

St Mary's Sporting Club Inc (Geelong)

2024 *Annual Report*

71st Annual Report and Financial Statement







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Club aim

To foster a safe and inclusive environment for all players, spectators, supporters and members of the St Mary's Sporting Club and promote football and netball through our Club, at all levels and throughout the Geelong Region. To provide an affordable and inclusive sporting opportunity for families, players and supporters of Football and Netball that encourages community participation at all levels.

Our mission and values

Respect – responsibility – humility – culture – development – tradition – progression – success

- To provide strong, efficient and effective leadership for the Club.
- To ensure the Club promotes the participation and achievement of its sporting teams at the highest level and that all junior members are given the highest level of coaching and competition to promote their development to senior ranks within the Club.
- Ensure the Club is run efficiently administratively, financially and socially to support the on-field activities.
- To provide support to the Executive and Committee members to ensure the efficient operation of the Club.
- To provide a safe and enjoyable recreational environment for all Club members and ensure all football and netball activities are played in a competitive and fair spirit.

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BOARD 2024

John McMahon	President
Sean Blood	Vice President
Fiona Greig	Secretary
Matthew Leith	Treasurer
Scott Hosking	Senior Football Director
Madison Cashin / Kate Slattery	Senior Netball Director
Damian McKeegan	Auskick Football Director
Simone Segrave	Junior Football Director
Sally Flynn/ Eileen Shiells	Junior Netball Director
Paige Stinchcombe/Alf Della Monica	Womens Football Director
Gabrielle Ling	Membership / Fundraising Director
Matt Williams	Sponsorship/Marketing Director
Kevin McMahon	Club Manager

SENIOR COACHES

SENIOR MALE FOOTBALL COACHES

Senior	Glenn Keast
Seniors	Luke Raynor
Reserves	Andrew Merriman
Under 18	Nathan and James Dillion

FEMALE FOOTBALL COACHES

Senior Div 1	Alf Della Monica & Tahley Stinchcombe
Under 19	Mark Boxer

SENIOR NETBALL COACHES

A Grade	Jackie Riddle and Lisa Dyer
B Grade	Jackie Riddle and Lisa Dyer
C Grade	Demi Grant
D Grade	Kylie Power
E Grade	Louise Keating



Club HISTORY

FOOTBALL

MALE SENIORS

Champions 1967, Premiers 1956, 1959, 1960, 1972, 1975, 1979, 1992, 2004, 2008, 2019,
2021 Minor Premiers (COVID no finals), 2022

RESERVES

Champions 1962, Premiers 1964, 1968, 1972, 1973, 1982, 1987, 1988, 1990, 2002, 2003, 2008, 2017, 2018,
2021 Minor Premiers (COVID no finals), 2023

UNDER 18 (A & B)

Premiers 1954, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1975, 1982, 1991, 2012, 2013 A & B, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2022

UNDER 16 (A, B & C)

Premiers 1989, 2004, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014 (A & B), 2016 A, 2023

UNDER 15 (A & B)

Champions 1967, Premiers 1980,

UNDER 14 (A, B, C & D)

Champions 2010, 2011, Premiers 1987, 2004, 2006, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2023, 2024

UNDER 13

Premiers 1981, 2019

UNDER 12

Premiers 2008, 2009, 2011, 2015

UNDER 11

Premiers 1990, 2007, 2009

UNDER 10

Premiers 2006, 2008

UNDER 9

Premiers 2007, 2008

FEMALE FOOTBALL

DIV 1 SENIORS

Premiers 2019

UNDER19

Premiers 2024

UNDER 15/16

Premiers 2018, 2019, 2023

NETBALL

B GRADE

Premiers 2002, 2003

D GRADE

Champions 2012, 2013, 2015, 2024

UNDER 19

2011, 2019

UNDER 17

2016 - Div 3, 2017 - Div 3, 2018 - Div 1, Div 3, Div 1 & Div 2, 2022 - Div 1, Div 2

UNDER 15

2014 - Div 4, 2015 Div 3, 2016 - Div 1, 3, 4, 2017 - Div 2, Div 3, 2018 - Div 2, Div 3, Div 5, 2019 Div 1

UNDER 13

2014 Divs 2 and 3, 2015 Div 3, Div 5, 2016 Div 3, 4, 5, 2017 - Div 2, Div 5, 2018 - Div 1, Div 2



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to members, sponsors and board members to our 2024 AGM.

It has been another exciting season with some great Club, team and individual accomplishments.

I would like to sincerely thank all of the volunteers who supported all players and the overall Club to achieve our goals. With so many participants and players, our volunteers are essential to our success and are never taken for granted. Without your support and dedication, we could not support the teams and club activities.

Each season we set out to ensure all players who want to play can get a game, train and have the opportunity to participate in the sport of their choosing. This is our goal and aligns to our values.

The Senior Coaches and Management staff in Football & Netball led the way for the other coaches to get the teams organized. The example and time these people commit, show the dedication that makes our Club so special. I also want to acknowledge and thank all coaches for the time, effort, and commitment they have given to the players and committee. This effort by all is enormous and as a President, I cannot thank you enough.

To our Sponsors and members who remain loyal to our Club, I offer my sincerest thanks and recognition. Without your generosity and continuing support, we would not be able to offer the opportunities we do, to get players on the court or field. Your love and passion for the Club is reflected in the support you give us.

I congratulate all teams for the effort made this year.

Thank you to my fellow Board Members and Committee Members for your service, professionalism and passion that you have for this Club.

To Damian McKeegan for winning the Westfield Volunteer of Year - this is a tremendous acknowledgment of his commitment to St Mary's Sporting Club, junior sport and the development of football, and also his commitment to the wider community. Damian is a wonderful person and we are lucky to have him as part of our club.

An enormous thank you also to Glenn Keast who is stepping down as Senior Football Coach. I would like to acknowledge Glenn for his hard work and commitment as joint Senior Football Coach. Glenn's accomplishments across the GFNL and commitment to St Mary's, the players and the game has been evident in his time as a players and senior coach, particularly at our club, and I wish him well in the future.

As I step down as President of St Mary's Sporting Club, I want to acknowledge every volunteer, member and board member who have supported the club success over my time in the role. It has been an honour to serve the club as president, and one I will be forever grateful for. I will continue to working for all of the members and supporters of our club in coming years and look forward to our club's future success.

Thank you to our members, spectators and supporters who we look forward to meeting up with again next year. In closing I wish everyone a safe and healthy Christmas and New Year.

I wish you all a happy holiday season, encourage you to enjoy your break and I look forward to seeing everyone in 2025.

Go Saints!

Jock Mc Mahon
President



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Welcome to this, the 71st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of St. Mary's Sporting Club Geelong (Inc) and its predecessors.

Season summary

This season has been a remarkable chapter in the proud history of St Mary's Sporting Club. From premiership victories to personal milestones, the 2024 season exemplifies the dedication, passion, and teamwork of our Club community.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed—players, coaches, team managers, trainers, Board members, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters. Your collective efforts create the welcoming and inclusive environment that is the hallmark of St Mary's.

A special acknowledgment goes to our Board, whose tireless work ensures the Club's ongoing success. Their commitment, combined with the invaluable support of volunteers, underscores why St Mary's Sporting Club continues to thrive.

Our sponsors also play an integral role in this success. Your support is vital in helping us provide first-class facilities and opportunities for players and supporters alike. Thank you for being part of the St Mary's family.

Volunteering

At St Mary's, volunteers are the backbone of our Club. In 2025, we call on all members, families, and supporters to consider stepping up and contributing. Opportunities include:

- Match-day support (e.g., goal umpiring, canteen, and bar duties).
- Event management and social committees.
- Administrative and operational support.

No matter the size of the role, every contribution makes a difference.

Training and support is available for those looking to assist, gain or refine skills. Let's continue to grow the St Mary's Sporting Club legacy together.

Updates and developments

Leadership and operations

Maintaining strong leadership and administrative stability is an ongoing priority. Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, coordinators, and staff, we've continued to set high standards on and off the field.

I especially would like to recognise and thank, Jock Mc Mahon, as a true legend of the Club. A generous leader and someone who is focussed on the positive impact St Mary's Sporting Club can have on our members and supporters. Thank you Jock for everything you have done for St Mary's Sporting Club, the players, the members, supporters, and the Board.

Financial report

The Treasurer's Report highlights the Club's strong financial position. Prudent management and the support of sponsors and fundraising initiatives ensure the sustainability of our programs.

Kardinia Park Master Plan

This year saw advancements in our collaboration with the City of Greater Geelong, Netball Victoria, and GCNA. For the first time, St Mary's secured a license to use the Netball Pavilion for trials, training, and home games—a milestone for our netball community.



Development projects

Our facilities continue to evolve thanks to the dedication of leaders like Jock McMahon, Kevin McMahon and Sean Blood. Thank you to the Member for Geelong, Christine Cousins MP, and the City of Greater Geelong for their ongoing support.

Vale

We pause to remember those we have lost this year—past players, supporters, and cherished members and life members of our community. Their contributions and memories remain an enduring part of our Club's history. Our thoughts are with their families and friends as we enter the holiday season.

Looking ahead

The successes of 2024 inspire us to aim even higher in 2025. From juniors to seniors, on the field and in the stands, St Mary's is a club built on club and community spirit and shared goals.

As we move forward, we remain committed to fostering inclusivity, delivering excellence, and strengthening our legacy.

To all members, players, and supporters, thank you for making 2024 a memorable year. We wish you a joyous festive season and look forward to another great year ahead.

Go Saints!

Fiona Greig
Secretary

Geelong Football and Netball League - Life Membership

The St Mary's Sporting Club nominated Jock McMahon (Jnr) for Life Membership of the Geelong Football and Netball League.

Jock has served as President of the St. Mary's Sporting Club from 2009 to 2024 (16 consecutive years), meeting the criteria for a life membership of the Geelong Football and Netball League. Jock also served many years as a player and valued volunteer prior to his time as President.

During Jock's term as President he has overseen some significant infrastructure development including new state of the arts lights, new social rooms and facilities to accommodate women's football just to name a few. Jock has also worked hard to ensure the club has been set up off field overseeing a number of development programs supporting all players and supporters welfare and sporting needs. He has also been a key player in introducing women's football at St. Mary's and seen numbers grow to over 200 women now playing at the club.

Jock will be retiring from President at the completion of 2024 year, but will remain an active volunteer of the club from 2025 and beyond.

We believe Jock is a worthy nominee to receive a life membership from the Geelong Football and Netball League.

Nominated: Kevin McMahon, St Mary's Life Member and current board member

Seconded: Jock McMahon (Snr), St Mary's Life Member and GFNL Life Member

22nd October 2024

Awarded November 2024



SPONSORSHIP AND MARKETING ANNUAL REPORT

We started off our sponsorship drive for 2024 with communication to all existing sponsors and some personal visits to our Major Sponsors.

Several new leads were generated via online contact, word of mouth and cold calls to suggested candidates. This resulted in a few new sponsors to our Sporting Club that will hopefully become long term financial supporters. Ground signage was reviewed early in the year with a number of signs showing wear and tear being replaced but a full review has shown that many more needed replacing and a plan was set to update with all being done prior to years end.

We set an internal target of \$150K for sponsorship revenue and came up a bit shy of that number with the pressure of cost of living having an impact on available funds within businesses.

Communications went out throughout the year on several occasions and we were able to conduct a Sponsors event early this year combined with the Halo's event which was well received.

Sponsors were given exposure via club websites and social media avenues throughout the year as well great exposure with ground signage in the busy Kardinia Park precinct.

Thank you to all Board members for their support and assistance in regards to sponsorship and I look forward to working hard over the off season to generate more funds for our sporting club.

Lastly I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to Jock McMahon on all his assistance and dedication during his tenure as President. He has built a legacy within the St Marys Sporting Club that will see the club continue to be successful both on and off field for many years to come.

Matty Williams
Sponsorship and Marketing Director



NETBALL REPORT

Senior Netball

The 2024 netball season has been an incredible journey for our players, coaches, and volunteers. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to everyone involved for their dedication, passion, and hard work throughout the year. Together, we made this season truly memorable and successful.

Premiership Team – D Grade

A special congratulations to our D Grade team for their outstanding achievement as the Premiership winners. Your hard work and teamwork have been truly inspiring.

Coaching Appointments for 2024

We are pleased to acknowledge the following coaches for the 2024 season:

- A + B Grade: Jackie Riddle and Lisa Dyer (Joint Coaches)
- C Grade: Demi Grant
- D Grade: Kylie Power
- E Grade: Marni O'Donoghue and Louise Keating (Joint Coaches)
- U19s: Eliza Brown and Adele Stack (Joint Coaches)

Our coaching team has been exceptional, and we thank them for their unwavering commitment to developing our players and fostering a positive and supportive environment.

Coaches, support staff and player recognition

We also want to extend our congratulations and sincere appreciation to all our coaches, support staff and players. Your dedication, enthusiasm, and professionalism in representing the St Mary's Sporting Club are something we take immense pride in. Your commitment week in and week out is what makes our club so special.

Special acknowledgments

A big thank you to our umpire coordinator, Kayla Biggs. Your dedication, effort and time you put into this role is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Mia Aitkins on representing Victorian in the U17's state team, being selected in the U17 All Australian Team 2024, being selected in the U19 Victoria State Team and gaining a scholarship with the Victorian Institute of Sport.

Congratulations to the following players who were recognised for their achievements in the GFNL presentation night:

- Tilly Balmer – C Grade League Runners Best and Fairest
- Ebony Halliwell – D Grade League Best and Fairest
- Kayla Biggs – D Grade Hotshot awards

This season, several players reached impressive milestones, with some celebrating 50, 100, and 150 games. Congratulations to all of these players on their outstanding achievements. A special mention goes to Demi Grant for playing her 150th senior netball game, as well as Lisa Dyer and Grace Blood for reaching their 100th senior netball game. Well done to all!

Injury Clinic

The Injury Clinic provided excellent care and support to all our players, helping them stay healthy and on top of their game throughout the season. We are grateful for their ongoing dedication and look forward to continuing our partnership in 2025.



Looking Ahead to the 2025 Season

We are excited to announce the following coaching appointments for the 2025 season:

- Coaching Consultant and specialist goaling coach: Caitlin Thwaites
- A Grade: Kathryn Vickers
- B Grade: Bryce Flannery
- C Grade: Eliza Brown
- D Grade: Kylie Power
- E Grade: Bern Boxer
- U19s: Kate Fowles

Squad selections for the 2025 season are now complete, with several key players returning, including Renee Garing, Eliza Brown, and Izzy Grasp. We look forward to another exciting and successful year ahead.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and dedication to the St Mary's Sporting Club. We can't wait to see what 2025 has in store!

GO SAINTS

Kate Slattery and Madison Cashin
Joint Senior Netball Directors



Junior Netball

2024 has seen a significant growth in the number of teams we have playing junior netball. It has been pleasing to see the development of our junior netballers throughout the season for both our Winter Tuesday, Friday and Saturday teams as well as in our Summer Competition.

While it is wonderful to see so many girls participating in netball, expansion also brings challenges. In particular, the more teams we have, the more coaches, team managers and volunteers we need. It continues to be a challenge to meet these needs and ensure that our junior players receive the right balance of skills and development.

We are therefore so grateful to coaches, team managers and anyone else who has volunteered for junior netball this year.

We would also like to congratulate all of our players on a fantastic season of junior netball.

Coaches and Team Managers

We simply could not get our players onto the court each week in our Winter season without our volunteer coaches and team managers listed below:

- 17/U Div 1 – Kate Fowles and Issy Grapsas, Bern Boxer
- 17/U Div 2 – Esther Wharton and Eliza Brown, Belinda Wallace
- 17/U McMahon - Natasha Frame, Bec Stephens
- 15/U Div 1 – Ally Biggs and Kayla Biggs, Vic Barton
- 15/U Div 2 – Cleo Lofts, Jo Grimsey-Cook
- 15/U Boxer – Sam Jenkins, Jennifer Matthews
- 15/U Blood - Ebony Savage, Jo Ritchie
- 13/U Div 1 – Bridie Nelson, Sam Butcher
- 13/U Div 2 – Kylie Power, Renee Warren
- 13/U Biggs– Charli Elsworth, Tara Mathuranayagam
- 13/U Sherman – Parent Roster, Belinda Williams and Danielle Yates
- 13/U Greig – Rails Wilson, Rails Wilson
- 11/U Lofts – Chloe Phillips & Winnie Jones, Sally Jones
- 11/U Rogers – Amber Milner & Lexi Milner, Melissa Milner
- 11/U Dunstan– Lisa Charlton, Renae Brown
- 11/U Keast – Marissa Munday, Michele Limb
- 11/U Peck – Keelie Steere , Natalie Waterhouse
- 11/U Peck – Erin Keating, Catherine Jones

As always, we are so grateful to all of those who have coached our players this year. We understand the effort and time commitment that is involved. It is also wonderful to see so many former SMSC junior netballers coaching our younger girls and giving back to the club.

Acknowledgements

- Thanks to all our Summer Season Coaches and Team Managers.
- To all our parents and helpers for their support including scoring and ensuring players attended training and games.



- To Toni Spark for being the Under 13 Co-Ordinator and organising parents to set up the home game courts.
- Thanks to David Wojick who did a great job of receiving and compiling the votes each week. The presentation of the vote count at Presentation Day was a highlight!
- Thanks to the 17/U girls who helped coach the 11/U teams at training.
- To Kayla Biggs once again for her tireless work as umpire coordinator in not only umpiring herself but making sure that all umpiring duties were filled all year. Thanks also to our umpires and to the junior players who also umpired on a regular basis.
- Thanks to Jame Edwards for sewing new Velcro on the bibs.
- We would like to congratulate the many junior players who were selected to play at a higher level of netball including Geelong Flyers, Geelong Cougars, Barwon Region and GFNL Representative teams.
- A special congratulations to Eliza Cullen who was selected as part of the 2024 Netball Victoria Talent Academy and to Mia Aitken who was co-captain of the 2024 Victorian Under 17 State Team and has now been selected in the Under 19 Victorian State Squad. represented Victoria at the National Championships in Darwin and
- Thanks to the Senior coaches and players who organised a whole club netball training night.
- On a sad note, we would like to acknowledge the passing of past Netball President, Irene Dunstan, earlier this year. Irene was a loyal supporter of our netball program and her contribution in the early years has shaped the successful program we have in place today.

Finally

On behalf of the Club, we thank each and every player, parent, coach, team manager and volunteer for your passion, commitment, professionalism, and enthusiasm.

Sally would also once again like to thank Eileen for all of her hard work and organisation. Eileen spends many hours making sure that every aspect of the junior netball program has been covered. Her communication skills and attention to detail are second to none. We are very lucky to have her once again fulfil this role next year.

Thankyou to Madi Cashin and Kate Slattery for your help and support to the junior netball section this year. We have a great collaboration with senior netball as we strive to provide a positive and supportive pathway from junior to senior netball.

We look forward to an enjoyable and successful junior netball season in 2025.

Go Saints!

Sally Flynn and Eileen Schiell
Joint Junior Netball Directors



Netball Senior Awards and Trophy Winners

Milestone Games

50 games

- Georgia Douglas
- Lizzie Dowling
- Hannah Fitzgerald
- Katie Halloran
- Cleo Lofts
- Eliza Brown
- Georgie Peck
- Esther Wharton
- Kiah Williams

100 games

- Lisa Dyer
- Grace Blood

150 games

- Demi Grant

Club Award Winners

- Netball Player of the Year - Mia Aitken
- Fiona Biggs Award - Adele Stack

Netball Senior Appointments and Trophy Winners

Divisions	Best & Fairest	Runner - Up	Players Player
A Grade	Ellie Kennedy	Mia Aitken	Izzy Grapsas
B Grade	Kate Slattery	Sarah Fisher	Grace Blood
C Grade	Tilly Balmer	Jemma Kelly	Sienna Rayner
D Grade	Ally Biggs	Kayla Biggs	Ebony Halliwell
E Grade	Georgie Peck	Reagan Ahearn	Katie Halloran
19/U	Annie Henderson	Mia Holdsworth	Lucy Grapsas



FOOTBALL REPORT

Senior Football Report

The Men's football program had an interesting season in 2024.

It was a great effort to lose only one game through the season in the seniors (by 1 point), but then to lose in straight sets in the finals was extremely disappointing. You never like to use injuries as an excuse, but it certainly didn't help. The Development team had a very good season but unfortunately fell short at the end. If the Grand Final had gone for another minute, it might have been a different story.

The U/18s had a solid year, with the Div 1 team just falling short of the finals and the Div 3 team sneaking into the elimination final, but they were able to progress to next week.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all our coaches and support staff. Your work is sensational to allow us to put all our senior teams out there every Saturday. In saying this, we are saying goodbye to our senior coach, Glenn Keast, Dev Coach, Andrew Merriman, and the U/18 Coaches, Nathan and James Dillon and Simon Hill (coaching the U/16's next year). To all these boys, we cannot thank you enough for all the time, energy and passion you have shown to improve our great club. We also have Travis Ryug and Peter Marks not going on next year as line coaches. Again, a huge thank you to these boys.

We have lost a few senior players in season 2025. We wish these boys all the best for next year and hope they all return for season 2026. We have been very active on the recruiting front and are in a very strong position to compete for the continued success we all crave. Losing a few players creates opportunities, which can be a positive for our Development team boys and the strong group of U18 boys coming into the Senior group. We have been fortunate to have had a strong and stable playing list for several years. This has been evident by so many of our boys playing 50 to 100 games, with even a few ticking off 150; A great achievement, considering Covid interrupted two seasons.

We are very excited to have Ben Boseley appointed as a co-coach with Luke Rayner for next year. Ben comes to us after playing and coaching across all four local leagues over the past twenty years. As a club, we welcome Ben and his family into our great club. Having a different voice and some new ideas has been exciting and refreshing. We wish Ben and Luke all the best.

With Mezz leaving us to take up a position with Port Melbourne, we are happy to announce that Hayden McMahon and Sam Hosking will co-coach the Development team. From a club perspective, it is terrific to see two young men who have come up through our junior program take on these roles and coach. Good luck, lads.

We are also happy to have Johnno Leoncini coach the U/18 group for next year. Johnno has been around the group for the last two years, and his ability to connect with not only the players but also the parents has been exciting to witness. Johnno has also got a good group of assistants and helpers to help him next year. Again, all the best, and welcome, Johnno.

Again, a huge shout out to all our wonderful volunteers who help us on a weekly basis to keep our senior footy department ticking over. You all know who you are, and your efforts certainly don't go unnoticed. Have a great Xmas and NY, and cannot wait to get stuck into 2025.

Go Saints!

Scott Hosking
Senior Football Director



Senior Male Football Awards and Trophy Winners

Football milestone games

50 games

- Charlie Sprague
- Sam Christensen
- Hamish Bourke
- Tom Sorgiovanni
- Michael Rimmer
- Ben Raimondo
- Patrick O'Brien-Henderson
- Luke Bartolo
- Tom Keast
- Sam Dobson
- Keidan Rayner
- Lachy Peck
- Ty Williams

100 games

- Harry Benson
- Zac Sherman
- Jack Blood
- Harry Ling

150 Games

- Hayden McMahon

Awards

Award	Seniors	Reserves	U18
Adam Rodgers Best & Fairest	Harry Benson	Christopher Jansen	
Best & Fairest Runner- Up	Brayden Ham	Charlie Vallelonga	
Most Consistent	Lachy Peck	Hayden McMahon	
Most Determined	Nicholas Minchin	Ty Williams	
Most Improved	Elliot MacDonald	Will Day	
Coaches Award	Zak Sherman	Ben Raimondo	
Daniel Fletcher Award Players Player of the Year	Sam Bourke	Cooper Hosking	
Best In Finals	Zak Sherman	Charlie Vallelonga	
Halos Best Player	Jarryd Garner		
Best from Colts	Michael Rudd		
Matt Goggin Award	Sam Christensen		
(Most Dedicated)	Harry Mc Mahon		
Mons. O'Regan Award (Most Exemplary)	Hamish Bourke		
Bill Holahan Award Trainers' Award	Lochie Hosking		
President's Trophy	Scott Hosking		



Female Football Report

In 2024 we had over 200 females play football at our club. This includes approximately 40 female Auskickers which is the true foundation of our program. This program, overseen by Damian McKeegan, is run by Amy Barnett with a band of helpers from our senior female program.

We had a very successful season as a female section with all teams eligible for finals making finals which is outstanding, with the Under 19 Girls winning the Premiership. We went from two senior teams to one, with a number of girls electing not to play due to AFL Barwon suggesting Friday night football would be the “main day of play”, this obviously not suiting a lot of people and this had an effect on our program. Despite this and having a team with a mix of Division One and Two players, we still made finals and despite a huge effort, unfortunately lost in extra time.

Wednesday night dinners proved popular again with great support from our junior and senior sections and their families.

I'd like to thank our outgoing coaches Tahley Stinchcombe, Ash Bond, Gary Casteldine (Seniors) and Mark Boxer, Mark Clutterbuck, Ben Casanelia (Juniors), you all were amazing.

I'd also like to thank Melissa Moore (U10-12 Coordinator), Georgina Hayden (U14-16 Coordinator), Ciara Larkins (U19 Coordinator) and Paige Stinchcombe (Board member female section) for their support throughout the season.

As at the time of writing this (8 Nov 2024), we are still waiting on finalization from AFL Barwon of the female football structure in 2025. Senior Division One looks like being played mainly on a Saturday and the Under 19 Girls look like going to an Under 18 competition. We also have a couple of our girls in the Under 19 team waiting to see if they will be drafted to the AFLW – good luck to them!

2025 will be an exciting year for our female section. We have appointed all our coaches and from a Senior perspective, we are close to having two teams again. Our juniors are also very healthy, with every team from Under 10s through to Under 18s having approximately 25 players already listed in each team!

This means we could have 220 plus female footballers wearing the Green and Blue in 2025.

- The team made finals, losing the First Semi Final in extra time after a draw in normal time.
- 36 players played during the season.
- We supported the canteen at every Geelong Cats home game – something we have never done in the past but will now be the normal!
- Two players made the Country Vic Top 90 players – Dani Stewart and Lucy Della Monica
- Two players made the Region Young Guns – Paige Glover and Susie Ryan
- Three players made AFL Barwon Team of the Year – Lucy Della Monica, Rachel Gastin, Jamilla Cranny
- Our players were involved in the Saint Sisters Program, another successful program run in 2024 and will be bigger and better in 2025.

Junior Female Highlights

- After starting with just 10 girls in our Under 12s at our first training night, we ended up with 25! A great achievement.
- Under 10s and 12s had a great season with the both teams improving as the season went on and loving their football! Under 12s also moved their games to the bigger Frier Reserve which was greatly received by our team and opposition clubs.
- Introduction of gold coin BBQ and Coffee Van by Tiff Allchin which was a great success on Sunday morning home games!



- Under 14s made Preliminary Final and were outstanding all year and enjoyed a visit by Renee Garing during the season
- Under 16s made the First Semi Final and their improvement over the season saw this as a huge achievement.
- Under 19s won the Premiership, which was an outstanding achievement, when you consider we had 9 girls in the Falcons squad and at times during the year we had to consider forfeiting games! Congratulations to Mark Boxer, his assistant coaches and of course the girls on a great effort!
- We had 9 players in the Under 18 Falcons Team, 2 in the Under 16 Falcons development team and 3 players in the V/line Cup Under 15 team.
- Addison Giles (Under 14) was runner up in the League B&F.
- Our Under 9s took part in a 6 week program having their first taste of playing games.
- We had 66 female Auskickers, a record for the club!

Finally, we would like to thank the club for their continued support of female football and trusting me in both the Female Football Coordinator and Senior Female Coach positions.

For an inner-city club this is truly amazing!

Alf Della Monica and Paige Stinchcombe
Joint Female Football Director



Senior Female Football Awards

Football milestone games (50 games):

- Georgia Atkinson

Senior Division 1 Awards

Award	Division 1
Best & Fairest	Danielle Stewart
Best & Fairest Runner-Up	Lucy Della Monica
Best & Fairest Second Runner-Up	Rachel Gustin
Most Consistent	Riley Osborne
Most Determined	Brittany McLoughlin
Most Improved	Susanna Ryan
Coaches Award	Courtney Vos
Best in Finals	Elise Vella / Cecilia Lowrey
Best Club Person (Snr Fem)	Dave Wight
Senior Players Player of the Year	Brittany McLoughlin
Female Football Person of the Year	Amy Barnett



Junior Football Report

2024 was an amazing season for our junior boys program. We had a record 16 teams from Under 9 to Under 16 as follows:

- Under 9 - 4 teams
- Under 10 - 3 teams
- Under 12 - 4 teams
- Under 14 - 3 teams
- Under 16 - 2 teams

To all the volunteers across the year including age group coordinators, coaches, team managers, umpire's timekeepers and everyone else that helps to make a successful season our sincere thanks go to you all, your contributions are truly appreciated.

Season Results – Competitive Age Groups

Under 16

- Div 1 - St Marys McMahon, Finished 5th
- Div 3 - St Marys Dobbyn, Finished 8th

Under 14

- Div 1 St Marys Rogers, Finished 1st "Premiers and Champions"
- Div 3 St Marys Dunstan, Finished 4th
- Div 5 St Marys Ling, Finished 8th

U9-U12 – Non-Competitive Age Groups

All participants had a great season and had fun through participation and ongoing skill development. Majority of coaches will continue their coaching journey into the 2025 season.

We look forward to seeing everyone in 2024.

GO Saints!

Simone Segrave

Junior Football Coordinator



Auskick

The strength and popularity of the St. Mary's Sporting Club junior football program has over several years seen an overall growth in our junior numbers.

This growth was shown in our Auskick program in 2024, with an increase in participant numbers from 190 in 2023 to 281 participants in 2024. This number included 66 registered girls, where a girls only Auskick program was run. The success of our Auskick program is primarily through the help and support of both our Senior men's, under 18's and Senior women footballers. The ongoing support of these players is very much appreciated.

It is fantastic to have had several former St. Mary's players returning to the club with their children and assisting in the various activities.

We were fortunate to have the canteen facilities operating on a Friday evening during and after Auskick and I thank all of those who assisted in its' operation.

I look forward to co-ordinating the St. Mary's Auskick in 2025 and seeing the returning and new Auskickers and to seeing those who completed Auskick in 2024, running around in our junior teams.

Damian McKeegan
Auskick Coordinator



TROPHIES AND SPECIAL AWARDS

Presidents Trophy (Most Outstanding Club Person of the Year) – Scott Hosking

This trophy is awarded by the Club President, to the Most Outstanding Club Person of the year.

Halo Award (Halo Member's Player of the Year) – Jarryd Garner

This trophy is awarded to the best player in the firsts as voted by the members of the Halo coterie section.

Bill Holahan Award (Trainer's Player of the Year) - Lochie Hosking

This award is named in honour William 'Butts' Holahan head trainer for 25 years. 'Buttsy', well known for his 'magic towel', is a Hall of Fame Member, a life member and was a Club stalwart for over 30 years, and this trophy is awarded to the best player in the firsts, as voted by the trainers.

Fiona Biggs Award (Netballer of the Year) – Adele Stack

This trophy is named after Fiona Biggs who was instrumental in the commencement of netball at the Club, and is awarded to the Netballer of the Year.

Wayne Dwyer award (Best Player in the Senior Finals) – Zak Sherman

This trophy is named in honour of Wayne 'Whale' Dwyer a 2-time premierships player and life member who is best remembered for his outstanding finals play, including kicking the winning goal with ten-seconds left on the clock in the 1975 Grand final. This trophy is awarded to the best player in the senior finals and is based on the best & fairest voting.

Monsignor O'Regan Award (Most Exemplary Senior Footballer) – Hamish Bourke

This trophy is named after Monsignor O'Regan one of the most influential figures and the first president of our reformed Club in 1953.

Daniel Fletcher Award (Player's Player of the Year) – Sam Bourke, Cooper Hosking

This trophy is named in honour of Daniel Fletcher premierships co-coach, premierships player, part of the senior coaching panel 2015 and great supporter of the Club and is awarded by the Seniors players.

Matt Goggin award (Most Dedicated Senior Footballer) – Sam Christensen

This trophy was commissioned to honour the memory of former coach and team player Matt Goggin after he died tragically in 1972 and is awarded to the most dedicated senior footballer.

Best player from Colts to play Senior football - Michale Rudd

Award to the best U19 player to play Senior football throughout the year

Maurie Phillips Award (Most Dedicated Under 18 Player) – Ned McElroy

This trophy is named in honour of Maurie Phillips Club captain dual-premiership player, and great supporter of the junior section and is awarded to the Most Dedicated Under 18 player.

Graeme Johnston Award (Trainers Award U18) – Oscar Hart

This trophy is awarded by Graeme Johnston, a long-standing trainer at the Club to the most outstanding U19 player of the year.

Netball Club Person of the Year – NOT AWARDED

This trophy is awarded by the Netball President, to the Most Outstanding Netball Club Person of the year.

Netball Player of the Year - Mia Aitken

Female Football Person of the Year - Amy Barnett

Best Club Person - Senior Female Football - Dave Wight

Congratulations to all recipients.



MOST SENIOR GAMES (1953-2024) (200 MIN.)

342 – K. McMahon
335 – B. O'Brien
330 – P. McMahon
304 – B. Greig
293 – N. Cromer
282 – R. Snowdon
256 – A. Sheridan
250 – J. Farrell
250 – S. Hosking
244 – B. Doherty
235 – D. Chirgwin
234 – M. Koutsaftis
231 – P. Diamond
227 – V. McDonald
230 - B Vincent
225 – T. Dobbyn
224 – D. Batson
223 – A. Rodgers
222 – L. Bond
221 – D. Stewart
216 – J. Turley
216 – G. Biggs
214 – K. Dunstan
210 – L. Steen
210 - D Hoare
208 – M. Ryan
205 – J. Henderson
204 – M. Hagebols
203 – I. Wilson
202 – A. Halloran
200 – B. Henderson

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

2003

Don Mathieson, Jim Mathieson,
Les Mathieson,
P. 'Paddy' McMahon, A. 'Andy' Monahan

2004

Brian Dobbyn, Graham Moore,
J. 'Jock' McMahon

2006

Peter Diamond, W. 'Butts' Holahan

2007

Raymond Digby, Mick Holien

2008

Ernie Davie, Max Foran



LIFE MEMBERS (up to & inc. 2024)

Alsop, John	Doran, Paul	Jubb, Terry	Rigg, Tony
Aylmer, Brian	Dunstan, A. (Tony)*	Kelly, Gerald *	Rodgers, Adam
Aylmer, Sue	Dunstan, Irene*	King, Jack *	Rouse, Bernie *
Bakker, Richard	Dunstan, Kevin	Knight, John	Ryan, Ambrose
Barnes, Ray *	Dwyer, Alf *	Lane, Kevin *	Ryan, Mick
Bath, Joanne	Dwyer, Wayne *	Ling, Gab	Saleeba, Rev. Father L.
Bath, Ross	Emond, Terry	Lloyd, Ray *	Scully, Neville (Jock)
Batson, David	Evans, W. (Bill)	Macpherson, Alan	Shannahan, Ralph
Battye, Kevin	Farrell, John	Macula, Basil	Sheridan, Anthony (Mick)*
Beggs, John	Fitzgerald, Brian *	Maher, Bill *	Sherman, Karen
Beggs, Tom	Fitzgerald, Dr. Dave	Mathieson, Anthony	Sherman, Stephen
Bellears, Des *	Fitzpatrick, Rev. Father M.	Mathieson, Don OAM *	Sizeland, Rex *
Benstead, John	Flynn, Amanda (New)	Mathieson, Jim *	Smarm, Rev. Father P.
Biggs, Fiona	Foran, Max *	Mathieson, Laurie *	Smith, Eric *
Biggs, Gary	Ford, Denis	Mathieson, Les *	Snowden, Robert
Blood, Kate	Ford, Kevin	Mathieson, Vin	Steen, Jim
Blood, Sean	Ford, Vin *	Mathieson, W. (Bill)*	Steen, Laurie
Bond, Laurie	Forster, Graeme	McCabe, J. (Jock)*	Stewart, David
Boxer, Bern	Gaylard, Brian	McDonald, Vic *	Stokes, John
Buckley, Bernie	Gaylard, Doug	McKenna, Cyril *	Stoneham, Roy *
Chirgwin, Darren	Gaylard, Sue	McMahon, Chris	Tansing, Barry *
Collins, Brian	Glover, David	McMahon, Gerry	Thorley, Greg *
Collins, John *	Golding, Peter	McMahon, John (Little Jock)	Toulmin, Doug *
Collins, Tom	Gotts, Ron	McMahon, John (Jock)	Turley, Jim
Connelly, John *	Greenan, Mons *	McMahon, Kevin	Turnley, Graeme
Costa, Anthony *	Greig, Brett	McMahon, Paddy	Villanti, Larry (Joe)
Cotter, Ron	Greig, Fiona	McMahon, Russell	Vincent, Bryce
Cotter, W. L. (Bill)*	Hagebols, Mark	McMahon, Tim (New)	Wakefield, E. (Ted)*
Cromer, Neil	Halloran, Andy	McNie, Ron *	Ward, John
Cummins, R. (Bob)*	Harte, J. (Shaun)	Monahan, A. (Andy) *	Watson, Alf *
Davie, Dennis	Hassett, Peter	Moore, Graham *	Wilson, Ian
Davie, Ernie *	Hayes, Rev. Father Joseph *	Morgan, Bernie	Winch, Laurie
Davies, Laurie *	Healey, Jim *	Murphy, Peter *	Zanoni, Graham
Di Giacomo, David	Henderson, Bernie *	Murray, Mons. J.*	Zanoni, Paul
Diamond, Laurie	Henderson, Jim	Murrihy, Peter	Zychla, Peter
Diamond, Peter *	Henry, Ray *	Nicholson, Rev. Fr Kevin	* Deceased
Digby, Ray	Holahan, W. (Bill)*	O'Brien, Bryan *	
Dobbyn, Brian *	Holien, Mick *	O'Regan, Mons. Bernie *	
Dobbyn, Tim	Hosking, Ron	Philips, Maurie *	
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Doherty, Joe *	Johnson, Bryan	Ratcliffe, Joe *	





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