



PREMIERS

2025

**TROPHY PRESENTATION &
END OF YEAR CELEBRATION**

Welcome



After a later than usual start to the season, in what seems the blink of an eye, here we are; another season over and celebrating all that has gone before us.

And that is what tonight is all about; celebrating the great club we are part of. Celebrating the teamwork, the friendships, the achievements, the funny moments, and celebrating just being together.

We give thanks to everyone who helps make our club great; the committee members and volunteers, the coaches and game day helpers, our sponsors and community partners, the EFL umpires who so generously give up their time to support us, and of course the players. Thank you.

As with any organisation, it takes a lot of people to keep the club running, and they give up a lot of their time. But it is great to have so many people involved and is extremely rewarding to be a part of; that's why we keep coming back!

A special mention and huge thank-you to the football support crew; Andy Payne and James Dennis who diligently coach and mentor the teams with support once again from assistant Jeremy Zandt. First Aid, trainers and runners Bryan Smith, Will Hackett, Liam Hackett and newbies Yvonne Zeniou and Hailey Hackett.

Also, it is great to see some current players jump in and run water, and Roy McCarthy volunteer to assist the coaches following a season-ending injury.

It is a lot of work, but we all say it is worth it. And the more the merrier. If you would like to get involved and help share the load, either by helping out in some small way on game day, or joining the committee and help shape the club, please speak to Paul. Our AGM will be held at our Christmas BBQ later in the year.

So please enjoy this evening, have a laugh and take a moment to appreciate being part of this wonderful group.

Spiders Committee



Year in Review; President's Report



What a year it has been!

We kicked off 2025 in spectacular fashion, partnering with Bunnings Ringwood to host an AFL Community Day.

Featuring Essendon captain Zach Merrett and Hawthorn vice-captain Dylan Moore, the event drew fantastic attention, with Channel Nine sports reporter Trent Kniese covering the day and the Spiders making it onto the 6.00pm news!

A heartfelt thank you goes to Gayle McCall and the Bunnings Ringwood team for their support in shining a spotlight on our incredible club and players.

Now, as the final siren sounds on the season, it's the perfect moment to pause, reflect, and celebrate just how far we've come since then.

On-Field Highlights

We proudly celebrate the Blacks' Division-B Grand Final victory, achieved with a confident and composed performance; and going through the season undefeated was an outstanding achievement. Congratulations team!

The Reds also enjoyed a terrific campaign, showing heart and determination all year and narrowly missing out on finals.

Ringwood Spiders All-abilities Sports Club's Vision:

'To provide and promote active participation in community sport and social activities for people with a disability',

Ringwood Spiders All-abilities Sports Club Mission Statement:

'To provide people with a disability an opportunity to interact, participate and build social skills and leadership within the community'

Both teams embodied true Spiders Spirit: resilience, teamwork, and passion for the game.

To all our players, congratulations as you've made us very proud. To our families, volunteers and supporters, your commitment has been the foundation of this success.



Club Growth and Milestones

This season was a year of growth, identity, and celebration.

- *New Partnership:* We welcomed Ringwood RSL as our Gold Signature Sponsor for the next three years.
- *Fresh Identity:* Players proudly took the field in newly designed jumpers alongside our refreshed club logo, blending tradition with a bold look.
- *Growth:* Our playing group grew with 13 players joining the club. Each brought fresh energy, skills, and enthusiasm, to elevate our teams across the season.

From training nights to game days and team dinners, the club's energy has been electric. Our seasoned players led with pride, setting the tone for the new recruits and reinforcing what it means to be a Spider: respect, teamwork, and fun.

Acknowledging FIDA

A big thank you goes to FIDA General Manager Amanda Bresnan and Football Operations manager Kyle Povah for their leadership and support across league. With more than 30 teams and over 900 participants across Victoria, FIDA continues to raise the bar in inclusive sport, and we are proud to be part of this movement.

Two stand-out achievements from FIDA this season were:

- *Tackle-Free Carnival Recognition:* On August 26th FIDA was awarded the 'Highly Commended Sports Initiative or Event of the Year' by Disability Sport & Recreation Victoria, recognising FIDA's innovation in Tackle Free Carnivals.



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- *Victorian Parliament Event:* Also on August 26th, the Spiders were one of 13 teams invited to Parliament House to showcase FIDA football to State politicians. Our club was represented with distinction by Jackson House, who delivered a speech, alongside Roger Barr and myself, who highlighted what the Spiders are all about.



Coaching and Player Development

Leadership and growth on and off the field remain central to who we are.

A special acknowledgment to head coach Andy Payne, whose unwavering focus on skills, respect, and fun has shaped not only our players but our culture. Andy's positive influence flows through every corner of the club and is key to this year's success.

The Developing Lives Program, now in its 11th season, continues to be the heartbeat of the Spiders. Through training, game day experiences, guest speakers, and shared life lessons, it fosters growth, independence and inclusion.

The program celebrates belonging, while strengthening our mission: *'Developing lives through football'*.

Community Spirit

Our community spirit continued this year.

Wednesday night dinners have been a highlight of the week, with over 750 meals served across the season. From chicken Parma's to pasta nights, our catering team kept us fuelled and connected.

We welcomed 130 guests to our Family & Friends Day which was a memorable day of football, friendship, and fun—capped off by wins for both the Reds and Blacks.

Special thanks to our guest speakers:

- Trent Kniese, Channel Nine sports reporter, who gave us unique insights into the sports media world.
- Alex Jones, professional runner, umpire, 2025 Stawell 800m champion, Northern Grampians Shire 800m winner, and Hall of Fame inductee.



This event is our way of thanking the families, friends, and supporters who walk alongside us every season.



Reputation and Relationships

One of our proudest achievements is the reputation the Spiders have built across FIDA. Known for playing hard, fair, and with respect, we are recognised not only for our results but for our sportsmanship, passion, and friendships.

Our long-standing partnership with the EFL umpires remains a cornerstone of our success. Their professionalism and support have helped our players grow, while the AFL umpires' involvement on Family & Friends Day was yet another highlight. This 19-year relationship is one we deeply value. Thank you all.

Sponsors and Community Partners

To our generous supporters, thank you. Without you, our club could not thrive.

- *Gold Signature Sponsor:* Ringwood RSL
- *Club Sponsors:* Printer Services and Simultech Australia

- *Community Partners:* Maroondah City Council; Bendigo Bank East Ringwood and Croydon; retired Federal MP Michael Sukkar; State Member for Ringwood Will Fowles; Bunnings Ringwood and Nick McGowan member of Victorian Legislative Council.

Your commitment enables our players to enjoy quality facilities, travel to games, share meals together, and experience a unique and supportive club culture.

Behind the Scenes

The Spiders' heartbeat comes from the dedication of so many who work tirelessly off the field.

Our Committee: Gavin Ross, Michael Baldwin, Ian Firth, Carolyn Sparks, Sue Ross, Kevin Hare, Terry Wynne, Will Hackett, Roger Barr, and John Kingma.

Special Mention: James Dennis, who stepped up as assistant coach for the Blacks, head coach for the Reds and the tackle-free carnival squads—your energy and commitment were invaluable.



Coaching Team: Andy Payne, James Dennis and Jeremy Zandt who once again supported the coaches. With support from Michael Baldwin, Bryan Smith, Liam Hackett, Will Hackett, Yvonne Zeniou, and Hailey Hackett, thank you all.

Catering Team: Carolyn Sparks, Ian Firth, Kevin Hare, Will Hackett, and Natalie Wheeler, thank you for keeping us fuelled each week.

Canteen Crew: Pauline Ryan, Leanne Baldwin, Natalie Wheeler, Suzie King, Melissa Barr and Michelle Caruso, your energy and smiles make game days special.

Looking Ahead

As we move into the off-season, let's carry forward the friendships, spirit, and energy that made 2025 so special. This has been a cracking year for the Spiders, and the foundations are strong for an even bigger and better 2026.

To every player, volunteer, supporter, sponsor, and family member—thank you for making the Spiders what we are.

Together, we've proven once again that this club is more than football: it's about community, inclusion, and developing lives through the game we love.

Warm regards, *Paul House*, President

Tackle-free Fun!

A great initiative recently introduced by FIDA are Tackle-free Carnivals. In these, two teams of 10 players play round-robin style games on a rectangular 'pitch' under modified rules.

These are a great opportunity for new and younger players, such as Mel, as they are a great way to get used to the game, learn new skills and just have some fun without fear of being hurt.

We proudly hosted the first Tackle-free Carnival at Jubilee Park in April and also entered a team in the two other carnivals held during the season.

Thanks to the players, coach James, and the support crew for helping make these a great success, and to FIDA for providing new opportunities!



Sponsors and Community Partners; Making it Possible

Our Sponsors and Community Partners continue to provide the support and funding needed to keep the club running. Without them, we can't do what we do. Please support them whenever you can.

Ringwood RSL



We are very pleased to welcome Ringwood RSL to the Spiders family as our Gold Signature sponsor for not only 2025 but for the next years as well.

The RSL has supported us for many years with our annual trophy presentation functions. But as part of their charter to support the local community, we have now forged a closer relationship.

Everyone is welcome at the RSL, be it for a catchup with friends for a drink, or for a meal in the bistro. There is plenty more the RSL provides as well. For more than 100 years they have supported veterans and their families along with many community activities and supports throughout the year.

Save money by becoming a member to receive discounts on food and drinks while knowing you are supporting a great cause!

Simultech Australia



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Ian Firth is an integral part of the Spiders; as a sponsor through his company Simultech, an active committee member, barbecue cook and kitchen chef extraordinaire feeding the team each week at our dinners!

So what does Simultech do? Well, they are a leading supplier of environmental simulation and measurement equipment to Industry and Research sectors across Australia and New Zealand.

While that is not something that directly correlates with the Spiders activities, it shows the commitment to the club Ian and the Simultech team has.

On behalf of all our players, a big thank you Ian for your support.

Maroondah City Council



We would not be here without the support of Maroondah City Council who have been with us since our inception in 1992.

We all benefit from Council's dedication to sport, leisure and making Maroondah such a wonderful place to live and play.

Each year, we are the recipient of a Council community grant which helps us offset the cost of our impressive home-ground facility. We thank the Mayor, Councillors and the wonderful staff for their support.

Printer Services



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Doug and Kathi from Printer Services have been supporters of the Spiders for more than fifteen years! We truly thank them for their ongoing support.

Printer Services is able to assist individuals and companies small and large with laser printer sales, service and repairs.

Do you run a business? Are you after a laser printer for your home office? If so Printer Services is ideally positioned to be able to offer the best service, support and advice. Give them a call on 1300 138 066.

Bendigo Bank, East Ringwood



Being a community bank means Bendigo Bank East Ringwood and Croydon have to return a substantial portion of their profit back to the community.

This is by way of community grants, of which we have been recipients for several years now, and support to local groups.

The team at East Ringwood and Croydon Central are there to assist with all your financial needs; and let them know you're with the Spiders!

Will Fowles, State MP



Will returned this year and is a big supporter of the local community and the Spiders. Will is proud to represent Ringwood and looks forward to getting along to Spiders games. We look forward to Will's ongoing support.

Nick McGowan, State MP



We welcome Nick McGowan, State MP for North Eastern Metropolitan region to the Spiders family. Nick has followed the Spiders for a while now and is proud to come on board.

Football Review; Andy Payne, Head Coach



2025 turned out to be a really positive season with amazing improvement in skills, determination and teamwork.

From early on we knew this year was going to be a special one, and it delivered. The Blacks went through the season undefeated, made finals and won the grand final. The Reds won more games than last year and just missed out on finals. We also welcomed a large number of new faces who slotted straight in like they'd been here for years.

Once again, the Spiders showed why it is more than just a footy club – it's a family!

Reds Squad

The Reds were a total joy to coach. Every game and every training session they displayed all the positive traits that make the Ringwood Spiders who we are – respect, determination, teamwork and fun!

The Reds were also lucky to have a new coach for most of the year, with James taking over the game-day role.

The Reds were unlucky to miss finals, with only a small percentage gap keeping them out. This team loves to play footy and most will play any position you ask –although Jamal seems to have a magnet that keeps him near goals!

They are extremely respectful to umpires... except Jordy Z, who spent one game trying his hardest to either knock a certain umpire over or squirt him with a water bottle...

Well done on a great year, Reds!

Blacks Squad

From only a few wins last year to sitting undefeated on top of the table this year, it was a huge turnaround for the Blacks.

The style of football they played, the way they conducted themselves, and how well they gelled as a team is phenomenal. The speed with which they can move the ball from one end of the ground to the other is far ahead of any other team in our division.

How quickly they came together, especially with new players in the mix, is something to be congratulated. They should take real pride in how they approached their football, their team, and the wider club.

- *Leaders:* We had plenty in the Blacks squad. Roy, Mark, Chris T, Tom, Jordy S, Jordy W, Shannon, Lochy W, Daynah, Terry, Josh M, James, Brenton, Beau, Patrick, Dave and Jake. All played their roles and brought their experience to the group (at least when they turned up to training... Jake and Beau).
- *The Youth Group:* The Blacks are lucky to have some of the best young talent in FIDA.



Oscar, Mang (Junior) and Lucas give the team outside run, speed and skill. Oscar's rebound off half back, Junior's work rate on the wing, and Lucas trying to put on a show every weekend his girlfriend came to watch gave everyone joy and lifted the team with their youthful enthusiasm.

- *The New Recruits:* What can we say about the new recruits that won't inflate their already healthy egos?

We were very lucky to get such a highly skilled and talented group. Chris W, Josh T, Tyler, Bryce, Matty, Jamie and Kaleb all jumped in this year and you'd swear they'd been here all along.

Thankfully, Matty, Chris and Kaleb are quiet and polite blokes because the other four don't shut up. I don't think I've ever seen a group squabble, laugh, tease and tell worse jokes (mostly JT) – but they've been fantastic to have around.



These seven contributed massively on and off the field, and we hope they're here for many years to come.

Congrats on an amazing year, Blacks!

Volunteers and Helpers

We couldn't do it without you. A huge thank-you to everyone who helps around the club – whether it's water, first aid, managing, running, umpiring or cheering from the sidelines.

Seeing you support the teams in any way possible shows that we're not just a football club, but a family. Your support and care mean the world.



Assistant Coach

Congrats to Jeremy on another successful year. Jezza has been at the Spiders since T-Rex ruled the jungle and loves being involved now that his playing days are done. Often referred to as my "hype man", Jezza only wants the best for the players and is always there with a pat on the back or a word of advice – unless he's stuck in the queue for a hot dog or pie at the canteen...



Closing

To all the players – thank you for giving everything this season. To our families, supporters, and volunteers – you're the heartbeat of the Spiders.

2026 is going to be even bigger. Bring your boots (Oscar, don't forget them), your smiles, and maybe a GPS tracker so we can find Jezza when he goes missing during a game!

Andy Payne, Football Coach

Football Review; James Dennis, Reds Coach



To help share the coaching load, this year we were very pleased to welcome James Dennis to the Spiders family as Reds and tackle-free team coach. Thanks James!

By all accounts, 2025 was a successful and enjoyable season for the Reds squad.

First and foremost, the team played in the right spirit throughout the season, which made coaching them an extremely satisfying and enjoyable experience.

A consistent focus was that we stick to our 'Positive footballers — Positive football — Positive football club' mantra.

Guided by Andy Payne, and supported by Jeremy Zandt and Roy McCarthy, we were able to foster a cohesive and positive atmosphere, whereby all contributed to shared success in meaningful ways.

Roy unfortunately sustained a season-ending injury in the Blacks and jumped in to help the Reds, thanks Roy!

The team benefited from some great new recruits, including Jason Loy, a skilful midfielder, Maryanne Sully, a ball magnet and natural leader, Sean Double, a proven goal kicker with great forward craft and Patrick Tan, a 'chaos defender' who caused carnage for the opposition.



Andy Firth also joined the Reds after previous seasons with the Blacks and made an immediate impact both as a leader and as attacking midfielder.

With Jordan Zeniou's determination, Josh Hackett's dash and carry, Michael Parker's pace, Alex Spurr's goal saving exploits, Marc King's running and aerial attributes, and Jaren Hare's ability to play at both ends of the ground, the team was blessed to have such fantastic leaders who helped support the younger players such as Lachlan Dennis to get involved and score.

Jackson House set the tone with training standards (and overall fitness) while emerging midfielders Declan Spruit, Jayden Jamieson and Josh Barr grew in confidence and ability throughout the season to become key players.

Brittney Moran applied herself to play in a number of roles and showcase the great positive attitude that exemplified the team and the club.



Jamal Kadajki continued to excel up forward, and with his elite kicking ability was able to regularly go into the midfield set up goals for others. Also up forward was Jack Gibson, who showed great determination to get involved and hit the scoreboard and share in the team's success.

Like all footy teams, we did have our share of injuries. Sarah Parker broke her finger early on in the season. To her credit, she continued to support the team and show superb leadership from the sidelines (and sometimes on the ground). Alex Lazarre also sustained an ankle injury, but played some amazing games (with goals) early in the season.

While we were unlucky to miss finals —only by a few percent — we are very fortunate to have such a fantastic team who played in the right spirit and made for a positive and enjoyable experience!

James Dennis

Our Thanks; EFL Umpires



Since 2006, our home games have been the benchmark within the league, and it is due to the support of the EFL umpires.

They donate their time and deliver the highest level of professionalism when umpiring Spiders home games.

While every person that takes to the field to umpire a game is to be commended, the difference in skill that we witness with the EFL umpires is vast.

Once again, for our Family & Friends Day we were privileged to have current AFL field umpire Cameron Dore officiate the game with his father, AFL 300 game field umpire legend Gavin Dore watching on.

They must enjoy it as it is their third year. Special mention and thank you also to the goal and boundary umpires for supporting our games also. It is a very rare thing in the FIDA competition to have a full-set of umpires at a game.

Thank you to all the umpires who have volunteered their time to officiate our games this season.

Special mention to Adam Kenny, who once again not only officiated every Blacks home game, but most of the Reds games as well; come rain or shine! He did so with great honesty, humour and goodwill to both teams. Adam is testament to the benefits quality umpiring brings.

Also unique within the league is the umpires presenting the game-day ball to the player they deem best on ground.



Once again, the Spiders joined with the umpires at a training session in Croydon and stayed on for a barbecue afterwards.

It is a great initiative and one that our players look forward to each year.

They participate in various drills with the umpires, working on various aspects of the game. It has given our guys a great understanding and appreciation of what it takes to be an umpire, who without there would not be any games.

Our sincere thanks to Trevor Finch and all the field, boundary and goal umpires that have supported us, not only this year, but for the last 19!



Players of 2025

Our players are central to all we do at the club; we wouldn't be here without them.

So please enjoy some of their on-field highlights over the following pages while also remembering that for most of them, the club is more than just football; it means friendship, family, fun and community. As you'll see, many have been around the club for a long time also. Enjoy!



Alex Lazare: 2021*

*: Former Junior



Alex Spurr: 2020



Andy Firth: 2013



Beau Bamford: 2024



Brenton Goodwin: 2014[^]



Brittney Moran: 2024



Bryce Brown: 2025

[^]: Missed some time



Chris Talbot: 2024



Chris Woods: 2025



David Kingma: 2010^



Daynah Hopkins: 2009^



Declan Spruit: 2024*



Jack Gibson: 2024

*: Former Junior
^: Missed some time



Jackson House: 2013



Jake Corcoran: 2024



Jamal Kadajki: 2024



James Wheeler: 2012[^]



Jamie Potter: 2025



Jaren Hare: 2001[^]

[^]: Missed some time



Jason Loy: 2025



Jayden Jamison: 2024



Jordan Smith: 2014[^]

[^]: Missed some time



Jordan Wynne: 2009



Jordan Zeniou: 2013



Josh Barr: 2024*

*: Former Junior



Josh Hackett: 2017



Josh Marslek: 2011^



Josh Moran: 2025

^: Missed some time



Josh Thomson: 2025



Kaleb Watson: 2025



Lachlan Dennis: 2024*

**: Former Junior*



Lochlan Whyte: 2022*



Lucas Ozergin: 2025



Mang Muan Kim: 2023

*: Former Junior



Marc King: 2019



Mark Wilson: 2022



Maryanne Sully: 2025



Matthew Dalboni: 2025



Michael Parker: 2019^



Oscar Payne: 2022*

*: Former Junior
^: Missed some time



Patrick Tan: 2025



Patrick Worden: 2024



Roy McCarthy: 2009



Sarah Parker: 2024



Sean Double: 2025



Shannon Finnerty: 2014



Terry Markoulakis: 2022



Tom Baldwin: 2008



Tyler Bartley: 2025