



VACCSAL

Men's Netball Carnival

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EPSOM HUNTLY RESERVE,
353 Midland Hyw, Huntly

11th & 12th November
2023

INTRODUCTION

FOREWORD

AFL Victoria identified Koorie women's involvement in Australian football as an area that despite the level of interest, was highly under-represented. With the AFLW competition continuing to grow, the ongoing partnership with VACSAL sees the return of the Koorie Female Football Carnival at Epsom Huntly Reserve in Bendigo.

The Victorian Aboriginal Community Services (VACSAL) understands the significant role that gatherings, such as family, community, cultural and sporting events have played in our Aboriginal community since time began.

VACSAL is a peak Aboriginal Community organisation delivering a range of government funded programs to support and assist children, young people and families as well as strengthening communities and culture.

These annual events have a productive impact on many levels of the Victorian Aboriginal society; the carnivals bring various communities from all over Victoria together in a highly valued cultural exchange. The gathering of so many Aboriginal families in the one place reinstalls kinship arrangements and the obligations associated with kinship. There are very few opportunities for the Aboriginal communities of Victorian to come together as nations to share common interest, to participate in sports and at the same time discuss issues affecting each community.

Providing an avenue for communities, families and individuals to be involved in a cultural meaningful activity is an established method of strengthening community. It promotes Aboriginal connections and awareness that impact on community safety.

VACSAL are pleased to have the support of the Victorian Government to support the carnivals. The notion of the carnival and their role fit nicely with their statement that "Health and wellbeing through sport, community connectedness and culture are integral to our people thriving."

Dr Alf Bamblett worked tirelessly in our community over his lifetime to ensure that Aboriginal people had a voice, that we are participants and not just recipients. This Carnival is all about participation. Whilst we expect that each competitor will step up and bring their best, we also hope that each will value the experience of the competition and connection with kin and community.

VACSAL recognises that sports is a great vehicle to engage the Aboriginal community in promoting healthy lifestyles, addressing social disadvantage and strengthening cultural identity in order to create of a strong, healthy and vibrant community.

REGISTRATIONS

The registration link for teams is below.

- <https://registration.netballconnect.com/userRegistration?organisationId=3ab41e8f-f449-4ed3-ad48-7f26e27c60cf&competitionId=b3ec1de4-e7b4-4593-ad90-e5dad825bd5a>



Once the team has been registered, they will be sent another link for player registrations. Player registration is to ensure that all playing participants in the carnival are covered by insurance.

ALL PLAYERS MUST BE REGISTERED.

- No player may register in more than one side.
- All players must play on the first day of competition and play 2 games to qualify for finals.
- Team list to be signed off by local Aboriginal community organisation, elder or respected person.

AGE GROUPS

- Open Age - Any player under the age of 16 playing open age must have a signed permission form emailed to the carnival coordinators.
- 16 and Under - Players must be aged 16 years of age and under.

CARNIVAL FIXTURE

The draw will be made available at the earliest possible date prior to the commencement of the carnival, following the close of nominations.

Please Note – Fixtures are subject to change.

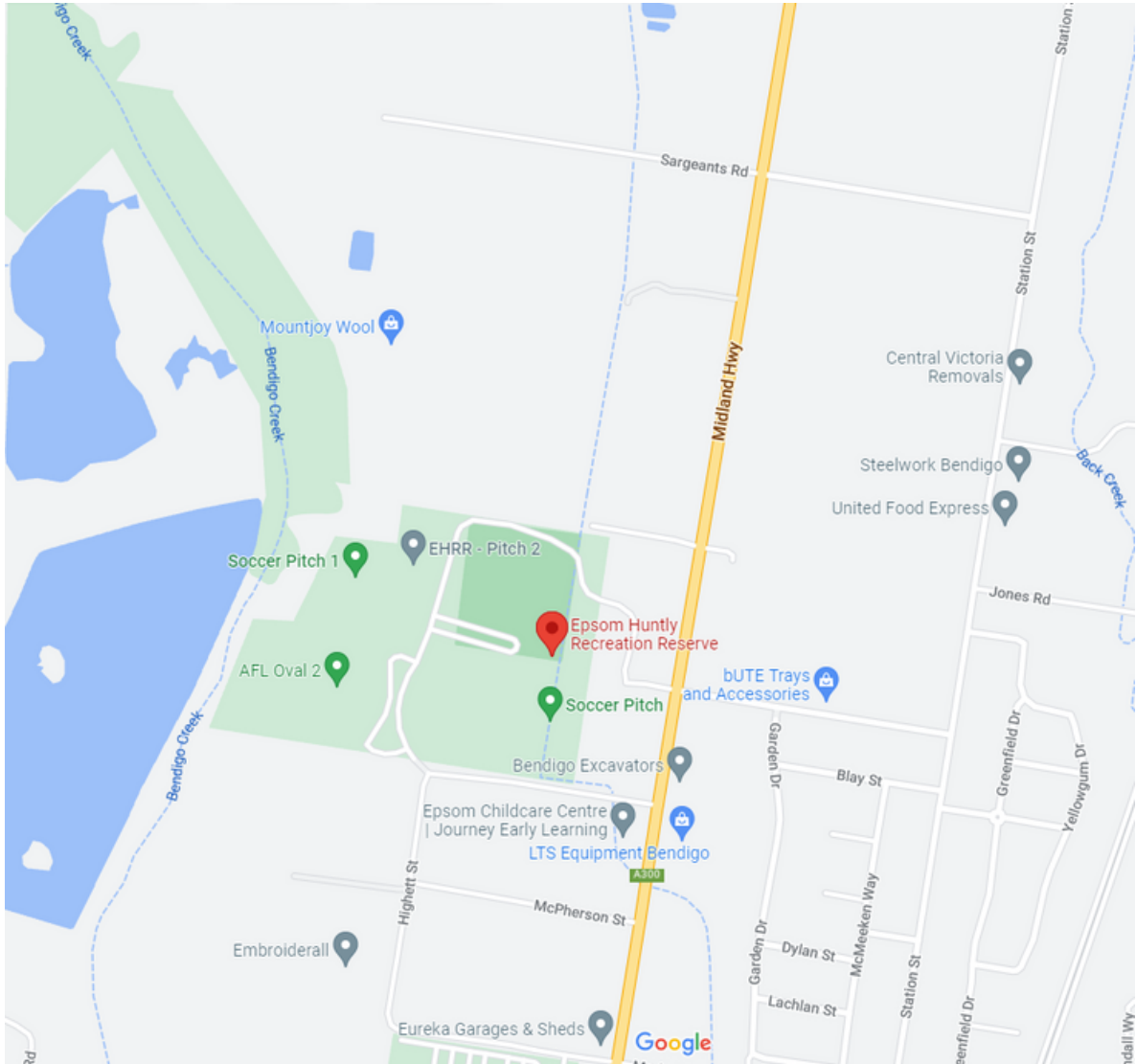
CARNIVAL COORDINATORS

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VENUE INFORMATION

Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve
353 Midland Hwy, Huntly VIC 3551



CODE OF CONDUCT

This policy is designed to promote to community members a respectful “Code of Conduct” during your participation at the VACSAL/AFL Victoria State-wide Koorie Female Football Carnival.

The primary purpose of the carnival is for the Aboriginal communities of Victoria to gather and participate in friendly competition in a healthy and culturally safe environment. This purpose serves to promote cultural ties, family participation, healthy lifestyle and showcasing our unique talents. It is also an opportunity for talent identification through AFL Pathways Programs. By entering your team you agree that your team of which you are managing will adhere to the following guidelines.

CARNIVAL GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- We remind you all that you are on traditional Aboriginal land; we ask that you acknowledge & respect country whilst you are in the area.
- That you respect both Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal community members. We ask that you treat the visit, as you would wish your community to be treated when communities come to your country.
- Ensure a safe and healthy environment for all families, in particular young children and elders attending the carnival.
- Respect the venue and surrounding area which includes all their signage.
- Refrain from smoking in those areas where smoking is not permitted.
- No alcohol or drugs are permitted at this event.
- We encourage all drivers to drive safely and in a lawful manner at all times.
- Communicate and co-operate fully with key community stakeholders to ensure the continued development and growth of the carnival and its aims.
- Players and spectators are to respect the umpire’s decision.
- Players and spectators are to respect opposition players.
- Encourage the feeling of goodwill and sportsmanship towards all members participating in the carnival.
- Respect for officials

CARNIVAL MANAGEMENT

This VACSAL Carnival is being conducted under the control of the appointed Organising Committee who shall have the power to determine any matter not specifically provided for in these guidelines and rules.

The VACSAL/AFL Victoria State-wide Koorie Female Football Carnival is a development program for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players within the state of Victoria. Whilst each team will strive to win their respective matches and then their respective Grand Final, the emphasis for each team should be to develop their players and that all players and officials enjoy their experience. The Carnival forms part of the talent identification pathway and many of the best players from across the state have made their mark in this Carnival.

On behalf of the organising committee, all Team Officials are to be thanked and congratulated for giving up their time to assist the players in their sporting endeavours.

MATCH MANAGEMENT

All matches will be under the control of Court/Ground Marshalls appointed by the Committee.

DISPUTES COMMITTEE

This committee will be made up of a independent panel of VACSAL, AFL Victoria and a local officials who will address complaints. Complaints must be in writing and lodged within 10 mins after the game/incident has finished.

The Team Manager is the only person who can lodge a complaint.

PLAYERS

PLAYER GUIDELINES

No Player may take part in more than one division or play for more than one side.

ABORIGINALITY AND NON-ABORIGINAL PLAYERS

Non-Aboriginal players are allowed to participate in the carnival with a limit of 3 player per football team. Exception to the rules is at the discretion of VACSAL in exceptional circumstances. VACSAL has the right to challenge Aboriginality.

Non-Indigenous players must be identified on team registrations and team list.

REGISTRATION

All players must be registered to play in the carnivals.

TEAM MANAGER DUTIES

Appointed Team Managers are responsible for:

- Registering all players on their team 10 minutes prior
- Scoresheet to be filled out
- Team ready to take the field
- Supplying the Ground Marshall with a completed Team List
- Checking the correct amount of players are on the field at the start of every quarter
- Communication with the Organising Committee/Coordinators.

SCORING OFFICIALS

Each team must provide a non-playing scorer for every match. Scorers must sit together for the entire match. Scoresheets must be completed, each scoresheet must include, each player's full name and playing positions for each half. This is essential for player votes and awards.

Please Note - All matches shall be under the control and management of Ground officials.

INSURANCE

Insurance cover is for basic medical benefits cover only. This does NOT allow for loss of income should a player not be able to resume normal working duties. Teams have the option of taking out their own additional comprehensive coverage.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL ARE PERMITTED TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE CONFINES OR SURROUNDING AREAS OF THE VACSAL STATE WIDE MEN'S NETBALL CARNIVAL.

ANYONE IN POSSESSION OF OR FOUND CONSUMING ANY PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CARNIVAL IMMEDIATELY AND NOT ALLOWED TO RETURN.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation for the carnival can be found at [this link here](#).

WORKING WITH CHILDREN'S CHECK

VACSAL requires all community volunteers to gain a Working with Children's Check. Please see poster below.

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Do you work or volunteer with children?

You may now need a Working with Children Check



The Working with Children Check is a new checking system that will affect many adults who work or volunteer in child-related industries. The new check is different from a police check and is continually monitored for new relevant offences and findings. It's another way we're protecting Victoria's children.

To find out how and when it affects you visit:

www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren or call 1300 652 879.

Application forms can be collected and lodged at participating Australia Post outlets.

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Netball Rules

TEAMS

VACSAL reserves the right to adjust teams placements divisions for balance and fair competition.

There will be 2 main divisions – Junior and Senior
If a division has eight or more teams, that division may be divided into separate pools.

For divisions with two pools, the top two teams from each pool will contest semi-finals and the winners of the semi-final will progress through to the grand final.

If a Division has no pools, the top four teams will contest the semi-finals, with the winners progressing through to the grand final.

All teams are required to complete the team registration form.

All teams are required to pay their entry fee prior to taking part in the Carnival.

All players must be registered to play in the Carnival

Players cannot play in more than one team or more than one division during any day of competition.

There is to be no substitutions between division.

Players must participate in the preliminary rounds to be eligible to play finals.

Each team must provide a non-playing scorer for every match. Scorers must sit together for the entire match. Scoresheets must be completed, each scoresheet must include, each player's full name and playing positions for each half. This is essential for player votes and awards.

A maximum of two non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players can be named in each team

Netball Rules Continued

PRELIMINARY MATCHES

All Carnival matches will be conducted as per the Rules of Netball.

Preliminary matches will consist of two even halves.

All matches will commence at the time listed in the fixture.

During preliminary rounds, the clock will not stop for injury or blood. If an injury is called or blood is present the player must be substituted immediately.

If a team is not present at the time of the starting siren, the non-offending team may be awarded one goal for each full minute the game is delayed. If any match is forfeited the non-offending team may be awarded four points and a winning margin of 5-0.

Where a match is cancelled due to weather or some other cause, both teams will be credited with two points and five goals each.

Match results and ladders will be updated throughout the day. All information will be available on the Netball Connect app.

In the event of injury, an injury report form must be completed and submitted to a Netball Victoria staff member.

Umpires will be provided for all matches.

Respect the umpires at all times. The umpire's decision is final.

Abusive language by players, coaches or spectators will not be tolerated.

All piercings must be adequately taped or they must be removed.

Fingernails must be adequately taped.

Gloves are permitted, with permission from the competition supervisor.

Netball Rules Continued

SEMI-FINALS

Semi-finals will consist of two even halves with a one-minute break at half-time.

GRAND FINALS

Grand finals will consist of four even quarters with a break between each quarter.

During grand finals, the clock may stop for injuries or blood as per the Rules of Netball.

DRAWN FINALS MATCHES

In the event of a draw in a finals match, there will be a one-minute break before two even halves.

There will be a one-minute break at the interval when teams change ends.

If at the end of the second half the scores are still level, play will continue until one team has a two-goal advantage.

Substitutions can be made during all breaks in extra time.
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