



## Media Release

### Berry Powell Nalder Tracey Medal Senior Presentation Night

On Wednesday September the 15<sup>th</sup> the Maryborough Castlemaine District Football Netball League hosted its Senior Presentation Night online to wrap up its 2021 home and away season.

As a league we would firstly like to thank all sponsors, clubs and volunteers for their efforts in such an interrupted season. It was very exciting to get going again after seeing no Football or Netball in 2020 so we thank you all.

The night started with the Rookie of the Year for both the Netball and Football. Each club is given the opportunity to nominate a player under the age of 20. All nominees are sent to clubs with each club giving their 3, 2, 1 votes for both Football and Netball.

The Rookie of the Year winners were **Caitlin Richardson** from Newstead with 30 votes from the Netball and **Darcy Kelly** from Maldon with 17 votes for the Football.

**Caitlin Richardson** is a great young player for Newstead and has featured at the top grade many times this year while also competing hard with her Under 17 group. **Caitlin** has won awards in previous seasons and should be one to watch going forward.

**Darcy Kelly** is a great young player for Maldon, featuring many times for the Senior grade this year. Darcy is a quick player playing many positions that the coach requires him to.

The Max Martin Administrator of the Year award is presented to a deserving administrator because without a strong, innovative and progressive 'off field' admin, a club would find it difficult to survive.

The Max Martin award recipient for 2021 is Trentham's **Jason Shaw**. **Jason** has been a hard worker for Trentham all year long. He has played a big part in Trenthams success this year and been involved in both the Under 17.5's and Under 14.5's competition coaching both grades.

Our nights first Best and Fairest count started with the C Grade Netball and saw Harcourts **Suzie Rinaldi** take out the top honours on 19 votes with Lexton's **Tammie Brand** following her closely behind on 16 votes.

**Suzie Rinaldi** has had another stellar year guiding Harcourt to second spot on the ladder. Suzie plays in goals and very rarely misses. This years stats goes to prove that Suzie is one of the best goalies in the league.

The B Grade Netball followed the C grade and had **Kirby Postle** from Avoca come in on top with 22 votes, and she was closely followed by Harcourts **Shae Denahy** with 15 votes.

**Kirby Postle** has returned to the league after playing in the Bendigo League. Kirby is a strong defender and uses her height and stretch to gain rebounds and intercepts. Her ability to direct and control the play out of defense has been a big factor for Avoca this year which has guided them to top spot.

The second Football award proceeded the B grade Netball with the Reserves Leading Goal Kicker being awarded to the most prolific goal scorer for the season. This year saw a 2 way tie between Harcourts **James Gale** and Maldons **David Carroll**. Both respectively kicking 41 goals across the season.

**David Carroll** returned to his home club this season and has been influential in the Bombers forward line to finish the home and away season with 41 goals. David kicked goals in every game he played including eleven goals in one game.

**James Gale** is a loyal Harcourt player and is a key in their forward structure as the Lions sit on top of the ladder at the end of the home and away season. James 41 goals were kicked in six of the seven games he played for the season.

Following the Reserves Leading Goal Kicker was the Reserves Best and Fairest. The vote count saw Lexton's **Lachlan Pryor** come out with top honours with 14 votes and was very closely followed by Harcourt's **Mark Noonan** with 13 votes.

**Lachlan Pryor** wins his first Reserves grade League Best & Fairest. Lachlan has played at Lexton since 2010. He is a very quick and agile player who plays on-ball for the Tigers and is very influential in driving the ball forward to the Tigers forward structure. He polled four best on grounds in the six reserves games he played to take out to win the Best & Fairest award.

Following the Reserves Football Awards the Maryborough Advertiser Footballer and Netballer of the year were announced. The Netballer of the Year was Newstead's **Caitlin Richardson** while the Lyl Eales Footballer of the Year was awarded **Anthony Zelencich** from Carisbrook.

**Caitlin Richardson** has had an outstanding year at such a young age taking her 2<sup>nd</sup> award for the night as she was named Rookie of the Year as well.

**Anthony Zelencich** has also had a fantastic year for Carisbrook kicking 78 goals as he showed his dominance up forward

The Nalder Tracey Trophy is presented annually to the player adjudged the best and fairest in the MCDFNL A grade Netball Competition. This year was a tight race at the top which saw it come down to the final round which saw Newsteads **Caitlin Richardson** finish with 16 votes but falling short to this years Nalder Tracy winner **Rachel Phelan** from Lexton.

**Rachel Phelan** plays in goals and has always played and even coached Lexton a few years ago. Rachel is another goalie that very rarely misses and has a unique shooting style. On or off the court you will see Rach encouraging everyone and getting them to help at Lexton.

The Club Champion Perpetual Trophy is awarded to a stand out MCDFNL club which recognises both their on-field and on-court performances for the year. Each club were awarded 1 point per win in all Football and Netball grades. This years winner was **Harcourt FNC** with a total of 94 points.

**Harcourt FNC** had a fantastic year in Netball and Football with many top 4 ladder positions across all grades.

The Joe Parker Medal is awarded to the MCDFNL Leading goal kicker in the Senior Grade. This award has seen many great goal kickers and we were able to award another worthy recipient. The winner of the Joe Parker Medal was Carisbrook's **Anthony Zelencich**.

**Anthony Zelencich** has had a great season for Carisbrook kicking 78 goals in an interrupted season. **Anthony** was never held goalless and kicked bags of 14 and twice kicked 11 in a game. It is fair to say we might have seen a 100 goal season if there weren't so many interruptions.

Moving on to the final award of the night, The Berry Powell Medalist which saw the MCDFNL add another great player that was adjudged the Best and Fairest for the Senior Football Grade. This year saw **Joel Dovaston** from Trentham poll 13 votes to claim runners up, but was beaten by Maldons **Tommy Horne** on 16 votes.

**Tommy Horne** was without a doubt, one of the most dominant players of the 2021 season. Tommy commenced his football at Maldon as a junior player and after time away at Major League and VFL level, he returned to his home club this season and has dominated by playing on-ball for the Bombers. He is also very adapt up forward kicking 35 goals for the season.

**Full List of Winner below:**

<b>Grade/Award</b>	<b>Winner</b>
<b>Rookie of the Year (Netball)</b>	Caitlin Richardson (Newstead)
<b>Rookie of the Year (Football)</b>	Darcy Kelly (Maldon)
<b>Max Martin Admin of the Year</b>	Jason Shaw (Trentham)
<b>C Grade Netball Best and Fairest</b>	Winner – Suzie Rinaldi (Harcourt) Runners Up – Tammie Brand (Lexton)
<b>B Grade Netball Best and Fairest</b>	Winner – Kirby Postle (Avoca) Runners Up – Shae Denahy (Harcourt)
<b>Reserves Football Leading Goal Kicker</b>	David Carroll (Maldon) James Gale (Harcourt)
<b>Reserves Football Best and Fairest</b>	Winner – Lachlan Pryor (Lexton) Runners Up – Mark Noonan (Harcourt)
<b>Maryborough Advertiser Netballer of the Year</b>	Caitlin Richardson (Newstead)
<b>Maryborough Advertiser Lyal Eales Footballer of the Year</b>	Anthony Zelencich (Carisbrook)
<b>Nalder Tracey A Grade Netball Best and Fairest</b>	Winner – Rachel Phelan (Lexton) Runners Up – Caitlin Richardson (Newstead)
<b>Carlton FC Club Champion</b>	Harcourt FNC
<b>Joe Parker Senior Leading Goal Kicker</b>	Anthony Zelencich (Carisbrook)
<b>Berry Powell Medal</b>	Winner – Tommy Horne (Maldon) Runners Up – Joel Dovaston (Trentham)

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