

NEWS FROM THE NEST

Official newsletter of the Belconnen Magpies Football Club



Magpies preparing to tackle 2021

Welcome back to all in the Magpies community for season 2021!

After the rollercoaster that was 2020 - in which our women's 1st grade and men's 2nd grade were each able to secure premierships - our players enjoyed a well-deserved summer break. However, since the start of 2021 our players have been working hard during their pre-season training in preparation for the season ahead. For our 1st grade men and women, 2nd grade men, and rising stars, the season will begin on Saturday the 1st of May at The Nest.

Meanwhile our 2nd grade women and 3rd grade men will both be kicking off their seasons on the outside Holt ovals, taking on the ANU Griffins from 11am. Best of luck to all those coaching and playing on the weekend, and a special mention to new 3rd grade coach Sam Telfer who will hopefully begin his coaching career with a victory!

Season start dates for all of our grades

17th April @ Holt 102

2nd grade women vs. ANU, 11am

3rd grade men vs. ANU, 1pm

1st May @ The Nest

1st grade men vs. Gungahlin, 1:15pm

1st grade women vs. Gungahlin, 3:45pm

2nd grade men vs. Gungahlin, 11:20am

Rising stars vs. Marist, 9:30am

BMFC 2021 SEASON DATES



The image is a promotional calendar for the 2021 season of Belconnen FC Magpies. It features a background of a soccer field with players. On the left, there is a vertical teal banner with the text 'SAVE THE DATE' in white, bold, capital letters. At the top left of this banner is the club's logo, which includes a magpie and the text 'MAGPIES' and 'BELCONNEN FC'. The main title '2021 CALENDAR' is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif font at the top right. Below the title, a series of teal horizontal bars contain the dates and descriptions of key events for the season.

2021 CALENDAR

- 17.04 | Rising Stars, 3rd Grade Mens, 2nd Grades Womens Season starts**
- 01.05 | 1st Grade Womens 1st Grade Mens & 2nd Grade Mens Season starts**
- 08.05 | Corporate Function - History Function/Book Launch**
History Jerseys worn
- 22.05 | AFL Canberra Indigenous Round (R4)**
- 29.05 | AFL Canberra Indigenous Round (R5)**
- 05.06 | AFL Canberra Sockit2MND Round**
- 31.07 | AFL Canberra RUOK? Round**
- 31.07 | Function - 100 Game Dinner**
- 09.10 | Presentation Night**

We've got some great events planned for the 2021 season, so mark the dates in your calendars now to make sure you don't miss out!

2021 SEASON LAUNCH



Wednesday the 14th April marked our 2021 season launch at the Brindabella.

The event was a great opportunity for players and coaches across all of our grades to come together and officially begin their respective quests for premiership glory. Attendees heard from our tireless president Scott Reid, who made special mention of all the great volunteers that worked hard during the off-season to ensure that everything was ready for our teams to begin training in 2021. Scott made special mention of Emma Simpson, who has been absolutely outstanding in keeping things around the club running smoothly over the last 18 months! 1st grade men's manager Michael McQueen then took on MC duties to interview our head coaches on the season ahead.

Finally, 1st grade men's coach James Bennett also presented the returning Luke Wharton, and new players Tom Savage and Isaac Williams with their jerseys.



CLUB CAPTAINS NAMED



The club is pleased to announce our 1st grade captains for 2021, Jack Baker and Amber Allen.

Coach Bobby Moroney confirmed at our season launch on Wednesday that premiership captain Amber Allen will be returning as skipper for our 1st grade women's team. After a hugely successful season that culminated in their maiden flag, bringing back Amber to lead the girls is sure to start their season off on the right foot!

Meanwhile, our 1st grade men's coach James Bennett named a new captain this year, with Jack Baker taking on the important role. The courageous defender returned to Belconnen last year following several years spent in the NEAFL/interstate, and the respect he commands among the senior men's squad made him an obvious choice to lead the club's 2021 campaign.

The captains of our lower grades have also been announced: Ryan Bradley will once again lead the 2nd grade men, Maddy McCaskill and Rose Terrey will co-captain the 2nd grade women, Addie Vincent will skipper our Rising Stars, and Andreas Stricker will be captaining the 3rd grade men. Best of luck to all of our skippers!

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THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

Grade	Date	Time	Opponent	Ground
1st Grade M				
1st Grade W				
2nd Grade M				
Rising Stars				
2nd Grade W	Sat 17th April	11am	ANU	Holt 102
3rd Grade M	Sat 17th April	1pm	ANU	Holt 102

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