



Senior Football Report 2025

After a strong finish to 2024 and a positive pre-season highlighted by a talented group of Under 18's graduating to senior ranks and a number of senior recruits joining the club, we entered the 2025 season with great optimism.

Although there were some promising signs of growth throughout the year, particularly in a strong last month of performances, unfortunately we didn't deliver the results we were looking for. Whilst not looking for excuses, having a total of 44 players take the field at 2pm demonstrates that we were hit hard with medium to long term injuries throughout the course of the season which made it difficult to compete at times. It did however allow us to provide senior opportunities to our talented crop of youth which is vital for building a strong future for the club.

That strong future will only be built by a lasting commitment from players, coaches and committee to help the club's rise over the coming years. A joint commitment between player and club to help each other's development is vital to our future.

The club is well equipped to assist our players with their aspirations to develop their football be that at VFL or Falcons level, and despite what some GFL clubs may state, there is no longer a need to play at GFL level to have their talents recognized at a higher level.

I would like to thank all of our coaches and their teams for their dedication to the club throughout the season. You all do an amazing amount of work which often goes unrecognized. To the playing group thank you for your commitment, I look forward to you reaping the rewards of your hard work next year and beyond.

Congratulations to our Damian Clark Medal winner Jami Hallam, our 12pm team B&F Bryn D'Arcy and all other award winners, in particular Gus Bourke who was selected in the BFNL team of the year.

To our Under 18 cohort, congratulations on a fabulous season with both teams qualifying for finals and our division 1 team playing off in the Grand Final. We all look forward to seeing your progress as you graduate into senior ranks next year and beyond. And to our junior boys & girls teams, congratulations and thank you for your efforts this year.

A thank you and farewell to our head trainer Kim Petterwood who is moving on to a role with the Surf Coast Suns. Kim has been a vital part of our football department for many years and his expertise will be sadly missed.

Congratulations once again to our netball section who continue to set a high standard of success with an amazing hat-trick of premierships for our A & C grade teams along with two junior flags.

Looking forward, our senior coaches Dave Farrell & Nick Bourke are determined to get us back up the ladder and their singular focus over the pre-season and into 2026 is the development and success of senior football program.

We can't be satisfied with our results over the last few seasons and everyone – players, coaches, committee and support staff - needs to commit to improving our standing within the competition. Thank you again to our players, coaches, volunteers and all who support our club through thick & thin. If as club from top to bottom we are committed to improvement, I am confident that our future is strong!

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