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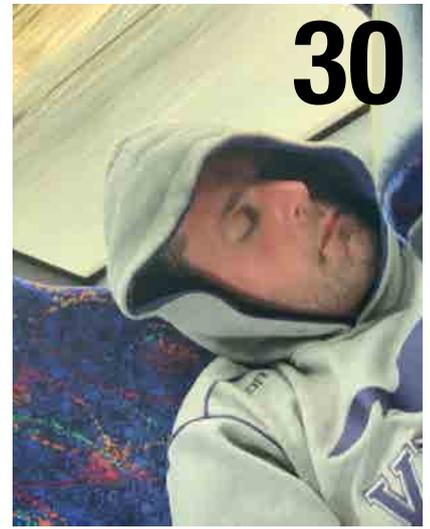
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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Thank you for reading the pandemic issue of the Australian Police Football Association Journal. This issue is usually reporting on the lead up to a National Police Football Championship, affectionately known as the Carnival. But here we are, 9 months into the biggest public health pandemic of the world, with no Carnival in sight.

In March 2020, when the news of the pandemic hit, and restrictions started, the conversation nationally was that if we hang in there, this 'thing' might resolve itself and we may still be able to have the 2020 Carnival in Melbourne as planned. We held out till June to make a decision, and then had to call it. No carnival for 2020. We were devastated.

So much was affected beyond the initial health threat of our members and the community. The flow on effect of restrictive measures impacted all facets of life. Extra workload due to extended duties, redeployments to borders or hotels, partners losing jobs or income, children away from school and sport, mask wearing, sanitization, testing, work from home, work from MS Teams / Zoom, the list went on. The 'New Normal' they called it.

Police often see different sides to their cities, towns and beaches, but this pandemic created a new environment. Police saw their communities in quiet eerie modes. Businesses closed and possibly lost for good, buildings empty, public transport silent. You could feel they were there,

but the silence was deafening. Of those who were moving around, there was either a pensive expression, or one of distaste, where often the fuzz had to step in, and do the dirty work.

Before the lock downs in April 2020, we suffered a huge blow, with the tragic crash that killed 4 Victoria Police members; Constable Glen Humphris, Leading Senior Constable Lynette Taylor, Senior Constable Kevin King and Constable Josh Prestney. What seemingly was a simple highway traffic job, something we have all done, turned into a cluster of tragic errors that is now the subject of a complex court proceeding. There will be no winners. We can only honour their sacrifice and keep their memories alive. Despite what your personal views are on the response to the pandemic, I think we can all agree, none of us were ready for it. Not financially, politically or emotionally.

I think our society got exposed, and when we tried to implement measures, it either got messy or took time to adjust. People hate change, especially rapid change. Police are usually resilient to rapid change and are trained to respond to changing conditions quickly. That doesn't mean we like it. It means we have the 'stuff' to deal with it and get the job done. Rightly or wrongly, we execute the plan and respond to the change. Could we do things better?, of course we could. But that doesn't mean we should regret what we did. We learn, move forward and try again. I think the majority of society understands our plight and sees us

doing our best and don't take it personally. Police find ways to debrief, exhale, reset and come back again, and again. That's what the Carnival is about, resetting.

That then leads us to 2021. The Carnival is still on course to be held in October 2021 in Melbourne. What it looks like?, no one knows. We will plan for the worst and hope for the best. It is still our intention to have a great carnival in the mecca of AFL. The plan to continue our quest for a women's championship is still in focus and we encourage women police to consider getting involved and help with the planning and logistics. We are right behind our Victorian comrades, who had the hardest of lockdowns in the country. If we pull it off next year, I think it will be the biggest party we will ever have.

Thank you once again to our partners, Emergency Media, for assisting in producing this publication and our annual Desk Diary, and all the advertisers that support us. As an Association, we have been through adversity before and we will do it again. Together, with a will to meet up and compete, and build a great carnival atmosphere, we are sure to be back to normal soon – in whatever way that may look.

Keep punching.

Zac Cook | APFA Director



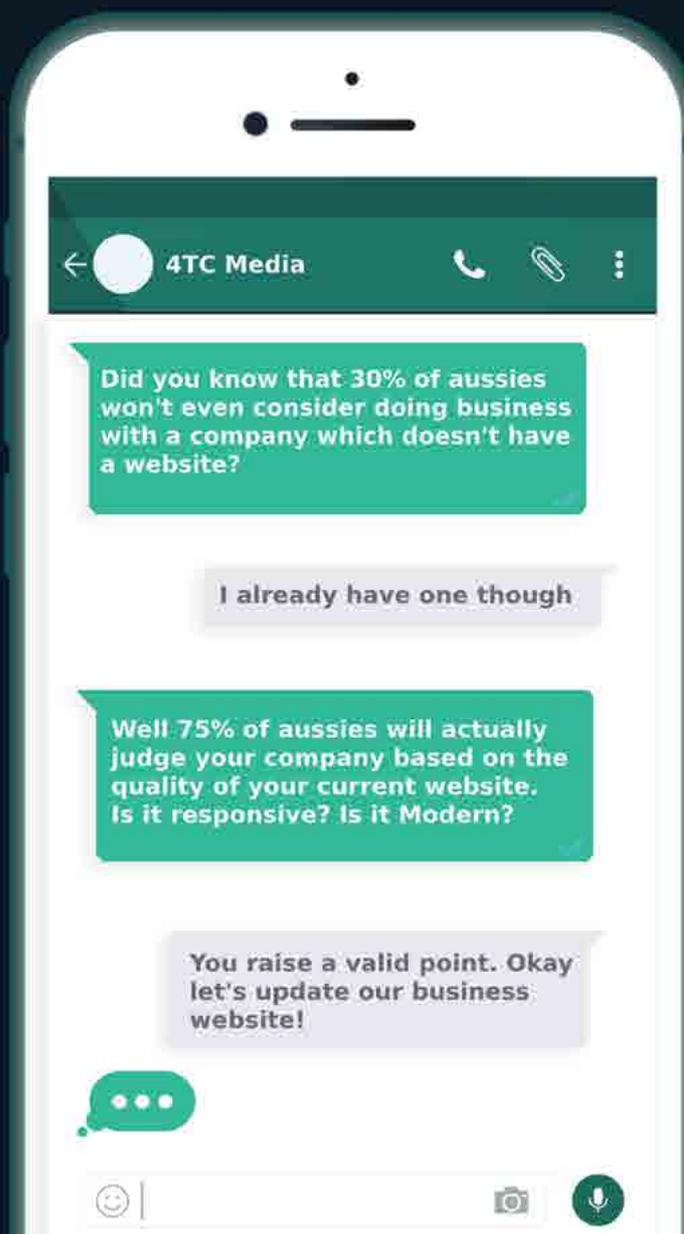


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NPFC 2019 – RESULTS

DAY TEAM GOALS BEH SCORE

ONE

VIC	30	17	197
NSW	1	1	7
QLD	18	15	123
TAS	4	2	26
SA	10	5	65
WA	9	6	60

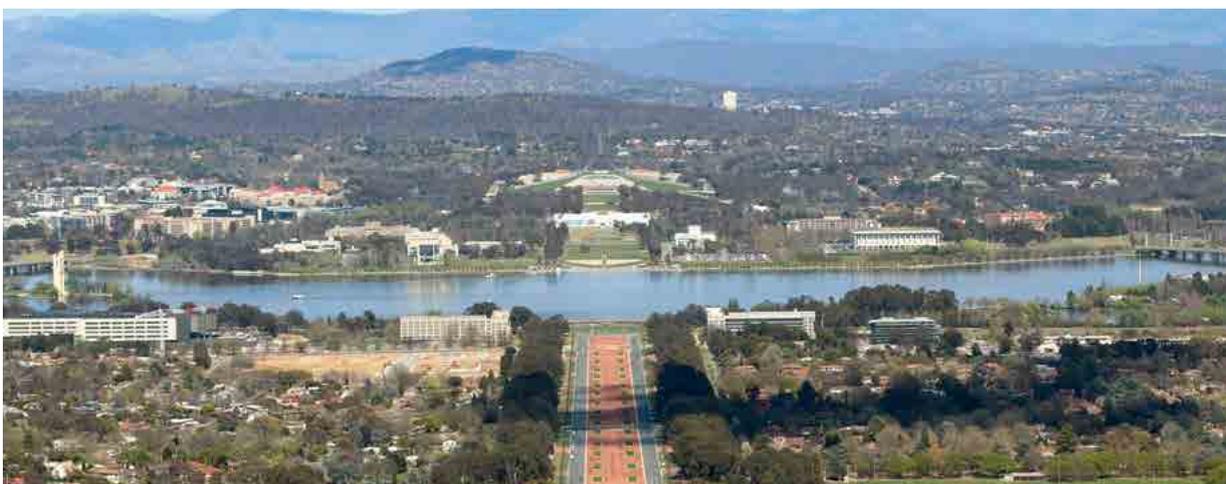
TWO

QLD	8	8	56
NSW	4	2	26
WA	16	13	109
TAS	2	1	13
SA	10	8	68
VIC	8	6	54

THREE

TAS	8	8	56
NSW	4	2	26
VIC	10	7	67
WA	8	5	53
SA	19	14	128
QLD	4	7	31

Team	Won	Loss	For	Against	%	Pts
SA	3	0	261	145	180	12
QLD	2	1	210	180	117	8
VIC	2	1	318	128	248	8
WA	1	2	222	145	153	4
TAS	1	2	95	258	37	4
NSW	0	3	59	309	19	0



HONOUR ROLL – LIFE MEMBER

VICTORIA

- 2019 Dean Kelly, Lachlan Cartledge, Steve Owen
- 2018 Lionel Allemand (Legend)
- 2017 Bret Lavars, Francis Adams (Legend), Joy Gelly (Legend)
- 2016 Aaron Henneman
- 2015 Angus Sutherland, Matt Whitty, Nigel Bloomfield
- 2014 Chris Power
- 2013 Paul Gates, Jacob Bugeja, Andrew Button, Matthew Kershaw
- 2011 Kemal Brkic, Ben Cornish, Mark Dacey
- 2008 Peter Merrigan
- 2007 Dave Young, Deb Doyle, Eddy Barake
- 2006 Mark Morris, Kev Perry, Joy Gelly
- 2005 Allec Caughey, Trish Rhodes
- 2004 Warren Gilbert
- 2003 Frank Adams
- 2002 Ben Bradley, Tim Moreland
- 1999 Lionel Allemand

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- 2019 Wayde Roberts
- 2018 Brad 'Sheep' Fry
- 2017 Blair Moulton, Paul McKenner, Billy Massoud, Marty 'Dog' Atkins (Legend)
- 2016 Steve Richardson, Ossie O'Henry, Phil Owen, Luke McCulloch
- 2015 Mick Burnby APM, David Johnson, Mick Bailey, Simon Bowen
- 2014 Ben Croy, Paul O'Keefe, Gavin Carter
- 2013 Gerard Gibson
- 2012 Brendon Shanahan, Stuart Lapsley, Mathew Muletta
- 2011 Neil Vanderplank, Steve Dobson, Lindsay Pankhurst, Nathan Hansen
- 2010 Ron Adams, Gary Armstrong, Shane Ball, Kerrie Graham
- 2009 Manus Walsh, Graeme Johnston, Darrell Hagan
- 2007 Jeff Beros, Brad Cooper, Denym Witherow

- 2006 Bill Chidgzey, Dennis O'Rourke
- 2005 Adam Matson, Graeme Doran
- 2004 Jason O'Keefe, Gavin Miller
- 2003 Craig Keals
- 2000 Marty Atkins, John Deleo
- 1997 Jim Allan

QUEENSLAND

- 2018 Kayne Nund
- 2014 Brendon Carr, Brad Wilson, Daryl Stephenson
- 2013 Stewart Manning, Darryn Parkes, Chris Collins
- 2009 Darren Goodall

NEW SOUTH WALES

- 2017 Ross Donaldson
- 2016 Brad Redfern, Brad O-Grady
- 2015 Trevor Hangan
- 2014 Keith Claxton, Brian Hudson, Rudi Bylsma
- 2013 Brad Freney
- 2012 Michael Corboy
- 2011 Stephen Hudson, Tim Young
- 2010 Brenton Harrison
- 2009 Daniel Coughlin

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

- 2019 Brad Dabrowski
- 2018 Barry Lewis (Legend), Tristan Shaw, Zac Cook
- 2017 John Dicker (Legend)
- 2015 Jeff Riley
- 2014 Brett Girardi
- 2011 Sam Bailetti, Steven Pitt
- 2010 Martin Short, Dean Handke
- 2009 Rob Gregory
- 2007 Darryl Crossman

- 2006 Paul Schwartz, Matthew Kluzek
- 2005 Julian Snowden, Les Buckley
- 2004 Colin Kirkwood
- 1999 John Dicker, Barry Lewis

TASMANIA

- 2019 Michael Quill
- 2018 Mark Beech-Jonas (Legend), Ken O'Garey (Legend)
- 2017 Paul Stanley, Steven 'Camel' Fry (Legend)
- 2016 Rhian Appleton
- 2015 Matt Zukauskas
- 2014 Dan Walton
- 2012 Peter Hudson
- 2010 Doug Rossiter, Michael Hinchin
- 2009 Pat Groves
- 2008 Mark Beech-Jones
- 2006 Stephen Hortle, Leigh Devine, Michael Glancy
- 2005 Glenn Bowerman
- 2004 Steven Fry
- 2000 Michael Maher
- 1999 Graeme Hickey
- 1995 Ken O'Garey

OFFICE BEARERS

- 2019 Frank Adams (president)
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- 2017 Frank Adams (president)
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PAST CHAMPIONS

– OVERALL STATE CHAMPIONS

No.	YEAR	LOCATION	PARTICIPANTS							WINNER
32	2020	Carnival Cancelled - COVID Pandemic								
31	2019	Canberra	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	SA	
30	2018	Hobart	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	VIC	
29	2017	Adelaide	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	SA	
28	2016	Cairns	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	VIC	
27	2015	Perth	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	WA	
26	2014	Melbourne	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	VIC	
25	2013	Sydney	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	SA	
24	2012	Hobart	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	SA	
23	2011	Adelaide	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	SA	
22	2010	Brisbane	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	VIC	
21	2009	Perth	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	VIC	
20	2008	Melbourne	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	VIC	
19	2007	Launceston and Hobart	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	VIC	
18	2006	Sydney	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	VIC	
17	2005	Adelaide	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	SA	
16	2004	Brisbane	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD		VIC	
15	2003	Perth	VIC	SA	TAS	WA			VIC	
14	2002	Melbourne	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	VIC (A)		VIC	
	2001	<i>Carnival cancelled – Demise of ANSETT</i>								
13	2000	Launceston	VIC	SA	TAS	WA			VIC	
12	1999	Adelaide	VIC	SA	TAS	WA			VIC	
11	1998	Melbourne	VIC	SA	TAS	WA			VIC	
10	1997	Perth	VIC	TAS	WA				WA	
9	1996	Hobart	VIC	SA	TAS	WA			VIC	
8	1995	Adelaide	VIC	SA	TAS	WA			SA	
7	1994	Melbourne	VIC	SA	TAS	WA			VIC	
6	1993	Perth	VIC	SA	TAS	WA			WA	
5	1992	Launceston	VIC	SA	TAS	WA			SA	
	1991	<i>No Carnival</i>								
4	1990	Adelaide	VIC	SA	TAS				SA	
3	1989	Melbourne	VIC	SA	TAS	NSW			VIC	
2	1988	Wollongong	VIC	SA	TAS	NSW			SA	
1	1987	Hobart	VIC	SA	TAS	NSW			SA	



BEST & FAIREST – LEWIS / ALLEMAND MEDAL



2020	No Carnival			
2019	Darcy Bardon	VIC	Zac White	QLD
2018	Matt Wade	VIC		
2017	Shaun Harrison	VIC	Tom Carroll	SA
2016	Shaun Harrison	VIC		
2015	Tom Carroll	SA	Brad Fry	WA
2014	Shaun Harrison	VIC		
2013	Stephen Hudson	NSW	Matt Moody	WA
2012	Tom Carroll	SA		
2011	Tom Carroll	SA	Nathan Hansen	WA
2010	Ryan McGahey	SA		
2009	Travis Bull	VIC		
2008	Scott Howard	VIC		
2007	Marty Atkins	WA		
2006	Matt Kluzek	SA		
2005	Stephen Hudson	NSW		
2004	Daniel Sage	VIC		
2003	Marty Atkins	WA	Matt Kluzek	SA
2002	Adam Henry	VIC	Matt Kluzek	SA
2001	No Carnival			
2000	Leon Higgins	VIC		
1999	Marty Atkins	WA	Paul Hattenfels	VIC
1998	Danny Shaddock	VIC		
1997	Marty Atkins	WA		
1996	Marty Atkins	WA		
1995	Steven Pitt	SA		
1994	Doug Koop	VIC		
1993	Steve Richardson	WA		
1992	Marty Atkins	WA		
1991	No Carnival			
1990	Kym Richardson	SA		
1989	Grant Williams	VIC		
1988	Alex Lunn	SA	Paul Patterson	SA
1987	Allan Sutherland	VIC		



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NEW SOUTH WALES

Championship Finished, Time to Breathe

2019 Championships what a year! The theme for NSW Blue Heelers was **'Iconic'**. Celebrating our 15th year back in the Championships our club's mission statement was **Innovation, Stewardship & Heritage**.

I'd like to thank the NSW Blue Heelers Executive & Committee for the hard work they put in for the past 2 years. Without their commitment to individual projects, as hosts, we could not have produced a Championship that we would have been proud of.

Having said that, we know it is important to realise that there is always improvements to be made... so 2025 look out!!

It was such a huge effort to put the week on with a lot of the work done in long term preparations. Through the week, Heelers put their hands up to assist in any way possible. I don't think I can say thank you enough to everyone involved in the Championship for everything that they did. Special mentions to Adam Dawes & Dennis Rider (Merchandise Team & Club Cap the 'baggy blue'); Joel Matheson (Transport) and Kurt 'Webby' Webb (Social Director) who could 'forget' Wednesday night (pun intended). But there are many more, too many to list!

Also a huge thank you to the families of those heavily involved in the organising. You put up with our many trips and phone calls throughout the journey.

Canberra as a choice for locating the Championship was in some ways an unknown, but, to the Blue Heelers it was an obvious decision. There were significant representations of all states in the Nation's capital and what we all stand for.

We cannot thank our Championship partners and sponsors enough.

Ainslie Football Club & Ainslie Social Club, the venues both playing and socialising were first class. Two years ago we came to them with a business and marketing plan and immediately the answer was 'Yes'. The teams from both organisations were professional and no task was too great, we thank them sincerely.

To **Mantra**, we thank you for providing wonderful accommodation in close proximity to the playing venue. When you have squads that are playing a week of football, you want to be able to trust that you've got a venue that is comfortable and relaxing. Thank you also for ensuring our playing uniforms were prepared for each of the game days.

To **NSW Police Legacy** and **AFP Legacy** our Championship Charity Partners, it was an honour to be able to raise funds and present at the Closing Ceremony. I was, along with Brad O'Grady, able to attend the Australian Federal Police Legacy Ball held at Parliament House on the Saturday after the

Championships. Hearing the real life background stories and meeting some of the recipients of those funds, from providing meals to a family, assisting in the education of a child who has lost a parent or having children attend a camp with other legatee's was a humbling experience. I thank all the states for their participation in raising those funds, well done.

To **AFL Canberra** who walked with us in the preparation of the Championship through to the Umpires who basically donated their time for the week. Very much appreciated.

To our Sponsors, particularly **Total Ventilation Hygiene Services, Police Bank, Police Association of NSW and NSW Police Council of Sport**. Without your financial support our Championship would not have taken the shape it did and we sincerely thank you for your ongoing sponsorship over many years.

It was an honour to be able to commence the Championship with a service at the National Police Memorial and Wall of Remembrance. I thank all the dignitaries and representatives of each of the states, for their participation... to start the week like this was a special moment. It was a simple service as a reminder of the reason for these Championships and the 'Cups' that we all play for.

Hasten the Dawn.

Sunday was a day to remember for another reason. Long had the NSW Blue Heelers been reminded by our colleagues every year, that there was a game missing,...so when the opportunity arose we took advantage. And what a game! All Womens NSW versus Victoria.

We viewed these women as pioneers of women's football amongst the policing community and hope that this competition can grow much like the men's has in its many years.

A huge thank you goes to the **Victorian Police Women's squad** and the **VPFC** for not just paying lip service to the need for this game to occur but actually bringing a squad with full intent on taking the inaugural **Lillian Armfield Cup**. A woman who stood for change.

A welcomed visitor for the match (& unofficial Patron for Victoria) was Susan Alberti AC who is very vocal in her support of women's sport and we cannot thank her enough for her attendance. When asked she posted on Twitter:

Today I am honoured to be involved with the 2019 National Police Football Championships Canberra. First ever Police AFL match for women at National level. I will attend a formal service prior to game at the NPM to honour our police men and women who have sacrificed their lives.

And afterwards;

Today in Canberra at the APM I will get an opportunity to give thanks to our police men and women. My father was a good and honest policeman. I am so proud to be his only daughter. He cared so much for Australia and Australians. Glad to have been a part of this

NSW squad was equally set and led by Captain, **Sandra Janjetovic** and despite not pulling on a guernsey, **Assistant Commissioner Talbot** was a very vocal Patron in her support of our team and no doubt in victory.

On a sunny Sunday afternoon in Canberra seeing the first ever Lillian Armfield Cup match take place was truly special. There was so much pride within that New South Wales team who all wanted to win. The result went NSW's way, as President of NSW I was very happy for our Squad, but, the way both sides went about their preparations and played the game, it was a great afternoon.

What made it even better was having everyone there watching the match, hearing the cheers and jeers when some of the hits took place and generally just some great football. Congratulations to the NSW Women's squad for being the inaugural winners of the Lillian Armfield Cup.

In another Twitter feed by **WomenSportAustralia @auswomensport**;

We salute today's staging of inaugural Australian Police Football Association Lillian Armfield Cup featuring NSW v Victorian AFL policewomen's teams playing at 5:30pm Alan Ray Oval Wakefield Ave Ainslie Canberra under captains Sandra Janjetovic NSW & Diana Coutts Vic (pictured)



The fixturing for the week of the competition was of course different to other years and we make no apologies for this. We made no secret we were advocates for change. We sought advice from various people around the country who were happy to see something different and we know that it wasn't perfect, but it led to a 'results driven' outcome. Play your best throughout the week and Friday will be what it is meant to be. All the games on Friday were played with gusto and positions were on the line!

Congratulations must go to **South Australia** for winning the Championship. It was great to see **Queensland** giving it their best to try and take out their first Championship.

For NSW our Men's squad and Captain, **Gregory Adams** and Coach **Brenton Sommerville** come up against two strong sides on the first two days of competition in Victoria and Queensland and unable to get a win. But this didn't deter the passion and pride shown in the Heelers guernsey during these matches. Friday saw the Blue Heelers come up against **Tasmania** who, at halftime, had a good old fashioned 'rev up' by passionate Tasmanian and Senator, **Jacqui Lambie**. It also didn't help the Blue Heelers when they were unable to stop that running game of yours truly as the clock was turned back.

Congratulations to our Master's squad and Captain **Daniel 'Coggers' Coughlin** who also 'turned back time' to beat an illustrious and eminent Australian All-Stars squad, much to delight of Men's Patrons **Assistant Commissioner Michael Corboy & Detective Inspector John Zdrilic**. It was great to see some familiar faces and some of the dazzling skills of yester year.

The conclusion of the week was bookended by another iconic location with a celebration at the **Australian War Memorial** inside the Anzac Hall. It truly was a special place to finish not only a huge week, but the years in planning. Thanks go to **Amy Duggan**, our MC, to guest speaker, **Kevin Sheedy AO** and to our special guests and dignitaries.

Our thanks also go to **Stanley 'Budda' Connors** and the **Ngunnawal People** whose custodial dedication to land was represented in the All Australian guernsey. The guernsey depicted not only Ngunnawal Country as a meeting place for both men and women but included the state birds as representation of the Championships and it's meaning.

As the Championship finished it was time to breathe.

Thank you to the APFA States. You gave us the space to put on a Championship that allowed us to put on a week that WE were about, but also represented YOU. But now it is time to look forward to Melbourne and wishing all the best to the Vics. If you need us in any way, we are more than happy to help.

With the addition of women's football it is important that we all work together for our men and women's teams that are playing and continue to be the benchmark of interstate policing competitions.

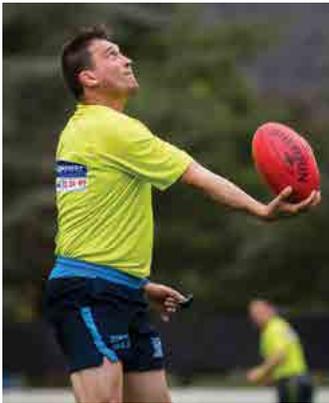
One final note, it is important to remember that we do not have to do this on our own. We have now *advocates*, in Susan Alberti and Kevin Sheedy.

We don't have to aim for unrealistic goals, but we can make things easier and gain traction where we need it most in partnerships and sponsorships. There are also organisations like **@auswomensport** who can give us exposure and in turn provide exposure for our long time sponsors as return on their investment in us.

I'll see you all in October. In the meantime take care and be safe. Kind regards.

Bradley Redfern
President, NSWPAFC Blue Heelers

THE TEAM



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WOMEN'S POLICE FOOTY

Setting the Standard in Women's Police Footy

It's an honour to represent the Blue Heelers in the 2019 Inaugural Women's match at the National Police Football Championship. The championship largely focuses on remembering fallen police across the country, with the women's match being no exception.

We will take on our colleagues from Victoria and compete for the Lillian Armfield Cup. Lillian Armfield was a founding female police officer and ultimately in charge of all female police officers towards the end of her career. She was highly accomplished, becoming the first female Detective in the country, as well as, the first female to be awarded the King's Police and Fire Services Medal, the equivalent of the modern-day Australian Police Medal (APM).

The NSW Blue Heelers team consists of women from all rank structures and playing experiences within NSW, who will come together to play as one. I am so proud to be awarded the opportunity to Captain/Coach our team, as we battle it out against the Big V, in what I hope to be the start of a stand-alone Women's Competition in years to come. I look forward to seeing our team grow from strength to strength, in what will be an incredible display of teamwork and comradery as we set the bar in Women's Police Footy.

Sandra JANJETOVIC
Coach NSW Womens Blue Heelers

The APFA are recruiting women footballers, so if you are interested in joining a team email policefooty@gmail.com



LILLIAN ARMFIELD

Lillian May Armfield (1884-1971), policewoman, was born on 3 December 1884 at Mittagong, New South Wales, daughter of George Armfield, labourer, and his wife Elizabeth, née Wright.

Educated locally, she wrote a clear hand, could spell and cope with arithmetical problems. About 1907 she became a nurse at the Hospital for the Insane, Callan Park, Sydney, where she looked after female inmates. She left in 1915, favourably recommended by the medical superintendent for her competence and kindness to patients, to apply for a newly established post in the police force.

When recruited as probationary special constable on 1 July 1915, she was 5 ft 7¾ ins (172 cm) tall, weighed 12 st. 10 lbs. (81 kg), and had light brown eyes, brown hair and a fair complexion. She was described by her interviewing-officer as 'very intelligent, tactful, shrewd, capable... Character undoubtedly good and a very suitable candidate'. Lillian Armfield was paid 7s. 6d. a day, no uniforms were provided and no overtime or expenses were allowed.

After a year's probation she was enrolled as a special constable and was obliged to sign an agreement with James Mitchell, inspector-general of police, binding her to the same discipline as her male colleagues, but she was deprived of any right to compensation for injuries received in carrying out her duties and had to renounce all superannuation rights.

The experiment of Lillian Armfield's appointment was watched with interest overseas, for she was one of the first plain-clothes female detectives, exercising the same powers of arrest as male colleagues and working side by side with them.

Although her work primarily concerned women and girls; it often led her into cases involving murder, rape, theft, drug-running, the white slave traffic—indeed the whole catalogue of crime. Often it led her into danger as when she disguised herself to gain admittance to suspected houses and, having done so, remained inside to open the door to the raiding police.

Although brave she was also sensible and recognized that discretion could be the better part, as when she picked up her skirts and ran for her life from 'Botany Mary' (a cocaine-runner caught in the act), who came after her with a red hot flat-iron. Lillian Armfield was much concerned with the social aspects of her work. Much of it was preventative, such as tracing runaway girls and

inducing them to return to their homes before they came to serious harm, or warning young women of the dangers of a bullet-wound or razor-slash through associating with known criminals.

Although the value of her work was officially recognized, promotion was slow. By 1 November 1923 Lillian Armfield had become a special sergeant, 3rd class, and by 1 January 1943 had risen to 1st class.

In 1947 she was awarded the King's Police and Fire Service Medal for outstanding service and, after her retirement on 2 December 1949, aged 65, the Imperial Service Medal. She was presented with an illuminated address and £200 by the lord mayor of Sydney; the Police Department allowed her £455 6s. 5d. in lieu of extended leave of absence, but she received no superannuation. In 1965 she was granted a special allowance of £3 10s. a week by the government of New South Wales, and relinquished her 10s. a week old-age pension.

During her latter years she lived at the Methodist Hostel, Leichhardt; she died on 26 August 1971 at Lewisham Hospital, and was cremated with Church of England rites.

The life of Lillian Armfield was the subject of a best seller titled, *Rugged Angel – The Amazing Career of Policewoman Lillian Armfield* written by Vince Kelly.

In 2001, Lillian Armfield was inducted onto the Victorian Honour Roll of Women.

In August 2011 *Underbelly: Razor* was broadcast on Australian television screens with Lucy Wigmore depicting Lillian Armfield.

On 27th March, 2018 *Lillian Armfield* written by Leigh Straw was published telling an engaging account of Australia's first female detective and the origins of Sydney's organised crime underbelly.

On 12th October, 2019 New South Wales Police Force and Victoria Police will contest the Lillian Armfield Cup named in honour of Lillian Armfield at the National Police Football Championships being held in Canberra, Australian Capital Territory.

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What Women's Footy Means to Me

I am a Constable of Queensland Police Service currently stationed at an Aboriginal community located in North West Queensland called Doomadgee. I have been playing AFL since 2011, firstly in Canberra and then in Cairns before I moved to Queensland.

My story began in early in 2019. I emailed Stew Manning, the President of QPS Crocs enquiring about a QPS women's AFL team and sadly was told there wasn't one, but was told there was a high possibility of an inaugural women's AFL match between NSW and VIC at the National Police Football Championships that October.

I was offered an opportunity to travel with QPS Crocs to Canberra for the National Police Football Championship. This was offered to me so I could get a gauge of how the championship was run and to identify what needed to happen in order to get a Women's Police National Championship up and running for 2020 to be potentially held in Melbourne. I gladly accepted and was excited about the prospect of being at the forefront of making this a reality.

I travelled with the Crocs to Canberra and in less than five minutes after touching down in Canberra, I was offered the opportunity to play for NSW Blue Heeler's Women's Team, as they were short of players. Thankfully I packed my boots, and happily accepted and was now even more excited as I was going to be playing in the first ever women's match.

On Sunday 13 October 2019, NSW played Victoria in the first ever National Women's Police Football match named the Lillian Armfield Cup, after one of the pioneers of women's policing. NSW ran out winners 4.3.27 to 1.3.9. Susan Alberti (inaugural AFLW Commissioner) attended our inaugural match, which made the event ever more surreal. It was an awesome experience and one I will cherish and take forward with me as I embark on our new journey with the Crocs women's team.

After the game, I spoke to a lot of the players and everyone was so excited for a women's competition to be established. It was even more amazing to find out a few of the girls had never

played AFL before, and some of these were the ones that stood out as the best players on the ground. The game was played with a high skill level, heaps of encouragement from everyone and there was an overall buzz for women's AFL.

It was decided at the National AGM that the 2020 Championship in Melbourne will potentially include a women's competition with the makeup of 4 states – QLD, VIC, NSW and SA and perhaps even WA. From my point of view, and particularly coming from the Rugby-League-mad Queensland, this is so exciting and I look forward to the challenge of making the female Crocs a reality.

I really enjoyed the overall experience of attending the 2019 National Police Football Championship in Canberra. The skill and talent showed on the footy field was amazing. I think the best thing was to meet police officers from all over Australia coming from different sections and years of policing experience to all come together for a week to play the sport we all love. It felt so inclusive. It was this side of the week that makes me so excited to see what 2020 AFL Police Championship in Melbourne may bring with the inclusion of women's competition.

I know each State will now be busy recruiting players, organising fundraising, sponsorship and getting everything organised for Melbourne. I've now seen first-hand just how much effort goes into making these carnivals happen, at a professional level. It's an amazing experience, and one that I highly recommend to others thinking about participating.

So if you are a female police officer who loves AFL, or is interested in contact sport, you now have the opportunity in 2020 to represent your state and play the sport you love, meeting new people and be a member of this amazing Police AFL family.

Tara Buckley
Inaugural Lillian Armfield Cup Champion





TASMANIA

The members of the Tasmania Police Football Club are slowly coming to terms with the disappointment of not being able to compete at this year's National Police Football Championships. The Tassie Devils were primed for a big week in the nations footballing capital but unfortunately things have not quite gone to plan.

The TPFC has taken the opportunity to have a brief hibernation period during the pandemic and we look forward to regrouping in 2021. On the work front, our members have been thrown new challenges and we have seen how quickly our people adapt and deal with adversity.

On a footy front, about half of the football competitions around our state were able to complete shortened seasons. We were certainly lucky to still have some local footy played. Many of the TPFC players had a run at various clubs around the state and I believe our only premierships player was Chris Vandebroek who took out the big dance in the Southern Master Rules Competition.

Other news from the island state includes: Former club coach

Nick Grubb has become a father, congratulations mate; Club treasurer Jonathon Rogers is slightly less stressed with the absence of a Championship this year; Dean 'Meerkat' Edwards has taken over secretary duties, with most of the remainder of the committee staying the same; Club favourite Shaun Gleeson has been named in the VFJA umpires team of the decade; Hydration Officer Greg Rogers continues to maintain a high level of training in his field of expertise; Doug Rossiter has had a name change (for those who are curious who our new President is); Club Legend Steven 'Camel' Fry is policing in a place that remote he was unaware of covid19; TPFC trainer Michael Quill is still telling a story he started last year; Jake Sansom is looking fit after losing 15 kilos; It appears I found those 15 kilos; and finally, APFA favourite Mike Glancy has retired from Tas Police but assures me he will still be making the trip each October. We wish pumpkin all the best with whatever comes next.

As always, we need to say thanks to our sponsors - Talon Bodyworks, Strategic Financial, Police Bank, and the Tas Police Sports Federation. Thankyou for all your support over the years.

In regard to our Playing group, we have some exciting new prospects and we will continue to work hard to get them away to the next Championship. But more on our future prospects in a later issue. Many of our stalwarts have maintained high levels of training. Notably, Rhian Appleton has been regularly seen running Lauderdale Beach, Alex Bonde shifting steel at the gym, and Stuart Luck holding up an end of the bar at the Elimatta Hotel.

We wish Victoria all the best with the rescheduling of the Championships and acknowledge that there is a flow on impact for WA and the large amount of organisation they had already put into hosting the following year. I know our travelling group are looking forward to catching up with the APFA family as soon as we can. I sincerely hope that it is in Melbourne in October 2021. On behalf of the TPFC, I hope everyone stays safe and well until we can catch up next.

Michael 'Boof' Hinchin
TPFC





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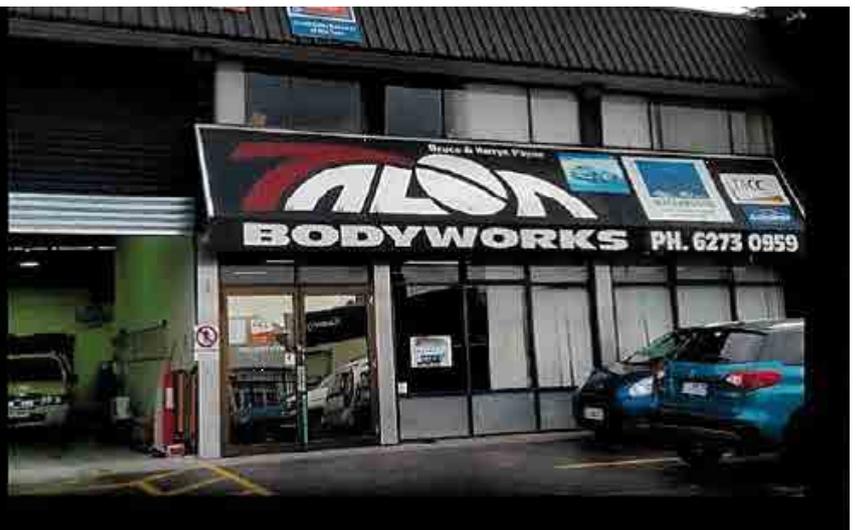
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Strange times indeed

By March 2020, The Hounds were still buzzing over an away Championship win in Canberra. The Canberra carnival was a ripper on all levels. We can't believe it was over 12 months ago – seems like an age. We were all eager to travel to Melbourne to give it another crack and seek that elusive away win in Melbourne.

Then COVID hit.

In the beginning, most of us weren't sure how real or bad this was. We watched as the global statistics rose and death tolls were being reported. Then life started to change rapidly. In SA, our Commissioner has the authority under the Emergency Services Act to declare a Major Emergency and with that to make declarations – and that he did. By late March 2020 there were declarations on; non-essential travel, public gatherings, self-isolation, international travelers and aged care facilities. Things started to get hectic.

Footy was postponed and we weren't even sure if we would have a season at all. Many of us were re-deployed to different duties. Some of us on the border stopping those pesky diseased Vics from getting in [just joking] and some of us deployed to work with our new COVID TaskForce doing 'iso' checks, hotel quarantine, declaration compliance checks – all the while still fighting crime.

It seemed that SA wasn't as hard hit as our Eastern counterparts and soon came Return to Play plans from our local footy leagues. These plans came with a raft of rules around how we might return to footy and perhaps have a season, which on the balance of it was something we could put up with – just to have a kick. As it turned out, most leagues had a 9 round comp in June – July, with finals all wrapped up in August. It was surreal. To begin with; no crowds were allowed, players used their own water bottles and no water to be carried on field during quarters – only at ¼ time breaks. Training had to commence in clusters of 10 players – which made it hard to gel as a group.

Once we got used to that, the restrictions eased and basically boiled down to social distancing. Sitting down to drink was a novelty – a restriction which was easier to achieve than others. Celebrating a win – with no

dancing allowed – simmered the mood. All in all, we got a season in and most clubs got the most out of it including best and fairest events. It was strange times indeed.

A big highlight was seeing Trit Carcuro debut for the Woodville West Torrens Eagles and snag 1.4 goals average over 9 games – including a bag of 4 in Round 7. Well done Trit well deserved.

A few of the lads got a bit Carnival-Sick and needed some time together, and headed back to The Cumby in October for some froths and drinking games. BOG would have to be Shorty, still leading the pack to destination 'stuffed'. Good onya lads.

We now hope that things can return to normal and we get a full year of footy in 2021 in the lead up to the Melbourne Carnival. It seems like so far away – but I'm sure will rush up on us quickly. There is much planning ahead, but so much more to play for now we know how restricted life can get.

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SA Hounds | President

THE TEAM







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QUEENSLAND

This is How we Grow as a Club

On behalf of the Queensland Crocs I would like to thank New South Wales for putting on an entertaining and unique carnival in Canberra last October (2019).

It was nice to see a home State take on the challenge of hosting the championships outside of their State Capital as the Crocs did back in 2016. Having been through what they did, I certainly felt the pain of the little frustrations they encountered. But, from the Crocs point of view we had a great week, played some solid footy, saw some of the Nation's capital, and of course caught up with old friends and as always, made new ones. As for the footy, Ainslie Football Club was an outstanding venue, the playing surface was in superb condition, and it was a great week watching some entertaining football and close games.

2019 WRAP UP

We were always intrigued to see how the concept of a live draw would play out at the opening function and the reality was, if the draw went in our favour, we were a real chance for our best ever finish. So luckily when those balls dropped and the draw was announced, it's fair to say that the Crocs were quite excited for the week ahead.

As a club, we were lucky enough to take away a solid squad with good numbers. It certainly wasn't our strongest team, with several of our previous all Australians missing for various reasons, but we arrived a day early and were able to get in a few training and team bonding sessions. For once, the squad made it through a training session unscathed and enabled us to put our best team on the park for game 1.

Game 1 saw us up against Tassie, playing for the Norm Watt Memorial Shield. As most will know this is one shield that has significant meaning for the Crocs, and the one that we will play our hearts out to win. It was a solid hit out for the boys that saw the Crocs dominate the majority of the game. It was pleasing to see our run and ball movement and finally hit some targets. The Crocs ran out the game strongly to win by a comfortable margin and earn some good percentage for what would be a close competition this year. Final scores – QLD 18.15.129 def TAS 4.2.26.

Game 2 was our State of Origin against NSW, playing for the Brett Irwin / Bob Prenter Memorial Shield. As usual, as it is for the Heelers, this game is the highlight of our week and one we want to win each year. It was another hard-fought game played in great spirit, which they usually are. After an extremely tight first half, the Crocs were able to kick away in the last quarter to score their second victory of the week. Final scores – QLD 8.8.56 def NSW 4.2.26.

The great thing about this draw was it made the competition even. The draw was pot luck and in the end gave the Crocs an

opportunity to play off in the Grand Final against South Australia. Although some States may not have liked this concept, it was certainly something special to the Crocs and enabled us to play in a game that ordinarily would not have happened. For me, having been involved with the Crocs since inception in 2004, it was the highlight and just-reward for the time and effort that has been put in to build our club from scratch.

Game 3 saw the Crocs playing off in the grand final against South Australia. This game was also played for the Perry Irwin Memorial Shield, which just happens to be the very first shield game created for the Crocs way back in 2004. The Crocs were up against it from the start playing against a highly rated and skilful Hounds outfit. Although we were down a few players for the game, we still put in a solid 4 quarters and played the best that we could. Although we were soundly beaten, the Crocs could hold their heads up high. At times throughout the game we held our own, we were still able to move the ball well in parts and as we are known for, played hard all game. Although coming out with a loss, we certainly left the field with an effort we could be proud of. In the end, this is how we grow as a club. We play the stronger teams and learn about what it takes to compete at the next level. Final scores – SA 19.14.128 def Qld 4.7.31

CROC AWARDS

With the best ever finish to a Championship, the Crocs had a fantastic week, doing the club and the QPS proud. Throughout the week our committee and players voted on several player awards. With so many players putting in outstanding efforts throughout the week the voting was tight, and several recounts were required. A big congratulations to Zac White who became the first Croc to win the championship best and fairest medal jointly with Darcey Bardon from VIC. Congratulations to all our deserved award recipients:

Zac White – Queensland Player of the Carnival & Lewis Allemand Medalist

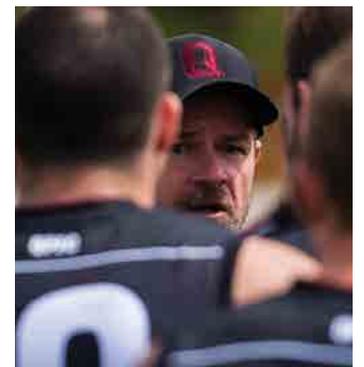
Michael Langton – Player's Player

Justin Allan – Damian Leeding Medal

Leigh Coulter – Golden Fist Award

It was certainly a -learning experience for a lot of our new guys and hopefully we will build on this and continue our growth from last year. It's always hard to explain to the new players just how difficult it is to play three games of quality football during the week combined with a fair bit of social interacting. It's a challenging dilemma each year and as a club we are hopefully building to a point where we can present a solid playing squad of 35 each year that can share the burden throughout the week and keep us strong across each game.

THE TEAM



LOOKING AHEAD to 2020

Preparations are well under way for this year's championship in Melbourne, Victoria. At this stage of the year we have managed to retain the majority of our squad from 2019 and picked up another handful of new recruits. It's also good to see a couple of our older faces back in the fold. But it's still early days, and we all know how quickly squad numbers can change. I am hopeful that being the home of football, Melbourne will entice those unsure to attend.

Once again, we'll be travelling down on the Saturday which will give the boys a chance to settle in, get a much-needed training session followed by some team bonding. Melbourne is a great city to visit and being the home of football is normally one of the bigger trips for our club. It was also the location of our first ever away win so it's always a special place for the Crocs to play footy.

On the other side of things this year, we've been making huge strides forward in relation to adding a women's team to the Crocs. This is something that has been brewing for a few years now. Every year when we advertise for players we've always had a handful of females asking about a women's team. In 2019, it was great having Tara Buckley tour with us and see firsthand how the championship work both on and off the field. She has provided great assistance and feedback to enable us in getting the girls on board for this year.

It's an exciting prospect adding the women's team as it opens up huge potential for sponsors and enables further growth of our club. In such a short time we've put together a decent sized squad and the girls are really excited about the opportunity to play in the inaugural women's championship.

To celebrate this historic moment for the Crocs, we produced a women's commemorative training singlet that we are selling to help launch of our women's team. These singlets are available to anyone and if interested please send us an email (QPSCrocs@police.qld.gov.au).

Lastly without the support of our sponsors it would make travelling each and every year quite difficult. The Crocs would like to thank our 2019 club sponsors: REMSERV, LRF Sports, Evoke World Travel, Rostron Carlyle, Roadcraft, Bowen Chamber of Commerce, Beyond Bank, Qld Police Union, Thomo's Pittsworth Meats, AML, SDA Plumbing, Australian Laundries, Hendrie Bros, Winner are Grinners Trophies, Flat Creek BBQ and Sharon Morgan Photography.

Sponsor packages for the 2020 season are available. For further information for this or joining our club, please send us an email – QPSCrocs@police.qld.gov.au.

See you all in Melbourne.

Stewart Manning
President QPFC

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WA HOGS

WA Hogs Commitment to Canberra

After months of planning and an apprehensive lead up, the Western Australia Police Football Club (WAPFC) aka WA Hogs travelled to Canberra with a strong contingent of 48 members to participate in the 31st National Police Football Championships (NPFC).

The travelling group was diverse with young Hogs on debut but also contained some of our main stayers and a couple of veterans eager to demonstrate they still have what it takes to perform at a NPFC. The lead up under coach Marty 'Dog' ATKINS was superb and belief among the group was very high.

Canberra presented a unique challenge to the WA Hogs given the tyranny of distance. Once arrived and settled into our comfortable and nearby accommodation, it was clear the selection of the Ainslie Football Club for the championships is commendable to the NWSPFC. A first-class venue indeed.

Game 1: WA v SA. After the disappointment of 2018, the WA Hogs were eager to start the championship on a positive note and conquer long time rivals SA. The contest was physical and scores didn't pass a goal difference to either side during the match. Unfortunately, the WA Hogs lost ruckman Luke 'Giraffe' MCCULLOCH to an ACL injury during the game. Debut Hog Jayden 'Bustard' BARTELS also badly dislocating his thumb but bravely returned. The arm-wrestle eventually went the way of SA with a final scores WA 9.6 (60) to SA 10.5 (65). Best on Ground for the Hogs were Matt 'Tiger' MOODY who was prevalent in the midfield and Lachy 'Peacock' DENNIS who provided plenty of flair up forward. SA retained the Geoffrey Bowen Memorial Trophy and the Hogs attention turned to supporting Giraffe.

Game 2: WA v Tasmania. Pre-game Tasmania legend and long time Friend-of-Hog Michael HINCHEN addressed the playing groups about the Tye Bennett Shield. Emotions were high as memories of great man were shared and for the desire to win the shield. The WA Hogs eager to return to the winners list controlled the game and adhered to our game plans and structures. WA Hogs ran out winners WA 16.13 (109) to TAS 2.1 (13). Best on Ground honours went to Adam 'T-Rex' RYAN who was superb in the ruck all day with no respite and Matt 'Cheetah' LEECE after gathering possessions and demonstrating immense tackling pressure throughout a day in the midfield. WA Hogs retained the Tye Bennett Shield which is proudly on display in Perth.

Game 3: WA v Victoria. The final challenge facing the WA Hogs was up against defending champions, Victoria. A physical contest against big bodied Victorians provided a great spectacle. WA Hogs mixture of youth and experience saw us lead at every change. With a turn in weather and the Victorians composure under pressure, they managed to kick

away in the final minutes to win the game WA 8.5 (53) to VIC 10.7 (67). Credit to a well drilled and experienced Victorian side. Best on Ground for the WA Hogs were Dylan 'Porcupine' KIRK demonstrating renowned his run and carry from the middle and accountable defender Jake 'Skunk' ROZARIO, having not lost a one-on-one contest all game nor all week.

Significant WA Hogs award winners across the week included;

- Marty Atkins Medal (Best player for WA Hogs during NPFC): Matt 'Cheetah' LEECE.
- Life Membership: Wayde 'Albatross' ROBERTS.
- WA Hogs Patrons Award (Outstanding Service to the Club in 2019) presented by Stu "Cassowary" BARETLS APM: Neil 'Alligator' WORLAND.
- All Australian Selections: Matt 'Tiger' MOODY, Matt 'Cheetah' LEECE and Adam 'T-Rex' RYAN.

Lastly, WA Hogs acknowledge Ethan 'Cub' HANSEN as polling the most votes during the 2019 Lewis-Allemand Medal count. He wasn't eligible to be awarded the medal and the APFA are reviewing the process of awarding votes.

Attending Canberra provided a unique opportunity and experience to the WA Hogs, who thank hosts NWSPFC aka Blue Heelers. Once again, members of the WA Hogs displayed their professionalism on and off the field, representing both themselves and the WA Police Force in high esteem.

Planning to attend the 2020 NPFC being held at the home of football in Melbourne, Victoria, is well underway, with the WA Hogs holding their Annual General Meeting on Saturday 15 February 2020 in Busselton (200km south of Perth). Plenty of agenda items were discussed and formalised, including pre planning of the 2021 NPFC which will be hosted by the WA Hogs in Perth, Western Australia. A WAFL standard ground has been tentatively booked and plenty of accommodation options are in review.

The WA Hogs would like to formally acknowledge and thank our long time and loyal sponsors whos' assistance is vital in the survival and success of the club. The club also thank the Committee and members for your commitment to the club. We look forward to 'bringing home the bacon' in Victoria, 2020.

**Llama, Sloth and the Great Dog
WA Hogs Leadership**



WA Hogs ready to go at Game 1



WA Hogs Captain – Anthony 'Civet' PENDER fighting hard to win possession



Michael 'Boof' HINCHEN addresses the Hogs and Devils pre-game about the highly respected Tye Bennett Shield



Adam 'T-Rex' RYAN receiving a Best on Ground Award WA v TAS



Patron Award – Neil 'Alligator' WORLAND



Marty ATKINS Medal winner – Matt 'Cheetah' LEECE



Life Member – Wayde 'Albatross' ROBERTS



WA Hogs Annual General Meeting, Saturday 15 February 2020 in Busselton, WA



WA Hogs Coach Marty 'Dog' ATKINS addressing the group at Q/T



2019 All Australians – L-R Matt 'Tiger' MOODY, Matt 'Cheetah' LEECE, Adam 'T-Rex' RYAN



Jayden 'Bustard' BARTELS thinking 'oh dear that hurts'



WA Hogs committee members at the National Police Wall of Remembrance



THE TEAM

WA HOGS PLAYERS

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HAGAN, Darrell	Ram	ROBERTS, Wayde	Albatross	ABBOTT, Lee	Iguana
ADAMS, Ron	Hounddog	HANSEN, Nathan	Panther	LEECE, Matt	Cheetah
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BIG V

Reflections on 2020

It is sad to write this piece as we have had to all miss the 2020 carnival. It was a tough decision at the time to cancel but it has proven to be right. I know it has affected many people around Australia and we send our best wishes to them. In Victoria, all football was cancelled in 2020 so we have very little to share for this issue. This year has been extremely tough on Victoria Police and our football club. In January, we had many members, including our NSW and SA brothers who were deployed to assist with the tragic bushfires that swept through the country. Sadly members lost their own homes while defending others.

In March, we were all struck down by COVID-19 and Policing changed forever. In April, we sadly lost 4 members of the Policing family in a tragedy on the Eastern Fwy, a well-known road in Melbourne. This affected many of our VPFC family as most of us knew at least one of the 4 members. We then had to police curfews, Km zones from people's homes, while also stopping people leaving Melbourne, it took its toll. Many members of the public (e.g. Sovereign citizens) choose to bait Police and antagonise our members.

We then had the BLM movement, which again tested our members.

In early October, in fact on the day games were supposed to be getting underway for Melb 2020, we remembered Steven Tynan and Damien Eyre on the 32nd anniversary of their murders. This is a special day in the APFA history as the murders happened while a carnival was occurring in Wollongong 1988 and I was lucky to receive a message from SA legend Barry Lewis acknowledging this dark day.

Through all this, the VPFC group has kept in contact. The message group continues to be busy daily and there is so much mutual support out there. I want to acknowledge all the states for their continued understanding and messages of support to us during this year. We understand it's been tough for



everyone Australia wide and we send our best wishes to you all. Congratulations to those who were lucky enough to have a kick this year somewhere in the country.

In better news for the VPFC we had new babies arrive for Darcy Barden, Jacob Gooden, Matt Wade, Aaron Henneman and Matt Kershaw. Social media has been the saviour for many and I want to thank Thomo who has been regularly updating our Facebook and Instagram pages, to keep our spirits up.

Next year the VPFC is still very keen to host all the states for the 2021 carnival and invite you all "back to bobby's." Planning is well underway to ensure the 2021 carnival is a blast for everyone.

Please continue to support your friends and family. See you all in Melbourne Oct 2021.

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REFLECTIONS ON 2020

Choo Choo

As we move through the month of May 2020, still under lockdown due to Covid-19, the memories created in Canberra last October seem like a lifetime ago.

These memories only seem further away as we cast our minds forward to the thought that the National Police Carnival 2020 in Melbourne will not be taking place.

This carnival means so much to us that we sacrifice a week of our recreational leave and family time to represent Victoria Police on the national police footy stage. We do this because we know that the privilege of catching up with brothers and sisters - in law enforcement - from not only Victoria Police but Australia wide is our chance to let our hair down, or up in a bun, or tipped blonde!

It's a week we look forward to every year. It's a week where we form bonds with other police members from all corners of the state, and Australia wide. It's a week where we battle out three games of football to earn national pride and reputation. It's a week where we honour our fallen brothers and sisters. It's a week where we have the chance to debrief on the toll that Policing takes on the body, mind and spirit, with the only other people who can truly understand.

So, while we are on the topic of spirit... 2020 started with some VPFC brothers who showed true spirit and leadership on the front lines of the bushfires in January. Two months later we are all dealing with a worldwide pandemic, turning up to work every day when others stayed safe at home. Then a month later we watched four of our brothers and sisters get mowed down and left for dead while performing an everyday task.

There's never been a time where we needed a carnival more.

But one thing I've had reinforced in my mind in the current situation, is that there are no guarantees in life. People who were in a comfortable position, with good jobs, friends and family, suddenly and sadly are not. Our friendship and the VPFC is no different.

With no guarantees when or where the next carnival will be, and being kept further apart during lockdowns, we must keep working hard on friendship. Again, friendship isn't guaranteed, it's something that requires hard work. And without the prospect of catching up with everyone in October, we now must work harder than ever to stay in touch with our brothers and sisters and continue to relieve the moments and memories created in order to keep us healthy.

Moments and memories are so important in life. 50 years down the track when we're old and retired, it's all we'll have left. Those moments we created and the memories of those moments.

I'm proud to be part of VPFC because the club ensures that the moments and memories of our lives, the friendships created, and our fallen heroes live forever.

Sloaney

Canberra 2019 carnival was one of the best weeks I have had



in my time at VPFC. Although we didn't get the result we wanted on field, the friendships and brotherhood formed off field was as good as I have been seen in my 6 years. It was amazing to see the women's team kick start their club thanks to Beagle and his efforts. Although they didn't get the win, they all had a great time away and formed new friendships with each other and the opposition.

The week started with a memorable bus trip which was enjoyed by all. It was a great opportunity for the new fellas to mingle and get to know the seasoned veterans. It was also an opportunity for milky to have 10 hours of stand-up comedy and badgering whilst everyone was confined to a small space, unable to escape. We were lucky enough to have a tasty treat at the Ettamogah pub in the presence of a travelling hens party....I don't think they felt so lucky.

The bus trip was the best way to kickstart the carnival and build the foundations for a great week.

I could go into each day and what we achieved on/off field, but I think it can be summarised by the Thursday afternoon with SA. When I first started at VPFC the word mateship and brotherhood was always thrown around. At first, I thought it was the cliché footy talk and a way to motivate the new players. I soon realised that it really is much more than that and the meaning behind it goes well beyond the walls of VPFC. The respect and support shown by clubs when playing for shields/ cups is unlike any I've experienced. When a state loses a brother or sister it really is felt by all around the country that wear the blue uniform. This has been felt more than ever in the past few weeks after the tragic incident involving 4 Vic Pol members.

The Wednesday game we faced SA in what we always knew would be tough challenge. It was an arm wrestle all day but unfortunately, we got overrun by a better side on the day. The following day, mate-ship and brotherhood prevailed. We met the Hounds at the local casino and had one of the best sessions I believe in carnival history. We battled fiercely on field and then we drank, laughed and bantered off field. You could look around and feel a real sense of enjoyment in the room. Even the seasoned players that would never dare have a drink with SA could see that the times had changed. The carnivals' are more enjoyable when you get to know more of the opposing clubs and can catch up with them for a beer after we do battle. The new guys bought in and really made an effort to get to know the SA boys whilst still getting to know their own team mates. It is fair to say that everyone on this carnival that went to this session, would say it was one of the best. It is an absolute honour to captain VPFC and be a part of such a strong bond.

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Thanks to all who attended and helped make 2019 a great Carnival for the brotherhood. Congrats to NSW for hosting a successful carnival and to SA on the win.

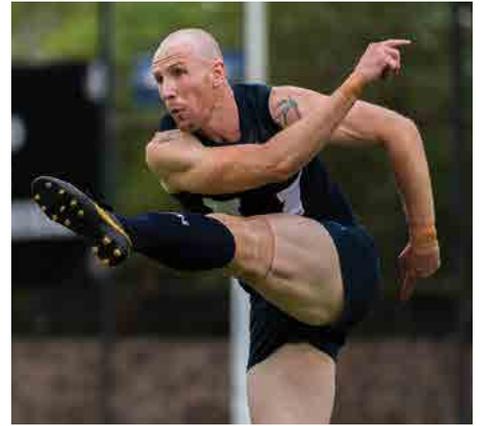
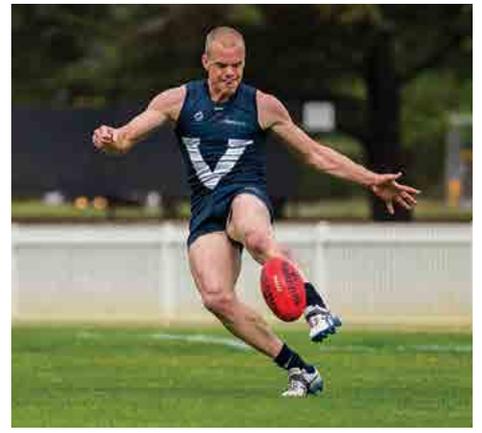
2020 has unfortunately been cancelled so now we all must get 2021 ready for the Vics to host the return of the National Police Footy Championships and give all the other states a carnival they won't forget.

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AUSTRALIAN POLICE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

- 1(A) The official name of the Association shall be the 'AUSTRALIAN POLICE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION', and shall herein and hereafter be referred to as the 'Association'. The Association being first established in Melbourne, Victoria, in the month of January 1996.

2. OBJECTS

- 2(A) To promote the good image of Australian Police Agencies.
2(B) To promote and develop physical fitness through competitive football.
2(C) To organise and conduct an annual Championship between all affiliated Agencies. To encourage other Police Agencies to participate but at all times it shall be kept to an even number of teams. The Championship shall be alternatively hosted between all affiliated Police Agencies.
2(D) To co-operate with the Australian Football League and State Football organisations throughout Australia.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- 3(A) Membership shall be open to all:
- Sworn Personnel;
 - Cadets and or Recruits;
 - Retired Police Officers;
 - Non-sworn members (Permanently employed)
 - Associated Support Staff, e.g. coaches, time keepers and other officials.
 - any other person agreed by all State representatives (in the spirit of the Championship)
- 3(B) Any member who participates as a Player, Coach or Manager at an Australian Championship may be eligible for selection in an Association Representative Team.
3(C) The Committee reserves the right to refuse membership to any person on just grounds.
3(D) A member shall be subject to immediate expulsion for any action which contravenes the objects of the Association. Such expulsions and appeals shall be decided by the Judiciary Committee.
3(E) All Agencies must be financial prior to participation in any Championship.
3(F) All Australian Federal Police (AFP) members are permitted to make up numbers and play for the agency in the State in which they work.

4. PATRON

- 4(A) The patron of the Association shall be offered to the Commissioner (or his Nominee) of the host State where the Championships are held.

5. LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

- 5(A) The Committee are empowered to bestow Life Membership on any person who has, for ten (10) years or more in aggregate, rendered outstanding service to the Association.

- 5(B) The Committee may, upon nomination by a State, bestow life membership of a member for less than 10 years outstanding service, if supported by the Committee.
5(C) Life Members shall be approved at a Special General or Annual General Meeting.

5.1 LEGEND STATUS

- 5.1(A) The Committee is, upon nomination in writing by the State Committees of the Association, empowered to bestow *Legend Status* on any person that meets the criteria set out in this section.
5.1(B) *Legend Status* shall be approved at a Special General or Annual General Meeting.
5.1(C) Eligibility for *Legend Status* may be considered for Players, Coaches, Umpires, Administrators and Volunteers.
 - Eligibility will be considered based on a nominee's outstanding service and overall contribution to the Association and the game of Australian Rules Football.
 - The selection committee will consider the nominee's individual record, ability, integrity, sportsmanship and character.
 - Nominee's currently participating or who have retired from any aspect of the Association may be awarded legend status.
 - A nominee must have rendered a total of fifteen (15) years or more of outstanding service to the Association.

5.1(D) The Committee may consider, in the first year (2017), the approval of up to two nominations from each State.
 - For each year thereafter, the Committee may approve no more than two nominations in total if deemed appropriate.

5.1(E) Nominees shall be invited to attend a Championship Closing Ceremony, where they will receive the nominated award. The costs of attending this Ceremony (excluding travel/accommodation costs) shall be met by the nominating State.
 - Nominees may receive the award at any Championship Ceremony deemed appropriate by the Association to facilitate the presentation of the award in person.
 - If the nominee is unable to travel to the Championship for any reason, then the award may be presented at any future Championship hosted by their home state.

5.1(F) Legends shall be invited to attend and participate in award presentations at future Championships, particularly when hosted by their Home State.

6. MEETINGS

- 6(A) The Annual General Meeting shall be held during or following the completion of each Association Championship.
6(B) Other Special General or General Meetings may be held as determined by the Committee.
6(C) At a Special General or Annual General Meeting each Agency may be represented by a maximum of two (2) delegates.

- (i) The host Police Agency may have other members present, at the discretion of the President.
- 6(D) At all meetings each Affiliated Agency will be entitled to exercise one (1) vote only.

7. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 7(A) The Management Committee, referred to herein and hereafter as the Committee shall comprise the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Affiliated Agency delegates present at any meeting.

8. OFFICERS

- 8(A) The Officers of the Association shall be:
- i Patron
 - ii President
 - iii Secretary
 - iv Treasurer
 - v *Director*
- 8(B) The Treasurer shall be from the host Agency.
- 8(C) The President and Secretary shall be elected by affiliated agencies for a period of 3 years. Such election shall be at the Annual General Meeting when the term expires.
- 8(D) The Patron shall be nominated by the host Agency as per 4(A) at the Annual General Meeting but not necessarily from amongst the delegates.
- 8(E) The Director, shall be elected by affiliated agencies for a period of 3 years. Such election shall be at the Annual General Meeting when the term expires. The Director will not have any voting rights, but will make up part of the committee.

9. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- 9(A) PRESIDENT – The duty of the President is to preside at all meetings of the Association. They shall have a casting vote only.
- 9(B) SECRETARY – The Secretary shall keep, or cause to be kept, a true record of all the business transacted at all meetings of the Association and shall deal with the Association correspondence as directed.
- 9(C) DIRECTOR – The Director shall, coordinate, promote and deal in associated business in the interests of the APFA Inc. and report to the President and Secretary. *Associated Business* may include, but not be exclusive to, seeking sponsorship arrangements, coordinating public relations, producing products (e.g. APFA Journal), making appropriate expenditures, managing electronic media and general administrative business.

10. QUORUMS

- 10(A) The Quorum at any meeting of the Association shall consist of delegates present and representing a minimum of three (3) Affiliated Police Agencies providing due and proper notice has been given to all concerned.

11. CHAIRPERSON

- 11(A) The President shall chair all meetings.
- 11(B) In his absence or if he is unwilling to act as chairperson, the chair shall be taken by another Committee Member nominated by the meeting.

12. POWERS OF COMMITTEE

- 12(A) Invest all monies of the Association in any securities of, or guaranteed by Government of the Parliament of the Commonwealth or a State, or banking facility approved by the Committee, with power to, from time to time, vary or transpose such investments for or into others of a like nature.
- 12(B) Attend generally to all matters affecting the welfare of the Association.
- 12(C) Appoint a member to fill any Committee vacancy that may occur during the year.
- 12(D) Make Rules, and By Laws consistent with this Constitution for the regulation of its own proceedings and for defining the respective powers and duties of such Committee-of-Officers of the Association and for the government of the Association and Annual Championships generally. Such Rules and By Laws shall be recorded as minutes.

13. JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

- 13(A) A Judiciary Committee comprising of a member of each participating agency, one of which shall be nominated as Convenor, shall be appointed annually prior to the commencement of the Championship, to deal with any dispute, conflict or unsatisfactory behaviour for the duration of the carnival. (Nominated persons names are to be emailed to the President).

14. ASSETS

- 14(A) No part or parts of those assets of the Association shall be given or transferred in any way to any member or members of the Association, except that payments of faith may be made to a member of the Association for services rendered to the Association, or for goods supplied in the ordinary way of business or for any reasonable out of pocket expense incurred by a member of the Association acting under the authority of the Association.

15. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 15(A) Alterations to this Constitution may be made at a Special General or Annual General Meeting by a resolution passed by a two thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote.
- 15(B) Notices of Motion to alter the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary prior to the Special General or Annual General Meeting.

16. WINDING UP OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 16(A) The Association shall be dissolved upon the direction of two thirds of the majority of delegates present at a Special General Meeting, convened to consider such a question.
- 16(B) Any assets of the Association, after payment of all expenses and liabilities, be retained by the current agency host for safe keeping for a period of twelve (12) months. After that time, a Special General Meeting should be called. If no further Championships are to be held, those funds retained for safekeeping should be donated to a National Charity of the retainer's choice.

AUSTRALIAN POLICE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

RULES

1. An affiliation fee, amount to be determined by the Committee, shall be paid by the visiting Agencies to the host State by the 30th June each year, prior to an impending Championship.
 2. Any person who is a Sworn Member, Unsworn Member or Life Member of a respective Agency may play for any team during the Championship with the agreement of the clubs concerned.
 3. Team sheets nominating all players are to be in the hands of the host State prior to the Championship.
 4. Each State may only play a maximum of thirty five (35) players during any one Championship. The final list of thirty five (35) players must be in the hands of the host State President on the day before the first match of the Championship is played.
 5. Team sheets consisting of twenty-two (22) players must be completed and handed to the opposing team manager prior to the commencement of each Championship game. It shall be the duty of the team manager to supply the umpires with a copy of that team sheet and a voting slip for that game.
 - 5a. Bench numbers shall be extended from 4 to 6 (24 players in total) upon agreement of both playing teams prior to the game being played. If agreement cannot be reached team numbers will revert to (22) players (4 on bench).
 6. Competition Format
 - (a) The format of the competition is to be left to the host Agency who shall provide details to the competing agencies.
 - (b) At the completion of the Championship the winner shall be the team with the highest Championship points, or if those points are even, the team with the higher percentage.
 7. Duration of Matches
 - (a) Matches will be four quarters each of twenty (20) minutes duration, no time on shall be played. (This may be modified for player comfort with the agreement of all Agencies).
 8. Discipline
 - (a) The order of rule shall be enforced at the discretion of the umpires. A player sent from the field shall not return to the field for 10 minutes but can be replaced.
 9. All Australian Team
 - (a) Each Agency shall nominate players for selection in the All Australian Team at the completion of the Championship.
 - (b) A person nominated by each Agency shall be responsible for selection of the final twenty-three (23) players, including captain and coach.
 - (c) The All-Australian Team competition formula will be decided by the Committee prior to the commencement of the Championships dependent on the number of Agencies competing. (At present it is 6,5,4,3,2,2.)
 - (d) The Player of the Championship shall be selected from the umpires votes, and be awarded (or jointly awarded) the Lewis/Allemand Medal at the conclusion of the competition of that year.
10. Umpires
 - (a) The umpires will be appointed by the host Agency.
 - (b) All games will be played in accordance with the A.F.L. rules except as outlined in the Constitution.
 11. Welfare
 - (a) It shall be the responsibility of each Agency for the welfare of its members.
 12. Legends Game
 - (a) The home state is encouraged to host a Legends Game as part of the carnival, which is a friendly game involving players that are a Sworn Member, Unsworn Member or Life Member of a respective Agency, who are over the age of 35 years.
 - (b) This game shall be played between two teams consisting of:
 1. Home State vs. All Stars (made up of other 5 States) (*preferred) or
 2. East vs. West (e.g. WA/SA/TAS vs. VIC/NSW/QLD) or
 3. Any combination determined by the Host State
 - (c) It is encouraged that this game be scheduled so that families of players and all players involved in the Championships can attend.
 - (d) The legends game will be played under the rules of the AFL Masters National Playing Rules as set out at www.afmasters.com.au/rules/

Last ratified by APFA Committee – 7 October 2018 (AGM)

- 1 5 Life Membership (Clause) amended 5(A), added 5(B), shifted 5(C). ratified 7 Oct 2018 (AGM)
 - 2 5.1 Legend Status (Claus) added and ratified 13 Oct 2015 (AGM)
 - 3 12. Legends Game (Rules) added and ratified 13 Oct 2015 (AGM)
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