



# THE ACORN

SEASON 2024 ISSUE 17

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Dragons,

Congratulations to Jimmy Moschoyiannis on the 50 Games and getting the banner run through at the U12's away match. Well done on your milestone Jimmy.

What a cracking weekend of football, with 5 teams playing Semi Finals matches. The sun was out and the wind sure was blowing. I got down to Dingley's Chadwick Reserve early to watch the U11's and wasn't disappointed by the teams effort. Then up to Centenary Park for the U14 Girls who had the wind at their backs in the 2nd and 4th quarters, narrowly missing the U12 Girls match at the same venue and then on to Highett Reserve for the U12 mixed who were impressive kicking in to the wind in the last quarter.

For the Players playing this coming weekend, grab a few good marks and get in a few great kick early in the game and set the tone and pace.

For the Coaches, get your game plan organised, make sure your Assistant Coach is all over moving the magnets and keeping on top of player rotations, our fair play policy still applies.

For the Parents, treat this as any other Home and Away game. Keep calm, respect the umpires and give the kids a good feed and early night the night before, they'll be nervous too. Or excited. Or worse, both.

It looks like we have 3 Games at Chadwick Reserve, Dingley on Sunday. Time to turn the Dingoes Den in to the Dragons Den with a sea of "Yellow and Green" and get behind all three teams playing there this Sunday. Get down to support our teams and celebrate with them on their seasons successes.

On Tuesday night the U18 Girls had their re-scheduled Semi Final match after an injury stopped match on the weekend. Results TBC.

Nominations for the Club Awards are still open, but closing soon, so if you think of someone who deserves to be nominated, please put their name forward.

Happy Father's Day to all the wonderful dads out in Dragonland. Forego the breakfast in bed and grab a sausage down at Dingley and support our great junior footballs teams this weekend.

Go Dragons!  
Brodie Phillips, President

### 2024 COMMITTEE / OFFICIALS

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Compliance Officer: Vacant

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Boys Coaching Coordinator (Junior): Vacant

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Annelise Scott

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## MILESTONE GAMES!

### CONGRATULATIONS

# 50 GAMES

Jimmy Moschoyiannis, U12 mixed



### 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)



### 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.





## 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:* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**Life Members** Presented to a person with 5 years significant service to OYCFC

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

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

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

**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)



# SEASON 2024

# Finals

- ★ **U12 MIXED - GRAND FINAL**  
SUNDAY 9AM AT CHADWICK RESERVE
- ★ **U11 MIXED - GRAND FINAL**  
SUNDAY 10.50AM AT CHADWICK RESERVE
- ★ **U12 GIRLS - GRAND FINAL**  
SUNDAY 12.40PM AT CHADWICK RESERVE
- ★ **U14 GIRLS - PRELIM**  
SUNDAY 3PM AT COLUMBIA PARK
- ★ **U18 GIRLS - PRELIM**  
SUNDAY 1.30PM AT DONALD MCDONALD RESERVE







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THE TRYBE



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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

### U11 MIXED JAI ROBERTSON

We took on Waverley today in the semi-final for a spot in the Grand Final.

We talked about executing the things in this game that make our team really good. Tackling, contested efforts, and defensive pressure when our opposition have the ball.

With this in mind we got off to an even start, our opposition kicked the first goal. We responded quickly with Zoe taking a great mark and converting in front of goal. We started to win the ball locking the game in our forward half for the first quarter. We took a lead in the second quarter and continued to get on top around the ball with our midfield Deon, Hamish, Blake and Charlie dominating. When the opposition went forward we went to work really well with James Tes reading the play beautifully, Kai and Luke were a brick wall repelling entries out of our defensive area.

We continued to dominate in the second half with Phoenix dominating in the ruck and laying plenty of tackles on the opposition, Darwell continues his fantastic year with plenty of the ball through the midfield. Lastly with only seconds remaining Eli chased down their forward and stopped a goal with great desperation. Both Tommy and Max Morel played great games in the forward line with plenty of tackles and a couple of goals.

We ended winning well keeping our opponents to just the one goal and a spot in the Grand Final awaits. Good luck team

### U12 MIXED ALLEN COOK

We played Cheltenham in our Semi Final on a very windy day. Cheltenham pushed us earlier in the year so it was going to be a tough game and our boys were coming off their first loss in a couple of months.

We had a few out so no bench and further to that some of our most experienced boys had been unwell during the week and others carried some minor injuries into the game.



We could see the boys were a bit flat in the warm up so tried to remind them of the work they'd done to get to this point and that they have been the benchmark in our division. Still you could see the energy was a bit low.

Our strongest players of the season and much loved teammates Finn and Alex were announced as our Co-Captains which gave the boys a lift. On top of that the boys also committed to doing their best for Jimmy who was celebrating his 50th game (pictured) for the Dragons so we found a spark and it was game on!

The opposition surprised us a bit with their endeavour early on but we had the wind in the 1st quarter and put a goal on the board while holding them scoreless.

The arm wrestle continued in the 2nd and 3rd quarters where they kept us goalless and kicked 2 of their own to take the lead into the final quarter. To add to the intrigue, they were kicking with a strong





wind in the final quarter and had a handy little 3 point buffer. We asked the boys to really work for each other in the last quarter and bring pressure around the contest and run the opposition off their feet and the boys responded.

They took it up a level and played that hard-nosed, hard running Dragons footy. We had Davey throwing himself into every contest, Karlos zipping around on loose balls, Alex crashing through packs, Jonah all over the oppositions' best onballer, Masaki repelling attacks while Finn and Teddy ran their hearts out yet again.

The relentless effort from the entire team got the better of the opposition and created some opportunities in our forward line. Finn slotted a great running goal to give us back the lead. Then Harrison kicked the sealer with a few minutes on the clock and we held on for a great win.

Leo had one of his best games for the season putting his body on the line and showing great composure in traffic with clean hand and great foot skills so was awarded our 1 Percenter Award for the day.

Well done Dragons, all the boys should be proud of that effort.

One more to go!



## U12 GIRLS MARCO PERSI

Finals footy is here and everyone is excited to finish the season on a high note.

Playing Port Melbourne down at Centenary Park our girls were prepared for the challenge, though before the match started we found out they only had 12 players leaving us with 4 on the bench which was a new experience for the girls.

In typical finals fashion it was a close and hard fought battle, ladder positions stood for nothing as both teams weren't backing down from any contest. Kicking with a slight breeze we were only able take a 1 point lead at quarter time.

The second quarter was much the same, great defending and a superb set shot gave us some breathing room though at 10 v 2 at half time, it was anyone's match to win.

They call the 3rd quarter the premiership quarter and we proved why we are such a strong team. We found another gear and with improved team work and connection we scored one of our best goals for the season with 3 quick, smart handballs setting up our 2nd goal of the match. Our pressure was through the roof and our next goal came from the willingness to chase and tackle in our forward line. Having kicked two goals one to no score we had a handy 21 point lead.....and we needed it.

Port Melbourne came out all guns blazing in the last quarter dominating possession and time in their forward line. Our backs and midfield had an enormous job to do to try stop the avalanche of attacks. Even our forwards had to flood back and help defend. Parents on the sidelines were checking their watches, one eye on the game, one eye on the time keeper waiting to see her ring the bell. 3 minutes left and our lead whittled down to 5 points our girls grit and determination got us over the line with a 23 v 18 point win.

From a pre-season meet and greet at the park, to new players joining throughout the season, we have all come together to make it to the last match of the year and have the opportunity to create something special and lifelong memories.

One to go!!!





## U14 GIRLS JUSTINE LEOPOLD

Finals were upon us and we faced East Malvern at Centenary. Winner through to the grand final but unfortunately we fell agonisingly short, going down by 4 points in a heart stopper.

The girls were dialled in for warm ups and pre game but we knew that the opponents are a quality team and they showed that early on, with their quick hands and ball movement. After an extremely tight first quarter where neither team could muster a goal, we gave up the first goal due to some sloppy defending but went into the rooms only a goal down. We soon found ourselves 3 goals down in the 3rd quarter however we sensed our girls had started to lift and we had multiple shots at goal toward the end of the 3rd quarter into the wind but frustratingly we just couldn't convert.



3QT break, we just said girls, use the tail wind and pump it long. We got our hands on the ball from Cam's great work and made a barnstorming surge in the second half of the last quarter. Needing 3 goals in 5 minutes, we scored our first goal from a fantastic reflex mark by Tash who calmly went back and slotted it. Then Lucia, well and truly using the wind, launched one from long range that seemed to travel in the air for 30sec. When it finally hit earth, the world got to experience the Ciorciari goal signal and celebration that had us in laughter.

4 points down and 20m from goal, Sienna L found herself wide open for our final play with the ball heading towards her but it just didn't bounce our way. The ball was cleared out and it was too late for another goal.

So frustratingly close but the girls showed a will to fight it out and we nearly pinched it off the back of an awesome game by Cam in the ruck while Lucia provided a lot of grunt, Miette was super on the wing and Elaine was thrown around the field.

Goals - Tash, Lucia 1 each

We still have a second chance this week vs St Peters and a perfect time to break our duck against them.

## U18 GIRLS JOHN BERNARDO / GAVIN KENNY

After an awesome win in round 15, the girls were lucky enough to scrape into the finals by percentage. This meant a Semi Final show down with our old mates, The Waverley Park Hawks. Having beaten, lost to, and drawn with the Hawks during the season, we knew we were coming up against a formidable opponent.

Our first attempt at a match started well with the Dragons on top in the opening quarter after a nice goal from Emily. Our tackling and pressure was really good and was allowing us to maintain possession. Bridget scored a running goal early in the second quarter to maintain our one goal lead. Shortly after that an accidental kick of the footy into the face of a Hawks player saw them hit the deck and lie motionless for several minutes. Obviously in a bad way, the player was looked after on the field until an ambulance arrived. Unfortunately for the Dragons the game was abandoned meaning the final needed to be replayed to get a result.





Our second go at the Semi Final saw us playing at Centenary Park at 6:30pm on Tuesday night. It was cold and blustery but the girls were pumped up to play the final. Another Alan Jeans motivational speech before the game ensured we were switched on for the contest.



The first quarter saw us kicking with a howling wind. We dominated possession and kept the ball in our forward half for most of the quarter. Nat bobbed up and scored our only goal as we managed to keep the Hawks scoreless. Lily, Matisse, Reagan, Sienna and Emily were all playing well.

Quarter two saw the roles reversed with Waverley kicking with the wind. They managed to kick two goals and went into half time with an 8 point lead. The lead would have been greater if not for Emma's goal saving mark on the last line of defence. The Dragons were playing well and tackling ferociously – Lily, Ayla, Bonnie and Bridget throwing their bodies around.

Coach Johnny was a bit upset with some of the decision making when we had the ball, and gave the girls an old fashioned spray at half time. It seemed to work, as quarter three saw Oakleigh bring the hammer down! Three goals with the wind thanks to Charlotte, Bridget and Emily saw the Dragons take a 16 point lead into the final break. Gracie, Charlotte, Sienna and Bridget were all tackling ferociously and Brianna provided some great run off the half back line. The last term was intense. The Hawks had the advantage of the strong breeze but were only able to manage 1 goal. The Dragon defence was rock solid and everyone on the ground was putting their bodies on the line. Some clever link up play between Freya, Nat and Matisse gave us a great chance to goal but the ball was touched on the line. Giselle and Bonnie kept running and kicked us forward a couple of times. Sienna started cramping due to all of her running, which enabled us to run the clock down for a minute.

When the final siren sounded, the Dragons were in front 4-8:32 to 3-3:21! The girls were jubilant and the song was belted out in the clubrooms.

Another great four quarter effort from a dedicated group of girls in trying conditions. See you all at the preliminary Final next week!



## SOCIAL MEDIA



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## 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					

