

JUNIOR COMPETITIONS

Junior competitions are well and truly up and running once more with successful starts across the South West Junior Football League, Busselton Districts, Augusta - Margaret River, and Lower South West. Well done to all of the leagues and clubs, working together to create professional and inclusive playing environments.



As of 27th May, in the South West there are 8,219 people involved in community football from NAB AFL Auskick all the way through to Senior Football. Female participation continues to grow with 23.5% of participants across the region being Female.

CFWA/West Coast LSW Roadshow

Between the 27th of February and 1st of March, the CFWA Crew alongside the South West Community Team at the West Coast Eagles spent the week travelling throughout the Lower South West Region promoting Auskick, Junior Football and the local clubs in the region.

We managed to visit a total of 11 schools across the four days. Towns visited were Boyup Brook, Bridgetown, Manjimup, Pemberton, Balingup and Greenbushes. Rick The Rock & Rosie also managed to tag along and had lots of fun with the school students running the assemblies and activities.

Alongside the school visits, Mark Nicoski from WCE ran a community coaching session with Junior and Senior Coaches as well as a community clinic at Imperials Football Club for local Auskick and Junior Footballers which capped off a brilliant week.

Upcoming Events

8th June

Think Mental Health Round - LSWFL

9th June

Level 1 Sports Trainers Course - Manjimup

15th - 16th June

Great Southern Colts Carnival - Kulin

15th - 16th June

Think Mental Health Round - SWFL

24th - 28th June

Senior High School Countryweek - Perth

28th - 30th June

West Coast AFLW Community Camp
Dunsborough & Busselton

10th - 13th July

East Perth South West Visit
Manjimup & Busselton/Dunsborough

11th - 14th July

Country Championships
Colts & Men's - Perth & Mandurah

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Schools



It has been a massive term 1/2 for the South West team in 2024 with nearly 200 hours of delivery at schools across the region. we have delivered Sporting Schools Programs to Parkfield PS, Grace Christian School, Djidi Djidi PS, Geographe Ed Support, South Bunbury PS and Donnybrook DHS.

The following carnivals are coming up in Term 3.

- Y7/8 Eagles Schoolboys & Dockers Cup - 24/07
- Y9/10 Eagles Schoolboys & Dockers Cup - 28/08
- Busselton Eagles Schoolboys & Dockers Cup - TBC
- Bunbury Y5/6 Dockers Cup - TBC

Congratulations to Vasse Primary School who were the first school in the region to access the AFL Schools Grants. The recieved full funding for the schools very first set of playing jumpers. Don't they look great!



Auskick

Its been a great start the Auskick Year. It is great see centers across the South West delivering great programs promoting the great game of AFL and allowing girls and boys to have fun.

We Launched the year with our sundowners in Bunbury and Bridgetown where centers had presentations from WAFC Participation Specialist Michelle Sewell and WAFC Women & Girls Community Football Manager Nicole Serafini. The presentations were well received by those who attended. We have had Superkids Superheros Round, Bring a Friend Round and several centers who will be participating in Rookie Series programs in Term 3.

Congratulations to Donnybrook and Bridgetown Auskick Centres who will be our AFL Half Time participants this season with the South West hitting the big time for the West Coast Eagles vs Carlton fixture in Round 23. Well done to HBLJFC and Boyup Brook JFC who will be our Little League clubs for the same fixture.



WA Football Volunteer of the Year Nominations

The WAFC Volunteer of the Year is open again for another year!! The South West are looking to go back to back after Mark Delane (Dunsborough FC) was the 2023 WA State Volunteer of the Year.

If you know of someone who has gone above and beyond to support the football community, whether it be through organising events, fundraising, coaching, umpiring, or promoting diversity and inclusion, nominate them now at <https://www.thankavolunteer.com.au/> or scan the QR Code below



Hands Oval Re-Development



Some have called it the “Jewell of the South West” and Hands Oval is certainly on track to be the pinnacle ground within the South West Region.

A striking presence in the Bunbury skyline, the 700+ seat grandstand and player amenities will make it a fantastic asset for the region. The facility is still on track to be finished in time for the SWFL Grand Finals in late September.

The inclusion of asphalted parking around the ground has improved access and the addition of an electronic scoreboard come September will add the cherry on top.



According to some well respected journos, there are early whispers that the 2030 Toyota AFL Grand Final will be played at venue. Watch this space on that!!

To follow fortnightly updates on the redevelopment, follow SWFL on Facebook who will provide the inside scoop on the ins & out of the building.

West Coast Eagles AFLW Community Camp

West Coasts AFLW Program will be heading to the South West in late June for their Pre-Season Community Camp.

From Friday 28th June through to Sunday 30th, the club will be involved in a number of activations across the Bunbury, Busselton & Dunsborough region.

Friday - School visits in the day and a panel discussion in the evening

Saturday - AFLW Open Training Session

Sunday - Community Super Clinic & Academy Game



CFWA Country South Conference



April saw the entire CFWA Country South Team descend on the South West for our annual Country South Staff Conference.

Across the 3 days, staff presented on challenges & opportunities they foresee in their regions, visited HBL's All Girls Auskick centre (which was a fantastic experience for all involved), Busselton Auskick & Starkick centre and also attended a number of Junior Football Games on Friday evening/Saturday Morning.

Massive thank you to Michael Roberts (WAFC CEO), Mel Sulzberger (CFWA President) & Mel Toia (West Coast Eagles) for joining us on the Thursday, Bianca Glanville on the Friday.



Some down time was had on the Thursday evening with staff slicing our way through a round of 9 at X-Golf.

Some great shots and not so great saw some staff spend more time in the bunkers & water than they did on the fairways.

The highlight of the 9 holes came with the last shot of the night, with Lowen Ferry failing to deliver when required, missing a 3ft put to send it to a playoff hole, much to the disappointment of eager onlookers.