



THE BEAR FACTS



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Our Season Begins (Hooray!!)

Following the disappointment of the cancelled season last year, season 2021 commenced on Sat 10 April 2021 amidst great anticipation. Unfortunately someone forgot to tell Mother Nature that we were resuming matches as she turned on a day that presented horrendous weather conditions. Players & spectators were confronted with high winds and intermittent rain showers which resulted in challenging playing conditions – and the portable marquees that we are using as a temporary shelter during the construction works on the pavilion at Koornang Park were put to the test.

In fact, at the end of the day we had one marquee with a snapped frame caused by the gusting wind and some very weary volunteers who spent their afternoon trying to stop the marquees being blown onto Koornang Road (and perhaps beyond).

On the football field, our 2nd XVIII has been very good recording 2 big wins and only narrowly losing their 3rd match. The 1st XVIII took a while to get on the winner's dais recording their first win in Round 3 after 2 narrow losses in Rounds 1 & 2 against opponents that will finish the season closer to the top of the ladder than the bottom.

On the netball court, our results have been mixed. Our 1st team are 1 win from 3 matches – their 2 losses against perennial finalists Heatherton & Dingley so they're not far off the pace.

Our 3rd and 5th netball teams are both undefeated at the end of Round 3 which is a great start to their respective seasons.

The 2nd team got a touch-up in Round 1 but their form in the past 2 matches has been good and our 4th team also took a couple of matches to get a win on the board.

Our match results for the month of April were:

Team	Opponent	Result
1 st XVIII Football	S'vale Dists	Lost 57 - 64
	Hampton Park	Lost 74 - 85
	Murrumbeena	Won 153 - 28
2 nd XVIII Football	S'vale Dists	Lost 37 - 41
	Hampton Park	Won 130 - 31
	Murrumbeena	Won 152 - 20
1 st Netball	Heatherton	Lost 44 - 55
	St Pauls McKinnon	Won 61 - 43

	Dingley	Lost 40 - 60
2 nd Netball	St Pauls McKinnon	Lost 30 - 49
	Dingley	Lost 44 - 48
	South Yarra	Won 39 - 33
3 rd Netball	Heatherton	Won 55 - 49
	St Kilda City	Won 46 - 40
	S'vale Dists	Won 42 - 25
4 th Netball	S'vale Dists	Lost 27 - 30
	South Yarra	Lost 29 - 39
	Port Melb Colts	Won 33 - 28
5 th Netball	Parkdale Vultures	Won W/over
	Bentleigh	Won 44 - 27
	East Brighton	Won 31 - 20

ANZAC Service

We conducted a memorial ANZAC service just prior to our 1st XVIII football match versus Murrumbeena played on Saturday 24 April 2021 at Koornang Park.

The players of both clubs formed a guard of honour, wreaths were laid by the respective clubs and Mayor of Glen Eira (Cr Margaret Esakoff), a bugler played *The Last Post* and *The Rouse* and oral presentations of the relevance of ANZAC Day and The Ode were heard.



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Home Sweet Home

Congratulations to Dylan Rhys-Jones and his partner Julie Oliver who recently purchased their first home.



Dylan & Julie had been trawling the property market for a few months and found their love-nest in Noble Park.

And a little birdy told me that Dylan was too timid to put his hand up at the auction so Julie had to do the bidding – and it was probably best she took control of the situation.

Congratulations Dylan & Julie – we hope you have many years of enjoyment in your new home.

HOTEL BRIGHTON

SFNL Top 25 Players

The SFNL recently announced its top 25 footy players of the Div 2 competition and our lads have featured prominently.

Jake Buggy is ranked # 6. Since joining our club in 2014 as a 19yo lad, Jake has been a star for the Bears and is currently Co-Captain of our 1st XVIII. He is the classical 'run & carry' player often taking possession of the ball in the back half of the ground and running and carrying the ball to set up a scoring opportunity.



Jake Buggy putting us into attack yet again.

Jake was a runaway winner of our 1st XVIII Best Player award in 2019 and was our highest goal-kicker as well with 27 goals for the season.

Ranked # 12 is a newcomer to the Bears' Cave. **Chris Smith** has been a goal-kicking machine over the past few seasons whilst playing for Surrey Park in Easter Football League and joined us this season.

Chris has also played with Coburg in the VFL and is a premiership player with VAFA club Old Xaverians. His experience as well as his goal-kicking ability will be a great fillip for us in season 2021.

Tom Heagney comes in at # 17. He is a 'tough as teak' midfielder who has been an excellent and reliable performer for the Bears since joining us in 2012. He was equal runner up in the 2016 Bennett Medal (which is awarded to the Best Player in SFNL Div 2) and has won our Best Player award twice (2013 and equal winner in 2016).

Tom has the ability to win the contested footy, can kick goals and is a genuine match-winner. He will be a huge part of our push for success this season.



Tom Heagney in action.



Our playing coach **Chris O’Keefe** is ranked # 19 which is rather prophetic as he wears jumper # 19 and has done so for many years. But superstitions aside, Chris has a decorated football CV having won multiple premierships as a player and a coach with Spotswood in the WRFL, back-to-back Barry Priest Medals (which is awarded to the Best Player in WRFL), selection in the WRFL ‘Team of the Year’ on 8 occasions and Spotswood’s ‘Team of the Decade’. Chris has had a long and consistently excellent footballing career and his on-field experience will be a huge part of our push for a flag.



Chris O'Keefe in full flight

Brandon Turner is ranked # 21. He is a strong and athletic key position defender that is rarely beaten in one-on-one contests. Not only does he regularly shut down the competition's best forwards but he poses an attacking threat on the rebound.

Brandon was Runner-up in our 1st XVIII Best Player award in 2017 and will be an important player for us in 2021.



Brandon Turner repelling another attack.

Sports Trainers Required

We require qualified sports trainers for our upcoming football season.

Sports Trainers are required on game days (Saturdays b/w 10.00am–5.00pm) and, if required, training nights (Tuesday &/or Thursday b/w 5.30pm–8.00pm).

Key tasks include taping, massage, injury treatment & management, etc.

Remuneration to be negotiated.

Level 1 Sports Trainer is minimum level of accreditation – courses are available at Sports Medicine Australia.

For more information on the role or to forward an application, please contact Dennis Nicol (Tel. 0412 520 957).



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Sporting All-Rounder

This month's sporting all-rounder is **Kate Cross**. Kate was born in South Africa, moved to NZ as a young girl and migrated to Australia in search of work as a school-teacher so it's no wonder she is adept at various sports.

When living in NZ, Kate played basketball, soccer, volleyball and water-polo and represented her State in soccer & water-polo. She also played mixed social netball during her university days.

Kate started playing competitive netball in 2014 and joined our club a few years later in 2017. She was an instant success with our club being co-winner of the Best Player Award for our 2nds netball team in that year.

In 2019, Kate followed the encouragement of her boyfriend to try her hand at football and she joined the newly formed Rowville Hawks women's football team.



Kate wearing her football premiership medallion and flag

Her footy team-mates were all newcomers to the sport of Australian football but that did not deter them 'coz the girls won the premiership. Kate was Co-Captain of her premiership team and was 2nd in the EFL Best Player award.

Kate continued to play netball and there were many days where she would play her game of netball and a few hours later she'd be pulling on the footy boots.

Kate is playing football & netball again this season and will soon play game # 50 for our club.



And in action on the netball court

2021 Football Fixture

Our football fixture for Season 2021 is shown below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Venue</u>
10 Apr	S'vale Dists	Koornang Park
17 Apr	Hampton Park	Away
24 Apr	Murrumbeena	Koornang Park
1 May	East Brighton	Away
8 May	Keysborough	Away
15 May	Hampton	Koornang Park
22 May	Chelsea Hts	Away
29 May	Skye	Koornang Park
5 June	Heatherton	Away
12 June	No games	
19 June	S'vale Dists	Away
26 June	Hampton Park	Koornang Park
3 July	Murrumbeena	Away
10 July	East Brighton	Koornang Park
17 July	Keysborough	Koornang Park
24 July	Hampton	Away
31 July	Chelsea Hts	Koornang Park
7 Aug	Skye	Away
14 Aug	Heatherton	Koornang Park

The finals' series will commence on the weekends of 21/22 Aug 2021 and Grand Final to be played on Sat 11 Sept 2021.

To see the fixtures for our netball teams please click [here](#).





Social Memberships Available

There's no better way to support your favourite community sporting club than becoming a social member. We have **3 levels of social membership** for you to choose from – details are shown below:

<u>Benefit</u>	<u>Social Member</u>	<u>Silver Bears</u>	<u>Golden Bears</u>
Complimentary drinks & finger food during half-time break of all 1 st XVIII matches played at Koornang Park.	✓	✓	✓
½ price drinks at the conclusion of all 1 st XVIII matches(*)	✓	✓	✓
Bears Bucks	\$30	\$150	\$300
Complimentary tickets to each match-day luncheon		1 tix	2 tix
Complimentary tickets to Major Raffle		1 tix	2 tix
Advertisement of business on club's sponsors' board			✓
Fence banner (to be supplied by GBSG member)			✓
Personalised Glass Tankard			✓
Cost (per person)	\$100 + GST	\$500 + GST	\$1,000 + GST

(*) Please note, the ½ price drinks benefit mentioned above refers to drinks purchased at the conclusion of all matches played at Koornang Park throughout our season by the member for his/her consumption and will not apply to other drinks purchased by the social member.

What do you have to do?

Contact Darren Stait (Tel. 0407 559 383 or via email staity29@bigpond.com) now to become a social member of your favourite community sporting club.

Club Sponsorship

We have partnered with many businesses whom provide financial support for our club which enables us to deliver 2 quality sporting programs to our local community.

These businesses are shown throughout this publication and other mediums (such as Facebook, website, etc) and I encourage all Bears' supporters to support our sponsors whenever & wherever you can.

And if you would like to partner with us, we're sure we have a sponsorship package that will suit your business and your budget.

For as little as \$500 (+ GST) we will promote your business to our players, members & supporters which will drive sales to your business – and you'll be helping your favourite community sporting club.

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COVID19 Safety Message

The safety and wellbeing of our players, officials, volunteers and spectators is our number one priority.

As we prepare to resume our football & netball seasons after a break of 18-months, it is important we do so in a safe, hygienic and controlled manner and we've established a Covid Safe policy which documents our protocols to ensure our environment is as Covid-Safe as possible.

A summary of our Covid Safe policy states:

1. If you are feeling unwell &/or have flu-like symptoms, please stay home and get a Covid test as soon as possible – and please stay at home until you receive a negative test result.
2. We recommend face-masks are worn when you cannot maintain a social distance of 1.5mts.
3. We encourage the use of hand-sanitiser which we will have available at the matches we host at Koornang Park.
4. We will wipe all balls & other property which is shared by players with an anti-bacterial wipe before, during & after matches played at Koornang Park and our training sessions.
5. We discourage players from sharing drink-bottles and other property.
6. We will limit the number of people in any indoor facility to 1 person per 2 sq. metres of floor space.
7. We will have available an electronic contact tracing system for use by all players, officials, volunteers and spectators.

If you'd like a copy of our Covid Safe policy, please contact Darren Stait (Tel. 0407 559 383 or staity29@bigpond.com).



Bears Golf

Our social golf group (Bears Golf) was formed in 2019 and is a great way for our current players, past players & supporters to catch up for a friendly game of golf. We aim to play each month and the details of the remaining rounds for 2021 are shown below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>
Sun 2 May 2021	Ranfurlie
Sun 6 June 2021	Medway
Sun 4 July 2021	X-Golf Mentone
Sun 1 Aug 2021	Flinders
Sun 5 Sept 2021	Mt Derrimutt
Sun 3 Oct 2021	Devil Bend
Sun 7 Nov 2021	Eagle Ridge
Sun 5 Dec 2021	Yering Meadows

Cost to play is usually \$80-\$90pp (or \$300-\$350 for a group of 4 players). The fee includes green fees and lunch (incl. a beer) following the round.

If you're interested in joining the group, please contact Darren Stait (Tel. 0407 559 383).



Mental Health and Wellbeing Program

The SFNL has nominated us as one of its affiliated clubs to participate in a mental health & well-being program being conducted by Monash Uni on behalf of VicHealth.

The program aims to evaluate what you understand about mental health and wellbeing, strategies to support mental health (eg. resilience) and your confidence to support themselves or others with their mental health.

The research will involve the completion of two surveys at different times – the surveys should take 10-15 mins to complete.



So if you're aged 16yrs & over and would like to complete the surveys, please scan the QR code.

And if you wish to learn more about this program, please [CLICK HERE](#).



Player Sponsorship Program

Our Player Sponsorship Program assists in funding our football & netball operations (such as purchasing footballs, netballs, training equipment, medical equipment & consumables, etc) and I encourage you to sponsor your favourite player (or we can select a player for you).

What are the benefits for the sponsor?

An A3-sized poster (sample below) showing a photo of the selected player and your name &/or business logo will hang on the wall of our social room at Koornang Park for all to see your support of our club.

And you will receive a 'Bear Bucks' card valued at \$30 which can be redeemed at our bar &/or canteen.

Cost \$150.00 (plus GST)

Julie Masterson



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Contact Darren Stait (Tel. 0407 559 383 or via email staity29@bigpond.com) now to sponsor a player and support your favourite community sporting club.

Club Apparel

We have many lines of club-branded apparel at very reasonable prices for you to purchase and show your support of our club.

Some of the items we stock are:

- polo shirts
- hooded jackets
- scarves
- beanies
- anoraks
- sports bags

and much more.

Click [here](#) to check the full range – and you can order online.



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