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UPCOMING FIXTURE

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2:00PM

ROUND 17

RIDDELLS CREEK REC RESERVE



VS



STANDARD TIMES

ROUND 17

DIGGERS REST REC RESERVE



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STANDARD TIMES

ROUND 17

LANCEFIELD PARK

WOMENS



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SEMI-FINAL

LANCEFIELD PARK

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ACROSS MY DESK

by General Manager Operations Grace Bibby

The RDFNL Board are pleased to announce the 2026 Preferred Senior Finals Venues pending council approval.

Thank you to all clubs who expressed an interest in hosting this season

Please see below for the breakdown:

SENIORS

Week 1 Qualifying & Elimination Finals –
Saturday 22nd Sunday 23rd August

- Kyneton Showgrounds - Kyneton (Saturday) - Qualifying Final
- Greenhill Reserve - Wallan (Sunday) - Elimination Final 1
- Romsey Park - Romsey (Sunday) - Elimination Final 2

Week 2 Semi Finals –

Saturday 29th Sunday 30th August

- Kyneton Showgrounds - Kyneton (Saturday) - 2nd Semi Final
- Gilbert Gordon - Woodend (Sunday) - 1st Semi Final

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Week 3 Preliminary Finals –

Saturday 5th September

- Romsey Park - Romsey (Saturday) - Preliminary Final

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Week 4 Grand Finals –

Saturday 12th September

- Romsey Park - Romsey (Saturday) - Grand Final

The RDFNL are pleased to announce the Junior Finals Series preferred venues for 2026.

Thank you to all clubs who expressed an interest in hosting this season.

Each year when selecting venues we take into consideration many factors including, parking, temporary fencing requirements, travel to and from other venues, surface standards, facilities, committee support and sharing of the hosting over previous years.

Please see below for the dates and venues subject to council approval;

Week 1 Qualifying & Elimination Finals –
Sunday 2nd August

- Eric Boardman #2 (Sunbury Lions)
- Romsey Park (Romsey)
- Melton Rec Reserve (Melton South)
- Kyneton Showgrounds (Kyneton)

Kyneton will host all netball matches

Week 2 Preliminary Finals –
Sunday 9th August

- Romsey Park (Romsey)
- Gilbert Gordon (Woodend)

Woodend will host all netball matches

Week 3 Grand Finals –
Sunday 16th August

- MacPherson Park (Melton)





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227 RANKING POINTS

41 DISPOSALS

14 CLEARANCES

13 INSIDE 50'S

4 GOALS

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Click the division for match details and team lists.



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191

6

BEN
DESSERT

2

212



OWEN
FOWLER

189

7

DANIEL
TOMAN

3

206



CHRIS
STEWART

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LACHLAN
SMART

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REUBEN
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RDFNL Senior Mens Football Tipping

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Football Tipping							
NAME	Diggers Rest vs Gisborne Giants	Melton Centrals vs Lancefield	Macedon vs Melton South	Riddell vs Romsey	Wallan vs Kyneton	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Diggers Rest	Melton Centrals	Melton South	Riddell	Wallan	2	61
Courtney Alexander	Diggers Rest	Melton Centrals	Macedon	Riddell	Wallan	3	60
Terry Kernan	Diggers Rest	Melton Centrals	Macedon	Riddell	Wallan	4	63
Brian McNabb	Diggers Rest	Melton Centrals	Melton South	Riddell	Wallan	2	54
Jordan Doyle	Diggers Rest	Melton Centrals	Macedon	Riddell	Wallan	4	63
Richard Thwaites	Gisborne Giants	Lancefield	Macedon	Riddell	Wallan	4	63
Grant McMillan	Diggers Rest	Melton Centrals	Macedon	Riddell	Wallan	5	67
Tara Murray	Diggers Rest	Melton Centrals	Macedon	Riddell	Wallan	4	62
Ben Higgins	Diggers Rest	Lancefield	Macedon	Riddell	Wallan	4	61
Grace Bibby	Diggers Rest	Melton Centrals	Macedon	Riddell	Wallan	4	67



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RDFNL Senior Mens Previews

By Seth Cornish



Two teams that are absolutely flying now face off in what could be one of the games of the season. The Cats have won 5 of their past 6 and are really starting to show they will be a threat come finals time. They were 94-point winners over Melton Centrals last week in a game where many expected it to be closer, but it seems the Cattery are hitting their straps at the right time of the year. Brodie Hoyne had a massive game with 38 disposals, 14 marks, 9 clearances and 158 ranking points, alongside him was Josh Govan who's been a very handy inclusion for the Cats, he had 30 disposals, 9 marks and 151 ranking points. Probably the biggest story coming out of that game was the return of Jason Cooke, and it looked like the version of Jason Cooke we've been wanting to see, he had 17 disposals, 6 marks and 6 goals. We have seen that he can win games off his own boot, and now that we're two games away from finals it's exciting to see what damage he can do. It was a game that had everything last week between the Panthers and Tigers, a headcount issue caused the Panthers to lose 30 odd points off their score which was going to be a mountain to climb against Kyneton at home, but they still managed to get the 4 points. It's starting to get to a point now where if South win this week, we need to look at them as flag contenders considering the extraordinary form they are in. Blake Souter has been one of the recruits of the season, he had 38 disposals, 9 clearances and 169 ranking points last week. Alongside him was big man Broden Collins with 17 disposals, 7 clearances and 118 ranking points. This game is extremely hard to tip but I think I'm going to take the cattery just here to solidify their third spot.

Prediction- Macedon by 8 points



A game that will undoubtedly make or break Kyneton's top 4 aspirations. Wallan really weren't playing around last week in their response from the loss the week before. They beat Lancefield by 224 points blowing them out the park on the back of some incredible performances from their stars. Dion Hill was unreal with 41 disposals, 14 clearances, 4 goals and 227 ranking points. Alongside him was Ben Dessent with 47 disposals, 9 clearances, 2 goals and 212 ranking points. You also can't ignore the performance of Lachlan Smart who now looks the favourite to win the league goalkicking award, he had 25 disposals, 12 goals and 195 ranking points, just ridiculous. The stats are ridiculously skewed towards the Magpies; they controlled possession as they love to do winning the disposals count (+204) the Inside 50 count (+57) and the clearance count (+51). It's not going to be this easy next week for the Magpies against a Kyneton outfit trying to find form heading into finals. Kyneton even with the headcount buffer couldn't get it done against the Panthers at home, it's unusual for Kyneton to be outplayed like this at home and it raises question marks on whether they can really make an impact come finals. Hamish Yunghanns has bene elite for the Tigers on his return, he had 29 disposals, 11 clearances and 155 ranking points last week. Alongside him was the always consistent Caleb Fisher with 26 disposals, 7 clearances and 154 ranking points. It's hard not to take the Magpies here based on where both teams are at, I do think Kyneton have the ability to put up a challenge, but Wallan will just be too good at home.

Prediction- Wallan by 35 points

RDFNL Senior Mens Previews

By Seth Cornish



A massive game for the Bombers here in a result that could make or break their season. Riddell probably don't want to lose again for the rest of the regular season after their 65-point loss last week to the Burras, another loss to the Redbacks or the Panthers in the next two weeks could really hurt their confidence. Nathan Hrovat showed his class last week with 44 disposals, 15 clearances, 3 goals and 191 ranking points, alongside him was Jackson Wadden with 31 disposals, 11 R50's and 126 ranking points. It was a tough 66-point loss to the Hawks for the Redbacks last week, they are due for a big offseason to put them back into contention next year. Corey Pertzelt was Romsey's best with 29 disposals 10 clearances and 128 ranking points, alongside him was big man Nathan Hoy with 11 disposals, 32 hitouts and 112 ranking points. I'm going to back Riddell in here to get this done convincingly, they need a confidence booster before they play the Panthers next week and this is their chance.

Prediction- Riddell by 50 points



A Burras demolition job at the hands of Callum Moore kicking 15 the last time these two teams played, you'd expect it to be a bit closer this time around although. The Burras got it done last week against their archrivals Riddell, they were without the services of Moore and Calvaresi but still managed to win by 65 points. It was an incredible game from the great man Oleg Markov with 39 disposals, 11 marks and 193 ranking points, alongside him was Josh Wallace who I think has had his first 30 possession game in his career with 34 disposals, 2 goals and 151 ranking points.

The Giants come off the bye sitting 8th on the ladder at 4-10 for the season. Andrew Hall is probably very happy with their progression this year, led by elite years from Matt Quigley and Brad Mangan again. And the rise of some young talent including Olu Olalekan, Lucas Mousley and Nick Lacy all show some positive signs for the Giants future. While I think it will be closer than last time, the Burras should get this done easily in their last hitout before finals.

Prediction- Diggers by 60 points



Two teams probably looking forward to the end of the season now and looking to get a strong offseason in so they can be back in contention next year. It's not great to be seeing Lancefield losing by as much as they did on the weekend, they were unfortunately outclassed by a better Wallan side who were looking for a statement win. Reuben Schembri had an unreal game considering the circumstances with 25 disposals, 13 tackles, 16 clearances and 169 ranking points. Alongside him was Tully Fattore with 23 disposals, 10 marks and 137 ranking points. Centrals never looked likely against Macedon on the weekend in a 94-point defeat, it's unfortunate for Melton to have results like this at the end of the season but they have showed strong progression this season. Evan Donoghue has had an incredible season, and he had another great game on the weekend with 34 disposals, 16 clearances and 147 ranking points. Alongside him was Jake Armistead with 26 disposals, 7 marks and 113 ranking points. I think Melton should get this done pretty easily here.

Prediction- Centrals by 70 points

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RDFNL Senior Womens Football Tipping

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Womens Football Tipping				
NAME	Lancefield vs Riddell		Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Lancefield		2	22
Courtney Alexander	Lancefield		1	19
Jacqui Green	Lancefield		2	19
Jordan Doyle	Lancefield		1	23
Grant McMillan	Lancefield		1	20
Tara Murray	Lancefield		1	21
Ben Higgins	Lancefield		1	22
Grace Bibby	Lancefield		2	23
Richard Thwaites	Lancefield		1	22



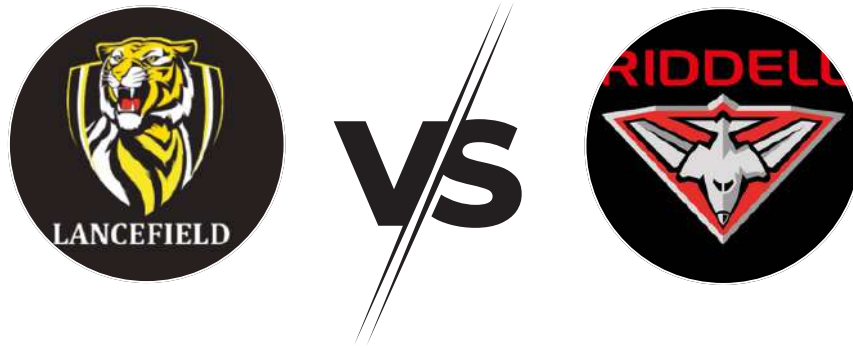
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RDFNL SENIOR WOMESN UPCOMING TEAMLISTS

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ROUND FOURTEEN

AMY TACEY

1 15



LILLY BROMLEY

4 5



ELLA HAYES

1 15



NICOLE WOODMAN

4 5



TESSA MCNAIR

2 13



RUBY WATTS

3 6



TAYA KONIAS

3 7



LILY PRATER

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AMY TACEY

187 RANKING POINTS

34 DISPOSALS

15 CLEARANCES

14 TACKLES

6 MARKS

PLAYER OF THE WEEK



RDFNL Senior Womens Previews

By Seth Cornish



A massive semi final clash awaits us at the home of the Tigers we're these two teams will fight it out for the fifth and final time this season. And with a grand final and Macedon waiting there is nothing both these clubs will want more than a win. Lancefield finish the regular season 8-4 with all their losses coming against the dominant Macedon. They have had a strong season this year in comparison to last year where they weren't as competitive, they're showing great signs as being one of the best senior women's programs in the next few years. They've had a number on Riddell this season beating them all 4 times they've played them including three weeks ago in a 31-point win.

There have been some games where Riddell have come close which Lancefield will be weary of and they can't go into this game thinking they're going to win it easy. It's been a great year for Molly Libardi who has averaged 16 disposals, 11 tackles and 94 ranking points. Alongside her has been Lilly Bromley who's averaged 17 disposals, 4 clearances and 82 ranking points. The Bombers haven't had the strongest of seasons sometimes struggling with numbers, but they have done an incredible job to sustain their senior women's program and get to the position they are in now. Riddell will head into this game as underdogs losing to Lancefield all 4 times that they have played them this season; however, Riddell have shown that they can compete with the Tigers and I think they can show that this week. Lauren Shaw has been Riddell's best this season averaging 22 disposals, 4 tackles and 96 ranking points. Alongside her has been young talent Tessa McNair who's averaging 18 disposals, 7 clearances and 94 ranking points. This game is tough to tip, I think both teams have the ability to win this here and anything can happen in finals, however I think Lancefield's home advantage and record against Riddell this season is something you can't ignore and I'm taking them to win here in a close one.

Prediction- Lancefield by 14 points

TACKLE YOUR FEELINGS

'Be a Champ'

- Tackle Your Feelings ambassador Nathan Buckley and social media larrikins the Shepmates have teamed up to create a humorous video celebrating local football club culture and encouraging players and coaches to help support the mental health of their footy mates
- Watch the video
- As part of the campaign, Tackle Your Feelings is looking to celebrate and recognise those local 'champs' who go above and beyond when it comes to investing in mental health
- Being referred to as a 'champ' is not always cast in a positive way, so Tackle Your Feelings is looking to reclaim the phrase and spin it around to celebrate these people who often don't get the recognition they deserve with the role they play at their clubs
- We want players, coaches, committee members, support staff and umpires to be a champ and book their club in for a Tackle Your Feelings workshop
- Clubs can register for a workshop at **tyfo.tackleyourfeelings.org.au/login/**.

Adam Baldwin, Program Manager said:
"Clubs are beginning to understand their responsibility to create an environment which supports the mental health of their players. We want clubs to prioritise mental health in the same way they currently do physical health. Tackle Your Feelings is a free program that can help clubs kick-start the development of their own mental health game plan."

Book a @tyf_au workshop today.



What is Tackle Your Feelings?

- Tackle Your Feelings is a FREE mental health program for community football/netball clubs
- The program was formed by the AFL Coaches Association, AFL Players' Association and Zurich Insurance in 2018 following the death of Adelaide coach Phil Walsh
- The program is delivered by a local psychologist and aims to help participants gain the tools to Understand, Recognise and Respond to signs of mental ill-health.
- The program is based on the education delivered to the AFL industry and is led by high-profile player and coach ambassadors
- Since 2019, the TYF program has been delivered to more than 10,000 participants in every Australian state and territory and it's available to your club in 2024
- Quote from TYF ambassador Nathan Buckley: "It's an awesome program. It's so succinct and gives you really good strategies... it's a really good conversation starter."

To book a session in for your club contact **Grant McMillan** via **grant@rdfnl.com.au**



DIGGERS REST

Club Notes



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GISBORNE GIANTS

Club Notes



We enjoyed a week off last weekend, but happy to get back into it as we head to Diggers Rest today. A huge challenge for both our footballers and netballers.

Gisborne Giants have announced the re-signing of our head football coach Andrew Hall & captain Brad Mangan. Keep an eye out on our socials for updates as we continue to build our senior football and netball programs.

On Sunday our junior Giants get an opportunity to play off for a grand final spot, with a few already sealing it last weekend. See below the fixture for this Sunday as we wish all our juniors the best of luck.

Go Giants!



RDFNL JUNIOR FINALS

WEEK 2

★ FOOTBALL ★ SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 2026 ★

TIME	GRADE	MATCH		VENUE
8:20am	UNDER 13C	GISBORNE GIANTS ORANGE	vs MELTON CENTRALS WHITE	GILBERT GORDON OVAL WOODEND
11:00am	UNDER 13A	GISBORNE GIANTS SILVER	vs GISBORNE ROOKIES 1	GILBERT GORDON OVAL WOODEND
2:05pm	UNDER 17B	GISBORNE GIANTS ORANGE	vs LANCEFIELD	ROMSEY PARK



NETBALL

**NETBALL VENUE:
GILBERT GORDON OVAL, WOODEND**

TIME	DIVISION	MATCH		COURT
11:00am	13 & UNDER DIV 1	RIDDELLS CREEK RED	vs GISBORNE GIANTS SILVER	COURT 1
1:00pm	15 & UNDER DIV 1	GISBORNE GIANTS SILVER	vs ROMSEY RED	COURT 1



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LANCEFIELD

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VALE TERRY O'MEARA...

Lancefield is a club that has always been built on families. One of the most significant families in our clubs history is the O'Meara family. Sadly the patriarch of that family, Terry O'Meara, passed away over the weekend. Terry was the father of Ryan, Danny and Patrick who all played in premierships at Lancefield and the grandfather of Grace, Piper & Lily, to Riley, Jake, Flynn & Amy and to Ruby, Emmy, Nellie, & Meg. Terry was a familiar face always taking great pride in watching his grandchildren on the football fields and netball courts. Lancefield FNC extends its sympathies to the O'Meara family and to all the friends Terry made at our club over so many years. Our footballers and netballers will wear black armbands on Saturday as a tribute to Terry.

WOMEN'S PRELIM FINAL...

Finals footy is coming to Lancefield! The Tigers have locked in second spot on the ladder so will host the women's football Preliminary Final. Clear your calendar for Saturday August 8 after our Melton Centrals home game when our girls will take on Riddell, in a replay of last years Preliminary Final, for a spot in the Grand Final. This night last year was a big occasion and we can't wait to get behind the Tiges as they take their shot at a Grand Final spot.

SEPTEMBER 5 – PRESENTATION NIGHT...

Save the date for our Presentation Night for this year. Straight from the Prelim's to the Preso. We're locked in at the fantastic Mount Monument winery. We'll have buses teed up so keep the date free for a great end of year night.



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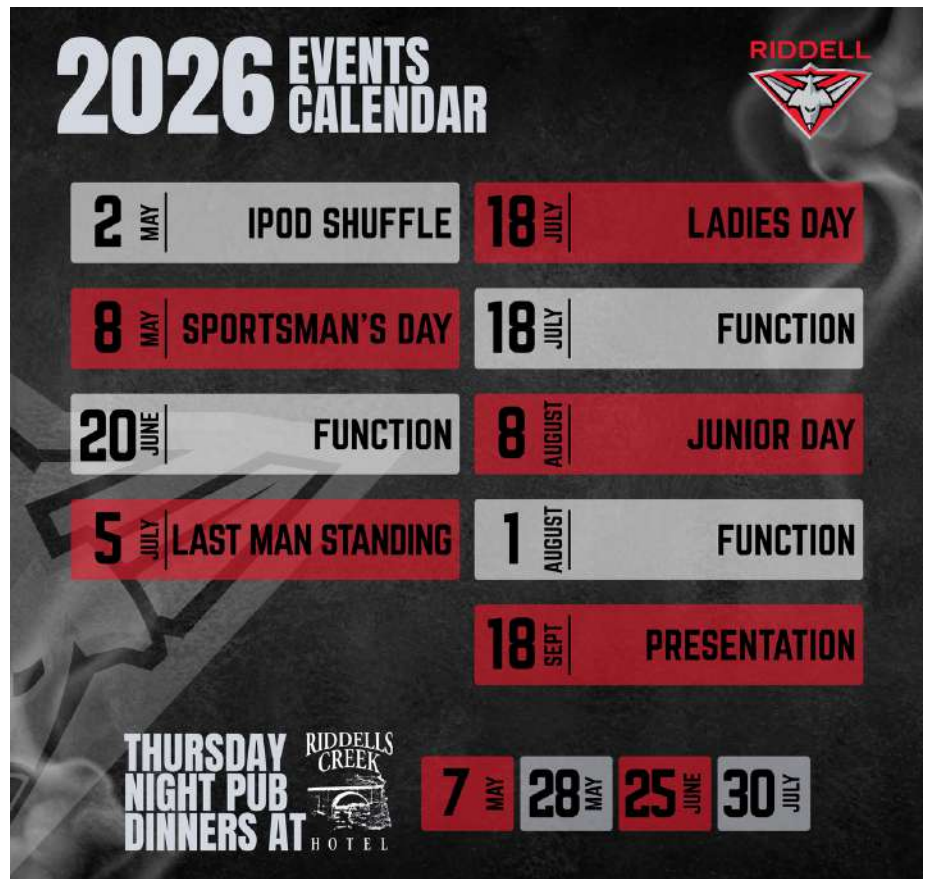
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We are stoked to announce the launch of our new and improved website, take a look today!

<https://riddell-fnc.myclubcms.com.au/football>

A place where you will find all club history, easy links to access relevant websites, full team lists and much much more!

Don't forget to save the date for all of the events on our 2026 events calendar!
events calendar.jpg



2026 EVENTS CALENDAR

2 MAY	IPOD SHUFFLE	18 JULY	LADIES DAY
8 MAY	SPORTSMAN'S DAY	18 JULY	FUNCTION
20 JUNE	FUNCTION	8 AUGUST	JUNIOR DAY
5 JULY	LAST MAN STANDING	1 AUGUST	FUNCTION
		18 SEPT	PRESENTATION
THURSDAY NIGHT PUB DINNERS AT RIDDILLS CREEK HOTEL		7 MAY	28 MAY
		25 JUNE	30 JULY

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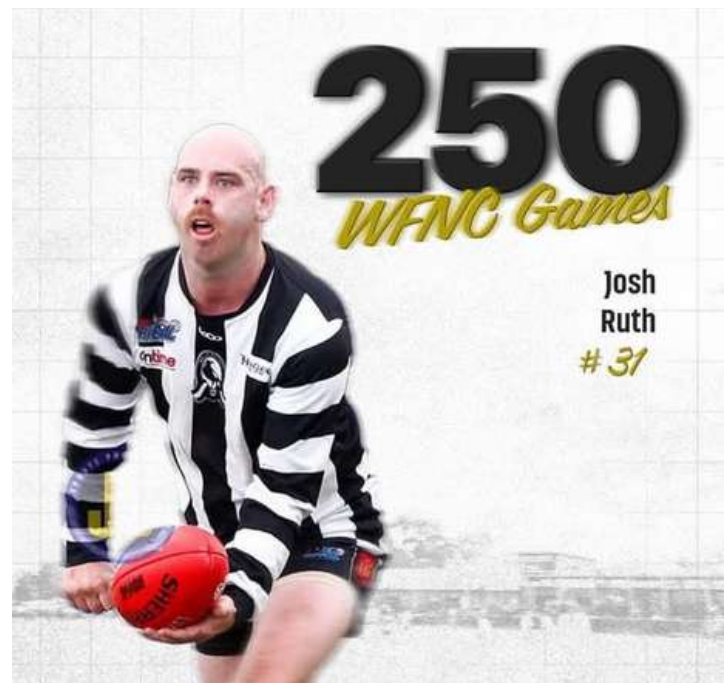
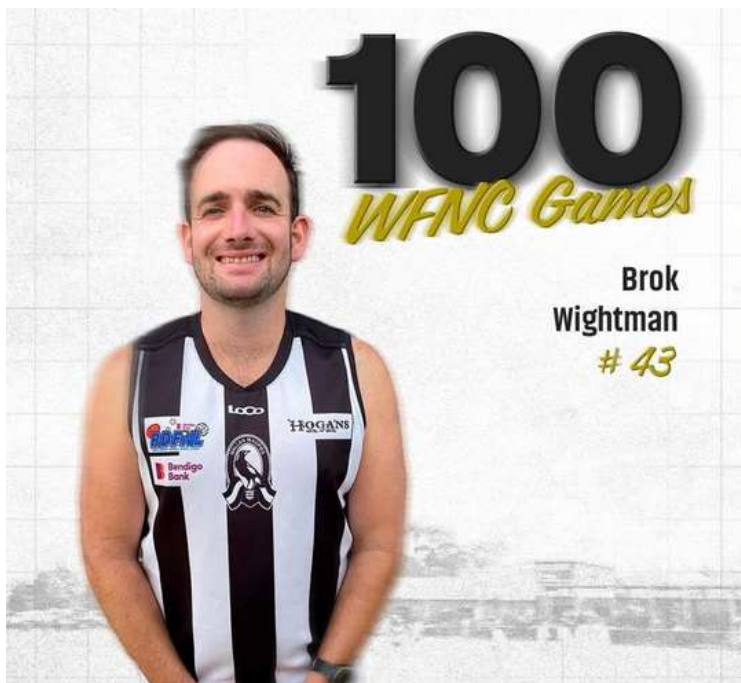
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WALLAN Club Notes

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ROUND 16 – HOME VS ROMSEY

Round 16 – Romsey comes to The Nest, and this one feels big. We're deep in the season now, finals contention is real, and every point is precious. Gilbert Gordon needs to be rocking today, and we know our incredible supporter base is going to deliver.

Romsey is a quality side who will push our teams hard. But playing at home, in front of our people, with everything on the line – that's when this club raises its game. Our netballers and footballers are primed and ready to put on a show.

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Dylan Snowden - Melton Centrals - Rough Conduct - One Week



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NETBALL MANAERS REPORT

by General Manager Operations Grace Bibby

The RDFNL Board are pleased to announce the 2026 Preferred Senior Finals Venues pending council approval.

Thank you to all clubs who expressed an interest in hosting this season

Please see below for the breakdown:

SENIORS

Week 1 Qualifying & Elimination Finals –
Saturday 22nd Sunday 23rd August

- Kyneton Showgrounds - Kyneton (Saturday) - Qualifying Final
- Greenhill Reserve - Wallan (Sunday) - Elimination Final 1
- Romsey Park - Romsey (Sunday) - Elimination Final 2

Week 2 Semi Finals –

Saturday 29th Sunday 30th August

- Kyneton Showgrounds - Kyneton (Saturday) - 2nd Semi Final
- Gilbert Gordon - Woodend (Sunday) - 1st Semi Final

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Week 3 Preliminary Finals –

Saturday 5th September

- Romsey Park - Romsey (Saturday) - Preliminary Final

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Week 4 Grand Finals –

Saturday 12th September

Romsey Park - Romsey (Saturday) - Grand Final

The RDFNL are pleased to announce the Junior Finals Series preferred venues for 2026.

Thank you to all clubs who expressed an interest in hosting this season.

Each year when selecting venues we take into consideration many factors including, parking, temporary fencing requirements, travel to and from other venues, surface standards, facilities, committee support and sharing of the hosting over previous years.

Please see below for the dates and venues subject to council approval;

Week 1 Qualifying & Elimination Finals –
Sunday 2nd August

- Eric Boardman #2 (Sunbury Lions)
- Romsey Park (Romsey)
- Melton Rec Reserve (Melton South)
- Kyneton Showgrounds (Kyneton)

Kyneton will host all netball matches

Week 2 Preliminary Finals –
Sunday 9th August

- Romsey Park (Romsey)
- Gilbert Gordon (Woodend)

Woodend will host all netball matches

Week 3 Grand Finals –
Sunday 16th August

- MacPherson Park (Melton)

We are so lucky to have such great netball facilities across many venues in our RDFNL competitions. Thanks to the clubs and the councils for their on going efforts in this space.



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RDFNL Netball Tipping

Each week throughout the 2026 season, a panel of RDFNL staff, executive, sponsors and media will submit their tips for the weekend's senior netball matches, which will be featured in the footy record. See how your tips stack up against the RDFNL experts each week!

Netball Tipping							
NAME	Diggers Rest vs Gisborne Giants	Melton Centrals vs Lancefield	Macedon vs Melton South	Riddell vs Romsey	Wallan vs Kyneton	Last Week	Total
Brenton Knott	Gisborne Giants	Lancefield	Macedon	Romsey	Kyneton	4	53
Krissy Clement	Gisborne Giants	Lancefield	Macedon	Riddell	Wallan	4	63
Ben Higgins	Gisborne Giants	Lancefield	Macedon	Riddell	Wallan	4	52
Tara Murray	Gisborne Giants	Lancefield	Macedon	Riddell	Wallan	4	61
Jordan Doyle	Gisborne Giants	Lancefield	Macedon	Riddell	Wallan	4	62
Grace Bibby	Gisborne Giants	Lancefield	Macedon	Riddell	Wallan	4	62
Grant McMillan	Gisborne Giants	Lancefield	Macedon	Riddell	Wallan	5	57
Courtney Alexander	Gisborne Giants	Lancefield	Macedon	Riddell	Wallan	4	53
Richard Thwaites	Diggers Rest	Melton Centrals	Macedon	Riddell	Wallan	4	57
Lauren Nolan	Gisborne Giants	Lancefield	Macedon	Riddell	Wallan	5	64



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RDFNL Netball Previews

By Grace Bibby



Wallan face another enormous challenge when they host Kyneton.

The Magpies are battling injuries at the worst possible time, with key player Konstantopolis currently in a moon boot and Georgia Stevenson absent from the defensive end last week. Their young lineup lacked some experience against Lancefield, while Mave Donegan will be looking to rediscover her usual shooting accuracy.

Kyneton, meanwhile, continue to strengthen their finals credentials after comfortably accounting for Melton South. Evie Stothers was dominant under the post, converting 50 goals from 60 attempts, while Lauren Anglin's precise feeding and Kristiana Manua's defensive pressure ensured the Tigers controlled the contest from the opening quarter. With Kyneton sitting just half a game clear of Macedon in the race for sixth spot, every match is critical. Wallan will need to overcome both their injury concerns and one of the competition's most in-form combinations if they're to bounce back from the loss to Lancefield.

We are still unsure if we will see Ellie Bid again in season 2026 but it would be unlikely that Kyneton can challenge for the premiership without her. Can Kyneton cause an upset while the Magpies have injuries? If they do they will end the hopes of Macedon playing finals.

Prediction: Wallan to win in a close one and leave Kyneton reliant on the round 18 results.

Riddell will be looking to flex their muscles against a depleted Romsey Redback. After a strong first quarter against Woodend Hesket Romsey Goal attack Lizzy Crump looked to have suffered a serious injury.

The Bombers were without the influential Shelby Holder, whose back injury was keenly felt, but Ellen Close continued to lead the young group admirably.

Close will have to continue to step up if Holter is out for the remainder of the season.

Without one of their key players, the Bombers struggled to match to get any real momentum in the game against Diggers Rest but they did enough to take the points.

This weekend should be a great contest this rivalry goes back through the age groups and players like the Brown sisters and the Miles sisters going head to head is something we are quite used to seeing.

Both sides have plenty to play for, with Riddell looking to regain momentum and Romsey eager to return to the form that has seen them produce some strong performances over the past month. Finals are off the table for the Redbacks but it is always nice to take some positive late season wins into the new season.

Prediction: Riddell to be too strong for Romsey and to continue their strong season.



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RDFNL Netball Previews

By Grace Bibby



Macedon will come into this one after a strong performance against Melton Centrals. Despite having injuries Centrals were no match for the Cats who dominated each quarter. For Melton South they had a shocking first quarter but really steadied the ship from there to ensure a competitive game for three quarters against Kyneton. It would have been a great experience for the young South players to have the chance to play against someone with the netball resume of Kristinia Manua and they are the moments that are easily forgotten when the season goes by as quick as it does. Molly McGrath is in outstanding form and will be a tough match up for the Panthers but some injuries to Katie Clarke and Hetty Donohue will make Panthers task a little less daunting.

Prediction: Macedon to record a strong win and keep their hopes of playing finals alive.

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LDiggers Rest were really competitive against Riddell last week despite going down by 10 goals. The Burras were bolstered by Maggie Payne returning to their defensive end. When Maggie is playing there is a lot more pressure on the attacking end and her leadership also stands above the rest.

For the Giants they had the bye last weekend but in their last outing they also went down to Riddell. If the scoreboard is any indication this game could be a danger game for the Giants.

Emma Vitalone has been in outstanding form of late as has Olivia Craske.

Prediction: Giants will want to take their best form into finals and I expect them to win this one comfortably.



RLancefield absolutely dismantled Wallan last week in a game that should have been a lot closer. It could be a reflection of Wallans injuries or it could also be that Lancefield are finding form at the right time. Lancefield have had plenty of injury over the course of the season but it looks like most of them have returned. Their defensive end is one of the competitions best and it will make life hard for Melton Centrals. Imogen Sexton has been the best player by a mile for Centrals this season and she will need to continue that strong form if they are a chance of an upset this week.

Their form this season has been quite disappointing but they will still fancy themselves for an upset late in the season.

Unfortunately for Melton Centrals they have just lacked players all season long and the job has been too big for too few to carry,

Prediction: Lancefield to record another really strong performance on their way to finals.



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