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FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

NEWSLETTER



Grand Final 5th September



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Congratulations to our Donvale Magpies!



Well done to our netballers, Div 1 Premiers after an incredible 50-34 win over Coldstream at H.E Parker on Friday night.

President - John Giles



It's Grand Final week for our Senior Men's Division 3 team, and what an incredible achievement it is to be competing in our 5th consecutive Senior Grand Final, alongside our Development team playing in their 4th Grand Final.

For our entire club to consistently have teams competing at this level is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of the commitment, hard work and dedication of so many people across our football club. Hopefully, this is the year we can go one better with our Senior team.

To our coaches, players and support staff, you have all done an incredible job to put yourselves in this position, and I wish everyone involved the very best of luck for the weekend.

Last Friday, I also had the privilege of watching our Division 1 Netball team produce one of their finest performances of the year to secure our club's first netball premiership. What a fantastic achievement!

A huge congratulations to all the players and support staff, and a special thank you to Mark and Robyn for their coaching, leadership and support throughout the season.

Our Finals Campaign So Far

Week 1

Our U19.5s put up a valiant effort, but unfortunately their season came to an end. Our Development team controlled their game from the first bounce and progressed through to Week 2.

Week 2

Both teams worked incredibly hard in two tight-fought games. Our Seniors secured the win on Saturday and earned the right to have a week off, while our Development team fought hard to earn their place in the Preliminary Final — a familiar path for this group.

Week 3

With everything on the line, the pressure was on our Development team to secure a win and earn the opportunity to compete for four premierships in a row. After a hard-fought contest with the scores level at three-quarter time, they produced another outstanding final quarter to run out victors and book their place in the Grand Final.

Week 4

Our Grand Final story is still to be written.

I hope to see as many of our Members, Supporters and Past Players as possible at the game on Saturday to get behind our teams and give them the encouragement they truly deserve.

The Basin have been an outstanding opponent throughout the year and have put out a call to arms to their supporters to ensure the venue is dominated by their club.

Let's make sure we provide the support our teams deserve and show them what our club is all about.

Thank you to everyone for your support and contribution throughout the year. It has been another incredible season for our club, and hope to see you all at the game Saturday and you are all welcome back to our club on Saturday night.

Coach's Report

Senior Coach



As we enter the most important week of the year, there is a genuine sense of excitement for the week ahead.

Our preparation for the final game of the year has gone as well as we could hope, which brings with it a sense of calm and trust that we have done the work which will allow us to perform to our expectation in the grand final.

Now the challenge is to embrace the opportunity that awaits as there is nothing more to do.

Go Vales!

Daniel Michelangeli

A big four weeks has culminated in a place in the Grand Final. It has been a fantastic effort from a group that has continued to believe in their ability. They deserve the result so far, given the effort, commitment and belief they have shown throughout the season.

Having both teams make the Grand Final is a fantastic result for our club, and hopefully we can finish the job and bring home the ultimate prize in Division 2.

Good luck to all the players who get the opportunity to represent the Donvale jumper on Saturday. To those who miss out, please know that you are a major part of the ongoing success of this proud football club.

We look forward to seeing our Donvale supporters come along in numbers on Saturday to get behind the boys and help us get over the line.
Go Vales!

Development Coach



Stephen Nankervis

Coach's Report

Netball Coach

Mark Lane

After a season of highs, lows, excitement and injury we had one team make it through to the finals. The Magpies finished top of the group, which meant a Semi final against Coldstream who finished second. A hard fought battle ensued at times lacking quality netball, Coldstream had certainly done their homework on us and shut down our drive from the mid-court. Coldstream won by 1 goal.

A meeting with East Burwood followed in the Preliminary final. I was actually ok with not having a week off so the girls could keep the legs moving. East Burwood gave us everything they had and the players stood up to the challenge to win by 2 goals. Not our best netball but good under the amount of pressure.

So a Grand Final appearance against Coldstream was the reward. Coldstream are generally physical and relied on their GA for most of their ball movement and scoring. As we played them just a couple of weeks prior we were familiar with their tactics and what it was going to take to break through their game plan. So changing up our centre pass structure and some fine tuning in the rings made a difference. The Magpies came to play and were not letting Coldstream get away with another win. To hold them to 10, 8, 8 and 8 goals across the four quarters was fantastic and led us to a 16 goal victory.

The support on the night from other netballers, footballers, supporters and sponsors was amazing. Thank you for helping to spur our team on to victory, now we will be there to support the seniors and the resses in their quests for victory. Good Luck boys!

Regards
Mark





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Army



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Parking for Grand Final

Events Update

Sponsors / Life Members Luncheon

Our final home and away game gave us a great opportunity to bring together our Sponsors and Life Members for what was a fantastic day at the club.

It was a chance to spend some time with the people who continue to support our club, while also recognising our Life Members and the incredible contribution they have made to Donvale over many years. Their involvement and commitment have helped shape the club we have today, and it is important that we continue to acknowledge and celebrate that.

This year, we have made a real effort to strengthen our connection with our sponsors and ensure they feel like an important part of our club. We hope they have enjoyed being more involved throughout the season, and we look forward to continuing to build those relationships as we head into 2027.

To all of our Sponsors, thank you for your continued support throughout the home and away season. We genuinely appreciate everything you do for our club.

We hope to see you all on Grand Final day as we aim to move onwards and upwards.



Events Update

2001 Premiership Reunion

The 2001 premiership Reunion was a fantastic day. We had Warren Williams and Brett Hood over from Western Australia as well as Jason Sherlock down from Shepparton.

Whilst enjoying everyone's company we went around the room and each player gave their thoughts on the year and the impact it made on them as well as the club which was on its knees at the time.

We came from 3rd spot on the ladder but had a firm belief in each other and total commitment to our amazing coach Justin O'Dwyer. It sure was worth the headaches we all suffered the next day. - Jordy



Events Update

Donvale Luncheon

We held the Donvale Luncheon last Friday, 28th August, and the function was a great success. The day started at 12:30pm, with just over 90 people in attendance. It was expertly hosted by our own MC, Al Farmer, who did a fantastic job keeping the day on track and moving along as required.

Guests were treated to a wonderful two-course lunch consisting of chicken and sweets, while our guest speakers entertained the gathering.

Our guest speakers on the day were Jimmy Bartel – Brownlow Medallist, Geelong Premiership Player, Norm Smith Medallist and now TV and radio host – who was joined by none other than legendary 3AW football caller Bruce Eva.

Bruce and Jimmy entertained us with insightful information on current issues within the AFL, as well as some memorable stories from Jimmy's football journey to stardom. They covered all topics within the AFL, with no subject off the table. They were on stage for approximately 90 minutes and had no hesitation in taking questions from the floor, which was very well received by everyone in attendance. They both did a fantastic job and stayed around afterwards for photo opportunities with guests.

We also had some great auction items, which were sold by our Major Sponsor, Noel Jones Real Estate. The auction was a great success, particularly the Jimmy Bartel personally signed Geelong jumper.

We also held two raffles on the day, which were well received. A big thank you to Georgia and Allisha for their hard work selling tickets throughout the event.

Overall, the day was a fantastic success. We sincerely thank everyone who helped make the event as successful as it was, and we were thrilled with the very positive feedback from those who attended.

We are also extremely grateful to our sponsors who attended on the day, along with our past players, supporters and officials. It was fantastic to see so many of them back in our rooms and supporting the club.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a table and supported the event. A special mention to Pete Monohan from East Doncaster FC, who continues to regularly support our events and understands the importance of supporting community football.

We look forward to continuing to build on the success of these events and thank everyone for their ongoing support of Donvale Football Club.

- Brian Fletcher, Glenn Brindley and John Giles



Nick Murphy 200 Games

Nick Murphy's 200th game was a very special day for our football club, made even more significant as Nick was officially recognised as a Life Member of the club.

It was fantastic to have Nick's family and friends there to celebrate such an important milestone with him.

Before the game, it was great to hear from some of our current players about Nick's influence on them, as well as Brendan McCormack, who spoke about Nick's journey and the incredible contribution he has made to our club over the years. Hearing the recognition of Nick's dedication, commitment and impact was truly inspiring.

A huge congratulations to Nick on reaching 200 games, an outstanding achievement and one that deserves to be celebrated.

A special thank you to Allisha Djordevic for organising Nick's 200-game badges and helping make the occasion even more memorable.

Congratulations Nick, and thank you for everything you have given to our club.



Brendan McCormack



James Rausa





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