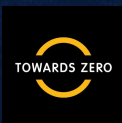




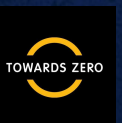
# ROUND 5 REPORTS

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## ROAD SAFETY ROUND





# PRESIDENT



**Geoff Seymour**

## Top tips to avoid driving tired



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Our second home game for the season we came up against the Hoppers.

The grounds looked a treat thanks to some terrific mower men putting in lots of hours. Some excellent results in the netball with the girls winning all grades, some by considerable margins. Our 17s girls especially have really shown some determination and have made a great start to the season. The 17.5's and the seconds also had good wins with depleted sides due to some boys being promoted to First grade and others away or sick. Coolamon Seconds were undefeated prior to this so well done to the boys from the magoo's on knocking them off. The firsts were behind all day and seemed to be coming home in the last quarter. We are definitely looking forward to the return of numerous players and I believe we will only get stronger across all grades as the season progresses.

We acknowledged all umpires at half time of the main game and recognised the contribution they make so that our games are possible each week. In particular, we thank our club umpires and boundary assistants who volunteer their time each week.

**This round we join AFL Southern NSW and Transport for NSW in promoting Road Safety Round with RFL providing socks for all players this week. Yellow ribbons will also be worn by coaches and officials as we encourage people to think about the choices they make on country roads and by driving responsibly to ensure loved ones get home safely. I remind all members of our club that as we travel around the Riverina to think about their speed and attitude especially when driving home late at night or if having a few drinks.**

Don't forget to get your Ball ticket for 28 May at Burrandana Hall, buses will be available on the night from Wagga and the Mango pub. Memberships and our newest initiative, Goanna Lotto tickets are still available. All members are entered into the Kent McRae members draw at each home game which has now jackpotted to \$300. Good luck to everyone in Leeton this week and join us for game day awards afterwards @ Farmers Home 6.30pm.



# FIRST GRADE

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**Jeremy Rowe**

To The MCUE Faithful,

After a tough day at the office the week previous, the Coolamon game presented itself a terrific opportunity to embrace another challenge and show a positive response to what happened against GGGM.

Coolamon are a quality opposition, however they also had some challenges relative to injury and it felt as if the team who were hungrier and could compete for longer would come away with 4 incredibly important points and some equally important confidence.

The first half was a very dour affair. The game lacked spark, both teams had been wasteful in front of goal and the game was begging for someone to take it by the scruff of the neck and break it open. We were behind by 2 points and the 2.6 to 2.8 scoreline showed the nature of the game but also that it was there for

the taking to the side who came out of the sheds with the most intent and the ability to back it up with superior execution.

Coolamon were first out of the blocks but we responded with fight and created many opportunities in front of goal but unfortunately wasted the majority. Behind by 11 points at the final break, it would take a huge effort to get over the top of them during the final quarter. We dug deep but despite playing most of the last quarter in our forward 50, execution once again let us down and Coolamon prevailed by 5 points - the defeat left a hollow feeling.

Jono Male toiled hard all day and continued his early season form whilst Chuck Chambers prospered in a run with role against the dangerous Aiden Macauley. Zac Wiencke sparked us and created many scoring opportunities forward of centre and Ryan Turnbull just kept running and winning the footy. 2nd best was James Scott who is in a rich vein of form mixing intercept marking with strong defending and solid ruck craft. Best on ground by a country mile was Harry Collins who has been in brilliant form winning his own footy in the middle and intercepting and rebounding off half back.

We now find ourselves at 2-2 and we are being well and truly challenged. We will stay patient as we know our best footy is ahead of us but we must work with urgency when it comes to getting somewhere near an acceptable standard of footy relative to our potential. In the coming weeks, we will go old school and take things one week at a time with a focus on energy, positivity and the opponent that is in front of us.

Challenge brings the best out in people and I am looking forward to seeing us navigate through this weekend against Leeton.

**Road Safety Round is an opportunity to remind us all that like playing sport, no matter how skilled or experienced you are, or how familiar you are with a game plan, or the road you drive every day, it's hard to know what's around the corner or to anticipate if another road user will make a mistake.**

See you at the footy, Regards

Jeremy





# RESERVES



**Mitch Sykes**

Last week in the 2nds we come up against one of the stronger sides of Coolamon.

After the disappointment of the week before, we wanted to respond in the best possible way. We set ourselves the challenge of not losing two games in a row and not losing at home.

After a slow start to the game we gradually took control and in the 2nd and 3rd quarter we were able to keep the game at a 2 or 3 goal margin. In the last quarter we were able to add a couple more goals and ran away with a 26 point win.

The awards went to Jake Hindmarsh who won the mug. The meat supply went to Conner Quade and the inter sport award went to our stand in captain for the week in Mitch Bloomfield who finished with 4 goals. Overall it was fantastic way to respond and looking forward to taking on leeton this weekend.

**Road Safety Round is the first of its kind in NSW and is a partnership between AFL Southern NSW and Transport for NSW. It's primary aim is to encourage players and AFL fans to think about the choices they make on the roads, and drive so they, and the people they love, get home safely.**

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# UNDER 17.5'S



**Rick Collins**

Last Saturday saw us at home against the previously undefeated Coolamon side. With a mixture of injury, illness and unavailability we took to the field with 17 players. Unfortunately we lost Julian Learmont to a knee injury just before half-time leaving us with 16 fit players. Hopefully the injury is not too serious and we will soon see 'Diego' back on the field.

Even though we were undermanned compared to our opposition each player who took the field gave 100% effort for the full quarters leading to an outstanding 11.5.71 to 6.5.41 victory. Whilst we tired somewhat in the second half with out an interchange bench the damage had been done in the first two quarters. After keeping Coolamon scoreless in the second quarter we went to half time with an 8.4.52 to 2.3.15 lead.

This victory was built on a team effort with everyone playing their role for the team. Our ball movement, at times, was outstanding with many attacking forays leading to goals. Our Award winners for the day were Charlie Hounsell (Players Player) whose clean hands and goal kicking were a feature of his game. Where others were fumbling under pressure Charlie was clean, allowing him time and space to show off his vast array of tricks. Beau Edmunds (Intersport) backed up his good game last week with another strong effort across the halfback line. More often than not Beau set the chain in motion for our attacking moves and wore himself out taking intercept possessions across the backline. Max Neiberding (Wagga Meat Supply) had one of his best games totally dominating his opponent who is one of Coolamon's best players. Max ensured that his opponent had few touches and those that he did get, Max made him earn them.

It was a hard week to pick awards as we had winners all over the field, our backs outplayed their opponents, our midfield won first use of the ball and dominated territory while our forward line capitalised on this by kicking goals.

This week sees us travel to Leeton to take on the Crows who are another side that has been a traditional heavyweight in the Under 17.5 competition.

**For Road Safety round, we are getting players to pull on yellow socks to get them all thinking about driving a little safer on our roads. Visit [towardszero.nsw.gov.au](https://towardszero.nsw.gov.au) for more information on how we can promote safer driving.**

I look forward to seeing the players build on the effort of last week where, if we play with the same intent and passion as our last game I have no doubt we can come away with victory. Good luck to all teams today!!

Up the Mighty Goannas!!



# A GRADE



**National  
Road Safety  
Week 2022**

15 - 22 May



**Mikaela Cole**

What another successful round with mango securing 7/8 wins overall and netball gaining a clean sweep with 5/5 wins. It was also a very successful sponsors day with lots of delicious food being organised. Later on the beer pong championships were a close one with Harrison and Johnno taking out the championship this year, congrats boys.

Last week against coolamon was a physical game and they certainly gave us a challenge. Our defensive effort across the court was phenomenal resulting in their side only scoring 1 goal in the last quarter. The overall score was 55-10. The jesse Cunningham tiling mug went to one of our on court captains this year Shannan Russell. She's been a massive part of our defensive line up the last few years and every week she gets out there and gives it her all. Shannan's one on one body defence and her 1 percent efforts resulted in us shutting down the GA and Coolamon having to switch multiple players to attempt to match her. The MCUE towel went to Katie Caller. Katie has won an award 4 weeks in a row and has really solid form so far this year. Her holds, accuracy and rebounding has been outstanding. Both well deserved award recipients.

This week in A, leeton side is 3rd on the ladder and generally bring a physical style of netball. They have some solid players and will certainly be a challenge for us. We are hoping once again to match their physicality across the court similar to last week. Should be a close game but we are really hoping to dig deep and come through with a win.

**This Saturday AFL Riverina has dedicated Round 5 to promoting safety on our roads. Road Safety Round also runs in to National Road Safety Week, which kicks off on Monday and encourages everyone to make a pledge to drive so others survive. You can make the pledge at [roadsafetyweek.com.au](https://roadsafetyweek.com.au)**

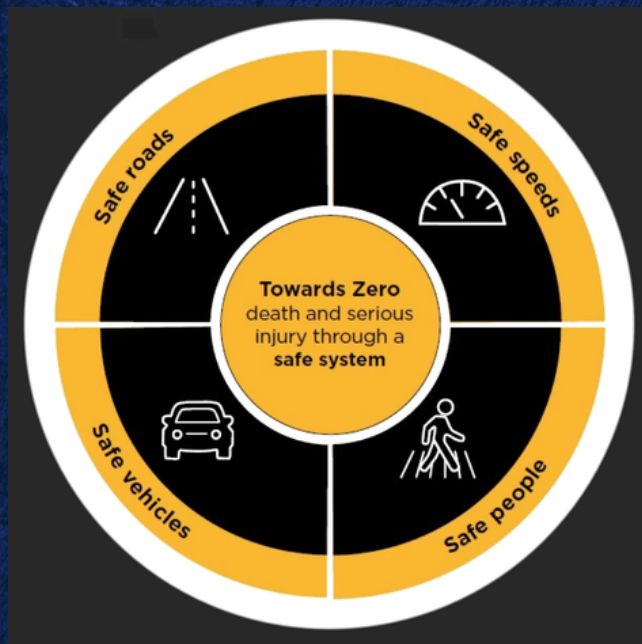
Goodluck to all other sides this weekend at leeton. 7/8 is a solid effort let's aim for a clean sweep this week! Up the plah!

**REMINDER:**

**PURCHASE YOUR BALL TICKETS ASAP!**



# A RESERVE



**Tamara Edmunds**

Another solid performance from our classy A reserve girls. A stellar win against the mighty Grasshoppers last week, always a hard team to beat.

Our girls were determined to score quickly from the start of the game. This 'can do attitude' stopped the opposition in their tracks, as the early goals scored in the first quarter maintained a strong lead throughout the game. Hats off to our shooting superstars, Eliza and Alicia, for their accuracy and movement in the circle. Caitlin, Sophie and Ruby worked terrific together in the centre court to bring the ball into our attacking third effortlessly. Special mention to our defensive line up of Kate and Tracy who clearly dominated the opposition shooters. Their deflections and intercepts paid off in every quarter and ensured a team victory at the end of the day. Best of luck to Caitlin, Ruby, Sophie, Ash and Ava in the Tracy Gunson netball schools competition over the next few weeks.

A huge congratulations to Ash, Ava and Sophie for their outstanding netball skills displayed at the NSWCCC netball opens trials in Sydney last week. You did Mango proud girls!

Today we face a strong Leeton force, who are consistently strong across the football and netball grounds.

**I also want to talk about Road Safety and what this means for everyone who drives on our roads. Crashes can be prevented, and lives can be saved, by making safe choices. As we wear the yellow socks in support of 'Towards Zero' campaign, we should all pledge to 'drive so others survive'.**

Good luck to all teams today!

**REMINDER:**

**MANGOPLAH BALL - SATURDAY MAY 28**



# B GRADE



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**Tracy, Lisa, and Simone**

Last weekend we came up against Coolamon and we knew this game could possibly be a challenge for us. The girls had admitted themselves that they hadn't played to their full potential the week before and so we worked hard on our attacking game during the week at training.

It was great to see the girls really lift and put into play some of the things we had been working on and I am pleased to say that this game was probably our best performance so far and definitely the most consistent.

Our attacking game was working well - we were starting in front of our player and we were more spatially aware of each other.

We were also doing well defensively all over the court and we were getting a lot of tips and touches to the ball.

The girls kept up their intensity all game and won with an impressive 64-14 score line. Well done!

Our Fitzpatricks Real Estate Mug was awarded to Sarah Meyers, who combined well with her shooting partner Sarah Anderson. You never would have guessed that Sarah Meyers might have enjoyed herself a little too much the day before at the races, as she was not missing any of her goals!

The Intersport voucher went to Hannah Keely, who has started the season very strongly and once again had a consistent game in defense. This weekend we travel to Leeton, who are always tough opposition.

**Road Safety Round is an opportunity to remind us all that it's hard to know what's around the corner or to anticipate if another road user will make a mistake. What isn't hard, is to be the person that drives safely on the road - Lets keep the statistics on the score boards and off the roads! Spread the word and help keep yourself and others safe #towardszero #roadsafetyround**

Good luck to all teams today!

**REMINDER:  
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# C GRADE

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Sarah Meyers

What a great week last week with even better results from all grades 7 out of 8 wins. C grade played a great defensive game coming away with the win 26-9 with Ella winning the voucher and Ivy winning the Mug both these girls play in our defence end and did a great job stopping the ball from getting in the goal third as well as feeding the ball back down to our attacking end. Last Saturday C grade also had two great girls from the 17yrs team come up and play half a game each in the centre position, thank you Amber and Ruby for coming up and helping out due to low numbers.

This week C grade found out some sad news where one of the team members, Annabel Bender will no longer be continuing to play with C grade due to a injury, this is a big lost to our attacking end where she will be missed. Annabel will still be around the club and will often still be seen at games cheering on from the side line. Due to this loss C grade have been working on coming out strong at the centre pass and slowing down play to look at different game plays as well as working with some players in new positions to help fill Annabel's position.

This Saturday C grade will be tested both physically and mentally both in attacking and defence end, the girls will have to really have to stay focus on the basics of netball to keep ahead of the game. Good luck to all teams this weekend, and can only hope for better or similar results from last week.

**Sadly, NSW Police officers continue to see the effects of speeding on our roads. Slow down and help keep yourself and others safe. Use Road Safety week as an opportunity to spread the word and let's all work towards zero #saferoads #towardszero**

Awards: Ambler Construction Mug- Ivy Winter Intersport Voucher- Ella Small. Players: Jemma, Sara, Georgie. P, Hannah, Samara, Ella, Georgie. Y, Ivy, Emily. Annabel Bender- (no longer playing due to injury)

# UNDER 17'S

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Leanne Frow

17's team had another strong win against Coolamon last week. Our defence all the way down the court was strong, and all players were getting tips and intercepts, and creating many opportunities for our attackers. We were consistent in attack for most of the game, though our passing at times was a little wayward. Evie and Aaliyah were strong and accurate under the post and received some great feeds from Ellie, Ruby and Bree. Mia shot well but got a little caught up in the rough and tumble third quarter. She backed up well in WD. Both Amity and Olivia were outstanding in defence, and managed to keep their heads and get on with the job when challenged. Ellie provided plenty of calm, positive talk throughout the game, and the team finished off with a great last quarter. Amity and Ellie received the awards. **Road Safety Round is this week and I encourage everyone to partake by thinking what you can do to drive more safely. Your efforts can save your life, let alone someone else's.** Keep up the great work girls!

**REMINDER:**

**JOIN US FOR AWARDS AT THE FARMERS HOME HOTEL 6:30PM AFTER LEETON!**