



# Magpies Mail



Special Edition Grand Final 2011

## FROM THE PREZ

The day is almost upon us for the Magpies show their colours and paint the outer at **Lindwall Oval (Marist) in Peirce** Black and White in support of our Under 12s and Under 14s in their Grand Finals.

A great day of football is assured with Sporter's undefeated Under 12s kicking off the day against Tuggeranong at 8:30am.

The Under 14s will meet Queanbeyan at 12:15. This promises to be a fantastic game with Queanbeyan after revenge for their semi-final loss against Ash's Magpies.

**Magpies of all ages are encouraged to bring your voices, wear black and white and show your support.**

I would like to also congratulate the Under 16s Div 1 and 2 teams for making the finals. Unfortunately events did not go in their favour, but you must be congratulated for the efforts you put in throughout the year in a very competitive competition.

Keep an eye on the Seniors website as well with the Under 18s, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> division all in contention for Finals.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Grand Finals, Presentation and the AGM.

GO PIES!



## PRESENTATION DAY

### **Under 8 – Under 14**

**When: Sunday 25 September**

**Where: Magpies Golf Club, Stockhill Drive, Holt**

**Time: 3:00 pm followed by a BBQ**

Presentation of Individual and Team Awards U8 – U14.

Under 16 award winners will be acknowledged on the day.

### **Under 16 Presentation (To be Confirmed)**

**When: Thursday 22 September**

**Where: Magpies Golf Club, Stockhill Drive, Holt**

**Time: 7:30 pm**

Presentation of Under 16 Individual and Team Awards.

## AGM

**When: Tuesday 11 October**

**Where: Magpies Sports Club, Hardwick Cres, Holt**

**Time: 7:30 pm**

Presentation of Annual Reports Election of Club Committee – 2012.

## FOOTY'S HIDDEN HEROES

Behind every footballer is a hidden hero. Participate by nominating the women behind you or your local footy club.

For every nomination made, Nissan will donate \$1 up to \$100,000 to Breast Cancer Network Australia.

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## AFL CANBERRA'S YOUTH AND GIRLS PRESENTATION

Last night (Tuesday) the Magpies Junior Football Club committee and several players, coaches and their families attended the AFL Canberra Youth and Girls presentation night at the Hellenic Club in Woden.

Nominations were received by the club for players in all of our competitive teams – Under 12s through to Under 16s. Players are nominated for these awards by referees each week based on their on-field performance and sportsmanship. Nominations are made by the referees by awarding three players from each game between 1 and 3 points. These are tallied throughout the season and presented at the vote count on presentation night.

In the Under 12 Division 2 competition Jack Powell received the Best and Fairest after polling 29 points, with Kylan Edwards receiving third place honours.

For the Under 14 Division 2 Pool A Claude Edwards received 19 votes earning him the Best and Fairest award.



And, in the Under 16 Division 1 competition Luke Wharton polled 16 votes earning him 2<sup>nd</sup> place honours.



These awards nights are also an opportunity to recognise the work of volunteers for their efforts each week to ensure that kids are able to play football.



Sonja Vaughn – a member of the Magpies Junior family for over 10 years received the prestigious NSW ACT Volunteer of the Year award for the ACT and South Coast Region, recognising her contribution to the game during this time. Nominations for this award are received from clubs throughout the NSW and ACT region.



Steve Porter, our Under 12's coach, was also recognised for his contribution to the game through the NSW ACT Coach of the Year award for the Canberra Region. By receiving this award he has qualified for the State Coaches award, the winner of which will receive flights, accommodation and entry to the 2012 AFL National Coaching Conference to be held in late January 2012.

The final award for the night was the League Player of the Year and is presented to the player who polls the highest number of votes in all competitions in the Best and Fairest Vote.



The winner of the 2011 Canberra Milk League Player of the Year was Jack Powell from the Magpies Junior Football Club Under 12 Division 2 Team.



Congratulations must go to everyone who received an award. We are now looking forward to our Presentation Day where we can continue to recognise the efforts of all of our junior players.

## UNDER 14's

Congratulations must go to the U14/2 Magpies on their achievement of reaching the Grand Final game of 2011 season in their division.



From the beginning of the season at Lake Ginninderra to the final seconds of last week's Second Semi Final, the team has pulled together magnificently to become a highly competitive unit against any opposition. Just ask the previously undefeated Queanbeyan side who were no match for an 80 minute performance from our Mighty Magpies.



We go into the Grand Final full of confidence but fully aware that another 80 minutes of hard work lies in front of us before we can even think of raising the trophy above our heads.



Individually, each player has improved heaps from when I first saw them in early April.

Thanks for that have to go to each individual for putting his or her head down, butt up and working to get better. We, the coaches, said right from the word go that a lot of hard work would see us develop into a good team and I am pleased to say that no-one shirked that hard work. And, we have become a good team.



I now want to say to the players **"You are going to be Grand Final players."** I hope to be able to say to the players after the Grand Final **"You are now premiership players."**

Good luck and remember: if we play the way we want to play, the scoreboard will look after itself!

Thanks must of course go to our wonderful Managers during the year, Cath, Ian and Greg, without whom we wouldn't have been able to concentrate as much on the footy side of things.

Also, I must thank my wonderful assistants, Tom, Sav and Sam who have made sure that our training has been relevant and up to date.

I also thank all families for their help and support this year. I hope to see you all at the Grand Final and, perhaps, after for a celebration!



Congratulations should also go to our two under 16 teams and to the Belconnen Cats U14/1 team on making finals.

Finally, congratulations also to our magnificent U12 team on their achievements of going undefeated and on making the Grand Final game in their division. Our best wishes go to you for that game and we hope to be celebrating a Magpies double!

Ash Davies  
Under 14/2 Coach



## UNDER 12s

The U12s approached the 2011 season as a bit of an unknown quantity.



6 new boys joined the club, all recruited from other sports, and another 4 boys stayed back from last year's awesome u12's unit.

This influx of talent joined forces with a loyal batch of u11 champions, and with a new coaching team to boot, it was anyone's guess what sort of dish these ingredients would make...



Well, the dish turned out to be a mighty tasty one indeed.

From the first training session, the boys hit the bump bags with feral ferocity, and they instantly gelled both on and off the field.



It's been a feature of the group that we see so many smiling faces at training, and scary match-day faces on the weekend!

Having nominated for Division2, the boys have slowly grown in confidence, skill, and output, and have been knocking on the door of Division1 since the halfway mark of the season.



This was evidenced by our scratch match with eventual Division1 Grand Finalists, the Queanbeyan Tigers, whom we pushed to the brink, eventually going down by 4 goals. This kind of result was an indication of the growth that's occurred in this group over the season.

Our own Grand Final experience awaits us on the weekend, and the boys will give themselves every chance with their hunger and attitude.

With Fluffy, Tomahawk, and Rhino all dominating the hit-outs; Sparrow, Hogo, Crazy Horse, Kong, and Travi all blitzing the midfield; Chopper, Ninja, Hazy, Freddo, Buits, T-Rex, and Dash all deadly around goals; Murf, K-Man, Jezza, Skyline, Tiger, and Shades all miserly in defence; and Donuts, Sparky, Mini, Pebbles, and Zoo all scorching up the wing...it's been a season to remember!



The U12s brigade would also like to congratulate the 2011 U14 Magpies for making their own Div 2 Grand Final.

Having coached many of the boys over the last couple of years, it is exciting to see them all flying high in 2011. We encourage supporters of the U12s to grab a latte, and stay on after our Grand Final, to support the U14s (and future team mates) in their bid for glory!

GO U12 PIES!!  
Steve and Brendan

