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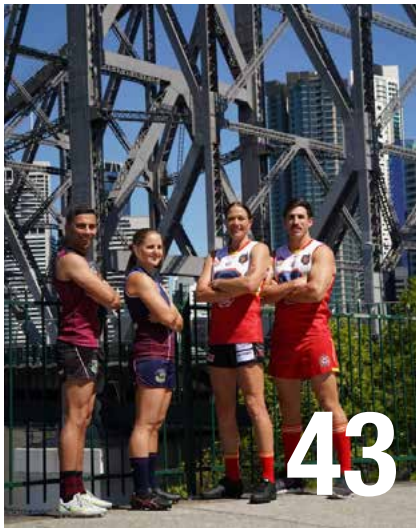

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34TH NATIONAL POLICE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Brisbane

October 6th - 12th

Game Days to be advised

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

To begin, I would like to thank the WA Hogs for again constructing a well-run National Police Football Championship in Perth during some glorious weather over October 2023. The organising committee had a well thought out plan with an impressive indigenous welcome to country – a first in NPFC history I believe – and helicopter delivery of the Geoffrey Bowen Trophy. Some very impressive, and different, showcases of talent. After the reset of Melbourne in 2022, it was a big task for the Hogs and now Quakkas to organise an event with over 350 people. I know that there were hiccups along the way and all national committee members and team reps displayed good character to resolve these.

Special mention to Ron Adams and Erica Silwood who worked very hard to overcome issues leading up to the event and make sure they delivered on their vision of a full mens and womens fixture. The offset playing days for mens and womens games proved successful with many attending each other's fixtures. It was managed well with some great viewing decks and food and beverages for spectators throughout. The WA Hogs and Quakkas should be well pleased with their efforts, and even more pleased with their duel Championships. Congratulations on a very impressive on and off field effort.

Nationally the discussions continue about our growth and ability to run an event with increasing interest. When we introduce sponsors and affiliates to our platform they are usually very impressed with the level of participation, level of skill, and level of organisation we have. Some might say that is what police should do, but remember, we are doing this voluntarily, with our own resources and not the structure of large services. I think our events are testament of what could be achieved if we didn't have a police service. We would still have strong, wise, committed, individuals that are prepared to take on big goals and big tasks. We are looking forward to getting better in this space and ensure we have good facilities and good resources for each event moving forward. Your National Committee is working hard for you, so please respond by supporting them, however big or small.

Since October 2023, the police family have been struck with some terrible heartache. A police shooting death in South Australia and too many suicides amongst members have shocked us deeply. All incidents like this make us all reflect on our own mortality and the work we do. Sometimes we are at a loss to explain why, or rationalise how, these things happen, but they do. We pride ourselves on camaraderie, but we must ask ourselves 'are we really that close?'. It's one thing to say R U OK or 'you can tell me anything', but there is another to allow the space and safety for that to happen.

It is hard to discuss troubles in your life, and it is a hard conversation to start, let alone continue. We need to make sure that if we are prepared to open-up those wounds, that we are prepared to let our mates lean on us for a bit so that they can plan to mend. This is no easy task and I urge all teams to come up with initiatives that allow members to speak up and be protected during that vulnerable time. If you are reading this Journal and feel that you need to talk to someone about a really difficult issue, I recommend writing down your thoughts first and then ask a mate if they are willing to read what you wrote without judgement, and then start the conversation. And don't forget to seek professional help when you need it. We all need a tune up every now and then.

We turn our attention to Brisbane Qld for our 34th National Police Footy Championship. The Crocs organisers have already put some great things in place and are eager to put on a great show. Please support them by organising your numbers early and liaise with the representatives on the Crocs Committee to make their job easier. If you have major partners that you wish to involve and showcase at our next event, please liaise with the Crocs and help them organise this early so we show or sponsors that our event is a worthy one to be involved in. If you have any suggestions on how to improve our events, please discuss with your committees to raise at the National level.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of our Journal, brought to us by Zodiac Media. We thank them for their ongoing support. Please share these Journals with your mates and colleagues and celebrate our wonderful Association.

NPFC 2023 – MEN'S RESULTS

DAY	TEAM	GOALS	BEH	SCORE
ONE	WA MEN	23	16	154
	QLD MEN	1	0	6
	NSW MEN	13	5	83
	TAS MEN	6	5	41
	SA MEN	11	17	83
	VIC MEN	5	9	39
TWO	VIC MEN	12	13	85
	TAS MEN	2	2	14
	QLD MEN	8	6	54
	NSW MEN	7	11	53
	WA MEN	7	5	47
	SA MEN	7	5	47
THREE	WA MEN	9	13	67
	VIC MEN	8	1	49
	SA MEN	23	12	150
	NSW MEN	4	4	28
	QLD MEN	9	8	62
	TAS MEN	8	7	55

Pos	State	Pts	For	Against	%
1		10	268	102	262%
2		10	280	114	245%
3		8	122	262	46%
4		4	173	164	105%
5		4	164	245	66%
6		0	110	230	47%

MEN'S PLAYER OF THE CARNIVAL

WINNER

Maverick 'Falcon' HAMILTON (WA)

Matthew WADE (VIC)

NPFC 2023 – WOMEN'S RESULTS

DAY	TEAM	GOALS	BEH	SCORE
ONE	WA WOMEN	4	4	27
	VIC WOMEN	0	0	0
	SA WOMEN	6	9	45
	TAS WOMEN	0	6	6
	NSW WOMEN	3	4	22
	QLD WOMEN	1	5	11
TWO	QLD WOMEN	8	9	57
	TAS WOMEN	0	0	0
	WA WOMEN	6	4	40
	SA WOMEN	2	4	16
	NSW WOMEN	0	10	10
	VIC WOMEN	0	3	3
THREE	NSW WOMEN	2	5	17
	TAS WOMEN	2	0	12
	VIC WOMEN	2	1	13
	SA WOMEN	0	1	1
	WA WOMEN	8	9	57
	QLD WOMEN	0	1	1

Pos	State	Pts	For	Against	%
1		12	118	17	694%
2		12	49	26	188%
3		4	62	59	105%
4		4	69	79	87%
5		4	16	38	42%
6		0	18	119	15%

WOMEN'S PLAYER OF THE CARNIVAL

WINNER

Trisha STJEPIC (WA)

Kristy SUTCLIFFE (NSW)

BEST & FAIREST – LEWIS / ALLEMAND MEDAL

2023	Maverick 'Falcon' Hamilton	WA	Matthew Wade	VIC
2022	Dylan Reinbrecht	SA	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		

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PAST CHAMPIONS MEN'S – OVERALL STATE CHAMPIONS

No.	YEAR	LOCATION	PARTICIPANTS						WINNER
33	2023	Perth	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	WA
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	*Carnival cancelled – Demise of ANSETT*							
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	*No Carnival*							
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 – CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALISTS

2023	Trisha Stjepic	WA	Kristy Sutcliffe	NSW
2022	Bridget Kupsch	VIC		

PAST CHAMPIONS WOMEN'S – OVERALL STATE CHAMPIONS

No.	YEAR	LOCATION	PARTICIPANTS						WINNER
33	2023	Perth	VIC	SA	TAS	WA	QLD	NSW	WA
32	2022	Melbourne	VIC	SA/TAS		WA	QLD	NSW	VIC

HONOUR ROLL – LIFE MEMBER

VICTORIA

2023 Ilya Fridman
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

2023 Aaron 'Raccoon' OGG
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

2023 Duane Amos, William 'Butters' Mitchell
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

2023 Adam Hunt, Brenton Summerville
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

2023 Scott Prime, Geoff Munn
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

2023 Greg 'Doggy' Rogers
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 Hinchen
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)

WA HOGS

Perth 2023 – A National Police Football Championship success story

For the fourth time in the history of the Western Australia Police Football Club (inc.) (WAPFC) aka the WA Hogs, we are National Champions! After years of signifiant growth and stability 'off field', it is outstanding that our perfomances 'on field' got the job done so to speak and achieved what our great club desired, another national title.

The key to our on field success, as all our mates from other states know, doesn't simply rest with one person but rather is achieved through the commitment of many. Firstly, recognition and congratulations goes to our dedicated and driven coach – Marty 'Dog' ATKINS who spent countless hours contacting players, coordinating training and leading our squad to victory. To our entire playing squad who represented the WA Hogs across Monday, Wednesday and Friday you are now part of WA Police Force and WA Hogs history, as victors. We recognise and applaud your efforts for our club, with the National Police Football Championship (NPFC) coming at the end of long football seasons and the need to use your personal leave to participate.

Off field, coordinating and delivering a home championship was a mammoth task. Thankfully, with such a stong culture, the WA Hogs were never short of volunteers. Commendable acknowledgements go to Club President Ron 'Houndog' ADAMS whose tireless work was essential to planning and delivering a seemelss NPFC and Club Vice President Manus 'Ferret' WALSH who chaired the Joint Commttiee, ensuring allocation and completion of every task associated with the NPFC. Your efforts were both immeasurable and the key to the NPFC success.

The WA Hogs committee consisting of Treasurer Darrell 'Ram' HAGAN, Adam 'Elephant' MATSON (Assistant Coach), Brad 'Badger' COOPER (transport), Neil 'Aligator' WORLAND (accommodation), Stuart 'Penguin' LAPSLEY (umpires), Lachlan 'Peacock' DENNIS (Monday function, bench coach), Aaron 'Racoon' OGG (laundry), Luke 'Giraffe' MCCULLOCH and Nathan 'Shrew' SMITH (fixturing), Luke 'Ant' ELSBURY and Blair 'Wallaby' MOULTON (clothing – outstanding) and Bryce 'Mudcrab' WILLIS (game day) are all recognised and praised for their momumental efforts pre and during the NPFC.

Our loyal and committed Sponsors are acknowledged and praised for your ongoing support. The backing that you provide our club is essential to our success. Several club sponsors were present during the NPFC and formal guests of the WAPFC at the closing ceremony.

The 2023 Perth Championships commenced by the WA Hogs and WA Quokkas (WA Police Female Football Club) welcoming our interstate colleagues, guests and friends to the opening ceremony, held at the Subiaco Football Club. The event and entire week were made possible by the hosting, cooperation and endless service provided by CEO of Subiaco Football Club, Peter Capes and Events Manager Mack Sheppard.

All members of the NPFC were welcomed to Perth through a fantasic Welcome to Country, coordinated and delivered by respected Hogs champion and life member, Nathan 'Panther' HANSEN. Aunty Viv HANSEN formally delivered the Welcome to Country while Uncle Mort HANSEN conducted the smoking ceremony. They were supported by First Nations members of the WA Hogs and WA Quokkas who performed traditional dances. All teams went on to enjoy some fellowship and a long overdue catch up into the evening, leading into the Championship week at Leederville Oval;

Game 1 – WA Hogs v Queensland Crocs. First up, the Hogs took on a physical and proud QLD side for the 'Damien Murphy Shield'. Pre-game, Gary 'Buffalo' ARMSTRONG and Steve 'Gerbil' DOBSON, both friends and colleagues of Damien, addressed the Hogs about the shield. In this game, the club proudly wore our Indigenous jersey, designed by Nathan 'Panther' HANSEN. The WA Hogs were eager to commence our tilt at the championship strongly and really implement our game plan/strategies. This game provided an excellent opportunity for players new to the club to 'get involved' and for Coach Marty 'Dog' ATKINS to make any necessary tweaks. The Hogs lead at every change to run away winners;

WA Hogs – 23.16 (154) defeated QLD Crocs 1.0 (6).

Best on Ground honours went to lively forward Nathan 'Aye Aye' FRENCH, popular Hog Mav 'Falcon' HAMILTON and debut Hogs Taran ETTO and Jack SPENCER.

Game 2 – WA Hogs v SA Hounds. Arguably the fixture of the Championship, the Hogs took on a fearless SA side lead by very successful and passionate Coach – Rob 'RG' GREGORY in a twilight game. Playing for the very close to the heart 'Geoff Bowen Trophy', a sensational pre-game ceremony was planned and delivered by Club Vice President Manus 'Ferret' WALSH which included a touching reading, Geoff's grandchildren and little Llama's Alexis (8) and Flynn (6) running out with the Hogs. This was capped off with WA Police Airwing and Tactical Response Group operatives delivering the trophy with Matt BOWEN. A very physical, hard fought contest ensued with goals for each side being hard earned. The Hogs and Hounds threw everything into this Championship defining game which has been described as one of the best seen. With neither side giving an inch, two unfortunate injuries were sustained, but thankfully both players are now recovered. As the game grew to a close, the WA Hogs scored late to secure a draw against our nullabour rivals;

WA Hogs 7.5 (47) drew SA Hounds 7.5 (47).

Best on Ground were awarded to crafty goal sneak Nathan 'Aye Aye' FRENCH, and standout Hog Mav 'Falcon' HAMILTON.
The BOWEN family acknowledges and thanks RG and Hounds Captain Brock KNOTT for their continued contribution in support of the Geoff Bowen Trophy each year.

WA HOGS

Game 3 – WA Hogs v Victoria Police Football Club (VPFC). The Hogs took on the defending champions for the Silk-Miller Trophy, a trophy that both clubs hold with the upmost respect. Both teams were collectively addressed by NPFC Legend and long-time-friend-of-Hog, Franky ADAMS, about the significance of this game. The VPFC bought their signature brand of football that has seen them win the NPFC. The WA Hogs stood tough and used our run and spread to eventually kick away, securing game victory and a NPFC victory;

WA Hogs 9.13 (67) defeated VPFC 8.1 (49).
Players adjudged Best on Ground were awarded to smooth midfielder Taran ETTO, highly respected banker Luke 'Elk' PEARSON, debut full forward Tyler KEITEL and ruckdog Adam 'Trex' RYAN.

Throughout each game, players were strongly supported by tireless trainer Kerrie 'Gopher' GRAHAM. It was also invaluable for the club to have strong numbers of past Hogs players and administrators, Club Legends, Life Members and Sponsors attend and support the 2023 team, helping to maintain our club spirit and culture.

Friday's closing ceremony was held at the Novotel Perth Langley and returned to a formal event. Host and popular Perth identity Mark READINGS and West Coast Eagles 2x time premiership captain, coach and God, John WORSFOLD, provided an excellent evening, during which WA Hog Maverick 'Falcon' HAMILTON was jointly awarded the 2023 Lewis-Allemand medal (sponsored by Ultimate Promotions www.ultimatepromotions.net.au), for the best player at the 2023 Championships. Falcon drew level on votes with Victorian champion Matt WADE. A massive achievement and a worthy recipient, well done Falcon.

Significant WA Hogs award winners across the week included;

Marty 'Dog' ATKINS Medal (Best player for WA Hogs during NPFC): Nathan 'Aye Aye' FRENCH.
WA Hogs Patrons Award (Outstanding Service to the Club in 2019) presented by Stu "Cassowary' BARETLS APM: Manus 'Ferret' WALSH.

All Australian Selections: Maverick 'Falcon' HAMILTON, Nathan 'Aye Aye' FRENCH, Luke 'Elk' PEARSON, Mitchell DOBSON, Tyler KEITEL, Taran ETTO and Marty 'Dog' ATKINS (coach).

Life Membership – Aaron 'Racoon' OGG.

The selfless efforts of countless individuals across the championships ensured the week was a great success and that everyone from around Australia enjoyed themselves. The WA Hogs extend a thank you and congratulations to the WA Quokkas on their championship victory, Captain Trisha STJEPIC on her Player of the Championship award, Megan CLEARY and Katie RABE (Closing Ceremony), Taite LANTZKE (transport), Lara TURNER and others for their great help delivering the NPFC.

With 2024 now and truly underway, The WA Hogs are in preparation for our title defence. Already several key members have committed to the 2024 championships and secure their annual leave. The club extends best wishes to the Queensland Crocs in their preparations and we have no doubt Brisbane 2024 will be an enjoyable week.

Between now and then however, there is plenty of work to do for the WA Hogs committee to give the club our best chances at 'retaining the bacon'.

Cheers
Simon 'Llama' Bowen
Secretary
Western Australia Police Football Club
WA Hogs

WA Hogs – 2023 Champions

2023 NPFC opening ceremony – Welcome to Country

Coach Marty 'Dog' ATKINS and Captain Matt 'Tiger' MOODY

Alexis and Flynn BOWEN leading out the Hogs v SA.

WA Hogs debutants celebrate a win.

WA Hogs 2023 Indigenous jumper designed by Nathan 'Panther' HANSEN.

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L to R – Mr Rory TROTTER, John 'Cat' De LEO (Club Legend), John Worsfold (special guest), Tim TOLLEY, Mr David BREWER.

Nathan 'Aye Aye' FRENCH – 2023 Marty Dog ATKINS medalist.

Franky ADAMS addresses the Hogs and VPFC pre game.

2023 Lewis Allemand Medalist, Maverick 'Falcon' HAMILTON

Trisha STJEPIC – Player of the Championship
Left – Mr Garrick IBBOTSON, Coach WA Quokkas, General Manager Fleet Network WA – proud sponsor.
Right – Mr Frank AGOSTINO, Coach WA Quokkas, CEO Paywise – proud sponsor.

Some WA Hogs executive 'de stressing' at the home NPFC

WA Hogs Club Legend and cultural icon Jason 'Pig' O'KEEFFE and 2023 All Australian Luke 'Elk' PEARSON.

WA Hogs President Ron 'Houndog' ADAMS addressing the closing ceremony

Luke 'Mudlark' GLASSON and Matt 'Tiger' MOODY lead the Hogs out.

'Yangebup Bank – Honesty, Character, Accountability'.

2023 WAPFC aka WA Hogs team

Arrival of the Geoff Bowen Trophy WA Hogs v SA Hounds.

'Ruckdog' Adam 'Trex' RYAN and WA Hogs Club Legend, All Australian, runner and Proud Sponsor John 'Cat' DE LEO enjoying post game celebrations.

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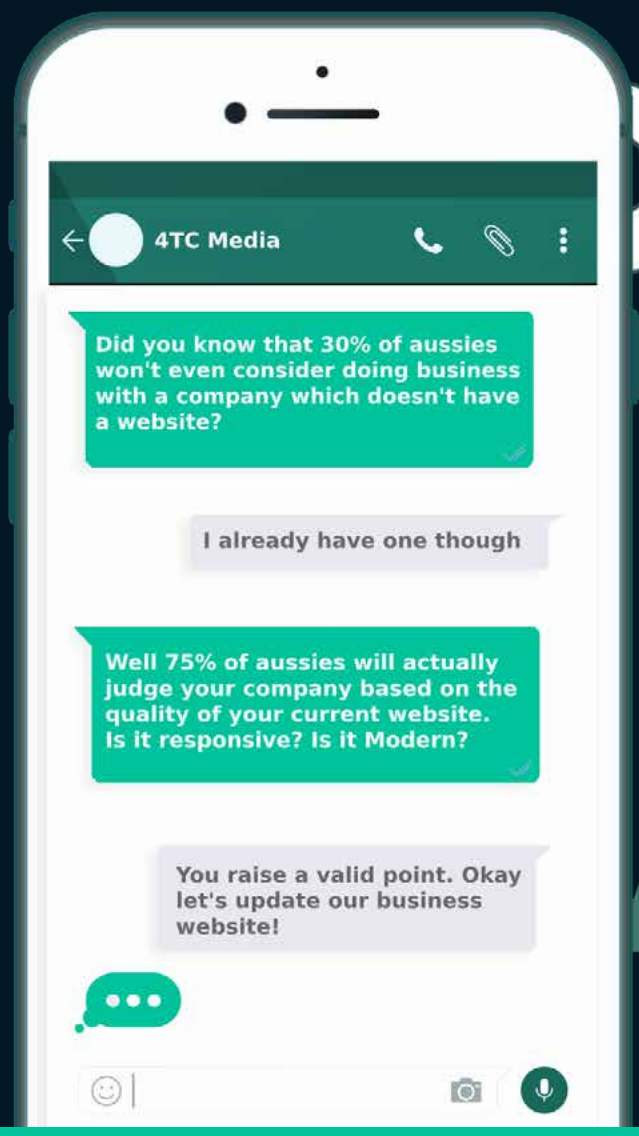

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WA WOMEN'S POLICE FOOTY

A Championship Year

After a great first year in Melbourne for the 2022 carnival, it was straight to the drawing board with brainstorming to make the 2023 carnival in Perth our best one yet. The girls organised an array of events to raise funds for the competition which included selling the best snags at Bunnings and getting dressed up to the nines for a Quokkas race day event. The Quokkas sold chocolates, completed raffles and had a great time bringing in the $$ prior to the event. With the support of our sponsors, the committee and the Hogs, it was October before we knew it and the competition was underway.

Sunday 8th October; it was game day with Game 1 - WA v Victoria. The 2023 carnival was off to an epic start, with WA Quokkas proudly welcoming everyone to Perth and opening the week with a 27- 0 win against Victoria. It was a tough game regardless of any score, with a few injuries along the way. The MVP for the game, as voted by both teams went to our skipper Trish. After the game we were all invited to be part of a 'welcome to country' ceremony and then the celebrations were on by all States at the Leederville Oval with drinks, food and raffle prizes.

Tuesday brought about Game 2 - WA v South Australia. Our girls worked hard against SA and got a solid win of 40 -16. With win number 2 under our belt, we were raring to go for the last game of the carnival. The WA player voted as best on ground by the SA girls was Nikki Amphlett and best on ground voted by our WA coaches was Lara Turner (the old girls still got it LOL).

On Wednesday, with no game for the Quokkas they headed to the oval to watch the WA Hogs play South Australia. The game was opened with a WA Police helicopter delivering the Geoff Bowen Memorial Trophy and the game was under way in honour of the Bowen family.

The third and final game was on Thursday - Game 3 WA v Queensland. The girls were eager to stop at nothing and take home the trophy which we fortunately did with a 57-1 win. Kelsey Timms and Trisha Stjepic were the Best on Ground winners for the game. It was Kelsey's first year playing with us and she smashed it every game.

Special mention to those Quokkas who stepped up, sometimes playing two games per day to assist the other states. I know those who played for other teams had a great time and were made to feel very welcome.

Throughout the week, some of the Quokkas opted for the full experience and stayed at a hotel in the city, enjoying what Perth had to offer. It was a great week to holiday in our own city, with several dinners and nights out. The Quokkas enjoyed recovering by the pool in between games.

One of our treasured sponsors, The Shoe Perth, hosted the Quokkas for a private lunch during which we had discussions on what the future looks like for this newly formed team. This day is also when our competitive streak came out and a competition was started with a special belt. The belt had to be won by competing with one-another. Erica (PP) started us off with an outstanding effort in The Spelling Bee however was swiftly removed from the belt by Gabby after an arm wrestle.

The Quokkas cannot appreciate enough the time and commitment given by their coaches; Garrick, Frank and Adam. We can't wait to have you on board for 2024. We would also like to extend a heartfelt thankyou to both our amazing trainers that assisted the players throughout the championship with strapping and injury management, thank you Paige and Mel.

On Friday night it was time to get dressed up for the closing ceremony hosted by Mark Readings at the Novotel Perth. Other special guests in attendance included John Worsfold (Woosha) arranged by the Super Hog, Hound Dog.

Across the week some significant WA Quokkas were appointed awards but none more deserving than our amazing skipper, Trisha Stjepic who was awarded Our Most Valuable Player award and the 2023 Player of the Championship. Well done to the Kristy Sutcliffe from NSW who was also recognised for her great performance during the carnival. We can't forget to mention our red-carpet interviewer for the night, Lara Turner (Roaming LT).

Our 2023 All Australian Players included some old and new players, Lara Turner, Dakoda Hallam, Trisha Stjepic, Kelsey Timms, Gabby Peacock and Nikki Amphlett. Congratulations on an outstanding week of footy to those girls.

The Quokkas would like to acknowledge our sponsors, Senwest Aus, The Shoe Perth, Fleet Network, Benny's Fremantle, Tacstore and of course WAPOL Sports Federation. Thanks to all for their support, the carnival wouldn't have succeeded without their generosity. A big shout-out to our Men's Team, The Hogs (affectionately called The Hoggies) for their guidance, assistance and support for the 2023 competition, this was truly appreciated.

After the come-down post carnival week, the Quokkas were back on and invited to the WA Police Sports Federation Awards Event hosted at our favourite local, The Shoe. WA Quokkas were proud winners of the award for 2023 WA Police Sports Federation Sports Team of the Year. Special thanks to our treasurer Rachel Bell for all your assistance and support and thanks to our President Erica Silwood (Queen PP), without you, none of this would be possible.

It wasn't long until we were back at Leederville oval playing again for the 17th Annual Con Regan Memorial Football Match. The men started the day with South side securing a win over North. The women's match took place shortly after with South winning again. Taite Lantzke (our socials queen) took out the 2023 Con Regan Best on Ground Winner for the girls. The event is held annually to raise funds towards Police Legacy.

Coming to the end of 2023, we're glad to relax knowing it had been a successful year for both Quokkas and Hogs and look forward to the 2024 carnival hosted by Queensland. The girls have started saving already with an upcoming Quokkas Race Day event. The event was a great day out last year and funds from any ticket sales will be going straight to the savings to assist with travel costs for the next carnival.

Finally, we would like to say how saddened we are to hear the news that one of our brand-new Quokkas and WA Police colleague who unexpectedly passed away recently. Beautiful Aimee played with us in the Con Regan match and was planning to travel to Brisbane for her first carnival in 2024. The Quokkas wanted to acknowledge Aimee's presence as a member of our team and send our love and condolences to her friends and family. RIP Lil' Quokka Aimee Clarke PD18004.

Meg Cleary #10

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Mates, Family, and Loss

The Vics travelled to WA in 2023 with a smaller squad than expected. Missing some of our greatest clubmen and characters such as Steve Owen (New Baby) Lachie Cartledge (Rested) and APFA great Matt KERSHaw (irreconcilable differences) there was some worry in the ranks. But worry, we need not.

A few of the lads flew in Saturday to experience the Perth nightlife although some were unlucky and missed the sun set and instead went for an early night. The majority of the boys arrived early Sunday morning and our thanks goes to our WA brothers who provided 1st class transport into the city. Wooly was waiting for us and immediately took us to the Lucky Shag. You can't be a hero with a round of pints at the Shag but a few tried. Sammy Adams was on fire early, along with Fids as they loaded up on jugs for the boys.

Will, made sure his glass was full at every opportunity, but somehow always missed the time to buy a jug for the boys. Jesse sat in the corner still recovering from the night before. A huge start saw most of the lads very jovial leading into the opening ceremony at Subiaco FC. Ram and the Hogs welcomed us all as we supported our girls in their 1st game.

It's always great to get to the opening ceremony and catch up with some great mates from around the country. For us, seeing the likes of RG, Cat, Sugar, Butterbean, Brocky, Stewy M, Boof, TC, Shorty, Gussy plus some of our brothers and sisters who we don't see as much during the year is great fun and sadly the night ends way too quick. Although this year the girls were also heavily involved and made the drinking games fire up.

Monday we played SA for the Tynan / Eyre cup and it was a great game with SA getting the win. Best for SA was Brock and Grouchy while Jaron Murphy, Harro and Wadey all started well. Was also great to have Ken and Janine Sage in the rooms to represent Daniel Sage and presented his BOG medal to Murph. Jono and Budge were also good.

Monday night saw us join all other teams at some big showroom for beers. The Vics held court with some great dress ups. Including "The Incredibles", Harro and his Dinosaur, Doc Brown, Dracula, Gladiators, plus the great Virat Kohli.

Tuesday saw us meet for an early team meeting in Whitts and Gus' room. The boys rolled in at 0800 with Whitts, Houls, Wooly, Illy, Gus (who stayed in bed) Murph, Browny, Nic, Matty R all tucking into some Bundy and colas or Vodka OJ for breaky. A day of RnR and a trip to the Leaderville Hotel saw Browny and Houls take control of a few games. It was also good to get Rooster down from his brothers for a few beers and laughs, before we went to watch the girls. Next thing we know, we were thrown from the ground as the issues around the red line were highlighted. Thanks to Sav and Dyl for being the voices of reason throughout the day.

Wednesday will go down as a highlight and a day etched in my memory forever. Rooster was staying with his brother (Mitch) who he doesn't see often enough and I reached out to our Tas brothers and asked if they would mind the 2 boys playing one last game together as they reach retirement age in footy. Boof and the boys were fantastic and supportive of this and Rooster and Mitch lined up together in the square. Both played well and more importantly had fun. After the game Mitch was included in the song and all the photos and was made to feel a part of the group. Sadly as I write this it hurts to say that on Jan 12 this year Rooster took his own life. This shook our group, as unfortunately no one saw it coming. These carnivals are here for us to support each other and talk. On this occasion Rooster didn't talk and we all miss him very much. At the funeral Mitch spoke so highly of the VPFC and the whole carnival idea. He highlighted our brotherhood and the importance of looking out for each other. XO RIP ROOSTER XO

BIG V

Thursday we made our usual Perth trip to the Cottesloe Hotel and beach. Lots of lazing around and beach cricket helped make us feel better so we headed to the Cott and another solid session was had.

Friday we played against the home state and everyone thought it was all done before a ball was bounced. But that's not how the Vic's operate. Our lads were fantastic. Jono, Sammy, JMac, Budge, Westy, Jesse, Nic, the whole bloody team. We went down by a couple of goals and it was such a proud team moment. Even Henno threw the boots on and kicked a big snag. Wadey, Harro, Murph and Houls were awesome. We then went back to the hotel and joined the SA team on the roof for a few beers and swim before heading to the closing ceremony.

Congrats to Whitts who won the Best Club Person Award, Murph, Wadey and Nic Garner who won best Vic Players and too Wadey, Murph and Matty Rogers who were awarded All Australian jumpers.

We now head to Brisbane and will be thinking of Rooster this year as we prepare to play our first carnival since 2015 without him. Kiss your family and remember there is always someone who wants to talk to you, instead of about you. Xoxo.

RIP Rowan "Rooster" Andrews.

Matt Whitty | VPFC Coach

VIC WOMEN'S

VIC Women Spirits High

After an extremely successful home carnival in 2022, the Vic's women's team (VPWFC) were excited for the chance to embark on the Nationals trip to represent Vicpol in WA. Having already formed strong relationships within our own club and team from the previous year it was an opportunity to form relationships with other states.

WA was the chance to further cement those relationships for years to come and was something many were thrilled to be a part of. A few late withdrawals to the team due to unforeseen work commitments and injuries, meant that we were down a few numbers and players compared with the competition in 2022, however this did not dampen our spirit.

Off field, the competition between the women's team for 'best-on' was just as hot as the competition on field! With honourable mentions for some of the outstanding players and their on field efforts.

Even though the WA Carnival may not have been as successful on field as 2022, I am sure all would agree that off field through the events, camaraderie and overall participation throughout the carnival; WA 2023 was a massive success!

If the WA Carnival was anything to go by, the strengthening of the women's competition throughout the years is sure to make each year bigger and better! Can't wait to see you all in Brisbane.

BIG V

Goodbye Rooster

Rowan 'Rooster' Andrews played with the VPFC for a number of years. He sadly took his own life in January 2024. His last carnival was in Perth 2023, where he played alongside his brother, Mitch (a Perth local). Although Mitch isn't a serving member, he was included in the match against Tassie, with a view to use the rare opportunity to include him. This is an extract from what he recalled at Rooster's funeral. Published with permission.

Whilst in Perth Row played for the Victorian Police in the National Footy Carnival. He teed it up with the Victorian coach Whittsy for me to come along and have a kick too. If it wasn't weird enough pulling on a Big V Police Footy jumper, we were also playing against our home state Tassie. Row was dominant in the ruck and I had a handful of touches. It wasn't until after the game that I found out what being a cop was all about.

Any one that's ever played Footy will tell you that footy clubs are like a brotherhood, but this was like something I had never experienced. Every single one of those blokes welcomed me with open arms. After the game when all the photos were getting taken I was kind of standing off to the side a bit and the boys wouldn't have a bar of it. They were pulling me into all of their photos as the new guy having heaps of laughs and making me feel like one of their own. We all shared stories, cold cans and pumped each other's tires up, it didn't matter if you kicked 5 goals or only had 5 handballs.

The amount of respect that each and every single person had for one another in that room is something I will never forget. You could see it in everyone's eyes that the connection ran deeper than just the game of football. I knew there and then why Row loved being a cop so much. Your colleagues where like brothers – it was the mateships, the camaraderie and the knowing that your brother had your back 100 percent of the time and you would never have to second guess it. It was a way of life.

When I lost my brother, I had lots of people reach out to me. A lot of those people where from that one game when I pulled on the VICPOL Big V jumper. It is something I am forever grateful for and something I will always cherish.

Mitch Andrews

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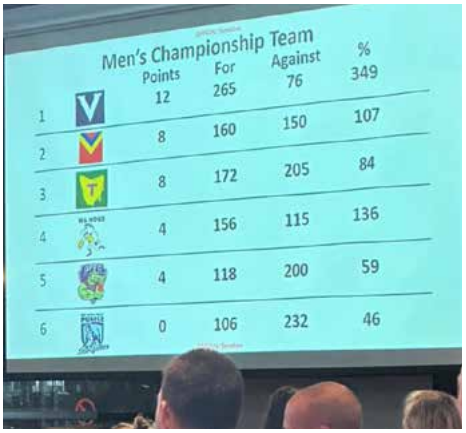
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The start to 2024 has been a heavy one for the police family, with serving police officers taking their own lives across multiple jurisdictions. Unfortunately, one of them remarkably close to home and therefore we wrap our arms around our brothers and sisters from the VPFC, who are mourning the loss of Rowan 'Rooster' Andrews.

It is a stark reminder that even those among us who seem the strongest, or the bravest, or the one who is always there for their mates, just might be the one you need to ask, 'Are you ok?'

The Heelers, reflecting on these tragedies, reworked our existing welfare framework, appointing numerous members as dedicated welfare officers, all of whom have completed organisational training in peer-support and/or psychological first aid. If you don't have a similar arrangement within your own club, I implore you to do so.

There can often be stigma or concerns within policing organisations that speaking up is a sign of weakness, or that it will end your career, discouraging members from seeking help from someone in their own jurisdiction. One great thing about being a member of the APFA is the camaraderie and community that transcend borders and badges. It is imperative that the unity and strength of our community provides the support network for those who need it in times of difficulty or crisis, and our people can reach out to someone from interstate if they need help and aren't comfortable starting that conversation closer to home.

Well, Western Australia, that was fun.

A tremendous start to the championships with a moving cultural ceremony, welcoming us to country, featuring our great mates - 'Panther' and 'Gecko'. - who have donned the Heelers guernsey many times and always give their all, this year being no exception.

The action on field was as fierce as always where skill, determination and teamwork were put to the test; while the mateship, connection and good times off the field reminded us that the week is about much more than football.

It was a successful week for our women's squad winning all three games, knocking over Queensland, Victoria, and Tasmania, finishing second on percentage to the hosts. Congratulations to the Quokkas on taking out the championships. You have done it the hard way and should be commended for what you have been able to build.

Congratulations to Kristy Sutcliffe for being named joint Player of the Championships, alongside WA gun, Trisha Stjepic; and to our All-Australians: Sandra Janjetovic, Kristy Sutcliffe, Amy Hessell, Keegan Tucker, and Sarah Henley. Amy was also named our Gelina Talbot Medallist as our player of the championships.

In the men's draw, the boys were able to regain the Neil Stephen's Shield for the first time since 2016 with a victory over Tasmania, suffered a heartbreaking one-point loss to the Crocs and put up a fight against a Hounds line up with class all over the field.

Congratulations to Matty Wells who finished one vote behind the joint winners of the Lewis-Allemand Medal, Maverick Hamilton and Matt Wade. Wellsy was also named All-Australian alongside Jordan Foote, with Footey taking out the Bob Prenter Medal as our player of the championships.

We had two APFA life membership inductees with Brenton Sommerville and Adam Hunt joining that prestigious group.

We turn our attention once again to the ANZAC Challenge in April, where our women's squad will take on the ADF All-Stars on ANZAC Day at Manuka Oval before the GWS v Brisbane AFL game. It will be a momentous occasion as we are given the opportunity to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service of their country on the biggest day on the remembrance calendar.

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

We can't wait to get to Brisbane in October to do it all again.

Stay safe, look out for each other, and reach out if you need to.

Adam Hunt
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The Devils are on The Map

The Tasmania Police Football club women's team took away 14 players to Perth for the 2023 Championship. After a very positive first carnival in Melbourne in 2022, we were brought to earth with a bit of a thud in Perth, losing all three games to South Australia, Queensland and New South Wales, however some positive things were taken away to build on for 2024.

Our 2023 awards were taken out by Bianca Howard winning our best player trophy, Ruby Brothers our coaches award, and for the second year running, both Bianca Howard and Kat Parker being selected in the All-Australian team. Great work ladies!

We must thank Mikayla Absolom for her leadership, Bec Davis and Frank Aboud for their administrative assistance, Alisha Esam for sorting out our merchandise, the whole committee for their never-ending work, and Michael Quill for his tireless work behind the scenes making sure the girls were physically up and running for the majority of the week. A huge thanks also to all the interstate ladies that put on the 'Map of Tassie' and helped us when we were short.

The Men's team kicked off our 2023 WA Championships against New South Wales. The NSW boys took out the game with a solid performance. We battled hard and had opportunities but fell short in the end. Best for Tassie were Grant Holt and Luke Murfitt-Cowen.

Game 2 saw Tasmania come up against a formidable opponent in Victoria. In what was a gallant effort, buoyed by some impressive pre-game tunes, the Tassie team were convincingly defeated. Best players for Tasmania were Jackson Blair and Stu Luck.

The final game for Tasmania was against Queensland. The crocs are an ever-improving outfit and unfortunately for us, they took out the game by a couple of goals. It was a solid week on field and somewhat disappointing results, but the effort was certainly there. The best players for Tasmania in the final game were Jake Sansom and Josh White.

Our All-Australian selections for the week were Jake Sansom and Jackson Blair- two very deserved selections. Life Membership to the APFA was awarded to Greg 'Doggy' Rogers who has been integral to the formation and success of the TPFC Women's Team. I believe he has signed a bigger contract than Dimma Hardwick to continue on as women's coach for the next decade. Doggy has been tireless in his support and organisation of the Club since returning to the fold.

Special mention to Joe Mizzi, an inspirational captain, who somehow managed 2 umpires votes and Stuey Luck, the vice-captain and lead pre-game vocalist. Camel, Doggy, Bec, Frank and all the women's team who helped out, ran water etc- Thankyou.

Our internal club awards were also presented and saw Jackson Blair take out the Best Tasmania Player; Kyron McMahon the coaches award; and Doggy Rogers was awarded best club person.

To our sponsors in 2023, Police Bank, TPR Realty and the Queens Head Hotel, a huge thank you as without that financial support, we would not get away to the carnivals.

And lastly, a huge shout out to the WA team for putting on a magnificent carnival in 2023, and we look forward to catching up with you all in Brisbane 2024.

Jason Elmer
President TPFC

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SA HOUNDS

First and foremost, thank you to the W.A. Hogs Football Club in their co-ordination of the 2023 Championships. As always, the Hounds acknowledge the difficulties in running a home championship and attempt to keep everyone happy! No mean feat!

It was fantastic to spend time as always with our brothers and sisters from around Australia – proving again, that whilst it is 'just only a game' it means so much to us all in terms of competitiveness and more importantly camaraderie across state lines.

I was extremely excited to see this year's playing group had a large number of first-timers. I am confident that I will have them for a long time to come – they are now indelibly marked (for good!) as a Police Footballer! Please continue (all states) to make the effort to keep delivering on the high playing standards of these Championships. At the very least it is what these Memorial Trophies we play for demand.

After a fantastic win against the Vic's on Monday we faced the daunting prospect of facing WA at home for the Geoff Bowen Trophy. An epic entrance via helicopter saw Simon and the Bowen family present the trophy for the game, which set up an epic battle. In an amazing game by the Hounds all players stood up to the intense pressure despite having a small travelling party against a full squad from the home team, packed with current WAFL players. In an incredibly physical contest, the Hounds took it up to the Hogs for all 4 quarters with neither side giving an inch.

In a dramatic last quarter the Hounds edged ahead only to be denied in the last 2 minutes by a Hog goal, drawing the match. In what was one of the most competitively ferocious games of footy I have seen in Police Football history, a draw in many respects was, whilst disappointing for us after leading for much of the day, was an amazing result for such a hard fought game. 5 goals 9 a piece says it all. I'm happy to report that Parso who got crunched in the 3rd quarter by a huge pack of players, is making a full recovery from his neck injury.

Our Draw with WA created a unique percentage race with all teams that got the calculator out before the final day of play. Unfortunately, that meant that the goals would have to keep raining and the match was against WA kicking more than the Hounds. In the end it came down to a couple of goals that got WA the Championship win. So close, but very proud of the boys to get this far.

We are again reminded of the importance of camaraderie and having a mate to bounce stuff off. There has been a number of devastating losses of members around the country in the last 12 months. We must continue to focus on the well-being of our members and mates. The Police Footy concept is well across this, I know a number of chat groups that expand across state lines for the exact reason of providing support (with a little bit of humour) to each other. If you are struggling, reach out for a chat to a mate – society is in desperate need for good people, Police Officers, that look after others – we can't afford to lose one!

The memorial trophies again remind us – especially those that have been around a while – of the devastation of losing a member whilst on duty through the actions of criminals. Unfortunately South Australia experienced this recently with the tragic death of Jason DOIG. It has devastated the South Australia community as a whole. The support received from those around Australia was incredibly humbling. Importantly, we must continue to use these memorial trophies to remember, to reflect and, to learn. They can be used as a reminder for those new members who are still learning the trade, of the perils of police work, and the importance to stay on top of your knowledge and skills.

I am looking forward to taking this new pack of Hounds to Brisbane this year. Whilst some were keen to head back to Cairns, Port Douglas, Mossman Gorge and the like…as well as Gilligans….i have re-assured many that Brisbane has something for everyone! We can't wait.

Go well – stay safe.

RG | SA Hounds Coach
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QPS Women's Building Footy Culture

Perth, October 2023, will always be a championship to remember with great memories on and off the field. Nearly half our team was all new players to the Crocs and we came together as a family from the Saturday we flew over. To all our lady Crocs, well done on an outstanding carnival.

I am proud of the way the QPS Women's Team have set the standards for a strong club culture and a fierce football standard. We had players who filled-in for other states to make games happen and we enjoyed playing good pump-up music as they ran out for the games. The camaraderie and networking with other states will only see the Women's AFL competition become stronger.

Congratulations to our All-Australian representatives Shaye Easton (dual) and Jade Ransfield (dual) and Hannah Davidson. Congrats to Hannah Davidson on getting runner up Women's Player of the Championship with 5 votes.

A highlight of the trip was heading over to the incredible Rottnest Island. To make it even more interesting, we threw a theme in there of "shit shirts" and gosh there was some bad ones. Thank you to the local quokkas for taking some amazing selfies with us.

This championship created the introduction of Kick Tennis on our morning walks of game days - First Years vs the Oldies. It was full of good laughs and of course competitive. It came down to the Thursday to declare a win when the FYC Hannah Davidson went for a high bomb, shanked it landing the ball in the palm tree. Ball unable to be recovered and declared everyone is a winner.

The spontaneous Thursday night Women's only night was a success and watch this space to see if it will happen in Brisbane, maybe with a few more surprises.

Onto the footy – QPS Crocs Women's finished 4th out of 6 teams with 1 win and 2 loses.

Sunday – Game #1 – vs NSW

NSW 3.2.22 def QLD 1.5.11

Opening match of the Championship. We love versing NSW and wow did they bring it this championship. It was a hard fought and contested footy with some great skill, unfortunately walked away defeated.

Best on ground picked by NSW – Hannah Davidson

Best on Ground picked by QLD – Kaitlyn "Bluey" Cantrell

Tuesday – Game #2 vs TAS

QLD 8.9.57 def TAS 0.0.0

This was our best game and played the definition of Croc's footy "make your teammate great". We had good fun on the field showing the quality of skill amongst the team and had fun celebrating the goals.

Best on Ground picked by TAS - Shaye Easton

Best on Ground picked by QLD - Hannah Davidson

Thursday - Game #3 vs WA

WA 8.9.57 def QLD 0.1.1

WA came out strong and as a team we dug deep and gave it our all but they were just too good.

Best on Ground picked by WA - Hannah Davidson

Best on Ground picked by QLD - Emma Pericic

QPS Crocs Championship QLD Award participants:

Player of the Championship - Hannah Davidson

Player's Player - Kaitlyn "Bluey" Cantrell

Damien Leeding Award - Jade Ransfield

Love of the Game Award - Kirsty Everett

Congratulations to all and very well deserved.

Thank you Perth, and WA Hogs and Quokkas for hosting an amazing championship. Thank you to Zac Cook and AFPA for everything you all do behind the scenes and ongoing support of women's footy. Us ladies walked away from Perth with great memories, new friends and some of us got the bonus of COVID and severe flu.

QPS Crocs send our deepest condolences to SA Hounds, Victoria and WA Quokkas who have, since the championship in Perth, gone through unimaginable tragedy and loss. We will all come together in Brisbane and we will play some great footy in their memory.

"With Honour They Served"

Lead up to the championship, the Women's Team will have a training camp mid-year with the inaugural NQ vs SQ game followed by inaugural QPS vs ADF. Followed by 9/11 Memorial Sports Day against QFES. These will be great warm up and team building opportunities for the women's squad.

Bring on our home championship in Brisbane 6-12th October 2024. We have taken on all the states feedback and excited for the changes. This will be the best championship yet!!!

Tara BUCKLEY
QPS Crocs Women's Coordinator/Coach

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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.

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.aflmasters.com.au/rules/

Last ratified by APFA Committee – 7 October 2018 (AGM)

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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