



ROUND 13 NEWSLETTER

Hello Cougars Community!

Second last round, done!

We had a glorious Sunday for footy, albeit a little cold for the earlier games.

Thank you to all of our coaches who participated in the YJFL's 'sit down' round – we expect to see more of these rounds into next year, as a way of encouraging coaches and team officials to sit down, to spend time coaching the bench and keeping a relaxed air of positivity to promote safety, fun and participation.

ROUND 13 ROUND UP

The Under 8s braved the cold (no photos 😞 - please share!).

It was 'all go' for the Under 9s – the Under 9 Girls loved having Grace and Ash from U9 Yellow joining in their game and then the U9 Yellow welcomed Elsie and Gracie into the team to join in the U9 Northcote derby.



We are sure that the U10s and U11s had a lot of fun and we were very proud to watch the Under 12s bring home a 2 point win over Heidelberg.

The Under 13s also delivered a close win; the Under 14'1s had a convincing win and Under 14'2s came off second best 😞.

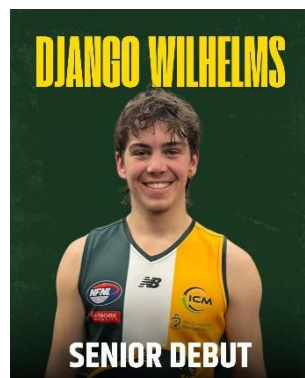


The Under 15 boys also had a close loss. We hope that the Under 15 boys can bring home a strong win this week – get on down to cheer them on at McDonell Park at 1.00pm (again, no photos! 😞)

The Under 16 Girls went down too, in spite of some pretty fierce competition from our players.



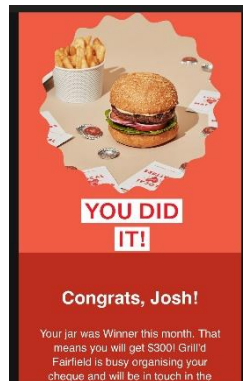
Finally, the Youth boys had a week off, and team captain, Django Wilhelms made his debut in the Northcote Park Seniors team, helping the team to achieve a very satisfying win over Thomastown. Well done Django!



THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING NJFC!

We look forward to the call from Grill'd Fairfield to invite us to collect a \$300 cheque for winning the July 'Local Matters' community vote, which we won!

Thank you to everyone who tucked into burgers and supported the club!



NJFC SCARVES – FINALS WHIRLS ARE MANDATORY!

Don't forget that we've now taken delivery of beautiful scarves and they're for sale when we have the merch shop open –Sunday mornings 9am – 11am and Wednesday evenings 5pm -6pm (or thereabouts).

We definitely want to see a lot more Kevin Sheedy-style scarf action going on to support all of our teams in their pursuit of fun and fierce Cougars competition on the footy fields!



GIRLS & WOMEN & MATURE AGE UMPIRING – YJFL INVITATION

NJFC would love to see female players and parents/carers get involved in umpiring. Our younger teams have had the benefit of one of our former player young women, Chloe Kodagoda umpiring their games and doing a fabulous job of it!

There's no commitment other than learning what it takes to become an umpire - either as club appointed or YJFL appointed. It's paid work, good fun and will improve the game with greater diversity and representation.

If you're interested but don't want to go alone, I would be happy to 'plus one' the session.. who knows, I might get inspired too! Just reach out to Kellie on 0413 597 087 or president@njfc.com.au



WOMEN & GIRLS UMPIRE EXPERIENCE HUB

SUPPORTING WOMEN AND GIRLS IN UMPIRING

YJFL Umpiring is inviting all Women and Girls in the league who are umpiring now or interested in umpiring in 2026!



UMPIRING PATHWAY

Hear from AFLW umpires on the pathway from community to elite level



BUILD CONFIDENCE

In your ability to officiate, lead, and understand AFL Football. Learn the positives of umpiring



MANAGING EXPECTATIONS

Managing expectations & challenges as a female umpire



SESSION DATE: MONDAY AUGUST 4,
6PM - 7PM, FORD PARK, BELLFIELD

Register your interest here





YJFL SEEKING MATURE AGE UMPIRES

YJFL Umpiring is inviting mature age people to join the league in 2026 as umpires!



KEEP FIT & GET PAID

Full training provided. Stay involved in the game



LEARN NEW SKILLS

Enjoy the experience of learning the laws of the game & new umpiring skills



UMPIRE WITH YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER

Umpire close to home. Mentor younger umpires



TRAINING VENUES
Lynden Park, Camberwell & Ford Park, Bellfield

Register your interest here



SESSION DATES
Commencing February 2026



SCOREBOARD REPLACEMENT – SPONSOR IDEAS WELCOME!

On the radar for the club is the replacement of the clapped out electronic scoreboard.

We would like to provide businesses or organisations with the opportunity to sponsor the new scoreboard (or part thereof) and subject to agreement, with naming rights.

Ideally we'd like local businesses involved – if you have any suggestions or connections on this front, please contact Josh at

sponsorships@njfc.com.au to Kellie at president@njfc.com.au to discuss further.

Like the good Cougars we are, we will be tenacious and ferocious in our efforts to uncover all funding and sponsorship opportunities, and we'd also gratefully receive any donations to make the scoreboard replacement a reality.

<https://asf.org.au/projects/northcote-junior-football-club/calling-northcote-junior-football-supporters>

END OF SEASON DAY – SUNDAY 14 / 09 - BILL LAWRY OVAL

Our End of Season awards and celebration day will be held at Bill Lawry Oval (Westgarth Street, Northcote) on Sunday the 14th of September, kicking off at 11am.

We will provide further details of the days' schedule once the Home/Away season is complete. We will of course be looking for volunteers to help run the sausage sizzle over the day and will be calling out to teams for people to help.

CLUB FUN AT WHAT THE PUTT

Over the holidays, a group of players from the Under 9 girls, Under 11 and Under 12 teams had fun at What the Putt minigolf in Brunswick, which is one of our club sponsors. It was a lot of fun and we can highly recommend it! <https://www.whattheputt.com.au/mini-golf/>



If you're interested in holding your end of season team event at What the Putt, please let Kellie or Josh know to assist with arranging the booking with the venue.

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION & WWCC UPDATES

Complete or update your Volunteer registration (which needs to be done each year) by following this link

<https://support.playhq.com/hc/en-au/articles/900003189303-Registration-as-a-Player-Team-manager-Coach-Official-Medical-Officer-or-Volunteer>.

Choose to register yourself; choose your role; fill in all information on the 'participant details' page, including your WWCC number (card or lodgement number) and finish.

NJFC exists to support children, and all volunteering is done in that context, no matter what the role or task is, or when it is done. Please ensure your Working with Children Check is up to date and apply here if you don't have one or need to update it

<https://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children>

Thanks for helping us keep our club strong, safe and ready for fun!

CONCUSSION AND INJURY MANAGEMENT

As per the AFL Guidelines - ALL players with a suspected concussion need a prompt medical assessment (with a registered medical doctor). This assessment can be provided by a medical doctor present at the venue, a local general practitioner or a hospital emergency department.

Please visit the YJFL website for more information

<https://www.yarrajfl.org.au/managing-head-injuries>

TOYOTA RAFFLE - GET ON BOARD!

Our club is registered to sell tickets, and you can buy them for NJFC online for \$5 at the link

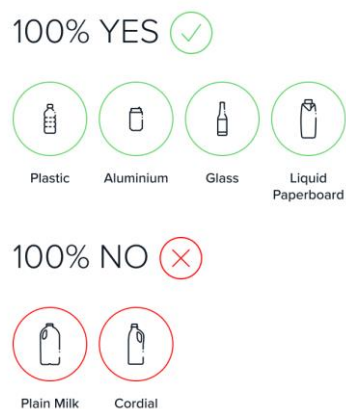
<https://toyotagoodforfooty.raffletix.com.au/northcotejfc?q=buy>



Please get on board as it helps raise funds for our club, which we want to use to continue making our club a great place for kids of all ages!

CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

NJFC is a Donation Partner for the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS). Follow the instructions on setting yourself up as a CDS sponsor for the Cougars, and the Club will see the benefits you can set up here <https://cdsvic.org.au/fundraising>.



Refund facilities are everywhere around us – Northland, Collingwood Leisure Centre...as well as the CDS Depot itself, in Preston at 24 Quinn Street (east of the new Bunnings). Small contributions will add up to

make the club a bigger and better place. More information here!
<https://cdsvic.org.au/locations>

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