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# 33RD NATIONAL POLICE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Perth



October 8th - 13th

**Game Day Mens 9th | 11th | 13th**  
**Game Day Womens 8th | 10th | 12th**

# DIRECTOR'S REPORT

After a successful National Police Football Championship in 2022 including the inaugural Women's National Police Football Championship, it felt great to be back socialising with familiar faces and some new faces and we felt we were back on the rails after the covid period. Although most teams were a little bit rusty and low on numbers, it was a great reset and inspired us all to build again and keep the momentum going. We certainly knew we shouldn't be taking this great platform for granted again.

Our focus then turned towards Perth and our 33rd National Police Football Championship. Perth WA usually brings great weather, class venues and well organised events. Much work has been done in the background at the National level to construct an event that fulfills all expectation. However, to do this, there needs to be flexibility, negotiation and some sacrifice. The Hogs and Quakkas have definitely thought through this event and have constructed something different again from 2022.

The championship is always evolving and learnings are had from previous events. As an organisation we need to be brave to take on new challenges and adapt where needed. We thank all of you for participating and travelling this far to give your time and effort and some of your 'well-earned', to make sure this is also another successful event. Be sure to lend a hand where you can. We all know what it takes to run a footy match, so get around each other and make it work.

As a result of some very hard work, we have brought together six full men's sides and six full women's sides representing all 6 associated states. To do this, we have relied on support from our ADF partners from HMAS Stirling and MFS WA to assist in making up numbers to fulfil women's sides. Something tells me though, that they won't just be making up the numbers but performing well as they are no strangers to AFL and playing high class footy in the women's leagues in WA and Australia. Hopefully this will see some fierce competition on the women's playing fields. Thank you to our friends from ADF we truly appreciate you and hope you enjoy the week.

On the men's playing side, there seems to be some familiar faces, but on the grapevine we are hearing that there are some significant 'INs' which should shake up the competition. Playing in October in 30 degree heat may expose some teams and perhaps even-up the competition. Make sure you slip, slop, slap and look after each other. There will be plenty of replenishments after the games to recover.

Leederville Oval brings back some memories for some from the 2015 championship as it is a great venue to play and watch footy. Well done to the WA organising committee for securing some great venues including The Camfield Hotel in the shadow of Optus Stadium, Mercure Perth and Mantra on Hay, the Novotel Perth Langley for our closing dinner and charter bus transfers.

We sincerely appreciate it. We look forward to the ceremonies you have organised and can't wait to raise a glass with you all in October.

Good luck to all participating this year. Play hard but fair. Respect the opposition. Gather as one and cherish the moments. Our championships are nothing without the people and the characters, so enjoy the week and make sure you foster some new friends and cherish some old ones.

*Zac Cook | APFA Director*



*Zac Cook  
APFA | Director*



# NPFC 2022 – MEN'S RESULTS

DAY	TEAM	GOALS	BEH	SCORE
<b>ONE</b>	QLD MEN	4	8	32
	SA MEN	15	17	107
	TAS MEN	16	1	97
	NSW MEN	9	7	61
	VIC MEN	10	8	68
	WA MEN	6	6	42

<b>TWO</b>	NSW MEN	6	8	44
	QLD MEN	8	8	56
	VIC MEN	16	18	114
	TAS MEN	4	2	26
	SA MEN	7	4	46
	WA MEN	5	5	35

<b>THREE</b>	WA MEN	11	13	79
	NSW MEN	0	1	1
	SA MEN	1	1	7
	VIC MEN	12	11	83
	QLD MEN	4	6	30
	TAS MEN	7	7	49

Team	For	Against	%	Pts
VIC	265	76	349	12
SA	160	150	107	8
TAS	172	205	84	8
WA	156	115	136	4
QLD	118	200	59	4
NSW	106	232	46	0

## MEN'S PLAYER OF THE CARNIVAL



### WINNER

6 VOTES

Dylan REINBRECHT (SA)

6 VOTES

Shaun HARRISON (VIC)

5 VOTES

Darcy BARDEN (VIC)

5 VOTES

Glenn DAWSON (TAS)

4 VOTES

Kane NUND (QLD)



# NPFC 2022 – WOMEN'S RESULTS

DAY	TEAM	GOALS	BEH	SCORE
<b>ONE</b>	QLD WOMEN	2	8	20
	WA WOMEN	4	2	26
	QLD WOMEN	1	1	7
	TAS/SA WOMEN	6	4	40
	VIC WOMEN	5	6	36
	NSW WOMEN	2	5	17
<b>TWO</b>	NSW WOMEN	0	4	4
	QLD WOMEN	4	1	25
	NSW WOMEN	1	1	7
	TAS/SA WOMEN	3	4	22
	VIC WOMEN	2	3	15
	WA WOMEN	0	2	2
<b>THREE</b>	WA WOMEN	8	6	54
	NSW WOMEN	0	2	2
	TAS/SA WOMEN	0	3	3
	VIC WOMEN	2	1	13
	QLD WOMEN	1	2	8
	VIC WOMEN	2	4	16

Team	For	Against	%	Pts
VIC	80	30	267	16
TAS/SA	65	14	464	8
WA	82	37	222	8
QLD	60	86	70	4
NSW	30	137	22	0

## WOMEN'S PLAYER OF THE CARNIVAL



### WINNER

7 VOTES

Bridget KUPSCH (VIC)

6 VOTES

Trisha STJIPIC (WA)

5 VOTES

Kurtis SHINE (VIC)

5 VOTES

Bianca HOWARD (TAS)



# HONOUR ROLL – LIFE MEMBER

## VICTORIA

- 2019 Dean Kelly, Lachlan Cartledge, Steve Owen  
2018 Lionel Allemand (Legend)  
2017 Bret Lavars, Francis Adams (Legend), Joy Gelly (Legend)  
2016 Aaron Henneman  
2015 Angus Sutherland, Matt Whitty, Nigel Bloomfield  
2014 Chris Power  
2013 Paul Gates, Jacob Bugeja, Andrew Button, Matthew Kershaw  
2011 Kemal Brkic, Ben Cornish, Mark Dacey  
2008 Peter Merrigan  
2007 Dave Young, Deb Doyle, Eddy Barake  
2006 Mark Morris, Kev Perry, Joy Gelly  
2005 Allec Caughey, Trish Rhodes  
2004 Warren Gilbert  
2003 Frank Adams  
2002 Ben Bradley, Tim Moreland  
1999 Lionel Allemand

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- 2019 Wayde Roberts  
2018 Brad 'Sheep' Fry  
2017 Blair Moulton, Paul McKenner, Billy Massoud, Marty 'Dog' Atkins (Legend)  
2016 Steve Richardson, Ossie O'Henry, Phil Owen, Luke McCulloch  
2015 Mick Burnby APM, David Johnson, Mick Bailey, Simon Bowen  
2014 Ben Croy, Paul O'Keeffe, Gavin Carter  
2013 Gerard Gibson  
2012 Brendon Shanahan, Stuart Lapsley, Mathew Muletta  
2011 Neil Vanderplank, Steve Dobson, Lindsay Pankhurst, Nathan Hansen  
2010 Ron Adams, Gary Armstrong, Shane Ball, Kerrie Graham  
2009 Manus Walsh, Graeme Johnston, Darrell Hagan  
2007 Jeff Beros, Brad Cooper, Denym Witherow

- 2006 Bill Chidgzey, Dennis O'Rourke  
2005 Adam Matson, Graeme Doran  
2004 Jason O'Keeffe, Gavin Miller  
2003 Craig Keals  
2000 Marty Atkins, John Deleo  
1997 Jim Allan

## QUEENSLAND

- 2022 Brad Rantall  
2018 Kayne Nund  
2014 Brendon Carr, Brad Wilson, Daryl Stephenson  
2013 Stewart Manning, Darryn Parkes, Chris Collins  
2009 Darren Goodall

## NEW SOUTH WALES

- 2017 Ross Donaldson  
2016 Brad Redfern, Brad O-Grady  
2015 Trevor Hangan  
2014 Keith Claxton, Brian Hudson, Rudi Bylsma  
2013 Brad Freney  
2012 Michael Corboy  
2011 Stephen Hudson, Tim Young  
2010 Brenton Harrison  
2009 Daniel Coughlin

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

- 2022 Tom Carroll  
2022 Steven Daniels  
2019 Brad Dabrowski  
2018 Barry Lewis (Legend), Tristan Shaw, Zac Cook  
2017 John Dicker (Legend)  
2015 Jeff Riley  
2014 Brett Girardi  
2011 Sam Bailetti, Steven Pitt  
2010 Martin Short, Dean Handke  
2009 Rob Gregory  
2007 Darryl Crossman  
2006 Paul Schwartz, Matthew Kluzek  
2005 Julian Snowden, Les Buckley  
2004 Colin Kirkwood  
1999 John Dicker, Barry Lewis

## TASMANIA

- 2022 Jonathon Rogers  
2019 Michael Quill  
2018 Mark Beech-Jones (Legend), Ken O'Garey (Legend)  
2017 Paul Stanley, Steven 'Camel' Fry (Legend)  
2016 Rhian Appleton  
2015 Matt Zukauskas  
2014 Dan Walton  
2012 Peter Hudson  
2010 Doug Rossiter, Michael Hinchin  
2009 Pat Groves  
2008 Mark Beech-Jones  
2006 Stephen Hortle, Leigh Devine, Michael Glancy  
2005 Glenn Bowerman  
2004 Steven Fry  
2000 Michael Maher  
1999 Graeme Hickey  
1995 Ken O'Garey

## LIFE MEMBER LEGENDS

- Lionel Allemand (VIC)  
Barry Lewis (SA)  
Francis Adams (VIC)  
Joy Gelly (VIC)  
Marty 'Dog' Atkins (WA)  
John Dicker (SA)  
Steve 'Camel' Fry (TAS)  
Ken O'Garey (TAS)



# PAST CHAMPIONS

## – OVERALL STATE CHAMPIONS

No.	YEAR	LOCATION	PARTICIPANTS						WINNER
32	2022	Melbourne	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	VIC
	2021	Carnival Cancelled - COVID Pandemic							
	2020	Carnival Cancelled - COVID Pandemic							
31	2019	Canberra	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	SA
30	2018	Hobart	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	VIC
29	2017	Adelaide	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	SA
28	2016	Cairns	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	VIC
27	2015	Perth	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	WA
26	2014	Melbourne	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	VIC
25	2013	Sydney	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	SA
24	2012	Hobart	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	SA
23	2011	Adelaide	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	SA
22	2010	Brisbane	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	VIC
21	2009	Perth	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	VIC
20	2008	Melbourne	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	VIC
19	2007	Launceston and Hobart	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	VIC
18	2006	Sydney	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	VIC
17	2005	Adelaide	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	SA
16	2004	Brisbane	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD		VIC
15	2003	Perth	VIC	SA	TAS	WA			VIC
14	2002	Melbourne	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	VIC (A)		VIC
	2001	<i>Carnival cancelled – Demise of ANSETT</i>							
13	2000	Launceston	VIC	SA	TAS	WA			VIC
12	1999	Adelaide	VIC	SA	TAS	WA			VIC
11	1998	Melbourne	VIC	SA	TAS	WA			VIC
10	1997	Perth	VIC	TAS	WA				WA
9	1996	Hobart	VIC	SA	TAS	WA			VIC
8	1995	Adelaide	VIC	SA	TAS	WA			SA
7	1994	Melbourne	VIC	SA	TAS	WA			VIC
6	1993	Perth	VIC	SA	TAS	WA			WA
5	1992	Launceston	VIC	SA	TAS	WA			SA
	1991	<i>No Carnival</i>							
4	1990	Adelaide	VIC	SA	TAS				SA
3	1989	Melbourne	VIC	SA	TAS	NSW			VIC
2	1988	Wollongong	VIC	SA	TAS	NSW			SA
1	1987	Hobart	VIC	SA	TAS	NSW			SA

# BEST & FAIREST – LEWIS / ALLEMAND MEDAL



2022	Dylan Reinbrecht Bridget Kupsch	SA VIC	Shaun Harrison	VIC
2021	No Carnival			
2020	No Carnival			
2019	Darcy Bardon	VIC	Zac White	QLD
2018	Matt Wade	VIC		
2017	Shaun Harrison	VIC	Tom Carroll	SA
2016	Shaun Harrison	VIC		
2015	Tom Carroll	SA	Brad Fry	WA
2014	Shaun Harrison	VIC		
2013	Stephen Hudson	NSW	Matt Moody	WA
2012	Tom Carroll	SA		
2011	Tom Carroll	SA	Nathan Hansen	WA
2010	Ryan McGahey	SA		
2009	Travis Bull	VIC		
2008	Scott Howard	VIC		
2007	Marty Atkins	WA		
2006	Matt Kluzek	SA		
2005	Stephen Hudson	NSW		
2004	Daniel Sage	VIC		
2003	Marty Atkins	WA	Matt Kluzek	SA
2002	Adam Henry	VIC	Matt Kluzek	SA
2001	No Carnival			
2000	Leon Higgins	VIC		
1999	Marty Atkins	WA	Paul Hattenfels	VIC
1998	Danny Shaddock	VIC		
1997	Marty Atkins	WA		
1996	Marty Atkins	WA		
1995	Steven Pitt	SA		
1994	Doug Koop	VIC		
1993	Steve Richardson	WA		
1992	Marty Atkins	WA		
1991	No Carnival			
1990	Kym Richardson	SA		
1989	Grant Williams	VIC		
1988	Alex Lunn	SA	Paul Patterson	SA



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# WA HOGS



## Welcome to the West

Welcome to the 2023 National Police Football Championships (NPFC), the 33rd edition, hosted by Western Australia. This year also marks the second expanded competition encompassing Australian Football League Women's teams.

The WA Hogs commenced planning for this event way back in 2020, when we were scheduled to hold the Championships the following year, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. The WA Hogs wish to publicly acknowledge and thank our external partners – Accor Group Hotels and Subiaco Football Club - who have honoured deals and bookings for over three years to ensure the Championship can be cost effective for participants delivered at first class venues.

In addition, the WA Hogs acknowledge and thank our ongoing and loyal sponsors who, for a number of years, have ensured the club can continue momentum to securing our next Championship win. The WA Hogs welcomed the inception of the WA Quokkas and since their formation we have worked collaboratively to ensure that the 2023 Championships will be the best Championships held to date.

By now all State representatives have received the 'Championship Brochure'. This contains all the details about fixtures, venues and accommodation. Aside from meticulously planning the 2023 NPFC, the WA Hogs have had a very busy year. Our Annual General Meeting held at Barrelhouse Perth aka Hogs HQ was very well attended and recruiting has fared well. At the time of print the Hogs look to debut several new members, mixing into a team of seasoned players and adding a couple of veterans.

Very sadly on 7 June 2023, serving Western Australia Police Force Constable Anthony Woods was murdered on duty when he attempted to stop a stolen motor vehicle. To support Anthony's grieving widow and family, Hogs President Ron 'Houndog' ADAMS with support from several Hogs and Quokkas organised and delivered a spectacular sportsperson night fundraiser. The event raised \$64 000 for the family. The night was well attended by friends, family, Police Officers and Hogs. Several high-quality auction items were sourced through business partners and the crowd were very well entertained by some AFL legends.

Also, very tragically on 13 July 2023, the club lost one of its founders with the passing of Ken 'Kenny' BALL. Kenny, a Police officer with over 30 years' service, was with the Hogs from the very first championships as a trainer. He very kindly donated his time and skills to the club in its infancy, assisting in building the foundations to what the Hogs are today. Rest in Peace Kenny, and again condolences to your family including club Life Member Shane 'Seal' BALL.

Another annual fundraiser organised and delivered by the WA Hogs was the 'Con Regan Memorial Football Game', pinning stations 'North' against those at 'South'. The event is a major fundraiser for WA Police Legacy and this time around saw over \$26 000 raised and a combined total of over \$200 000 raised over the life of the event.

Plenty of Hogs participated in the Perth Football League and

various Country Leagues and representative footy in season 2023, with some securing premierships:

- Nathan 'Aye Aye' FRENCH and Lincoln 'Bongo' KEMPTON won the B Grade premiership for their home club Ocean Ridge. Aye Aye's pool room is quickly filling up with him also achieving best on ground honours and the B Grade leading goal kicker award.

- Reining 'Marty Dog Atkins' medallist Luke 'Elk' PEARSON captained A-Grade side Fremantle CBC to a preliminary final.

- Debut Hog Mitchell DOBSON's strong WAFL form was recognised with his selection in the State Side who played South Australia at Adelaide Oval in May.

- Veteran Nathan 'Panther' HANSEN completed another season and notched up an incredible 450th club game. In doing so, he was awarded with the joint association best and fairest for C1 reserves grade. Panther has also been very busy organising a few very special proceedings for the Championships.

- Congratulations to Dylan 'Porcupine' KIRK, Adam 'Trex' RYAN, Nathan 'Aye Aye' FRENCH and Craig 'Blackbuck' BUCKLEY who were selected and represented the Australian Combined Emergency Services (ACES) team against the Defence Force. Additional accolades go to Blackbuck who was appointed Vice Captain. Well done lads.

- Debut Hog Tyler Keitel secured another 'Bernie Naylor' medal, awarded for his 57 goals in season 2023 for West Perth Falcons in the WAFL. A massive achievement.

Off field our club thank and recognise committee members Manus 'Ferret' WALSH (Vice President) and Darrell 'Ram' HAGAN (Treasurer). Ferret has worked tirelessly as the head of the joint committee to arrange and deliver the championships while running the state's largest Police Station. Ram has coordinated and sourced funding and sponsorship to achieve first class venues and rates.

The club also display our appreciation for Club Legend and Coach – Marty 'Dog' ATKINS and Patron – Stu 'Cassowary' BARTLES APM. Dog completes a mountain of work outside of hours from player recruitment, retention to game day logistics. Cassowary continues to be a huge club support while running the AIPM in Manly. All the Hogs are thoroughly looking forward to catching up with Cassowary during Championship week. In closing, the club are building great momentum into the championships and are very eager to 'hit the ground running'. The Hogs have set our goals high to secure a home Championship victory. Well and truly time to 'bring home the bacon'.

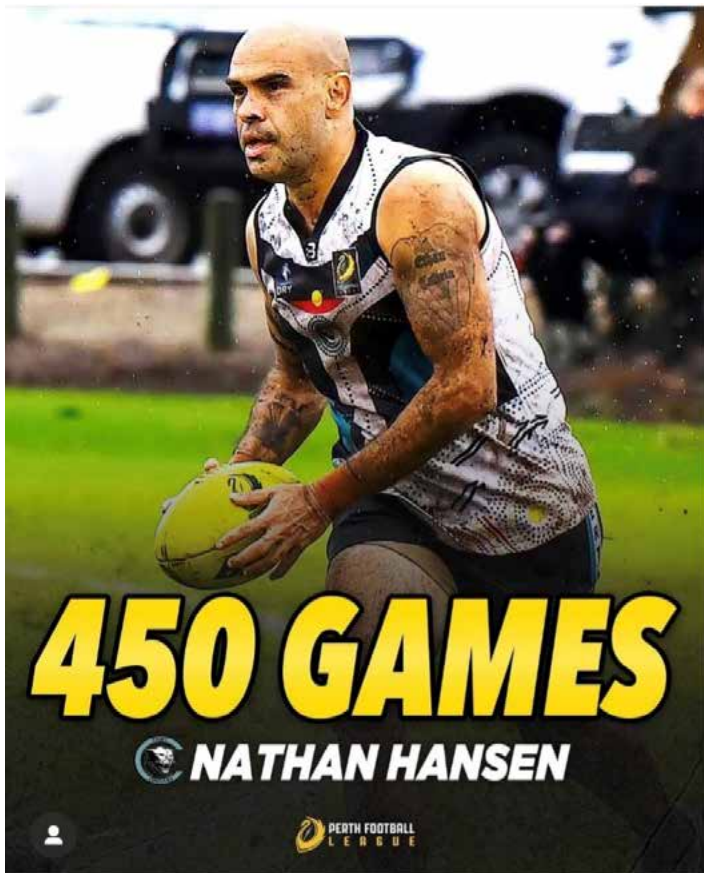
On behalf of the WAPFC, we wish all states the very best, wish you safe travels and have no doubt you will enjoy yourselves in our great state come October. Cheers and Go Hogs.

*Simon 'Llama' BOWEN*

*Secretary | Western Australia Police Football Club | WA HOGS*



*Left to Right – Dylan 'Porcupine' KIRK, Nathan 'Aye Aye' FRENCH, 'Craig 'Blackback' BUCKLEY (VC) and Adam 'Trex' RYAN representing the ACES in 2023 in Adelaide. Indigenous jersey designed by Nathan 'Panther' HANSEN.*



*Nathan 'Panther' HANSEN in game 450*



*Craig 'Blackback' BUCKLEY in action for his club Wanneroo.*



2023 Bernie Naylor Medallist Tyler KEITEL in action during the season.



Yangebup Bank nominee Mitchell DOBSON (second from right) at 2023 State Game.



Dylan 'Porcupine' KIRK (left) with his family prior to ANZAC round at his club Piara Waters.



*Nathan 'Shrew' SMITH runs a footy clinic for local kids in the town of Morawa – 350kms from Perth in the states Mid-West region.*



*2023 WAPFC aka WA Hogs Life Members evening held at Barrellhouse Perth aka Hogs HQ.*



*Lincoln 'Bongo' KEMP and Nathan 'Aye Aye' FRNECH celebrate their B Grade premiership.*



*Rest in Peace – Kenny BALL (front – standing).*

# THE TEAM

## WA HOGS PLAYERS

CARBONE, Nathan	Sloth	GOODWIN, Callum	Echidna	MCCULLOCH, Luke	Giraffe
BOWEN, Simon	Llama	MOULTON, Blair	Wallaby	O'ROURKE, Dennis	Stork
HAGAN, Darrell	Ram	ROBERTS, Wayde	Albatross	ABBOTT, Lee	Iguana
ADAMS, Ron	Hounddog	HANSEN, Nathan	Panther	LEECE, Matt	Cheetah
BURNBY, Mick	Roo	GIBSON, Gerard	Gecko	OWEN, Phil	Dodo
MASSOUD, Billy	Otter	MCMULLIN, Ibex	Ibex	TWOOMEY, Nathan	Fossa
BARTELS, Stu	Cassowary	MCDONALD, Craig	Warthog	FRANKHUIZEN, Trent	Groundhog
ARMSTRONG, Russell	Blowfish	CROY, Ben	Python	ECCLES, Sam	Tarantula
GRAHAM, Kerrie	Gopher	O'ROURKE, Morgan	Guinean-Cock -of-the-Rock	BUCKLEY, Craig	Blackbuck
OGG, Aaron	Raccoon	PENDER, Anthony	Civet	KIRK, Dylan	Porcupine
MATSON, Adam	Elephant	DENNIS, Lachy	Peacock	ROZARIO, Jake	Skunk
WALSH, Manus	Ferret			WORLAND, Neil	Alligator
COOPER, Brad	Badger				
SMITH, Nathan	Shrew				
MOODY, Matt	Tiger				
DAVIS, Lachy	Gallah				
KOSOVICH, Michael	Proboscis				
MCKENNER, Paul	Mongoose				
CHIDZEY, Billy	Mole				
ARMSTRONG, Gary	Buffalo				



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# WA WOMEN'S POLICE FOOTY



## Women's Footy Emerging as a Winner in WA

The Western Australia Women's Police Football Club aka WA Quokkas have commenced their campaign to the 2023 Championship with training well underway. The WA Football League Season is drawing to a close which has given all of the Quokkas some much needed experience and game-time as we approach the championships.

The team has come together with the familiarity of a family reunion with lots of laughs, banter and an irrepressible excitement to once again be representing our State.

With the annual practise match scheduled against the WA Masters State Team in the coming weeks it will be a good test for the newest players and an opportunity to test out the game plan. It has been advantageous to be the host State this year as many new players emerging to allow a bigger and more diversified team.

The girls are very excited to co-host the 2023 championships and are looking like a strong outfit. The friendships made with our Eastern Coast colleagues are going to be rekindled and the Quokkas are more than happy to share information about great places to visit, eat, play and party away.

The girls give their top tips for things to do in Perth:

- Take a selfie with a Quokka at Rottneest Island, this is a must do from the Quokkas.
  - Sip on a cold beer at The Shoe Bar and party into the evening.
- Take a day trip to Fremantle on the river and enjoy coffee / breakfast or lunch at "Bennys bar and café" on the strip. Fremantle markets are amazing.
  - Explore Elizabeth Quay with numerous bars and restaurants
- Kings Park is a short walk from the city with the beauty of WA's nature at you fingertips – photo opportunities of Perth not to be missed.
- Swan Valley Wine region is a mere 30 minutes from Perth, jump on a tour or hire an electric bike or scooter to explore the region.

Whatever you choose to do in Perth the Quokkas are sure that our counterparts will love our piece of paradise. Bring on the footy, the fun and the new experiences that WA has to offer.

The club would like to thank the ongoing support and commitment from our coaches – Frank AGOSTINO and Garrick IBBOTSON. Their knowledge and guidance are greatly appreciated.

In closing, the WA Quokkas also acknowledge and thank our sponsors. Your support is essential to the foundations and growth of our club. The WA Quokkas wish all participants safe travels and look forward to seeing you all in Perth in October.

*Trisha STJEPIC*  
*Vice President and Captain*  
*WA Quokkas*





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# BIG V

## We will give it our all.

The VPFC enjoyed a fantastic home carnival, and we want to start by acknowledging all the states for coming to Melbourne and making it such a great week. We were very excited and nervous to host the first Women's carnival and although there were some minor issues the week was a huge success.

The VPFC want to acknowledge all those who assisted in making our carnival a success but want to highlight the following people, Ilya Fridman, Angus Sutherland, Lachie Cartledge, Matt Whitty, Kurtis Shine, Aaron Henneman & Marianna Raccosta for their work, not only during the week but also in the lead up. A huge amount of time goes into preparing a carnival and without these people the week wouldn't occur. A big thank you also to Paul Gates and Mark Dacey who put together a special evening on the Monday night to celebrate Frankie Adams dedicated service to the VPFC and APFA.

It was great to win both Men and Women's Championships and to have the players of the carnival from Vic. To Harro and Bridgette, we again congratulate you on winning best player of the Championship. We would also like to thank all the team at BANK VIC for their ongoing support of the VPFC, as all states know without support it makes traveling very difficult. This year's trip to WA is something we are all looking forward to. Although with home loan rates and 3-4 new babies we are coming over a bit light in both squads, but rest assured the Vic's will still give it their all.

### Whitts | VPFC Coach





# THE TEAM





Men's Championship Team					
	Points	For	Against	%	
1	12	265	76	349	
2	8	160	150	107	
3	8	172	205	84	
4	4	156	115	136	
5	4	118	200	59	
6	0	106	232	46	



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## Leadership and Teamwork

2023 has flown by, it doesn't seem that long ago that we were all in Melbourne and somehow it is already time for what promises to be another cracking week of footy, fun, and friendship as we descend on Perth for this year's championships.

The modified fixture for NPFC 2023 which has men's and women's games being played on alternate days, should bring an exciting new atmosphere to game-day as teams can rally around each other without having to be off preparing to play themselves instead. I know that our women's squad are excited at the expansion to a full competition that matches the traditional men's format of three full length games across the week. I'm sure there will be some challenges to overcome with that transition, however, we believe it is the best way to grow and improve the product quickly.

With the support of women's patron Assistant Commissioner Gelina Talbot APM, Vice-Patron - Inspector Lauren Treweek, and the support of the Australian Defence Force, Headspace, Australian Institute of Police Management and RECON, we launched the "Blue Heelers Women's Leadership Program" focused on civic and steward leadership, health and wellbeing, and culture and values.

Our women have so far completed two one-day sessions at the NSW Police Leadership Centre, a week-long session in Canberra where they completed a number of leadership and teamwork challenges with the Australian Defence Force at their academy and officer training centres, conducted community engagement with vulnerable communities and conducted a training session for local youth girls AFL teams from the Queanbeyan area.

The week culminated in the ANZAC Challenge match on Manuka Oval as the curtain-raiser for the GWS v Brisbane AFL game where our team wore a special ANZAC tribute guernsey adorned with the names

of 61 serving police officers who traded their police uniforms for those of our military in wartime and were killed in action. The final component of the program will be completed in Western Australia with a session to be led by WAPOL Deputy Commissioner Kylie Whiteley APM.

Our coaches Sandra Janjetovic and Brenton Sommerville have been hard at work assembling our squads for NPFC 2023. As you all know, it is extremely difficult given the nature of our business to coordinate and translate squads on paper to seats on the plane, so I thank them all for what they do to prepare us for the action on the field.

I extend my gratitude and thanks to our hard-working board for everything you have done and continue to do for betterment of our club. We have a great group of leaders who really set the standard for everything it means to be a Heeler!

To our sponsors, again, we are indebted to your organisations for the support. With operational cost increases year on year, your backing, helps ease that burden. Your commitment to us is an outstanding reflection of your community spirit and belief in what we do.

See you in Perth,

Adam Hunt | President | NSW Blue Heelers



# NEW SOUTH WALES



## THE TEAM







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# TASMANIA MENS

## Everything looks positive in TAS

The Tasmania Police Football Club turns 50 years old in 2023, an achievement that all involved are very proud of. We have a lot to look forward to, with two young and emerging playing lists and a settled and well organised off field contingent. The next 50 years look very promising!

It's no great secret that we have a close relationship with the WA Hogs and it seems fitting that the TPFC celebrate our 50th birthday in the West. The TPFC know that the WA Police Footy Club host a very well organised and enjoyable week every time their turn rolls around. Good luck to the Hogs and Quokkas with all the behind the scenes work that goes into such a great week.

The TPFC men's team is again led by the dynamic duo of Jake Sansom and Glen Dawson. These two blokes (and Lucky in the North West) have worked hard to get some new players and build on the 8 or so debutants from 2022. At the time of writing this article our playing list isn't confirmed, but hopefully some of our Master Rules blokes don't need to play too many games.

I'm sure Camel has packed boots regardless. We have already had one training run, with Joe Mizzi best on track. Word from northern Tasmania is that Macca Barker (Tassie's Llama look-alike) is in red hot form; Jacko Blair has had a solid season and Muff has kicked a few snags (not sure how many but I'm sure he will tell you). Plenty to look forward to on and off field as the boys prepare to launch in 2023.

On the TPFC women's front, Coach Doggy is back with his side kick Francis. Mikayla Absolom will be there to keep those two in line and will again be an inspiring on field leader of our women's team. The girls had a very impressive first championship and have set the bar high. Many of last years' quality players are back alongside some new recruits and everything looks positive as the team looks towards its second championship.

Quick mention to Jason Elmer, Bec Davis and Alex Bonde who form our senior executive and do a power of work behind the scenes. Jonathon Rogers continues to take out the Best Clubman Award (if we had such an award) and keeps the finances and most off-field aspects of the club in order. The TPFC is very fortunate and grateful that Quilly is back for another year on the Elastoplast- Thanks Quilly! Doggy has organised a couple of fantastic sponsors in TPR and the Queens Head Hotel- thanks Scotty for all your support over the years.

Police Bank continue to be our major sponsor. We appreciate all the amazing support we receive from Annette, Boyd and the team at Police Bank. For those who have access to Police Bank in your state, we can recommend them and know first-hand how good they are to deal with. Thanks again.

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# SA HOUNDS

## 2023 Perth

As the memories of the 2022 National Police Football Championships linger, I find myself reflecting on the incredible camaraderie and unforgettable moments we shared during that event. It's the friendships forged, the battles fought on the field, and the collective unity that make these championships so special. First and foremost, a heartfelt thank you goes out to our brothers and sisters in Victoria for hosting a remarkable carnival. Your dedication and hard work ensured an unforgettable experience for all involved.

The city of Melbourne, with its welcoming atmosphere, provided the perfect backdrop for this special gathering of police officers. The warmth of reuniting with the entire crew, rekindled our spirits as we try and get back on track after what the 'Covid years' has done to Policing and this carnival. The tireless contribution to the event, by the usual suspects of Henno, Lachy, Gatesy, Whits to only name a few – was very much appreciated as we know that hosting such a championship is no small feat. To all who made the 2022 carnival possible, we extend our heartfelt gratitude.

We look ahead to the 2023 carnival in Perth, our hearts are filled with a mixture of anticipation and reverence. Perth holds a special place in our minds, a city that has created so many positive memories. I still think about games from the 2003 carnival, when in a last second dash the Hounds managed to pip the Hogs sending the Championship to the Vics...the Vics madly cheering on the SA boys (Who would have thought!) The spirited competition, combined with the beauty of the city, has etched lasting memories in our minds.

However, as we celebrate these cherished moments, we must also remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Our fallen comrades, whose bravery and dedication to service are a testament to the values we uphold. The stark reality of our profession is that our lives are intertwined with moments of profound loss and sacrifice. It is during these times that we are reminded of the fragility of life and the importance of standing united, shoulder to shoulder, as protectors of our communities.

The national championships serve as more than just a display of Aussie rules; they are a tribute to the lives laid down for the greater good. We play not only in the spirit of competition but also in the spirit of remembrance. We honour the memory of those who have fallen and recognize the enduring legacy they leave behind. Each match should resonate with the echoes of their dedication. My thoughts regularly go to the recent tragedy at Wieambilla in Queensland, personally knowing many of those that assisted in resolving this terrible situation, knowing that a lot of people did a lot of incredibly brave things on that day. We thank Police Legacy across the Nation for assisting those family affected by these tragedies.

As we approach the 2023 carnival, let us carry the lessons of unity, respect, and camaraderie forward. Let us continue to foster connections that go beyond state lines, celebrating both our differences and our shared dedication to serving our communities. The spirit in which we play is a testament to the unwavering commitment we hold as police officers, and that is exactly what the Hounds will stand for this year.

RG | SA Hounds Coach  
APFA Life Member

# THE TEAM







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# SA WOMENS

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## SA Hounds building for the future

I am delighted again to be a part of the SA Hounds team as we embark on the journey towards fielding a full side of women footballers, but sadly it has been a challenging exercise again this year regarding player numbers. We have not been able to square away a full side with factors impacting us which include the usual HR issues and clashes with other sporting competitions (AFLW, SANFLW and other national Police competitions). Enough of the excuses though!!

Melbourne 2022 saw Tahlia Papas and Ashleigh Thomas put their hand up and joined the party and jumped in with the Lady Devils from Tasmania. Thanks to the Lady Devils for including them both (on and off field), I know Tahls and Ash (and I) really appreciated it. To Victoria Police thank you for an amazing show you put on.

The 2023 carnival promises to continue on the solid foundation set by previous committees and participants. I wish to personally thank the national committee with the offers of help for this coming carnival regarding our player numbers. As a proud SA Hound from the mid 90's and a father of a current player, my aim (and challenge) is to have a full team for 2024 and beyond. I am aware of the importance of bringing together players, coaches, volunteers and spectators from all parts of our country to continue to grow the carnival.

To our 2023 crew, I thank you for volunteering to come away. Some of you couldn't be any further away from Adelaide, yet you have made the effort to come away. It's your turn to experience the buzz of these carnivals and help create a culture to help build our team for future carnivals to come. Zac, Martin and Tristan thanks for all your help and hard work so far, you have been invaluable. To current and prospective sponsors I look forward to your continuing support.

Good luck and thank you to the WA 2023 committee, I have no doubt the carnival will be a success. I look forward to catch up with you all.

*Jim Batzavalis | SA Hounds | Women's Coordinator*







# QUEENSLAND

## Crocs gave it their All

Firstly, on behalf of the Queensland Crocs I would like to thank Victoria for putting on a fantastic carnival last October. It was great to be back playing footy again and catching up with old friends after those couple of Covid years. We also fielded our first ever women's team, who competed in the inaugural Women's National Championships. This was the culmination of several years of hard work by the committee, and special mention to Tara Buckley who was the driving force behind keeping the group together. From a non-AFL State, it's great to see the strength of women's AFL in Queensland.

### 2022 Wrap Up

From a Queensland perspective, although it was a little up and down on the football side, I know the entire squad thoroughly enjoyed the week. For the new members of our squad, it was a great way for them to be introduced to the culture of the championships. In terms of squad numbers, we had a strong turnout, with 45 members touring. This included the addition to 9 new faces and a couple of returning players which was a fantastic result for our recruiting throughout the year. We had high hopes of a strong performance on the field during the week and in the end the Crocs gave it their all and walked away with one win and two losses.

In the first game of the week, we were up against it playing the SA Hounds. Although it was a resounding defeat (SA 15.17.107 v QLD 4.8.32), the boys played hard all game and never gave up. Our goal is to one day win the Perry Irwin Shield for the first time. For our second game we were up against our arch nemesis (old friends perhaps) in the New South Wales Heelers for the Brett Irwin Shield. In an old-fashioned hard-nosed, rugged encounter, we put in a strong performance and ran out winners to retain the shield – QLD 8.8.56 def NSW 6.8.44.

Our third and final game saw us take on a new look Tassie Devils. However, even a pre-game pep-talk from long time club patron, ex Lion's skipper Johnathan Brown was unable to get us over the line, losing the Norm Watt Shield to a very strong Tasmanian outfit. Final scores – TAS 7.7.49 def QLD 4.6.30. It was certainly a learning experience for a lot of our new guys and hopefully we will build on this and continue growing the club. It's always hard to explain to the new players just how difficult it is to play three games of quality football during the week combined with a fair bit of social interaction. It's a challenging dilemma each year and as a club we are hopefully building to a point where we can present a solid

playing squad of 35 that can share the burden throughout the week and keep us strong across each game.

Although last year's results weren't the desired outcome, it was still great just being able to play in the carnival once again. It was good to see our new members step up and fill the void left by some of our more experienced guys that missed Melbourne.

Finally, a big congratulations to our coach and long-time Croc, Brad Rantall, who earned his life membership to the Australian Police Football Association. Reward for years of dedication to the Crocs and National Carnival.

### Looking Ahead to 2023

We have begun preparations for this year's championships in Perth, Western Australia. It's always the hardest trip to plan, however the Crocs will field both a men's and women's team. From a football standpoint the Crocs are currently building the squad for Perth. Time will tell if we manage to have similar numbers to 2022. We have lost a few players early in our preparation, but we are confident to fill this void with some new faces already putting their hands up to cover those losses.

We will once again be playing in our 9/11 Memorial Sports Day in September which will see the Crocs take on a Qld Fire outfit. The Crocs will be keen to make up for several losses in recent times. Both our men's and women's teams will be playing this day and it will also provide an opportunity to see how our new members fit in

A Big thanks to all our club sponsors from last year. Without their support it would make travelling each and every year quite difficult. The Crocs would like to thank: LRF Sport (our clothing supplier), Evoke World Travel, ENTAG, Simmonds Homes, Beyond Bank, Higgins Services, SRW Security Services, Southern Gold Coast Lawyers, All Lending Finance, RAMS Home Loans, Downunder Group Solutions, A&M Parts & Auto Repairs, Bowen Chamber of Commerce, Sharon Morgan Photography, Hendrie Bros, Pryme, Fisiocrem and Rock Tape.

Sponsor packages for the 2023 season are available. For further information for this or joining our club, please send us an email – [Manning.StewartL@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:Manning.StewartL@police.qld.gov.au).

See you all in Perth.

*Stewart Manning*  
President QPFCA

# THE TEAM



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# QUEENSLAND WOMENS

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## QLD Crocs Womens AFL 2.0

The Queensland Police Service Women's AFL Team are looking strong for Championship for October in Perth with a great bunch of ladies who are enthusiastic with great camaraderie on and off the field.

The team bonded well in Melbourne, with majority only seeing each other at these footy trips, but have kept in contact through social media throughout the year. The team have not had too many ladies drop out and have some amazing talent added to the team.

QPS Crocs women's and men's team participated in the 9/11 Memorial Sports Day against QFES on 10th September. This game was a good practice match for the championship and an opportunity to play together and try out some positions and game plans. Definitely made us all excited for the championship.

Thank you to the extensive support and hard work from individuals from each state driving change and promoting women's sport and the great game of AFL.

Thank you to WA Hogs and WA Quokkas for all your time and effort behind the scenes to make this Championship happen in the amazing place of Perth.

We are looking forward to a championship showcasing skill, talent and team work, networking with police officers from other states. Leaving the week with loads of memories and footy trip blues and ready for it all over again in the best state of all ....QUEENSLAND 2024!

*Tara Buckley | QLD Crocs Womens Team Manager*





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# AUSTRALIAN POLICE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

## CONSTITUTION

### 1. NAME

- 1(A) The official name of the Association shall be the 'AUSTRALIAN POLICE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION', and shall herein and hereafter be referred to as the 'Association'. The Association being first established in Melbourne, Victoria, in the month of January 1996.

### 2. OBJECTS

- 2(A) To promote the good image of Australian Police Agencies.  
2(B) To promote and develop physical fitness through competitive football.  
2(C) To organise and conduct an annual Championship between all affiliated Agencies. To encourage other Police Agencies to participate but at all times it shall be kept to an even number of teams. The Championship shall be alternatively hosted between all affiliated Police Agencies.  
2(D) To co-operate with the Australian Football League and State Football organisations throughout Australia.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

- 3(A) Membership shall be open to all:  
i Sworn Personnel;  
ii Cadets and or Recruits;  
iii Retired Police Officers;  
iv Non-sworn members (Permanently employed)  
v Associated Support Staff, e.g. coaches, time keepers and other officials.  
vi any other person agreed by all State representatives (in the spirit of the Championship)  
3(B) Any member who participates as a Player, Coach or Manager at an Australian Championship may be eligible for selection in an Association Representative Team.  
3(C) The Committee reserves the right to refuse membership to any person on just grounds.  
3(D) A member shall be subject to immediate expulsion for any action which contravenes the objects of the Association. Such expulsions and appeals shall be decided by the Judiciary Committee.  
3(E) All Agencies must be financial prior to participation in any Championship.  
3(F) All Australian Federal Police (AFP) members are permitted to make up numbers and play for the agency in the State in which they work.

### 4. PATRON

- 4(A) The patron of the Association shall be offered to the Commissioner (or his Nominee) of the host State where the Championships are held.

### 5. LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

- 5(A) The Committee are empowered to bestow Life Membership on any person who has, for ten (10) years or more in aggregate, rendered outstanding service to the Association.

- 5(B) The Committee may, upon nomination by a State, bestow life membership of a member for less than 10 years outstanding service, if supported by the Committee.  
5(C) Life Members shall be approved at a Special General or Annual General Meeting.

### 5.1 LEGEND STATUS

- 5.1(A) The Committee is, upon nomination in writing by the State Committees of the Association, empowered to bestow *Legend Status* on any person that meets the criteria set out in this section.  
5.1(B) *Legend Status* shall be approved at a Special General or Annual General Meeting.  
5.1(C) Eligibility for *Legend Status* may be considered for Players, Coaches, Umpires, Administrators and Volunteers.  
(i) Eligibility will be considered based on a nominee's outstanding service and overall contribution to the Association and the game of Australian Rules Football.  
(ii) The selection committee will consider the nominee's individual record, ability, integrity, sportsmanship and character.  
(iii) Nominee's currently participating or who have retired from any aspect of the Association may be awarded legend status.  
(iv) A nominee must have rendered a total of fifteen (15) years or more of outstanding service to the Association.  
5.1(D) The Committee may consider, in the first year (2017), the approval of up to two nominations from each State.  
(i) For each year thereafter, the Committee may approve no more than two nominations in total if deemed appropriate.  
5.1(E) Nominees shall be invited to attend a Championship Closing Ceremony, where they will receive the nominated award. The costs of attending this Ceremony (excluding travel/accommodation costs) shall be met by the nominating State.  
(i) Nominees may receive the award at any Championship Ceremony deemed appropriate by the Association to facilitate the presentation of the award in person.  
(ii) If the nominee is unable to travel to the Championship for any reason, then the award may be presented at any future Championship hosted by their home state.  
5.1(F) Legends shall be invited to attend and participate in award presentations at future Championships, particularly when hosted by their Home State.

### 6. MEETINGS

- 6(A) The Annual General Meeting shall be held during or following the completion of each Association Championship.  
6(B) Other Special General or General Meetings may be held as determined by the Committee.  
6(C) At a Special General or Annual General Meeting each Agency may be represented by a maximum of two (2) delegates.

- (i) The host Police Agency may have other members present, at the discretion of the President.

- 6(D) At all meetings each Affiliated Agency will be entitled to exercise one (1) vote only.

## 7. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 7(A) The Management Committee, referred to herein and hereafter as the Committee shall comprise the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Affiliated Agency delegates present at any meeting.

## 8. OFFICERS

- 8(A) The Officers of the Association shall be:

- i Patron
- ii President
- iii Secretary
- iv Treasurer
- v *Director*

- 8(B) The Treasurer shall be from the host Agency.

- 8(C) The President and Secretary shall be elected by affiliated agencies for a period of 3 years. Such election shall be at the Annual General Meeting when the term expires.

- 8(D) The Patron shall be nominated by the host Agency as per 4(A) at the Annual General Meeting but not necessarily from amongst the delegates.

- 8(E) The Director, shall be elected by affiliated agencies for a period of 3 years. Such election shall be at the Annual General Meeting when the term expires. The Director will not have any voting rights, but will make up part of the committee.

## 9. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- 9(A) PRESIDENT – The duty of the President is to preside at all meetings of the Association. They shall have a casting vote only.

- 9(B) SECRETARY – The Secretary shall keep, or cause to be kept, a true record of all the business transacted at all meetings of the Association and shall deal with the Association correspondence as directed.

- 9(C) DIRECTOR – The Director shall, coordinate, promote and deal in associated business in the interests of the APFA Inc. and report to the President and Secretary. *Associated Business* may include, but not be exclusive to, seeking sponsorship arrangements, coordinating public relations, producing products (e.g. APFA Journal), making appropriate expenditures, managing electronic media and general administrative business.

## 10. QUORUMS

- 10(A) The Quorum at any meeting of the Association shall consist of delegates present and representing a minimum of three (3) Affiliated Police Agencies providing due and proper notice has been given to all concerned.

## 11. CHAIRPERSON

- 11(A) The President shall chair all meetings.

- 11(B) In his absence or if he is unwilling to act as chairperson, the chair shall be taken by another Committee Member nominated by the meeting.

## 12. POWERS OF COMMITTEE

- 12(A) Invest all monies of the Association in any securities of, or guaranteed by Government of the Parliament of the Commonwealth or a State, or banking facility approved by the Committee, with power to, from time to time, vary or transpose such investments for or into others of a like nature.

- 12(B) Attend generally to all matters affecting the welfare of the Association.

- 12(C) Appoint a member to fill any Committee vacancy that may occur during the year.

- 12(D) Make Rules, and By Laws consistent with this Constitution for the regulation of its own proceedings and for defining the respective powers and duties of such Committee-of-Officers of the Association and for the government of the Association and Annual Championships generally. Such Rules and By Laws shall be recorded as minutes.

## 13. JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

- 13(A) A Judiciary Committee comprising of a member of each participating agency, one of which shall be nominated as Convenor, shall be appointed annually prior to the commencement of the Championship, to deal with any dispute, conflict or unsatisfactory behaviour for the duration of the carnival. (Nominated persons names are to be emailed to the President).

## 14. ASSETS

- 14(A) No part or parts of those assets of the Association shall be given or transferred in any way to any member or members of the Association, except that payments of faith may be made to a member of the Association for services rendered to the Association, or for goods supplied in the ordinary way of business or for any reasonable out of pocket expense incurred by a member of the Association acting under the authority of the Association.

## 15. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 15(A) Alterations to this Constitution may be made at a Special General or Annual General Meeting by a resolution passed by a two thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote.

- 15(B) Notices of Motion to alter the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary prior to the Special General or Annual General Meeting.

## 16. WINDING UP OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 16(A) The Association shall be dissolved upon the direction of two thirds of the majority of delegates present at a Special General Meeting, convened to consider such a question.

- 16(B) Any assets of the Association, after payment of all expenses and liabilities, be retained by the current agency host for safe keeping for a period of twelve (12) months. After that time, a Special General Meeting should be called. If no further Championships are to be held, those funds retained for safekeeping should be donated to a National Charity of the retainer's choice.

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## AUSTRALIAN POLICE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

### RULES

1. An affiliation fee, amount to be determined by the Committee, shall be paid by the visiting Agencies to the host State by the 30th June each year, prior to an impending Championship.
2. Any person who is a Sworn Member, Unsworn Member or Life Member of a respective Agency may play for any team during the Championship with the agreement of the clubs concerned.
3. Team sheets nominating all players are to be in the hands of the host State prior to the Championship.
4. Each State may only play a maximum of thirty five (35) players during any one Championship. The final list of thirty five (35) players must be in the hands of the host State President on the day before the first match of the Championship is played.
5. Team sheets consisting of twenty-two (22) players must be completed and handed to the opposing team manager prior to the commencement of each Championship game. It shall be the duty of the team manager to supply the umpires with a copy of that team sheet and a voting slip for that game.
  - 5a. Bench numbers shall be extended from 4 to 6 (24 players in total) upon agreement of both playing teams prior to the game being played. If agreement cannot be reached team numbers will revert to (22) players (4 on bench).
6. Competition Format
  - (a) The format of the competition is to be left to the host Agency who shall provide details to the competing agencies.
  - (b) At the completion of the Championship the winner shall be the team with the highest Championship points, or if those points are even, the team with the higher percentage.
7. Duration of Matches
  - (a) Matches will be four quarters each of twenty (20) minutes duration, no time on shall be played. (This may be modified for player comfort with the agreement of all Agencies).
8. Discipline
  - (a) The order of rule shall be enforced at the discretion of the umpires. A player sent from the field shall not return to the field for 10 minutes but can be replaced.
9. All Australian Team
  - (a) Each Agency shall nominate players for selection in the All Australian Team at the completion of the Championship.
  - (b) A person nominated by each Agency shall be responsible for selection of the final twenty-three (23) players, including captain and coach.
  - (c) The All-Australian Team competition formula will be decided by the Committee prior to the commencement of the Championships dependent on the number of Agencies competing. (At present it is 6,5,4,3,2,2.)
- (d) The Player of the Championship shall be selected from the umpires votes, and be awarded (or jointly awarded) the Lewis/Allemand Medal at the conclusion of the competition of that year.
10. Umpires
  - (a) The umpires will be appointed by the host Agency.
  - (b) All games will be played in accordance with the A.F.L. rules except as outlined in the Constitution.
11. Welfare
  - (a) It shall be the responsibility of each Agency for the welfare of its members.
12. Legends Game
  - (a) The home state is encouraged to host a Legends Game as part of the carnival, which is a friendly game involving players that are a Sworn Member, Unsworn Member or Life Member of a respective Agency, who are over the age of 35 years.
  - (b) This game shall be played between two teams consisting of:
    1. Home State vs. All Stars (made up of other 5 States) (\*preferred) or
    2. East vs. West (e.g. WA/SA/TAS vs. VIC/NSW/QLD) or
    3. Any combination determined by the Host State
  - (c) It is encouraged that this game be scheduled so that families of players and all players involved in the Championships can attend.
  - (d) The legends game will be played under the rules of the AFL Masters National Playing Rules as set out at [www.afmasters.com.au/rules/](http://www.afmasters.com.au/rules/)

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- 1 5 Life Membership (Clause) amended 5(A), added 5(B), shifted 5(C). ratified 7 Oct 2018 (AGM)
  - 2 5.1 Legend Status (Claus) added and ratified 13 Oct 2015 (AGM)
  - 3 12. Legends Game (Rules) added and ratified 13 Oct 2015 (AGM)
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