Narre Warren Junior Football Club

2024 Season

Under 9's, 10's, 11's, 12's, 13's & 14 Girls





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Leith Parker Melanie Webb

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Our Club Song!

(Sung To The Tune Of Richmond FC Club Song)

Oh, we're from Narre Warren The mighty magpies we're from Narre Warren In any weather, you will see us with a grin Risking head and skin If we're behind we will never mind We fight and fight to win Cause we're from Narre Warren We will never weaken till the final sirens gone Like the magpies of old We're strong and we're bold Cause we're from Narre Black and the White We're from Narre Warren!





PET CRISIS CARE

Welcome to Casey Pet Emergency: Your Trusted Pet Care Partner

At Casey Pet Emergency, we understand that your pet is a cherished member of your family. As a private, locally-owned veterinary hospital, we proudly serve the greater region with a commitment to providing top-tier after-hours, urgent and critical care for your pets' medical needs. Our on-site hospital is designed to offer immediate, comprehensive care when your regular veterinarian is unavailable, ensuring that your pet receives the attention they deserve, no matter the time of day.

We are thrilled to announce our move to a brand-new, purpose-built facility at 405 Princes Hwy, Narre Warren, in September 2024 and ability to expand our services to offer 24/7 care, making us your round-the-clock resource for pet emergencies.

Our new state-of-the-art clinic has been meticulously designed with both patient and client care in mind. From the moment you step into our serene, calming environment, you'll notice the thoughtful touches that promote wellness and alleviate stress. With an open floor plan, dedicated cat and dog consult rooms, and separate waiting zones and wards, our facility is equipped to handle your pet's needs with the utmost care. Large walk-in dog runs with private visiting zones, spacious cat cages with separate feeding and sleeping areas, and a comfortable waiting space complete with a client coffee station all contribute to a positive experience for you and your pet at what can be a very stressful time.

In addition to our superior environment, we are fully equipped with advanced medical technology, including radiography, in-house laboratory, endoscopy, ultrasonography, anaesthesia, and a purpose-built theatre for all sorts of emergency pet operations. Foreign body retrieval, caesarean, tumour removal, bleeding management, wound repair are procedures our talented staff are very well experienced with. With state of the art oxygen therapy facilities, fluid pumps, patient monitoring equipment and dedicated isolation and clean zones we are committed to providing the best of pet care services for medically complex patients.

Our dedicated team of compassionate professionals, including highly experienced vets, nurses, and receptionists, is the heart of Casey Pet Emergency. They work tirelessly to improve outcomes for our patients, collaborating with clients to develop optimal treatment plans. Our staff are exceptional communicators, keeping you informed and involved in your pet's progress every step of the way. At Casey Pet Emergency, we are more than just a clinic—we are your partners in ensuring the health and happiness of your furry family members.



Presidents Report

Hayden James

Hi All,

Well, another year done. How quick do the years go. I feel we just got started and then it was done. I want to congratulate & thank all players that played for the NWJFC in 2024. We as a club are all about you kids and we've all enjoyed watching you wear the Narre Black & White. We hope you've enjoyed the year and look forward to seeing you all return next year.

A big congratulations to all the players that made finals this year. You all represented our club with great passion, enthusiasm and in the right manner. You all did your club proud.

To the U12's & 13's a huge congratulations to all of you for making the Grand final.

To the U12's, winning it in the style you did, capped off a great season that you all had. Well done on your premiership, you're all etched into the club's history of premiership players and teams before you and you now join them also.

To the 13's, a huge effort to make the Grand Final, yes it wasn't to be this year, but your preliminary final win was something to watch and be proud of. I think all outside of NWJFC had you losing that one, but you made sure you proved them all wrong. A great win and one we'll all remember.

To all the coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, runners, trainers, water carriers, ump escorts, boundary umps, goal umps, oranges & lollies people, thank you. You dedicate your time to ensure the kids all get to play footy and it's greatly appreciated from all, again thank you.

To the parents, grandparents, siblings & friends of all the kids that support them every week, thank you. Your support of the club be it assisting in the canteen, BBQ, with the team or just your presence being around/involved is also greatly appreciated.

To our executive committee and general committee from me thank you. You all make this club operate extremely well and you were rewarded with Best Conducted Club of the league. Particular thanks to these 4 ladies Bek, Heidi, Tracie and Belinda that ensure the club runs at all really.

You're all the driving force behind this great club and I can't thank you all enough.

In closing off for 2024, I'll be stepping down as President after this season's completion. I need to put time into my own children. As V/Pres & President the last 5 yrs I've enjoyed my time around the club and enjoyed watching the kids enjoy their footy. Early in my tenure we had 3 teams at one point and to see it growing again to what it is today is comforting. I'll be looking to assist a new president and committee transition into their roles however best that works for the new committee.

I encourage anyone thinking about nominating for the committee in any capacity to do so. The club has great people involved in it and the club needs you to continue to survive and grow.

Thank you everyone.

Hayden

NWJFC President

2024 NWJFC Sponsors















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Justin Dickson Award

Justin Dickson epitomised what it is to be a Narre Warren Junior Football Club Magpie; determined & tough yet modest & caring. Justin played all his football with the same tenacity and empathy that made him a Champion amongst champions.

Justin lived and breathed footy and, as much as he loved to "touch" the footy, he always sought to bring his team mates "into" the game at every opportunity & he always treated his opponents with the utmost respect in the true spirit of what a "Sports" person should.

Justin won the NWJFC Best & Fairest Award 4 out of the 6 years he played footy and was awarded Best on Ground in his 2004 U14 Premiership winning Grand Final appearance. Yet Justin was a very unassuming & caring young man who adored his mum, dad & sisters.

Unfortunately, Justin was taken from us too soon at the tender age of 14 and is sorely missed by all who were fortunate enough to have been blessed to have met him.

Justin's legacy is what every single NWJFC player strives for and is summed up by this Latin phrase:

"Fortis in factum, pudicious in ingenium"

Which means:

"Strong in action, modest in character"

These are the exact characteristics that the NWJFC seeks to instill in our juniors.

The annual NWJFC Justin Dickson Award is our highest award, bestowed on those who exhibit the "spirit" of Justin himself. Through these annual awards, we honour the memory of Justin whilst recognising those who most exude both his love of footy & respect for others.

The NWJFC Justin Dickson Award has 2 categories: SENIOR (13-17 y/o) & JUNIOR (8-12y/o).

Justin's premiership winning gurnsey, along with just a few of his many awards, take pride of place at the Narre Warren Junior Football Club Rooms.

PAST RECIPENTS OF THIS AWARD

2023 Lachlan Ball

2022

2021 COVID

2020 COVID

2019 Josiah Fullman

Tasha Griffiths

2018 James King

Zoe O'Brian

2017

2016

2015 J Peters

P Tatt

2014 J Peters

H Briggs

2013 J Toner

L Hutchinson

M Richardson

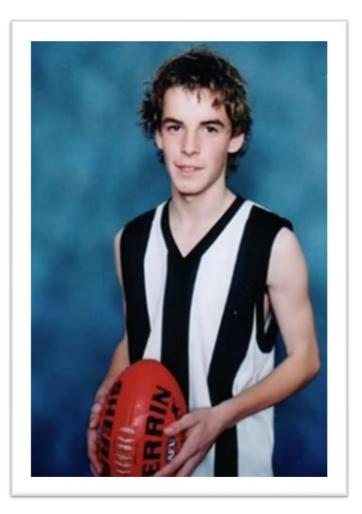
2012 L Hartley

A Websdale

2011 B Tilley

C Stirling

B Wells





Under 9s Coaches Report

The mixed under 8/9s team started training back on the 7th of March 7 weeks before our first match. With 14 under 8s registered and 4 under 9s registered we combined and made under 9s team.

It was the first season for everyone and we worked hard on the basics early in the season; kicking, marking, handballing, picking up a ground ball and tackling. With the boys committed to training every week and kicking the ball every opportunity they got, we saw big improvements with their skills every week as the boys grew in confidence.

Our team officials noticed a few of the boys were struggling with the physicality of playing footy, so we concentrated on our tackling at training which really helped the boys get comfortable with the physical side of footy, helping them improve even more.

A few of the boys asked how they can be better players and, in any sport, you play FITNESS is what separates a good player from a great player, so some of the boys started doing some extra running before training which really helped their games.

Although we didn't "keep scores" through the season We did get heavily scored against in the first half of the season. We concentrated on manning up in defence where our defenders all picked one player at the start of the qtr and played tight on them for the whole qtr. When we played these same teams again in the second half of the year, the games were a lot more even and we managed to sing the song a few times as well. The boys got some great feedback from coaches of the other teams who would tell the boys they had improved heaps since the last time we played and to keep working on their skills, which was great for the boys to hear.

As we've seen in some of the older age groups at NWJFC, the longer you play together as a team, you will get to know your teammates strengths, which will go a long way to helping you win games of footy.

It was a pleasure to coach you boys this year and I can't wait to see you all grow as a team and as individuals. If you continue to improve as much as you did this year, we are going to have some serious footballers playing for NWJFC in the future.

Things to work on next for next year.

Skills, Marking overhead and chest marks, Hand balling right and left hand, Same amount of handballs on each hand, Kicking left and right foot, Same amount kicks on each foot, Picking up a ball off the ground cleanly, Bouncing the ball while running, **FITNESS & RUNNING LAPS.**

A big thank you to my officials for making the season run smoothly.

Assistant Coach Mike.

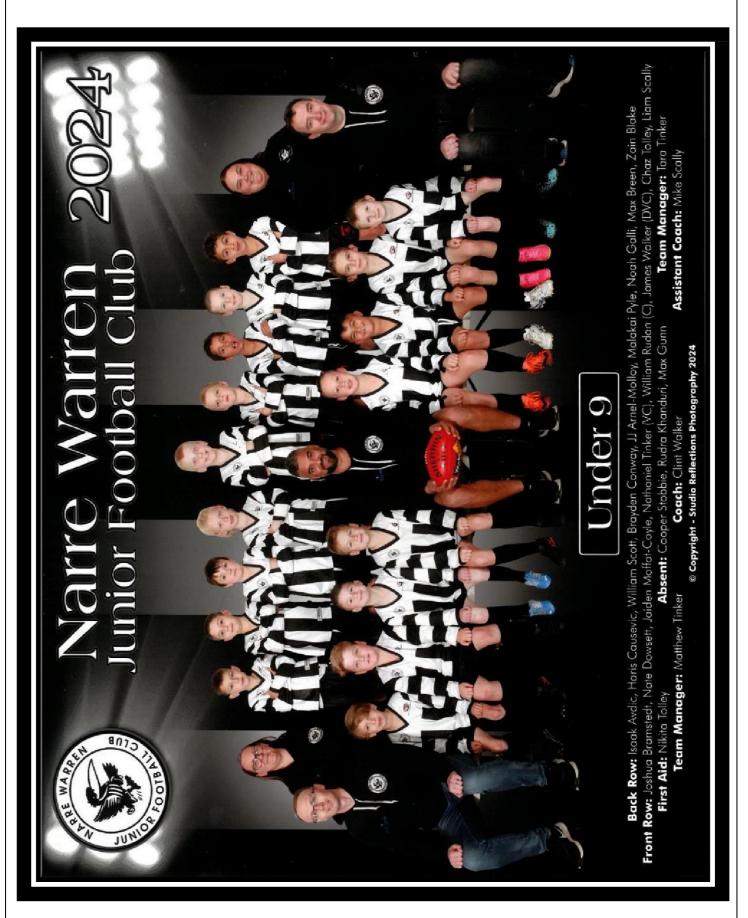
Team manager Tara and Matt

Trainer Nikita

And all the parents for fulfilling your roster duties on game days and helping out at training.

Coach - Clint Walker

Under 9s Team Photo



Under 10s Coaches Report

The under 10s had a very competitive season. We finished with 7 wins and 7 losses which was a great effort. Many of our players were eligible for under 9s but chose to play up a grade to play together again this year after forming great friendships in 2023. There were a lot of much taller teams against us, but we competed well.

With a few new players in 2024 the team took giant steps forward from 2023 and played the last 2 games on full ground to get ready for what is to come in 2025. They played very well in those 2 games and notched up a full ground win in one of those games. They also got to see how the game changes to suit smaller teams when there is more space to use, and we can go around the bigger opposition players. I cannot wait to see them in action on the bigger grounds next year.

We continued to train after our season end up until now and we have had 10 plus players at most of those training runs. These kids just love footy.

As coaches both Leith and I couldn't be prouder of the development of all players, and we hope to see all back in 2025 to further improve their skills and to make even stronger friendships.

Thanks to all players, parents, committee members, volunteers and everyone who makes the NWJFC tick.

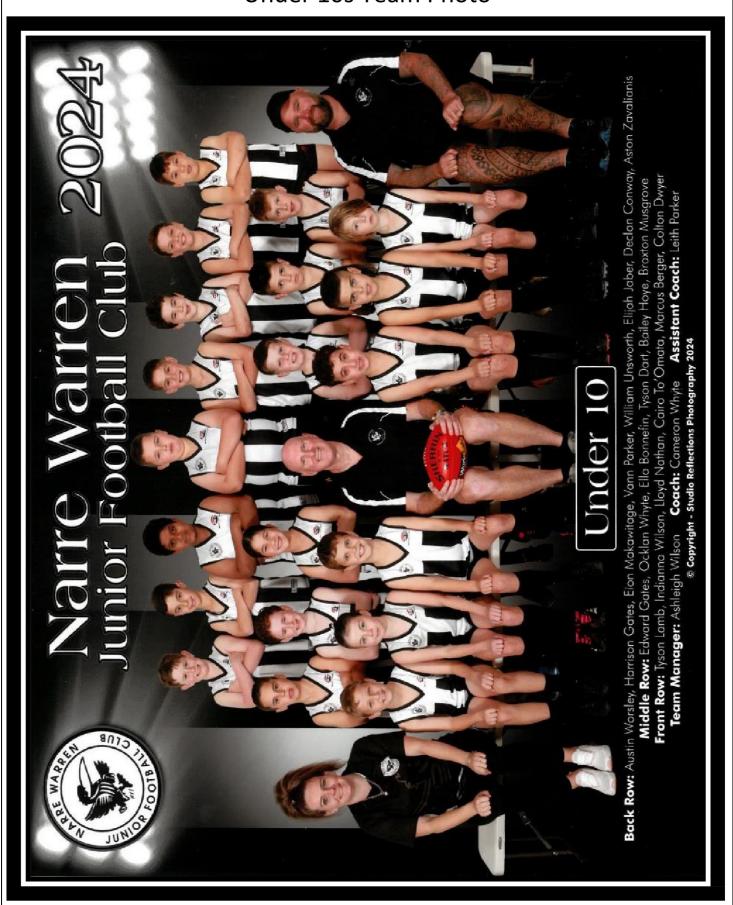
Coach - Cameron Whyte







Under 10s Team Photo



Under 11s Coaches Review

What an amazing year our under 11s have had.

This season we started off with a lot of new faces which was great to see.

The team came together and worked really hard in training and on game days.

All their hard work paid off when they made it into finals. Even though they didn't get the win they all held their heads high and showed amazing sportsmanship.

It's been an absolute pleasure to coach our team and I can't wait to see what these kids can do next season.

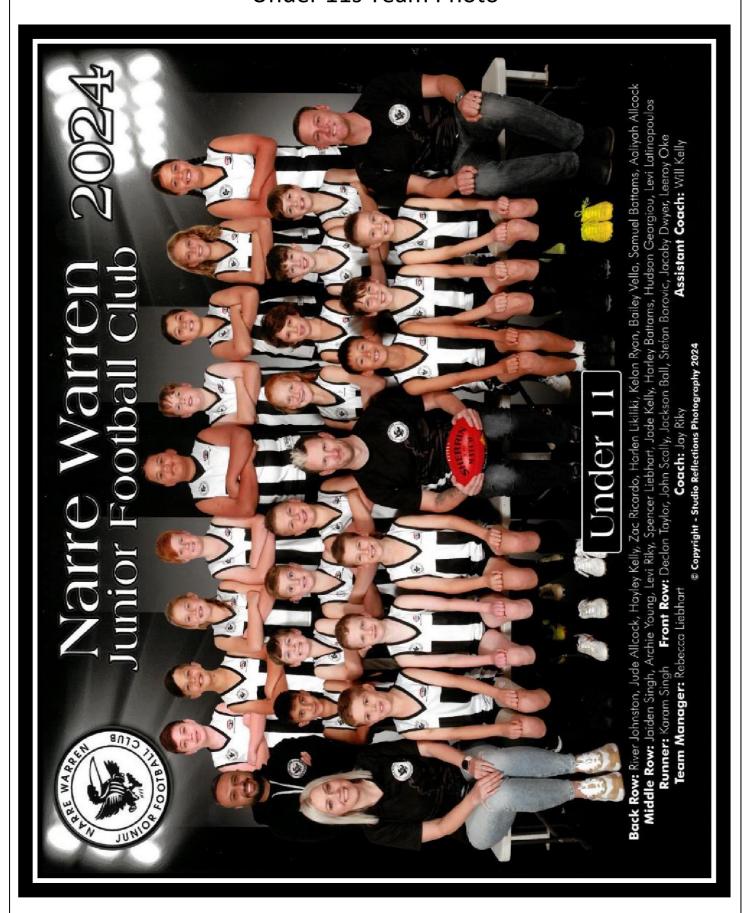
Coach - Jay Riky







Under 11s Team Photo





2024 Interleague



More than 1200 of the most talented under 14 and 15 boys and girls competing in community football leagues across metropolitan Melbourne will participate in the expanded AFL Victoria Metro Junior Development Series in 2023.

The series gives community leagues the opportunity to pick players whose performance at local club level has warranted selection to participate in the interleague competition, as part of the talent pathway to higher-level programs for boys and girls, such as the Coates Talent League.

The seven leagues represented are Eastern Football Netball League, Essendon District Football League, Northern Football Netball League, Riddell District Football Netball League, South Metro Junior Football League, Western Region Football League and Yarra Junior Football League.

This season we were thrilled to celebrate the success of our incredible kids who were selected to represent the SEJ Interleague. Their dedication, hard work, and talent have earned them this well-deserved recognition.

Our 2024 Division 1 Interleague Players

- 1. Zac Pollard
- 2. Millie Webb
- 3. Zoe Sivyer

Our 2024 Division 2 Interleague Players

- 1. Andi D'Arcy
- 5. Ayvalee Sutton
- 2. Lilly Frazer
- 6. Parker Sibly
- 3. Anya Kalabun
- 7. Zavier Caligiuri
- 4. Riley Eybers











Interleague Photos.

















<u>2024 – 50 Games Celebrations</u>

This season has seen our young athletes achieve a significant milestone, as they have played 50 games. We take great pride in their accomplishments and extend our heartfelt congratulations to each and every one of them.

Under 11s	Under 12s	Under 13s	
Jackson Ball	Connor Riky	Luca Piperno	Dylan Born
Harlen Likiliki	Harry Viney	Noah Cashen	Black Masterson
Zac Ricardo	Liam Riky	Parker Sibly	Riley Cole
Kelan Ryan	Callan Snell	Zavier Caligiuri	Blake Masterson
	Chace Wood	Jack Sutton	

































U10s Head to Marval Stadium

Our U10s team had an unforgettable experience – running out onto Marvel Stadium, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

A big thankyou to our U10s Assistant Coach Leith for his efforts in making the dream a

reality for these young players.





















<u>Little Demons Day – 14th April 2024</u>



MELBOURNE Football Club ran its Little Demons Day at Casey Fields on Sunday to kick off Round 1 of the Southeast Juniors football league.

Little Demons is an introductory footy program that focuses on building fundamental footy skills in a safe and interactive environment.

Sessions are designed for developing skills, but the primary focus is to let the kids have fun and enjoy each session!

Our U9s & U10s had a fantastic day gaining experience and having fun.











Under 12's Coaches Report

Well what season from our Under 12's who were a brand-new team to both the club the SEJ and AFL South East competition. This team was always going to be a challenge to get up and running with established teams around us in the area.

Gary our assistant coach and I took this challenge on as we both wanted to coach and expand the club and help make it more successful than the year before. Never did we dream of the success this team would achieve, we just wanted to get a team together to teach them values, guidance and some skills that would take them into their further years of junior football.

We started the season with only 14 players in our first two practice matches. We got taught a few lessons in those matches about how our team needed to learn to play together. The kids learnt quickly and adapted to the drills and skills that were required from training.

From there this is where our incredible journey began, playing Clyde who would be our eventual Grand Final opponents in Round 1 of the season. We fielded 15 kids and Clyde had 23 on their list but the kids came out as the underdogs firing on all cylinders and recorded a 60 -14 victory. This continued for majority of the season beating just about every team we faced and also gaining a few more players along the way.

In Round 8 we lost to Berwick by 1 point. This hurt us all and it was the loss we needed. We as a group learnt a lot from that loss and used it for the rest of the season as inspiration.

From there this team would continue to grow and learn as a group. We finished off the season only losing 2 games which handed us the minor premiership and play a semifinal against Clyde. Our kids played a hard-fought final to beat them and earn a Grand Final spot.

Liam our under 12's Captain was invited to the SEJ League Awards night during Grand Final week where he was awarded the league leading goal kicker award. Liam kicked an amazing 47 goals for the season from midfield. Liam was also awarded the 3rd best and fairest award from the league for his outstanding season. This had the kids excited at our last training session and they were ready for the big game.

The kids knew what was at stake going into the final and biggest game of the season. They battled hard all day in a very tough contest and when the final siren sounded, they had achieved the ultimate reward... A PREMIERSHIP. Portia Miller was awarded the best on ground medal in the Grand Final.

It's been an absolute pleasure to coach such a fantastic and devoted group of young individuals. I think their season speaks volumes of how they conduct themselves. Well done to the Under 12's.

Thank you to all the coaching group and parents for all your assistance throughout the season.

Coach- Heath Riky



Under 12 Team Photo



Under 13's Coaches Report

What a year. So many new players and new positions for all.

We started in march and weren't sure what the year had in store for us, and got to play in the final game of the year.

The kids have put in so much hard work, training 1 and half hours 2 nights a week It's shown hard work pays off.

We have done it the hard way. Every time something hard was thrown our way, we stood strong as a team, stayed united as one! Even more so in the last week of the season.

We wanted to play high-energy, high-risk football. That was our best chance to win finals football and we were lucky enough to get 2 big ones, but falling short at the last hurdle. I've loved every minute of this season and look forward to seeing what they can do in the future.

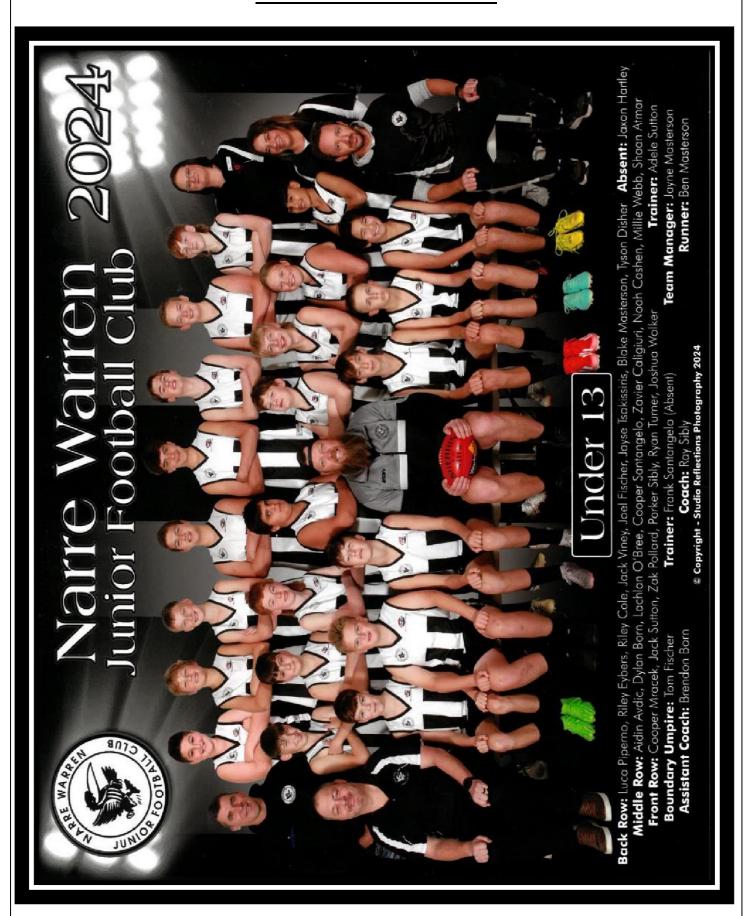
Thanks to all parents for helping throughout the season and a special mention to my support staff for showing incredible support during the season.

Cheers, Rayzor.





Under 13 Team Photo



Under 14 Girls Coaches Report

The under 14 girls was a brand new team this year and what a team they are.

The girls showed true team spirit working together, with our more experienced girls taking the newbies under their wing and showing them the ropes.

It was amazing to see them get some wins on the board.

The following girls Andy, lily, Millie, Zoe, Anya and Ayvalee were also selected for interleague teams and we're really proud of them.

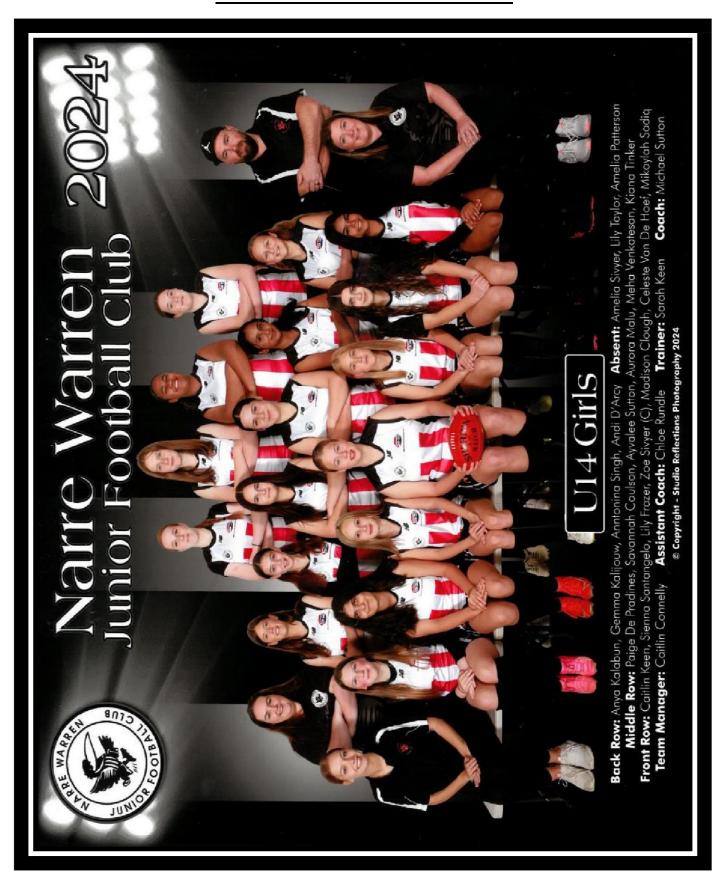
The girls got around Sienna when she kicked her first career goal against Carrum Patterson Lakes which was a wonderful sight to see.

We are really proud of the effort the girls have made this season

Coach Michael Sutton



Under 14 Girls Team Photo



Reconciliation Round – 26th May 2024

Our 11s and 12s were given a remarkable opportunity to hear their first welcome to the country speech from Danny Miller, a valued member of our U12s coaching team, as part of our Reconciliation Round celebrations. This was an incredible experience for our kids to gain a deeper understanding of the significance of this round and its impact on the community.

Wominjeka Wurundjeri balluk yearmenn koondee bik

Means in our language

Welcome to the land of the Wurundjeri people in the Woiwurrung Language of the Wurundjeri People.

Today the magpies played on the Bunurong/Boonwurrung Peoples country

Wurundjeri people called their river Birrarung, meaning 'river of mists', and it was central to their livelihood, their cultural life and their identity. They took their name from one of the trees that grew along the river –'wurun' or manna gum

The leaves of the manna gum had medicinal properties. The smoke was good for healing a fever, Many Aboriginal peoples crafted spear-throwers, boomerangs and shields from the fine, hard wood of eucalypts. The Yarra River / Birrarung

We burn them in a smoke ceremony. The smoking ceremony involves burning native plants, such as eucalyptus leaves, to create a purifying smoke to ward off evil spirits.

National Sorry Day is observed on May 26th each year in Australia. It is a day of remembrance and reflection dedicated to acknowledging the historical mistreatment and injustices suffered by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, particularly the Stolen Generations

These mana gums leaves chosen today, represent the 4 gum trees center of goal post at the

northern end. They will forever now be our mana gum goals.





Special Mentions / Awards

Noah from our U13 was awarded The Mt Eliza Bella Day Medal for Strength and Courage – this cause is to support kids with Cancer and their families. Challenges were incredible during Bella and the Allan family 's journey









Liam from our U12s was awarded the Anzac Day medal, Liam has inspired us all with his phenomenal performance throughout the season, culminating in an astounding 43 goals and a well-deserved third place finish in the league best and fairest award. We offer our most sincere congratulations to Laim for this outstanding achievement and look forward to seeing his continued growth and success in the future







We were delighted to announce that we have won the best conducted club award, which is a testament to the tireless efforts of every single one of our members, volunteers, supporters, and children. This award is a true reflection of the hard work and dedication that we have put into the 2024 season, and we are grateful for the recognition. We could not have achieved this without the unwavering support of our committee members, volunteers, and supporters, who have gone above and beyond to ensure the success of our club.



Our U11s and U13s teams have demonstrated exceptional conduct, and we are thrilled to celebrate their well-deserved recognition as the best conducted teams. This accomplishment is a reflection of their commitment to excellence, and we are honored to have them represent our club. We extend our warmest congratulations to these remarkable teams





Trivia Night – 13th July 2024

Our Trivia Night at our Club was nothing short of entertaining! The event was filled with an atmosphere of camaraderie and friendly competition, thanks to the presence of our life members, some newcomers, and our loyal regulars. It was a sheer delight to see everyone having an absolute blast, making the night truly unforgettable. A big thank you to all who were present! Congratulations to our U9s team who took out the win this year













































MELBOURNE FC COME TO VISIT – 23RD May 2024

We were honored to have five players from Melbourne Football Club, including Clayton Oliver, Tom Sparrow, Bailey Laurie, Ollie Sestan, and Kyah Farris-White, join us for an exhilarating training session with our kids last night. The experience was truly magical, as the children learned from the best and embraced the opportunity to enhance their skills. The atmosphere was vibrant, and the excitement was contagious as the kids made the most of this unforgettable experience. It was truly an evening that will be forever etched.



















NWJFC Fun Day

Welcome to all of our new families that have registered over the past few weeks and today, and welcome back to our wonderful families that have re-registered their kids.

It was so great to see so many new faces and old ones all playing and mixing together.

A big thank you to our fabulous committee, without all you help and support days like this would





























Winter.....























Grand Final 2024 - Under 13s

What an incredible season for our Under 13s team! With strong leadership and dedication, they made it all the way to the Grand Final and just fell short of the championship. We couldn't be prouder of their hard work and determination. This team has shown remarkable resilience and perseverance throughout the season. A big thank you to all the coaches and volunteers who have given their time and effort to support these young athletes.









































Grand Final 2024 - Under 12s

Our U12s team has shown us all what it means to be a champion, both on and off the field. Their journey to the premiership trophy has been nothing short of remarkable, and it's a testament to their unwavering dedication and passion for the game. Thank you to our fantastic coaching staff for guiding these talented young athletes and fostering a supportive











































Around the grounds

We are humbled by the extraordinary efforts of our club's families, who have shown unwavering dedication and commitment to our club's success. To each and every one of our committee members, coaching staff, volunteers, parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, and supporters, offer our heartfelt thanks for your tireless contributions. Your selflessness and devotion to our club are the backbone of our success, and we are privileged to have you by our side.

























































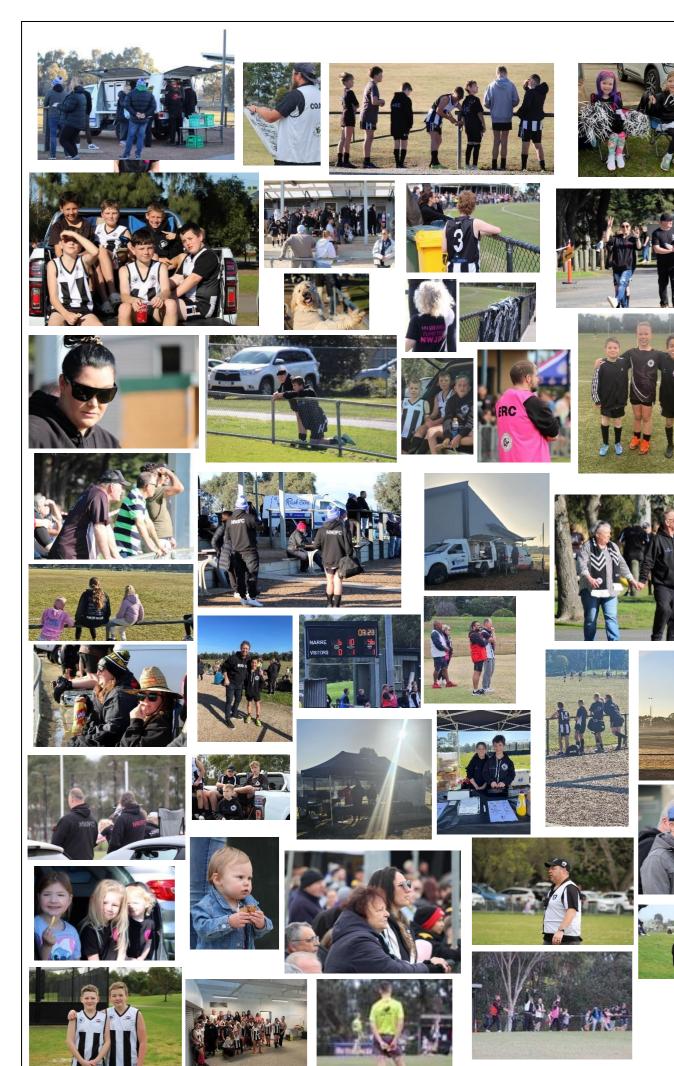


















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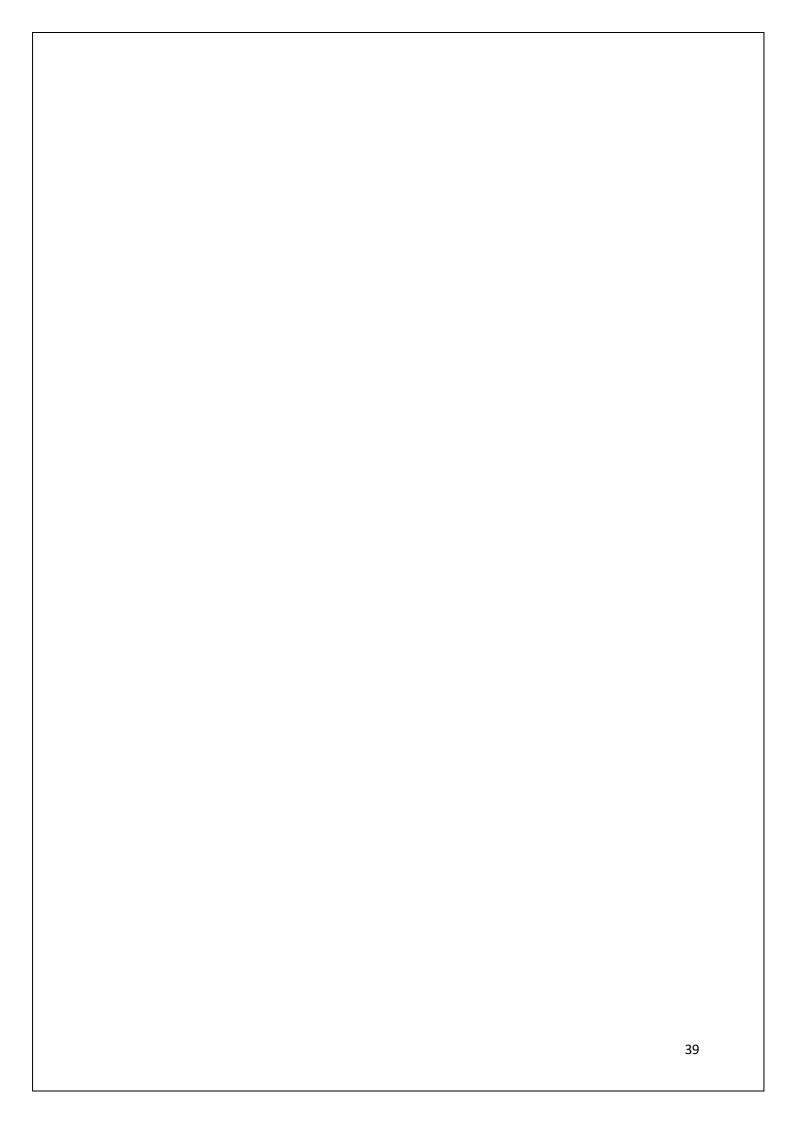
ROUND 1 FINALS



Preliminary <u>Final</u> - Under 13s



GRAND FINAL REVIEW



Thank you all for being part our 2024 Season