



## 2018 - New Arrivals

The Belconnen Magpies are pleased to welcome several new players from various areas of the country. Most of these players have already had a taste of first grade footy with their previous clubs and look forward to starting their senior careers with the Magpies.

**Sam Cooper** – Sam is originally from the Leeton Whitton Crows Football Club who competes in the Riverina Football League. He comes to Belconnen off the back of a very successful season last year which saw him win a first grade premiership with his junior club. Sam is a key position player who spends most of his time down back. Sam's goals for 2018 is to continually improve and develop his skills, but ultimately he wants to help the side push for another first grade premiership.

**Tariku Fitzgerald-Holmes** – Tariku (or Taz) comes to the club from the North Wagga Saints who competes in the Farrer Football League. Tariku cemented his spot in the Saints senior side last season and is looking to take his game to another level yet again in 2018. He spent most of last season playing on a wing or down back where he was able to use his running ability to find space. Tariku is keen to improve his game against quality opposition every week and learn as much as he can off the senior players and coaches whilst settling into Canberra and enjoying his footy.

**Sam Fisher** – Sam is a well-established senior footballer having previously played with the Northern Jets and Temora in the Farrer league. Sam won 3 first grade premierships with Temora and in one those he was awarded best on ground. Sam has won a senior best and fairest award and was the senior coach for the Northern Jets in 2015 & 2016. Sam is a hard at it talented midfielder who wins plenty of his own footy. He is also the cousin of fellow Belconnen midfielder Lenny Hadrill.

**William Ryan** – William comes to the Belconnen from the NSW country town of Osborne. William is a versatile player and his preferred position is as a high half forward or through the midfield. He missed the back half of last season through injury but up until that time he was a regular in the seniors. He credits the clubs culture and Lenny Hadrill as being a big part of why he joined the club.

**Oscar Smythe** – Oscar comes to the club from the Lockhart Demons in the Hume Football League. He was a regular senior player with Lockhart and represented the interleague side in 2016 & 2017. Oscar mostly plays through the wing or half forward and is keen to cement his spot in the senior side this season.

**Tom Alexander**– Tommy A is no stranger at the Belconnen Magpies football club after spending several years (2011-2014) with the magpies, before heading back home to Lockhart for the 2015 season, like many young men Tommy got the urge to travel and spent the following two years overseas. Tommy is a highly skilled footballer who usually plays off a wing or through the midfield, he is very popular amongst the group and it's great to see him back.

**Jake Altieri** - Jake has made the long trek over to Canberra from Western Australia where he played his footy for the Warnbro Swans. Jake mainly plays as a medium/ small defender and has done the last two preseasons with WAFL club Peel Thunder.



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Joel Crankanthorp – Joel or “Crackers as he likes to be known has moved to Canberra to pursue a University degree. He hails from Wagga Wagga and played his junior football for the Turvey Park Bulldogs. Joel had a year off in 2017 but the opportunity of playing footy with his cousin Tommy Alexander was to good to pass up.

The Belconnen Magpies Football Club wish all new players the very best for 2018 and look forward to seeing them run around in the black, white & teal.



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