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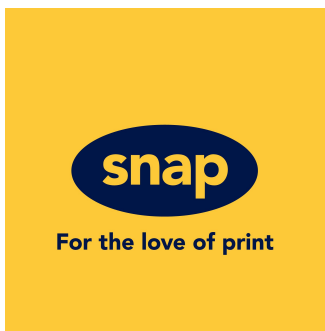


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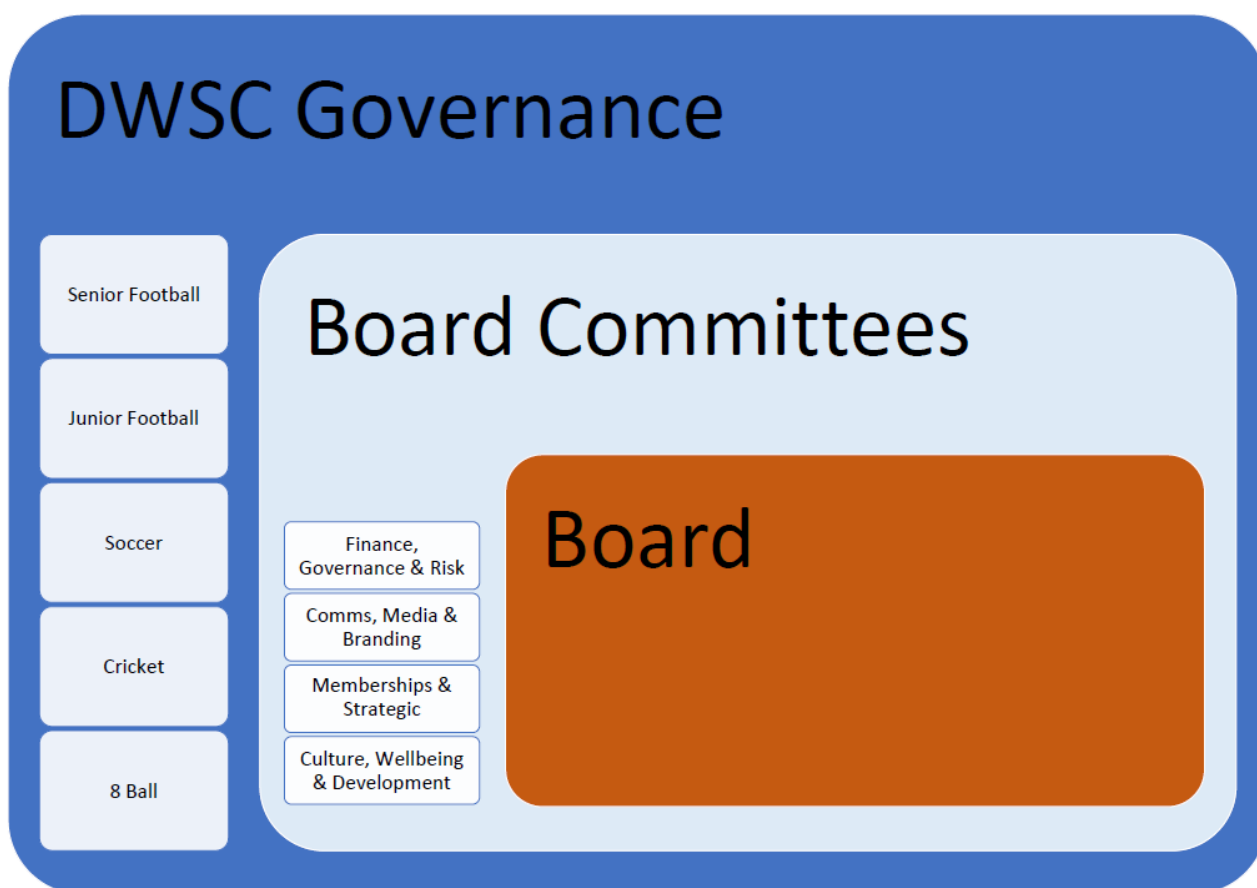
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President's Report

Firstly, I'd like to acknowledge that we train, play and work on the lands of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation and our Club would like to pay respect to their Elders past and present. We also extend that respect to any First Nations people that are part of our Club.

On behalf of the board, I want to reflect on what a great year we've had – on and off the field, we have been active in supporting girls, women and gender diverse people to play sport. And that is such a worthy objective considering how important sport is to people's lives – it keeps up moving in the increasingly sedentary modern life with all the positives for health and well-being.

Thanks to our partners and supporters for their important contribution for us to continue to offer activities that include people with barriers to sport. In particular, we appreciate our important partnership with the State Government and Darebin Council who have worked with us over a long time. I'd like to once again thank our number one ticket holder Chris Scott. I'd also like to thank all of our ongoing and new partners this year - we have put all of their names at the front of this report and ask that you support businesses that are a part of our Falcs family.

I'm always proud of all the players that took the field and played this season because for many of us, that commitment and dedication to ourselves and our teammates is significant in our modern lives.

But this year, I particularly want to make a call out to everyone that worked hard to support them – the team managers, administrators, the coaches, the game officials and the umpires. We salute your efforts and see you as the cornerstone of our Club.

Our 30 year legacy has been built on the back of a Club built to give girls, women and gender diverse people opportunities to play sport when there were serious barriers to that involvement. One of the critical parts of that was pitching in and doing whatever it takes –this year I was really taken by the number of players that organised things off the ground and I am in awe of how our Club has leadership role models in spades! We are often the only club with women in decision-making, administration and wrap-around support for all players at whatever level they want to play, from juniors, seniors, elite and over-35's.

So I'd like to thank all the people who have helped us – the parents and caregivers, the players, the families and friends – your support makes it all possible and I thank you. Give yourself a round of applause.

As part of this celebration of off field effort, I would like to highlight the efforts of our all women board – something that is unheard of in many of the sports in which we compete. The discussions and perspectives are a joy to chair. The efforts of our sports heads, our executive members, our sub-committee members and general member helps us continue to be the Club that everyone loves to belong.

I would especially like to thank a couple of special board members that have been stalwarts of our board who are stepping off the board at this time. Dan Jacobson has been our Treasurer since 2017 and an important part of organising our finances so that we are all confident that we understand how we receive and spend the money that players, sponsors and supporters provide us to run the Club. Thank you Dan for all your efforts over a very long time.

Last year's Club person of the year, Meriki Neiman has also been a critical part of the Club for a long time, with her versatility so relied on, we will sorely miss her! While people may know

her involvement in the soccer side of things, people may not know the management of merchandise, websites, communications and most impressively her brilliance in writing and editing our important VFLW weekly newsletter. Thanks to Mereki for being the intelligence of our Club for so long!

I'd also like to thank new board members Emily Movic and Dani Moore who are also stepping down and thank them for their contributions to the Club.

And we've had a couple of baby Falcs join the Nest this year! Congratulations to Darebin power couple Kate Tyndall and Aasta O'Connor on the birth of Lily this year, as well as Board member Emily Booth on the recent birth of her baby. We look forward to being there for you because we know it takes a Sports Club to raise a child!

So I hope you enjoy this record of activities from this year - you'll be reading about our soccer, cricket and aussie rules teams that have had great seasons together, as well as some that have made finals, grand finals. You'll also be reading how we have been striving to equal the playing field for girls, women and fighting for gender diverse players to have opportunities to play. Because until everyone gets to play, none of us win.

So thank you for all your efforts this year and hopefully we'll see you again next year!

Jane Ryan

President

Treasurer's Report

Danielle Jacobson
Treasurer

In 2023 our community sports operated with a net profit which can be reinvested back into the club. Our community soccer program ran at a profit, and our community footy program broke even. Our community cricket program ran at a modest loss overall, however there was an investment in equipment that was covered by grants from the Cricket Australia's Grassroots Cricket and Next Innings funds.

Our VFLW team cost \$132,762 to run and was funded by a combination of grants, sponsorship and fundraising.

Over the year made a net loss of \$145,014 which was higher than the budgeted loss of \$105,549. This can be attributed to:

- Higher than expected facilities costs, including delayed electricity and gas bills, and increased electricity costs.
- Lower than expected club income from fundraising and donations, grants and partnerships, memberships and merchandise.

We are appreciative of the continued financial support of our many sponsors, members and supporters. Our partnership with Nagle Accounting has continued to support us to ensure the level of transparency and reporting required from a GST registered organisation.

Thanks to the members of the Finance & Governance Committee for their ongoing efforts to ensure the Board has the information they need to make financial decisions for the club. During 2023 we made the decision to split the Treasurer and Bookkeeper role, thanks to Lynne Dryden who has joined the Falcons as a volunteer bookkeeper, and made sure our processes are up to date and our bills paid!

We end the year with a cash balance of \$216,542.

Club Awards

2023 Club Person of the Year - Steph Simpson



The Club Person of the Year Award is intended to be an award of distinction to recognise significant, meritorious, or exceptional volunteer service made by individuals to the Club in any given year.

It is important to celebrate the contributions of volunteers and recognise their hard work and dedication to the club. The Club could not operate without extensive support from our committed volunteers every year.

Life Member awarded in 2023 - Julia Boyle



Life Membership is intended to be an award of significant distinction to recognise special, meritorious, or exceptional service made by individuals to the Club. Life Membership is the highest honour that can be bestowed by the Club and should be regarded with prestige by members of the Club and recipients alike.

Community Programs

Julie Boffa

Board Member & Head of Football

Inclusion and Diversity Programs

Aasta O'Connor, Natasha Groves & Julie Boffa

Program Coordinators

In 2023 we have continued to provide outreach Inclusion and Diversity programs to community groups often underrepresented in sport. Programs aim to build skills and engage participants with the numerous benefits of physical activity to health, wellbeing and social connection.

Our Inclusion and Diversity sessions have been funded through grants from the City of Darebin and Jump Start (VicHealth) and continue due to the generous donations of our Major Sponsors Rams and Sequana Partners as well as most recently, a kind grant from Preston Connect.

In particular, we thank Aasta O'Connor, Darebin Women's Sports Club Life Member and recognised Falcon and AFLW star, for her role in initiating and developing our community programs as our inaugural Inclusion and Diversity Manager, through the Jump Start funding. Natasha Groves has supported Board member Julie Boffa in continuing the programs since July when the Jump Start grant ended, with Tash lending valuable support to coordinating and supporting the delivery of programs.

Learn more about our Inclusion and Diversity program on our website:

<https://falcons.org.au/inclusion-and-diversity-initiative/> and see below for examples of some of our most recent partnerships

Darebin Falcons Young Leaders program



Run over 6 weeks mid year by our inaugural Inclusion and Diversity Manager Aasta O'Connor the Darebin Young leaders program included guest speakers from across the AFLW and Darebin Falcons including our Club President Jane Ryan and Vice President Jasmine Hirst (pictured with participants). The aim of the program was to develop belief and confidence to lead across our junior soccer and footy programs and was a valuable and enjoyable experience for all the young Falcs who participated.

Footy Funability Sessions – Croxton Special School

In Term 3 of this year, AFLW players and Darebin Falcons alumni, Darcy Vescio and Kate Shierlaw, proudly ran a Footy Funability program with students at the Croxton Special school. This was our third offering of the program and the children love it! Darcy and Kate visited the school over five weeks, working with children aged from 5 to 15. As with any footy session, we began the training with a small warm up, then it was time to get our hands on the footy. We broke into small groups, some working on handballing, some working on movement and kicking and some working on tackling – yes, this was the favourite of most of the participants!

We have one more session to run at the school – just before the Grand Final of the men's season. This is expected to be a fun event, packed full of laughter, action and best of all – children enjoying footy!

Footy Skills with Sydney Road Community School

In term 3 this year, Darebin Falcons formed a partnership with Sydney Road Community College (SRCC), aiming to promote powerful minds and powerful bodies for our young people. Jess Dal Pos, Carlton great and the Darebin Falcons [AFLW Player in Residence](#), led the sessions, working with SRCC staff members Tilly Lucas-Rodd, Hawthorn AFLW captain, and our very own Div 3 footy coach and player Brit Griffiths– what a team to learn footy from! Our Inclusion and Diversity Coordinator, Natasha Groves also lent her support.



As is the Falcons footy way, the sessions were started with a sharing circle, promoting something we did during the week that we were proud of. We would then move to work in teams on a skill – handballs or kicking. Excitement was felt when we managed to achieve the skills being developed. Jess closed the session, encouraging the group to support a value or skill achieved during the activity.

Thornbury High School, Thornbury Learning Centre and Good Samaritan Inn.

Jess Dal Pos and Lulu Beatty, supported by Tash Groves with occasional cameos from Darcy Vescio, are currently completing a four week 4th term program for students at both Thornbury High School and Thornbury Learning Centre.



Kate Shierlaw is continuing weekly sessions at the Good Samaritan Inn for women and children escaping family violence, following on from sessions Aasta initiated over 20022 and earlier in 2023.

If you would like to find out more about running inclusion and diversity sessions with schools or community programs that you are involved with, or would like to sponsor or donate to this work, please contact us at contact@falcons.org.au

Falcons Academy

Falcons Academy was again run in the June/July and September/October school holidays and enjoyed by up to 100 participants across the year. We welcome girls and gender diverse footy players across all clubs, or new to footy, providing opportunity to extend their skills, experience AFLW training drills, and most of all have fun.

We thank our 2023 coaches, again former Falcon and Carlton AFLW players Jess Dal Pos (our 2023 Falcon AFLW player in residence) and Lulu Beatty and look forward to more in 2024



Junior Footy Report 2023

Jackie Lynch
Junior Footy Coordinator

Another season done and dusted down at the nest!

We ran three teams this year, the U12s, U14s and U16s. Of these teams, the under U16s made the finals, and on our other (and more important, in my opinion) measures of success such as participation, fun, friendship and learning, this was a fantastic year.



Particular highlights were every home game when the club came alive with flocks of Falcons pulling together to have a good time.

Clinics and skill sessions with Jess Dal Pos (AFLW player in residence) were also a huge highlight throughout the year, as well as our Falcons Academy school holiday sessions.

Other special moments were when Katie Brennan made a return visit to the nest for junior training and our U14s and U16s teams' involvement in NAIDOC week celebrations led by our Aboriginal players and their families.



Team Awards Darebin Falcons U16s 2023

Best and Fairest
Poppy O'Loughlin

Best and Fairest Runner Up
Emily Pivetta

Coaches Award
Christina Cauchi

Player's Player
Molly Atkinson



Darebin Falcons U14s 2023

Best and Fairest 2023
Millie Maher

Best and Fairest Runner Up 2023
Abigail Pratt

Darebin Falcons U14s
Best and Fairest 2nd Runner Up 2023
Abby Fankhouser

Best and Fairest 3rd Runner Up
Grace Barker

Coaches Award
Pia Knight

Falcons Award
Maggie Everard

NFNL Awards

U16 Red Best and Fairest - 2nd Poppy O'Loughlin

U14 Red Best and Fairest - 3rd Millie Maher

I would also like to make very special mention to Abbey and Ella Wright, two players who did heaps of volunteering around the club this year.

Auskick

Another successful year of weekly mayhem with around 17 Auskickers enjoying games and skills. Thanks to the VFLW players who came along to help out.

Thank you to all of the following amazing coaches and team managers and goodbye!

Thank you to all club volunteers, but especially Liam Stephens, Nicole Carwyn, Tannah Hurst & Steve Crowe, Mel Alexander, Aasta O'Connor and Darcy Vescio, Brenda Spencer and Allison White. Also, thanks so much to Julie Boffa.

You are all wonderful Falcons.

I am stepping down from this role at the end of the month, after two years as Junior Footy Coordinator.

We have some exciting times ahead of us, with Lulu Beatty coming in as U18 coach and Tannah Hurst stepping up to U16s. But there are many roles to fill.

We have set up a Junior Footy Committee to run this work in 2024. If interested in joining or finding out more, please get in touch at contact@falcons.org.au

Senior Footy Report

Julie Boffa

Head of Football

2023 was a stellar year for senior community football at Darebin. We were incredibly fortunate to have continuity in our Senior Coaches with Darebin 1 led again by Maddie Webster and Darebin 2, Tom McGuigan. Both were supported by Assistant Coaches new to their roles, and adding trademark Falcon commitment and values, Cameron Williams and Brit Griffen. Heartening was the strong sense of community and camaraderie across both teams.

For Darebin 2, the season got off to a rocky start. Initially placed in Division 2, some serious defeats came our way through the grading rounds and we were relegated to Division 3. While we had fought to avoid this, it brought us into line with the other senior NFNL women's clubs fielding two teams. It attests to the overall growth in women's footy, such that entry level players – who make up the bulk of our Darebin 2 squad – now struggle in Division 2, a good thing for women's footy overall!

Division 3 gave our players new to footy time to find their feet, and under the tutelage of our coaching group, most especially Tom and Brit, develop their skills and knowledge of on field strategy. Despite starting 0-4, Darebin 2 ended the season in fourth place. Darebin 2 went from strength to strength in the final series, beating Diamond Creek 2 in the Elimination final, then fancied opponents Montmorency 2 in the semis and Heidelberg West in the Prelim, before going down to Wallan in the Grand Final 3.2-20 to 2.1-13. An incredible effort by our team!



Darebin 1, NFNL Division 1 Runners Up in 2021, by contrast got off to a flyer in 2022, beating last year's Premiers, Diamond Creek 1, in round 1, and enjoying some great victories across the season. It was a tight tussle at the top of the Div 1 table with close, hard fought matches played against traditional and new rivals in Montmorency 1, Eltham, Banyule and of course, Diamond Creek 1. The final round saw Darebin 1 hold off Eltham at AH Capp Reserve to win fourth place over Diamond Creek 1 in front of one of the biggest crowds seen at The Nest for years. Unfortunately, the following week the tables were turned with Eltham narrowly defeating Darebin 1 in the Elim final, ending our season but not our resolve to return stronger next year.

No Falcon year is complete without further chapters added to our long held Club value to promote inclusion and diversity on and off the field. Darebin 1 and 2 again played their Pride Round for the second year ever, in a double header against Diamond Creek 1 and 2 at AH Capp Reserve, timed to celebrate IDAHOBIT. Our players got behind the round like never before, organising merch including stickers proclaiming *Footy is for Everyone*, and tee-shirts that quickly took on collector item status across all our senior teams, Over 35s included, with their back emblazoned in Progress Flag colours

PROUD PROUD PROUD to be a FALCON. The round was again a huge success, and the rainbow arcs drew lots of attention from our juniors and the Capp dog walkers alike!



Our solidarity with our Aboriginal players and their people was also further strengthened in 2022. Coinciding with the AFL/VFL/VFLW Sir Doug Nicholls Round, Darebin 1 wore our Indigenous strip in their Round 7 Match against Banyule. A special medal was cut to honour Sharon Hughes, a pioneer Falcon footy player from the 1990s and Nan to current Div 1 player Rikki Ryan, awarded to Falcon's best on ground, Dallas Rowland, and later in the year, to Darebin 2 player Tamara Olcorn, playing in the NFNL's Sir Doug Nicholls round, coinciding with NAIDOC week.



NAIDOC week itself was special, celebrated with our Over 35s joining our senior teams for training at AH Capp Reserve, and with our under 14s and 16s at the end of their training, holding a brief ceremony where our Indigenous players and families, led by Rikki, acknowledged country and personal reflections on what their culture means to them.

Another great contribution by our Senior teams was their role in organising and fundraising for the Capp club rooms refurbishment, the first major makeover since we settled in the facility in 2005! Emily Ivanka, herself suffering a season ending injury early in the year, was huge in leading the initial clean out and floor clean, while thanks go to Darcy Vescio, supported by Emily and Jess Dal Pos and Aasta O'connor for selecting the décor and project managing

through to completion. Special thanks go to Board member Emily Booth, who got the ball rolling through a successful TAC grant and a décor plan for Darcy and co to build on. The senior teams fundraiser at the Club sponsor venue, Big Swing, not only was great fun but raised close to \$2000 towards the project. All agree the end result is fantastic!

Finally, we would like to acknowledge and congratulate our team award winners:

Darebin 1

Best and Fairest: Dallas Rowland

Coaches' Award: Jordan Smyth

Most improved: Alyssa Nolan

Players' Player: Claire Hardi



Darebin 2

Best and Fairest: Ruby Cray

Coaches' Award: Cambel Rowland

Most improved: Cassie Willcocks

Players' Player: Rowyn Williams and Jemma Martin

NFNL Team of the Year

Division 1: Claire Hardi and Dallas Rowland

Division 3: Alisha Priestley, Cambel Rowland and Cassie Willcocks

Masters AFL Report 2023

Fiona Munn

Masters O35 Footy Coordinator

The AFL O35 team was very proud of our efforts in 2022, though a narrow Grand Final loss did leave us with a feeling of 'what could have been'.

Led by Briony Milesi, we started pre-season with a weekly rehab / strength session before Christmas and then embarked on an interval running program in January. The focus was very much on each person running to their capabilities and not in competition with others. This proved quite confusing for the AH Capp Reserve (Capp) dog-walkers as some people ran around the oval in opposite directions, while others ran across the oval or in arcs in the shade. All of us hanging out for the speaker beeps and Briony's whistle signalling a rest period!

Round 1 was played at the new Williamstown facilities as we came together with Werribee before the game to remember John Crennan. John played a leadership role in founding the Werribee O35 women's team and was their ever supportive and smiling Team Manager. Falcons Life Member and all-round footy superstar Aasta O'Connor made good on their 2022 Presentation Night promise and played their first O35 game. Jane Lange and Natalie Wood returned to the team after busy and successful AFLW seasons in 2022. It was also the first game as a Falcon for Zoe Bott, who was a keeper from the moment they turned up for the running program in the heat! In a continuing theme for 2023, the bench was minimal.

A few weeks of training adjacent to the Falcons VFLW team culminated in a combined dinner in the refurbished club room. The Grand Final re-match against Port Melbourne Colts was back at Cripse Park in Round 3 with an unfortunately similar result. We welcomed Susan Cadman and Falcons Life Member Shevaun Hogan for their first O35 game. We were particularly thrilled to see Lucy O'Hagan play AFL for the first time, after lots of training, injuries and volunteering.

We hosted Northside Lions at Capp for The Arnell Cup on 20 May, which was also the Falcons Pride Weekend. It was amazing for Brenda (Junior) Arnell to again travel down from Queensland to toss the coin and present the Cup to our winning team. Highlights included the vocal home crowd, the return of Sarah Hammond, Claire Flynn kicking the first goal of the match in their 50th AFL game and the grin on the face of Northside Captain (and Essendon tragic) 'H' when presenting the Lauren 'Loz' Arnell Medal for the best Falcon on the ground to Natalie Wood (Bombers AFLW Head Coach).



Our game in Pride Round was against Port Melbourne Colts in gale-like conditions at Werribee. We acknowledged the victims of the Hunter Valley bus crash, which included family members of the Colt's Belinda Bowey. A cast of enthusiastic Falcons then headed to Castlemaine for the premiere of 'Equal the Contest', a documentary about our sibling club, the Mount Alexander Falcons. There were quite a few cheers and tears during the screening.

An unfortunate turn of events in Round 7 resulted in the game being cancelled on the day due to the ground conditions. It did, however, provide the opportunity for team members to swing past Arden Street Oval to support (and run water for) the Falcons VFLW team in somewhat variable weather conditions. Sunshine, sideways rain, hail and sunshine!

We acknowledged NAIDOC week by gathering with our NFNL U14, U16 and Division 1 and 3 teams and listening to our First Nations players and families. This was followed by always enjoyable training and dinner with the Division 1 and 3 teams. We finally pulled together a full bench for Round 8!

Round 9 at Capp happily coincided with Shevaun Hogan's 200th game (being stranded on 195 games since 2018) and the 2013 VWFL Premiership Reunion, which ensured lots of Falcons legends on the field and in the boisterous crowd. We were thrilled to have Alana Wearne (on permit from the Mt Alex Falcs) join us in fine touch, kicking an eye-catching three goals.

Box Hill North hosted all the teams / games for a fabulous last round at Elgar Park, which also coincided with the epic Matildas v France quarter final in the FIFA Women's World Cup - so everyone was a little distracted and excitable! We again finished the season in second place on the ladder, behind Port Melbourne Colts, resulting in a Semi Final against first time finalists, Parkside Spurs.

The second ever finals series in the Women's Competition started on a glary, late August day at the home of Williamstown (confusingly in Altona North). Our star-studded team overwhelmed the hardworking Spurs to set up a Grand Final replay against Port Melbourne Colts.

Grand Final Week was again a heady mix of nerves and excitement sprinkled with some quiet determination. The most well-attended training session of the season on the Wednesday prior to the Grand Final was an enormous amount of fun, as was the team dinner at The Woodlands Hotel (our regular post-training venue). Helpful scheduling in Round 2 of the AFLW meant we had a surplus of players and some hard decisions were required of the finals selection panel.

The large crowd at JL Murphy Reserve, Port Melbourne was treated to a fierce contest between two teams that have different systems but are very evenly matched on the field. We were ahead all game and withstood a last quarter challenge by the Colts to emerge victorious 4.6.30 to 3.3.21 (Falcons goal scorers: Jane Lange, Erin Nash, Louise Potter, Natalie Wood). Following a dominant display, Natalie Wood was awarded Best on Ground.

We were greeted by the Division 1 and 3 teams on our return to Capp to celebrate the win. As the vast majority of the team were first time premiership winners, the experienced players introduced us to various Falcons traditions - all very above board but involving a lot of cutlery!





At the Grand Final, Louise Potter was presented with the AFL Masters Victorian Metropolitan League (the League) Women's Competition 'Leading Goal Kicker Award'. Brigid Ryan and Fiona Munn were also presented



with the League Women's Competition 'John Crennan Volunteer of the Year Award'. Brig, in particular, puts in an enormous amount of work with the other O35 women's teams and the League to sustain and grow the Women's Competition, while ensuring it reflects and enhances our experience of the game.

I would like to recognise the highly valued contribution of those who attend training most weeks and ensure that we can field and support a team each game. While we are fortunate to have very experienced footballers and talented coaches on our team, it was the improvement in our core training group in 2023 that resulted in teams composed of these players defeating the third and fourth-placed teams and definitively earning our ladder position at the end of the season.

My particular thanks to our magnificent coaching panel, trainers and volunteers, as well as to Taryn Escreet, Rebecca Hickmott and Louise Potter for their invaluable guidance and advice. GO FALCS!

Coaching panel: Julia Boyle, Rachel Hoult, Briony Milesi, Alice Minns, Jane Ryan, Ochre Shaw.

Trainers: Sally Lynch, Emma Thompson, Emma Wearmouth.

Volunteers: Tope Adeyoyibi, Julie Boffa, Emma Keogh, Megan McClelland, Riley Minns, Danny Ryan.

Award winners:



Best and Fairest: Carley Allan



Coaches' Award: Fiona Munn



Coaches' Award: Peta Sirec



Volunteer Award: Ochre Shaw

VFLW Report 2023

Julie Boffa

Head of Football

It was a difficult year for our VFLW team, going winless for the only time since entering the VFLW competition in 2016, but holding firm as a group, celebrating the on field wins that came our way and, to the great credit of all involved, ensuring team spirit remained strong across the season (photo credit: Rob Lawson Photography).

Our team structure and morale took a pre-season hit with the loss of four of last seasons top ten in our B&F to AFLW aligned clubs, while our coaching staff was de-stabilised for the very best of reasons, the birth of baby Lily O'Connor to Head Coach, Kate Tyndall and partner, Aasta O'Connor.

This saw Aasta take over as Head Coach from Kate leading into round 1. Aasta, a

Falcon Life Member, brought extensive experience and expertise at elite levels both as an inaugural AFLW player (Western Bulldogs, Geelong) and as a coach, previously of the AFL national talent pathway and currently as Development Coach in Carlton's AFLW program.

Our Assistant Coaches included returning, fellow Falcon Life Member Shevaun Hogan and Hayden Pfingst, joined for 2023 by Elise Casamento, well known among the Falcon footy community as a Youth Girls Premiership coach, and previous Darebin Division 1 Head Coach.

Todd Kenny stepped back as Strength and Conditioning coach to support the incoming Rebecca Lisle in a mentoring role, while our Club sponsor, Evado Studios Thornbury again provided physiotherapy services, with special thanks to Tom Radicevic for his role in caring for players at training, match day and through any rehab required.

Tom was ably supported by medical trainers Freya Purdey, herself a previous Falcons under 18 player, and Isabelle Roturra. Off field we owe a mountain of thanks to Emily Dal Pos who took on the Operations Manager role at season start, and our ever helpful Property Steward Nikki Claire (and her offsider, mum, Irene!).

Adding to the degree of difficulty our team experienced, was the lack of stability and challenges to our facilities. Due to the sub-standard quality of both the club rooms and playing surface

our allotted home ground in Darebin, Bill Lawry Oval, we have been forced for the last few years to train at La Trobe University. Matches were spread across La Trobe and Preston City Oval, with our access to the Darebin facility restricted as home to the Northern Bullants, the men's VFL team.

Cost aside, an advantage of training and playing out of La Trobe is the excellent quality of the facilities and grounds, including access to the state of art gym located adjacent to the playing field.

Unfortunately, our requirements fall in behind the La Trobe University teams and we were unable to access the training field until after 7.30, with gym following, making for very late nights for players. With a new field coming online at La Trobe in 2024, our access will improve and we continue to negotiate with Darebin Council to secure better access to Darebin facilities, especially though the period the La Trobe oval is re-sown and unavailable to all teams.

Huge thanks is due to all staff for the tireless support and expertise they provided to our players, team and Club throughout the year, irrespective of adversities, and always giving their all.

So too on field, where, despite not getting wins, our team never gave up, fighting hard through the season right to our last game, the much-celebrated annual Pride match, this year for the first time against Carlton at Ikon Park.

Our leadership group was again led by Falcon stalwart and VFLW Captain, Stephanie Simpson, supported by Sally Lynch, Alyssa Mifsud, Angelica Gogos and Karly McNiece, shown below at our season launch and Jumper Presentation at sponsor venue, The Terminus.



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We proudly debuted ten players over the season - Northern Knights young guns Lauren Jatczak and Evie Lee (Knights 2023 co-captain and Darebin 2021 Div 1 grand final player), Sacha Kenny and Julia Phung (also 2021 Falcon Div 1 grand finalists), Piper Louey, Mia Giannopoulos, Zoe Larkins, Stefania Velona, Grace Wake and Alesha White.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge and congratulate our team award winners:

Best and Fairest: 1st Angelica Gogos; 2nd Victoria Blackwood; 3rd Shannon Egan

Coaches' Award: Alyssa Mifsud

Players' Player: Stephanie Simpson

Rising Stars: Piper Louey and Sacha Kenny

Pictured left to right Ange Gogos; Vic Blackwood; Evie Lee; Steph Simpson (credit: Rob Lawson Photography)



2023 Soccer Report

Jasmine Hirst

Vice President & Head of Soccer

This year, 2023, will go down in history as a watershed year for women's soccer in particular and women's sport generally. It was the year we saw millions of people tuning in to and turning up to the world's best female players in the FIFA Women's World Cup, right here in our home country. The incredible display of the beautiful game smashed all records for attendance and viewing and the Matildas became our nation's favourite sports team.

Here at the Falcons, where we have experienced first-hand what can happen when sport for girls and women is actively nurtured and encouraged, we took great pride and enjoyment in seeing women and girls sport being at the centre of discussion across all communities. We rode the roller coaster of emotions with the Matildas, celebrating their spectacular feats and sharing their disappointments. And most of all we rejoiced that we have reached a point in time where all our players and young girls across the world will grow up knowing that all of that is completely normal.

Our Falcons soccer community continues to grow each year. We now have 527 registered players in 2023 - 443 junior and senior players active in PlayFootball, and 84 registered in our MiniRoos Kick Off Program. We have 30 teams from Under 8s to Seniors Women's.

Supporting those players are 46 team coaches and assistant coaches, 37 team managers, 21 Emerging Referees, 11 parent coaches for our MiniRoos Kick Off Program and 14 junior players coaches.

The season began with another Go Fives event over 4 weeks from 7 November 2022 to 9 December 2022. A total of 196 players took part in 2023 from junior Falcons team aged U8-U14, as well as other local clubs such as Brunswick Zebras and Northern Falcons. We were pleased to welcome some new players during this event. Once again, we were able to have our Emerging Referees taking on the role of referees for the event with 11 referees taking part.

Our Community Day on Sunday 12 February was well attended with over 100 girls and gender diverse players involved. Community Day is always a key calendar date which sees our teams, particularly in the younger age groups reach capacity. This year was no exception with some spots remaining only in Under 14s and 18s teams.

Preseason

Preseason training began in late February. We used A H Capp Reserve, G H Mott Reserve, Merri Park and Bell Primary School Oval for Pre-season training. Thanks again to Bell Primary for assisting with the usage of this facility.

Jayne Crowley, our registrar, proved how indispensable she was by falling off her bike and injuring her back, thus being completely out of action for a number of weeks. We struggled through with the registration period, team allocation process and uniform ordering and distribution but we were very glad to see her slowly return to full strength over the course of the season.

Lisa Dowsing provided an amazing contribution to the coordination team during Jayne's absence and afterwards and we are very grateful to her for stepping in to assist and her continued contribution following this.

We held a Gala Day with Essendon Royals at Mott Reserve, and engaged in preseason friendlies against Northern Falcons, Heidelberg United Brunswick City, Northcote FC, Preston Lions , Watsonia and other clubs.

Pre-season tournaments

At Boys and Girls FC in March 25/26 we had 5 teams attend the event in Bendigo. Under 17 Red Team claimed the Champions Trophy over Falcons Under 16 Purple in the final. Our Under 15B White team finishing as runners up while the Under 13 Purple were the Plate Champions. Our U11 Blue team had a fantastic experience and took part in their first penalty shootout. Once again this tournament proved to be a wonderful build up to the season.

We also had a number of teams attend the Keilor Park Charity Event and Merri-Bek Cup

The season

The season began for all teams on 23 April.

W. H. Robinsons Reserve and G H Mott Reserve were used for games, as well as Oulton Reserve, Mott Reserve, Mayer Park and A H Capp Reserve for Training.

Teams included 2 x U8 Joeys, 4 x U9 Joeys, 3 x U10 Joeys (with one regrading to Wallabies mid-year), 3 x U11, 3 x U12 (3 x Joeys (one regraded to Wallabies), 1 x Wallabies/Kangaroos), 4 x U13 (2 x C Grade, 2 x D Grade), 4 x U14 (1 x B Grade, 1 x C Grade, 1 x D Grade), 2 x U15 (1 x C Grade, 1 x B Grade), 2 x U16 B Grade, 1 x U18 B Grade and 2 x Women's teams (1 x SL3 and 1 x SL4).

We had much on field success with 3 of our junior teams making finals - Under 13B Purple, who finished as runners up, Under 16B Purple and Under 15B White who won their grand final, finishing as champions. Under 13C Red finished as league runners up but didn't make finals due to the format in their league.

After a deliberate process of transition the previous year, for our Under 18s to the senior team and ensuring they received many opportunities to play up, our 2022 Under 18s moved up in 2023 to fill out the State League 3 team, accompanied by long term coach Joe Baruzzo. After a period of time adjusting to the transition in to adult football, the team really gelled in the second half of the season and came



home strongly. Falcons striker, Maryam Sahi, was a stand out player in the league, finishing as top goal scorer with 23 goals and the league's Best and Fairest Award.

The Falcons State League 4 team, coached by Duncan Cole also had an enjoyable season, welcoming several new players



MiniRoos Kick Off Program

The MiniRoos Kick Off Program began on Sunday, 30 April with 84 players aged 4-9 registered. As well as a

number of new parent coaches we had 14 junior players assist with the coaching of the MiniRoos program. They provided some excellent coaching and were great role models for our youngest players. Training for the coaches was provided with a MiniRoos Certificate Course on 23 April organised through Football Victoria.

A highlight of the MiniRoos Kick Off Program always includes Mother's Day and Father's Day where mums, dads and special people joined in with the session.

Little Legends Lap - a highlight for our Miniroos

30 of our MiniRoos Kick Off players participated in the Little Legends Lap at Marvel Stadium on 14 July (Bastille Day) as part of the pre-match celebrations for the Matildas v France Send Off match, prior to the start of the FIFA Women's World Cup.

Following the Lap, 23 of the players were then part of the Guard of Honour for the Alumni Matildas (former Matilda players), who were also celebrated at the event.

Once all the ceremonial duties were discharged by our MiniRoos, they then watched the Matildas in action, a thrill for them all and their accompanying adult. The Matildas did not disappoint, defeating France 1-0.

It was a fantastic precursor to what was to come in the Women's World Cup.

School Holiday Clinic with EFF



In the July School Holidays, we held our annual clinic with Elite Female Football with 100 registered players. Caitlin Friend and her amazing team including Melbourne Victory Player, Paige Zois, put the Falcons players through their paces and provided an outstanding school holiday activity for them.

Eagle Hire Goal Keeper Academy

Throughout June and July we ran a Goal Keeper Academy for 25 interested Keepers aged 11 and above. Thanks to our sponsor, Eagle Hire, we were able to engage Lucas Trenkovski U23 Western United Goalkeeper to run small group sessions. This was the first time we have run a specific keeper training program and it was very successful. The standard of keeping improved enormously across all the players who took part and we will look to continue this in future. Our next challenge will be to encourage and provide training to potential keepers in younger age groups and recruit more players to this area of the game.



MiniRoos September School Holiday Clinic

Partnering with Football Australia, we hosted a MiniRoos Holiday Clinic at Capp Reserve on 25 September. 50 girls registered which was the capacity of the clinic. The clinic was delivered by experienced Football Australia MiniRoos coaches. All the girls enjoyed themselves immensely. The coaches were exhausted at the end but very pleased with the level of participant engagement.

In the days following the clinic, there was a burst of new expressions of interest in playing at Darebin Falcons in 2024.



Emerging Referees

The Emerging Referees program continued after its first full season last year. There were 21 Referees as part of the program, aged 13 and up who signed up to become club referees. Training Sessions were provided with FV referee Svenja Zahn. During the season The Emerging Referees were engaged to referee home games for the MiniRoos teams U8-U11 and several

also officiated at Under 12 and 13 games at Robinson Reserve when no FV referee was provided.

FIFA World Cup Activities

With the Women's World Cup in full swing, our very own World Cup was held on the evening of 27 July, prior to the Matildas v Nigeria Women's World Cup match. The U8-U11 teams were allocated to represent a country as listed below. Group A and Group B played a round robin fixture. The players and their supporters had an absolute ball, some dressing up as the real country supporters would.

Jamaica were Group A winners. Brazil were Group B winners. Unfortunately, that night the Matildas were unable to hold back Nigeria, the final score Australia 2–3 Nigeria.



Group	World Cup Team	Group	World Cup Team
A	USA U8 Blue	B	Germany U10 Blue
A	Argentina U8 Red	B	Japan U10 Purple
A	Canada U9 Blue	B	South Africa U10 Red
A	Jamaica U9 Purple	B	Vietnam U11 Blue
A	Italy U9 Red	B	England U11 Purple
A	Nigeria U9 White	B	Brazil U11 Red



The Falcons also held watch parties for all other Matildas games with hundreds of club members attending all of those. We thank Moon Dog Preston for hosting us for several of these events

Soccer Mums @ Women and Girls Extravaganza

The club was invited by the Darebin Council to participate in the Women and Girls Extravaganza held on 2 September at The Home of the Matildas organised by Football Victoria. The club delivered a Soccer Mums session for those wanting to try out soccer.



List of Coaches & Team Managers

Team	Coaches	Team	Coaches
MiniRoos Kick Off	Jordana Blank	U11 Blue	Chris Hotham
MiniRoos Kick Off	Alexandra Cornthwaite	U11 Blue	Anna Kelly
MiniRoos Kick Off	Nik Filips	U11 Purple	Gareth Elvidge
MiniRoos Kick Off	Ryan Hawgood	U11 Red	Natasha Groves
MiniRoos Kick Off	Jamie Reid	Under 12 Blue	Tak Troung
MiniRoos Kick Off	Simon Hede	Under 12 Blue	Jono Cull
MiniRoos Kick Off	Daniel Victory	Under 12 Red	Cameron Schmelitscek
MiniRoos Kick Off	Kieran McMillan	Under 12 Red	Kiran Gurung
MiniRoos Kick Off	Matthew Dive	Under 12 White	Paul Pagliaro
MiniRoos Kick Off	Federico Nusynkier	Under 13 Blue	Nicholas Aberle
MiniRoos Kick Off	Giulia Codini	Under 13 Purple	Vince Fruci
MiniRoos Kick Off	Lucy Lay	Under 13 Red	Chris Fulton
MiniRoos Kick Off	Koko Hildred Beauvallet	Under 13 Red	Tom McKendrick
MiniRoos Kick Off	Madelyne Delahunt	Under 13 White	Jane Holroyd
MiniRoos Kick Off	Illaria Calabrese	Under 13 White	Simon Kuut
MiniRoos Kick Off	Annika Filips	Under 14 Green	Mark (Thomas) Sinton
MiniRoos Kick Off	Audrey Boyle	Under 14 Purple	Ray Marsh
MiniRoos Kick Off	Clio Fayers	Under 14 Purple	Rupert North
MiniRoos Kick Off	Annika Maguire	Under 14 Red	Shoni Maguire
MiniRoos Kick Off	Alice Johnson-Lee	Under 14 Red	John Stensholt
MiniRoos Kick Off	Juliette Wilson	Under 14 White	Jarod Lyon
MiniRoos Kick Off	Troy Crellin	Under 14 White	Trent MacCarthy
Under 8 Red	Gillon Duguid	Under 14 White	Emma Sampson
Under 8 Red	Katherine Sampson	Under 15 Red	Tim Thomas
Under 8 Red	Liz Bower	Under 15 White	Julian Delahunt
Under 8 Blue	Dominic Sulpizi	Under 15 White	Simon Perotta
Under 8 Blue	Sebastian Seeligson	Under 16 Red	Joel Ritchie
Under 9 Blue	Graeme Poules	Under 16 Red	Vinu Patel
Under 9 Red	Peter Vassili	Under 16 Red	Meaghan Block
Under 9 Purple	Eilan Healy	Under 16 Purple	Mereki Nieman
Under 9 White	Tim Gartland	Under 16 Purple	Davide Codini
Under 10 Blue	Greg Rafferty	Under 18 Red	Dave Curwood
Under 10 Purple	Ramon Ralifo	Women's State League 3	Joe Baruzzo
Under 10 Red	Gaetano Galati	Women's State League 4	Duncan Cole

Team	Team Manager	Team	Team Manager
U8 Red	Becky Nallapeneni	U13 Purple	Simon Perotta
U8 Blue	Jennifer Gearing	U13 Purple	Carol McConville
U9 Purple	Angela Marsh	U13 Purple	Kate McCarthy-Ficai
U9 White	Nicola Roberts	U13 Red	Angela Pamic
U9 Red	Rabeeh Charif	U13 White	Rachael Bohan
U9 Blue	Ashok Matthew	U14 Green	Matt Hancock
U10 Blue	Jackie Hanson	U14 Purple	Sonya Schurmann
U10 Purple	Shoni Le Nepveu	U14 Red	Kate Gleeson
U10 Purple	Gabrielle Paris	U14 Red	Kane Leeder
U10 Red	Dani Pes	U14 White	Trenton Gilbert
U11 Blue	Rachel Tonge	U15 Red	Ana Barrio
U11 Purple	Joe Dodd	U15 White	Simon Perrotta
U11 Red	Sarah Ryan	U16 Purple	Jack Coleman
U12 Blue	Angela Marsh	U16 Red	Vinu Patel
U12 Red	Cameron Schmelitschek	U18 Red	Andrew Brown
U12 White	Carmel Ganino	Women's State League 3	Duncan Cole
U13 Blue	Germaine Koh	Women's State League 4	Michael Pummell

Presentation Days & Nights

We held 6 separate Presentation Sessions for the Junior Teams (U9-U18) and MiniRoos Kick Off over the Sundays of 10 September and 17 September. Each included up to 6 teams. All players received a participation medal and teams Under 12 and up were presented with individual awards for players that have been most admired by their teammates, that have worked hard and improved their skills over the season, and always played fairly and brought their best for the team.

Presentation of awards for the women's teams was held at an evening event with AFL and soccer on 12 November.



List of Award Winners

Team	Best & Fairest	Most Improved	Coach's Award	Players' Player
U12 Blue	Emma Mai-Lane	Minty Leat	Louisa Johnson-Lee	Maria Cull
U12 Red	Ariyana Ghotane	Lilian Gatchell	Rhianna Goonan	Saya De Angelis
U12 White	Lola Pagliaro	Valentina Eboli	Marlie Morrow-McConnell	Farrah Dagher Sophie Paris
U13 Blue	Ruby Schurmann	Charlotte Hopper	Isla Moor	Celeste Koh
U13 Purple	Alice Fikai	Femke Van Herk	Delilah Johnson	Alice Fikai
U13 Red	Esther Fulton	Polly Weir	Ilaria Faulknor	Mia McCormack
U13 White	Greta Alves	Ruby Testro	Isabel Logan	Emily Di Natale
U14 Green	Rose Bradley	Eliza McGinlay	Lucia Brouwer	Clara Dessi
U14 Purple	Alexandra Marsh	Elke Crotty	Lily Schurmann	Scott Ballard
U14 Red	Tess Fredrickson	Elke Bell	Ophelia Tan	Alice Johnson-Lee Klara Stensholt
U14 White	Nico Wensveen	Ava Sampson De Moiser	Dorethea King	Neve Snelders
U15 Red	Rosita Curmi	Sara Benhim	Blanca Thomas	Iseult Davis
U15 White	Delia Haselgrove	Sienna Galati	Odette Rosza	Odette Rozsa
U16 Purple	Indi Rodger	Kendra Costi	June Dibble	Chiara Tagliano
U16 Red	Ada Breach	Lila McEvey	Ruman Rashid	Elinor Hastings
U18 Red	Talia Paris	Sally Scruby	Hannah Brown	Talia Paris
Women's State League 3	Maryam Sahi	Miki Kobayashi	May Champion	Zoe Hayman
Women's State League 4	Christina Hardie	Jo Dunbar	Joselynn Nassimbwa	Christina Hardie

Skill Acquisition Program (SAP)

Under the guidance of Head Coach Mereki – our Skill Acquisition Program began on Players in the U10 and U11 age groups joined an extra session to hone and extend their skills.

With much interest from players from MiniRoos Kick Off and Under 8 and 9 Teams we also added an additional session for these players coached by Jono Cull and Federico Nusynkier. The SAP training was provided at no cost to the players.

Waiting List

We have ended the season with 143 enquiries on our waiting list who could not be offered a place in 2023. These enquiries will all be asked to resubmit their interest for 2024. The FIFA Women's World Cup has been a major driver of these enquiries.

Facilities

A new cricket pitch was installed at W H Robinson Reserve in March of 2023. Unfortunately rather than having the effect of improving the playing surface for soccer, this modification made the ground unplayable for a full pitch game due to the concrete sticking up well above the grass line and the pitch being at the top of a hill. This meant that there was much last minute rearranging of fixtures during the season which was extremely time consuming and frustrating.

Lights were installed at Mott Reserve last season but the official opening was held in 2023. At the official launch we invited 30 players, each representing our 30 teams to demonstrate the impact that these lights would have on the women, girls and gender diverse players of Darebin.

An extra training facility for the whole season helped enormously to spread out our training, provide enough room for each team to run high quality training and reduce wear and tear on the grounds, meaning less games were cancelled towards the end of the season.

At the end of the soccer season the cricket nets were officially opened. As part of the cricket net project, a large storage cage for portable goals was included. This will make a significant difference to the Falcons program as we will be able to invest further in suitable goals for our MiniRoos teams.

Throughout the season many members of the Falcons community have contributed to the budget consultation process or contacting their local member or Councillors about the state of the Robinson Reserve pitch. We were very pleased when it was announced by the Council around half a million dollars had been allocated to upgrade the field in 2024. If all goes to plan, we look forward to starting next season on a pristine surface and being able to once again host full pitch games (for Under 14s to seniors) at our home ground.

Thanks

Thank you so much to all the Darebin Falcons coaches, team managers, volunteers and in particular Maria Caruso, Jayne Crowley, Kirsty Althorp, Lisa Dowsing and Tash Groves. It takes a village to run a successful soccer program and we have an amazing community of people at every level here at Darebin Falcons who work very hard to ensure we offer a great experience for all the players at the Falcons.

Thank you to all players who bring a positive attitude every week with a desire to learn, play and develop, and their parents as without their support this would not be possible.

Junior Cricket Report 2023

Emma Sampson
Cricket Coordinator

2022/23 was the fifth season of fielding teams in juniors cricket. In a season marked by COVID, wild, wet and stormy weather conditions and in a wider cricket environment where the sport is finding it hard to attract and retain juniors, Falcons have proudly maintained strong participation this season.

This season we fielded 4 teams, 32 players, 5 coaches, 3 scorers plus and 4 team managers. Not to forget umpiring in more than half games. Live scoring and used our scoreboard for the first time?! Our under 16 team merged with the Brunswick Cricket Club and had a successful season as a combined team.



Thanks to coaches Chris Wright, Chris Shurmann, Dan Miles, Chris Hotham, Emma Sampson, Scorers Damien Pratt and Rachel Bohan and to Team Managers Zoe Ellis, Michelle Spinks, Drew George and Ray Marsh.

The Falcons have values of being visionary pioneering girls and women, fun, resilience, welcoming, proudly feminist - inclusive uniquely female/gender diverse only club for our players. We know that when young people feel safe and supported they play well and thrive. But that doesn't mean we aren't competitive! When people feel they belong they are able to play well.

This season we've had one player part of the Youth Premier League (Mackenzie Runciman), Dorothea King Abigale Pratt, Alexandra Marsh and Xanthie Wright Hall took part in the VMCU cricket carnival playing representative cricket, four of our players received North West Metropolitan Cricket Association awards, with Abi Pratt scoring second highest batting/runs in the association for U14.

Playing cricket at the Falcons has led to players championing girls participation in school cricket and for others has led to opportunities for leadership and confidence building, as players practice and gains skills throughout the season.

One of our Under 14 teams made it to the finals, and our Under 12 team won the premiership!

It wasn't an easy season with rain and storm damage interrupting many games, but players and coaches continued to show up and gave it their best!



Our aim is to grow our Cricket Blast program so our players have a pathway in the falcons, we'd love to see the return of a Seniors team too. We know there's an opportunity to benefit from diversity of communities in Darebin too. But to do all of this we rely on the help of volunteers - club doesn't exist without everyone playing an active role.

At an association level NWMCA the girls pathway continues to grow and flourish. The NWMCA is again the only Victorian Cricket Association to offer the complete pathway from U10 Girls to Senior Women due to the ongoing support throughout our cricket community. Nationally, cricket continues to be ranked 7th for females when choosing a sport.

We hope to see cricket continue to grow at the Falcons!

2023 Eight Ball

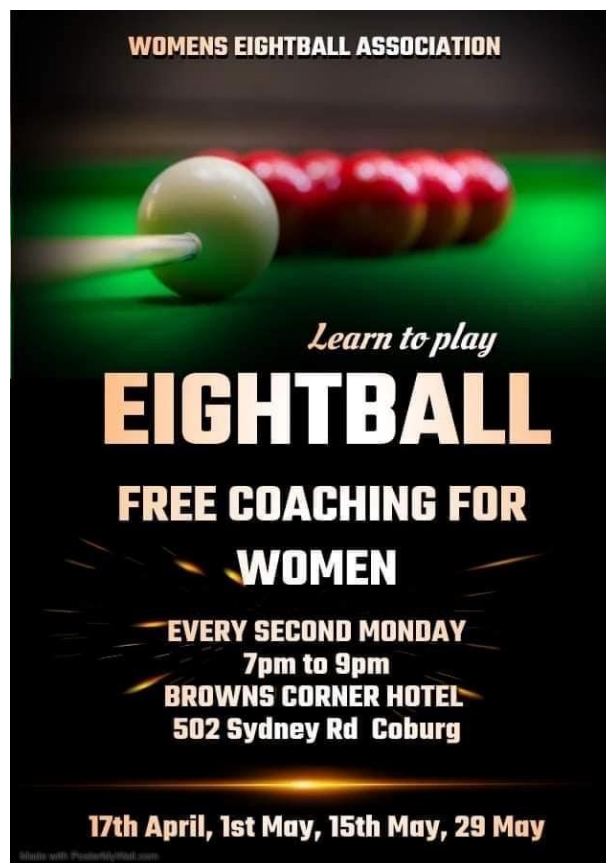
Sally Rees

Head of Eight-ball

Eight-ball in 2023 continued as a social sport with opportunities to join in and play some friendly games while being coached by experienced eightball players offered every second Monday at Browns Corner Hotel.

With Capp clubrooms refurbished, we are looking to formally reinvigorate the pool table with more social opportunities in 2024

If interested in joining in, let us know at contact@falcons.org.au and we'll put you in touch.



Audited Accounts



**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW
DAREBIN WOMENS SPORTS CLUB
ABN 28 780 574 660**

Regulation 15, Form 1

*Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012
Sections 94 (2)(b), 97 (2)(b) and 100 (2)(b)*

Annual statements give a true and fair view of financial performance and position of incorporated association.

We, Nagle Accounting Pty Ltd, act as independent financial statement reviewer and certify that:

"The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of Darebin Womens Sports Club during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending 31 October 2023."

Yours sincerely,

NAGLE ACCOUNTING PTY LTD

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elise O'Dea", written over a faint, stylized graphic element.

**ELISE O'DEA
Chartered Accountant 533816**

Dated 17 November 2023

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Balance Sheet

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Darebin Womens Sports Club

As at 31 October 2023

Cash Basis

	31 OCT 2023	31 OCT 2022	31 OCT 2021
Assets			
Bank			
Darebin Womens	324.76	2,492.21	52,374.61
Everyday Account	9,899.51	323,247.49	214,423.97
Petty Cash Account	762.90	31,003.95	2,213.55
Term Deposit	200,000.00	-	-
Total Bank	210,987.17	356,743.65	269,012.13
Fixed Assets			
Office Equipment	3,109.08	-	-
Total Fixed Assets	3,109.08	-	-
Total Assets	214,096.25	356,743.65	269,012.13
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
GST	(418.93)	(2,785.41)	(1,758.26)
Historical Adjustment	(2,028.01)	(2,028.01)	(2,028.01)
Rounding	0.91	0.89	(0.15)
Total Current Liabilities	(2,446.03)	(4,812.53)	(3,786.42)
Total Liabilities	(2,446.03)	(4,812.53)	(3,786.42)
Net Assets	216,542.28	361,556.18	272,798.55
Equity			
Current Year Earnings	(145,013.90)	88,757.63	118,631.55
Retained Earnings	361,556.18	272,798.55	154,167.00
Total Equity	216,542.28	361,556.18	272,798.55

Profit and Loss

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Darebin Womens Sports Club
For the year ended 31 October 2023
Cash Basis

	2023
Trading Income	
Soccer	
Fees - Soccer	89,076
Revenue - Soccer Uniforms	2,920
Soccer - Canteen Revenue	18,032
Total Soccer	110,028
Cricket	
Fees - Cricket	2,373
Total Cricket	2,373
Community Footy	
Fees - Junior AFL	9,095
Fees - Senior AFL	17,096
Fees - AFL Masters	6,725
Revenue - AFL Uniforms	3,607
Community AFL - Canteen Revenue	18,109
Total Community Footy	54,631
Fundraising, Grants and Partnerships	
Fundraising & Donations	15,112
Grants & Partnerships	11,364
Sponsorship	55,129
Total Fundraising, Grants and Partnerships	81,605
Other income	
Interest Income	2,047
Other Revenue - Community Programs	6,816
Other Revenue - Club Events	7,172
Other Revenue - Membership	771
Other Revenue - Merchandise	12,971
Total Other income	29,776
Facilities	
Other Revenue - Club Fee (internal)	14,560
Total Facilities	14,560
VFLW	
VFLW - Income	10,500
Total VFLW	10,500
Total Trading Income	303,473
Gross Profit	303,473

Operating Expenses

Community Footy

Community AFL - Coaches Courses	545
Community AFL - Equipment	6,458
Community AFL - Fee Refund	(45)
Community AFL - Honorarium	3,550
Community AFL - Junior Club Fee (internal)	1,480
Community AFL - Masters Fees	3,993
Community AFL - NFNL Costs - Other	165
Community AFL - NFNL Fees - Senior	11,759
Community AFL - NFNL Fees - Junior	5,008
Community AFL - Other	628
Community AFL - Senior Club Fee (internal)	1,900
Community AFL - Trainers & Physio	2,820
Community AFL - Trophies & Gifts	1,136
Community AFL - Uniforms	8,950
Community AFL - Canteen Stock	6,141
Total Community Footy	54,488

Cricket

Cricket - Club Fee (internal)	640
Cricket - Coaches Gift	267
Cricket - Junior - Equipment	2,165
Cricket - Registration Fees	830
Total Cricket	3,901

Facilities

Facility Management	36,043
Facility Management - Electricity and Gas	13,066
Facility Management - Rent	4,968
Total Facilities	54,078

General Expenses

Soccer - Canteen Stock	3,988
General Expenses - Merchandise	12,301
General Expenses - Community Programs	37,388
General Expenses - Altruism Fund	607
General Expenses - Consulting	53,725
General Expenses - Event Costs	5,650
General Expenses - Board Costs	1,904
General Expenses - Marketing & Promotion	6,179
Bank Fees	1,030
Total General Expenses	122,772

Soccer

Soccer - Club Fee (internal)	10,540
Soccer - Equipment	4,828

	2023
Soccer - Fee Refund	1,943
Soccer - FFV Fees	8,421
Soccer - Honorariums	11,300
Soccer - Referees	12,467
Soccer - Sundries	240
Soccer - Trophies & Coaches Gifts	4,618
Soccer - Uniforms	15,629
Total Soccer	69,986
VFLW	
VFLW Program - Equipment	4,797
VFLW Program - Facilities	23,019
VFLW Program - Staff	57,019
VFLW Program - Nutrition	1,767
VFLW Program - Other	4,967
VFLW Program - Player Merchandise	364
VFLW Program - Player Payments	11,400
VFLW Program - Player Uniforms	12,284
VFLW Program - Sports trainers / doctors	20,031
VFLW Program - Technology	7,616
Total VFLW	143,262
Total Operating Expenses	448,487
Net Profit	(145,014)