

## 2010 OFFICIALS AND OFFICE BEARERS

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**Captain:** Liam Gibson  
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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**



After more than 11 years of involvement with Australian Football in the region through both the NJAFL & the BDAFL, the time has come for me to step back and pass the reins to others. This past year has been the most difficult of all the years of my involvement. The sudden departure of Ian Granland left a big hole in our ranks which was hard to fill. Ian's knowledge and experience was invaluable to the league and impossible to replace.

Additionally, the decision of our General Manager, Scott Ledwidge, to return home to Victoria and at the same time accept a position with another league, put additional strain on the running of the league and required a much more "hands on" role from the members of the board. Unfortunately, as has been the case for a few years, the Board was short on numbers so the work was left, again, to a dedicated few.

Through the efforts of our General Manager, his assistant, Todd Clarke, and a few board members, we managed to conduct a successful Presentation night at Club Mingara where a very popular Elliott Davey medallist, Mitchell Knight, was decided and the initial Team of the Decade was selected. Club Mingara has been the venue for presentation night for the past 2 years and the incoming board will need to look closely at venues for the coming years.

The finals series also proved to be a successful event and, although mistakes were made, very profitable for the League. While many were critical of the cost of admission, attendances were high. Many others contributed to the financial success of the finals and it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge their contributions in this report. Ron Oeser and the team at Carlton Draught who have been our major sponsors for the past few years again supplied the popular Carlton Draught truck for the Grand Final and this was manned by members of the Newcastle City AFC. Nelson Bay AFC ran the canteens and Lake Macquarie AFC again manned the gates. The combined efforts of these 3 clubs helped to make our finals series both successful and profitable.

Congratulations to our Premiers. First Grade – Newcastle City, Reserve Grade – Singleton, Under 18's – Cardiff. The spread of teams involved in the finals this season seems to indicate that the competition is healthy.

Having won the Reserve Grade Premiership for the past 2 seasons, the Singleton Football Club will be stepping up to join the First Grade competition from 2011 which will help make the draw much more equitable in the future. Additionally, the Woy Woy club have approached the league with the view to re-entering the competition with reserves and Under 18's. This is an application which the incoming board of the BDAFL will have to consider for the future.

Of some concern is the drain of players being enticed to Sydney clubs. Next season, as many as seven of our better under 18's will be playing with Sydney clubs under the promise of better chances of being seen and recruited by an AFL club. For years I have been fighting to gain more recognition of the talent available in the region with little success. Perhaps the league should investigate the feasibility of resurrecting the "Hunters" and entering a team in the Sydney Under 18's competition. This would be one way of keeping our talented players in the region while giving them the exposure to recruiters from the AFL clubs. Additionally, any monies derived by clubs as the result of players being drafted/rookie listed by AFL clubs would then go to the Black

Diamond AFL club which had nurtured the player from juniors rather than some Sydney based club.

The search for a new General Manager continues & it is pleasing to note that there have been a number of very highly qualified people apply for the position. A short list is being prepared and interviews will be conducted in the very near future. The League restructured the General Manager position towards the start of the 2009 year and created the role of Treasurer. The League has learnt from the mistakes of the past where the League was almost in financial ruin and although the same person occupied both positions this year, it has been a positive step to separate the roles and it is envisaged this will continue with two different people in the roles in 2011 and beyond.

Finally, although I have decided to step down from any position with the Board, I have given an assurance that I will be available to assist (wherever possible) in the future in other functions such as Tribunals etc. And I wish all involved with the league a very prosperous and successful future.

**STEVE SMITH**  
President

## LEAGUE HONOUR BOARD

YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT	GENERAL MANAGER	PREMIER	ELLIOTT-DAVEY MEDAL	LEADING GOALKICKER
2000	*David Phillips Chris Arnold	Chris Arnold Barry Leacy	Michael Coligan	Terrigal Avoca	Troy Bayliss (C) 18	M. Goolagong (TA) 64
2001	Chris Arnold	Barry Leacy	Greg Stewart	West Newc. Wallsend	Shawn Simpson (C) 20	M Goolagong (TA) 135
2002	Chris Arnold	Barry Leacy	Greg Stewart	Cardiff	David Hamilton (TA) 20	M.Goolagong (TA) 102 D. Healey (C) 102
2003	Barry Leacy	Ian Granland OAM	Greg Stewart	Newcastle City	Jason Coulloupas (NC) 16	M.Goolagong (TA) 122
2004	Ian Granland OAM	Trevor Drake	Greg Stewart	Cardiff	Jason Coulloupas (NC) 22	M.Goolagong (TA) 121
2005	Ian Granland OAM	*Trevor Drake David Flynn	Garry Burkinshaw	Cardiff	Clinton Austerberry (KV) 24	M Goolagong (TA) 83
2006	Ian Granland OAM	*David Flynn John McMahon	Garry Burkinshaw	Cardiff	Clinton Austerberry (KV) 23 Angus Darling (TA) 23	M. Ryan (C) 92
2007	Ian Granland OAM	Rob Dixon	Scott Ledwidge	Killarney Vale	Tim Sheldon (C) 20	C.Knight (NC) 110
2008	Steve Smith	Ian Kingwill	*Scott Ledwidge Les Hornery	Newcastle City	Luke Rawnsley (NC) 28	Michael Ryan (C) 108
2009	Steve Smith	Grant Godfrey	Scott Ledwidge	Newcastle City	Angus Darling (TA) 30	Peter Van Dam (TA) 76
2010	Steve Smith	*Ian Granland Michael Way	Scott Ledwidge	Newcastle City	Mitchell Knight (NC) 18	Michael Ryan (C) 72

\* Resigned

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Congratulations to Newcastle City Football Club President, James Mackie, Senior Coach Phil McGuinness, their committee and players for their season winning the 2010 Black Diamond Cup Premiership and completing the three-peat. This Grand Final was a great success and finished off the season in fine style.



Yet again it has been a very interesting year both on and off the field and I write this report as my last as General Manager. I must say it has been a very enjoyable and interesting period in my time in the Black Diamond AFL.

One of the challenges of this position is the fact it is a part time role. There is a need and plenty of work that could be carried out to make this position full time, in fact it already requires full time hours, however the funding is not there to fully fund the role. To continue to move this League forward it is a must to have a full time General Manager. In 2010 and the past few years, there has been the need to balance this role with other employment.

I worked from Morisset on Monday and Wednesday's and on Friday afternoon/evenings along with weekends at matches. Most of the required tasks now need to be completed on Monday and Wednesday so I would stress to the new Board and General Manager for this person to base themselves at the League office on these two days.

With the role only being part time a number of tools and resources have been developed and an education process put in place to educate and help clubs and all stakeholders to provide information at any time. With all this in place, someone from the League does not need to be available 24/7 as each club has all the required information at their fingertips.

One of the major problems the League faced in 2010 was the lack of Board Members. The year started with just four members on the Board of Management with three vacancies following the Annual General Meeting. The members were Steve Smith, Ian Granland, James Bailey and myself. Additional members joined in December, March and April.

Although a portfolio of grants was created in 2008 and two people have catered for this role in this period there has been no application for any grants which is a disturbing statistic. Adding to this there seems to be a lack of vision within the League, not only at Board level but within clubs. I can only hope that, one day, this will change and improve.

On a more positive note and one of the highlights of the year was the Breast Cancer Awareness Event held by Newcastle City AFC. The club wore an all pink strip and the jumpers and other items were auctioned following the match with over \$6000 being raised for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. This was a great initiative by the club and a great event and great exposure for the League.

A lot of research went into compiling the leading games played and goal kickers tally which are now included towards end of this report (*pages 44-45*). It is pleasing to see the League now has up to date and thorough records. A lot of work was undertaken here to complete these records, sorting through old team sheets of matches along with football records and research within newspapers.

Two rounds were completely washed out in 2010 plus a few individual matches cancelled. A recommendation has been put to the Board with further discussion required by the new Board to introduce a wet weather fund for 2011. This will allow the League to move a round of first grade matches to a venue such as Nelson Bay, once the councils close grounds. I looked at this situation twice this year, however the only stumbling block was the umpire payments, which total approximately \$2300 for four first grade matches. With the league recovering from the poor financial position it was in and home clubs missing out on canteen revenue to pay the umpire costs, there was no alternative then to cancel matches. The League is now in a position to create a wet-weather fund and help cover the cost of umpires if a round of matches need to be moved.

In a pleasing sight, AFL (NSW/ACT), following a recommendation from this League, moved their annual affiliates forum to a Saturday and Sunday this year, to be held later this month, and this will make it easier for volunteers to attend. Last year, our League was not represented, as the forum was held on a Friday and Saturday and our delegates had to work at their full time positions. After lengthy discussions and correspondence it good news for our league to hear that AFL (NSW/ACT) will allow the Leagues with more mature by-laws to keep their own. Our by-laws are review each year and at times during the year and adjusted when necessary to suit our competition, our clubs and our region. We were advised by AFL (NSW/ACT) of this in October after two years of discussions.

Essendon Grammar travelled to the region in early 2010 and matches of this nature are fantastic for our players, coaches and everyone involved in the game. However I believe AFL (NSW/ACT) missed a great opportunity to publicise the event to the wider community.

The league conducted workshops at the beginning of the year, which are vital for clubs and once again the clubs not represented struggled with their requirements and by the end of the year received a fine in the administration award. Presidents Meeting were scheduled at regular intervals throughout the year. Unfortunately no club put forward items for the agenda for any of the Presidents Meeting and the Board had not arranged for any presentations or had any discussion points with the clubs, therefore the three meetings scheduled during the year were cancelled. Administration information was communicated to clubs via the weekly bulletin. Quite interestingly one club president asked the Board at the end of the year why the meetings were cancelled and when provided a response informed the Board that his club would still like to hold the meeting even if there is no agenda and no items to discuss. On one hand we have people claiming they are time poor and cannot attend meetings and on the other hand they want to meet when there are no important items to discuss, just to catch up.

In the nature of this beast, you will clash from time to time with others, which people in this game must understand. However when certain circumstances and comments become personal this is simply not acceptable. During the last year a number of people opted to take the latter option only to have a detrimental effect on themselves or their group.

The Board took the unprecedented step to block some email addresses following inappropriate remarks and two people faced the Board over the nature of emails sent, one to an umpire and one to a league official.

It is pleasing to see the League is now once again in a healthy financial position recording surpluses of \$14,874.23 and \$9,437.31 in the past two years. This has turned around the League from the poor decisions made in a short period towards the end of 2008. I hope for all involved that lessons have been learnt from the past and the finances of the League can now grow from strength to strength.

The current website has been the face of the League for a number of years now and consideration should be given to updating the look. Discussions were held with the website editor during 2010 and it was resolved to leave it as for the remainder of the year and the new Board can consider this.

Another idea discussed during this year and one that I think should be implemented into this League to help clubs, players and the games as a whole, not only for the League but also neighbouring leagues is interchange agreements. This would allow players to play for their club within our league and on occasion for Sydney AFL clubs and vice-versa. The number of players opting to play football in the Sydney AFL whilst still residing in our region is a concern. Further consideration should be given to entering into an interchange agreement with the North Coast AFL.

The Grand Final Gate for the last two seasons has been in excess of \$10,000 which shows the event is well supported and well run. The best gate figures for the entire final series has been in 2007, 2009 and 2010, quite substantially over any other year.

To the new incoming Board, the League now has a strong administration and financial base, with a healthy bank account balance. The calendar and events during the year are starting to become standard and the clubs are well aware of the workshops and presentations throughout the year. The Singleton Football Club is fielding a team in the first grade competition in 2011. This has allowed a fairer fixture for all clubs with an 18 round home and away competition with 10 teams in Under 18s and Reserves and 9 teams and a bye in First Grade. The Nelson Bay Football Club has indicated they will be fielding a first grade team in 2012, giving each of the 10 clubs all three sides.

Lastly, as expressed over a number of years, there is the need to work as one. Whether you are a player, coach, umpire, administrator or just supporter we are all here because of our passion and love of the game. We all need to remember, we are all in this together.

## **SCOTT LEDWIDGE**

General Manager

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

I am pleased to report a surplus of \$14,874.23 for this year. This is a great result and adding to the \$9,437.31 surplus from last financial year, the League has now recovered from the poor financial position it was in just 18 months ago.

The audited financial statements are attached at the end of the annual report. Following on from last year report, a review of our chart of accounts has been undertaken and recording and reporting of the finances is much clearer. For the second year running all income and expenses for the year to 30<sup>th</sup> September have been recorded. We now have a more detailed analysis of the financial statements and this will continue in future years. As this is the first year the recording has been exact at both ends of the financial year, it is imperative that all revenue and expenses for the 2011 season are recorded by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011 for accurate reporting.

At the beginning of this financial year, the budget forecast was to end the year somewhere between break even and a surplus of \$5,000. We were able to save money and certain things worked in the favour of the league's finances including

- Securing a sponsor for clubs runners, trainers & water carrier's tops.
- Presentation Evening expenses were lower than expected. No guest speaker / entertainer saved the league approx \$1000.

- No Under 18 Representative Match, saving \$4000, however this was offset by AFL NSW/ACT cancelling the Quality League Management Framework grant.
- Playing three matches at No.1 Sports Ground resulting in good crowds at final venues. Total gate receipts were a League record. \$6000 above average
- The addition of a third football sponsor increasing revenue by \$1000.
- Re-structured finals arrangements seeing expenses almost exact and income up by \$1300.

**Accounts Receivable** as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010 is just \$5,944.

- Gosford Football Club - \$1748
- Newcastle City Football Club - \$1300
- Singleton Football Club - \$396
- Fosters Group - \$2500

Of these accounts, two (Newcastle City & Fosters Group) have been paid shortly after the 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**Accounts Payable** as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010 is \$-89.17 due to a pre-payment.

The League has a bank balance of \$44,489.79 plus the \$5,944 in accounts receivable and account payable of -\$89.17 totalling \$50,522.96. In line with strategic plan the League needs to maintain a minimum of 20% of annual income in the bank at this time, which is \$32,511 which is well exceeded this season. A review of the strategic plan should alter this figure to 25%. Also in line with the strategic plan is to maintain at least 15% of annual income in the bank at all times, which has been the case in the past 12 months. The League will spend approximately \$20,000 between the end of the year and March, leaving around \$30,000 in the bank at 17.1% of the 2011 budgeted annual income.

The invoice of clubs affiliation fee and additional expenses such as presentation evening and football record levy changed in 2010. Moving from the old system where clubs would receive invoice for the various components, an affiliation package was created at one cost and included their affiliation fee, football record for home matches, presentation night tickets, match footballs and raffle tickets to be sold with the money staying at the club. In addition to this for 2010, clubs received club umpire uniform and match day officials (runner, trainer, water carrier) shirts.

Clubs were provided with a financial schedule in November 2009 with the dates and amounts of each invoice they would receive. Clubs were invoiced on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each of the six months from February to July.

In good news for clubs the affiliation fee for clubs with three sides will remain the same and also provided with an extra two match footballs, some training footballs and a subsidy for coach and trainer education.

Another positive for the 2010 season was the introduction of the Treasurer's workshop for all clubs treasurers, held in February at the League offices in Morisset. This was the first time in the eleven year history of the League that a workshop/meeting has been held for Treasurers. Clubs received a better understanding of the League's budget and how affiliation fees are set and used. Also provided was the breakdown of the financial schedule and invoicing, a sample club budget and requirements during the year.

It is pleasing to finish my time as General Manager of the League with a healthy financial state for the Black Diamond AFL.

**SCOTT LEDWIDGE**  
League Treasurer

## **UMPIRES COACH REPORT**

It was with great trepidation that when approached early in 2010 to take over as Black Diamond AFL Umpires Coach that I accepted the role. Firstly, I was replacing Roger Crowhurst who had coached the group for the preceding 3 years and who had an inordinate amount of experience and secondly, due to work commitments, I would be unable to attend training each Wednesday night. A solution was found by appointing Christine Burrows as Assistant Coach and Club Umpires Coach who would be responsible for looking after training on Wednesday nights, attend club umpires training sessions and generally be available to offer support to both the NCCUA group and club umpires.

After discussing the way it would work with Christine and with NCCUA President Darrel Luck, I felt that with proper planning, the Black Diamond umpires would receive suitable coaching and be ready to take on the onerous task of umpiring in the Black Diamond AFL.

The first duty was the NCCUA umpires forum in late March. This forum has developed over the past few years to be an essential get together of the NCCUA group and club umpires to discuss how the season will unfold, law changes and the responsibilities of umpiring generally. Once again the 2010 forum achieved its aim and put all umpires on the right path towards a successful season.

Once the 2010 Black Diamond season was under way, one of my aims was to ensure that each Black Diamond Cup match was officiated by NCCUA umpires and not as happened in 2009, due to the lack of numbers, be left to be controlled by club umpires. Whilst club umpires do a great job throughout the year, I am sure that everyone agrees that it is not ideal for them to control Cup matches. Just the added pressure on them, makes it extremely stressful and can give players problems in adjusting to differing interpretations of AFL laws.

The planned 17 Black Diamond Cup home and away rounds meant with byes, 64 matches needed to have NCCUA umpires appointed. As we all know, the 2010 year was one of total frustration as far as the weather was concerned. Two full rounds plus four other matches were completely washed out but through all that, the Cup matches that were played were all covered by NCCUA umpires.

During the season, 16 individual field umpires controlled at least one Black Diamond Cup match. The age range makes an interesting analysis. Of the 16 umpires, six were aged between 16 and 18, two aged 25 to 28, one aged 32, three between 40 and 47 and four over 50. From these figures, it can be seen that the future of umpiring in the Black Diamond is secure in the hands of the number of young umpires who should be around for seasons to come. Of the six aged between 16 and 18, two made their debuts in the Black Diamond Cup in 2010 which followed on from two others in the same age bracket who made their debuts in 2009. In addition to the two field umpire debutants, there were 8 who debuted on the boundary (with ages ranging from 12 to 40) and 3 in the goals.

These young umpires are products of the junior umpire groups of the Newcastle and Central Coast and I must acknowledge the work of Roy Reichert and Roger Stokes in developing their junior umpires to a stage where they have become an integral part of the Black Diamond Cup senior panel. The work Roy and Roger have done and will continue to do is critical to the development of umpiring in the Black Diamond. Roy and Roger believe they have a number of young umpires in their junior groups that will be ready to umpire at senior Black Diamond level, some as soon as next season.



These junior umpires are part of the greater Umpire Pathway. Starting at umpiring at junior level, they can progress to controlling under 18 games in the Black Diamond and then of course to Black Diamond Cup. However, this is not where the pathway ends. If umpires indicate that their performances are at a high level, they first of all can be involved in representative games and carnivals at various categories. The next step could be umpiring in the Sydney AFL or other senior leagues, continually improving with the ultimate aim of umpiring at AFL level. There is no doubt that this pathway is achievable, with the proof being provided by one of this year's AFL Grand Final field umpires. Ray Chamberlain began his umpiring career in the ACTAFL in 1993 in the under 18s, progressing through to seniors and then spent one year in the Sydney AFL before moving to Melbourne. There he umpired in the VFL before graduating to the senior AFL list in 2004. Since then he has umpired over one hundred AFL games, culminating in the pinnacle of umpiring an AFL grand final. Of course he was involved in one of three drawn grand finals in VFL/AFL history and a game that will be long remembered. Ray's achievement highlights just how far umpires can go and there is no impediment for a Newcastle/Central Coast umpire who starts in the junior competitions to go all the way to the top. The young group that is currently performing in the Black Diamond and in the juniors have the potential to move right through the ranks along the umpiring pathway.

Part of the pathway is the AFL Greater Sydney Umpire Regional Development Squad and NSW/ACT Umpires Development Academy which identifies umpiring talent and provides support, coaching and feedback. This year members of the Black Diamond group that were included in these squads were Aden Kittel, Cameron Fox, Casey Parsons, Nicholas Hickson, Daniel White and Shannon Oeser. There is no doubt that these umpires have the ability to achieve at any level that they want to and with hard work can move up the umpiring pathway. Special thank you to Carl Fletcher and Graham Glassford of the AFL NSW/ACT who are always available to support umpiring in the region.

It is hoped that the young umpires in the group continue with their umpiring and develop accordingly. There is always at temptation at a young age to continue to play AFL and some of these young umpires are getting to a stage where they will need to decide between umpiring and playing. I believe the umpiring pathway is a big opportunity for these young umpires and something that should be grabbed with both hands.

One area of umpiring that I would like to talk about in detail is training and the sessions held each Monday and Wednesday at Baxter Field, Marks Point. This venue is in an ideal location for umpires living in Newcastle and surrounds and those on the Central Coast to attend. The change rooms are adequate, lighting acceptable and generally the running track is suitable for fitness work. The main problem with the ground was exacerbated by the winter of rain that occurred in 2010. As mentioned earlier, a number of matches were washed out during the year and there were also numerous occasions when the group could not get onto the Baxter Field track due to the wet weather closing the ground. Unfortunately, the available options for training when the ground is closed are very limited. Whilst doing repetition work along the road at the back of the bowling club is not ideal, it really is, other than a general road run, the only alternative available in the area and umpires need to adapt to this training routine. Perhaps moving forward, the committee in control of the Baxter Field can work with council to improve the drainage of Baxter Field for the benefit of all users.

Some criticism has been levelled at what has been described as the lack of continuity of training during the year. I do not believe this criticism is justified on a number of fronts. Firstly, I was responsible for preparing the fitness program for each session and whilst I was not in attendance on Wednesday nights, Christine Burrows was fully aware of what was planned and ran the program accordingly. Secondly, the training

attendance varied so greatly during the year, it was extremely difficult to successfully run fitness and skill sessions on the same night when the numbers were so diverse. Thirdly, as mentioned above, Baxter Field was closed on a number of occasions and planned sessions had to be altered leaving components of these sessions missing vital elements.

To emphasis my point on training attendance, I have examined the statistics of the group for the 2010 season and summarised the 65 possible training sessions that umpires could attend between January and September. There were 35 field or boundary umpires that attended training during the year, of these only 1 umpire came to every session. The next best was 75% of sessions being attended. The split up was as follows – 100% (1), 75% (1), 60 to 70% (2), 50 to 60% (8), 40 to 50% (3), 30 to 40% (12), 20 to 30% (3), 10 to 20% (4) and < 10% (1). From these figures it can be seen that only 35% of the group attended more than fifty percent of the total training sessions. Obviously continuity will be affected by the roll up at training.

Furthermore, there were 29 weeks where umpires could attend training on both Monday and Wednesday nights. Those who came to both training sessions during any one week were – All 29 weeks (1 umpire), 11 to 15 weeks (3), 6 to 10 weeks (7), 1 to 5 weeks (21) and 0 weeks (3). Again it can be seen that the majority of umpires came to training on only one night a week.

What does this all mean? I believe that training is one area where improvements can be made in a number of areas to benefit the entire group. Firstly, I feel it is essential that a change be made in the timeframe of training sessions. They need to be either 5.30 to 7.00 pm or 6.00 to 7.30pm. These times would be a guide only and would be the maximum time available. The additional 30 minutes will allow fitness and skill sessions to be completed each week and furthermore allow the twice monthly committee/general association meetings to fit around these times and proceed without interfering with the training sessions. Every training session must have a fitness component as in most cases; umpires do not have any off night routines and rely on weekly games supplemented by their training attendance to maintain their fitness. Whilst umpires have various other commitments outside umpiring such as school obligations and work and feel the travel to training can be onerous, lifting the attendance level to two nights a week will be a major assistance in improving fitness and skill levels for the entire group. Hopefully training will be a discussion point during the upcoming NCCUA Planning Day.

There are many people I need to thank for their support and help during the season. Firstly, Christine Burrows did a wonderful job in running the group on Wednesday nights and her experience certainly helped move all umpires forward. I was fortunate to have Stephen Welch as part of the Umpires Appointment Committee. Our weekly telephone conversations on a Sunday night to try and sort out the following week's appointments solved many headaches and managed to have most games covered. Thank you also to Stephen for your observations of umpires and filing reports. People do not understand the time involved in watching numerous games and completing feedback to help improve umpire performances.

I need to specifically thank Roger Crowhurst for his support during the season. I have known Roger for over 20 years and his knowledge and advice during the season certainly made my job easier. Thank you Roger for all your assistance. Others who helped out with observations during the year included the legend himself John Sullivan, Darrel Luck, Lee Gardener, Troy Edwards and our former umpiring colleague and now player Ashley Borg. Many words have been said and written about John Sullivan and his contribution to AFL in the Black Diamond competition. Suffice it to say that his experience, willingness to help out and his respected opinions are qualities that I treasure and thank him sincerely. Thank you also to

Richard Cornish, Phil Behrendt and Paul Best for managing goal umpire training and to Richard for providing goal umpire observations. A job well done.

To the BDAFL General Manager, President and board, thank you for your work during the year. People might not always agree with how things are done but this group works towards the betterment of AFL in the Black Diamond and should always be supported.

Finally I would like to thank Darrel Luck and the NCCUA committee for all their hard work during the year. Umpires must recognise the effort of this team in maintaining the cause of umpiring.

All the best for the seasons ahead.

### **PETER HAMPSHIRE**

Umpires Coach

## **BDAFL EXECUTIVE MEETING ATTENDANCE**

(From 26 October 2009 to 20 October 2010)

<b>NAME</b>	<b>No. Eligible to Attend</b>	<b>No. Attended</b>	<b>Apologies/Absent</b>
Steve Smith	10	9	1
Ian Granland*	4	3	1
Scott Ledwidge*	7	7	0
James Bailey	10	3	7
Michael Way	9	7	2
Anthony Monk	7	7	0
Steve Welsh	6	6	0
* resigned			

Mr. Ian Granland moved away from the area in April and resigned from his position on the Board. Mr. Scott Ledwidge moved away from the area in June and resigned from his position on the Board in July.



## **BOARD PORTFOLIO REPORTS**

### **UMPIRING**

The Newcastle Central Coast Umpires Association continued their partnership with the Black Diamond AFL in 2010. There is a three year agreement between the association and the League which expires at the end of the 2011 season.

Since joining the BDAFL Board in April of this year it has been a steep, but enjoyable learning curve for me. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the General Manager and wish him well in his new position and also the Board members for their support and patience while I adapted to my new role.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the NCCUA's Umpires Coach, Peter Hampshire. Peter and I, along with input from John Sullivan, worked at appointing umpires to matches throughout the 2010 season. In addition, we provided umpires with written match observations that were used to improve their performances. Darrel Luck and Ashley Borg, an ex-umpire and before he resumed his playing career, also provided umpires with observations throughout the season and are also thanked for their efforts.

The NCCUA training attendance for the 2010 season was summarised. From the 65 possible training sessions that umpires could attend between January and September, there were 35 field or boundary umpires that attended training during the year, of these only one umpire came to every session. The next best was 75% of sessions being attended. The split up was as follows –

100% (one umpire), 75% (one umpire), 60 to 70% (two umpires), 50 to 60% (eight umpires), 40 to 50% (three umpires), 30 to 40% (twelve umpires), 20 to 30% (three umpires), 10 to 20% (four umpires) and < 10% (one umpire). From these figures it can be seen that only 35% of the group attended more than fifty percent of the total training sessions. Obviously continuity will be affected by the roll up at training.

Furthermore, there were 29 weeks where umpires could attend training on both Monday and Wednesday nights. Those who came to both training sessions during any one week were –

All 29 weeks (one umpire), 11 to 15 weeks (three umpires), 6 to 10 weeks (seven umpires), 1 to 5 weeks (twenty one umpires) and 0 weeks (three umpires). Again it can be seen that the majority of umpires came to training on only one night a week. The NCCUA is working towards improving umpire attendances at training.

Umpiring will continue to move forward in season 2011. Umpire numbers, recruitment and retention are always a concern. The NCCUA is looking at a number of options to improve this situation.

I look forward to working with the Board for season 2011.

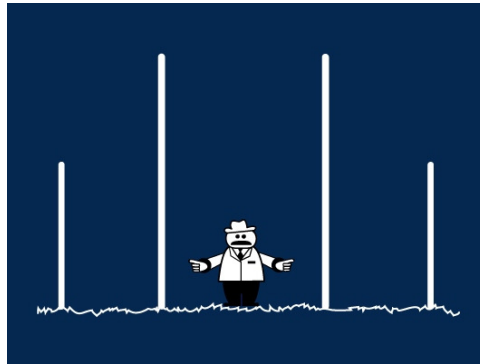
### **STEVE WELSH**

Board Member - Umpiring

## Overall Records

### Most Games Umpired

Field		Boundary		Goal	
Darrel Luck	170	Colin Goodenough	92	John Sullivan	114
Roger Crowhurst	136	Shannon Oeser	41	Richard Cornish	97
Neville Turner	100			Phil Marriott	90



## SPONSORSHIP

The Black Diamond AFL continued their partnerships with Carlton & United Breweries, Prime TV, Star 104.5FM, Mingara Recreation Club and Cougar Sportswear. Many thanks must go to these organisations as without their support the league would not be as successful as it is.



Carlton & United Breweries continued their excellent partnership with the league in 2010 very similar to 2009. Part of the agreement included alcohol being provided at the Leagues Presentation Night along with the naming of the Carlton Draught Team of the Year, Coach of the Year and Player of the Year. Each member of the team was presented with a carton of Carlton Draught along with a team shirt. The Carlton Draught Semi Trailer was again arranged for the Grand Final day.



Prime TV continued its arrangement in 2010 and the league received commercials on a weekly basis advertising the upcoming matches and the finals series. Prime donated the new runners and trainers shirts for ever club as part of their increase partnership with the League. The Club Administration Award continued being named the "Prime Club Administration Award" for the past few seasons.

Star 104.5FM again were a media partner with plenty of exposure on their radio station. Their roadstars visited many of our matches throughout the season. The airtime received is vital to the league exposure and one that the clubs should become involved in. Star 104.5FM kindly allow us to promote our matches and activates on their community page and this is one area the four central coast clubs should be looking into. Similar to 2009, Star 104.5FM received their logo on 30 match day footballs.





Mingara Recreation Club, where we held our Presentation Night in 2009 and 2010 received their logo on 30 match footballs used in Black Diamond Cup as part of the partnership. The Mingara Recreation Club is located in Tumby Umbi, just a short drive from the F3 Freeway and is centrally located in our region to hold our major function.

## **MERCHANDISING**

### **Playing Uniforms**



Part of the agreement with Cougar Sportswear, the league receives a free set of representative playing gear. This year, the General Manager negotiated with Cougar Sportswear to adjust these to receive

training singlets for the squad participating in the state regional championships. The league also received a \$1,000 payment for the exclusive deal. The agreement between the League and Cougar Sportswear has been extended for a further three years.

### **Footballs**

In 2010 the Black Diamond AFL re-entered into a partnership with Burley-Sekem after the 2009 season where there was no partnership with any football supplier.

All clubs had used Sherrin footballs in 2009 following pressure from clubs with all orders placed with AFL (NSW/ACT). Further feedback from clubs and league officials, noting the delay in having the footballs ready for the start of the season, the extra cost of the footballs and that some clubs raised the concerns of the quality



There was an additional cost to purchase the Sherrin football of approximately \$20 per football and also the league needed to purchase footballs for the final series. In previous years and under the agreement with Burley Sekem, the league was provided free footballs (depending on the number ordered throughout the season) for use in finals series matches.

### **Club Umpire Uniform**

The League again provided free sets of club umpire uniform similar to 2007 and 2008 to support clubs with their field, boundary and goal umpires. It appears not many clubs used the tops for the goal umpires.



### **Runners & Trainers Shirts**

Through the League's partnership with Prime, each club was issued with new runner's tops (1 per side) and trainers tops (2 per side). These were provided at no cost to the clubs. Runner's tops are green with the Prime logo across the front and the club name and number 1 to 3 on the back. Trainer's tops are numbered 1-6 and are white.

## **REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL**

The Black Diamond AFL participated in the State Regional Championships in Wagga Wagga on 12 – 13 June, 2010.

Board Member, Anthony Monk was appointed Chairman of Selectors, shortly followed by the re-appointment of Coach Scott Harrington. Steve Cutler was appointed as assistant coach and Paul Polglase nominated as Team Manager. Jared Sharp (Physio and trainer) and Andrew Wilson (Runner) were also added to the staff appointments.

An initial squad of 44 was chosen and after the first two training sessions it was reduced to 30 players. Two more training sessions at Adelaide Street Oval assisted the selectors and coaches have a final look at the squad before naming a 24 player squad for the Regional Championships. The second last scheduled training session was cancelled due to the wet weather with Adelaide Street Oval being closed. League and team officials in liaison with council staff and private facilities look into alternative venues with no success.

The final training session was held at No 1 Sports Ground on the Thursday, giving the team a final hit out before leaving for Wagga Wagga.

A much different look side in 2010 represented the League after it was decided to look towards the future. A number of younger players were selected after reviewing the direction the League was heading. A number of under 18 talented players were also invited to attend the training session with a view that these younger players would represent the League in the next few years.

Cardiff's Liam Gibson was named as Captain for the first time when current Captain Luke Rawnsley was unavailable due to a major ankle injury. Peter Van Dam was named as Vice Captain.

Each player and team staff member received a team shirt during a short presentation where each player was presented his playing jumper in the clubrooms at No 1 Sports Ground.

The side travelled to Wagga Wagga on the Friday prior to the carnival. Upon arriving in Wagga Wagga a training session had been arranged for the team the home of the Wagga Wagga Saints, McPherson Park. Each member of the team received a training singlet which was designed to be worn during the warm up at the Championships.

### **2010 Black Diamond AFL Representative Squad**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CLUB</b>
Dane AMIDY	Killarney Vale	Matt BAILEY	Newcastle City
Chris BISHOP	Terrigal Avoca	Sam BRASINGTON	Singleton
Michael CLARKE	Killarney Vale	Peter COLLINS	Killarney Vale
Angus DARLING	Terrigal Avoca	Liam GIBSON	Cardiff
Cameron GRENTILL	Terrigal Avoca	Nathan HIRST	Cardiff
Cameron JONES	Cardiff	Cameron KEAST	Newcastle City
Mitchell KNIGHT	Newcastle City	Simon O'Brien	Terrigal Avoca
James POLGLASE	Terrigal Avoca	Nathan RUSSON	Warners Bay
Ben SERAFIN	Cardiff	Corey SHACKLETON	Killarney Vale
Ben STEWART	Cardiff	Jai Turner	Terrigal Avoca
Peter VAN DAM	Terrigal Avoca	Jayson VAN DAM	Terrigal Avoca
Mark WHEELER	Newcastle City	Rick WHITE	Killarney Vale
Coach: Scott HARRINGTON		Assistant Coach: Steve CUTLER	
Chairman of Selectors: Anthony MONK		Team Manager: Paul POLGLASE	

On day one of the championships, the ground at Maher Oval was in near perfect condition with sunny conditions on show. The Black Diamond AFL had been drawn against Riverina FL, followed by Farrer FL and then Sydney u23's.

The opening match of the Championships saw the Black Diamond AFL side has defeat Riverina by 1 point. Riverina had much more of the football in the first half and should have been further in front. The Black Diamond defence line of Ben Stewart, Cameron Grentell, Rick White and Jayson Van Dam held tough and ensured only one mark to the Riverina forward line.

Riverina led 1.3 (9) to 1.0 (6) at the break. In the second half the running game of Captain Liam Gibson and Sam Brasington combining with the physical games of Mitch Knight and Mark Wheeler enabled the Black Diamond to lead by 14 points, before some late goals to close the margin to 1.

The final score was Black Diamond 4.1 (25) to Riverina 3.6 (24).

**Goals:** Matt Bailey, Peter Van Dam, Angus Darling, Dane Amidy.

**Best:** Ben Stewart, Cameron Grentell, Liam Gibson, Mark Wheeler, Sam Brasington, Mitch Knight.

The second match saw a dominant display by Black Diamond AFL against a confident Farrer FL outfit. A midfield lead by Liam Gibson, Mitch Knight and Mark Wheeler saw the Black Diamond side convincing winners 6.2 (38) to 2.6 (18).

**Goals:** Peter Van Dam 3, Peter Collins 1, Liam Gibson 1, Michael Clarke 1.

**Best:** Jayson Van Dam, Sam Brasington, Chris Bishop, James Polglase, Mitch Knight, Liam Gibson.

In warmer conditions at the end of the day the Black Diamond side were pulled up in their third match for the day by a youthful Sydney Under 23 side, 7.5 (47) to 3.3 (21). Slick ball movement and fast legs from the Sydney side prevented the Black Diamond side from getting their rhythm. The younger Sydney side appeared more polished and eventually ran out winner by 4 goals.

**Goals:** Rick White, Jai Turner, Chris Bishop.

**Best:** Mitch Knight, Matt Bailey, Rick White, Sam O'Brien, Liam Gibson, Angus Darling

### **Official Function**

Saturday evening saw the official function held by AFL NSW/ACT and Sam Brasington won the team's best player for the series and was presented with a trophy.

### **The Final - Sunday**

The final, played on Sunday, saw Black Diamond AFL play off for the Championships against the favourites Sydney u23's. The match was played as the main event in front of a fair crowd at Maher Oval but the impact of four games over two days plus coming out of a local situation where some local clubs have not played for three weeks because of the rain, took its toll. Injuries certainly didn't help with City midfielder, Mark Wheeler sidelined after the first match with others suffering similar muscular problems.



The Sydney team on the other hand looked it and revelled in the dry conditions. In a team where the average age was 20, they were virtually given licence to run all day. The BDAFL were really never in the race. Their opponents were too fast, too slick, more skilled and with a certain amount of tenacity took apart the local team with ease. Nevertheless the local boys tried hard but their kicking was a telling factor. Down 4.3 to 1.2 at the first break, they had most of the play in the second term but failed to take full advantage of their situation which further frustrated their prospects.

Mitch Knight was best for the side at ruck rover with the Bombers Rick White a close second. Evergreen and state country player, Angus Darling, had a sterling carnival and was counted in the best in nearly each match. Others to stand out in the final were Mat Bailey, Jayson Van Dam and Sam O'Brien. The league's two goals in the final game were kicked by Hawk's Cameron Jones and Rick White.

State Championships Final Black Diamond vs Sydney Maher Oval, Wagga Wagga Sunday 13 June 2010		Weather Fine
Black Diamond		2.6 (18)
Sydney		10.8 (68)
<b>Goal Kickers</b>		
<b>BDAFL</b> – Cameron Jones, Rick White		
<b>Best</b>		
<b>BDAFL</b> – Mitch Knight, Rick White, Angus Darling, Matt Bailey, Jayson Van Dam, Sam O'Brien		

As a result of an impressive State Regional Championships, League Representative Captain Liam Gibson, Newcastle City's Mitch Knight and Terrigal Avoca's Angus Darling and Jayson Van Dam were selected in the New South Wales country training squad following their performance in the State Regional Championships.



*Senior Representative Team Photo 2010*

## Senior Representative Matches played by the League

YEAR	OPPONENT	VENUE	RESULT	BDAFL	OPPOSITION
2001	Syd Football Assn	Newcastle No. 1	Won	30.16 (196)	16.6 (102)
2002	Comb Defence Force	Newcastle No. 1	Won	16.16 (112)	4.6 (30)
2003	Riverina FL	Wagga Wagga	Lost	6.5 (41)	28.17 (185)
2004	Sth Coast FL	Camden	Won	43.34 (292)	8.4 (52)
2005	Hume FL	Culcairn	Won	12.14 (86)	10.10 (70)
<b>2006 State Regional Championships</b>					
	Riverina FL	Wagga Wagga	Won	5.2 (32)	3.6 (24)
	Farrer FL	Wagga Wagga	Won	4.3 (27)	3.1 (19)
	Hume FL	Wagga Wagga	Won	8.3 (51)	1.1 (7)
Final	Riverina FL	Wagga Wagga	Won	6.7 (43)	6.6 (42)
2007	North Coast FL	Newcastle No.1	WASHED OUT		
2008	Sydney AFL U23	Newcastle No.1	Lost	19.13 (127)	21.20 (146)
<b>2008 State Regional Championships</b>					
	Riverina FL	Wagga Wagga	Lost	0.3 (3)	8.5 (53)
	Hume FL	Wagga Wagga	Lost	4.5 (29)	7.6 (48)
	Farrer FL	Wagga Wagga	Lost	5.5 (35)	6.3 (39)
	North Coast FL	Wagga Wagga	Won	19.8 (122)	4.3 (27)
2009	Riverina FL	Newcastle No.1	Lost	12.7 (79)	14.18 (102)
<b>2010 State Regional Championships</b>					
	Riverina FL	Wagga Wagga	Won	4.1 (25)	3.6 (24)
	Farrer FL	Wagga Wagga	Won	6.2 (38)	2.6 (18)
	Sydney AFL U23	Wagga Wagga	Lost	3.3 (21)	7.5 (47)
Final	Sydney AFL U23	Wagga Wagga	Lost	2.6 (18)	10.8 (68)

## Under 18 Representative Match

Negotiations were held with North Coast AFL to play an Under 18 fixture. Both Leagues were eager to continue the arrangements, however with uncertainty of the State Regional Championship held in Wagga and the unknown costs for this event, this added to the difficulties of trying to arrange an Under 18 match. It is hoped that an Under 18 match can be arranged in 2011.

UNDER 18 REPRESENTATIVE GAMES					
YEAR	OPPONENT	VENUE	RESULT	BDAFL SCORE	OPPOSITION SCORE
2004	North Coast FL	Newcastle No. 1	Won	33.18 (216)	nil
2005	ACT	Ainslie Oval	Lost	10.6 (66)	10.12 (72)
2006	ACT	Manuka Oval	Lost	4.7 (31)	10.8 (68)
2007	North Coast FL	Newcastle No.1	WASHED OUT		
2008	North Coast FL	Newcastle No.1	Won	11.11 (77)	8.9 (57)
2009	North Coast FL	Coffs Harbour	WASHED OUT		

**ANTHONY MONK** - Board Member – Representative Football

## PRESENTATION NIGHT

This year the Elliott-Davey Medal and Presentation Night was held at **Mingara Recreation Club**, Tumbi Umbi. For the second year running and only the second time the event has been held on the Central Coast.

The venue has chosen for a number of reasons:

- It's location on Wyong Road, just a short drive off the F3 Freeway.
- The club's standing as the leading licensed club venue on the Central Coast, if not NSW.
- The club's current and past connections with the league.

Following the outstanding success of the 2009 event, the evening was designed to be run in a similar fashion. The budget for the evening was similar to 2009 and each club with three teams in the competition were issued with 24 seats (3 tables) and the clubs with just two teams, received 16 (2 tables). The umpires received one table as part of their partnership with the League. No clubs bought extra tickets in 2010.

Board Member (events portfolio) Ian Granland, and General Manager, Scott Ledwidge, met with officials from the **Mingara** Club early in the year to discuss arrangements for the league's evening.

The early planning of the event was completed by Mr. Granland and Mr. Ledwidge and arrangements were made with Carlton Draught for the supply of six kegs for the evening.

With the departure of Mr. Granland from the Board of Management, the Board did not fill the portfolio of events management. The General Manager continued with the planning for the evening and was in constant communication with the Board to have the role filled or another Board Member assume the portfolio to ensure another successful. It was only late in the piece, when no nominations were received and no other Board member opted to assume the position, that the League President added this role to his many others.

Our medal night was calculated as a major event for **Mingara** and as such the league was obliged to use two companies who sub contracted to Mingara for such events. These provided decorations around the stage and throughout the room as well as an increased sound system. For the latter we were obliged to pay for the setup, monitoring throughout the function by a technician and removal of the equipment supplied. The cost here was \$1000. Fortunately **Mingara** assisted with the decorations and subsidies which contributed approximately \$6000 to the entire function.

Steve Allan once again was the MC and did a superb job. The league conducted a raffle to help cover his cost. However this year, the raffle prizes were poor, with only a fridge esky arranged by the League President and no other prizes sourced.

Great care was taken in the preparation of the running sheet for the night and when and in what order the respective awards would be presented. This agenda was emailed to the MC prior to the event and a further discussion was held with him on the night with regards



MC, Steve Allan

to his implementation of it. The slight change to the seating plan and placement of tables in the room was of great benefit.

Through an arrangement with **Carlton & United Breweries** and their Regional Manager, Ron Oeser, four kegs of **Carlton Draught** and two of VB Gold were provided gratis. The storage and serving of this had to be paid totalling around \$1000. The Board was happy with this end result.

Serving of the alcohol changed this year, compared to last. No free alcohol was consumed in the foyer area where canapés were served before they entered. The free product was only available from the bar inside the showroom.

There was a notable absence of special guests at this year's event. The General Manager was not in attendance, AFL (NSW/ACT) were represented by Dave Dunning and John Deitz. There was no former League President or General Manager at this year's event. Included in the Leagues Events and Procedures documents this in a guest list for the event which included a list of former League Presidents, General Managers, AFL (NSW/ACT) delegates, Sponsors and Media Partners.

The Board opted not to use a floor manager this year. It was first tried in 2009 and was a great success; however the appointment of a hostess, supplied by **Mingara**, was continued. Also we had a screen and sound operator for the night who worked in a separate but adjacent room next to the sound technician from BAX. A DJ, Ben O'Connor was utilised on the evening playing music in the interval and the commencement and ending of the night. The DJ also worked with the BAX technician in presenting the slides.



*Jackson Monk & Mitchell Knight*

The *Team of the Decade 2000-2009* was selected during the year by the League appointed selectors and the announcement of the various team components, i.e. back line, centre line etc., was made at regular intervals through the night then eventually each member of the *Team of the Decade 2000-2009* was introduced onto the stage where they were presented to the audience.

A new award was introduced to recognise treasurers within clubs that often go unrewarded. The League continued with the *Young Volunteer of the Year* award introduced in 2009.

Each nominee for the *Volunteer of the Year* and *Young Volunteer of the Year* award category was called to the stage and presented with a small trophy. The eventual winner was chosen from this group.

The Team of the Year (*see page 38*) was selected for the second year running and each player was given an appropriately monogrammed **Carlton Draught** Shirt as well as a carton of beer.

Unfortunately no official photographer was arranged for the evening due to the unavailability of the photographers the League generally uses.

Overall the presentation night was a success. It finished around 10pm which was excellent timing. We really have to thank **Mingara** for assisting us to get it to that level however there are a number of issues which need to be addressed for the medal night:

- People not wearing a suit/coat and tie. Some people came late and dressed in jeans and open neck casual shirt. A number didn't wear coats. This improved from 2009, but still needs to be better.
- The night started late and this needs to improve
- An entertainer or guest speaker should be arranged for the event
- Noise from some tables. This could have been alcohol related.
- We need to encourage more women to attend these functions. Maybe a prize for the most women or best gown and make the reward a substantial cash prize.
- Improved raffle prizes. Board to look at using raffle prizes similar to 2009.
- Publicity on the night
- Ensure all special guests are invited and encouraged to attend.

Positive changes from the 2009 event include

- Having a third break, shortly before the Elliott-Davey Medal Count.
- The MC arriving earlier to have a last run down of the event, timings and award winners.
- Reducing the consumption of alcohol not providing free drinks until in the showroom.
- The night was good and helps lift our profile on the Central Coast. We need to keep working on how to present bigger and better similar functions.



2009 Elliott-Davey Medallist, Angus Darling (right), presenting the medal to 2010 winner, Mitchell Knight

## FINALS

The 2010 Final Series used the McIntyre Final Four System with the First Semi Final played at Adelaide Street Oval, Tumby Umbi with the Second Semi Final, Preliminary Final and Grand Final being played at Newcastle No.1 Sports Ground.

Newcastle No.1 Sports Ground has been the home of the Black Diamond AFL in each of its eleven years and is by far, the best venue in our League.

The League currently only uses two grounds that have the capabilities of charging an admission and needs to ensure its scheduling does not clash with the two Greater Sydney Junior leagues along with the Newcastle Rugby League and Newcastle and Hunter Rugby Union who both use Newcastle No.1 Sports Ground for their Grand Finals.

As per previous seasons, the canteen, beer booth and gate were opened to clubs who wished to tender. Only two clubs submitted an interest to operate these functions. This in itself is very strange, as clubs can earn good money for these duties which will help with the day to day running and future development. It is even more puzzling, when many clubs are crying poor.

The General Manager approached a number of clubs to work with the League for the finals series which saw all clubs help raise money. Killarney Vale run canteen and bar at the first semi final, whilst Gosford controlled the gate. For their first year, Gosford did an outstanding job and should be considered for a preliminary final or grand final next year.

For the finals at No.1 Sports Ground, Newcastle City operated the bar, Nelson Bay the canteen and Lake Macquarie the gate.

Admission charges for the final series were kept the same as 2009. Adults \$10, pensioners \$5, Children under 15 free and cars \$3. Football Records were included in the admission price.

The First Semi Final had an improved crowd from last year with the gate just trickling past the \$2000 mark which was the target figure for the day. The Second Semi Final crowd was excellent with the gate exceeding \$3000. Although the Preliminary Final attracted a good crowd, the predicted gate figure of \$4000 (based on past years) did not get reached, although the gate figure was still healthy.

For the second time in League history the Grand Finals saw a gate of over \$10,000. The three best gates figures have been in 2007, 2009 & 2010 and all well above any other year's gate takings.

Similar to 2009, the Grand Final day was a picture. In close to perfect weather (a few light showers around) the ground was in sensational condition and all three sides that won in 2009, won again this year. Two of these sides completed the three-peat.

Through the partnership with Carlton & United Breweries, the Carlton Draught Semi Trailer was again secured for the day and located behind the goals at the netball end.



## FINALS MATCH DETAILS

First Semi Final – Saturday 14 August 2010			Weather – Overcast then fine Gate: \$2,041.00		
Adelaide Street Oval, Tumbi Umbi			Gates (all finals) Charges: \$10 adult, \$5 concession, \$3 per car		
Black Diamond Cup			Admission included Football Record		
Terrigal Avoca	4.2	5.6	7.10	13.12	(90)
Warners Bay	1.2	3.2	7.3	9.5	(59)
<b>Goal kickers:</b>					
<b>Terrigal Avoca:</b> J. Polglase 4, P. Van Dam 3, A. Darling 2, N. Moon, J. Harding, S. O'Brien, M. Studdert					
<b>Warners Bay:</b> B. Hunter 2, D. Crotty 2, J. Buckley 2, N. Russon, L. McKenna, B. Williams					
<b>Best Players:</b>					
<b>Terrigal Avoca:</b> A. Darling, J. Van Dam, C. Bishop, S. Lynch, J. Polglase, P. Van Dam					
<b>Warners Bay:</b> B. Hunter, J. Buckley, N. Turner, S. McMahon, J. Roach, N. Russon					

Reserve Grade					
Cardiff	2.3	2.6	8.3	15.14	(104)
Warners Bay	2.1	2.1	2.1	10.6	(66)
<b>Goal kickers:</b>					
<b>Cardiff:</b> A. Roxby 3, J. McMahon 3, J. White 2, A. Dugan, A. Risby, T. Quade, S. Haigh, M. White, C. Davies, S. Williams					
<b>Warners Bay:</b> T. Hof 2, M. Bottrill 2, B. Smith, N. Brown, I. Hopper, D. Russell, L. Anderson, B. Petherbridge					
<b>Best Players:</b>					
<b>Cardiff:</b> C. Buchan, J. McMahon, J. Foot, A. Risby, H. Thomson, J. White					
<b>Warners Bay:</b> I. Hopper, L. Joseph, S. Gibbons, I. Bird, S. Ducker, D. Russell					

Under 18					
Killarney Vale	3.5	11.11	17.17	24.20	(164)
Warners Bay	3.2	3.2	4.2	7.2	(44)
<b>Goal kickers:</b>					
<b>Killarney Vale:</b> R. Meyn 10, D. Lloyd 3, R. Barnard 3, M. Mumford 2, T. Thone-Kain 2, C. Bond, A. Whymark, B. Manners, T. Castelnovo					
<b>Warners Bay:</b> J. Best 2, T. Gordon 2, P. Hunter 2, T. Clarke					
<b>Best Players:</b>					
<b>Killarney Vale:</b> T. Thone-Kain, M. Besley, R. Barnard, B. Manners, J. Evans, R. Meyn					
<b>Warners Bay:</b> T. Gordon, J. Ryan, A. McGuire, J. Best, M. Hillier, P. Quinn					

Second Semi Final – Saturday 21 August 2010			Weather: Overcast then fine Gate \$3,708.00		
Newcastle No. 1 Sportsground					
Black Diamond Cup					
Cardiff	5.7	7.8	10.14	12.16	(88)
Newcastle City	2.3	7.9	10.12	13.14	(92)
<b>Goal kickers:</b>					
<b>Cardiff:</b> J. Blumfield 4, M. Ryan 2, M. Krake 2, D. Jones, A. Hodge, S. Conlan, S. O'Brien					
<b>Newcastle City:</b> J. Drury 6, M. Knight 2, P. McGuinness 2, O. Dawes, J. Cleaver, M. Wheeler					
<b>Best Players:</b>					
<b>Cardiff:</b> L. Gibson, J. Blumfield, S. Conlan, M. Krake, T. Sheldon, A. Hodge					
<b>Newcastle City:</b> L. Rawnsley, M. Knight, M. Enright, J. Drury, S. Burke, M. Wheeler					

Reserve Grade					
Singleton	5.2	10.8	12.10	17.11	(113)
Nelson Bay	2.0	4.3	5.4	6.4	(40)
<b>Goal kickers:</b>					
<b>Singleton:</b> B. Paech 6, J. Deppeler 4, B. Cook 2, L. Ryall, D. Harrod, B. Kukura, B. Dullaghan, S. Brasington					
<b>Nelson Bay:</b> B. Wilkie, M. Dellar, B. Erickson, T. Thornton, B. Henderson, B. Sainsbury					
<b>Best Players:</b>					
<b>Singleton:</b> S. Brasington, G. Smith, B. Kukura, N. Childs, L. Ryall, D. Cowburn					
<b>Nelson Bay:</b> N. Kither, D. Emmett, N. Wells, A. Spencer, B. Spencer, K. Toohey					

Under 18					
Cardiff	5.7	12.7	15.10	23.15	(153)
Terrigal Avoca	2.1	5.6	7.8	8.9	(57)
<b>Goal kickers:</b>					
<b>Cardiff:</b> D. Jones 5, M. White 5, T. Quade 3, J. McMahon 3, R. Lech Leitner 3, B. Heeney 2, B. Taylor					
<b>Terrigal Avoca:</b> W. McKellar 3, J. Jones, J. Flint, J. Turner, J. Polglase, M. Fyfe-Smith					
<b>Best Players:</b>					
<b>Cardiff:</b> S. Haigh, B. Heeney, M. Davies, R. Millward, J. McMahon, V. Dawes					
<b>Terrigal Avoca:</b> S. Telfer, W. McKellar, J. Ball, W. Blom, C. Owen, M. Enders					

Preliminary Final – Saturday 28 August 2010					Weather – Fine
Newcastle No. 1 Sportsground					Gate \$3,421.00
Black Diamond Cup					
Cardiff	2.4	8.6	10.9	13.12	(90)
Terrigal Avoca	2.5	5.6	7.9	9.10	(64)
<b>Goal kickers:</b>					
<b>Cardiff:</b> M. Ryan 4, J. Dawes 3, A. Hodge, M. Krake, C. Clark, A. Clarke, S. O'Brien, S. Williams					
<b>Terrigal Avoca:</b> M. Goolagong 5, J. Turner, A. Darling, M. Studdert, C. Grentell					
<b>Best Players:</b>					
<b>Cardiff:</b> T. Sheldon, A. Hodge, L. Gibson, A. Clarke, Q. Davis, J. Dawes					
<b>Terrigal Avoca:</b> J. Van Dam, A. Darling, N. Moon, J. Polglase, C. Grentell, D. Smith					

Reserve Grade					
Cardiff	3.4	6.11	8.13	16.14	(110)
Nelson Bay	6.2	6.8	15.15	17.16	(118)
<b>Goal kickers:</b>					
<b>Nelson Bay:</b> J. Ridgeway 6, B. Henderson 4, B. Erickson 3, T. Thornton 3, D. Emmett					
<b>Cardiff:</b> M. White 5, B. Serafin 3, A. Dugan, A. Risby, A. Roxby, T. Quade, J. Pratt, A. Wivell, C. Buchan, M. Garrett					
<b>Best Players:</b>					
<b>Nelson Bay:</b> D. Emmett, B. Erickson, T. Thornton, B. Henderson, B. Elzinga, B. Grace					
<b>Cardiff:</b> B. Serafin, J. Pratt, M. White, A. Roxby, C. Buchan, J. Wells					

Under 18					
Terrigal Avoca	2.1	5.2	5.3	7.10	(52)
Killarney Vale	4.3	7.7	12.10	16.12	(108)
<b>Goal kickers:</b>					
<b>Terrigal Avoca:</b> J. Ball, J. Jones, T. Brown, M. Enders, H. Barlow, L. Billins, N. Akeamarmoi					
<b>Killarney Vale:</b> R. Meyn 3, D. Lloyd 3, S. Sinclair 3, R. Barnard 2, R. Coughlan 2, T. Castelnovo 2, M. Besley					
<b>Best Players:</b>					
<b>Terrigal Avoca:</b> M. Fyfe-Smith, J. Polglase, W. Blom, S. Telfer, W. McKellar, B. Studdert					
<b>Killarney Vale:</b> M. Mumford, T. Castelnovo, M. Besley, S. Sinclair, T. Thone-Kain, B. Manners					

Grand Final – Saturday 4 September 2010					Fine and warm. 24 degrees
Newcastle No. 1 Sportsground					Gate: \$10,334.00
Black Diamond Cup					
Newcastle City	6.6	9.9	13.16	17.21	(123)
Cardiff	1.2	3.7	6.10	10.12	(72)
<b>Goal kickers:</b>					
<b>Newcastle City:</b> M. Wheeler 3, L. Rawnsley 3, J. Cleaver 3, J. Morton 3, M. Knight, O. Dawes, M. Bailey, J. Drury, P. McGuinness					
<b>Cardiff:</b> M. Ryan 4, B. Serafin 3, Q. Davis, L. Orton, S. O'Brien					
<b>Best Players:</b>					
<b>Newcastle City:</b> L. Rawnsley, J. Bric, S. Burke, B. Cornwall, M. Knight, J. Cleaver					
<b>Cardiff:</b> A. Clarke, L. Gibson, S. Conlan, M. Ryan, B. Serafin, T. Sheldon					
<b>McBain Medallist:</b> Luke Rawnsley (Newcastle City)					

Reserve Grade					
Singleton	2.2	7.6	11.8	17.11	(113)
Nelson Bay	1.2	2.4	2.5	6.7	(43)
<b>Goal kickers:</b>					
<b>Singleton:</b> J. Vinson 3, J. Deppeler 3, B. Paech 3, S. Brasington 2, L. Ryall 2, M. Roser, D. Cowburn, R. Wilkes, G. Smith					
<b>Nelson Bay:</b> A. Spencer 2, P. Smith, B. Henderson, B. Erickson, T. Law					
<b>Best Players:</b>					
<b>Singleton:</b> L. Ryall, J. Vinson, S. Brasington, L. Davis, G. Smith, D. Harrod					
<b>Nelson Bay:</b> D. Emmett, B. Erickson, B. Deacon, B. Sainsbury, B. Elzinga, d. Puleston					
<b>Best on Ground:</b> Lincoln Ryall (Singleton)					

Under 18					
Cardiff	5.1	7.4	9.6	16.16	(112)
Killarney Vale	3.2	5.2	10.6	12.8	(80)
<b>Goal kickers:</b>					
<b>Cardiff:</b> B. Heeney, R. Lech Leitner, M. White, C. Wivell, T. McCosker, S. Haigh					
<b>Killarney Vale:</b> T. Thone-Kain, J. Evans, M. Mumford, R. Meyn, R. Coughlan, M. Besley					
<b>Best Players:</b> R. Lech Leitner 4, C. Wivell 3, J. McMahon 2, B. Heeney 2, D. Jones 2, T. Quade, S. Haigh,					



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**Cardiff:****Killarney Vale:** R. Meyn 5, S. Sinclair 2, N. Higgins, D. Lloyd, M. Mumford, R. Barnard, M. Besley**Best on Ground:** Beau Heeney (Cardiff)

## 2010 BLACK DIAMOND CUP PREMIERS – NEWCASTLE CITY



## 2000-2010 FINALS GATE TAKINGS COMPARISON

YEAR	Elimination	Qualifying	1 <sup>st</sup> Semi	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semi	Prelim	G/Final	TOTALS
2000	n/a	n/a	\$1,158.00	\$ 998.00	\$1,349.00	\$4,622.00	\$ 8,127.00
2001	n/a	n/a	\$2,100.00	\$1,824.00	\$1,700.00	\$4,783.00	\$10,407.00
2002	\$1,768.00	\$1,260.00	\$1,015.00	\$1,486.00	\$1,896.00	\$5,053.00	\$12,478.00
2003	\$1,592.00	\$1,530.00	\$1,140.00	\$1,894.00	\$1,755.00	\$5,626.00	\$13,537.00
2004	n/a	n/a	\$ 715.00	\$1,693.00	\$1,243.00	\$5,836.00	\$ 9,487.00
2005	n/a	n/a	\$2,358.00	\$2,454.00	\$1,416.00	\$5,948.00	\$12,176.00
2006	n/a	n/a	\$2,317.00	\$2,454.00	\$2,056.00	\$5,410.00	\$12,236.00
2007	n/a	n/a	<b>\$2,917.00</b>	\$3,596.00	\$3,416.00	\$8,059.00	\$17,988.00
2008	n/a	n/a	\$1,713.00	\$2,777.00	\$3,507.00	\$5,062.00	\$13,059.00
2009	n/a	n/a	\$1,443.00	\$2,425.00	<b>\$4,429.00</b>	<b>\$11,168.00</b>	\$19,465.00
2010	n/a	n/a	\$2,041.00	<b>\$3,708.00</b>	\$3,421.00	\$10,334.00	<b>\$19,504.00</b>
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$3,360.00</b>	<b>\$2,790.00</b>	<b>\$18,917.00</b>	<b>\$25,309.00</b>	<b>\$26,188.00</b>	<b>\$71,901.00</b>	<b>\$148,464.00</b>
<i>Average</i>	<i>\$1,680.00</i>	<i>\$1,395.00</i>	<i>\$1,719.72</i>	<i>\$2,300.80</i>	<i>\$2,380.72</i>	<i>\$6,536.45</i>	<i>\$13,496.00</i>

## **GRANTS & FACILITIES**

Report not available at time of print

## **OTHER REPORTS**

### **PUBLICITY**

In 2010 the Black Diamond AFL continued to form strong relationships with the media and public outlets.

Regular radio interviews were held in 2010. The General Manager spoke on 94.1 and 96.3 on the central coast on a weekly basis and also on occasions on ABC Newcastle. At times, Board Members and coaches of club would speak on 94.1 and 96.3.

The League website [www.bdafl.com.au](http://www.bdafl.com.au) is another form of communication and publicity. The Board appoints a website editor who regularly updates news articles on the site, usually every second day. Stories will range from previews to the upcoming match, Saturday results and a brief review of matches to club stories, AFL development, new initiatives by the league to upcoming courses and information on umpiring.

Central Coast Express Advocate is a good supporter of our league and regular articles feature in the paper.

The weekly column written by the General Manager was printed in the Newcastle Star or displayed on their website. Articles were also seen in the Newcastle Post at various times throughout the year.

The Newcastle Herald would run three to four paragraphs in each Saturday's edition paper as well as their Monday edition.

The follow list includes the outlets that supported the Black Diamond AFL 2010:

#### **Television**

Prime TV  
Newcastle

- Provided free commercials for home and away round and each game of the finals series

NBN Central Coast

- Regular weekly reports, upcoming games and match results on its nightly news program.  
Attended Semi Final and filmed

NBN Newcastle

- Attended Grand Final and filmed  
Provided excellent coverage of Grand Final

#### **Radio**

Star104.5FM  
Central Coast

- BDAFL media partner saw information posted on their website as well as regular reports on their daily shows.
- Their 'Roadstar' vehicles attended/reported on games on a number of Saturdays during the season. Match fixtures and results were included in news bulletins as well as a limited number of interviews on their Saturday morning sports show.

<u>ABC Newcastle</u>	- Broadcast match fixtures together with scores during the season. General Manager interviews on-air during the season on numerous occasions.
<u>94.1 Hits &amp; Country</u> <i>Central Coast</i>	- General Manager was a regular on their Saturday mornings sports show
<u>96.3</u> <i>Central Coast</i>	- General Manager was a regular on their Saturday mornings sports show
<u>Sea FM / 2GO</u> <i>Central Coast</i>	- Broadcast match fixtures together with scores during the season.
<b>Print</b>	
<u>Newcastle Star</u> <i>Newcastle &amp; Lake Macquarie</i>	- Weekly article on Australian Football provided by the General Manager. Generally written previous week's matches and also a preview to the upcoming matches but at times feature junior football, development or items of interest with the league.
<u>Central Coast Express</u> <i>Central Coast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wednesday Edition – Review of last round scores along with best players and goal kickers in Wednesday's Edition</li> <li>- Friday Edition – Preview to upcoming matches.</li> <li>- The articles varied in length and often included photos of players.</li> </ul>
<u>Newcastle Herald</u> <i>Newcastle</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Write up of matches in Saturday's Edition</li> <li>- Review of weekend's match in Monday's Edition.</li> </ul>
<u>Daily Telegraph</u> <i>Central Coast</i>	- Occasionally columns & photo's as well as scores, goal kickers and best players were included

In addition to this the Maitland Mercury, Singleton Argus, Port Stephens Examiner, Lakes Mail & Lake Macquarie News printed scores and/or articles from time to time.

The league is grateful for the coverage that the game received and hopes to extend our coverage in season 2010.

## TRIBUNAL

Following a few concerns from clubs regarding the Tribunal process a review was undertaken by members of the Board of Management and a recommendation was made that no changes shall be made for the 2010 season.

This year the Tribunal became a farce. The League again saw issues with the report information forms completed by the reporting officer. At times, reporting officers failed to submit reports and grading forms resulting in delays of processing the reports, advising reported players/clubs and tribunal hearings. On some report grading forms the charge is over graded causing some reports to be sent to the Tribunal, when it may not be necessary. The Umpires Association run a reporting and tribunal session early in the year which is a fantastic concept by the Association and supported by the League, however it appears the message is not getting through, which can cause angst between clubs and the umpiring group. The Board will again look into this situation to improve the system and education process for reporting officers.

Former umpire Ashley Borg was appointed Chairman and settled into the role extremely well. During the year, Mr Borg decided to try his hand at playing for one of the clubs. As a result he resigned from his position and the League Executive wished him well. The end result for Mr. Borg is that he is now a premierships player, playing in his clubs reserve grade grand final side.

The position of Tribunal Chairman was advertised and the Board appointed Mr. Brian Doyle, a very experienced man sitting on a number of tribunals at various levels. Mr. Doyle has a legal background.

With no further appointments to the Panel, the Board, on the advice of AFL (NSW/ACT), elected and nominated members of the Board of Management to sit on panel chaired by both Mr. Borg and Mr. Doyle.

Later in the season Mr. Doyle resigned from the Tribunal Chairman role citing a number of reasons including a concern with a Tribunal Panel Member. This left the League in a difficult situation with no Tribunal Chairman and with no panel members appointed outside of the Board of Management, the Board needed to fill the void and hear the cases.

The Cardiff Football Club on behalf of Mr. Shane Williams appealed a tribunal hearing to AFL (NSW/ACT). After some lengthy discussions, the appeal was upheld and a new hearing needed to be formed. In the discussions with AFL (NSW/ACT), it was pointed out that Mr. Williams is free to play until his new hearing.

## **OFFICE AND EQUIPMENT**

The Black Diamond AFL continues to sub-lease an office in the AFL (NSW/ACT) premises located in Morisset. The league moved into the office in late 2007. The three year contract expired during 2010 and negotiations are under-way to continue the lease.

It is a great benefit to the league to be able to hold an office at the AFL (NSW/ACT) offices as it allows our league to stay in touch with the Development team, to see what is happening in local AFL and to share ideas however the League has a number of concerns with the facility at Morisset included the state of the training and meeting rooms and the lack of furniture, the office not being open to a sufficient amount of time which has caused a number of issues with deliveries for the League, no projector in the building until this year during the negotiation although the League is still waiting for this to be made available in the training rooms. Further issues during the tenancy have been the ongoing problems with the air-conditioning that finally appear to be fixed. The lease has been extended to the end of January 2011 where the Board will further discuss with AFL (NSW/ACT) arrangements within the office.

This year the General Manager worked out of the office on Monday and Wednesdays and at times on the weekends depending on his movements around grounds until the middle of the year where he re-located to Victoria.

All the league's meetings, workshops and Tribunal hearings were held at Morisset.

The league purchased a new laptop for the General Manager and updated the computer software including Microsoft Office and QuickBooks. More of the League history is now stored in the league office including all annual reports, football record and stats on players game and goals, which you will see towards the end of this annual report.

## **THE FOOTBALL RECORD**

The format of the Football Record in 2010 was similar to 2009. The cost to produce the 2010 record was approximately \$5,700 including a payment to the record editor, just down for the \$6,000 approximate in 2009. The record in the past has been time consuming, but the new format of 2009-10 has made the process easier.

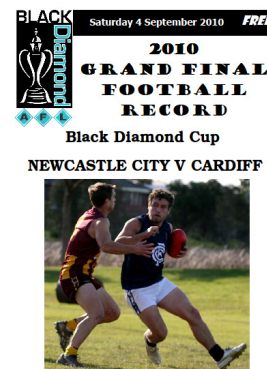
The covers are printed at Officeworks with the booklet which made the production of the publication a lot smoother. In the past, the pre-printed covers needed to have the match and date printed on them and then given to Officeworks with the inside pages.

With no appointment made by the Board before the start of the season, the General Manager produced the football records until the end of May. The Board appointed Tess Smith after this time and Mrs. Smith produced most of the records for the rest of the season apart from the Pink Round 14 and Grand Final editions which were compiled by the General Manager.

Part of the re-structure of the General Manager's role will see the encumbrant in 2011 produce the record without the need to appoint an editor.

Records were printed on a Wednesday at Officeworks and collected in the afternoon or Thursday Morning and 25 booklets couriered to each home club to arrive on Friday. The Board views the Football Record as an important publication and it is vitally important to have the Finals Series Football Record presented in the best possible fashion. As a result the General Manager co-ordinated the Record for the Grand Final and the Round 14 'Pink Edition'.

The League produced a 28 page edition for the Grand Final and printed 300 copies which were all handed out on the day. *(Cover on right)*



## **SPORTING PULSE**

Over the years, Sporting Pulse has become much a part of our system as the games themselves. This year there was no major changes to the system.

Clubs will use the Sporting Pulse system to enter their teams and print their team sheets for their upcoming match along with entering the registered players into the database at the start of the season and where required. The system calculates total matches played, goals kickers and finals eligibility.

Clubs are given a brief understanding of the system at the workshop held prior to the start of the system. It has been noticed over the past few years clubs that attend this workshop find out the many benefits of Sporting Pulse and perform the tasks much better and their clubs feature well in the Club Administration Award.

All in all, sporting pulse provides a very user friendly product and one that has unlimited potential. After results are entered and then checked by the General Manager and uploaded to the internet, many services and stats are available to all viewers, including scores, goal kickers, best players, yearly goal kicking table, games played for the season for each player, how many times a player is listed in the best for his team etc.

## **CLUB WORKSHOPS**

The Black Diamond AFL ran a number of seminars at the start of the season which are vital to provide clubs the information they require for the upcoming season. These were conducted at the league office in Morisset by the President, General Manager and Board Members and were presented in most part by way of PowerPoint presentation.

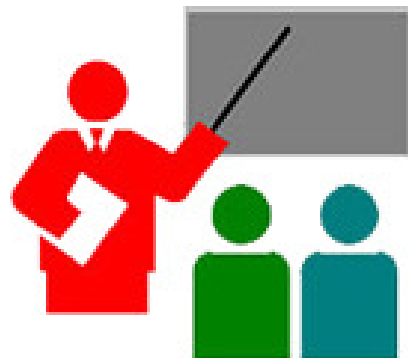
There was a good turnout at both the club secretaries and club coaches workshops but unfortunately not all clubs were represented. Due to a lack of numbers, the timekeeper's course was cancelled. Issues were seen throughout the season by some timekeepers not understanding the importance of their job and some of the tasks required.

All clubs were provided with up to date by laws and inserts for their Operational Manual. It was explained what is expected both on and off the field including match day presentation, match day paperwork requirements as well as general club requirements.

For the first time, the League ran a Treasurers workshop, where the League's Treasurer meet with all the club treasurers and discussed a number of key items including, the club affiliation package and fees, the League budget and where are the funds are spent, a sample club budget, based on clubs budget and the benchmarking survey and the order process for clubs jumpers, shorts, socks and footballs.

Not all coaches turned up to the coaches' workshop, some with apologies and some just failing to attend. Regional Manager, Dave Dunning, spoke to the coaches about the player pathway with the region and for higher honour. With no appointment of an Umpires Coach at this time, Board Members discussed rule changes for the 2010 season which were minimal.

At the club umpire's forum held in conjunction with the umpire's forum at Swansea RSL there was again a good turn out by club umpires, compared to previous seasons. Those club umpires in attendance were briefed on the new rules and interpretations, what is expected of an umpire, match day paperwork and the reporting process.



## **PRIME CLUB ADMINISTRATION AWARD**

The **Prime Club Administration Award** continued this year with six clubs receiving funds back for their efforts during season 2010. Congratulations to Lake Macquarie for winning the award for the first time.

The Administration Award is designed to reward clubs at the end of the season with a financial incentive for the clubs that meet most of their administration requirements. It negates the need for clubs to be fined on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis where they fail to complete their required tasks. Many other organisations simply just issue fines to clubs which has a negative impact on the people trying to do the right thing.

Each club commenced the year with 200 points, with points deducted where clubs failed to meet the requirements or points added for doing things early or providing the league with certain information to help the system and provide a smooth process.

Updated statements were sent weekly or fortnightly to all clubs. Whilst it is ideal to send statements on a weekly basis, at times this became impossible as clubs returned their match day paperwork late; causing their clubs to lose more points and delays the statement being sent.

Unfortunately three clubs ended up with negative points and a fine was issued to these clubs. This improved from five clubs being fined in 2009; however some clubs did not seem to be too focused on the award, with some losing points for the same offence on numerous occasions.

### **Final Points Table is as follows:**

	CLUB	POINTS	\$
1	Lake Macquarie	280	490
2	Killarney Vale	250	437
3	Newcastle City	205	358
4	Terrigal Avoca	170	297
5	Nelson Bay	160	280
6	Singleton	10	18
7	Gosford	0	0
8	Cardiff	-65	-65
9	Warners Bay	-135	-135
10	Wyang Lakes	-180	-180



# **TEAM OF THE DECADE**

## **2000-2009**

Following ten years of the Black Diamond AFL, a team of the decade was announced at the presentation evening. The League appointed selectors who had been involved within the League during the ten year period and they had the lengthy task of sorting through a decade of history and remembering the years gone by. A plaque was struck and each member of the team that attended the evening was presented with one.

### **The Team**

<b>Back Pocket</b>	<b>Jason Woodcoe</b>	<b>Nelson Bay</b>
<b>Full Back:</b>	<b>John Burns</b>	<b>Nelson Bay / Newcastle City</b>
<b>Back Pocket:</b>	<b>Corey Shackleton</b>	<b>Killarney Vale</b>
<b>Half Back Flank:</b>	<b>Luke Rawnsley</b>	<b>Newcastle City</b>
<b>Centre Half Back:</b>	<b>David Grimmond</b>	<b>Terrigal Avoca</b>
<b>Half Back Flank:</b>	<b>Justin Male</b>	<b>Terrigal Avoca</b>
<b>Wing:</b>	<b>Liam Gibson</b>	<b>Cardiff</b>
<b>Centre:</b>	<b>Jason Coulloupas</b>	<b>Newcastle City</b>
<b>Wing:</b>	<b>Dan Pederson</b>	<b>West Newcastle Wallsend Warners Bay</b>
<b>Half Forward Flank:</b>	<b>Ben Hodges</b>	<b>West Newcastle Wallsend Warners Bay</b>
<b>Centre Half Forward:</b>	<b>David Flynn</b>	<b>Cardiff</b>
<b>Half Forward Flank:</b>	<b>Chris Bishop</b>	<b>Terrigal Avoca</b>
<b>Forward Pocket:</b>	<b>Courtney Knight</b>	<b>Newcastle City</b>
<b>Full Forward:</b>	<b>Maurice Goolagong</b>	<b>Terrigal Avoca</b>
<b>Forward Pocket:</b>	<b>Michael Ryan</b>	<b>Cardiff</b>
<b>Ruck:</b>	<b>Angus Darling</b>	<b>Terrigal Avoca</b>
<b>Ruck Rover:</b>	<b>Clint Austerberry</b>	<b>Killarney Vale</b>
<b>Rover:</b>	<b>Michael Krake</b>	<b>Cardiff</b>
<b>Inter-Change:</b>	<b>Dane Amidy</b>	<b>Killarney Vale</b>
<b>Inter-Change:</b>	<b>Luke Orton</b>	<b>Cardiff</b>
<b>Inter-Change:</b>	<b>Shawn Simpson</b>	<b>Cardiff</b>
<b>Inter-Change:</b>	<b>Peter Van Dam</b>	<b>Terrigal Avoca</b>

*Each member was called to the stage and following this the Coach of the team was introduced and the Captain and Vice-Captain were announced.*

**Coach:**

**Scott Harrington**

**Captain:**

**David Flynn**

**Vice-Captain:**

**Michael Ryan**





## BLACK DIAMOND AFL

### 2009/2010 Calendar of Happenings

<b>November</b>		
	League posts \$10,000 surplus for 2009 year, recovering from \$30,000 loss in 2008.	Newcastle City to wear pink for breast cancer awareness in Ladies Round
	James Bailey is re-elected to the Board.	First matches for 2010 Washed Out
	Three vacancies remain on the Board of Management with no further nominations.	<b>June</b>
	Steve Smith voted in as President by Board.	President supports General Manager after undeserving comments
	Board consists of Steve Smith, Ian Granland, Scott Ledwidge and James Bailey	Round 9 washed out and matches cancelled
<b>December</b>		Final Representative Squad released
	League officials research games played and goals kicked in history of League	Cardiff's Liam Gibson named captain of league side.
	Michael Way joins Board of Management	Representative Team Runner Up at State Championships
	Singleton & Nelson Bay indicated 2011 as year to move into first grade	Ashley Borg resigns from Tribunal
<b>January</b>		Brian Doyle appointed Chairman of Tribunal
	League continues research into history of game and goals and releases further information	Angus Darling, Jayson Van Dam, Mitch Knight and Liam Gibson selected for NSW State Training Squad
<b>February</b>		<b>July</b>
	Essendon Grammar travel to Nelson Bay to play a match	League calls for expressions of interest for General Manager position for 2011 and beyond
	Peter Hampshire appointed as Umpires Coach	League President, Steve Smith is taken to hospital. Later diagnosed with a form of cancer
	Christine Burrows appointed as Club Umpire Coach and Assistant Umpires Coach	Cardiff lose at Bill Elliott Oval for first time
	General Manager Scott Ledwidge announces at workshops that this will be his last year as General Manager.	Round 13 is cancelled due to weather
	Workshops held at Morisset for Coaches and Administrators	Newcastle City wear an all pink strip for breast cancer awareness and raise over \$5000
	Treasurers workshop held for first time in League History	<b>August</b>
<b>March</b>		Brian Doyle resigns from Tribunal
	League confirms Football Record design similar to 2009.	Weather continues to frustrate everyone
	NCCUA holds umpiring forum with good turn out by club umpires	Some clubs do not enter results in last home and away round delaying release of finals fixture
	Anthony Monk joins Board of Management	League Officials concerned over state of Adelaide Street Oval to host first semi final
	Ian Granland leaves region and steps down from Board of Management	Michael Ryan wins Maurice Goolagong Goal Kicking Award with 72 goals. Maurice places second.
	League still uncertain about State Regional Championships to be held by AFL NSWACT this year	Newcastle City's Mitchell Knight wins Elliott-Davey Medal with a 18 votes
	Wyong Lakes withdraw their Under 18 side on the eve the season	<b>September</b>
	Ashley Borg appointed Tribunal Chairman	Singleton AFC announce they will participate in first grade in 2011.
<b>April</b>		Newcastle City win third Premiership in a row
	Steve Welsh joins Board of Management	Grand Final gate again in excess of \$10,000.00
	Wyong Lakes host their first home match at night	Board considers General Manager applicants
	Ex-AFL Player Justin Blumfield debuts for Cardiff Hawks	<b>October</b>
	Lake Macquarie and Wyong Lakes play for Anzac Day Cup as League donates trophy. Wyong Lakes win inaugural Anzac Day Cup	League to post a surplus above \$10,000 for second year running and has now recovered from the difficult position it was in just 18 months ago
	League Announces a Team of the Decade to be names for 2000-2009.	League confirms all time games played and goals kicked statistics.
<b>May</b>		League starts online forum via website
	Senior Representative Squad announced for State Regional Championships	General Manager announces league looking at a wet-weather fund for 2011 if rounds are washed out to be able to relocate matches.
	Scott Ledwidge returns home to Victoria	League President advises he will not seek re-election.
	Board announces General Manager, Scott Ledwidge to administer League from Victoria to end of season.	



## **2010 WINNERS**

**BLACK DIAMOND CUP PREMIERS – NEWCASTLE CITY AFC**  
**RESERVE GRADE PREMIERS – SINGLETON AFC**  
**UNDER 18 PREMIERS – CARDIFF AFC**

**ELLIOTT / DAVEY MEDAL FIRST GRADE BEST & FAIREST**  
 Mitchell Knight – Newcastle City 18 votes

**GRANLAND MEDAL RESERVE GRADE BEST & FAIREST**  
 Brad Spencer – Nelson Bay 16 votes

**CHRIS ARNOLD MEDAL UNDER 18 BEST & FAIREST**  
 Josh Polglase – Terrigal Avoca 17 votes

**MAURICE GOOLAGONG GOAL KICKING AWARD – FIRST GRADE**  
 Michael Ryan – Cardiff 72 goals

**LEADING GOALKICKER RESERVE GRADE**  
 Ben Paech – Singleton 61 goals

**LEADING GOALKICKER UNDER 18**  
 Ryan Meyn – Killarney Vale 73 goals

**MCBAIN MEDAL (First Grade Grand Final Best & Fairest)**  
 Luke Rawnsley – Newcastle City

**RESERVE GRADE GRAND FINAL BEST & FAIREST**  
 Lincoln Ryall – Singleton

**BILL BEST MEDAL (Under 18 Grand Final Best & Fairest)**  
 Beau Heeney – Cardiff

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**  
 Cardiff AFC

**MOST OUTSTANDING YOUNG FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR**  
 Jackson Monk – Newcastle City

**JAMES J ARNOLD VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**  
 Andrew Druwitt – Lake Macquarie

**YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**  
 Neill Dorrington – Gosford

**TREASURER OF THE YEAR AWARD**  
 Valda Polglase – Terrigal Avoca

**CLUB ADMINISTRATION AWARD**  
 Lake Macquarie AFC

**UMPIRE OF THE YEAR**  
 Roger Crowhurst

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
 Mitchell Knight – Newcastle City

**COACH OF THE YEAR**  
 Michael Ryan – Cardiff

**BEST CLUB WEBSITE**  
 Newcastle City AFC



## CARLTON DRAUGHT TEAM OF THE YEAR

The 2010 Carlton Draught Team of the Year was selected and announced at the annual presentation evening. This is the second year naming a Team of the Year.

<i>Back Pocket:</i>	<i>Mark Wheeler (Newcastle City)</i>		
<i>Full Back:</i>	<i>Sam Gooley (Lake Macquarie)</i>		
<i>Back Pocket:</i>	<i>Corey Shackleton (Killarney Vale)</i>		
<i>Half Back Flank:</i>	<i>Jayson Van Dam (Terrigal Avoca)</i>		
<i>Centre Half Back:</i>	<i>Rick White (Killarney Vale)</i>		
<i>Half Back Flank:</i>	<i>Liam Gibson (Cardiff)</i>		
<i>Wing:</i>	<i>Brad Deitz (Gosford)</i>		
<i>Centre:</i>	<i>Luke Orton (Cardiff)</i>		
<i>Wing:</i>	<i>Ben Hodges (Warners Bay)</i>		
<i>Half Forward Flank:</i>	<i>Cameron Keast (Newcastle City)</i>		
<i>Centre Half Forward</i>	<i>Peter Van Dam (Terrigal Avoca)</i>		
<i>Half Forward Flank:</i>	<i>Chris Bishop (Terrigal Avoca)</i>		
<i>Forward Pocket:</i>	<i>Maurice Goolagong (Terrigal Avoca)</i>		
<i>Full Forward:</i>	<i>Michael Ryan (Cardiff)</i>		
<i>Forward Pocket:</i>	<i>Dane Amidy (Killarney Vale)</i>		
<i>Ruck:</i>	<i>Angus Darling (Terrigal Avoca)</i>		
<i>Ruck Rover:</i>	<i>Mitchell Knight (Newcastle City)</i>		
<i>Rover:</i>	<i>Tim Sheldon (Cardiff)</i>		
<i>Captain:</i>	<i>Mitchell Knight</i>	<i>Coach:</i>	<i>Michael Ryan</i>



**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

<b>2010 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP</b>					
	<b>BDC</b>	<b>Reserves</b>	<b>U18</b>	<b>Bonus</b>	<b>Pts</b>
<b>Cardiff</b>	72	44	80	12	208
<b>Terrigal Avoca</b>	54	32	88	13	187
<b>Warners Bay</b>	54	40	64	13	171
<b>Nelson Bay</b>	-	40	72	14	134
<b>Newcastle City</b>	60	20	40	11	131
<b>Killarney Vale</b>	42	20	56	11	128
<b>Singleton</b>	-	52	0	11	63
<b>Gosford</b>	18	12	16	11	57
<b>Lake Macquarie</b>	0	12	32	11	55
<b>Wyong Lakes</b>	24	0	-	-	24

First Grade wins - 6 points each

Reserve Grade wins - 4 points each

Under 18 wins - 8 points each

One bonus point is added each time a Club fields an under 18 team.

Congratulations to the Cardiff Football Club on winning the Club Championship for 2010. Their club along with second placed Terrigal Avoca and third placed Warners Bay received a cheque at the League's Presentation Night.

**Club Championship Winners**

2010	Cardiff AFC
2009	Cardiff AFC
2008	Cardiff AFC
2007	Newcastle City AFC
2006	Newcastle City AFC
2005	Cardiff AFC
2004	Cardiff AFC
2003	Newcastle City AFC
2002	Newcastle City AFC
2001	Killarney Vale AFC
2000	Cardiff AFC



## LEADING GOALKICKERS

### Maurice Goolagong Goal Kicking Award Winner: Michael Ryan (C) 72 Goals



	NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		SF	SF	PF	GF	Total
1	Michael Ryan (Car)	10	6	9	2	7	-	-	-	-	6	3	2	-	8	12	-	7	72	-	2	4	4	82
2	Maurice Goolagong (TA)	6	4	6	3	5	8	7	3	-	5	-	2	-	5	2	-	-	56	-	-	5	-	61
3	James Drury (NC)	0	3	1	0	0	4	2	2	-	6	-	0	-	5	6	-	11	40	-	6	-	1	47
4	Peter Van Dam (TA)	8	1	2	1	0	4	2	0	-	2	-	3	-	2	5	-	10	40	3	-	0	-	43
5	Tim Eather (G)	3	5	3	0	0	0	0	-	-	2	10	5	-	-	2	-	0	30	-	-	-	-	30
6	Leigh Anderson (WB)	5	5	3	4	2	2	2	0	-	2	0	5	-	0	-	-	-	29	-	-	-	-	29
7	Jeremy Buckley (WB)	-	1	0	2	0	0	3	0	-	4	2	6	-	3	-	3	2	26	2	-	-	-	28
8	Owen Dawes (NC)	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	1	-	1	-	7	-	5	7	-	5	26	-	1	-	1	28
9	Chris Koop-Folkes (WL)	1	2	6	0	4	2	1	3	-	1	0	3	-	2	0	0	2	27	-	-	-	-	27

Reserve Grade	Under 18
<b>Ben Paech (S) .....(61)</b> Sam Brasington (S) .....(36) Adam Dugan (C) .....(31) Brad Henderson (NB).....(28) Clarke Sturman (NC).....(28) Tim Hof (WB).....(28) Andrew Roxby (C) .....(21) Joel Deppeler (S) .....(20) Tom Quade (C) .....(20) Alan Sain (LM).....(19)	<b>Ryan Meyn (KV) ..... (73)</b> Jack Jones (TA)..... (41) Tom Quade (C)..... (41) Tim Law (NB)..... (31) Shaun Sinclair (KV) ..... (29) Ben Eddy (NB)..... (26) Jai Turner (TA) ..... (25) Drewan Jones (C)..... (24) Troy Gordon (WB) ..... (24) Robert Leitner (C)..... (23)



*Michael Ryan in action during the 2010 Season*



## BEST AND FAIREST VOTING

### 2010 ELLIOTT-DAVEY MEDAL VOTING – First Grade Best and Fairest



1 <sup>st</sup>	Mitchell Knight	Newcastle City	18
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ben Hodges	Warners Bay	17
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brad Deitz	Gosford	15
4 <sup>th</sup>	Simon O'Brien	Cardiff	15
5 <sup>th</sup>	Nathan Brennan	Warners Bay	14
5 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Smith	Killarney Vale	14
5 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Bishop	Terrigal Avoca	14
8 <sup>th</sup>	Rick White	Killarney Vale	11

### 2010 GRANLAND MEDAL VOTING – Reserve Grade Best and Fairest

1 <sup>st</sup>	Brad Spencer	Nelson Bay	16
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Darren Emmett	Nelson Bay	14
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shane Williams	Cardiff	12
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ian Bird	Warners Bay	12
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ben Paech	Singleton	12
6 <sup>th</sup>	Aaron Spencer	Warners Bay	11
7 <sup>th</sup>	James Foot	Cardiff	10
8 <sup>th</sup>	Brett Kukura	Singleton	8



### 2010 CHRIS ARNOLD MEDAL VOTING—Under 18 Best and Fairest

1 <sup>st</sup>	Josh Polglase	Terrigal Avoca	17
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tim Law	Nelson Bay	14
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Travis Thone-Kain	Killarney Vale	13
4 <sup>th</sup>	Joshua Avis	Newcastle City	12
5 <sup>th</sup>	Nathan Akeamarmoi	Terrigal Avoca	10
6 <sup>th</sup> =	Jarryd Ingram	Singleton	9
6 <sup>th</sup> =	Shaun Sinclair	Killarney Vale	9



## COMPETITION LADDERS

<b>2010 Black Diamond Cup Final Ladder</b>								
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Agst</b>	<b>PC</b>	<b>MR</b>
Cardiff	13	12	1	0	2149	773	278.01	92.31
Newcastle City	13	10	3	0	1560	819	190.48	76.92
Terrigal Avoca	14	9	4	0	1421	994	142.96	69.23
Warners Bay	14	9	5	0	1332	862	154.52	64.29
Killarney Vale	12	7	5	0	1161	969	119.81	58.33
Wyong Lakes	15	4	11	0	1099	1953	56.27	26.67
Gosford	14	3	11	0	901	1541	58.47	21.43
Lake Macquarie	14	0	14	0	581	2293	25.34	0.00

<b>2010 Reserve Grade Final Ladder</b>								
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Agst</b>	<b>PC</b>	<b>MR</b>
Singleton	14	13	1	0	1513	348	434.77	92.86
Nelson Bay	15	12	3	0	1361	672	202.53	80.00
Cardiff	14	11	3	0	1627	563	288.99	78.57
Warners Bay	15	10	5	0	1137	613	185.48	66.67
Terrigal Avoca	14	8	6	0	885	840	105.36	57.14
Killarney Vale	13	5	8	0	820	901	91.01	38.46
Newcastle City	13	5	8	0	715	877	81.53	38.46
Lake Macquarie	13	3	10	0	471	1512	31.15	23.08
Gosford	15	3	12	0	682	1289	52.91	20.00
Wyong Lakes	14	0	14	0	259	1855	13.96	0.00

2010 Under 18 Final Ladder								
TEAM	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	PC	MR
Terrigal Avoca	13	11	2	0	1239	576	215.10	84.62
Cardiff	12	10	2	0	1296	277	467.87	83.33
Killarney Vale	11	7	4	0	1070	526	203.42	63.64
Warners Bay	13	8	5	0	950	766	124.02	61.54
Nelson Bay	15	9	6	0	1462	955	153.09	60.00
Newcastle City	11	5	6	0	699	932	75.00	45.45
Lake Macquarie	11	4	7	0	656	1024	64.06	36.36
Gosford	13	2	11	0	447	1290	34.65	15.38
Singleton	13	0	13	0	333	1806	18.44	0.00



## **BLACK DIAMOND CHALLENGE CUP**

The Black Diamond Challenge Cup was donated in 1887 to the then League, the Northern Districts Football Association, by the Richmond Tobacco Company. The name of course comes from the main occupation of the district in those times – coal mining and the name of a famous hotel – The Black Diamond Hotel. The Cup was for the Australian Rules Premiership Australia and New Zealand wide and was for the competition on a knockout basis by teams in Australia and New Zealand (where Australian Football was played in the 19<sup>th</sup> century but was later superseded by Rugby Union).

The Cup was to be played for each year and won by the first team to win the Premiership twice. The powerful Wallsend team achieved that very feat by winning the Premiership in 1888 and then in 1889 won it again by beating Victorian club Fitzroy in the final.

The Cup was presented to the President of the League and Wallsend Team Manager, Mr H Rushton. When Mr Rushton died it was passed on to his son Mr G Rushton of Wallsend. Mr H Rushton's will directed that the Cup was to be made available for competition if the game was revived in the Newcastle area. The Cup was handed over to the Newcastle League in 1948 by Mr W Rushton when the League was revived as a competition after the Second World War and the Cup was adopted as the First Grade Premiership trophy. The Black Diamond Challenge Cup holds the distinction of being the oldest sporting trophy still being contested for in Australia.





## CLUB WINS AND LOSSES SINCE 2000

**CARDIFF**

Opposition	Won	Lost	Drawn	Total
Gosford	26	1	-	27
Killarney Vale	26	3	-	29
Nelson Bay	19	3	-	22
Lake Macquarie	6	-	-	6
Newcastle City	23	12	-	35
Terrigal Avoca	27	10	-	37
Warners Bay	27	4	-	31
West New	4	3	-	7
Wallsend				
Woy Woy	2	-	-	2
Wyong Lakes	12	-	-	12
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>208</b>

Win Ratio: 82.69%

**KILLARNEY VALE**

Opposition	Won	Lost	Drawn	Total
Cardiff	3	26	-	29
Gosford	19	6	-	25
Lake Macquarie	5	-	-	5
Nelson Bay	13	7	-	20
Newcastle City	8	19	-	27
Terrigal Avoca	13	15	-	28
Warners Bay	17	14	-	31
West New	7	1	-	8
Wallsend				
Woy Woy	2	-	-	2
Wyong Lakes	14	1	-	15
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>190</b>

Win Ratio: 53.16%

**NEWCASTLE CITY**

Opposition	Won	Lost	Drawn	Total
Cardiff	12	23	-	35
Gosford	24	1	-	25
Killarney Vale	19	8	-	27
Lake Macquarie	6	-	-	6
Nelson Bay	16	7	-	23
Terrigal Avoca	16	16	-	32
Warners Bay	24	4	-	28
West New	7	1	-	8
Wallsend				
Woy Woy	2	-	-	2
Wyong Lakes	14	-	-	14
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>200</b>

Win Ratio: 70.00%

**WARNERS BAY**

Opposition	Won	Lost	Drawn	Total
Cardiff	4	27	-	31
Gosford	20	6	-	26
Killarney Vale	14	17	-	31
Lake Macquarie	6	-	-	6
Nelson Bay	12	10	-	22
Newcastle City	4	24	-	28
Terrigal Avoca	5	20	-	25
West New	1	5	-	6
Wallsend				
Woy Woy	2	-	-	2
Wyong Lakes	12	2	-	14
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>191</b>

Win Ratio: 41.88%

**GOSFORD**

Opposition	Won	Lost	Drawn	Total
Cardiff	1	26	-	27
Killarney Vale	6	19	-	25
Nelson Bay	9	14	-	23
Lake Macquarie	7	-	-	7
Newcastle City	1	24	-	25
Terrigal Avoca	2	24	-	26
Warners Bay	6	20	-	26
West New	1	5	-	6
Wallsend				
Woy Woy	2	-	-	2
Wyong Lakes	13	3	-	16
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>183</b>

Win Ratio: 26.23%

**LAKE MACQUARIE**

Opposition	Won	Lost	Drawn	Total
Cardiff	-	6	-	6
Gosford	-	7	-	7
Killarney Vale	-	5	-	5
Nelson Bay	1	1	-	2
Newcastle City	-	6	-	6
Terrigal Avoca	-	5	-	5
Warners Bay	-	6	-	6
Wyong Lakes	1	7	-	8
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45</b>

Win Ratio: 4.44%

**TERRIGAL-AVOCA**

Opposition	Won	Lost	Drawn	Total
Cardiff	10	27	-	37
Gosford	24	2	-	26
Killarney Vale	15	13	-	28
Lake Macquarie	5	-	-	5
Nelson Bay	24	-	-	24
Newcastle City	16	16	-	32
Warners Bay	20	5	-	25
West New	3	3	-	6
Wallsend				
Woy Woy	2	-	-	2
Wyong Lakes	13	1	-	14
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>199</b>

Win Ratio: 66.33%

**WYONG LAKES**

Opposition	Won	Lost	Drawn	Total
Cardiff	-	12	-	12
Gosford	3	13	-	16
Killarney Vale	1	14	-	15
Lake Macquarie	7	1	-	8
Nelson Bay	8	3	-	11
Newcastle City	-	14	-	14
Terrigal Avoca	1	13	-	14
Warners Bay	2	12	-	14
West New	-	1	-	1
Wallsend				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105</b>

Win Ratio: 20.95%



## LEAGUE RECORDS - FINALS

<b>Grand Final</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Runner Up</b>	<b>Score</b>
2000	Terrigal-Avoca	17.16 (118)	Cardiff	10.18 (76)
2001	West New-Wallsend	21.9 (135)	Cardiff	18.13 (121)
2002	Cardiff	11.15 (81)	Terrigal-Avoca	7.10 (52)
2003	Newcastle City	17.16 (118)	Cardiff	11.10 (76)
2004	Cardiff	16.13 (109)	Terrigal-Avoca	15.9 (99)
2005	Cardiff	17.11 (113)	Killarney Vale	11.6 (72)
2006	Cardiff	8.9 (57)	Newcastle City	2.4 (16)
2007	Killarney Vale	9.9 (63)	Newcastle City	4.17 (41)
2008	Newcastle City	14.12 (96)	Cardiff	8.11 (59)
2009	Newcastle City	12.15 (87)	Cardiff	11.14 (80)
2010	Newcastle City	17.21 (123)	Cardiff	10.12 (72)
<b>Preliminary Final</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Loser</b>	<b>Score</b>
2000	Cardiff	13.17 (95)	Killarney Vale	11.17 (83)
2001	West New-Wallsend	15.19 (109)	Killarney Vale	12.11 (83)
2002	Cardiff	13.15 (93)	Killarney Vale	11.11 (77)
2003	Newcastle City	18.15 (123)	Terrigal-Avoca	11.17 (83)
2004	Terrigal-Avoca	19.8 (122)	Newcastle City	13.12 (90)
2005	Cardiff	28.16 (184)	Terrigal-Avoca	14.10 (94)
2006	Newcastle City	20.17 (137)	Terrigal-Avoca	11.7 (73)
2007	Killarney Vale	15.18 (108)	Warners Bay	11.9 (75)
2008	Cardiff	24.12 (156)	Warners Bay	12.10 (82)
2009	Newcastle City	15.24 (114)	Terrigal-Avoca	12.10 (82)
2010	Cardiff	13.12 (90)	Terrigal Avoca	9.10 (64)
<b>Second Semi Final</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Loser</b>	<b>Score</b>
2000	Terrigal-Avoca	21.18 (144)	Cardiff	15.17 (107)
2001	Cardiff	20.12 (132)	Killarney Vale	13.11 (89)
2002	Terrigal-Avoca	20.14 (134)	Cardiff	16.7 (103)
2003	Cardiff	14.16 (100)	Newcastle City	12.12 (84)
2004	Cardiff	23.20 (158)	Terrigal-Avoca	11.12 (78)
2005	Killarney Vale	14.9 (93)	Cardiff	12.14 (86)
2006	Cardiff	23.19 (157)	Terrigal-Avoca	11.7 (73)
2007	Newcastle City	18.20 (138)	Killarney Vale	11.8 (74)
2008	Newcastle City	14.10 (94)	Cardiff	9.16 (70)
2009	Cardiff	16.17 (113)	Terrigal-Avoca	8.11 (59)
2010	Newcastle City	13.14 (92)	Cardiff	12.16 (88)
<b>First Semi Final</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Loser</b>	<b>Score</b>
2000	Killarney Vale	17.14 (116)	Nelson Bay	13.17 (95)
2001	West New-Wallsend	26.23 (179)	Nelson Bay	14.16 (100)
2002	Killarney Vale	3.11 (29)	Newcastle City	2.7 (19)
2003	Terrigal-Avoca	17.12 (114)	Nelson Bay	14.15 (99)
2004	Newcastle City	29.19 (193)	Warners Bay	6.12 (48)
2005	Terrigal-Avoca	9.7 (61)	Newcastle City	6.8 (44)
2006	Newcastle City	11.17 (83)	Warners Bay	5.12 (42)
2007	Warners Bay	14.14 (98)	Cardiff	12.9 (81)
2008	Warners Bay	12.8 (80)	Killarney Vale	9.6 (60)
2009	Newcastle City	17.16 (118)	Warners Bay	5.13 (43)
2010	Terrigal Avoca	12.12 (90)	Warners Bay	9.5 (59)



## RECORDS – BDAFL

<b>Highest Winning Score</b>	Round 12 - 2008, Cardiff 65.29 (419) d Lake Macquarie 4.2 (26) at Bill Elliott Oval
<b>Highest Losing Score</b>	Round 11 - 2004, Killarney Vale 22.11 (143) V Nelson Bay 25.7 (157) at Dick Burwell Oval
<b>Lowest Score</b>	Round 13 - 2008, Nelson Bay 0.3 (3) v Newcastle City 38.26 (254) No. 1 Sportsground
<b>Most Goals in a Match</b>	Round 12 - 2008, Cardiff 65 goals v Lake Macquarie 4.2.(26) at Bill Elliott Oval
<b>Most Behinds in a Match</b>	Round 16 - 2001, Newcastle City 39.35 (269) V Woy Woy at No. 1 Sportsground
<b>Most Goals (player) Year</b>	135 Maurice Goolagong (T-A) 2001
<b>Most Goals (player) Match</b>	25 Maurice Goolagong (T-A) R18 2001, V Woy Woy at Heazlett Park, Avoca

## GRAND FINALS

	Grand Finals	Premierships
Cardiff	10	4
Newcastle City	6	4
Terrigal Avoca	3	1
Killarney Vale	2	1
West Newcastle Wallsend	1	1

Premiership winning team home and away finish	
First Place	6
Second Place	3
Third Place	2

Teams to make Grand Final finishing outside the top two	
West Newcastle Wallsend	2001
Cardiff	2003
Newcastle City	2009

## BLACK DIAMOND AFL MOST GOALS KICKED

960	Maurice Goolagong	Terrigal Avoca
512	Courtney Knight	Newcastle City
487	Michael Ryan	Cardiff
356	Martin Dinnenn	Newcastle City
294	David Flynn	Cardiff
290	Dane Amidy	Killarney Vale
280	Brendan Wold	Cardiff
265	Shawn Simpson	Cardiff
251	Tim Eather	Gosford
217	Simon Cosser	Killarney Vale
204	Liam Gibson	Cardiff

## BLACK DIAMOND AFL MOST GAMES PLAYED

173	Corey Shackleton	Killarney Vale
170	Martin Dinnenn	Newcastle City
167	Dane Amidy	Killarney Vale
162	David Grimmond	Terrigal Avoca
158	Maurice Goolagong	Terrigal Avoca
158	Peter Van Dam	Terrigal Avoca
158	Jayson Cleaver	West Newcastle Wallsend / Newcastle City
157	Brendan Wold	Cardiff
153	John Deitz	Gosford / Warners Bay
150	Nathan Brennan	Warners Bay
149	Liam Gibson	Cardiff
147	Brad Deitz	Gosford
146	David Flynn	Cardiff
143	Jeremy Kocon	Cardiff
140	Justin Male	Terrigal Avoca



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<b>Round 1</b>					
<b>Cardiff</b>	<b>33.18</b>	<b>216</b>	Lake Macquarie	1.8	14
<b>Terrigal Avoca</b>	<b>22.11</b>	<b>137</b>	Gosford	7.5	47
Warners Bay	9.10	64	<b>Killarney Vale</b>	<b>13.10</b>	<b>88</b>
Wyong Lakes	7.9	51	<b>Newcastle City</b>	<b>15.17</b>	<b>107</b>
<b>Round 2</b>					
<b>Gosford</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>119</b>	Lake Macquarie	9.10	64
<b>Killarney Vale</b>	<b>21.16</b>	<b>142</b>	Wyong Lakes	9.11	65
<b>Cardiff</b>	<b>21.18</b>	<b>144</b>	Warners Bay	13.9	87
Terrigal Avoca	9.5	59	<b>Newcastle City</b>	<b>15.13</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Round 3</b>					
Gosford	12.13	85	<b>Killarney Vale</b>	<b>18.11</b>	<b>119</b>
Terrigal Avoca	10.7	67	<b>Cardiff</b>	<b>26.15</b>	<b>171</b>
<b>Warners Bay</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>51</b>	Newcastle City	4.5	29
Lake Macquarie	14.14	98	<b>Wyong Lakes</b>	<b>29.18</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>Round 4</b>					
<b>Killarney Vale</b>	<b>9.12</b>	<b>66</b>	Terrigal Avoca	7.12	54
Lake Macquarie	4.2	26	<b>Warners Bay</b>	<b>27.12</b>	<b>174</b>
Newcastle City	5.16	46	<b>Cardiff</b>	<b>18.16</b>	<b>124</b>
Wyong Lakes	11.12	78	<b>Gosford</b>	<b>15.10</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Round 5</b>					
<b>Cardiff</b>	<b>27.21</b>	<b>183</b>	Gosford	7.4	46
<b>Newcastle City</b>	<b>21.17</b>	<b>143</b>	Killarney Vale	8.6	54
Warners Bay	10.11	71	<b>Terrigal Avoca</b>	<b>11.10</b>	<b>76</b>
Lake Macquarie	8.5	53	<b>Wyong Lakes</b>	<b>24.24</b>	<b>168</b>

<b>Round 6</b>					
Gosford	10.3	63	<b>Newcastle City</b>	<b>26.14</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>Cardiff</b>	<b>35.16</b>	<b>226</b>	Wyong Lakes	5.11	41
<b>Terrigal Avoca</b>	<b>22.10</b>	<b>142</b>	Lake Macquarie	7.8	50
<b>Warners Bay</b>	<b>10.12</b>	<b>72</b>	Killarney Vale	9.5	59

<b>Round 7</b>					
<b>Terrigal Avoca</b>	<b>19.17</b>	<b>131</b>	Wyong Lakes	6.9	45
<b>Warners Bay</b>	<b>11.16</b>	<b>82</b>	Gosford	0.4	4
<b>Newcastle City</b>	<b>16.16</b>	<b>112</b>	Lake Macquarie	4.7	31
Killarney Vale	Wash Out		Cardiff	Wash Out	

<b>Round 8</b>					
Wyong Lakes	8.3	51	<b>Warners Bay</b>	<b>9.22</b>	<b>76</b>
Newcastle City	10.12	72	<b>Terrigal Avoca</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>110</b>
Lake Macquarie	3.2	20	<b>Killarney Vale</b>	<b>13.22</b>	<b>100</b>
Gosford	Forfeit		<b>Cardiff</b>		<b>99</b>

<b>Round 9</b>					
Killarney Vale	Wash Out		Terrigal Avoca	Wash Out	
Wyong Lakes	Wash Out		Gosford	Wash Out	
Newcastle City	Wash Out		Lake Macquarie	Wash Out	
Warners Bay	Wash Out		Cardiff	Wash Out	

<b>Round 10</b>					
Gosford	9.10	64	<b>Terrigal Avoca</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>69</b>
Killarney Vale	14.8	92	<b>Warners Bay</b>	<b>19.10</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>Newcastle City</b>	<b>31.30</b>	<b>216</b>	Wyong Lakes	5.4	34
Lake Macquarie	8.3	51	<b>Cardiff</b>	<b>39.24</b>	<b>258</b>

<b>Round 11</b>					
<b>Cardiff</b>	<b>14.10</b>	<b>94</b>	Warners Bay	9.10	64
Wyong Lakes	8.7	55	<b>Killarney Vale</b>	<b>16.24</b>	<b>120</b>
Lake Macquarie	5.9	39	<b>Gosford</b>	<b>21.10</b>	<b>136</b>
Byes:	Newcastle City		Terrigal Avoca		

<b>Round 12</b>					
Gosford	13.11	89	<b>Wyong Lakes</b>	<b>13.17</b>	<b>95</b>
Cardiff	10.16	76	<b>Newcastle City</b>	<b>15.11</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Warners Bay</b>	<b>27.15</b>	<b>177</b>	Lake Macquarie	2.1	13
<b>Terrigal Avoca</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>75</b>	Killarney Vale	9.10	64

<b>Round 13</b>					
Killarney Vale	Wash Out		Newcastle City	Wash Out	
Cardiff	Wash Out		Gosford	Wash Out	
Terrigal Avoca	Wash Out		Warners Bay	Wash Out	
Byes:	Wyong Lakes		Lake Macquarie		

<b>Round 14</b>					
<b>Killarney Vale</b>	<b>20.21</b>	<b>141</b>	Gosford	1.3	9
<b>Cardiff</b>	<b>28.11</b>	<b>179</b>	Terrigal Avoca	15.8	98
<b>Wyong Lakes</b>	<b>16.15</b>	<b>111</b>	Lake Macquarie	13.12	90
<b>Newcastle City</b>	<b>14.21</b>	<b>105</b>	Warners Bay	9.13	67

<b>Round 15</b>					
Wyong Lakes	6.6	42	<b>Cardiff</b>	<b>27.14</b>	<b>176</b>
<b>Newcastle City</b>	<b>25.19</b>	<b>169</b>	Gosford	13.7	85
Lake Macquarie	3.0	18	<b>Terrigal Avoca</b>	<b>30.21</b>	<b>201</b>
Byes:	Warners Bay		Killarney Vale		

<b>Round 16</b>					
Killarney Vale	Wash Out		Lake Macquarie	Wash Out	
Terrigal Avoca	Wash Out		Newcastle City	Wash Out	
<b>Warners Bay</b>	<b>19.13</b>	<b>127</b>	Wyong Lakes	4.3	27
Byes:	Cardiff		Gosford		

<b>Round 17</b>					
Gosford	7.12	54	<b>Warners Bay</b>	<b>13.18</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>Cardiff</b>	<b>30.23</b>	<b>203</b>	Killarney Vale	18.8	116
Wyong Lakes	7.2	44	<b>Terrigal Avoca</b>	<b>31.16</b>	<b>202</b>
Lake Macquarie	2.2	14	<b>Newcastle City</b>	<b>25.37</b>	<b>187</b>

