



# ANNUAL REPORT 2024







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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**2024 was another incredible year for football in Victoria - a year where records were smashed and remarkable progress achieved across all levels, from grassroots to elite competitions, from vibrant junior leagues to historic finals, we witnessed the unifying and uplifting power of football in action.**

What truly defined 2024 was the sense of connection we built together. Players, coaches, referees, volunteers, administrators, and fans came together with renewed purpose to create a stronger, more united football community. The bonds between Football Victoria (FV) and our clubs were more vital than ever, and it has been a privilege to deepen our understanding of how FV can better support and empower the stakeholders who make our game so extraordinary.

I am immensely proud of the transformational FV Club Membership framework introduced in 2024. At the start of my term, I mentioned that restoring voting rights to clubs was imperative, and this project marked the most significant constitutional change in over two decades. As Chair, it fills me with pride to have returned voting rights to clubs, empowering them to shape our sport and make decisions that best serve their communities. Working closely with clubs to understand challenges, celebrate successes, and provide meaningful support, has been one of my most rewarding experiences. Victoria continues to lead the way in giving stakeholders a voice, and I am honoured to be part of an organisation that strives for excellence every single day.

This year also saw the launch of the ambitious "Our Football" strategy, designed to guide our sport over the next four years. I am confident we have developed and adopted a Strategic Plan that will carry our organisation into the future with a clear vision of who we are, and the role we wish to play as your governing body. Collaboration is, at its core, ensuring that every club, participant, and supporter plays a role in shaping Victorian football's future. Seeing this strategy gain such momentum, with innovative initiatives embraced to build a stronger, more inclusive, and sustainable future, has been deeply inspiring.

# 391,000

**PARTICIPANTS ENGAGED WITH FOOTBALL IN VICTORIA ACROSS ALL FORMATS IN 2024**

Participation in football reached new heights in 2024, demonstrating the unwavering passion Victorians have for the game. Nearly 100,000 players joined winter programs, with an incredible 391,000 participants across all football formats. These numbers represent countless inspiring stories—children taking their first steps on the pitch, adults rediscovering their love for the game, and entire communities coming together through football. These moments of joy and togetherness are the essence of what we do, and I feel immensely proud to witness them as Chair.

The Home of The Matildas at La Trobe University continues to be a beacon of excellence, hosting major events such as the Girls National Youth Championships, community activations, and CommBank Matildas camps. With the completion of Pitch 2—the Nike FC pitch—we now offer world-class facilities for players at every level, reinforcing our unwavering commitment to nurturing talent and enabling our football community to thrive.

Our football ecosystem owes its success to the dedication of volunteers, referees, and coaches, who are the lifeblood of our sport. This year brought extraordinary milestones, including a 45% increase in registered coaches and nearly doubling the number of female referees—a powerful step forward for gender equity. To every mentor, leader, and role model inspiring the next generation, I extend my heartfelt thanks. Your passion transforms football into something far greater than a game—it becomes a lifelong source of inspiration.

When I became Chair in 2020, I quickly realised that the role was not about control or authority. Instead, the Chair is the chief communicator, collaborator, and cooperator—a role I embraced wholeheartedly. My focus shifted from giving directions to fostering meaningful dialogue. Communication with Directors became less about speaking and more about truly listening—because listening isn't just hearing words; it's understanding and valuing the perspectives behind them.

This skill of engaged listening extended far beyond the Boardroom. With our talented and dedicated staff, it meant taking the time to



appreciate their efforts, support their initiatives, and ensure their voices were heard. My role was not to dictate but to articulate the Board's collective vision and consensus clearly and faithfully.

That same commitment to listening shaped my interactions with our members, clubs, partners, stakeholders, regulators, and the broader public. It required empathy, humility, and a willingness to learn from those around me. Coming from a background where giving orders was second nature, this shift was an enlightening and transformative experience—one that reshaped my understanding of leadership and reinforced my belief in the power of collaboration.

As I reflect on 2024, my final year as Chair of Football Victoria, I am overcome with immense pride and excitement. It has been a journey filled with unforgettable moments, successes, and challenges that reaffirmed my belief in the power of football to change lives. Football, at its heart, has always been about people—the friendships formed on junior pitches, the lessons learned on training grounds, and the triumphs that forge resilience. It is about the volunteers, the parents and guardians, and the clubs that create welcoming spaces for everyone. These are the true victories of 2024, and they will resonate long after the final whistle.

Football Victoria has been a cornerstone of my life since I joined the Board. Serving as FV's first female Chair has been an honour beyond words. Our progress in driving gender equity and creating opportunities for women and girls is, without a doubt, the achievement I hold closest to my heart. Together, we have laid the groundwork for an inclusive game where everyone is celebrated, and I know football in Victoria will continue to lead the way.

Among the many milestones during my tenure, I am particularly proud of our governance overhaul, which has modernised operations and strengthened transparency. We have weathered the challenges of a global pandemic with resilience and forged robust relationships with government, commercial partners, and football governing bodies—culminating in record investment for facilities and programs across the state.

To my fellow Board members, past and present, thank you for your wisdom and steadfast commitment. To our Interim CEO and the FV

Executive Team, your dedication has turned ambitious visions into impactful realities. To every staff member and everyone working in football, your passion continues to drive the game forward. To the clubs, volunteers, players, coaches, and referees—you are the heartbeat of football, and it has been my greatest honour to serve you.

Letting go, is never easy. It is actually one of life's greatest challenges but looking ahead, as I step down from the Chair position and Board at the 2024 AGM, I am confident that football in Victoria stands stronger than ever. The hard work, passion, and unity we have poured into this game lay a foundation for an even more extraordinary future.

Despite all the challenges faced, the unwavering commitment to supporting our clubs has remained central to every decision made. I firmly believe that the following guiding principle remains as relevant today as ever:

***"Clubs are the cornerstone of our football community. By prioritising their needs, empowering their growth, and fostering meaningful partnerships, we ensure a stronger, more united future for the game."***

Yes, this decade has been filled with both challenges and triumphs, but most of all, it has been filled with people—people whose passion and commitment have enriched not just our sport, but my own life as well. To everyone in our wonderful football community, thank you for letting me be part of this incredible journey. I will forever be inspired by the game and look forward to sharing many more unforgettable moments as a devoted football fan.

With deepest gratitude and pride,

**Antonella Care**  
President  
FOOTBALL VICTORIA

# CEO'S REPORT



**As the interim CEO of Football Victoria, I feel a deep sense of honour and responsibility stepping into this role at such a pivotal moment in our game's history.**

2024 was a year of profound growth, bold decisions, and shared purpose – a year we learned, engaged and consulted. I want to begin by acknowledging the work of recently departed CEO Chris Pehlivanis, whose steady leadership helped lay a foundation that will influence Victorian football beyond his tenure. We wish him all the very best with his next opportunity.

In 2024, Football Victoria made it clear: we are listening. Throughout 2024, important reviews were undertaken – including the Regional Review, JBNPL Review and finalisation of the NTC Review – not simply as bureaucratic exercises, but as meaningful engagements with our community. These processes reflected a renewed commitment to understanding the real experiences of our players, clubs, coaches, and families. We didn't just hear concerns – we acted.

The outcomes of these reviews are shaping improvements in our structures, competitions, and support systems. From strengthening regional representation to refining talent pathways, we are more aligned than ever before. The football community told us what it needed, and we have responded with open minds and renewed focus, aligned with the ambitious Our Football strategic plan.

The launch of the "Our Football" strategy will continue to serve as our guiding light, supported by the deepened relationships forged with clubs. This strategy is a reflection of who we are and what we want to become: a united, thriving football community for all Victorians.

The heartbeat of our game continues to grow stronger, thanks in large part to the dedicated individuals who make it all possible. 2024 delivered a 45% increase in registered coaches, and an extraordinary near doubling of female referees. These numbers reflect real change and progress in making our sport more accessible, diverse and sustainable.

We also saw continued investment in football infrastructure, with major developments at our flagship venue, The Home of The Matildas at La Trobe University. The completion of Pitch 2 – the Nike FC pitch marked another milestone in providing elite-standard facilities for our football community. These spaces fuel the dreams of our players, coaches and referees, to gather and build communities.

As we progress through 2025, our focus is on building upon the momentum and success of 2024. The progress we've made together has laid a strong foundation for an exciting and transformative era. We remain steadfast in our commitment to inclusivity, participation, and development at all levels of the game.

As the 2024 AGM marks the conclusion of her tenure, it is vital to collectively acknowledge the impact and legacy of our outgoing President, Antonella Care.

Antonella has been a trailblazer; our first female President and a passionate, courageous, and deeply committed leader. Her vision, values, and tireless advocacy have left an indelible mark on Victorian football. Many of her accomplishments - like our game-changing facility, The Home of The Matildas - are highly visible; but the majority of her work, sacrifice and input is unseen. Countless hours across every week are bestowed by Antonella to support and guide football in Victoria.

Under her stewardship, the sport has grown in strength, visibility, and inclusivity. We are all better for her leadership and we thank you sincerely for your significant contribution.

To everyone across our football family – thank you for your passion and your perseverance across 2024. I am excited and humbled to walk alongside you into this next chapter.

Here's to 2025 – a year of opportunity, progress, and shared success.

**Dan Birrell**  
**Interim CEO**  
**FOOTBALL VICTORIA**





# MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW

**In November 2023, Football Victoria adopted a new Constitution giving Clubs the opportunity to become Members of Football Victoria (One-Club-One-Vote governance model) and contribute to shaping the future of our sport in Victoria.**

Extensive work was done by the Constitution Reform Group to consult with our Clubs on how to distribute power back into the hands of Clubs to vote on the topics that directly impact them.

FV has long acknowledged the importance of well-governed Clubs – providing stable and welcoming environments to foster positive football experiences. An Annual Club Membership Process was developed and launched in November 2024 to ensure Clubs meet minimum regulatory standards and strive for equity outcomes in our game.

The critical first step for Clubs was to complete the Annual Club Membership Form by 31 December 2024 confirming their Associate

Membership and enabling them to play in Football Victoria competitions in 2025.

Additional requirements, endorsed by the outgoing Zone Representative Members at the 2023 Special General Meeting, were to be met by Clubs to become a Voting Member Club (VMC).

All Clubs that meet the VMC criteria will be able to contribute to governance decisions for football in Victoria, playing a vital role in critical policy and strategy discussions.

## ASSOCIATE MEMBER CRITERIA

CRITERIA	
<b>Incorporation</b>	1 The Club must be an incorporated association under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 or be a company limited by guarantee under the Corporations Act 2001
<b>Organises Football Teams</b>	2 The Club organises teams to participate in competitions sanctioned by Football Victoria or Football Australia
<b>Membership</b>	3 The Club ensures all participants of its teams are entitled to membership of the Club and therefore may vote (or their parent or guardian may vote) in an election for any of the Club's officeholders. The Club's constitution must ensure its team participants are recognised as voting members of the Club.
<b>Regulation Compliance</b>	4 The Club must remain compliant with Football Australia and Football Victoria Rules, Regulations and Policies and all relevant government regulatory standards (e.g. Victoria's Child Safe Standards, ATO Requirements etc)
<b>Financial</b>	5 The Club is solvent and is able to pay its debts
<b>Applies for Membership</b>	6 The Club completes the Member Club Process annually by 31 December

## VOTING MEMBER CRITERIA

CRITERIA	TO VOTE AT 2024 FV AGM (HELD IN 2025)
<b>Member Club Governance</b>	1 Must meet the Associate Member Criteria 2 The club must have held an AGM in the months prior to 1 December 2024 and have submitted the required reports to their appropriate regulatory authority (e.g. Consumer Affairs, ASIC)
<b>Financial</b>	3 Is financial and has no outstanding overdue debts to FV as at 1 December 2024
<b>40:40:20 Principle</b>	4 Must have achieved or demonstrate progress towards achieving compliance with the 40:40:20 Principle on their Board or Committee of Management
<b>Team Composition*</b>	5 Equal to or Greater than two (2) Women and/or Girls team entries in FV delivered competitions in 2024 6 Equal to or Greater than two (2) Men and/or Boys team entries in FV delivered competitions in 2024** 7 At least one (1) Junior team entry in FV delivered competitions in 2024***
<b>Diversity &amp; Inclusion†</b>	8 Acknowledges promoting the diversity of the game and encourages inclusion of all people to participate in the sport

\*Regional Clubs are only required to achieve one (1) team in each of the Team Composition Categories in 2024 and 2025 and two (2) teams in 2026

\*\* Exception to Criteria 6 will be provided to dedicated Women & Girls Only Clubs

\*\*\* Exemption will be granted to current University Clubs from Criterion 7. The junior team entry/ies can be a team already counted in Criteria 5 or 6.

† Regional Clubs may seek exemption for Criterion 8 if FV is satisfied that Diversity and Inclusion programs are not available and easily accessible in their area

The above could be achieved by a Club-to-Club Affiliation Process or Club Merger Process

# MEMBER SERVICES



**FV also established the Member Services Team (MST), who are dedicated to assisting Clubs in assessing and meeting their obligations and providing ongoing governance and growth support.**

322 Clubs across Victoria applied for Club Membership and 133 of them met the VMC criteria and will have the right to vote at the 2024 AGM on the 28 May 2025.

## VMC CRITERIA MET - 322 CLUBS

CRITERIA	NUMBER OF CLUBS	% OF CLUBS
1 Governance	209	65%
2 Financial	235	73%
3 40:40:20 Principle	307	95%
4 Team Composition	227	70%
5 Diversity & Inclusion	322	100%
<b>MET ALL CRITERIA AND ARE VMCS</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>41%</b>

**The MST will work with Clubs in 2025 to support them in maintaining or gaining Voting Member Club status for 2026 by providing governance and growth support.**



# PARTICIPATION

RECORD-BREAKING

**91,793**

PARTICIPANTS

**17%**  
INCREASE

FUTSAL

**91%**

INCREASE IN FEMALE REGISTRATIONS

**27,156**  
WOMEN & GIRLS PLAYERS ACROSS OUTDOOR, FUTSAL & SOCIAL

**5,403**  
SOCIAL GO FOOTBALL PARTICIPANTS  
**54% 46%**  
FEMALE MALE

COACHES

**45%**

INCREASE

**4,410**  
VOLUNTEERS  
**27%**  
INCREASE

**21,837**  
FEMALE REGISTRATIONS (OUTDOOR)  
**26%**  
INCREASE

**15,037**  
SOCIAL PARTICIPANTS  
**>17%**  
INCREASE

OVER 35's  
**>30%**  
INCREASE IN FEMALE REGISTRATIONS

**1,533**  
REFEREES  
**84%**

INCREASE IN FEMALE REGISTRATIONS

**38,494**  
MINIROOS  
**22%**  
INCREASE

**166,630**  
SCHOOLS  
**>14%**  
INCREASE

**33,489**  
YOUTH  
**>19%**  
INCREASE

SENIOR PARTICIPANTS  
**19,810**

\*Percentages are increases on 2023



**ENGAGING & ENTERTAINING**

PREMIER LEAGUE  
**playermaker**  
FROM DRESS



# COMMUNITY TEAM ENTRIES

**4,712**  
**METRO**  
**19%**  
 Increase on 2023

**1,581**  
**REGIONAL**  
**13%**  
 Increase on 2023



**42,612**

Followers on the FV Facebook page

**+11%**

Increase in followers in 2024



**+22%**

FV Instagram follower increase in 2024

**+11%**

FV Futsal Instagram follower increase in 2024



**+38%**

FV YouTube subscriber increase in 2024

**+320%**

Increase in views in 2024

**+480%**

Increase in watched hours in 2024

# METRO RESULTS

## VICTORIAN PREMIER LEAGUE WOMENS

Competition	Premier	Runner Up
Victorian Premier League Womens	Spring Hills	Casey Comets
Victorian Premier League Womens Reserves	Spring Hills	Keilor Park

## VICTORIAN PREMIER LEAGUE WOMENS FINAL

Competition	Champions	Runner Up
Victorian Premier League Womens	Spring Hills	Keilor Park

## WOMEN'S STATE LEAGUE

Competition	Premier	Runner Up
Women's State League 1 North-West	Avondale	Mill Park
Women's State League 1 North-West Reserves	North Geelong Warriors	Avondale
Women's State League 1 South-East	Monash University	Bayside Argonauts
Women's State League 1 South-East Reserves	Ashburton United	Croydon City
Women's State League 2 North-West	Westgate	Altona City
Women's State League 2 South-East	Manningham United	Melbourne University
Women's State League 3 North	Uni Hill Eagles	Keon Park
Women's State League 3 West	Melbourne University	Avondale
Women's State League 3 South	Aspendale	Seaford United
Women's State League 3 East	Collingwood City	Mooroolbark
Women's State League 4 North	Docklands Athletic	Lalor United
Women's State League 4 West	Keilor Park	Westside Strikers
Women's State League 4 South	Nunawading City	Chelsea
Women's State League 4 East	St Kilda	South Springvale
Women's State League 5 North	Doreen United	East Kew
Women's State League 5 West	Sunbury United	PEGS
Women's State League 5 South	Bentleigh Greens	Aspendale
Women's State League 5 East	Ashburton United	Noble Hurricanes

## WOMEN'S STATE LEAGUE FINALS

Competition	Champions	Runner Up
Women's State League 1	Avondale	Monash University
Women's State League 2	Westgate	Manningham United Blues
Women's State League 3	Melbourne University	Aspendale
Women's State League 4	St Kilda	Keilor Park
Women's State League 5	Doreen United	Bentleigh Greens

## MEN'S STATE LEAGUE

Competition	Premier	Runner Up
Men's State League 1 North-West	Whittlesea United	Geelong
Men's State League 1 North-West Reserves	Sydenham Park	Westgate
Men's State League 1 South-East	Eltham Redbacks	Springvale White Eagles
Men's State League 1 South-East Reserves	Gippsland United	Eltham Redbacks
Men's State League 2 North-West	Keilor Park	Westvale Olympic
Men's State League 2 North-West Reserves	Geelong Rangers	Whittlesea Ranges
Men's State League 2 South-East	Bayside Argonauts	Hampton East Brighton
Men's State League 2 South-East Reserves	Bayside Argonauts	Hampton East Brighton
Men's State League 3 North-West	Western Eagles	Williamstown
Men's State League 3 North-West Reserves	Brunswick Zebras	Laverton
Men's State League 3 South-East	St Kilda	Noble Park United
Men's State League 3 South-East Reserves	St Kilda	Ashburton United
Men's State League 4 North	Plenty Valley Lions	Fawkner
Men's State League 4 North Reserves	Plenty Valley Lions	Moonee Valley Knights
Men's State League 4 West	Surf Coast	Melton Phoenix
Men's State League 4 West Reserves	Melton Phoenix	Surf Coast
Men's State League 4 South	Hampton Park United Sparrows	Endeavour United
Men's State League 4 South Reserves	Monash University	Endeavour United
Men's State League 4 East	Croydon City	Waverley Wanderers
Men's State League 4 East Reserves	Manningham Juventus	Kings Domain
Men's State League 5 North	Heidelberg Stars	Keon Park
Men's State League 5 North Reserves	La Trobe University	Melbourne University
Men's State League 5 West	Lara United	Deakin University
Men's State League 5 West Reserves	Maidstone United	Lara United
Men's State League 5 South	Rosebud	Noble Hurricanes
Men's State League 5 South Reserves	Aspendale	Rosebud
Men's State League 5 East	Mount Waverley City	East Kew
Men's State League 5 East Reserves	East Kew	Mount Waverley City

## MEN'S STATE LEAGUE FINALS

Competition	Champions	Runner Up
Men's State League 1	Whittlesea United SC	Eltham Redbacks FC
Men's State League 2	Bayside Argonauts FC	Keilor Park SC
Men's State League 3	St Kilda SC	Western Eagles SC
Men's State League 4	Croydon City SC	Plenty Valley Lions FC
Men's State League 5	Heidelberg Stars SC	Rosebud SC

## MEN'S METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

Competition	Premier	Runner Up
Metropolitan League 1	Brighton	Melbourne University
Metropolitan League 2 North-West	Fitzroy Lions	Broadmeadows Stars
Metropolitan League 2 South-East	St Kilda	Wonga Wizards
Metropolitan League 3 North-West	Melbourne University	Watsonia Heights
Metropolitan League 3 South-East	Kings Domain	Old Xaverians
Metropolitan League 4 North-West	Castlemaine Goldfields	Bundoora United
Metropolitan League 4 South-East	Monash University	Brighton
Metropolitan League 5 North-West	Brunswick Zebras	West Point
Metropolitan League 5 South-East	South Yarra	Kings Domain
Metropolitan League 6 North-West	Melbourne University	Albert Park
Metropolitan League 6 South-East	Riversdale	Old Xaverians
Metropolitan League 7 North-West	Reservoir United	Melbourne University
Metropolitan League 7 South-East	Manningham United	Mentone
Metropolitan League 8 North-West	PEGS	Footscray Rangers
Metropolitan League 8 South-East	Brandon Park	Endeavour United
Metropolitan League 9 North-West	West Preston	Brunswick Zebras
Metropolitan League 9 South-East	St Kilda	Collingwood City

## MEN'S METROPOLITAN MASTERS

Competition	Premier	Runner Up
Men's Metropolitan Masters North	Manningham Juventus	Moreland United
Men's Metropolitan Masters West	Williamstown	Strathmore

# CUP RESULTS

Competition	Winner	Runner Up
Dockerty Cup Final	South Melbourne	Oakleigh Cannons
Nike FC Cup Final	Bulleen Lions	Preston Lions

# REGIONAL RESULTS

## GEELONG REGION

Competition	Premier	Runner Up
Women's Division 1	Deakin University	Barwon
Women's Division 2	Drysdale	Lara United
Men's Division 1	Surf Coast	Bell Park
Men's Division 2	Deakin University	Corio Bay
Men's Division 3	Deakin University	Colac Otway Rovers

## BENDIGO REGION

Competition	Premier	Runner Up
League 1 Womens	Spring Gully United	Shepparton United
League 2 Womens	Border Raiders	Golden City
Women's League Cup	Spring Gully United	Shepparton United
League 1 Mens	Tatura	Eaglehawk
League 1 Reserves	Tatura	Eaglehawk
League 2 Mens	Swan Hill	La Trobe University
Youth	La Trobe University	Tatura
Mens League Cup	Strathdale	Eaglehawk
Reserves League Cup	Shepparton United	Shepparton South

## BALLARAT REGION

Competition	Premier	Runner Up
Women's Division 1	Ballarat	Vikings
Open Division 1	Forest Rangers	Vikings
Open Division 2	Ballarat North United	Vikings

## SOUTH WEST VICTORIA REGION

Competition	Premier	Runner Up
Women's Division	Portland Panthers	Warrnambool Wolves
Men's Division 1	Warrnambool Wolves	Portland Panthers
Men's Division 2	Stawell Pioneers	Warrnambool Wolves

## LATROBE VALLEY REGION

Competition	Premier	Runner Up
Women's League	Sale United	Falcons 2000
Men's Senior League	Falcons 2000	Fortuna 60
Men's Reserves League	Fortuna 60	Monash
Men's 2nd Division	Moe United	Traralgon City
Battle of Britain Cup	Fortuna 60	Moe United
Shopyell Cup	Fortuna 60	Moe United
Browne-Huizer Cup	Sale United	Fortuna 60
Nan Bosma Cup	Moe United	Traralgon City

## GIPPSLAND REGION

Competition	Premier	Runner Up
Senior Womens	Phillip Island	Leongatha Knights
Senior Mens	Drouin Dragons	Phillip Island
Mens Reserves	Drouin Dragons	Trafalgar Victory

## SUNRAYSA REGION

Competition	Premier	Runner Up
S-League Senior Women	Mildura City	Irymple Knights
RRcup Senior Women	Mildura City	Irymple Knights
S-League Senior Men	Mildura City	Irymple Knights
S-League Reserve Men	Mildura City	Mildura United
S-League Over 35	Irymple Knights	Mildura United
RRcup Senior Men	Mildura City	Nichols Point
RRcup Reserve Men	Mildura City	Irymple Knights
RRcup O35	Irymple Knights	Mildura United

## ALBURY WODONGA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Competition	Premier	Runner Up
Women's Division 1	Albury Hotspurs	Melrose
Women's Division 2	Albury Hotspurs	Albury United
Men's Division 1	Myrtleford Savoy	Albury United
Men's Division 2	Albury City	Albury United
Men's Division 3	Albury Hotspurs	Myrtleford Savoy

# METRO HONOURS

## VICTORIAN PREMIER LEAGUE WOMENS

Competition	Best and Fairest	Top Goalscorer
Women's Best and Fairest League	Addison Steiner (Casey Comets)	Addison Steiner (Casey Comets)

## WOMEN'S STATE LEAGUE

Competition	Best and Fairest	Top Goalscorer
Women's State League 1 North-West	Tayte Fraser (Ballarat City)	Linda Sawa (Avondale)
Women's State League 1 South-East	Amelia Pearson (Monash University)	Olivia Farrell (Monash University)
Women's State League 2 North-West	Natasha Inia (Altona City)	Aguak Chok (Sydenham Park)
Women's State League 2 South-East	Chloe Randazzo (Manningham United)	Chloe Randazzo (Manningham United)
Women's State League 3 North	Karen Mae Alora (Uni Hill Eagles)	Karen Mae Alora (Uni Hill Eagles)
Women's State League 3 West	Ishani Joshi (Kensington City) Madeleine Burton (Williamstown)	Ishani Joshi (Kensington City)
Women's State League 3 South	Kallista Tzelios (Seaford United)	Lily Smith (Aspendale)
Women's State League 3 East	Hannah Robinson (Collingwood City)	Hannah Robinson (Collingwood City)
Women's State League 4 North	Sara Mickoska (Lalor United)	Sara Mickoska (Lalor United Senior)
Women's State League 4 West	Nicaïla Kauric (Keilor Park)	Anastasia Papazoglou (Westside Strikers)
Women's State League 4 South	Kira Greenwood (Mount Martha)	Makayla Bader (Chelsea)
Women's State League 4 East	Victoria Argyropoulos (South Springvale)	Edel O Dwyer (St Kilda)
Women's State League 5 North	Lisa Marie Di Berardino (Brunswick Juventus) Naomi Harris (Doreen United)	Lisa Marie Di Berardino (Brunswick Juventus)
Women's State League 5 West	Sylvia Stergiou (Sunbury United)	Sylvia Stergiou (Sunbury United)
Women's State League 5 South	Gypsy King (Bunyip District) Nadine Aridi (Hampton Park United Sparrows)	Kat Symons (Old Peninsula)
Women's State League 5 East	Lumanyan Onyagi (Noble Hurricanes)	Lumanyan Onyagi (Noble Hurricanes)

## MEN'S STATE LEAGUE

Competition	Best and Fairest	Top Goalscorer
Men's State League 1 North-West	Marcus Day (Whittlesea United)	Marcus Day (Whittlesea United)
Men's State League 1 South-East	Matheus Assumpcao (Springvale White Eagles)	John Prescott (Eltham Redbacks) Eid Sarwari (Mazenod) Matheus Assumpcao (Springvale White Eagles)
Men's State League 2 North-West	Danny Barakat (Uni Hill Eagles)	Joshua Hine (Keilor Park)
Men's State League 2 South-East	Mitch Cooper (Bayside Argonauts)	Mitch Cooper (Bayside Argonauts)
Men's State League 3 North-West	Marcelo De La Plaza (Laverton)	Alex Vlassis (Altona North)
Men's State League 3 South-East	Marios Gerondaras (Heatherton United) Wumjock Jock (Heatherton United)	Wumjock Jock (Heatherton United)
Men's State League 4 North	Aaron Popovski (Watsonia Heights)	Matthew Conversano (Plenty Valley Lions)
Men's State League 4 West	Masamichi Kuroyanagi (Surf Coast)	Bilal Boukhalfa (Balmoral)
Men's State League 4 South	Naseem Rasekh (Hampton Park United Sparrows)	Naseem Rasekh (Hampton Park United Sparrows)
Men's State League 4 East	Martin Schroeder (Riversdale)	Joshua Aubry (Albert Park)
Men's State League 5 North	Carlo Di Gregorio (Melbourne University)	Saso Grozdanoski (Keon Park)
Men's State League 5 West	Sam Wyeth (Deakin University)	Sam Wyeth (Deakin University)
Men's State League 5 South	Matthew Bruce (Aspendale)	Dave Greening (Rosebud)
Men's State League 5 East	George Kapralos (Mount Waverley City)	Owen Reed (Mount Waverley City)

# REGIONAL HONOURS

## GEELONG REGION

Competition	Best and Fairest	Top Goalscorer
Women's Division 1	Mia McCoach-Cripps (Barwon) Lara Williams (Ocean Grove)	Mia McCoach-Cripps (Barwon)
Women's Division 2	Dakota Pearson (Drysdale)	Dakota Pearson (Drysdale)
Men's Division 1	Jude Jeandet (Surf Coast)	Mathias Gorosito (Geelong)
Men's Division 2	Daniel Pancic (Leopold)	Daniel Pancic (Leopold)
Men's Division 3	Liam Goodger (Lara United)	Oaklee Balboni (Colac Otway Rovers)

## BENDIGO REGION

Competition	Best and Fairest	Top Goalscorer
League 1 Womens	Paige Conder (Spring Gully United)	Rosemarene Legalo (Shepparton United)
League 2 Womens	Sian Hooppell (Kyneton District)	Sian Hooppell (Kyneton District)
League 1 Mens	Willie Sauiluma (Shepparton United) Cooper Arkinstall (Epsom) Kieran Tramm (Strathdale)	Fraser Grosstray (Tatura)
League 1 Reserves	Bevan Tresize (Strathdale) Zachery Ferlauto (Tatura)	Jonathon Kafwija (Shepparton South) Abel Tuyii (Shepparton South)
League 2 Mens	Zac Gilmour (La Trobe University)	Conner Brown (Swan Hill)
Youth	Fraser Lee (La Trobe University)	Xavier Black (Tatura)

## BALLARAT REGION

Competition	Best and Fairest	Top Goalscorer
Women's Division 1	Tiarlah Anstis (Forest Rangers)	Salli Mould (Vikings)
Open Division 1	Kyle Stewart (Bacchus Marsh)	Micheal Lockyer (Forest Rangers)
Open Division 2	Nelson Grixti (Creswick)	Corey Smith (Vikings) Nelson Grixti (Creswick)

## SOUTH WEST VICTORIA REGION

Competition	Best and Fairest	Top Goalscorer
Women's Division	Jasmine Siemon (Portland Panthers)	Novalli Hudson (Portland Panthers)
Men's Division 1	Dylan Murray (Portland Panthers)	Paul Docherty (Warrnambool Wolves)
Men's Division 2	Leroy Monica-Perez (Hamilton Raiders)	Leroy Monica-Perez (Hamilton Raiders)

## LATROBE VALLEY REGION

Competition	Best and Fairest	Top Goalscorer
Women's League	Holly McCullagh (Churchill United)	Sally Hoffman (Sale United)
Men's Senior League	Jordan Campbell (Fortuna 60)	Damon Scott (Fortuna 60)
Men's Reserves League	Riduan Sobari (Fortuna 60)	Harley Robinson (Moe United)

## GIPPSLAND REGION

Competition	Best and Fairest	Top Goalscorer
Senior Womens	Zoe Allen (Wonthaggi United)	Zoe Allen (Wonthaggi United)
Senior Mens	Harm Groenewald (Drouin Dragons)	Hayden Smith (Korumburra City)
Mens Reserves	Angus Reed (Phillip Island)	Angus Reed (Phillip Island)

## SUNRAYSIA REGION

Competition	Best and Fairest	Top Goalscorer
S-League Senior Women	Lillee Driscoll (Mildura City)	Isabella Palamara (Mildura City)
S-League Senior Men	Brandon Pollifrone (Mildura City)	Brandon Pollifrone (Mildura City)
S-League Reserve Men	Darcy Augner (Mildura City)	Taylan Karakurt (Mildura City)
S-League Over 35	Akif Arisoy (Mildura City)	Nathan Douman (Irymple Knights) Nicholas Ietto (Irymple Knights)

## ALBURY WODONGA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Competition	Best and Fairest	Top Goalscorer
Women's Division 1	Maya Davis (Melrose)	Claire Mahoney (Boomers)
Women's Division 2	Shae Justice (Myrtleford Savoy)	Chantal Gleeson (Albury Hotspurs)
Men's Division 1	Melkie Woldemichael (Albury United)	Melkie Woldemichael (Albury United)
Men's Division 2	Luke Behrends (Wodonga Diamonds)	Jack Castles (Albury Hotspurs)
Men's Division 3	-	-

# ADVANCED SENIOR COMPETITIONS RESULTS



Competition	Champion	Premier	Runner-Up
NPLW	Heidelberg United	Bulleen Lions	Preston Lions
NPLM	Oakleigh Cannons	South Melbourne	South Melbourne
VPLM 1	N/A	Melbourne Victory	Preston Lions
VPLM 2	N/A	Melbourne Srbija	North Sunshine Eagles

NPLW	Winner	Club
Gold Medal (Best and Fairest)	Maja Markovski Rebecca Saber	Bulleen Lions Alamein
Golden Boot	Maja Markovski	Bulleen Lions
Players Player Award	Isabel Dehakiz	Bulleen Lions
Coach Of The Year	Caitlin Friend	Bulleen Lions
Goalkeeper Of The Year	Bethany Mason-Jones	Essendon Royals

NPLM	Winner	Club
Gold Medal (Best and Fairest)	Aamir Abdallah	Hume City
Golden Boot	Alex Salmon Harrison Sawyer	Oakleigh Cannons South Melbourne
Players Player Award	Aamir Abdallah	Hume City
Coach Of The Year	Esteban Quintas	South Melbourne
Goalkeeper Of The Year	Javier Lopez	South Melbourne

VPLM 1	Winner	Club
Best and Fairest	Connor Bell	Preston Lions
Golden Boot	Michael Domfeh Archie Macphee	Northcote City Langwarrin SC
Players Player Award	Dylan Allshorn	Brunswick City
Coach Of The Year	Joe Palatsides	Melbourne Victory
Goalkeeper Of The Year	Bon Scott	Preston Lions

VPLM 1	Winner	Club
Best and Fairest	Callum Schorah	Goulburn Valley Suns
Golden Boot	Prince Jordan Adeyemi Callum Schorah	Essendon Royals Goulburn Valley Suns
Players Player Award	Graham Kelly	Essendon Royals
Coach Of The Year	Zeljko Popovic	Melbourne Srbija
Goalkeeper Of The Year	Patrick Cristea	Altona City

## HALL OF FAME

In recognition of 50 years of organised Women's football, Football Victoria inducted five trailblazers into the Hall of Fame at a special function, fittingly at The Home of the Matildas in December.

**HER LEGACY** provided the perfect opportunity for the football community to gather and honour Monika Beer, Maria Berry, Selin Kuralay, Louisa Bisby and the late Rosa Harrold.

The evening also featured a panel discussion with FV President Antonella Care, Matilda Shona Bass and Western United Head Coach Kat Smith, discussing the legacy of 50 years of Women's football and what the future may bring.

### HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

#### Rosa Harrold (née Vloedmans)

A pioneer in the most unheralded of disciplines, Rosa Vloedmans became the first woman to pick up a whistle and referee matches in metropolitan Melbourne. Her proudest moment came in 1973, when in front of over 10,000 fans at Olympic Park, she officiated the match between Doveton and Bayswater, a key driver in the eventual formation of the Victorian Women's Soccer Association later that year.

#### Monika Beer (née Werner)

Monika Werner was one of the first players to represent Victoria at a National Championships in 1974, but what sets Werner apart from her peers is becoming the first Victorian woman to wear the National Team Jersey. In 1978, Werner was selected to participate in the World's Women's Football Invitational Tournament in Taiwan, an honour finally recognised by Football Australia in 2023.

#### Maria Berry AM

Few administrators have dared challenge the norms associated with football in the Boardroom than Maria Berry AM, whose involvement in the sport extends to over four decades from the grassroots to the state, serving on Boards at both national and international level. Berry has been an administrative powerhouse in the game, a legacy which lives on in the vibrancy of the Women's game.

#### Selin Kuralay

In an era when Victorian-born players struggled to breakthrough on the international stage, Selin Kuralay is a shining light among her peers. The only female to ever represent Victoria in a Junior Boys National Championship and win the Weinstein Medal. Kuralay was an integral member of state and national representative teams, participating in two World Youth Cups, winning the National Rising Star and featuring for the Matildas in the Athens Olympics - all before the age of 20.

#### Louisa Bisby

Louisa Bisby was a mainstay in Victoria's representative teams, claiming Youth and Senior Championships before participating in every edition of the Women's National Soccer League, her 58 appearances standing as a record for the state in the competition. Having played for almost two decades in the VPL and NPLW, Bisby remains the only player to have won three Gold Medals as the League's Best and Fairest.



From left: Maria Berry, Kat Harrold (representing Rosa Harrold), Selin Kuralay, Monika Beer and Louisa Bisby.  
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