

## OFFICER KANGAROOS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

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### Round 1

**Under 17 Boys**

**Div: Prem C**

**Officer v Langwarrin**

**Officer 10-18-78 def Langwarrin 1-3-9**

**Best:** R Mibus, J James, R Wierzbicki, J West, R Perkins, T Burrows, T Canute

**Goals:** R Wierzbicki 3, R Perkins 2, T Canute, Z Marini, M McKenzie, R Mibus, B Weir 1

Great day for football and awesome to be back at our home ground at Starling Road. Conditions were perfect for footy. Covid has not allowed these boys to play for the last 18 months and now the real thing. Officer had a great start to the game with the first goal. From then they controlled the whole game. It started from the centre contest with Westy winning most ball ups and Wheels, Taj and Jack running with the ball at will. They controlled the inside 50's, Riley Wierzbicki presenting up the best and receiving the rewards with 3 goals. Riley Perkins starting at fullback can also play forward kicking 2 goals. The coaches spoke with the players in letting them know what was required and all players did what they were asked. The whole team contributed, and they should be incredibly happy with the win.

**Under 16 Girls**

**Div: 3**

**Officer v Pearcedale Baxter**

**Officer 6-1-37 def by Pearcedale Baxter White Girls 6-5-41**

**Goals:** C Barkwith 3, K Dalglish 2, H Mortimer 1

**Best:** C Barkwith, M O'Reilly, K Dalglish, S Crothers, S Harris, S Dickinson

**50 Milestone Game:** Shelby Crothers

First game for season 2021 saw a great contest and was close all day. After a slow start the Roo Girls got stuck in and pegged back 2 Goal deficits, to be within 2 points at half time. After the break there was some incredibly good hard contested footy which saw the lead swap several times, when the final siren went, the Roo Girls fell short by only 4 points. Great game of Footy Roo Girls. Congratulations to Shelby Crothers on playing her 50<sup>th</sup> game.



**Under 15 Boys**  
**No report provided**

**Under: 14 Girls**  
**Officer v Cranbourne Blue**  
**Cranbourne Blue 8-7-55 def Officer 3-1-19**

**Best Players:** Team Effort  
**Goal Kickers:** M Reimers 2, J Ferrara 1  
**Awards:** O Johnson, E Fitzgerald, S Dickinson, K Worboys

It was a great to see the Officer Girls back playing footy after a year off. After a very close first half, only points separated the teams. Cranbourne Blue came out strong in the third quarter throwing everything at our girls with 3 unanswered goals. Officer played well as a team but was unable to narrow the gap. Cranbourne maintained their momentum in the last quarter coming home with the win

**Under 14 Blue**  
**Div: 1**  
**Officer White v Beaconsfield Gold**  
**Beaconsfield Gold 17-14-116 def Officer White 0-0-0**

**Best Players:** R Yeates, M Rees, L Greenshields, K Scott, D Vane, M Williamson  
**Awards:** M Rees, D Vane, K Scott  
**50 Game Milestone:** Alfie Howat

Today was our first proper hit out for the year against Beaconsfield. The boys were beaten over the day but showed that they can compete at this level. We have areas to work on that we will address at training over the next few weeks, and with some growth in these areas we will hopefully see the boys playing some really good footy. The boys showed great resilience and perseverance never giving up

Congratulations to Alfie Howat on celebrating his 50th Game today, a great effort

## **Under 13 White**

**Div: 1**

**Officer White v Pakenham Maroon**

**Officer White 06-10-46 def Pakenham Maroon 05-01-31**

**Goals:** B Pandey, M Bianchin, B Klenner, K Boi, F Kneen

**Awards:** N Williams, B Greenshields, B Klenner, E Moylan, D Beetge, M Bianchin

Playing Pakenham, (Grand Final rematch) in the opening round 1 clash after 18 months away from footy there was much anticipation from everyone. The game started off with Pakenham on top but the Officer boys worked their way back into it. The game was played at a high standard with the ball moving from one end to the other quickly and at a high physical intensity. The Officer boys slowly worked their way on top and if they had of kicked straight it could have been over earlier. N Williams was best on for us and was well supported by C Houghton, B Klenner, E Moylan, W Sharlott, M Bianchin, B Greenshields and A Tucker. All players contributed throughout the game and have set a very high standard of football early in the season. With players still to come back in, it is going to be an exciting season for sure. Great work by all today.

Go ROO BOYS

## **Under 13 Blue**

**Div: 2**

**Officer v Lyndhurst Orange**

**Lyndhurst 13-4-82 def Officer 2-2-14**

**Goals:** L Strohbeck & R Warne

**Awards:** R Warne, E Temba, B Potter, A Walsh

It was a tough game for the Roo Boys in their first game in twelve months. They played hard but had a few injuries in the second half. They kicked their two goals in the third quarter. Awesome game by all, keep your heads-up Boys.

## **Under 12 Girls**

**Officer v Beaconsfield**

**Beaconsfield 12-12-84 defeated Officer 0-0-0**

**Awards:** L Manhire and R Lougheed

What an amazing day to commence the 2021 season, the Roo Girls were all extremely excited to take field after a whole season off due to COVID. This young team who has inherited some energetic and fearless U10 players seemed to have played against giants today, but that didn't phase them at all. The mid field worked hard to push the ball through to the forwards, Lucy playing extremely well throughout the game as the ruck, but also attacking and chasing the ball. The back was put under a lot of pressure today, the ball seemed to be down there a lot, but no one dropped their heads and they kept fighting and

defending till the end. Unfortunately, the girls didn't get it into their forward as much, but that didn't stop them from fighting until the final siren. It was an amazing game, and with a lot of new faces to the game, the season is looking promising. Great work Coach Maegan, first coaching game

## **Under 12 White**

**Div: 1**

**Officer v Berwick Blue**

**Best:** K Shipway, C Hobson, H Hughes, F Temba & A Mills-Smith

**Awards:** A Mason, S Cullino

Officer White played at Sweeney Reserve. The boys were fired up and looking forward to their first game. With a big emphasis on effort, the boys came out firing and moved the ball well by hand and foot. In the second quarter the boys kept up the effort with great chase and tackling. Great half boys, but we need consistency over four quarters.

## **Under 12 Blue**

**Div: 2**

**Officer v Beaconsfield Gold**

**Beaconsfield Gold 7 4 46 def Officer Blue 5 5 35**

**Goal kickers:** S. Lagreca 2, D. Alcock, D.Bohenkamp, L.Ramic 1

**Awards:** T.Purcell, L.Ramic S. Lagreca

Today the boys took on one of the better teams we have grown up playing against and they were well and truly up for the challenge. After a slow first quarter and a half, the boys started to win the footy and use the ball to our advantage. Apart from a few dropped marks and holding more tackles, overall, this game was one of our best team performances where everybody played a role. It was a hard-fought contest led by our on-ball brigade but unfortunately, we went down by a couple of kicks. The boys can hold their heads up high as we have never been within 8 goals of that opposition before.

## **Under 11 Blue**

**Div:1**

**Officer Blue v Berwick**

**Officer Blue 9-7-61 def Berwick 1-1-7**

**Goals:** M Peplow 1, J Plunkett 2, L Sheean 1, J Sudweeks 3, C Williams 2

**Awards:** N Kelly, R Papworth, M Peplow, C Williams

The Roo boys opened the 2021 season with a match against Berwick Blue at Sweeney Reserve. Berwick have proven in the past to be a hard tough team and today was no different, showing us elements of their game that were exactly that. The first quarter was a real arm wrestle with both teams giving great effort. The second and third quarters saw Officer take control of the game by moving the ball from one end of the ground to the other extremely

well. Players like Peplow, Papworth, Kelly and Alcock gave the forward line players lots of opportunities. In the final quarter the Officer players applied great pressure to the opposition and by the end of the match Officer ran out comfortable winners. A great way to start the season. Keep up the great work Roo Boys and keep working hard at training.

### **Under 11 White**

**Div:2**

**No report provided**

### **Under 10 Blue**

**Little Demons Day**

**Awards:** J Lovell, W Andrews, F Granger, D Scott, L Ramage, I Hitchings, J Dorey, A Thomas,

Today Officer Blue started off their season at Casey Fields for Little Demons day. All the hard work the boys have done over the pre-season really paid off as they faced Narre South Lions for their first match of the day and Clyde for the second game. Ball movement was awesome and an excellent team effort all day.

### **Under 10 White**

**Little Demons Day**

**Game 1: Officer White v Clyde**

**Game 2: Officer White v Narre South Lions**

With the sun occasionally breaking through the clouds, our Under 10 White took to the field for the first time at Little Demons Day after a long break. Our first game was against Clyde. After blowing out the cobwebs, the team started to click together in a physical game. The next game was against Narre South Lions. We settled nicely and with a lot of good ball movement around the field, we showed that we have come a long way from under 8's to 10's.

### **Under 9 Black**

**Little Demons Day**

**Game 1: Officer Black v Noble Park**

**Game 2: Officer Black v Lyndhurst**

The team kicked off their first game against Noble Park and the conditions were perfect. It was an even contest over the two halves & our Roo boys all contributed well. It was pleasing to see the aspects of training come together and all the Roo boys playing as a team, sharing the footy by hand & foot.

Our second game was against Lyndhurst and it seemed to be a great follow up after the earlier game. Our Roo boys came out firing and it was great to see the players kicking to

team mates and a few marks throughout the game. Over both games we had all players spend times across the 3 different areas of ground and have great involvement with the footy. A special mention to 3 of our players, in our second game, who also volunteered to play for Lyndhurst after they were short players - great job Roo boys.

### **Under 9 Blue**

#### **Little Demon's Day**

**Game 1: Officer Blue v Narre Warren South Lions**

**Game 2: Officer Blue v Koo Wee Rup**

**Awards:** A McCallum, E Gillard, T Patullo

The weather held off for footy to finally be back after a long 18-month hiatus. The joy on the kids and parents' faces was priceless at Little Demons Day at Casey fields. After limited training the U9 Blue team came together beautifully today and played really well as a team. We look forward to a great season 2021 Go Roos!

### **Under 9 White**

#### **Little Demons Day**

**No report provided**

### **Under 8 White**

#### **Little Demons Day**

**Game 1: Officer White v Berwick**

**Game 2: Officer White v Beaconsfield Gold**

What an amazing start to kick off the season of 2021 at "Little Demons Day". The weather started off with a bit of drizzle but that didn't stop our team from giving it there all against Berwick. The team called out to each other and had some amazing teamwork going down the field. They also showed the kicking and hand balling skills that they learnt at training. An amazing first game

The second game for the day against Beaconsfield Gold. After a confidence boost from their first game, they were more determined to get their hands on that red ball. Again, they showed great teamwork and used their skills they are learning at training as well as great sportsmanship towards the opposition. They all came off after the game with big smiles on their faces and had a great time.

### **Under 8 Blue**

#### **Little Demons Day**

**No report provided**

**Under 8 Black**  
**Little Demons Day**  
**No report provided**

