



RUMBALARA
FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

Rumba Rumbles



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi everyone, welcome back for 2022. There has been much change and developments in the last period, with some really exciting times ahead. First and foremost, I would like to welcome our new Chief Executive Officer, Lucia Lancellotti. Lucia comes to us from the Victorian Public Service and has already got some fantastic networks and insight into our organisation and community Space, and offers a wide range of skills and experience that I know will serve us well for the times ahead.



In addition, I want to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate Raelene Nixon, Leonie Dwyer, Jamie Atkinson and Daniel Briggs for their support and contributions to the RFNC Board of Directors. All have stepped aside in the past couple of seasons due to other commitments, but I acknowledge your contributions unreservedly.

I specifically would like to highlight and acknowledge the resignation of Uncle Paul Briggs, who has stepped down as President after 25 years. Uncle Paul is and has been the consistent factor and pinnacle identity of the RFNC since our inception and remains a committed and contributing member of our Club. Thank you for everything Unc, we will all continue to carry the baton, with your intent and passion always front of mind.

And finally, to our club and community members, having come through a very trying time for us all, I look forward to re-engaging with you all over the coming season. We have club programs continuing to produce opportunities for anyone, social activities planned and to be released in the coming days, and of course football and netball teams performing on the weekends bringing our mob together on a regular basis. Please have a read through this newsletter, and if you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out for more information.

Hope to see you all down at Mercury Drive soon,

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FOOTBALL

Hi Rumba family,
I just wanted to let all of our supporters know that the players and I are pretty excited for the season ahead. We had really good numbers on the track before Xmas but lost a few after Xmas due to Covid isolation rules that had been put in place. Numbers are back up with 25-30 players on the track the last couple weeks. All players have been working really hard on the track during pre-season and it's been pleasing to see a lot of our young boys there consistently as well. Kane, Jayk, Steve, and young Benny are flying at the moment and have put in a really solid pre-season and are set for another good year. Some new players to the club so far are, Jarrod Byrnes, Rivva, Malachi and Gundo are back, a few more recruits will be announced in the next few weeks.



We had a great training camp at Morning Glory over the weekend and our first intraclub match played last week. We have 2 practice matches against Shepp East and Murchison in the coming weeks and we would love to see everyone there. We're hoping to get a full season in this year, and I'm excited to see what this group can do during the year. Anything is possible if you believe in yourself.

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NEW NETBALL COURTS

How great do the netball courts look? The courts have been up and running since December and the Netballers have loved training on the best courts the region has ever seen. The club will be undergoing many upgrades over the next few years and we think this has been the perfect way to start. Thanks to Kane Atkinson for the images.



NETBALL

Netball got off to a great start with preseason and trials in November last year with some great numbers on the court. We are now back up and running in preparation for what will be an exciting season. Along with returning players it has been great to see so many new players committing to Rumba this year. There is some great energy around with everyone enjoying being back on our home courts, and don't they look amazing!

Our juniors have started off strong with great numbers in 11's, 13's and 17's, however, we are looking for some more U15 players. If your child or someone you know is interested in joining the U15's team get in touch with Rebecca Dean (U15's coach).

We look forward to seeing everyone at training on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Yakama Rumba!



Rumba Junior Football Mouthguard Clinic

At club rooms:
Tuesday March 15th and 22nd
Thursday March 17th and 24th
5:00pm-7:30pm

Professional mouth-guard made for junior footy players free of charge. Molds to be taken at training, once mouth-guard has been made they will be fitted at footy training.

CONSENT FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN RUMBALARA FOOTBALL CLUB AND RUMBALARA ABORIGINAL CO-OPERATIVE



ANY SENIOR PLAYERS WHO WANT A MOUTH-GUARD WILL NEED TO PAY \$100 CASH

MOUTHGUARD CLINIC

Rumbalara Football Netball Club in partnership with Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-Operative want our juniors to protect their teeth. Get professionally fitted for your mouth guard at our upcoming clinic. Please get in touch with admp.admin@rfnc.com.au for a consent form.

JOBS VICTORIA ADVOCATE

Meet Loretta O'Neill, the RFNC Jobs Victoria Advocate. Loretta brings great experience, having worked across a number of industries.

Loretta is a proud Yorta Yorta woman with Wergaia and Wamba Wamba heritage. She is a mother of 3 and loving Grandmother of 2 with another member of the family on the way.

The RFNC Jobs Victoria Advocate program aims to assist people prepare for and secure employment through the provision of information, referral and connection supports. Loretta, is working with local organisations to ensure jobseekers know where they can go to find the information, advice and support they need to move into sustainable work.

We support all jobseekers who live in the Goulburn Valley region. Whether you're currently unemployed, want to change careers or don't have enough paid work, take the first step, and book a session with RFNC Jobs Victoria Advocate today.

The level of support will be tailored to meet your specific needs.



FINDING US

In case you were not aware, all programs (except for Gowola Homework Club, which will continue to operate out at the club) are now being run out of **56B Wyndham Street** in Shepparton. Should you wish to talk with staff from AEP, ADMP, ParentsNext, Rumba Ripples or our Jobs Victoria Advocate feel free to contact us at any time via phone, email or drop in and say hi.



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ADMP

The Algabonyah Driver Mentor (ADMP) program has continued to go from strength to strength throughout over the past few months, with everyone putting in some amazing work. We have continued to see participants passing their Learner Permit and Probationary Licence, this has helped them find work and getting through all those life tasks we do every day. To find out more, visit the club website, Facebook, email admp.admin@rfnc.com.au or call **(03) 5829 1820**



PARENTS NEXT

ParentsNext at RFNC is a culturally safe program designed to support your next steps towards study or work.



You don't need to start looking for a job. Your ParentsNext consultant, Jess is there to help you build your confidence, develop your skills and access local services.

If you are already enrolled with a ParentsNext provider you can easily transfer to ParentsNext at RFNC.

TREATY DAY OUT

What a day it was at the first ever Treaty Day out, held at RFNC. A big thank you to all of our volunteers who persevered through the heat and stuck it out during the storm!

Thank you to organisers for enabling Rumba to set the stage and welcome all to Yorta Yorta Woka. We hope all our visitors, especially those visiting for the first time, our elders and all the amazing performers from across the country enjoyed our hospitality and facilities.

Another day written into the history books of Yorta Yorta Woka



CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

Get your membership now at rfnc.com.au - See below for the different memberships that are available. You will find further details of what is included, such as entry to home games or club merchandise, on the club website.

Social (Non-Player)
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

\$150

In Spirit

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

\$100

Adult Player

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

\$220

Junior Player

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

\$77



AEP

In December the AEP held a rail industry worker card (RIW), white card induction and hand signaller training. This will enable the participants to take up positions on the Shepparton Upgrade project.

Over the past month we have seen participants working on many of the projects in the region with tree planting in Barmah, Murchison Rail Upgrade and Rumba Ripples Projects.

On the 9th of March we will be having an information session for an upcoming job opportunity with the Parklake. Send in your resume to the below email if interested, more details to come.

Please contact the AEP team today to register if you would like to be kept up to date with job and training opportunities in 2022. You can contact the team via email aep.admin@rfnc.com.au



RUMBARIPPLES

Among the many jobs that Rumba Ripples have been working on over the last month has been the Yarning Circle at the Haven in Mooroopna.

This will provide the residents at the Haven a place to talk, share, discuss, educate and have a yarn together, a place to build respectful relationships and a space to enrich learning experiences.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have been using yarning circles for thousands of years. Looks amazing guys.



GOWOLA HOMEWORK CLUB

The Gowola Homework club kicked off in mid February with some great numbers in attendance. Make sure you get your bookings completed asap if you would like your child to attend. The program is again running out at the RFNC social rooms with afternoon tea provided to the students upon arrival.

Bus picks students up from primary school every Tuesday at 3:20pm. Bus can drop students home please contact Tina to organize.

Bookings

Contact: Tina Thompson
Phone: 0419370430
Email: gowola@rfnc.com.au

Primary School students - Tuesdays
Secondary School students - Thursdays



CONGRATULATIONS UNCLE PAUL

In acknowledgement of Uncle Paul's lifetime contribution to the First Nation's community and sport, he was awarded the Jack Titus Award by the AFL for his outstanding service to football across many decades.

As a Yorta Yorta elder, Uncle Paul is at the heart of one of the most passionate, determined and important sporting Clubs in Australia. His commitment and tenacity to improve outcomes for First Nations people through sport with the Rumbalara Football Netball Club is extraordinary.

Uncle Paul was hesitant to accept any praise for the award, when in his eyes it was a result of more than 100 years of Aboriginal football teams and stories.

"My contribution is picking up the legacy of those past champions, people like Sir Doug Nicholls, my Dad Les Briggs, the William Coopers and others....this award conjures up images of everyone else that has made a contribution"

One group that Uncle Paul talks about often that has

made a major contribution was the Cummeragunja Invincibles football team.

Between 1921 and 1931, the Invincibles won six premierships in 11 seasons. The Invincible spirit of Cummeragunja still lives on, inspiring the journey of Rumbalara Football Netball Club.

Uncle Paul played over 500 games of football in regional Victoria, his playing days were a stark contrast to what we now enjoy at Rumbalara Football Netball Club. When playing he felt a void, he had a game-time relationship with the communities and clubs but was not embedded in the social and cultural life of those clubs.

This relationship, between sport, society, the economy and culture is something that Uncle Paul spends a lot of time enacting.

The Jack Titus award is a much deserved acknowledgment of everything you have done for us all Uncle Paul and we thank you for your unwavering leadership that is making a difference in all of our lives.



CALENDAR



UPCOMING EVENTS

AEP Information Session

@RFNC Social Rooms 10am

Information session for an upcoming job opportunity with the Parklake in Shepparton. To book in and for more information please send through your resume to aep.admin@rfnc.com.au

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March

10-17-24

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Intraclub Matches (Football)

@ RFNC

Starts 6:30pm Thursdays

Mouthguard Clinic

@ RFNC Social Rooms 5:00pm-7:30pm

Rumbalara Football Netball Club in partnership with Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-Operative want our juniors to protect their teeth. Get professionally fitted for your mouth guard at our upcoming clinic.

15 & 17

March

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March

Practice Match (Football)

RFNC vs Shepp East
@ Rumba

Starts 2:00pm

Practice Match (Junior Netball)

RFNC vs Altona Rep Teams

@ Rumba

11:00am Coaching Clinic run by Marg Lind (City West Falcons VNL coach)

12:00pm - 1:30pm - Round Robin for U11's, U13's, U15's, U17's

Guest coaches from Collingwood Magpies Netball

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March

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March

Practice Match

RFNC vs Murchison
@ Rumba

Football
Thirds start 12pm
Seniors start 2pm

Netball
10:00am - U11's & 15's
11:00am - 13's & 17's
12:00pm - C & B Grade
1:00pm - A Grade

2022 DRAW

Round 1 - 02 Apr 22

Away vs Moama

Round 2 - 09 Apr 22

Home vs Mulwala

Round 3 - 15 Apr 22

Away vs Numurkah

Round 4 - 23 Apr 22

Home vs Deniliquin

Round 5 - 30 Apr 22

Away vs Cobram

Round 6 - 07 May 22

Away vs Congupna

Bye - 14 May 22

(Split round)

Round 7 - 21 May 22

(Split Round)

Home vs Barooga

Round 8 - 28 May 22

Away vs Finley

Round 9 - 04 Jun 22

Home vs Moama

Round 10 - 11 Jun 22

Away vs Mulwala

Round 11 - 18 Jun 22

Home vs Nathalia

Round 12 - 25 Jun 22

Away vs Barooga

General Bye - 02 Jul 22

Round 13 - 09 Jul 22

Home vs Finley

Round 14 - 16 Jul 22

Home vs Numurkah

Round 15 - 23 Jul 22

Away vs Deniliquin

Round 16 - 30 Jul 22

(Split Round)

Home vs Tongala

Bye - 14 May 22

(Split round)

Round 17 - 13 Aug 22

Home vs Echuca United

Round 18 - 22 Aug 22

Away vs Nathalia

Finals

1st Elimination Final 27 Aug 22

2nd Elimination Final 28 Aug 22

2nd Semi Final 03 Sep 22

1st Semi Final 04 Sep 22

Preliminary Final 10 Sep 22

Grand Final 17 Sep 22

