THE ROO'S NEWS

The Newsletter of the Officer Kangaroos Junior Football Club



Welcome to our Round 2 update

Round 2 was the club's busiest round for home games in our history. Never before has the club hosted 13 home games.

The first games started at 8:45am and somewhat fittingly the day ended at 5:20pm when the final siren sounded in our first ever U18 Girls match. The first time we've had a FULL compliment of girls teams from under 12-18.

Read on for team updates and important club information.



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From the President

Here's to footy!

Following 2 years of pandemic impacted lives and football, it's good to be back watching our kids doing what they love again. And for the committee, it was something of a relief to get round 1 out of the way.

Following the 2021 season being halted suddenly, it's been difficult getting season 2022 underway, searching for jumpers, stocktakes, getting players registered, organising our academy sessions, practice matches and at the same time growing into the equal largest club in the league.

It's been one of the hardest pre-seasons but we can see the most rewarding of our

21 years as a club.

some achievements for round 1

- Fielding 23 teams, the most in the club's history and equal most in South East Juniors for season 2022
- The first time we have fielded 3 under 10 teams
- The first time we have fielded an u18 girls team
- The first time we have fielded a full complement of girls teams (u12-u18), noting if there was an under 10 girls, we would have fielded that too!

We hope to get you more information updates like this, until then. Enjoy your footy,

Shayne Honey

President OKJFC 0400 242 802



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Anti Social Behaviour

A reminder it is the responsibility of all of us, committee, coaches, officials, players and spectators to ensure that we provide a safe Match Day environment for everyone to attends matches across our league.

We will be vigilant in calling out anti-social behaviour including swearing or threatening behaviour (to any person) that may escalate into something more violent. Prevention is much better than issues management.

We are putting this simply. This type of behaviour is not accepted at our club and we will have no hesitation in asking someone to leave if it continues, this is applicable to coaches, players, parents and supporters. If you witness or need to report anti social behaviour, at a home or away game, please call Shayne on 0400 242 802 for it to be dealt with appropriately.

Social scene

TRIVIA NIGHT – Even after a non-existent 2020 and interrupted 2021, who could no have heard about the famous OKJFC Trivia Night? And yes, it's on again. Saturday 4 June. \$25 per person, tables of 10, limited spots only.

SUNDAY NIGHT MEALS - We will be back from Sunday 22 May with our affordable Sunday night meals. We'll have details soon on which teams get first dibs at dinner, either Lasagne or Parmas every Sunday. Watch out for more soon.



Medic services

You may have noticed the Medic walking around the grounds at Officer Recreation Reserve on match days. This year we are paying to have a Medic on site all day. The Medic can assist with any spectator incidents and injured players. If you want to have the Medic review your child if they are injured, make your way to the First Aid room at the Western Oval. Each week we will update the Medic phone number on duty so they can be called for assistance.

Under 8

Officer Blue - No report provided

Officer White vs Clyde

Goals : T.Pollard 2, S.Guinane 1, D.Young 1, M.Krizay 1, A.Adams 1, L.Webb 1, J.Scott 1 Awards : D.Young , M.Meehl, A.Adams

The boys played their first home game of the season against Clyde which was a rematch from the little demons day the week before. It was a tight first quarter by both team but the boys found their rhythm in the 2nd and were showing some great skill and teamwork. 3rd quarter the boys showed some great defensive skills which set them up to finish the game strong in the 4th quarter. All players did a great effort across the whole ground.

Officer Black vs Beaconsfield

Goals : M Heins, M Potter 2 each Awards: L. Bertoncello

The Roo's were on their home turf against Beaconsfield. Eager and ready to go they played hard and fast. The Roo's were very good at Passing to each other and calling out each other names which is what they have been practising in there training. Great sportsmanship and laughter showed between the two teams and all came off the field after with a smile on their face.Well done Roo's





In The News

We love getting our club in the media. Here's a snapshot of where we've appeared

- Sharing AFL wisdom with Officer Roos Pakenham Star News 31 March, highlighting our night with talks from Gippsland Power coach Ben Cunningham and Richmond General Manager of Performance Tim Livingstone
- Young Roos take a stand on umpires Pakenham Gazette and Star News 4 May, highlighting the work we do to try and recruit new umpires

Sharing AFL wisdom with Officer roos

30/03/2022



Last Thursday night, the Cardinia Cultural Centre turned a sea of blue when 150 players, coaches and parents from the Officer Kangaroos Junior Football Club hosted Richmond Football Club general manager of Football Performance Tim Livingstone and Ben Cunningham from the Gippsland Power, as part of an extension to the club's football academy program.

Having already added a strength and conditioning component provided by Your Body Hub to their 2022 academy, and engaging the services of AFL tackling coach Malcolm Bangs, the club pulled off another coup having the likes of Tim and Ben speak to the U13-18 groups, consolidating their academy program as one of the best and most informative in the area.

Ben Cunningham, the Under 16 coach at Gippsland Power spoke to the club about the NAB player identification process, what NAB league clubs look for in players, talent pathways to the NAB league and how important culture, trademarks and expectations are.

Tim Livingstone shared his knowledge and experiences of being involved at Richmond for 14 years.

They began with asking everyone to ask themselves their 'why'- why they played or coach football.

Tim kept the group engaged and fixated as he encouraged players and coaches to use their strengths and spoke to coaches on how its important to connect with players and plan their coaching sessions.

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The Officer Kangaroos' Football operations manager Jayson Dorey said the dub felt it was important to continually build on their academy program, now in its fifth year.

The program already features football training drills based on and led by Melbourne FC Academy and VFLW program coaches.

"To already be able to evolve our academy, to include sessions specified for tackling, along with strength and conditioning and then to secure two guest speakers of the calibre like Tim and Ben, to help mould and reinforce what we as a club represent, it goes a long way to highlight that we don't just talk about development first attitudes, we coach it ourselves," he said.

"To look out at over 150 of our players, parents and coaches. To see the level of respect they had for both gentlemen and know they were all engaged and understanding that this was just another layer to being a better footballer and person. It gives us a great feeling in knowing we're headed in the right direction."



Young Roos take a stand on umpires

The Officer Kangaroos Junior Football Club OKJFC) is leading the way in bringing umpires

footy. umpire shortage is evident to every coach, parent or fan this year. d while it's something most are aware flicer is pioneering the way to fixing the

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Officer Black vs Lyndhurst Mixed Orange

Goals: Nil

Awards: X Deering and A Luttgens

The Officer Under 9 Black boys played a hard game. Despite not scoring, their determination and energy was a great pleasure to watch. All boys tried their hardest and gave it their best effort. Well done for the first official game!

Officer Blue v Berwick Springs

Goals: D Cowlishaw 2, S Perkins 2

Awards: C Harkness, G Maraventano, S Perkins

For the first game of the year the Officer side were at home to play Berwick Springs. With a strong wind blowing straight down the ground, it was going to make it very tough to score into the wind. The Officer team kicked with the wind in the first quarter and they used the wind to their advantage. After the second quarter it was very easy to see that the wind would play a part in both teams being able to have shots at goal. It was going to come down to which side would use the wind the most. The Officer team were very quick by hands in finding a teammate while they were being tackled, (something some AFL teams might want to look at)! which opened up some space to run and carry the ball. After having the first full game as a side the Roo boys look set to have a wonderful year.

Officer White vs Beaconsfield Gold

Goals: J Henning 2, X Roberts 2, C Stevenson 2, E Portlock 2, H Wylie 2, L Anderson 1

Awards: C Stevenson, B Webb, N Mayor

Officer White had a great away game this morning, everyone getting involved and getting a share of the footy. This showed with 6 Roo boys kicking goals and Liam kicking a beautiful goal from a set shot There were also some good clean tackling causing a few turnovers. Nixon was strong in the middle pushing the ball forward and Brittney & Mason were hard at the ball all game.

There were some great passages of play where the kids were sharing the ball around and working well as a team. Great effort by all involved.

Healthy Sports Club - Injury Prevention

We are continuing to be part of the Monash Health, Healthy Sports Clubs program! We are committed to supporting the health and wellbeing of all players at our club. Healthy Sports Clubs helps our club to create healthier environments that promote health and wellbeing.

We are almost at the stage of being accredited for the injury prevention component of the Healthy Sports Clubs program. Some of the positives so far have been assisting in partnering with health providers, adding a tackling coach and strength and conditioning program into our Academy sessions, getting more coaches first aid accredited so we have trained personnel at training, rewriting our existing policy, assisting in how we manage current injuries and ensuring we have a safer environment at training and games.

Interleague, Metro/Regional championships

The Regional Championships (interleague) and Metro Championships are just around the corner, due to be played on the Queens Birthday long weekend. Players (u13 and up) who have been identified to try out for the squads will be contacted early next week with training set to begin on Wednesday 18 May, before the SEJ interleague coaches cut the squads to the lucky 25 from each age group to represent SEJ.

Good luck to everyone who is identified and we only ask that you have fun, learn and represent Officer with pride.







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Pakenham - Berwick Drouin

Under 10 Blue - No report provided

Officer Black Vs Tooradin

Goals: Flynn Reynard 2 & Noah Macreadie 1

Awards: Flynn Reynard & Xavier Owen

Today our Roo Boys played away, on a bigger ground than we played on last year & we saw some great passage of play using more space on the ground. We faced a really good contest today with a well-matched team.

It was a close one, with some great efforts & contests by all of our Roo Boys throughout the day.

The wind definitely favoured one end all game & it was great to see our boys work hard, to be the only team to score a goal against the wind in the final quarter. Special mention also to Darcy, Jasper, Lir, Noah & Sam who also filled in to help out the U11 White, away to Lyndhurst after our match.

Officer White vs Beaconsfield Gold

Goals: F Kenny 2, J Leone 2, A Howard 1, C Coates 1 **Awards:** M Prentice, W Mita

Today saw the U/10 White Rooboys and girls travel up the hill to the Upper Beac Rec Reserve, to play Beaconsfield Gold. Officer were faced with a tight game, but were able to kick 5 goals in the first half. Their strong defence in the second and third quarters saw them come away with an 8 point win. A great team effort, especially under pressure. The boys and girls have set a high standard for the rest of the season.





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Div: 1

Officer 5-6-36 def Beaconsfield 1-5-11

Goals: I Hitchings 3, L McLaren 1, L Siriwardene 1

Best: A Thomas, O Latour, F Granger, L Siriwardene, Z Medwin **Awards**: O Latour, L McLaren, A Hayes, Z Medwin, A Thomas, L Siriwardene Officer Blue ventured up the road to take on Beaconsfield Blue, who was full of confidence coming off their large win against Cranbourne. With Beaconsfield winning the toss and kicking with the breeze, they were able to kick a quick goal to get a score on the board.

Going into the main break with scores level, the Kangas had the opportunity to reset. The boys came out and their brand of Kanga footy started to come out on top. With hard work, running, spreading and linking up, the Kangas were able to assert their dominance. Well done to all the Roo boys today. Each and everyone played their role, and contributed to a good win!

Officer White 3-4-22 lost to Lyndhurst 4-2-26

Goals: N Carthy-Gill 1, T Knaggs 1, B Lowndes 1

Best: N Carthy-Hill, B Ancilleri, N Ricciuti, J Macreadie, J Thomsen, S Pollard **Awards:** N Carthy-Hill, B Ancilleri, N Ricciuti, J Macreadie, J Thomsen, S Pollard After a hard week at training, the Roo Boys arrived at Lyndhurst hungry. From the first bounce, they hit the ball hard with fierce tackling and quick ball movement against a well-matched side. The boys fought hard all game, only missing out by 4 points, but walked off the field with their heads held high, doing OKJFC proud.





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Round 2 results - Under 12

AUnder 12 Girls A

Officer 0-2-2 lost to Berwick 11-7-73

Goals: Nil

Best: S Fernando, O Cattunar, B Canute, I Baillie, N Puoch, T McCubbin **Awards:** O Cattunar, E Crew, I Baillie, E Born

Excellent game by the Roo Girls today with their tackling pressure once again. Smaller girls were in and under getting to the ball first, and being rewarded by the umpires; which allowed the taller girls to run the ball down the field. The Roo Girls kept the ball within their forward 30 for majority of the third quarter holding the Berwick side to 1 goal. Another tough game, but plenty to be excited about moving forward this season.

Division: B - Officer 17-12-114 def Narre North Foxes Grey 2-3-15

Goals: C Woodward 4, H Sakata 3, J Fitzsimmons 2, T Rowlands 2, D De Jager 1, K
Hope 1, D Loizeau 1, J May 1, L Thomas 1 & C Fitzpatrick 1
Best: J Habib, H Sakata, T Rowlands, C Woodward & J Fitzsimmons
Awards: J Habib, H Sakata, T Rowlands, C Woodward & J Fitzsimmons
The game started off a bit slow but as soon as the Roo boys found their feet, it showed. The boys put their heads down and moved the ball and, in the end, came out with a comfortable win. It's only early days and the team still have a lot to work on, but the Roo boys can hold their head high after that performance.

Division: A - Officer 19-07-121 def Cranbourne 0-5-5

Goals: R Sawrey (6), J Hanegraaf (3), R Papworth, M Peplow, L Sheean, J Sudweeks (2 each), F Tretheway, C Williams

Awards: M Peplow, J Plunkett, T Royakkers, R Sawrey

It was a beautiful sunny day for football both teams got off to a slow start with only 1 goal being scored in the quarter. Cranbourne threw everything at Officer and were very hard at the contest in the early stages. At the quarter time break, the coach asked his players to go back to basics and keep things simple. With that advice, the team piled on 8 goals to nothing in the second quarter. Whilst Cranbourne never gave up, Officer was able to keep up the momentum in the second half outscoring the opposition ten goals to nil.

Officer Basketball

Did you know Officer Basketball is part of the Officer Junior Football Club and operated by a sub committee of the football club? We started the Basketball club as part of our strategic direction 2 years ago, to ensure we gave kids more options to play both sports and to be able to cross recruit, and its been a big success so far with 150 players registered and having junior and senior teams pull on the royal blue and white singlet!

For more information see www.facebook.com/officerbasketball





Raffle tickets

After sponsorship, this raffle is our largest fundraiser with every dollar from every ticket sold coming back to the Club and allows us to add to our club things like the Academy program and having a Medic at no extra cost or fee increases (fees not increased since 2019). Please return all tickets by 1 June to your Team Manager

All tickets (sold or unsold) MUST be handed back to your Team Manager <u>no later than</u> 1 JUNE 2022

KANGAROOS

Div: 1 - Officer 5-6-36 lost to Beaconsfield Blue 7-5-47

Goals: S LaGreca 2, J Phillips 1, L Ramic 1, A Shallcross 1

Best: C Belsham, O Bailey, T Purcell, J Dawson, K Shipway, R Liang

Awards: C Belsham, O Bailey, T Purcell

Today the boys played Beaconsfield at home and after a slow start, they started working harder around the contest and winning the midfield battle. The next 2 quarters saw the boys dominate the play and level up the contest at the start of the last quarter. Unfortunately, some basic skill errors and rushed possessions got the better of us and the boys when down by a kick, more hard work on the basics at training and the boys will start seeing some success.

Div: 2 - Officer White 8-2-50 def Pakenham 3-3-21

Best Players: R. Filpi, H. Rees, R. Bulaon, S. McDonald, D. Luxford & C. Hobson. **Goal Kickers:** D. Luxford, J. Buckland, R. Bulaon, B. Leighton, J. Paulino, H. Rees, R. Filpi & A. Mills-Smith.

Awards: H. Rees, S. Cullino & J.Dineen

Officer White travelled to play Pakenham, in the past both teams have had great games and today was similar again. Officer started slow and kicking into a stiff breeze struggled to get the ball into the forward 50.

But, they held Pakenham to only one goal. In the second quarter the boys found their feet, started to up the pressure around the footy and forced Pakenham to turn the ball over which resulted in goals. In the third the boys worked really hard into the wind also hitting the scoreboard which was really pleasing. In the last quarter the game opened up with the boys kicking some great goals. Well done boys, you should be proud of your efforts today, get to training we have plenty to work on.





Round 3 Fixture

Match Time	Age	Team	Opponent	Venue Name
Officer Recreation Reserve - EASTERN OVAL				
845am	8	8 Blue	Berwick Springs	Eastern Oval
845am	8	8 White	Berwick Springs	Eastern Oval
10am	10	10 White	Narre Foxes	Eastern Oval
10am	10	10 Black	Cardinia	Eastern Oval
1120am	9	9 White	Narre Foxes	Eastern Oval
1120am	12	12 Girls	Beacy	Eastern Oval
1230pm	16	16 Girls	Pearcedale	Eastern Oval
2pm	14	14 Girls	Pak/FG	Eastern Oval
Match Time	Age	Team	Opponent	Venue Name
Officer Recreation Reserve - WESTERN OVAL				
1030am	11	11 Blue	Pakenham	Western Oval
12pm	14	14 Blue	Fountain Gate	Western Oval
130pm	17	17 Boys	Narre Foxes	Western Oval
Match Time	Age	Team	Opponent	Venue Name
AWAY				
9am	8	8 Black	Pakenham	Toomuc
9am	9	9 Black	Nth Dandy Masala	Lois Twohig Reserve
9am	9	9 Blue	Pakenham	Toomuc
845am	10	10 Blue	Berwick Springs	Berwick springs Park
1030am	11	11 White	Berwick Nth	Timbarra Stadium
10am	12	12 Blue	Beacy	Upper Beac
10am	13	13 Blue	Cranbourne	JP Cam
845am	13	13 White	Narre South	Straithard Res
1pm	14	14 White	Beacy	Holm Park
1pm 12.30pm	14 15	14 White 15 Boys	Beacy Frankston Dolphins	Overport Oval





Under 14 Blue - BYE

Under 14 Girls

Officer 1.0.6 lost to Beaconsfield 20-10-130

Goals: - S Mortimer 1.

Best:- A Baker, S Dickinson, R Mcdonald, I Morris, I Mayne, M Johnson.

Awards: I Morris, S Moritmer, A Baker, R Mcdonald, S Dickinson.

The Roo Girls faced a formidable opponent this week in Beaconsfield. Beaconsfield girls came out firing in the first half and with quick successions of goals. The Roo Girls came out with more determination and guts in the second half but Beaconsfield were just too strong.

Div: 1 - Officer White 15-12-102 Defeated Berwick Springs Blue 04-00-24

Goals: K.Boi, M.Ferguson, F.Kneen, R.Mollison, E.Moylan, W.Sharlott, H.Tivendale **Awards:** J.Plunket, R.Filpi, C.Hobson

In perfect footy weather, the boys came out with a slow start, but they finally got fired up and got back to their Roo style of football.

The Ball movement, and their second and third effort around packs with also some great contested marking saw the boys continuously build on their lead and win the game. Great work by all today. Go ROO BOYS







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Call for Umpires



This week the AFL will be celebrating Community Umpiring Week. Umpiring is a great way to get involved in the game, keep fit, earn money, develop life skills and make life-long friends.

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Round 2 results - Under 15/17 Boys & 16 Girls

U15 Boys - Officer 8-13-61 def Lyndhurst 7-4-46

Goals: J Honey, A De La Rue, R Cooper, H Scott, j Ballard, L Pettiford,

N Hathaway, L Limbom

Awards: L Greenshields, J Wierzbicki, B Hobson, M Rees

Today we came up against the very "Fleet of Foot" Lyndhurst. Our boys showed great courage over the ball and in the contest. What was great to see was their continual improvement in maintaining their shape and creating space. A bit more improvement in the straight kicking department will certainly help. Great job today Boys. A game played in really good spirit.

U16 Girls - Officer 6-11-47 def Pakenham 1-2-8

Goals: S Crothers 2, K Dalgleish 1, I Golotta 1, S Walker 1, E Tulau 1
Best: E Code, D Pattison, S Crothers, E Tulau, K Dalgleish, M O'Reilly
Awards: E Kibblewhite, E Tulau, E Code, E Trimboli, M O'Reilly
What a day for the Roo Girls playing in beautiful football conditions.
Roo girls stared off flat in the first half with Pakenham putting on the pressure with
every opportunity. The girls dug their heels in and had a superb third quarter booting
5 goals to give them and awesome win at the end.

U17 Boys Prem C - Officer 1-2-8 lost to Mt Elia 34-12-216

No report provided





Making History

U18 Girls Officer 1-0-6 lost to Berwick 9-10-64

Goal: Z Luxford

In a first for our club, the fielding of the U18 girls team, marked the first time in the club's history we gave a full compliment of girls teams from u12 to 18. We'd have an u10 girls as well only no other club does!

The girls who only came together in the last week and whom many had never met each other, did Officer proud, going up against a Berwick team who have been training and playing together for a while. Officer scored the first goal of the game and remained competitive before Berwick ran away at the end.

First U18 Girls

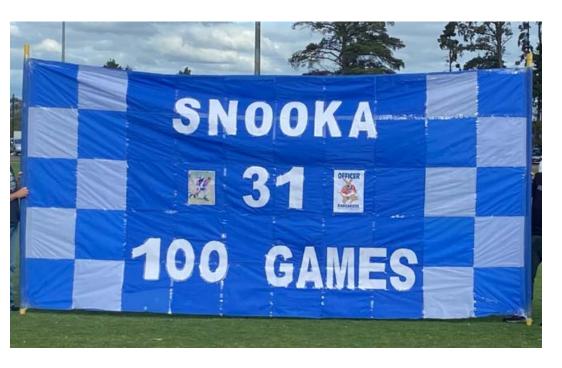




Round 2 Milestones

U14 White Dylan Beetge





U17's Brodie Snooks

Round 2 Milestones



U17's Tyler Canute



U17 Tyler Jakobi

Photos

V/Line Cup 10-12 April Brooke Purcell, Kayla Dalgleish, McKenna O'Reailly, Shelby Crothers (injured)



Photos

V/Line Cup 10-12 April Coaches Tim Ferguson and Shayne Honey



Anzac Day

