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GRAND FINALS



SENIOR PRELIMINARY FINALS @ GEORGE PARK 1

GRADE	TEAM A	TEAM B	TIME
MEN'S TIER 2	<i>PARKES PANTHERS</i>	<i>BATHURST BUSHRANGERS REBELS</i>	<i>11:00AM</i>
WOMEN'S	<i>BATHURST GIANTS</i>	<i>DUBBO DEMONS</i>	<i>12:30PM</i>
MEN'S TIER 1	<i>BATHURST BUSHRANGERS</i>	<i>BATHURST GIANTS</i>	<i>2:15PM</i>

JUNIOR GRAND FINALS

GRADE	TEAM A	TEAM B	TIME
UNDER-12s	<i>ORANGE TIGERS</i>	<i>DUBBO JUNIOR AFL</i>	TIGERS 4.5-29 def Dubbo 2.3-15
UNDER-14s	<i>ORANGE TIGERS</i>	<i>BATHURST GIANTS</i>	TIGERS 6.7-43 def Giants 5.8-38
YOUTH GIRLS	<i>BATHURST BUSHRANGERS</i>	<i>ORANGE TIGERS</i>	BUSHRANGERS 3.9-27 def Tigers 2.2-14
UNDER-17s	<i>ORANGE TIGERS</i>	<i>BATHURST GIANTS</i>	Tigers 3.4-22 def by GIANTS 5.13-43

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SENIOR MATCHES

2022 PREMIERS



**UNDER-12s PREMIERS:
ORANGE TIGERS**

**UNDER-14s PREMIERS:
ORANGE TIGERS**



**YOUTH GIRLS PREMIERS:
BATHURST BUSHRANGERS**



**UNDER-17s PREMIERS:
BATHURST GIANTS**

2022 BEST on GROUND



**UNDER-12s BoG:
JAMES McINTYRE**



**UNDER-14s BoG:
LOCHLAN NELDER**



**YOUTH GIRLS BoG:
NELL GRIFFIN**



**UNDER-17s BoG:
HARLEY SPICE**

2022 LEADING GOALKICKER



TIER 2 MEN'S	WOMEN'S	TIER 1 MEN'S
NATHAN WORTH 48 (BLUES)	OLIVIA JOHNSTON 41 (GIANTS)	NATHAN SMITH 58 (BUSHRANGERS)
ALEX BOYD 32 (PANTHERS)	EMILY WARNER 23 (DEMONS)	ISAAC HEATH 50 (DEMONS)
GRADY TAPPING 26 (BUSHRANGERS REBELS)	LAUREN HAZELL 23 (DEMONS)	SAM SLOAN 44 (GIANTS)
MARK SIMMONDS 22 (PANTHERS)	ELISE GULLIFER 23 (GIANTS)	HUGH TEMPLETON 32 (BUSHRANGERS)
CALEB WORTH 20 (BLUES)	HAILEE TAYLOR 19 (GIANTS)	JOE HEDGER 27 (DEMONS)
BRODY ROCHE 18 (DEMONS)	ALICIA HAFOKA 17 (DEMONS)	KOLBY McMAHON 23 (BUSHRANGERS)
JYE DILLON 16 (PANTHERS)	TAMARA THOMPSON 16 (GIANTS)	JOSHUA ANASIS 19 (DEMONS)
JONTY RALPH 14 (PANTHERS)	CIARA KEARNS 12 (BUSHRANGERS)	TIMOTHY HUNTER 17 (BUSHRANGERS)
JORDAN PRICE 14 (BUSHRANGERS REBELS)	ANGELA EVANS 10 (BUSHRANGERS)	JAMES SMITH 16 (BUSHRANGERS)
FRANK BRIGHT 14 (BLUES)	KEEGHAN TUCKER 10 (DEMONS)	ANDREW O'BRIEN 16 (TIGERS)

HONORABLE GUESTS



AFL CENTRAL WEST would like to acknowledge and thank our honourable guests and invitees to today's matches, and both Hall of Fame and Life Members that may or may not be in attendance for their contribution to AFL in our region:

Life Members

- Tony Lewis (2013)
- Geoff Day (2008)
- David Redden (2009)
- Jack Munk (2011)

Hall of Fame

- Tony Lewis (2021)
- Geoff Day (2021)
- Michael Sloan (2021)
- David Redden (2021)
- Graeme Clements (2021)

2022 AFL CW Grand Final Honourable Guests

- The Hon. Paul Toole - Deputy Premier, Member for Bathurst
- Mr Robert 'Stumpy' Taylor - Mayor of Bathurst
- Ms Kirralee Burke (apology) - Councillor, Bathurst Regional Council
- Mr Geoff Harmer - Representative, Young Saints 1982 First Grade Premiers
- Mr Joe Knagge - Representative, Dubbo Demons 1984 Reserve Grade Premiers
- Ms Abbey Hardie - Representative, Bathurst Bushrangers 2015 Women's Premiers
- Mr Brent Trewin - State Umpire Manager, AFL NSW/ACT
- Mr Marc Geppert (apology) - Community Football Regional Manager (ACT & Regional NSW)

SCHEDULE



TIME	EVENT
10:00am	Change Rooms Open
10:30am	Welcome & Housekeeping
10:45am	Tier 2 Team Announcements
11:00am	Tier 2 match start
12:15pm	Tier 2 finishes, Team Announcements for Women's, Presentations for Tier 2
12:30pm	Women's match start
1:45pm	Women's finishes, Team Announcements for Tier 1, Presentations for Women's
2:15pm	Tier 1 match starts
4:00pm	Tier 1 finishes, Presentations for Under-Youth Girls
4:30pm	Grand Final Day closed

WELCOME



On behalf of AFL Central West, welcome to the 2022 Senior Grand Final Day.

Firstly, thank you to the Bathurst Bushrangers for hosting the day's play, and congratulations to your Tier 1 side on winning this season's Minor Premiership. Congratulations on rebounding from the disappointment of finishing second in last season's shortened competition and finishing the year as the competition's first unbeaten side in a full-length Tier 1 home and away season since your 2013 Bushrangers' side.

Today, four clubs represent their communities on Senior Grand Final, six days after all four clubs were represented on Junior Grand Final Day. Good luck to the Parkes Panthers Tier 2, Bathurst Giants Women's and Tier 1, Dubbo Demons Women's and Bathurst Bushrangers Tier 2 Rebels and Tier 1 sides competing today

Last year we were unable to celebrate 40-Years of Footy in the Central West with premierships and Grand Finals, and I want to thank and acknowledge everyone involved with each of the seven clubs for their efforts and support in getting us to this point in the season.

Today, we will have special presentations of premiership medals and trophies, with each grade receiving these by members of our senior competitions inaugural premiers. Thank you to Geoff Harmer (Young Saints - First Grade 1982), Joe Knagge (Dubbo Demons - Reserve Grade 1984), and Abbey Hardie (Bathurst Bushrangers - Women's 2015) for getting involved with celebrating our competition's history.

Please check out our small shrine of celebrations next to the 2022 trophies, which has a collection of photos, trophies and memorabilia from each of these teams.

WELCOME



We have had a successful 2022 season, with the opening and first matches at Gaggin Oval Forbes, visits to the region from Shane Mumford and Leon Cameron, the nicest man in football Lenny Hayes joining the Bathurst Giants, and some outstanding achievements from our high-end junior talent via Polding and Western PSSA selections, in addition to GWS Development Squad progression. Each club has also had several players celebrate milestones be that 50, 100, 150, or 200 games.

To the club executive members who work long hours, and then work even longer hours on football, to the coaches and managers who turn up every week, and to the volunteers that run canteens, scoreboards, and do what they do to ensure football is played each week, thank you.

Whilst the participants play a major role in today's proceedings, the umpires also remain integral. Please don't criticise the decisions, for these comments won't change the decision. Acknowledge and support them and ensure that these important members of our game have a positive experience today.

I'd like to thank both Micheal Brown and Paul Willoughby for their support of the umpires and coordination of umpire appointments this season, as well as acknowledge all at clubland who do so much for your club umpires' development.

This season, Dubbo Demons celebrated their 40th anniversary, and the Orange Tigers held their rescheduled celebrations following its cancellation in 2021. We celebrated Sir Doug Nicholls Round with full league involvement, and finally got to see the unveiling of the Dubbo Demons Indigenous Round playing guernsey that was supposed to be used last season. We acknowledged R U OK? Round, with fantastic days at Orange and Bushrangers, such a significant round for our league.

WELCOME



This season has been one of many challenges, particularly throughout the off-season, and I wanted to thank everyone who has supported one another during the season. We are a big family, and I hope it continues like that long into the future.

Congratulations to last week's Grand Final winners, Orange Tigers Under-12s and Under-14s, Bathurst Bushrangers Youth Girls, and Bathurst Giants Under-17s. Additionally, congratulations to each of the players awarded Best on Ground, James McIntyre (Under-12s), Lochlan Nelder (Under-14s), Nell Griffin (Youth Girls), and Harley Spice (Under-17s).

Finally, thank you to the other members of the Regional NSW Competition Management Committee, whose efforts and support for me this year have allowed you all to play the game we love. We don't get it right every time, but we do the best we can to facilitate this great game.

2022 has been one of the most competitive seasons in recent memory, with any of the Top Three in most grades capable of beating one-another on any given day. We are set for three fantastic matches today, and we will crown deserving premiers at the conclusion.

Good luck to all eight teams playing today, congratulations to the winners, and commiserations to the losers. Have a fantastic day.

Good luck to all involved in today

Casey White

Competition & Development Coordinator – Central West

WELCOME



To all in attendance,

The Bathurst Bushrangers AFL Club are proud to be hosting the AFL Central West Senior Grand Final Day.

As the President of the Bathurst Bushrangers, it is a privilege to welcome players, coaches, support staff, family and friends from the Parkes Panthers, Dubbo Demons and Bathurst Giants, together with all other spectators in attendance.

Congratulations to each of the players, and teams, that will be participating in today's matches. The quality of the football played this season has been at its highest when each of these teams opposed each other throughout the year, therefore it is only fitting that we get to see them all play one more time in today's Grand Finals.

We were privileged to watch our Youth Girls side claim their first premiership last Sunday, a fantastic achievement. Thank you and congratulations to all who were a part of that team. We are excited to play host for two of our senior sides today, good luck to both our Tier 1 men and Tier 2 Rebels.



WELCOME



Furthermore, I wish to pass my gratitude and thanks to Casey White, the league's Competition & Development Coordinator, for his tireless efforts throughout the season, and, Micheal Brown, the AFLCW Umpiring Coach for his work in training and supporting our match day officials.

An extraordinary amount of work goes into facilitating a sporting competition, and, following on from the challenges over the last 2-years, we thank you for your support and congratulate you for everything that you have been able to achieve this season.

Finally, I would like to pass my best wishes onto everyone participating today. Play hard, play fair and enjoy the day.

Yours in footy,

James King

President - Bathurst Bushrangers AFL Club



Congratulations and thank you once again to Head Coach of the GWS Development Squad (Central West Squad) Kieran Brown, and his team of assistants, James Metzeling and Andrew O'Brien for their support of our Junior superstars.

Following last month's announcement, the below players have been selected in the Combined Western Sydney, South Coast & Central West squad for the upcoming GIANTS Development Regional Challenge Games on September 10 & 11. Congratulations, to those selected, your hard work and thousands of km travelled has been rewarded.

GRADE	PLAYERS				
12s	<i>CONNOR HOBBY</i>	<i>JACK SARA</i>			
13s	<i>RILEY GOODSELL</i>	<i>CAMERON HEALEY</i>			
14s	<i>HEIDI ZWIERS</i>	<i>BRAYDON TOTTEN</i>			
15s	<i>OLIVIA ANDERSON</i>	<i>LUCY DRISCOLL</i>	<i>CLAIRE GIBSON</i>	<i>CHARLI HUNTER</i>	<i>JAMES ARMOUR</i>
15s CONT.	<i>HARVEY SHEPHARD</i>				

GWS

DEVELOPMENT



BATHURST BUSHRANGERS



It's been another incredibly successful season for the Rebels, with former and current juniors establishing their place in senior footy, in addition to several experienced players dropping back to strengthen the side.

Whilst predominately under-strength throughout the Home & Away season, as the Tier 1 side struggled with injury, the Rebels went about their business. The side claimed a huge mid-season scalp, beating Cowra at home, and although dropped matches against Parkes (x2) and Dubbo away, still went into the final two rounds optimistic of finishing second.

A close loss to Cowra in Round 13 was maybe the best thing that could happen. It reinforced that the side could match it with the top two, whilst ensuring they'd finish third and not face Parkes in the opening round of finals.

A classy performance, arguably the best of the season against Dubbo in the Elimination Final, let the boys live another day, and they backed it up a week later, knocking off the fancied Cowra Blues. Now, it's Grand Final time, a day which many of the players have experienced either at junior or senior level.

Coming up against the Panthers won't be easy, but the side have hit form at the right time, are at close to full-strength, and are ready to cause an upset in front of the home crowd.

Alex Sparks has taken the reins mid-season, and the form of himself and key forward Grady Tapping has been exceptional, as they've worked together to generate scoring shots. The youth brigade of Nick Fogo, Dylan Patching and two of the brightest rising talents at the Bushrangers, Reece Belmonte and Harry Knight have the club excited not only about the potential for an upset today, but the future as well.

BATHURST BUSHRANGERS



What a season for the Tier 1 boys. An unbeaten minor premierships, earning the right to host Senior Grand Final Day. The reigning premiers, a crown they've held since 2020, and a home & away season that hasn't been seen in 10 years makes for an exciting prospect ahead of the big game.

Bill Watterson has led from the front again this year, continuing to stamp himself as one of the competition's elite. He's had plenty of support in 2022 however, with Nathan Smith dominating up forward, James Smith and Hamish Alexander further coming on in senior footy, and the likes of Hugh Templeton, Isaac Coldicott, Andrew James and Kolby McMahon all playing important roles when fit.

The return of Tom Markey strengthened the club's defence, with Tom Maher and Alex Davey a resolute supporting cast.

Grand Finals have been a consistent, the side still yet to miss a first grade grand final since the club's inception in 2004, and whilst wins on the first Saturday in September have been hard to come by during this time, the side is as primed for victory as we've seen a Bushrangers lineup.

A huge thankyou to coaches Tim Hunter, Matt Archer, and Anthony Smith for their efforts throughout the season. Congratulations and thankyou to those who have played a part in the team's success this season. Whilst only 20 can take the field on Grand Final Day, there's been plenty of guys that have contributed to the team in 2022.

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BATHURST GIANTS



The Senior Women continue to shine across the competition. A relatively stable list has allowed the ladies to grow again in 2022 and improve key skills, knowledge and footy craft.

The team began the season on a high participating in a pre-season carnival in Queanbeyan against teams from premier competitions in Canberra and Sydney, competing well and showing that we can match it with some of the best players running around.

The team welcomed Tasmyn Davies and Lucy Little from the Youth Girls team and ran training sessions with the junior team during the season to ensure that the transition pathways are strong. This was further evidenced by the debut of three Youth Girls in the Senior Women's team in 2022.

Lead by the AFL NSW/ACT-nominated AFLW Community Ambassador, Katie Kennedy, the women's program at the GIANTS continues to grow with a record number of girls playing football at the club in 2022.

With 11 premiership players and 6 players that reached the 50-game milestone in 2022, supported by the experience of Carla Hill and Sarah Day from Cowra, the team is ready to take their third premiership after finishing Minor Premiers in an undefeated season in 2021. Good luck today ladies.



BATHURST GIANTS



The Senior Men's team returns to the Grand Final in 2022 after a disappointing end to the 2021 Season where the team was primed to challenge for a premiership after finishing Minor Premiers.

After a few off-season departures and a difficult pre-season, the team has come together strongly towards the end of the year. With six teenagers, including arguably our best player this year Cooper Brien, and another five players under the age of 21, this team is a reflection of the Club's strong junior program. The team welcomed a fleet of debutants across 2022 including three members of the premiership winning Under 17s team.

The youth is matched by experience with James Kennedy and Damian Cuff reaching 150 games during the season and Simon Kay and Shaun Noyen providing exceptional on-field support. The leadership of Bailey Brien supported by Luke Macauley and Jacob Molkentin continues to grow and ensures that the Club is in great hands. The GIANTS also benefitted from the opportunity to train and play with Lenny Hayes, an experience that the players will never forget.

Under the guidance of retiring foundational coach Mark Kennedy, supported by the experience of Shane Broes and Steve Mann and pre-season training from John Fearnley, the team continues to grow and build. Another opportunity to play in a Grand Final is a privilege and the team is primed ready to take on this challenge. Good luck today boys.



BATHURST GIANTS



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COWRA BLUES



Off the field, Cowra's 2022 season started brilliantly, with the move to new major sponsor, Cowra Bowling Club. The Blues welcomed former junior premiership winning coach Marc Hyland back behind the whiteboard to lead their Tier 2 side.

Expectations were promising, and albeit with a slow start and first round loss to Minor Premiers Parkes, the Blues quickly became one of the competition's standout sides.

Their consistency at home, and arguably best on-road performance (an 83-point defeat of Dubbo in Dubbo) since their premiership 2016 season built a strong foundation.

Nathan Worth lead from the front claiming the league's leading goalkicker award with 48 majors (incl finals), and was well supported by Caleb Worth (20) and club president Frank Bright (14 from six matches).

Injuries threatened to derail the season, but a classy win in their final home and away match against the Bushrangers Rebels set the club up for the double chance, and first crack at the Panthers in finals.

A pair of losses prematurely ended the Blues' season in the finals, and whilst no doubt disappointed to not feature on Grand Final day, there were plenty of positives to take from season 2022.

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DUBBO DEMONS



What a year it's been for the Dubbo Demons. An Elimination Final exit for the Tier 2 side, a Preliminary Final exit for the Tier 1, and finally a Grand Final for the Women's.

In addition to this, a significant number of players, the first time in six seasons have transitioned from playing in the junior grades to gain a taste of senior footy. From the Men's - Brayden Pearson, Jake Egan, Beau Barrett, and Xander Lakin made debuts at senior level. From the girls - Brooklyn Talbot (featuring today), June Jones, Zoe McAneney, and Molly Mayall all made their debut.

The Women's side welcomed many new faces off the back of another successful AFL 9s competition, and whilst the team lost the opener against today's opponents, they were never challenged for second place. Defeating the Giants twice was a massive achievement, and sets up a thrilling Grand Final.

Pete Martinoli has been amazing in coaching the side this year, as was Kaitlyn Waldie when she took the whiteboard in Women's Coaching Month. The team has continued to bond and grow, and it's exciting for Dubbo AFL to have 24 players , plus three emergencies selected for today's game.

There's so much talent in Dubbo AFL, and with the juniors continuing to feed into the senior club, the future is exciting. Regardless of the result today, it's safe to assume Dubbo Demons will be thereabouts this time next year in all three grades.

Finally, thankyou to all the players and volunteers who do so much to support the side, and for those who travel from well beyond Dubbo just to play for the club.

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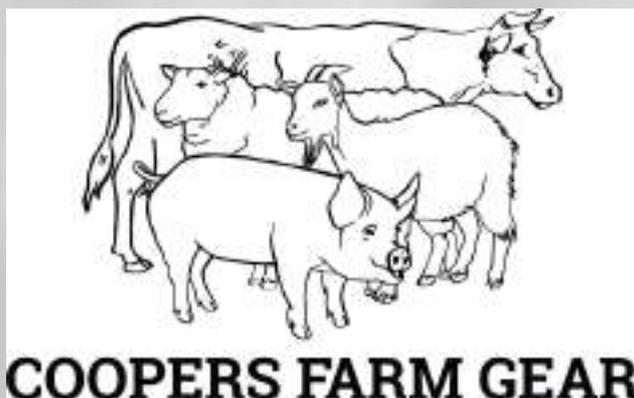
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ORANGE TIGERS



Whilst not making an appearance on Senior Grand Final day in 2022, the Tigers had a very successful Junior season, which culminated in their Under-12s and Under-14s winning the premierships.

The Under-12s was a low-scoring and hotly contested encounter, with opponents Dubbo Junior AFL bringing arguably their best performance of the season to the table in their attempt to take down the minor premier Tigers.

The Tigers were able to weather the storm of pressure from Dubbo, eventually running out 13-point victors. James McIntyre was awarded player of the match, for his efforts.

The Under-14s was a thriller. A see-sawing contest across four tightly-fought quarters. Heading into the match with three of their four contests between the Tigers and Giants decided by less than a goal, this one was billed as a likely match of the day.

The lead changed hands multiple times, however it came down to a Cayden Metzeling set-shot from 30m out, to help Orange regain the lead. He made no mistake, the Tigers hitting the front by five points with less than a minute on the clock.

Whilst the Giants were able to win the final clearance and move the ball forward, they were unable to get the necessary major, granting the Minor Premiers their second flag of the day.

Lochlan Nelder was huge for the Tigers, picking up the Best on Ground medal for his outstanding performance.

ORANGE TIGERS



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PARKES PANTHERS



There were several highlights from the historic fortieth season of Parkes AFL; including another Minor Premiership and unbeaten season, and 100-games brought up by coach Mitch Stubberfield and President Branden Clinton.

With a mix of old, experienced players, and new players who've never set foot on an AFL field before, they've had a lot of fun and laughs throughout the year. Captained by Peter Webb, who shows huge commitment to the club and the game, the dedication shown by the boys this year is admirable, and is a great reflection upon the club itself.

To all our sponsors, volunteers and supporters. Railway Hotel as major sponsors for another awesome year. Caitlin Thomas & Rachael Gazzola for all their hard work each week getting the boys on the field. Ron Hetherington for all his hard work in the background.

We've had some pretty significant milestones with some of our continuing players this year, along with the incredible success of our Forbes juniors, whom the Panthers are keen to support into the future.

But the boys know that this weekend's game will be hard, finals footy is a different game. The Bushies always bring a tough, technical game. Coach Mitch Stubberfield recognises this. In his third straight year coaching the side, Stubbs is keen to have a good game of footy from all the boys, and hopefully bring home the trophy once again to Pantherland. Let's Go Panthers!



PARKES PANTHERS



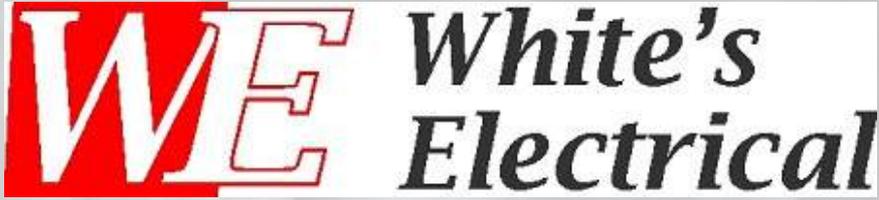
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TIER 2 MEN'S



Previous matches:

Round 8 - Bushrangers Rebels 6.5-41 def by *Panthers* 11.15-81, Round 12 - *Panthers* 7.15-57 def Bushrangers Rebels 2.5-17

Road to the Grand Final:

Panthers - *Panthers* 6.5-41 def Cowra Blues 3.1-19 (QF)

Rebels - *Bushrangers Rebels* 9.7-61 def Dubbo Demons 1.3-9 (EF), Cowra Blues 2.6-18 def by *Bushrangers Rebels* 7.4-46 (PF)

Players to watch:

Panthers - Peter Webb, Mitchell Stubberfield, Alex Boyd, Paul Willersdorf

Bushrangers Rebels - Scott Jablonskis, Jordan Price, Grady Tapping, Reece Belmonte

Season Stats:

Panthers - P12, W12, L0, For 1116, Against 159, 701.89% (Finals P1, W1)

Bushrangers Rebels - P12, W8, L4, For 797, Against 402, 198.26% (Finals P2, W2)

Leading Goalkickers (inside Top-20):

Panthers - Alex Boyd (32), Mark Simmonds (22), Jye Dillon (16), Jonty Ralph (14), Mitchell Stubberfield (12), Josh Duffy (9)

Bushrangers Rebels - Grady Tapping (26), Jordan Price (14), Scott Jablonskis (9), Jai Bellamy (9)

2022 was another season unbeaten for the Panthers, a 25-match winning streak which dates back to Round 7 2020. Again the benchmark of the Tier 2 competition, the Panthers weathered losing a significant group of their 2021 Minor Premiership side, to reset, rebuild and deliver more success to the community

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TIER 2 MEN'S



Led expertly by coach Mitchell Stubberfield, and captain Peter Webb, the side have looked dominant for a majority of the season. The key to their success has been a miserly defence who've conceded only 159-points.

With six players in the top-20 for the league's leading goalkicker, there's been no shortage of offence at NorthParkes Oval this season, with several new faces providing the goods in front of goal. First year players Alex Boyd (32 goals), Mark Simmonds (22) have excelled, and although at times wayward on goal, the forward core have reaped the rewards from the volume of delivery they receive.

Their opponents are no strangers to Grand Final day, with a majority of Bushrangers Rebels having played Tier 1 or Reserves Grand Finals. Many have progressed through the junior ranks into senior footy, and they've been an exciting team to watch in 2022.

Reece Belmonte has arguably been their standout performer this finals campaign, with Scott Jablonskis, John Noyen, and when available Jordan Price all having dominant years. The evergreen Brian Matheson wound back the clock for their Elimination Final victory, and the likely Boyd-Matheson matchup shapes as a crucial one today.

Any question marks around the Rebels ability to score have been cancelled over their two finals performances, both matches outscoring what Parkes were able to achieve in their only match.

PREDICTION: We simply can't go past the unbeaten Minor Premiers in this one, and whilst the two previous clashes were decided by 40-points, anticipate a much closer encounter with arguably the Rebels best outfit for the season. Panthers by 22-points.

TIER 2 MEN'S



FF	#22 Jonty RALPH	#29 Alex BOYD	
FB	#24 John NOYEN (vc)	#1 Brian MATHESON	
HF	#6 Mitch STUBBERFIELD	#21 Mark SALAU	#27 Mark SIMMONDS
HB	#28 Mark ANDERSON	#18 Matt LUTHER	#12 Isaac HALL
C	#17 Josh DUFFY	#1 Travis CARTE	#24 Matthew VIZARD
C	#6 Will LESH	#4 Scott JABLONSKIS (c)	#7 Patrick FISHER
HB	#5 Peter WEBB (c)	#28 Justin KELLY	#20 Branden CLINTON
HF	#22 Michael LONG	#26 Alexander SPARKS	#38 Reece BELMONTE
FB	#14 Timothy BARBER	#19 Thomas CHENEY	
FF	#16 Jai BELLAMY	#19 Grady TAPPING	
FOL	#15 Alex ROGERS	#5 Paul WILLERSDORF	#30 Jye DILLON
FOL	#30 Trent GRANTHAM	#15 Jordan PRICE	#27 James LEVEN



PARKES PANTHERS

INT	#3 Tuskin McALPINE	#10 Alex WARREN	#12 Riley PIKE (vc)	#16 Rohan WILES	#26 Rusell BICKET	#31 Leroy BOLT		
INT	#3 Mathew CHAPMAN	#5 Nicholas FOGO	#10 Samuel FLUDE	#11 Kieran BALL	#14 Dylan PATCHING	#23 Cameron RICHARDS	#48 Harry Knight	#71 Liam GIBSON
OFF	Mitch Stubberfield (Coach)							
OFF	Alexander SPARKS (Coach)		Tony LEWIS (Assistant Coach)		Emergency: #8 Steve GRUNDY			

WOMEN'S



Previous matches:

Round 1 - *Giants* 4.12-36 def *Dubbo* 3.3-21, Round 5 - *Dubbo* 5.3-33 def *Giants* 4.4-28, Round 7 - *Dubbo* 4.1-25 def by *Giants* 6.4-39, Round 10 - *Giants* 4.2-26 def by *Dubbo* 9.5-59, Round 13 - *Dubbo* 2.1-13 def by *Giants* 9.8-62

Road to the Grand Final:

Giants - N/a (progressed as automatic qualifier from winning Minor Premiership)

Dubbo - *Dubbo* 5.3-33 def Bathurst Bushrangers 1.1-7 (PF)

Players to watch:

Giants - Katie Kennedy, Olivia Johnston, Zoe Peters, Tasmyn Davies

Dubbo - Emily Warner, Kaitlyn Waldie, Lauren Hazell, Brooklyn Talbot

Season Stats:

Giants - P14, W12, L2, For 981, Against 222, 441.89%

Dubbo - P15, W11, L4, For 763, Against 321, 237.69% (Finals P1, W1)

Leading Goalkickers (inside Top-20):

Giants - Olivia Johnston (41), Elise Gullifer (23), Hailee Taylor (19), Tamara Thompson (16), Tasmyn Davies (9), Molly McCrossin (9), Zoe Peters (7), Molly Mann (6)

Dubbo - Emily Warner (23), Lauren Hazell (23), Alicia Hafoka (17), Keeghan Tucker (10), Kaitlyn Waldie (6), Korine Coleman (5)

Like Parkes before them, the Women's Grand Final finds a team who's also enjoyed a lengthy winning streak. The premier side of the past four seasons Bathurst Giants, will seek further redemption against a Dubbo Demons team who took Premiership glory from their grasp in 2018. That loss kickstarted an incredible run, with only one defeat between 2019-2021. Things haven't been as straight forward this season, with Emily Warner and co taking two matches off the Giants.

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WOMEN'S



The Giants have remained the team to beat all year, with only Dubbo achieving this feat, and rightfully go into the game as favourites following a fourth consecutive Minor Premiership.

Both sides have significant firepower up front, with 14 of the competition's top-20 goal scorers playing today. Following two seasons of development, 2022 was a breakout year for star key forward Olivia Johnston. Her 41 goals 18-clear of the next best haul including 10 in five matches against Dubbo. For Dubbo to have any chance, they need to restrict the midfield's delivery, and take Johnston out of the game.

The usual suspects will need to perform for Dubbo. Emily Warner has had yet another outstanding season, and will need to be at her best. Kaitlyn Waldie will also play a key role through the midfield, likely matching up on Katie Kennedy. This matchup, between two of the competition's finest midfielders, will set the tone for the game.

Whilst stopping Johnston will play a role, the Giants' small forwards including Tamara Thompson, Zoe Peters. Elise Gullifer and Hailee Taylor are more than capable of piling on a score.

Across the two sides, there are several graduates of the Youth Girls program, including the promising Tasmyn Davies and Brooklyn Talbot, both of whom have had outstanding years in their first seasons of senior footy.

PREDICTION: The first three matches were nail biters, with the Dees belting the Giants in Round 10, and the reverse occurring in Round 13. The sides are one-apiece against one-another on Grand Final day, and this one shapes as being one of the Women's competition's greatest finishes. Giants by 14.

WOMEN'S



FF	#19 Elise GULLIFER (vc)	#16 Olivia JOHNSTON	
FB	#23 Cassandra KELLY	#32 Keeghan TUCKER	
HF	#5 Tamara THOMPSON	#24 Molly McCROSSIN	#12 Hailee TAYLOR
HB	#15 Tahlia SINCLAIR	#21 Mikaela CULLEN	#33 Larissa CONNOLLY
C	#27 Molly MANN	#9 Tasmyn DAVIES	#30 Zoe PETERS
C	#16 Brooklyn TALBOT	#11 Bec WILDE (c)	#26 Meghann McCLOUD
HB	#8 Saige DAVIES	#15 Rosie SNARE	#20 Brooke WRIGHT
HF	#4 Shelly GEORGE	#24 Korine COLEMAN	#9 Caitlin PLUTA
FB	#7 Sarah DAY	#21 Brooke ALEXANDER	
FF	#14 Alicia HAFOKA	#8 Lauren HAZELL (c)	
FOL	#14 Laycee COVINGTON-GORST	#10 Katie KENNEDY (c)	#29 Carla HILL
FOL	#19 Emily WARNER (c)	#7 Kaitlyn WALDIE (c)	#10 Martyka SCHLUMPF

BATHURST GIANTS

INT	#3 Tara TRINDALL	#6 Aimee SCHMIDT	#13 Lilli MOONEY	#18 Emily PRESS	#25 Sarah TAYLOR	#28 Lucy LITTLE		
INT	#3 Lyndall BASSETT	#6 Anthea JOSHUA	#12 Annabelle HEIDENREICH	#17 Amber DUTTON	#20 Tess MARSHALL	#28 Kailee JONES	#29 Emily ROSS	#36 Claire JOSHUA
OFF	Liz KENNEDY (Coach)			Michael SLOAN (Assistant Coach)		Mikaela KINGHAM (Water/Medical)		
OFF	Peter MARTINOLI (Coach)			Kaitlyn WALDIE (Assistant Coach)		Emergencies: #2 June JONES, #27 Kirsten COADY, #40 Trudy SLOANE		

TIER 1 MEN'S



Previous matches:

Round 2 - *Bushrangers* 20.14-134 def *Giants* 1.4-10, Round 4 - *Giants* 8.7-55 def by *Bushrangers* 17.17-119, Round 8 - *Giants* 12.10-82 def by *Bushrangers* 14.13-97, Round 11 - *Bushrangers* 13.17-95 def *Giants* 6.9-45, Round 14 - *Giants* 8.8-56 def by *Bushrangers* 12.3-75

Road to the Finals:

Bushrangers - N/a (progressed as automatic qualifier from winning Minor Premiership)

Giants - *Giants* 16.9-105 def *Dubbo Demons* 15.5-95

Players to watch:

Bushrangers - Bill Watterson, Andrew James, Nathan Smith, Alexander Davey

Giants - Sam Sloan, Cooper Brien, Nicholas Broes, Jack Goodsell

Season Stats:

Bushrangers - P15, W15, L0, For 1536, Against 679, 226.22%

Giants - P14, W6, L8, For 1039, Against 1132, 91.78% (Finals P1, W1)

Leading Goalkickers (inside Top-20):

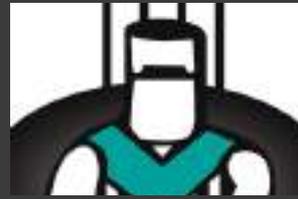
Bushrangers - Nathan Smith (58), Hugh Templeton (32), Kolby McMahon (23), Timothy Hunter (17), James Smith (16), Joshua Connellan (13), Isaac Coldicott (11)

Giants - Sam Sloan (44), Nicholas Broes (15), Bailey Brien (15), Cooper Brien (13), Paul Jenkins (12)

In 2022, the Bushrangers celebrated their second unbeaten Minor Premiership since 2020, and first in a full season since 2013. They come up against their 2020 Grand Final opponents, the Bathurst Giants. It's a Bathurst Derby not to be missed, with the new look Bushrangers keen to end the 2021 Minor Premiers season and cap off a perfect record.

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TIER 1 MEN'S



The Bushrangers were boosted by some massive inclusions this season. Nathan Smith, made the move and played one match in 2021 before the abandonment, but has shown his worth this season. His 58 goals were clearly the best haul from a player this year, and has helped support the dynamic forward line including Tim Hunter, James Smith, and Hugh Templeton.

It's a massive task ahead of Shaun Noyen and James Kennedy, stopping Templeton and Smith in addition to whomever gets the job on Isaac Coldicott. The last time these three were on the park together, they combined for 10 of the Bushrangers' 13, in a 50-point victory over today's opposition.

For arguably the first time this season, the Bushrangers are at full strength, a daunting proposition for the Giants. They however, have no shortage of threats. Sam Sloan has found form after a slow start to the season, and was incredible last week, booting five in the opening quarter.

He'll be supported by Nicholas Broes, who appears to have made the shift from defence to attack in 2022, and has kicked some crucial goals. There's plenty of offensive firepower from the midfield, and should Jack Goodsell win the contest against Peter Grundy, first use for a midfield consisting of Cooper Brien, Liam Cooke, and Luke Macauley will be dangerous.

Alexander Davey is likely to get the job on Sloan, a huge task to stop the Giants #1 tall. The match could well turn into a shootout between Smith and Sloan, should the teams get clean access from midfield.

PREDICTION: The Giants were outstanding last week, but the Bushrangers have had their measure all season. We see them collecting their 16th win of the year today, completing a perfect season. Bushrangers by 27-points

TIER 1 MEN'S



FF	#14 Timothy HUNTER	#21 Nathan SMITH	#20 Isaac COLDICOTT
FB	#14 Simon KAY	#28 James KENNEDY	#25 Andrew RYAN
HF	#6 James SMITH	#15 Hugh TEMPLETON	
HB	#11 Jacob MOLKENTIN (vc)	#6 Shaun NOYEN	
C	#9 Joshua CONNELLAN	#16 Matthew ARCHER	#18 Hamish ALEXANDER
C	#9 Josh BROES	#1 Luke MACAULEY	#18 Frederick GUNNING
HB	#2 Bill WATTERSON (c)	#4 Adrian HICKEY	
HF	#19 Ji HARTLAND	#5 Nicholas BROES	
FB	#17 Tom MAHER	#5 Alexander DAVEY (vc)	#19 Tom MARKEY
FF	#7 Bailey BRIEN (c)	#22 Sam SLOAN	#15 Emmitt CARR-SMITH
FOL	#3 Peter GRUNDY	#24 Andrew JAMES (vc)	#25 Kolby McMAHON
FOL	#23 Jack GOODSSELL	#2 Liam COOKE	#10 Cooper BRIEN



BATHURST BUSHRANGERS

INT	#10 Samuel KENNEDY	#13 Luke NEWMAN	#22 Riley HOLLAND	#23 Benjamin HORN
INT	#4 Brody TAYLOR	#13 Damian CUFF	#17 Joseph O'NEILL	#11 Fergus MANN
OFFICIALS	Matthew ARCHER (Coach)		Timothy HUNTER (Coach)	
OFFICIALS	Mark KENNEDY (Coach)		Shane BROES (Assistant Coach)	

2022 SENIOR GRAND FINAL UMPIRES



FIELD UMPIRES

TIER 2 MEN'S	Arend BOOG	Geoff DAY	
WOMEN'S	Shaun ROWLANDS	Luke WHITTON	
TIER 1 MEN'S	Matthew TABBERNOR	Arend BOOG	Micheal BROWN

GOAL UMPIRES

TIER 2 MEN'S	Marcus SHOWELL	Micheal BROWN
WOMEN'S	Marcus SHOWELL	Matthew TABBERNOR
TIER 1 MEN'S	Marcus SHOWELL	Peter O'NEILL

BOUNDARY UMPIRES

TIER 2 MEN'S	Amelia WRIGHT	Josh THOMPSON	Sebastian KING	Sonia HORN
WOMEN'S	Lucy DRISCOLL	Josh THOMPSON	Tori WHITLA	Sebastian KING
TIER 1 MEN'S	Dylan PATCHING	Harry KNIGHT	Nick FOGO	Tony FISHER

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TACKLE YOUR FEELINGS



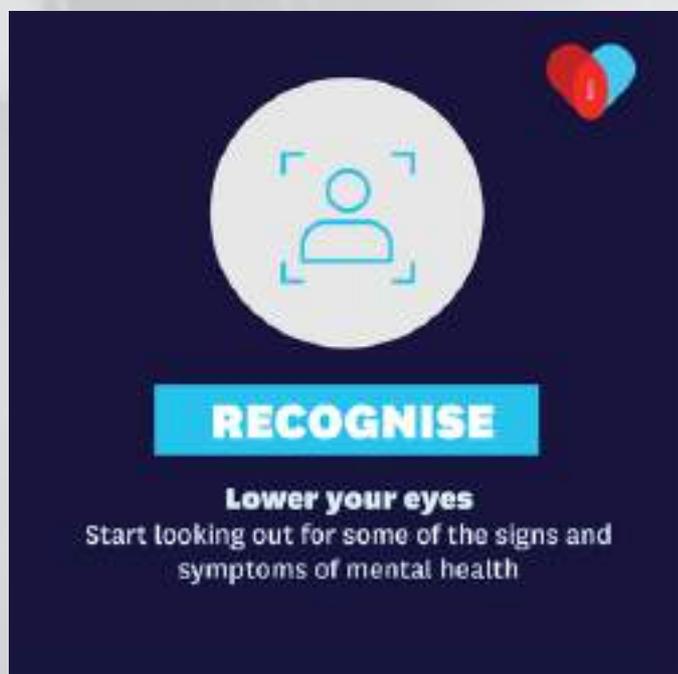
Tackle Your Feelings is a free mental health training program for community AFL coaches, as well as committee members and other club support staff.

The program was formed by the AFL Coaches Association, AFL Players' Association and Zurich Insurance in 2018, after the tragic death of Adelaide coach Phil Walsh three years earlier.

The workshop is delivered by a local psychologist and aims to help participants gain the tools to Understand, Recognise and Respond to signs of mental ill-health in their players.

In 2022, Tackle Your Feelings have coordinated two sessions in the Central West, one at Bathurst Giants, the other with Dubbo Junior AFL and Dubbo Demons.

As part of the Dubbo session, we were fortunate to have former GWS GIANTS coach Leon Cameron attend, and share his advice and experiences to the participants



UNDER-10s COMPETITION



The 2022 season saw the introduction of the fifth junior age group, Under-10s. Participated on a modified field with teams from Bathurst GIANTS, Dubbo Junior AFL & Orange Tigers/Forbes Swampies, the inaugural shortened season will be considered a success by many.

Officially launched at the Dubbo vs Orange game day in Forbes, the final four rounds saw teams compete for fun and skill development. The program intended to support the transition of players from Auskick (particularly midweek Auskick centres) to play footy on Sundays.

The Under-10s competition formally concluded at last week's Preliminary Finals, with the AFL CW Game Development team running the kids through some skill acquisition activities before finishing with a final match.

Thankyou to all participants from our inaugural season, we hope you had a fantastic time.

Thank you to all the coaches, Shaun Noyen, Rachel Fairman, & Ben Bock for their efforts. Thank you also to Darcy Fairman, Beau Barrett and Ben Halvorson for umpiring matches during the competition



UNDER-10s COMPETITION





**Good luck to all
teams today**

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