



# THE ACORN

SEASON 2024 ISSUE 16

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Dragons,

I hope that everyone had a fantastic and memorable Home and Away Season.

Congratulations to Skye Schurr and Kiana Persi for their 50 Game milestone and getting to run through the banner under lights at Scammell.

Well done to the U10 Mixed team for finishing up the wonderful season with their Lightning Carnival last weekend. Thanks to everyone in the team for getting the kids on to the paddock every week.

Nominations for the Club's Perpetual Awards are still open. Is there a Coach, Family or person at the Club that deserves recognition? Nominate and recognise them, today!

Thanks to everyone who came down for the last Grub of the season and successfully got through 75 pizzas from Magic Brothers Pizza. They were some very special pizzas.

Make sure Presentation Day is locked in to your Calendars for 22 Sept, from 11am, which is always a great day to celebrate the season, catch up with your team and plan pre-season training.

We have 5 teams heading in to the finals series, U12 Girls, U14 Girls, U18 Girls, U11 Mixed and U12 Mixed. If you can, please get down and support our wonderful teams in all your Dragons gear. Good Luck to everyone involved, we are right behind you. Match details below.

See you 'round the Semi Final Grounds on Sunday.

Brodie Phillips, President

# GO DRAGONS

### 2024 COMMITTEE / OFFICIALS

President: Brodie Phillips

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Team Manager Coordinator: Ross Black

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## MILESTONE GAMES!

### CONGRATULATIONS

# 50

## GAMES

Kiana Persi, U12 Girls

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### CONGRATULATIONS

# 50

## GAMES

Skye Schurr, U12 Girls

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### CONGRATULATIONS

# 50

## GAMES

Elaine Zheng, U14 Girls

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## CONGRATULATIONS

# 50 GAMES

Tayla Halvy, U18 Girls

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## CONGRATULATIONS

# 50 GAMES

Gracie Woodworth, U18 Girls

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## CONGRATULATIONS

# 50 GAMES

Lauren Kenny, U18 Girls

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## CONGRATULATIONS

# 50 GAMES

Livvy Charleston, U18 Girls



### DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

If you have any photos you'd like included in the next Acorn, please email them with a description to Anne at [a.sturrock76@gmail.com](mailto:a.sturrock76@gmail.com)



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## REMINDERS

### NOMINATIONS FOR PERPETUAL AWARDS

Nominations for Perpetual Awards are being sought in the following categories:

- **Jock Hepburn Award** - For Loyalty to the club that would not normally be expected.
- **Irene Bourke Award** - Presented to a person who is an involved, committed volunteer for the Club (non-committee members).
- **Life Members Award** - Presented to a person with 5 years significant service.
- **Goodwill Bourke Award** - In recognition of outstanding participation, commitment and contribution made to the Club by an entire family, both on and off the field.
- **Coach of the Year** - In recognition of outstanding leadership, commitment and contribution made by a coach.

If you believe there is anyone at the club who is a worthy candidate, please complete the nomination form found on the next page of the Acorn.

All nominations can be emailed to Caz at [secretaryoycfc@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryoycfc@gmail.com)



## PERPETUAL CLUB AWARDS - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### PERPETUAL CLUB AWARDS 2024 - NOMINATIONS



**Jock Hepburn** For loyalty to the club that would not normally be expected

*Nomination:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Reason:* \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Irene Bourke** Presented to a person(s) who is/are involved, committed volunteers for the Club (other than committee members)

*Nomination:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Reason:* \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Life Members** Presented to a person with 5 years significant service to OYCFC

*Nomination:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Reason:* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Family Award** In recognition of outstanding participation, commitment and contribution made to the Club by an entire family, both on and off the field.

*Nomination:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Reason:* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Coach of the Year** In recognition of outstanding leadership, commitment and contribution made by a coach

*Nomination:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Reason:* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Nominated By (Name):* \_\_\_\_\_

*Signed:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Seconded by (Name):* \_\_\_\_\_

*Signed:* \_\_\_\_\_

Submit to Secretary at [secretaryOYCFC@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryOYCFC@gmail.com)



Get behind our

# **SEMI FINALISTS**

This Sunday, 25 August

U11 Mixed - 9.30am Chadwick Reserve

U12 Girls - 9am Centenary Park

U14 Girls - 10.30am Centenary Park

U12 Mixed - 1.30pm Highett Reserve

U18 Girls - 9.45am Basil Reserve



# SMJFL AWARDS

*Nominations open now*

SMJFL are keen to recognise the monster amount of amazing work that has been done at Dragonland during the 2024 season.

Please see below the monthly awards that are available for nominations now and open **until Monday 26 August**.

There are two months' worth of awards, so get those nominations flying in:

- **Monash University Leader of the Month** - [CLICK HERE](#)
- **SMJFL Club Administrator of the Month** sponsored by Westinghouse - [CLICK HERE](#)
- **SMJFL Inclusion Award** sponsored by TeamSports4All, monthly award - [CLICK HERE](#)



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THE TRYBE



## WIN CASH FOR YOUR CLUB

Simply make any footwear purchase at your nearest Trybe store during the 2024 football season and the winning club with the most purchases will win \$2,000 to go towards club equipment and supplies.

Shop in-store and show either your club bar code below or your PlayHQ registration to our store team. We'll then add this to your club's total and track the total purchases for your club throughout the season.

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1 footwear unit = 1 entry. Competition runs from 25th March to 30th September



**SAVE THE DATE**

*Presentation  
Day*

**11.00AM**

**SUNDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER  
SCAMMELL RESERVE**

- ★ CLUB AWARDS
- ★ TEAM AWARDS
- ★ CANTEEN
- ★ UNIFORM
- ★ DONATIONS





## COACHES' REPORTS

### U10 MIXED ADRIAN SANZARO

The Lighting Carnival marked the last time for the kids to play modified rules footy. There were three tough games to finish off the year, with the Dragons putting in a mighty effort across all three. The kids seemed to enjoy the day and, to be fair, looked a little tired and ready for a break before summer sports start.

As the coach of the team, I could not have been prouder of the way they fought week in and week out. This group of kids has a strong future as a team, and with a little more luck next year, they could achieve some amazing things. All the kids did an amazing job playing multiple positions each week and were happy to do so, though I think we probably had 20 wanting to play forward each week. Thanks to all the parents for their help this year and a big shout-out to Natalie, our team manager, who guided us through the year. Hopefully, we get all the kids back next year as they get to play for premiership points

### U11 MIXED JAI ROBERTSON

We took on Dingley at their home ground today, with the focus for today on being aggressive in the contest, with our running and with our defensive game.

We got off to a good start with a couple of early goals, we dominated possession for most of the first half but could not put the scoreboard pressure on our opposition. Second quarter our opposition kicked a couple of goals resulting in all square at half time.

Instructions to the team at half time were to lift our effort in the contest, repeat tackles and attacking our goals with run. As they have done all year, the response was huge, our pillars of defence continue to keep the opposition to minimal goals Kai, Bronx James T and others. Our midfield got on top with Deon having a massive second half, James S getting involved, Theo and Luke silky with their disposal and Blake reading the play unbelievably well again.

A great team effort where every single player stepped up for their team. We need to raise our level again next week in the semi-final, let's go team!!!!

### U12 MIXED ALLEN COOK

Beautiful day for our final round of home and away footy today. We played away at St Peter's who have been our strongest competition this year so we knew we'd be in for a contest. We were a few players short so no bench to share the load which meant the boys had to dig deep.

Co-Captains were Masaki and Leo and both boys gave their all at every contest. We didn't get the result we wanted but the boys played the right way bringing pressure around the ball and kicking to space to give our forwards a chance. Thomas bobbed up for a couple of goals and Finn also kicked one but we were a bit wasteful in front of goals and you could see the boys dropping their heads a bit as a result.

We weren't able to match the oppositions' energy in transition so they were able to give their forwards plenty of supply which they capitalised on. Our backs were under the pump all day and did really well to repel multiple attacking efforts but ultimately the damn broke a bit towards the end.



Plenty of good footy was played and all the boys tried cracking in but we couldn't go past Archer with our 1 Percenter Award. His defensive efforts were outstanding and he kept putting his body on the line time to support his team mates.

Thanks also to Max, Tommy and Ethan from the U11's for turning up and getting involved in the last quarter.

Excited to get stuck into training this week to prep for our final against Cheltenham.

## U12 GIRLS MARCO PERSI

Our final match of the season was under lights at Scammell. Playing for a spot in the top 4 was always going to be tough against second place Brighton Beach.



We celebrated Skye and Kiana's 50th game and it was a hard fought first quarter, both teams playing well and showing why they were sitting 2nd and 3rd on the ladder.

Our girls' efforts and desire could not be questioned, down at half time there was lots of positivity and a willingness to dig deep and go again.

Being 16-0 down at 3 quarter time our girls didn't give up, they found another level of grit and determination into the wind and fought hard to keep the ball in our forward half, giving themselves every chance of a comeback.

In the end Brighton were too good on the night but our proudest achievement was seeing Emily mark strongly and calmly going back

kicking her first goal and giving her teammates and their families a moment to remember and cheer, with every girl running over to share in the joy and excitement of the moment.

We've had a wonderful home and away season and looking forward to finishing off 2024 with some powerful wins in the playoffs and singing our song loud again this weekend.

Go Dragons!!!



## SMOKE-FREE

By law, smoking is banned within 10 metres (about two car lengths) of any public outdoor sporting venue during an organised under-18s event.

The ban includes training or practice sessions to prepare for an organised under-age sporting event, and breaks or intervals during the course of the event, training or practice session.

## U14 GIRLS JUSTINE LEOPOLD

Last regular game of the year and what a season it has been, capped off with another Dragons girl playing her 50th match. Congrats Elaine!

It was like yesterday we were playing grading games and here we are sitting on top of the ladder with a group of girls who have made us immensely proud this season.

We hosted South Melbourne who hadn't won a game this year so we were fairly confident however our approach remained the same as game instructions were given out pre game.



It was another great team win with contributors all over the ground. We kicked 3 goals in each quarter with 8 goal kickers. Zoe opened the scoring with a nice snap in play and chugged along all game. Yana said enough of Italy, I wanna kick some goals and gave us a couple though it could've been double that. Maddy was knocking over opponents at will, Millie let their forwards know she was around, Lucia was her usual driving force, Serana and Anushka had time forward and kicked goals. But speaking of goals, it was a day out for our star forward Soph. We always implore her, play in front Soph, play in front. And that she did. Some great marks that resulted in 3 goals. Fantastic reward for a fantastic game. Once again, players were rotated around to different positions to gain further exposure. The win means we now face East Malvern in the first final, an opposition that we've had some great battles with and we know that we're up for a fight.



Goals - Sophie 3, Anushka, Yana 2, Zoe, Serana, Lavinia, Sienna, Lucia 1

Well done again girls on a superb season. We lost only 2 games and to the same team but most importantly we saw some major development within this group of girls and that should carry us forward as we head into finals.

The real challenge starts now.

Should be a full book of players at training this week!

Let's go Dragons.



## U15 BOYS CALEB QUMIVUTIA

On the weekend the U15s boys faced AJAX away at Caulfield.

The boys were told to go out and enjoy the last game of the year and play with freedom and have fun.

Similar to most weeks our midfield group consisting of Nathan Rekas, Hunter Hayes and Mitch Phillips with ruckman Henry Spencer starting by winning the tap and Nathan running onto the ball getting easy clearances into our forward 50. Like most weeks the opposition started to tag Nathan in an attempt to take him out of the game.

The game was close contested in the first quarter however a purple patch late in the 2nd by AJAX saw them pile on 4 unanswered goals seeing them go into the half time break 25 points up.

The 2nd half was a similar tight contest however the Dragons couldn't close the gap. However, some great performances from both Peter Glass having an outstanding 6 intercept marks out of the backline and down forward Ari McLeod slotting 3 majors and 1 goal assist.

This game concludes the u15s season which despite the losses in div 2 the boys have vastly improved and Tom Nolan and myself look forward to the task of coaching them next year with Pre-season starting in November!

## U18 GIRLS JOHN BERNARDO / GAVIN KENNY

The last home and away game for the year. The Dragons song hadn't been sung since April. Some close losses and a couple of draws meant we had been thereabouts but not quite good enough. What was going to happen today against the Caulfield Bears?

With 32 players, we were able to rotate the whole team each quarter, with the instructions being "Don't count the minutes, make the minutes count". Coach Johnny was channelling Alan Jeans and had the girls fired up before the game and Trainer Ben reminded the team to go in hard and be first for the ball.



On a cracking day for footy, the team cheered as Tayla, Livvy, Gracie and Lozza ran through the banner to celebrate their 50th game.

From the opening bounce the girls were switched on. Bridget, Nat and Matisse were controlling the ball and our forwards were lively. Clem was tackling and getting kicks and played her best quarter for the year. Emma played in front and got free kicks and Lozz was doing the same. Gracie bobbed up and kicked a goal to put us in front at quarter time.

A new team came on for the second quarter, but the effort and intensity stayed the same. Eva, Sophie and Alyla were putting their bodies on the line while Livvy and Reagan were doing a great job in the ruck.

Jess was moved from her customary role at full back to the wing which saw her take the game on with run and carry. Sienna was getting lots of the ball and teamed up well with Giselle on a number of occasions. A great piece of play saw the Dragons move the ball up the ground through Sienna, Hazza and Charlotte. Lily was moved from the backline to the forward line and was making her presence felt. Despite the good play, we weren't able to add to our score.



Quarter three saw us dominate again. Bridget was busy and snuck forward to snag a goal. Nat was tackling and taking marks. Brianna took a couple of great marks, one a goal saver on the last line of defence. Freya was ferocious and was in everything and Gracie was able to kick her second goal of the game from a set shot.

Giselle, Jess, Sienna and Ayla kept running in the last quarter. Lilly was busy, took a good mark and drove us forward on a number of occasions. Charlotte took her third mark for the game in front of goal and went back and put it through the big sticks. The party tricks came out in the last few minutes of the game with Sienna booting a right foot banana from the boundary line that sailed over the top of the goal umpire's head. A fantastic second half of footy that kept the opposition scoreless while the Dragons were able to kick 4 goals!

When the siren sounded, it was pure jubilation. The bench emptied and the team hugged and cheered on the ground. To say that the song was sung with gusto in the rooms would be an understatement. Awesome win girls. A real team effort where everyone contributed for the entire game.







## SEASON SCHEDULE

Subject to change during the season depending on game times, your Team Manager will keep you posted.  
**Don't forget – Grub's Gone Green! BYO plates and cutlery.**

Date	U8 & U9	U10	U11-U13	U14+	Holidays	Grub at the Club
14-Apr	Round 1	Round 1	Round 1	Round 1		U18 Girls Teams
21-Apr	Round 2	Round 2	Round 2	Round 2		
28-Apr	Round 3	Round 3	Round 3	Round 3	ANZAC Medal presentation	U8/9 Mixed
5-May	Round 4	Round 4	Round 4	Round 4		
12-May	Round 5	Round 5	Round 5	Round 5	Mother's Day	
19-May	Round 6	Round 6	Round 6	Round 6		U15 Boys
26-May	Round 7	Round 7	Round 7	Round 7	National Volunteer Week, 20-26 May	
2-Jun	Round 8	Round 8	Round 8	Round 8		U10 Mixed
8-10-Jun	No Games / Interleague Carnival				King's Birthday	
16-Jun	Round 9	Round 9	Round 9	Round 9		U11 Mixed
23-Jun	No Games				School Holidays	
30-Jun	No Games				School Holidays	
7-Jul	No Games				School Holidays	
14-Jul	Round 10	Round 10	Round 10	Round 10		U12 & U14 Girls
21-Jul	Round 11	Round 11	Round 11	Round 11		
28-Jul	Round 12	Round 12	Round 12	Round 12		U12 Mixed
4-Aug	Round 13	Round 13	Round 13	Round 13	Team photos	
11-Aug	Lightning Carnival	Round 14	Round 14	Round 14		
18-Aug		Lightning Carnival	Round 15	Round 15		Committee
w/c 19-Aug			Semi Finals	Semi Finals		
w/c 26 Aug			Grand Finals	Prelim Finals	Father's Day	
w/c 2-Sep				Grand Finals		
22-Sep	PRESENTATION DAY, SCAMMELL RESERVE					

