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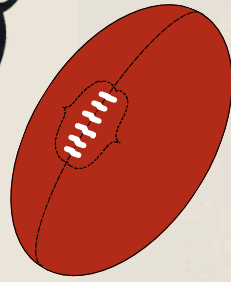


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# Round 7: Newcastle City Pride Round

BY OLIVER CROFT

Saturday has arrived, but for Newcastle City fans, this round of footy means a little bit more. This is Pride Round — a celebration of inclusion, identity, and the strength that comes from standing together. This season, clubs across the league have the opportunity to host a Pride Round — on their terms, in their colours, on a round of their choice. And this weekend, it's Newcastle City's turn.

As proud participants in the Pride Cup campaign, the club is ready to make its mark — not just on the field, but in the story of inclusion across our game. A dual headline act awaits, with both the Men's and Women's Cup sides taking on the fierce Killarney Vale Bombers.

Meanwhile, at Number 1 Sportsground, the scene is set. The air hums with energy. The boots are laced. The banners are up. The iconic navy and white stripes of Newcastle City carry more than just team pride this round. They carry a message: everyone belongs.

Each hosting club will receive their own printed Record for their unique Pride Round — just like this one — featuring their games, colours, and story. The Record you're about to read has been specially designed to celebrate Newcastle City's 2025 Pride Round, highlighting all six matches taking place at No. 1 Sportsground this weekend. While this edition spotlights Newcastle City, the article below also includes analysis and coverage of all the action across the AFL Hunter Central Coast competition.

This weekend, the stage is set for a blockbuster round of AFL, with the spice that only local football brings. As the grounds open up, and puddles dry, teams are keen to continue the competitive race to the premiership.

Whether you're watching from the stands, on the hill, or tuning into Bar TV — this is another round you don't want to miss.

## Men's Cup

In the Men's Cup, turning points and upsets are all around, with a chance for tables to be turned on competition leaders.

They started in reserves. They were overlooked for the Cup division. But the Nelson Bay Marlins kept grinding, until they could no longer be ignored. Now they find themselves in Cup with one win over Bateau Bay. Waiting for them? A hardened Hawks outfit, perched in sixth, with a Grand Final hangover and a season in early disarray.

But don't be fooled — this isn't just 6th vs 3rd. This is a battle between Hawk and Marlin. On one hand, a chance to revive their 2025 season, and get soaring. On the other, the need to prove themselves in a new division still stands. How will they match up against Grand Finalists? Pasterfield Sports Complex will be a buzz of activity on Saturday as the Hawks desperately search for a win against the Marlins from 2.00pm.

On the Central Coast, we finally get to see the unrecognised and stealthy force of a Panther. A Terrigal Avoca Panther, coloured in the red and black. Terrigal have only played 3 games this season, the only team to do so due to wet weather and a bye. But this weekend, they're on the prowl to catch up on points and take back the top spot from Newcastle City. The Panthers in no mood for mercy. They go head to head with the Maitland Saints who are still chasing that elusive first win of the season — battered, bruised, but far from broken. And this weekend, they face one of their toughest tests yet: the second-placed Panthers.



MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CUP  
SATURDAY 31ST MAY 2025





The Saints have got nothing to lose; and sometimes, that's the most dangerous kind of team. Desperate for a breakthrough and hungry to silence the doubters. They're ready to throw everything at a club that, has dominated Grand Finals — but in footy, nothing is ever guaranteed. Will the Panthers continue their charge toward the top? Or will the Saints grab the win, snatching it from the Big Cats of the Jungle at Hylton Moore Oval?

It's Pride Round at Number 1 Sportsground, and Newcastle City are ready to put on a show.

The reigning premiers. Undefeated. Unshaken. Unstoppable in 2025. This match is about more than the scoreboard. The navy and white stand for something bigger: inclusion, pride, unity and belonging.

The Killarney Vale Bombers arrive with intent. Two wins. Two losses. A reset under their belt and a fire in their eyes. If they want to be taken seriously in this stacked competition — with the Marlins, Panthers, and City Blues all circling — this could be, the moment. The big question is: Can they take down the premiers at their home and during their special day - Pride Round? It would be the headline of the season. But Newcastle City don't back down. City vs Bombers is live at No. 1 Sportsground from 3.00pm. Be there for a blockbuster.

Last weekend was washed away — not by a siren, not by a final kick, but by relentless rain and sodden turf. Grounds were heavy and the puddles deep. All grounds were closed, with all fixtures washed out. But, note all matches missed last week, due to wet weather are rescheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup>.

In a weekend where turns and opportunities are everywhere, the Men's Cup premiership window is open, but only for a select many. Who can surge home to September finals? Round 7 is pivotal for all.

### Women's Cup

The heat is on in the Women's Cup — and the race for finals is officially on fire. Newcastle City. Terrigal Avoca. Killarney Vale. Cardiff Hawks. All currently in top four positions. And barely a breath between them. Newcastle City have come out swinging. Terrigal Avoca keep rising when the pressure mounts. The Bombers — last year's Premiers — sit outside the top three and face a blockbuster clash where redemption is high on the list of achievements. Cardiff have proven the Grand Final hangover doesn't exist. The fight for a top-two spot is fierce, and every game now has September written all over it.

Expect fireworks. Expect upsets. Expect big moments from the comp's biggest names in Round 7, because this is shaping up to be the most competitive Women's Cup season we've seen in recent times.

From 12.00pm, Cardiff and Singleton go head-to-head at Pasterfield Sports Complex. Cardiff have shaken off any hint of a grand final hangover, playing with confidence and control. The Roosters, on the other hand, are still hunting for their first win of 2025 — a season that's tested their depth, belief, and resolve. But the Rooster is building strong. The Roosters find themselves with nothing to lose, and that's where the shock and fire can come from.



Blockbuster Bombers continue to take over No. 1 Sportsground on Saturday. It's a rematch. A rivalry. Women's Cup Newcastle City vs the Killarney Vale Bombers. The 2024 preliminary finalists. Same two clubs. Same high stakes. Different chapter. Different outcome?

Last year, the Bombers were unstoppable going all the way and hoisted the cup. But before they got there, they had to survive City. That prelim? Fierce. Brutal. One of the games of the year. And it still stings.

The Bombers? They're not flying as high just yet. Their losses are staring to catch up with their only 3 wins, and the cargo containing the Premiership Cup has been rattled. City are undefeated and reflect their Men's team dominance with a top of the table spot, with cross town rivals Cardiff snapping at their heels.

Terrigal Avoca take a well-earned rest this weekend with the bye. Sitting 3rd and building form, the Panthers will be watching closely as the top-end chaos unfolds. They'll be ready to pounce in Round 8.

**Round 7: City Pride, Blockbusters, and Rivals all form the script of the exciting AFL Hunter Central Coast competition this weekend!**



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## NEWCASTLE CITY PRIDE ROUND



THE HISTORY OF  
NO. 1 SPORTSGROUND

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# RECORD

Over the years



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# ROUND



# Newcastle City Pride Round 7

BY OLIVER CROFT

*"Sport is at the heart of Australian culture, but participation levels within the LGBTQ+ community are extremely low. Pride Cup is challenging homophobia and transphobia within sporting clubs – making them more welcoming for LGBTQ+ fans, players and officials."*

The quote above comes directly from the Pride Cup Website.

Established in 1883, the Newcastle City Australian Football Club is one of the oldest, largest and most progressive AFL clubs in the Hunter region. Now they are a part of The Pride Cup.

The Pride Cup first came about in 2012, when Jason Ball publicly came out as gay. His teammates from the Yarra Glen Football Netball Club wanted to show him they had his back. So the team came up with the idea to stage a Pride Cup, with players wearing rainbow jumpers, and 50 metre lines painted in rainbow colours.

It was an event that galvanised the entire community and became the inspiration for AFL leagues around Australia.

Since hitting the national stage, communities across Australia have joined the movement, with Pride Cups being expanded into other sporting codes nationally.

Newcastle City AFC is a proud participant in the Pride Cup, a powerful initiative that promotes inclusion, diversity, and equality in sport. By taking part in the Pride Cup, City helps lead the way in creating a safe and welcoming environment for LGBTQIA+ players, officials, and supporters across the AFL Hunter Central Coast. The event not only celebrates individuality and community spirit but also sparks important conversations around respect and acceptance in football. City's involvement highlights their commitment to ensuring that everyone – no matter their background, feels seen, supported, and valued on and off the field.

Other AFLHCC Clubs have joined this initiative, with future Pride Rounds planned at; Bateau Bay, Cardiff, Terrigal Avoca and Killarney Vale. The Newcastle Central Coast Umpires Association has also supported this important initiative with umpires able to show support by wearing rainbow socks and/or wristbands during these games.

As other clubs announce Pride Round dates, you can be sure to see a printed record there, much similar to this one, showing support and encouraging conversations and change.



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## NEWCASTLE CITY PRIDE ROUND ANALYSIS

**ROUND 7**  
**MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CUP**

**SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MAY**

**Men's Cup**

Newcastle City vs Killarney Vale / **3PM**

**Women's Cup**

Newcastle City vs Killarney Vale / **1PM**

**Men's Plate**

Newcastle City 2nds vs Warners Bay / **11AM**

Newcastle City 3rds vs Cardiff 3rds / **5PM**

**Women's Plate**

Newcastle City vs Port Stephens Power / **9AM**

Maitland vs Newcastle City 3rds / **1PM**



*What is*

# PRIDE ROUND?

The AFL Hunter Central Coast (AFLHCC) Newcastle City Pride Round is a special event that celebrates and supports the LGBTQIA+ community within local AFL. Held annually, with clubs celebrating at different times, it aims to promote inclusion, respect, and visibility for all players, officials, and supporters, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. During Pride Round, teams often wear rainbow-themed socks, armbands, or guernseys to show their support, and clubs take part in activities that raise awareness about diversity and acceptance in sport.

Pride Round is important because it helps create a safe and welcoming environment for everyone involved in AFLHCC. By openly supporting LGBTQIA+ inclusion, the league sends a powerful message that discrimination has no place in sport. This round not only highlights the value of equality and respect but also encourages people from all backgrounds to feel confident and proud to participate in the game they love.



NEWCASTLE CITY BLUES HOST  
PRIDE ROUND

2024 NAB AFLW PRIDE  
ROUND





# MEN'S CUP

**NEWCASTLE CITY VS KILLARNEY VALE**  
**SATURDAY 31ST MAY**

**2025**

**SNAP**  
**SHOT**

**WINS: 4**

**LOSSES: 0**

**LADDER: 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**HOME GROUND: NO.1 SPORTSGROUND**









**BIGGEST WIN: 64 POINTS**

**BIGGEST LOSS: ----POINTS**

**NEWCASTLE CITY**



## LADDER

	P	MR	PTS	%	W	L	D	BYE
 Newcastle City Blues Men's Cup	4	100.00	16	222.97	4	0	0	0
 Terrigal Avoca Panthers Men's Cup	3	100.00	12	214.84	3	0	0	1
 Nelson Bay Marlins Men's Cup	1	100.00	4	163.79	1	0	0	0
 Warners Bay Bulldogs Men's Cup	4	50.00	8	116.10	2	2	0	1
 Killarney Vale Bombers Men's Cup	4	50.00	8	115.76	2	2	0	1
 Cardiff Hawks Men's Cup	5	40.00	8	77.37	2	3	0	0
 The Entrance Bateau Bay Blues Men's Cup	5	20.00	4	56.28	1	4	0	0
 Maitland Saints Men's Cup	4	0	0	51.21	0	4	0	1



# MEN'S CUP

**NEWCASTLE CITY VS KILLARNEY VALE**  
**SATURDAY 31ST MAY**

**2025**

**SNAP**  
**SHOT**

**WINS: 2**

**LOSSES: 2 (1 BYE)**

**LADDER: 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**HOME GROUND: ADELAIDE STREET**









**BIGGEST WIN: 63 POINTS**

**BIGGEST LOSS: 50 POINTS**

**KILLARNEY VALE**



## LADDER

	P	MR	PTS	%	W	L	D	BYE
 Newcastle City Blues Men's Cup	4	100.00	16	222.97	4	0	0	0
 Terrigal Avoca Panthers Men's Cup	3	100.00	12	214.84	3	0	0	1
 Nelson Bay Marlins Men's Cup	1	100.00	4	163.79	1	0	0	0
 Warners Bay Bulldogs Men's Cup	4	50.00	8	116.10	2	2	0	1
 Killarney Vale Bombers Men's Cup	4	50.00	8	115.76	2	2	0	1
 Cardiff Hawks Men's Cup	5	40.00	8	77.37	2	3	0	0
 The Entrance Bateau Bay Blues Men's Cup	5	20.00	4	56.28	1	4	0	0
 Maitland Saints Men's Cup	4	0	0	51.21	0	4	0	1



# WOMEN'S CUP

**NEWCASTLE CITY VS KILLARNEY VALE**  
**SATURDAY 31ST MAY**

**2025**

**SNAP**  
**SHOT**

**WINS: 3**

**LOSSES: 0 (1 DNP, 1 BYE)**

**LADDER: 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**HOME GROUND: NO.1 SPORTSGROUND**






**BIGGEST WIN: 130 POINTS**

**BIGGEST LOSS: ----POINTS**

**NEWCASTLE CITY**



## LADDER

	P	MR	PTS	%	W	L	D	BYE
 Newcastle City Blues Women's Cup	3	100.00	12	937.04	3	0	0	1
 Cardiff Hawks Women's Cup	4	75.00	12	372.50	3	1	0	1
 Terrigal Avoca Panthers Women's Cup	3	66.66	8	117.76	2	1	0	1
 Killarney Vale Bombers Women's Cup	5	60.00	12	287.31	3	2	0	0
 The Entrance Bateau Bay Blues Women's Cup	3	33.33	4	23.31	1	2	0	1
 Warners Bay Bulldogs Women's Cup	5	20.00	4	25.08	1	4	0	0
 Singleton Roosters Women's Cup	3	0	0	7.43	0	3	0	1



# WOMEN'S CUP

**NEWCASTLE CITY VS KILLARNEY VALE**  
**SATURDAY 31ST MAY**

**2025**  
**SNAP**  
**SHOT**

**KILLARNEY VALE**



**WINS: 3**

**LOSSES: 2**








**LADDER: 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**HOME GROUND: ADELAIDE STREET**

**BIGGEST WIN: 166 POINTS**

**BIGGEST LOSS: 30 POINTS**

## **LADDER**

	P	MR	PTS	%	W	L	D	BYE
 Newcastle City Blues Women's Cup	3	100.00	12	937.04	3	0	0	1
 Cardiff Hawks Women's Cup	4	75.00	12	372.50	3	1	0	1
 Terrigal Avoca Panthers Women's Cup	3	66.66	8	117.76	2	1	0	1
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 Warners Bay Bulldogs Women's Cup	5	20.00	4	25.08	1	4	0	0
 Singleton Roosters Women's Cup	3	0	0	7.43	0	3	0	1



# MEN'S PLATE

NEWCASTLE CITY VS **WARNERS BAY**  
SATURDAY 31ST MAY

2025  
SNAP  
SHOT

NEWCASTLE CITY 2NDS



WINS: **4**















LOSSES: **0**

LADDER: **2<sup>ND</sup>**

HOME GROUND: **NO.1 SPORTSGROUND**

BIGGEST WIN: **177 POINTS**

BIGGEST LOSS: **----POINTS**

LADDER	P	MR	PTS	%	W	L	D	BYE
 Terrigal Avoca Panthers Men's Plate	5	100.00	20	380.12	5	0	0	0
 Newcastle City 2nds Men's Plate	5	80.00	16	753.52	4	0	0	0
 Newcastle City Blues 3rds Men's Plate	5	80.00	16	206.33	4	1	0	0
 Wyong Lakes Magpies Men's Plate	5	60.00	12	287.01	3	1	0	1
 Lake Macquarie Dockers Men's Plate	5	60.00	12	113.89	3	2	0	0
 Cardiff Hawks 2nd Men's Plate	5	60.00	12	70.29	3	2	0	0
 Killarney Vale Bombers Men's Plate	6	50.00	12	77.14	3	3	0	0
 Singleton Roosters Men's Plate	6	33.33	8	59.59	2	3	0	0
 The Entrance Bateau Bay Blues Men's Plate	6	33.33	8	44.53	2	4	0	0
 Cardiff Hawks 3rd Men's Plate	4	25.00	4	26.20	1	2	0	1
 Warners Bay Bulldogs Men's Plate	5	20.00	4	56.01	1	4	0	0
 Port Stephens Power Men's Plate	5	20.00	4	54.00	1	4	0	0
 Maitland Saints Men's Plate	6	16.66	4	36.35	1	4	0	0
 Muswellbrook Cats Men's Plate	5	0	0	34.52	0	5	0	1



# MEN'S PLATE

NEWCASTLE CITY VS **WARNERS BAY**  
SATURDAY 31ST MAY

2025

SNAP  
SHOT

WINS: **1**

LOSSES: **4**

LADDER: **11<sup>TH</sup>**

HOME GROUND: **FEIGHAN OVAL**















BIGGEST WIN: **22 POINTS**

BIGGEST LOSS: **130 POINTS**

**WARNERS BAY**



## LADDER

	P	MR	PTS	%	W	L	D	BYE
 Terrigal Avoca Panthers Men's Plate	5	100.00	20	380.12	5	0	0	0
 Newcastle City 2nds Men's Plate	5	80.00	16	753.52	4	0	0	0
 Newcastle City Blues 3rds Men's Plate	5	80.00	16	206.33	4	1	0	0
 Wyong Lakes Magpies Men's Plate	5	60.00	12	287.01	3	1	0	1
 Lake Macquarie Dockers Men's Plate	5	60.00	12	113.89	3	2	0	0
 Cardiff Hawks 2nd Men's Plate	5	60.00	12	70.29	3	2	0	0
 Killarney Vale Bombers Men's Plate	6	50.00	12	77.14	3	3	0	0
 Singleton Roosters Men's Plate	6	33.33	8	59.59	2	3	0	0
 The Entrance Bateau Bay Blues Men's Plate	6	33.33	8	44.53	2	4	0	0
 Cardiff Hawks 3rd Men's Plate	4	25.00	4	26.20	1	2	0	1
 Warners Bay Bulldogs Men's Plate	5	20.00	4	58.01	1	4	0	0
 Port Stephens Power Men's Plate	5	20.00	4	54.00	1	4	0	0
 Maitland Saints Men's Plate	6	16.66	4	36.35	1	4	0	0
 Muswellbrook Cats Men's Plate	5	0	0	34.52	0	5	0	1



# MEN'S PLATE

## NEWCASTLE CITY VS CARDIFF SATURDAY 31ST MAY

### NEWCASTLE CITY 3RDS

## 2025

## SNAP SHOT

WINS: 4

LOSSES: 1





LADDER: 3<sup>RD</sup>

HOME GROUND: NO.1 SPORTSGROUND

BIGGEST WIN: 103 POINTS

BIGGEST LOSS: 41 POINTS



LADDER		P	MR	PTS	%	W	L	D	BYE
	Terrigal Avoca Panthers Men's Plate	5	100.00	20	380.12	5	0	0	0
	Newcastle City 2nds Men's Plate	5	80.00	16	753.52	4	0	0	0
	Newcastle City Blues 3rds Men's Plate	5	80.00	16	206.33	4	1	0	0
	Wyong Lakes Magpies Men's Plate	5	60.00	12	287.01	3	1	0	1
	Lake Macquarie Dockers Men's Plate	5	60.00	12	113.89	3	2	0	0
	Cardiff Hawks 2nd Men's Plate	5	60.00	12	70.29	3	2	0	0
	Killarney Vale Bombers Men's Plate	6	50.00	12	77.14	3	3	0	0
	Singleton Roosters Men's Plate	6	33.33	8	59.59	2	3	0	0
	The Entrance Bateau Bay Blues Men's Plate	6	33.33	8	44.53	2	4	0	0
	Cardiff Hawks 3rd Men's Plate	4	25.00	4	26.20	1	2	0	1
	Warners Bay Bulldogs Men's Plate	5	20.00	4	56.01	1	4	0	0
	Port Stephens Power Men's Plate	5	20.00	4	54.00	1	4	0	0
	Maitland Saints Men's Plate	6	16.66	4	36.35	1	4	0	0
	Muswellbrook Cats Men's Plate	5	0	0	34.52	0	5	0	1



# MEN'S PLATE

## NEWCASTLE CITY VS CARDIFF

### SATURDAY 31ST MAY

## CARDIFF HAWKS 3RDS

## 2025

## SNAP SHOT

**WINS: 1**

**LOSSES: 2 (1 BYE)**















**LADDER: 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**HOME GROUND: PASTERFIELD**

**BIGGEST WIN: 3 POINTS**

**BIGGEST LOSS: 89 POINTS**



	P	MR	PTS	%	W	L	D	BYE
 Terrigal Avoca Panthers Men's Plate	5	100.00	20	380.12	5	0	0	0
 Newcastle City 2nds Men's Plate	5	80.00	16	753.52	4	0	0	0
 Newcastle City Blues 3rds Men's Plate	5	80.00	16	206.33	4	1	0	0
 Wyong Lakes Magpies Men's Plate	5	60.00	12	287.01	3	1	0	1
 Lake Macquarie Dockers Men's Plate	5	60.00	12	113.89	3	2	0	0
 Cardiff Hawks 2nd Men's Plate	5	60.00	12	70.29	3	2	0	0
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 Warners Bay Bulldogs Men's Plate	5	20.00	4	56.01	1	4	0	0
 Port Stephens Power Men's Plate	5	20.00	4	54.00	1	4	0	0
 Maitland Saints Men's Plate	6	16.66	4	36.35	1	4	0	0
 Muswellbrook Cats Men's Plate	5	0	0	34.52	0	5	0	1



# WOMEN'S PLATE

NEWCASTLE CITY VS **PORT STEPHENS**  
SATURDAY 31ST MAY

2025

SNAP  
SHOT

WINS: **4**

LOSSES: **0**

LADDER: **2<sup>ND</sup>**





HOME GROUND: **NO.1 SPORTSGROUND**

BIGGEST WIN: **37 POINTS**

BIGGEST LOSS: **----POINTS**

NEWCASTLE CITY



LADDER	P	MR	PTS	%	W	L	D	BYE
 Maitland Saints Women's Plate	6	<b>83.33</b>	20	655.10	5	0	0	0
 Newcastle City Blues Women's Plate	5	<b>80.00</b>	16	344.90	4	0	0	0
 Nelson Bay Marlins Women's Plate	5	<b>60.00</b>	12	290.68	3	2	0	1
 Cardiff Hawks Women's Plate	5	<b>60.00</b>	12	210.42	3	2	0	0
 Lake Macquarie Dockers Women's Plate	5	<b>60.00</b>	12	114.39	3	2	0	0
 Killarney Vale Bombers Women's Plate	6	<b>50.00</b>	12	100.99	3	3	0	0
 Terrigal Avoca Panthers Women's Plate	5	<b>40.00</b>	8	145.54	2	2	0	0
 Port Stephens Power Women's Plate	5	<b>40.00</b>	8	100.49	2	3	0	0
 The Entrance Bateau Bay Blues Women's Plate	6	<b>33.33</b>	8	36.07	2	4	0	0
 Wyong Lakes Magpies Women's Plate	5	<b>20.00</b>	4	67.35	1	3	0	1
 Newcastle City 3rds Women's Plate	2	<b>0</b>	0	49.30	0	2	0	0
 Muswellbrook Cats Women's Plate	5	<b>0</b>	0	3.30	0	5	0	1



# WOMEN'S PLATE

NEWCASTLE CITY VS PORT STEPHENS  
SATURDAY 31ST MAY

2025  
SNAP  
SHOT

PORT STEPHENS POWER



WINS: 2








LOSSES: 3

LADDER: 8<sup>TH</sup>

HOME GROUND: FERODALE OVAL

BIGGEST WIN: 88 POINTS

BIGGEST LOSS: 68 POINTS

LADDER	P	MR	PTS	%	W	L	D	BYE
 Maitland Saints Women's Plate	6	83.33	20	655.10	5	0	0	0
 Newcastle City Blues Women's Plate	5	80.00	16	344.90	4	0	0	0
 Nelson Bay Marlins Women's Plate	5	60.00	12	290.68	3	2	0	1
 Cardiff Hawks Women's Plate	5	60.00	12	210.42	3	2	0	0
 Lake Macquarie Dockers Women's Plate	5	60.00	12	114.39	3	2	0	0
 Killarney Vale Bombers Women's Plate	6	50.00	12	100.99	3	3	0	0
 Terrigal Avoca Panthers Women's Plate	5	40.00	8	145.54	2	2	0	0
 Port Stephens Power Women's Plate	5	40.00	8	100.49	2	3	0	0
 The Entrance Bateau Bay Blues Women's Plate	6	33.33	8	36.07	2	4	0	0
 Wyong Lakes Magpies Women's Plate	5	20.00	4	67.35	1	3	0	1
 Newcastle City 3rds Women's Plate	2	0	0	49.30	0	2	0	0
 Muswellbrook Cats Women's Plate	5	0	0	3.30	0	5	0	1



# WOMEN'S PLATE

MAILTAND VS NEWCASTLE CITY

SATURDAY 31ST MAY

MAITLAND SAINTS

2025

SNAP  
SHOT

WINS: 5

LOSSES: 0

LADDER: 1<sup>ST</sup>

HOME GROUND: MAX MCMAHON

BIGGEST WIN: 128 POINTS

BIGGEST LOSS: ----POINTS



LADDER	P	MR	PTS	%	W	L	D	BYE
 Maitland Saints Women's Plate	6	83.33	20	655.10	5	0	0	0
 Newcastle City Blues Women's Plate	5	80.00	16	344.90	4	0	0	0
 Nelson Bay Marlins Women's Plate	5	60.00	12	290.68	3	2	0	1
 Cardiff Hawks Women's Plate	5	60.00	12	210.42	3	2	0	0
 Lake Macquarie Dockers Women's Plate	5	60.00	12	114.39	3	2	0	0
 Killarney Vale Bombers Women's Plate	6	50.00	12	100.99	3	3	0	0
 Terrigal Avoca Panthers Women's Plate	5	40.00	8	145.54	2	2	0	0
 Port Stephens Power Women's Plate	5	40.00	8	100.49	2	3	0	0
 The Entrance Bateau Bay Blues Women's Plate	6	33.33	8	36.07	2	4	0	0
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# WOMEN'S PLATE

**MAILTAND VS NEWCASTLE CITY**

**SATURDAY 31ST MAY**

**NEWCASTLE CITY 3RDS**

**2025**  
**SNAP**  
**SHOT**



**WINS: 0**






**LOSSES: 2**

**LADDER: 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**HOME GROUND: NO.1 SPORTSGROUND**

**BIGGEST WIN: ----POINTS**

**BIGGEST LOSS: 31 POINTS**

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WHO WILL BE

THE 2025

PREMIERS?





# ***OLLIE'S***

# ***TRIVIA***

***Have you been paying attention this season?***

1. What special round is it on the AFLHCC this weekend?
2. What is the name of Newcastle City's home ground?
3. Are the Port Stephens Power in the Men's Plate, Women's Plate or both?
4. Why was Round 6 cancelled last week?
5. Why is Pride Round important?
6. What was the Bar TV Match of Round 7 in 2022?
7. Where are the Maitland Saints on the Men's Cup Ladder?
8. Where are the Killarney Vale Bombers on the Women's Cup Ladder?
9. Which team has a Cat for their AFL logo?
10. How many printed AFL Records have been produced this season?
11. Where are the Wyong Lakes Magpies on the Women's Plate table?
12. How many Cup games total (Men's and Women's) are scheduled on a given weekend?

***ANSWERS***

1. Newcastle City Pride Round 2. No. 1 Sportsground 3. Both 4. Wet Weather 5. It helps create a safe and welcoming environment for everyone 6. Bulldogs V Singleton 7. 8<sup>th</sup> 8. 4<sup>th</sup> 9. Muswellbrook Cats 10. 3 11. 10<sup>th</sup> 12. 7 Games



# CITY PRIDE ROUND



**SATURDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2025**





# SCORECARD

Grade e.g. Men's/Women's Cup/Plate

Teams e.g. Newcastle City VS Killarney Vale

Team 1

Q	GOALS	BEHINDS	TOTAL
1			
2			
3			
4			

Team 2

Q	GOALS	BEHINDS	TOTAL
1			
2			
3			
4			

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# ON THE MARK



Thank you for picking up *On the Mark* and taking home not just a book, but your piece of local football history. Your appreciation for the stories, stats, and love of the game are all captured within its pages. It's people like you who keep the spirit of football alive for future generations. We hope it inspires you to stay involved, cheer loud, and maybe even make your own mark on the game's next chapter.

Enjoy your record, and more importantly, enjoy the 2025 AFL Hunter Central Coast Season.

*Oliver Croft*

AUTHOR OF ON THE MARK





# THE HISTORY OF NO. 1 SPORTSGROUND

Newcastle's No.1 Sportsground, located in the city's National Park precinct, has been a major sporting and community venue for over a century. The site was originally used as a racecourse from 1865 by the Newcastle Racing Club before being converted into a multi-sport ground. It officially opened as a sportsground on 16 September 1922 with a rugby league match between Western Suburbs and a Newcastle representative side.

The ground is home to the Newcastle City Australian Football Club, one of the oldest AFL clubs in New South Wales, dating back to 1883. No.1 Sportsground has also been used for major community events. In 1951, it famously hosted a Schools Jubilee with 6,000 children forming a living map of Australia on the field.

In recent years, the ground underwent a major redevelopment starting in 2020. The upgrades included modern seating, new lighting, improved drainage, and an enlarged playing field to support pre-season AFL and high-level cricket matches. Today, Newcastle's No.1 Sportsground remains a vital part of the city's sporting and cultural life, honouring its rich history while supporting the next generation of athletes and community events.



NEWCASTLE NO.1  
SPORTSGROUND



# The AFL HUNTER CENTRAL COAST

## RECORD Over the years

**OLIVER CROFT** goes back through the history books to take a look at Round 7, 2022.

Fittingly, the Round 7 in 2022 shows Lake Macquarie and Port Stephens playing through pools of mud and water, which was the exact position the league found themselves considering last week. However the rain was too strong and Round 6 was rescheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, the wet weather round. It was also Sir Doug Nicholls Round, a round made to acknowledge First Nations people in the AFL, with the Record stating:

**"The 2022 Season marks the 16th year the AFL has celebrated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Sir Doug Nicholls Round will be celebrated across HCC Rounds 7 and 8, the Round 10 and 11 of the Toyota AFL Premiership Season."**

The Bar TV Game of the Round was the Warners Bay Bulldogs playing Singleton Rooster's in the Men's and Women's Cup. The Record also featured a back page advertising "Tackle Your Feelings", stating: "Tackle Your Feelings is a free mental health training program for community AFL coaches, as well as committee members and other club support staff. The program was formed by the AFL Coaches Association, AFL Players' Association and Zurich Insurance in 2018, after the tragic death of Adelaide coach Phil Walsh three years earlier."

The Record was 41 pages in length, featuring club line-ups and small reports made by various clubs.



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# AFL HUNTER CENTRAL COAST

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## ROUND 7 FIXTURE 2022

Terrigal Avoca Cup Men's	Killarney Vale Cup Men's	Hylton Moore Oval 1	14:35
Maitland Cup Men's	Newcastle City Cup Men's	Max McMahon Oval 1	14:00
Warners Bay Cup Men's	Singleton Cup Men's	Feighan Ovals 1	14:00
Cardiff Cup Men's	Bye		
Wyong Lakes Cup Women's	Cardiff Cup Women's	CC Regional Complex 1	12:00
Terrigal Avoca Cup Women's	Killarney Vale Cup Women's	Hylton Moore Oval 1	12:45
Maitland Cup Women's	Newcastle City Cup Women's	Max McMahon Oval 1	12:00
Warners Bay Cup Women's	Singleton Cup Women's	Feighan Ovals 1	12:00
Terrigal Avoca Plate Men's	Killarney Vale Plate Men's	Hylton Moore Oval 1	10:45
Wallsend West Newcastle Plate Men's	Newcastle City Plate Men's	Bill Elliott Oval 1	14:00
Lake Macquarie Plate Men's	The Entrance Bateau Bay Plate Men's	Tulkaba Ovals 1	14:00
Nelson Bay Plate Men's	Wyong Lakes Plate Men's	Dick Burwell Oval 1	14:00
Cardiff Plate Men's	Bye		
Port Stephens Plate Women's	Gosford Plate Women's	Ferodale Oval 1	12:00
Terrigal Avoca Plate Women's	Killarney Vale Plate Women's	Hylton Moore Oval 1	9:00
Wallsend West Newcastle Plate Women's	Newcastle City Plate Women's	Bill Elliott Oval 1	12:00
Lake Macquarie Plate Women's	The Entrance Bateau Bay Plate Women's	Tulkaba Ovals 1	12:00
Cardiff Plate Women's	Bye		
Gosford Shield	Muswellbrook Shield	Adcock Park 1	14:00
Maitland Shield	Newcastle City Shield	Max McMahon Oval 1	10:00
Warners Bay Shield	The Entrance Bateau Bay Shield	Feighan Ovals 1	10:00
Killarney Vale Shield	Bye		



***THE BOMBER***

**BELIEF**



***47 YEARS OF RED AND BLACK***  
***9 OVERALL FIRST GRADE FLAGS***

# BOMBERS



# SOAR TO GLORY

BY OLIVER CROFT

Formed in 1978, the Killarney Vale Australian Football Club joined the Central Coast AFL and has called Adelaide Street Oval home ever since. The Bombers won their first Reserve Grade premiership in 1979 and their first First Grade flag in 1981.

In 1999, the league merged with Newcastle to form the Black Diamond AFL, later rebranded in 2019 as AFL Hunter/Central Coast. In 2016, the Bombers launched their first Women's team—now grown to two—showing their commitment to equality and growth.

Killarney Vale is one of the region's most successful clubs, with:

- 8 x Men's First Grade Premierships
- 1 x Women's First Grade Premiership
- 6 x Men's Reserve Grade Premierships
- 57 Junior Premierships
- Over 300 junior players from Auskick to Under 17s

Their last Grand Final in 2022 against Terrigal Avoca was a defining moment — a 13-point triumph built on grit, unity, and belief. It wasn't just for the players it was for the volunteers, juniors, life members, and loyal supporters.

The message is clear from Adelaide Street Oval, the Bombers are more than a club—they're a community that flies together.

With the 2025 Season well underway, will it be the chance to add a 9<sup>th</sup> Men's Cup Premiership to the history books of the Killarney Vale Bombers?



*HOME OF THE*

**PREMIERS**

*24 FIRST GRADE FLAGS*



**PREMIERS  
2024**

# *HOME OF THE* **PREMIERS** *BY OLIVER CROFT*

Established in 1883, the Newcastle City Australian Football Club is one of the oldest, largest, and most progressive AFL clubs in the Hunter region. Competing in the Hunter Central Coast AFL League, City proudly fields teams across all junior and senior grades and supports three netball teams in the Newcastle Netball Association. The club's Premier Division Men's and Women's teams battle for the Black Diamond Cup—Australia's oldest continually contested sporting trophy.

Newcastle City won its first Men's 1st Grade Premiership in 1884 and has since claimed 24 First Grade flags, more than any other club in the region. That history includes three undefeated premiership seasons (1964, 1973, and 2011) and a dominant run of four consecutive premierships from 2008 to 2011.

More recently, Newcastle City has surged back into powerhouse form, capturing back-to-back premierships in 2023 and 2024. The 2023 grand final was a heart-stopping classic—a gritty, pressure-filled battle against Terrigal. City's composure under fire and refusal to break saw them scrape home by just 9 points. It was a statement win that laid the foundation for the club's current golden era.

Then came 2024. The Blues delivered one of the most commanding grand final performances in recent memory, dismantling the Cardiff Hawks by 44 points. From the opening bounce, City was relentless—sharp ball movement, suffocating pressure, and a clinical forward line firing on all cylinders. It wasn't just a win—it was a celebration of unity, preparation, and hunger for success.

These back-to-back triumphs are more than just silverware. They are the embodiment of Good Old City's culture—built on hard work, loyalty, and an unbreakable bond between players, coaches, volunteers, and fans. With 24 premierships, an unmatched history, and a current squad that blends experienced leaders with emerging stars, Newcastle City's legacy is as strong as ever.

And now, in 2025, the Blues are undefeated. Could a third straight flag be on the horizon? Will yet another premiership be etched into the club's storied history and raised high on the No. 1 Sportsground pavilion?



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