



# RECORD



Round 2  
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# THIS WEEK



<b>Black Diamond Men's Cup</b>		
The Entrance Bateau Bay vs Maitland Saints	Bateau Bay Oval	2pm
Warners Bay vs Newcastle City	Feighan Oval	2pm
Cardiff vs Terrigal Avoca	Pasterfield Sports Complex	3pm
<b>Black Diamond Women's Cup</b>		
The Entrance Bateau Bay vs Maitland Saints	Bateau Bay Oval	12 noon
Warners Bay vs Newcastle City	Feighan Oval	12noon
Cardiff vs Terrigal Avoca	Pasterfield Sports Complex	1pm
Killarney Vale Bombers vs Singleton	Adelaide Street Oval	2pm
<b>Black Diamond Men's Plate</b>		
Cardiff vs Lake Macquarie Dockers	Pasterfield Sports Complex	11am
Maitland Saints vs Newcastle City Men's 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Max McMahon Oval	12noon
Gosford Tigers vs The Entrance Bateau Bay	Adcock Park	12:30pm
Nelson Bay Marlins vs Killarney Vale Bombers	Dick Burwell Oval	1pm
Wyong-Lakes vs Warners Bay	Don Small Oval	2pm
Terrigal Avoca vs Newcastle City Men's 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hylton Moore Oval	2pm
<b>Black Diamond Women's Plate</b>		
Cardiff vs Wyong-Lakes/Lake Macquarie	Pasterfield Sports Complex	9am
Gosford vs The Entrance Bateau Bay	Adcock Park	10am
Port Stephens vs Killarney Vale Bombers	Ferodale Oval	12noon
Terrigal Avoca vs Newcastle City	Hylton Moore Oval	12noon

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The Round



## **Black Diamond Men's Cup and Black Diamond Women's Cup**

Ash Borg and Cori Hopper will bring you Warners Bay vs Newcastle City games at 12noon and 2pm



# NCCUA



In 2024 the NCCUA is celebrating its Silver Jubilee - 25 years of umpiring the Hunter Central Coast Competition. With membership nudging over 40 registered members and our life members keen to participate, the team is looking forward to a big celebration in September to mark this exciting milestone.

Some of our team were busy in the off season, with Kyan Everson and Cypress Hart travelling to Darwin for their second season of umpiring the NTFL. They even bumped into former NCCUA and SANFL umpire, Patrick Lally who also spent some time out in the middle in Darwin.

While closer to home, Zali Mertens, Jonah Finlay and Cypress Hart umpired the AFL Sydney Summer Representative series over three weekends. Zali is one of two NSW umpires who have been selected for the National Female Umpire Accelerator Program, giving her access to specialist coaching and mentoring to take her umpiring to the next level.

We were very proud to learn that our own Christine Burrows and John Sullivan OAM were among seven people from the AFLHCC to be named as inductees into the inaugural NSW Australian Football Hall of Fame - with congratulations from AFL CEO Andrew Dillon who said "each has played a significant role in bettering footy in NSW"



In umpiring news outside our region, Joseph O'Brien was chosen to umpire the AFLW 2023 series and former NCCUA umpire, now AFL Goal Umpire, Tom Sullivan was awarded the Brian Pratt Medallion for the most promising First or Second Year Goal Umpire in the AFL - for the second year in a row. Congratulations Tom - we love seeing you between the posts on the big screen every week.

What an exciting time to become an umpire - with our local umpires on the pathway to the big time and their role models already there showing us how it is done! If you are interested in starting your own umpiring journey - whether it be for a bit of extra cash on game day or with a view to making the big time like Joey and Tom have - contact Lisa Davidson, Umpiring Coordinator - [lisa.davidson@afl.com.au](mailto:lisa.davidson@afl.com.au)

# CARDIFF

## HAWKS



Cardiff as a club was excited for preseason as it was good to get together again and work towards the goals for the season, fitness and skills are looking good. Welcoming aboard a new major sponsor of Lambton Park Hotel has been excellent too!

Few exciting new players joined us across the senior club. Keep an eye out for Justin Dore, Taylor Smith, Bella Carlisle and welcoming back Chris Davies. Excited to see our juniors shine as they make their way into the senior teams.

Growth and success are the clubs focus in 2024! We aim to continue to prioritise junior player development and foster a strong connection between junior and senior teams.

A successful 2024 on and off the field. All teams have plenty of potential to shine throughout the season, we are hoping for finals and beyond for all four teams. We are hosting our inaugural Hawks Festival on the 13th of July at Pasterfield Sports Complex, Cameron Park; this will celebrate our sponsors, bring together past and current players, showcase the club's facilities and exhibit our juniors in half-time Auskick games.





Maitland have continued to put in the hard work during the off-season and develop the club in preparation for the 2024 season.

This season the Women's team will tackle the Black Diamond Women's Cup competition after a very successful 2023 season in the Plate division. The Men's teams continue to strengthen and the support of junior players feeding into the senior club has been fundamental for club growth.

We are excited to take on The Entrance Bateau Bay this weekend in the Women's Cup division as both teams are taking to the field for the first time in the Cup division! Should be a great game.

Congratulations to Round 1 debutants, Djarrin Stuart, Rhylan Hoffman and Kev McDonald

All players have made fantastic contributions over the preseason and we look forward to what they will show on debut.



# GOSFORD

## TIGERS



Gosford have continued to push ahead with both a Men's and Women's teams in 2024 despite a challenging season in 2023. The dedication from the core playing group has been fundamental in seeing the club take to the field this season.

The club is always on the lookout for new players and welcome anyone to come down to Adcock Oval for a kick of the footy and sign up at the club.

Club contact - [info@gosfordtigers.com.au](mailto:info@gosfordtigers.com.au)

Looking forward to the season ahead and getting some wins on the board.

# KILLARNEY VALE

## BOMBERS



It's great to finally get the 2024 season underway after a false start last week due to the weather. Good Luck to all clubs and their teams in 2024!

Killarney Vale Bombers would like to thank the following partners for their support in 2024

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# TERRIGAL AVOCA

PANTHERS



Terrigal Avoca's focus on education and fitness has been paying off, and I'm thrilled to see the progress we've made as a team. Special shoutouts to Jack Grimond and Zander White for their outstanding performances during this period our aim is to inject more speed into our gameplay while maintaining our solid defensive and offensive setups. I'm confident that with our collective efforts and focus, we'll be able to execute our game plan effectively on the field. While we've experienced some departures, including the talents of Pitt, Price, and Roberts, I want to emphasize that our team spirit remains unwavering. The energy and camaraderie within our young group are palpable, both on and off the field. I'm thrilled to announce that we'll be fielding two men's teams and two women's teams this season, With players like Jack Grimond, Ethan Williams, the White brothers, Toby, and Tom Lawton leading the charge, there's no doubt that we're in for an exciting journey ahead.



# NELSON BAY



Nelson Bay had an eventful off season with a change of coaching staff, focus on new scoreboard, and planning for pre-season!

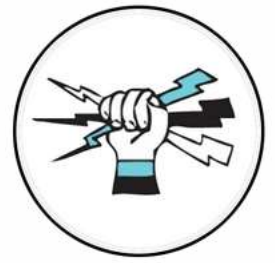
New Head Coach, Sean McGrath, Assistant Coach Wayde Blackburne will be leading the team in 2024. While the club has no big name star recruits, a few very talented u17s are coming through, and current players ready to take their games to the next level.

Great numbers for pre-season and two strong performances in pre-season matches v Lake Mac and Warners Bay have set a solid foundation for the upcoming season. Group is confident of upsetting a few of the powerhouse clubs this year and building a solid foundation towards playing finals footy again.

The clubs goals for this season is play Finals Footy and maintain a strong / healthy list throughout the season, while building and developing for the future.

# PORT STEPHENS

POWER



The off season has saw the greatest turn out of female players since it joined the competition in 2018. Port has welcomed people that are new to the sport and are seeking an environment where they feel connected and are supported to try something new. We are welcoming Harleen Kaur who played the sport of Kabaddi in India. Harleen is now residing in Australia and playing AFL for the first time. We also welcome Tara Maguire who has played AFL in Tasmania and is playing for the first time in NSW with Port Power.

Coach Beth Innes returns for another season and is keen to get the season underway. She has been working hard in the off-season building team capacity and harnessing the strength of diversity that team holds. The team was ready to go last week and will certainly hit the ground running for round 2.

All of Port Power's new players will be supported by our returning players and led by Captain Lauren Kidd. We are excited by the challenge that 2024 brings and are looking forward to playing some great, enjoyable football this season.



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# WARNERS BAY

## BULLDOGS



Welcome to season 2024 from all of us at the Warners Bay Football Club. This year promises to be one of the best seasons on record at the bulldogs with teams entered again in all 3 grades. Welcome to the club to all new players and to players returning to the club. We have had a number of off field changes over the summer, the main ones being Shaun O'Leary coming onboard as President and Glenn Keys taking the position of the Football Operations Manager. Murray Younger has come committed to Plate coach, and we welcome Amy Pittman back to the kennel taking the reins of Women's Cup coach. We welcome new and old to the kennel.

Our Premier captain for the 2024 season is Luke Roach who will be supported by Sam Gibbons and Zac Lauritsen. Our Plate have decided to run with a leadership group consisting of Daniel Gray, Ryan Clarke, Josh Treadwell and Guy Roast. Our Women's cup team will be led by Jasmine Wellings. Congratulations to all that have been appointed leadership roles for the 2024 season.

As we are all aware having great sponsors helps the club perform at its best and we would like to acknowledge Blackbutt Hotel as our wonderful major sponsor back for a 3rd year. Cardiff RSL have been generous with a community grant for the 2024 season, and we thank them for the support of grassroots football in the region. Other sponsors include Cardiff Car Clinic, Brown Sugar Restaurant & Function, KFC, 7th Street Caravans, Shakey Joes, Back in Motion Health Group, Bentspoke Brewing, Element Accountants & Advisors, HyperWeb and Younger Pest Management.

After last week's unfortunate washout all 3 teams are keen to play some footy. Today we host Newcastle City in both Premier and Women's Cup games at Feighan Oval, this will be an excellent chance to see how our teams match up after a really solid pre-season will great numbers and commitment shown. Our men's plate team travel to Wyong to kick off their season which will be also a worthy test for Murray's new look team.

The day at Feighan Oval will be opened with a Women's match between the 2 clubs, with coverage supplied by BarTV, this will then be rolled into the 2pm fixture for men's premier.

Everyone is encouraged to get back to the Blackbutt Hotel for post-match awards.



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# SINGLETON

## ROOSTERS



The off season was long and hard for both our senior teams but with lots of effort and commitment is looking like it will pay off for our senior teams in 2024!

The club has no star recruits but keep an eye out for our young players. The focus has been on transition of younger players into seniors and growing the club.

2024 for the roosters is about rebuilding and just getting on the park and playing footy, winning as many games as we can and having fun with our mates, the rooster culture will continue to grow strong.

This season we have a lot of new and young players, so this year for us in both grades will be to really let our young players shine and play the game they have come to play and love, obviously our biggest goal is to make finals and grand finals and hopefully with the long pre-season sessions and games it pays off!



# WYONG LAKES

MAGPIES



Wyong-Lakes have had a solid off-season for both sides, the club engaged our new senior coaches Simon & Josh early to ensure adequate preparation for season 2024.

Men - Bhodi Johnston who played at a high level previously in the Tasmanian league, Brad Collis from Nowra and the Ford twins Liam and Connor from Sydney AFL.

Women – Bec Ives returns from a big season at Pennant Hills along with Sarah Ball back from a season at Bateau Bay, Jesta Toka joins from Vanuatu for a season and a late addition in Pyper Denneman looks promising early also.

The expectation is high for both men's and women's sides with plenty of talent across both teams. Men's have their biggest numbers in the past few years which will breed a competitive environment naturally. Women's have JV'd with lake Macquarie who equally have talent across their list.

We believe finals is a tangible expectation for both sides, Premierships are what we play footy for so that will be the end goal for both sides whilst ensuring all enjoy their footy and time at the club through the process.





# NEWCASTLE CITY

## BLUES



Newcastle City enters 2024 with new-look teams across the board, after a historically successful 2023. Last year marked City's 140th birthday celebrations, culminating in 4 grand finals and 3 premierships, both club and league records.

2024 marks a changing of the guard throughout the Newcastle City teams, with key retirements, player movements, and the graduation of an exciting group of juniors joining the senior ranks from their U17s. Mitchell Knight, 6-time premiership player and 2-time premiership coach, passes the baton and his famous #13 guernsey to Mitchell Crawford. Round 1 2024 will be the first time since 2003 that someone other than Kinghty has pulled on the #13 in Men's first grade for the Blues!

In the Women's Cup team, our 2023 Premiership coach Brett Godfrey remains at the helm, joined by a support crew of experienced City assistant coaches and leaders, including brother Grant who will coach the Women's Plate side. "Katie 180" Handley has been appointed as skipper of the 2024 team, leading a new look leadership group.

Although City has seen a large exodus of senior experience in both Men's and Women's squads, a few key veterans remain to guide the new crop through to senior football. Look out for new recruits Jason Pongracic, Jordan Dear, Dom Miesen and especially Harry Hughes, who kicked the clutch match-winning goal in the Blues' pre-season match v Inner West Magpies. City also welcomes back some favourite sons and daughters returning to the club, with Bailey Cullen, Hugh Blanchfield, Emily Martin and Sabine Kliousis all returning for the 2024 campaign.



# LAKE MACQUARIE

## DOCKERS



After the round one washout the Docker's senior players are super keen to get the season underway against Cardiff.

Both teams have lost some seasoned players but still have a sprinkling of familiar faces with a few new names thrown in. One to note is the third of the Hall brothers playing in the men's. There will be a few guest appearances during the season from some of the U17 older players who have been training together most of the pre-season.

It will be interesting to see how the women's team jells together with the Wyong-Lakes partnership and how the team performs. One player who will be missed this season is leading goal kicker Emma-Jayne Howe who has transitioned to a coaching /Managerial role.



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# THE ENTRANCE BATEAU BAY



The off-season for The Entrance Bateau Bay was really positive, with the club's elevation into the Cup Women's and Men's Plate competitions being the major highlight. TEBB have also had a few club events that have been heavily attended early in the season.

The club has signed new players this season across all teams but a few key names to key an eye out for are Pat Murphy (Gosford Tigers), Zac Whittenbury (Coolamon Rovers FNC), Kai Floyd (Sawtell Saints), Kate Widdup (New Signing), Arjah Long (returning Junior), Gracie Durick (Returning Junior)

2024 is looking more competitive in all grades with new signings in the coaching space, some exciting juniors getting opportunity from both U/17's playing groups and some further investment in off field player development.

The goal for TEBB is year is for all 4 teams qualify for finals and our women's Cup team to have a real strong first season .

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