

NEWS FROM THE NEST

Official newsletter of the Belconnen Magpies Football Club



Celebrating 50 years of Belconnen

This weekend at The Nest will mark a special occasion, as we celebrate 50 years of men's football and 20 years of women's football at the Belconnen Magpies Football Club, as our senior sides will take on Eastlake at home - the very same club we debuted against all those years ago.

Coinciding with this event, the Belconnen Magpies 50 Year History book is available for pre-order for the special price of \$40. Email football@belconnenmagpies.com.au to place your order!

On the park, the Magpies enjoyed a relatively strong weekend last Saturday, with our 1st grade men and women and 2nd grade men all inflicting heavy defeats on the Gungahlin Jets at The Nest. Also a special mention to Nick Eynaud and the Rising Stars who, despite going down to Marist, showed tremendous fight against a competition heavyweight in a promising sign of things to come for the Belconnen footy club!

Upcoming schedule

Saturday May 8th

BMFC 50 year History book launch

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

1st grade women vs. Eastlake, 11:20 am

2nd grade men vs. Eastlake, 3:45 pm

Rising stars vs. Eastlake, 9:30 am

2nd grade women @ Ainslie, 11 am

3rd grade men @ Ainslie, 1 pm

Saturday 15th May

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

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

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

Rising stars vs. Queanbeyan, 9:30 am

2nd grade women @ Woden, 11 am

3rd grade men @ Woden, 1 pm

WEEKEND RESULTS

1st Grade M	35.21-231	defeated	Gungahlin	1.5-11
1st Grade W	23.15-153	defeated	Gungahlin	0.0-0
2nd Grade M	30.19-199	defeated	Gungahlin	0.0-0
2nd Grade W	1.1-7	lost to	Batemans Bay	7.13-55
Rising Stars	5.3-33	lost to	Marist	8.9-57
3rd Grade M	2.4-16	lost to	Batemans Bay	14.12-96

BMFC 2021 SEASON DATES

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2021 CALENDAR

SAVE THE DATE

- 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

VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK JIM CALVERT

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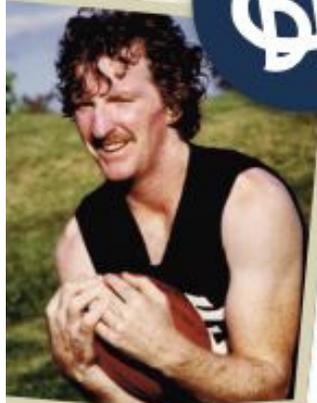
Jim Calvert (left), seen here with a young fan.

Our first volunteer of the week for this year is Jim Calvert!

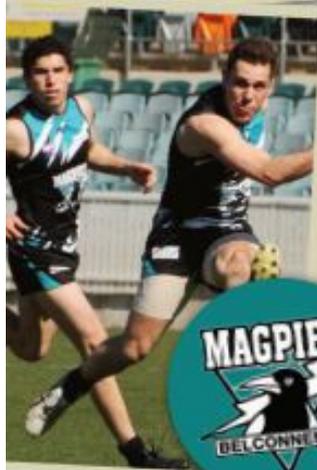
Jim generously donated a large amount of his time and effort in order to prepare The Nest for round 1 last weekend, including cleaning the entirety of the grandstand for the spectators, and updating the playing numbers in the change rooms.

Thanks Jim, we're grateful to have you around, and we hope you enjoy a gift from our pals at Scotto's Food Logistics!





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BELCONNEN FC 50 YEARS HISTORY BOOK

As you may be aware, the Belconnen Magpies Football Club is celebrating 50 years in Australian Football in the ACT. Happily, at the same time we are also celebrating 20 years of our club's involvement in women's Australian Football in the ACT.

To celebrate, Rob Goddard and the Belconnen Magpies Football Club's History Committee will soon be publishing an impressive near-280 page book that covers and celebrates 50 years of football in Belconnen. You can pre-order your copy by emailing Emma at football@belconnenmagpies.com.au for the special pre-order price of \$40.

To formally launch the book, we invite you down to our home game at The Nest on Saturday 8 May, to support us in our game against Eastlake, the side we made our debut against all those years ago. First Grade Women's will commence at 11:20am and First Grade Men's will commence at 1:15pm, and we are planning some light formalities between the two games.

We look forward to seeing you on 8 May too acknowledge this achievement and celebrate the occasion.

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1ST GRADE WOMEN MATCH REPORT

Bobby Moroney

Finally the 2021 season has arrived and what a way to get started. Our Round 1 team against Gungahlin welcomed four debutants in Heidi Chiswell, Issy English, Teagan Germech and Lucy Knox, and after a 12-week preseason and 203 days since the biggest win of 2020, our BMFC Women's 1st Grade team were ready to start our title defence.

With a new look across many positions we expected it to take some time for the players to settle into their new roles, but once the team clicked they looked dangerous across the board. Natasha McKay started the new season in the same vein of form as she finished 2020, winning contested clearances and getting us moving forward early, while Zoe Allen's outside run and forward entries demonstrated that she is ready to take her football to a new level.

With 9 goals to nothing in the first half, the team could be forgiven for taking things a little lightly in the second half. But every single player were committed to playing out a complete game to start the year. Most impressively, it was our young brigade that took the game on and launched us into the second half. Heidi Chiswell and Isabella Rees performed with a level of calmness as though they had played first grade football for years, Ally Morphett was outstanding up forward kicking 7 goals and taking some strong contested marks, whilst Teagan Germech had a debut to dream of with some powerful running, clearances all over the ground and finishing with 5 goals.

Another 14 goals in the second half, including 9 goals in the last quarter, finished off a perfect first round but the hard work is still to come. The season is going to offer opportunities and challenges, and we're ready for anything coming our way. Bring on Round 2!

Go Pies!

Round 1 **vs Gungahlin @ The Nest**

BMFC 23.15-153 def GJFC 0.0-0

Goalkickers: A. Morphett 7, T. Germech 4, H. Wallett 3, L. Knox 2, V. Thompson 2, E. Zouch 2, A. Allen, T. Reid, Z. Allen

Best: T. Germech, A. Morphett, K. Bailey, V. Thompson, S. Krushka, I. Rees

1ST GRADE MEN MATCH REPORT

James Bennett

Round 1 saw us host the Gungahlin Jets at the Nest. The players were looking forward to the opportunity to start the season well, after a pre-season spent getting fit and adapting to a new game style.

We selected a strong side for our season opener, with key players Luke Wharton and Tariku Fitzgerald-Holmes returning to the club to bolster our side from last season. We also welcomed Isaac Williams into the side, becoming the 604th first grade player for the club. Isaac joined us in 2020 from Narranderra, moving to Canberra for university studies. Unfortunately, a long-term injury ruled him out for last season, however he has done well over the pre-season to earn his spot in the side.

We were a little slow to begin with in the first five minutes of the game, but once we settled, we managed to take control in the midfield and through half-back. We had some nice passages of play in the first half, with our forward line functioning well. Sam Glyde was a standout in the first half, looking dangerous in the forward line and finishing the game with 6 goals. Luke Wharton also impressed across half-back with his speed and foot skills.

We continued to play well throughout the second-half and I was impressed with how the team stuck to the task and remained committed to playing the right way. We finished the game strongly, kicking 14 goals in the last quarter. A highlight of the last quarter was regular full-back Brad Hoffmann moving forward and kicking two goals, after botching a couple of easy marks and shots for goal!

It was pleasing to see our younger players win their positions and take control of the game for us. Seb Quirk (2 goals) and Max Monaghan (6 goals) were consistent through the midfield and dangerous up forward. Tom Simpson (6 goals) and Brendan Egan (3 goals) both provided strong links between midfield and our key forwards. They were well supported by the experience of Andrew Dess who presented a leading target for us, Len Hadrill who gave a quality effort through the midfield and forward line, and Alex Jones who gave us a strong presence in the ruck and around the ground.

Round 1 **vs Gungahlin @ The Nest**

BMFC 35.21-231 def GJFC 1.5-11

Goalkickers: S. Glyde 6, T. Simpson 6, M. Monaghan 5, A. Dess 3, L. Hadrill 3, B. Egan 3, S. Quirk 2, B. Chapman 2, B. Hoffmann 2, T. Alexander, J. Bennett, L. Wharton

Best: M. Monaghan, T. Simpson, S. Glyde, L. Hadrill, S. Quirk, A. Jones

2ND GRADE MEN MATCH REPORT

Lachie O'Sullivan

Rd 1 was finally here after a long pre-season where the senior group worked really hard over a number of months. The weather god's turned it on for us in what turned out to be a special day for the club. Prior to the first bounce the club unveiled our 2020 premiership flag which will hang from the coaches box at our home games this season. A moment the playing group and volunteers who gave so much last year will hopefully remember forever.

Moving into the game, we started very scrappy and showed some signs of a lack in concentration. To the Jet's credit their pressure early in the game certainly contributed to some of our mistakes.

After the first quarter we began to move the ball more freely as we dominated the clearances and delivered the ball into a spacious forward line. Unfortunately we missed a lot of easy opportunities to capitalize on our excellent ball movement and went in to the main break 10.14 - 74.

In the 2nd half we continued to control all areas of the game. Our backline were able to get involved and give us some really strong drive through the middle of the ground. In the 2nd half we kicked 20 goals, 5 behinds which demonstrated that our process, focus and effort improved as the game went on.

There were plenty of contributors in such a big win, none more so than Captain Chip Bradley, who dominated the stoppages all day. Poschy finished the game with an impressive 10 goals (and a couple of points). Twins Matt and Nick Kelly showed their class and speed, breaking the line and distributing the footy clean and quickly. Lastly, Cam Johnson made a new home of the half back line and showed he can be a valuable asset there throughout the year.

Hopefully see you at the Nest this weekend for a tough match against Eastlake.

P.s. Congrats to Sam Telfer and Nic Eynaud on their recent coaching debuts, both ripper blokes who's teams are lucky to have them.

Round 1

vs Gungahlin @ The Nest

BMFC 30.19-199 def GJFC 0.0-0

Goalkickers: D. Posch 10, J. Taylor 4, M. Kelly 3, C.

Johnson 3, J. Rees 2, M. Viney 2, M. Mooney 2, S.

Cooper 2, Z. Macdonald, M. Fitzpatrick

Best: R. Bradley, D. Posch, M. Kelly, J. Battel, N.

Kelly, C. Johnson

THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

Grade	Date	Time	Opponent	Ground
1st Grade M	Sat 8th May	1:15 pm	Eastlake	The Nest
1st Grade W	Sat 8th May	11:20 am	Eastlake	The Nest
2nd Grade M	Sat 8th May	3:45 pm	Eastlake	The Nest
Rising Stars	Sat 8th May	9:30 am	Eastlake	The Nest
2nd Grade W	Sat 8th May	11am	Ainslie	Alan Ray Oval
3rd Grade M	Sat 8th May	1pm	Ainslie	Alan Ray Oval

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