



The Griffin

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Thank you!

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Thanks for a great season! I would like to thank everyone involved at the club, the players and the parents (or as I like to call them our free-taxi services) and in particular the coaches: Stef, Sophie, Heather, Hannah, Michael, Ellen and Alex and the team managers and assistant coaches. Without your endeavours, the successes of this year would not have been possible.

I would also like to acknowledge the tireless work of our very small committee—Veronica, Drue, Jane, Rob and Jose, without whose work, often behind the scenes, the club would quite literally cease to exist.

As the club grows in 2024, I hope our small band of volunteers can expand too. We need more help on the Committee, particularly anyone who is interested in taking on the management of our social media and communications channels, or taking on a functions/canteen manager role or sponsorship coordinator.

In real terms, volunteering takes up very little time and the rewards are found in the ongoing success of our players and club. If you'd like to get involved or find out more information about what it means to be involved, please come and talk to me or one of the other Committee members at one of our summer events (Page 4) or just attend our AGM

which will be held straight after our 2023 Awards Day.

Michael Sutton, President



Riverside Stadium – Official Opening of the New Facilities

The facilities at the Riverside Ground have been given an upgrade with new seating and new women's change rooms, stamped with our Griffin logo.

Come along to the official opening.

When: 12:00 noon **Saturday 30 September**

Where: Riverside Grounds, 14 Carinya Street, Qbn

What: Come celebrate the opening of our new facilities at the Riverside Ground, including the new women's change rooms.

Pull on **your BellaMonaro magenta** training shirts, come and watch the game and try out the new seating arrangements.

Our new facilities at the Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Sports Centre are having the final touches added and will be available from next season.



2023 Season

It has been a wonderful 2nd season for the BellaMonaro Women's Football Club. Week in and week out it was fantastic to see so many players training, even in the deep cold of winter.

All of our teams were very competitive this year, both of our State League women's Div 2 and Div 6 teams were in the hunt for finals football until the last weeks of the regular season, with our Div 6 women being semi-finalists. Our U18 Div 1 girls were semi-finalists too, our U14s girls were Divisional title winners and our U16 Great Griffins lived up to their name and won their Divisional title and the Grand Final 4-1 against Woden Valley.

Special mention should also go to our U12 and U16 Div 2 girls, who grew and developed throughout the year and dominated the back end of their seasons.

BellaMonaro prides itself for not only offering high quality senior and junior programs, across developing and elite streams for girls and women, but creating an environment where players can pursue both their round ball football dreams as well as supporting their scholastic

or artistic endeavours or even other sporting opportunities. Our goal is not only to create great female footballers but well rounded, well ground and supported women. I believe our results speaks for themselves and more than anything this approach builds future female leaders.

BellaMonaro 2023 Season Awards and Annual General Meeting

When: **2:00pm Saturday 7 October**

Where: Campbell and George, Queanbeyan

What: Come celebrate season 2023 at the home of our major sponsor Campbell and George.

The day will include individual player badges as well as Players Player and Coaches' Awards as wells as acknowledging the wonderful work of our volunteers.

Again, players and coaches wear **your BellaMonaro magenta training shirts** for our traditional club photo.

The Awards are followed by our Annual General Meeting. All parents, senior players and female football loving interested parties are welcome. **The club needs more volunteers to help as we grow in 2024.**



U14 Div 1
Divisional Title winners



U16 Div 1
Divisional Title and Grand Final winners

2023 Women's World Cup

Off the field it was fantastic to see some of our players supporting the 2023 Women's World Cup as flag bearers in a couple of games and our World Cup viewing parties were a great way to get together and celebrate the world game.

Right: BellaMonaro girls with the World Cup Mascot just before they assist with the game's opening ceremony

Below: World Cup viewing party at the Campbell and George

Bottom: BellaMonaro on flag duties in Sydney at the World Cup



Girl's Only Summer Academy

When: 6:00pm Wednesdays from 11 October
Where: David Madew Oval, Jerrabomberra
Who: Open to all returning and new players, for girls only, aged 10 to 18.

Bring your friends who fell in love with the world game, watching the Matildas this year. Show them why you love to play for BellaMonaro, keep fit, keep your skills sharp during the off season and have a mid-week game to finish the evening.



2023 Summer Sixes

When: Monday's Wednesdays and Thursday
Where: Calwell Playing Fields and David Madew Oval, Jerrabomberra
Who: Both Brindabella Blues and Monaro Panthers will be hosting Summer Six competitions, days are as follows:

Mondays - Calwell - Brindabella summer sixes for players looking to put together a team U16 and up.

Wednesday - Monaro summer sixes for players looking to put together a team U16 and up.

Thursdays - Jerrabomberra Monaro summer sixes for players looking to put together a team U12 and U14s.



Preseason 2024

When: Starts 6:00pm Wednesday 7 February 2024
Where: TBC (either the new Regional Sport Centre, Tralee if it's ready or David Madew Oval, Jerrabomberra. There are no fields available at Calwell.)
What: The build up starts for season 2024. Grading/Trial and season kick off dates to follow.



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