Noah Wardlaw.

100 games were played by Gina Beavis, Taylor Powers, Bryley Salmon, Francesca Howe, Sid Robinson, Will Robinson and Geordie Gollop was lucky enough to play his 100th game in the Under 14.5 Grand Final.

Players to play their first senior game of football for Avoca were Jamie Beavis, Jack Duke, Simon Elliott, Jesse Janes, Daniel Kitchin, Damon Lewis, Hadrian Prest, Dylan Sloane and Nemani Valucava.

Jack Duke kicked 18 goals against Dunolly to be third on the LGK table behind Gerard Darcy 22 goals (1982) and Jim Jess 20 goals (1993).

Nick Coghlan kicked 16 goals against Campbells Creek to be fourth on the goal kicking table.

James Walton broke the club **Reserves goal kicking record** when he kicked 16 goals in a game against Maryborough Rovers. He also kicked eleven goals against Campbells Creek and finished with 60 goals for the season.

The senior football team kicked a massive 53.29.347 to Nil against Campbells Creek which was our second highest score ever. The highest is 57.23.365 vs Moonambel in 1982.

Interleague Reps.

Maddy Egan and Caitlin Drummond were selected in the A Grade Netball Team.

Anthony Brown, Jamie Beavis, Samsen Marlow and Taylor Kennedy were all selected in the MCDFNL Under 18 Football Team to play Colac & District FNL

Our **social committee** once again excelled themselves with a number of quality events including the Cruise Night which was a very popular event.

Our major raffle was also a very successful fundraiser for the club with the winners of the prizes being as follows

1st Prize is Judy Walkley.

2nd Prize is Lauren Robinson

3rd Prize is Ian Harvey

4th Prize is Daniel Duke

5th Prize is Zac Burge.

We thank **ULTRA Broadbeach** for there very generous first prize donation and we also thank Mount Avoca, Taltarni, and Sally's Paddock for your wine contributions and to Mitre 10 and the Vic Hotel for your generous contribution to the Raffle.

We also congratulate Paige Scott and Jai Howell for being selected in the Under 15 squad of the **Western Bulldogs next generation academy**.

Jai also participated in the MCDFNL interleague program, representing the league as Vice Captain of the Under 15 Squad and was named Best on Ground for the Worksafe Community Championships game vs. Colac & District FNL.

Paige Scott has played football for Avoca in recent seasons and she is now over the age limit to play in the boys competition, so she played for Carisbrook in the girls comp in 2019 and won the AFL Goldfields Under 18 Football League Best & Fairest playing for Carisbrook. An amazing feat considering she is still just 15 years of age.

Paige was named in the best players in every round except one.

And she also won the Rookie of the year and was named in the team of the year.

Vale Kath, Sandra and Allan.

We lost a couple of our former Ladies committee members in Kath Clohesy and Sandra Robinson, who both passed away during the season, Kath was also a Life Member of the club and we offer our condolences to the Clohesy and Robinson Families.

We also lost Allan Lallard who was a long time member of our club, and a regular trophy donor for many years. Our sympathies to the Lallard Family.

Our **Sponsorship program** was again very successful and it was very encouraging to have **Hewitt and Whitty, and Rivulis Irrigation** purchase a new set of playing Guernseys for our Under 17.5 and Under 14,5 football teams.

We thank Robin and Chris Cocking and Rivulis for their very generous contribution and we thank all of our sponsors for their generosity over many seasons.

The club has come a long way in the past couple of seasons and we are very proud of our second placed finish in the prestigious **MCDFNL Carlton Trophy** which is determined by premiership points over all grades of football and netball. Our target is to continue to rise and hopefully win this award in 2020.

A very big thank you to all of our sponsors, members, coaching staff and volunteers for all of your hard work and support of our club in season 2019.