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MCUE President



Geoff Seymour

Welcome everyone as we commence season 2022.

It actually feels like we started months ago which we did with our inaugural womens team making a huge impact and progressing deep into the finals. Well done ladies we are all so proud of what you achieved in our first ever year of football. Thx must go to Col, Ethan and Max for their guidance and coaching.

Lots happening with work around the club in regards to lighting, old scoreboard upgrades after the storm damage, upgrades to visitors changerooms, new ceiling and lighting in club rooms. Wow it never stops with more to come. Ben Jones is the man we thank him for everything he does.

The committee are extremely aware of where we as a club need to be next year for the commencement of the premier league. It is imperative that we continue to improve facilities and create a family environment for everyone's enjoyment. New initiatives such as the goanna lotto are extremely important mechanisms for generating the funds we will need for future building projects. Plans are underway for a facilities master plan which will assist with future grant applications.

Positioning our facilities as the best on the outskirts of Wagga will see us do well in the future as demand for grounds with good lighting continues to grow. The footy players are jumping out of their skin to start the season. Jeremy Rowe has pulled together a varied list with a good mix of local and returning players as well as the Canberra locals who have become such an important part of our club. I need to contain my excitement when I think about how our first grade will look at full strength and with our marquee player Ben Halse.

Netball teams are strong in numbers and form and I look forward to the girls continuing their strong performances of the past few years.

So strap in everyone it's going to be our year. 29 years since our club experienced first grade success. The time is now, get your membership, help out where you can and get on the goanna train!

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ANZAC CLASH

& PAST PLAYERS DAY!

MCUE GOANNAS VS WAGGA TIGERS

ANZAC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 2:00PM

GAME DAY AWARDS 5:30PM

MUG SPONSORSHIP & CALCUTTA AUCTION 6:00PM

SNSW WOMEN'S FOOTBALL AWARDS 6:30PM

BBQ + BAR AVAILABLE



FIRST GRADE



Jeremy Rowe

To The MCUE Faithful,

Welcome to 2022! Another highly anticipated season rolls around as we fill ourselves with optimism and burst with excitement for what is in store for the MCUE Football and Netball Club.

The off season represented a very stable period for us having seen only 3 players depart. We wish George Kendall, Sam de Sousa and Lachy Kendall all the best in their current football and career endeavours. We will certainly be watching George's progress closely and congratulate him on making his SANFL debut last weekend. In circumstances that are almost unbelievable, we have had a whopping 7 former MCUE players return to us this year and we can't wait to see Matt & Jack Collins, Nick McCormack, Isaac Damme, Tim Smith, Zac Wienke and Connor Quade in action during 2022. We have also utilised the new Marquee Player rule as we welcome Ben Halse and his fiancé Katelyn to the club – We wish Halsey a speedy recovery from knee surgery, and we can't wait to see him and blue and gold in the near future.

Being honest, our preseason has been slow and clunky, and we have been plagued by unavailability's for all sorts of different but valid reasons. Whilst we have still put in numerous quality sessions and would have 10 – 15 players who are closing in on peak conditioning, some of our players are playing catch up and we may not see their best footy for a month or so. Our trials were also a challenge with 13 players out against Ainslie, 20 out against Holbrook and 14 against CSU. We enjoyed playing footy and there was no doubt some strong performances but again, I feel that when it comes to system, structure, and cohesion, we may need a few rounds to hit out straps.

This being said, none of the above represent excuses. Our list is strong, our players are keen, this group has had 4 years together which represents great continuity, and we are still expecting to start the season well and then build over the initial stages to ensure we peak at the right time of the year. All in all, we are just stoked to have footy back.

I will take this opportunity to thank all committee members, volunteers, supporters and sponsors who do tireless work behind the scenes. The renovation of the Visitors Sheds, the move of the Bar and the erection of Temporary Light Towers are examples of hard, intelligent work by all the aforementioned groups who make our club the special place it is. I would also like to congratulate our AFLW team including the players, coaches, and volunteers. You represented our club in a terrific fashion and enjoyed the game of AFL in its purest form – well done.

All the best to all football and netball grades for this weekend and the season ahead. 2022 – Year of the Goanna! Let's get it done!

See you at the footy, Regards
Jeremy

RESERVES GRADE



Mitch Sykes

Welcome everyone to the much anticipated 2022 season, it's been long awaited after Covid once again finished last season early.

Needless to say I'm really looking forward to coaching this years second grade side. There is so much talent and depth in this year squad.

I am looking forward to working with Jeremy and Trent in helping the players develop and push to make their place into the senior team.

Coming into round 1 it is good to get the long Griffith drop done early in the season. Knowing Griffith 2nds have been strong in the past it will be a good test for us early and a good platform to work off going forward.

Finally I would like to wish all the teams the best of luck for the year it's going to be a great year for this great club and I look forward to being apart of it.

Thanks,
Mitch.

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U17.5'S GRADE



Rick Collins

The start of the 2022 season is upon us and with any luck we will be able to have a full season of football and netball, including finals.

I welcome all the players, both new and old and their families to the MCUE club and hope you all have an enjoyable experience this year! Our quest for the 2022 premiership begins with our longest road trip to Griffith, who have traditionally provided a very strong contest. The boys have put in 100% over pre-season and I have no doubt that we will be very competitive this season and will provide many highlights for our supporters over the course of the season. We have a good mix of returning players and new additions to the senior club from MCUE Junior club who are all looking forward to pulling on the mighty Mango jumper and giving their best for their club and teammates. I look forward to seeing how far we can go in the competition this year and to seeing the boys enjoying their football and providing support (& entertainment) for the senior team.

Finally, I would like to wish all MCUE football and Netball sides and the hard-working committee, the best of luck today and during the season.

Remember to play hard and respect your teammates, opposition and umpires!

Up the Mighty Possum eaters...

A GRADE



Mikaela Cole

Welcome everyone to a well awaited first round for MCUE. With not being able to finish the season off last year I'm sure everyone is keen to get the season off and running. After coaching A Reserve for two years this is my first season as playing coach for A grade. Our team consists of many returning players, which is a credit to our great club. Ruby Gillard, Shannan Russel, Ash Reynoldson, Phoebe Wallace, Kaylah Upfield and I have all returned from last year's team. We have the new inclusion of Rachel Mullane, Katie Caller (played in previous A grade grandfinals) and Ava Moller, who has moved up from A Reserve. We have been working hard in the lead up to the season and really forming those connections with our new additions to the team. Overall our team is looking very strong and I can not wait to watch the standard of netball we produce throughout the season. Myself along with Shan will form the on court leadership this season. Shan is an experienced defender who brings a lot of voice, knowledge and positive encouragement to our team. Our defensive end is very young and Shan will bring a lot of wisdom to that end of the court. Lisa Reynoldson will be assisting me on the sideline this year. Lisa is a great inclusion as she brings her expertise as well a different view of the game from the sideline, allowing me to concentrate on my own game as well. This weekend we play Griffith. Last year they were the only team to defeat us and it was appearing that we would be facing them in finals again. This will most likely be one of the biggest games for the year for our side. This will certainly be a game that gives us an idea of where we sit competitively for the season. The girls are all fired up ready to go. Goodluck to all Mango teams this season and for round 1. Lets get out there and win some flags!!

A RES GRADE



Tamara Edmunds

Here we go!

How exciting - first round at the Mighty Swans home ground.

Our A reserve girls have put in a committed and solid pre season training schedule to help them prepare for the 2022 season.

Playing in the pre season round robin competition has helped immensely with on court structures and combinations working really well. We welcome back Eliza and Alicia who developed a confident shooting combination last year. We're all excited to see this team excel throughout the season. Our exciting mid court team of Sophie, Caitlin and Ruby are dynamite together and their experience of playing together for many years will pay off today. Our trustworthy and reliable defenders will make it hard for the Griffith shooters today, led by Tracy being our key defender.

Good luck to all Mango teams today and enjoy being back for the season!

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B GRADE



Tracy Shulz-Cole

Welcome players & supporters to round one! With a less than ideal finish to the end of last season, everyone is very excited to get back out on the court again.

This season B Grade will be coached by Lisa, Tracy and Simone in a group effort that will bring a lot of experience and enthusiasm to the team. B Grade has a lot of returning players and some that have now been playing together for several seasons. The team will consist of Eliza Smith, Sharni Salau, Georgia Johnson, Steph Dew, Lakin Hanigan, Claudia Lawrence, Sarah Anderson, Sarah Meyers with the inclusion of Hannah Keely who has moved up from C Grade and Issy Edmunds who has moved up from the U17s.

We have been working hard at training and focusing on some of our basics to ensure we get the best results from our team.

We will play Griffith at Griffith this weekend and they are always a tough competitor, but we look forward to the challenge!

All the best to all teams this season.

Go Mango!

C GRADE



Sarah Meyers

The season has come around fast and I'm so keen to kick start the season.

This year our C graders have some new players come up from 17yrs as well some fresh faces to the club. On our team this year we have Samara, Hannah and Emily that are our centre courts. In defence we have Ivy, Ella and Georgie Yates. Our shooters/ Attackers this year are Annabelle, Jemma, Sara and Georgie Powell. Tahlia Meyer and Belinda are also co-managers.

We are so excited to get started on the season! During pre-season it has been a struggle at trainings at the moment with some of the girls out for either Injuries, COVID/ isolation as well as general sickness, so coming into the first round will be interesting with new girls on the team where they will not be familiar with each other and each others plays.

This week the girls will be focus on finding there grove out on the court to then strengthen for the next weeks game. First game against Griffith will be tough and physical making our girls have to change and critically think on there reactions and steps they take out in the court to try and gain possession.

Sarah