

FINALS TIME

Finals fever has begun in the South West, with leagues rounding out yet another action-packed season of football. Decisive clashes across the region have and continue to take place, finalizing the answer to the most anticipated question in the region, who would be crowned as almighty premiers for 2024?

Over on the shores of Busselton, Augusta Abalones took on the undefeated Busselton Bombers in the Onshore Cup Football Association Grand Final at Sir Stewart Bovell Oval. The Bombers proved too strong for Augusta, winning the game with an emphatic 98-point victory and taking away their third straight premiership. Special mention to Dean Decampo of the Bombers, who took home the Norm Smith for another cracking performance.

LSWFL roll through to their Grand Finals this weekend, with Kojonup taking on Boyup Brook in the League competition, Deanmill come up against Kojonup in the Reserves & an undefeated Tigers look to round out the perfect season with a win over Southerners in the Colts.

Meanwhile in the Junior space, it was Southerners who came away with victory ahead of the Manjimup Tigers in the LSWJFA Year 8/9 competition. LSWJFA also held their 6/7 Grand Final, where Kojonup were triumphant over Manjimup Tigers, winning by a 42 points.

Moving to Gloucester Park in Margaret River, AMRJFA held a successful Under 13 Grand Final, with the two Hawks sides going toe to toe for victory. In the end, a late charge from Hawks Blue wasn't enough to snatch the win from Hawks Red, who took out the premiership with a 13 point margin.



Upcoming Events

7th September

LSWFL Grand Final - Deanmil

14th September

BDJFA Grand Finals - Busselton

SWJFL Grand Finals - Bunbury

22nd September

W AFL Grand Final

24th & 25th September

WAFC School Holiday Programs - Bunbury

27th September

SWFL Hayward Medal Count

29th September

SWFL Women's Grand Final - Hands Oval

3rd & 4th October

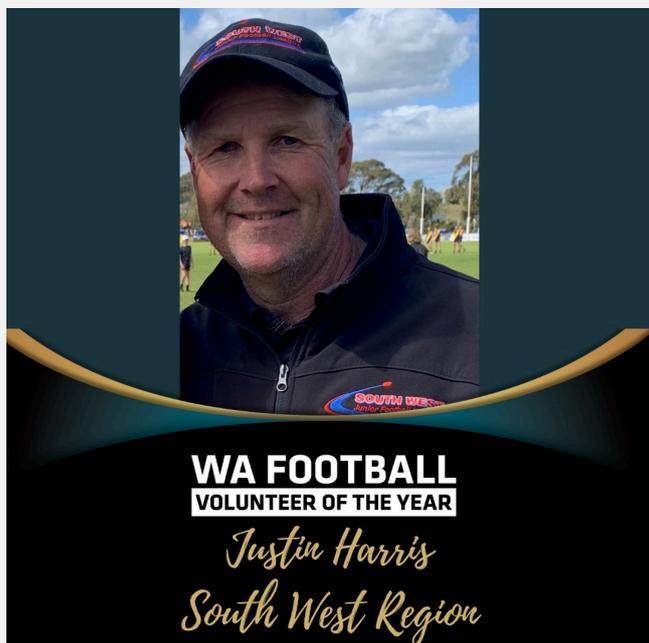
Nutrien Ag Solutions

Womens Country Championships -
Mandurah

6th October

SWFL Men's Grand Finals - Hands Oval

Volunteer of the Year Winners (Region & State)



2024 WA Football Volunteer of the Year

South West Region Finalist
Justin Harris - SWJFL President

Justin has been involved in junior football in the South West Region for over 10 years in various roles spanning both football club and league involvement. He has been the President of the South West Junior Football League for the past four years and prior to this was the Youth Girls Coordinator where he was a major driver in the development and growth of the female pathway in the region.

With a focus on female participation, Justin has built the female competition from one Year Yr 10-12 competition with 6 teams in 2017 to a full pathway from Year 3 to Year 12 with 44 teams participating in 2024. The league as a whole has also grown under Justin's leadership boasting 138 teams, making SWJFL the largest league outside of the Metro Junior competition.

Justin is a passionate, measured and fair individual who strives to grow and enhance junior football across the South West Region.

2024 WA Senior Coach of the Year

State Winner
Kristy Jetta - Eaton FC Women's Coach (SWFL)

Her dedication to the sport is evident in her role as the women's coach for Eaton FC. She consistently promotes a supportive and inclusive environment, ensuring that respect is at the forefront of her coaching philosophy.

Kristy encourages players to show sportsmanship and integrity on and off the field, setting a positive example in every interaction. Her coaching style emphasises fair play, teamwork, and mutual respect, which helps players understand the importance of valuing their teammates, opponents, and officials.

In addition to her coaching role, Kristy created the design for the Indigenous training top, proudly worn by all teams at the club which demonstrates her commitment to cultural inclusivity and respect. This effort has significantly raised awareness and appreciation of Indigenous culture, fostering a community where diversity is celebrated, and everyone feels valued.

Nutrien Ag Mens Country Champs

Much to the dismay of a number in the crowd, the SWFL won the Nutrien Ag Country Championship for a record 25th time, defeating last year's Champions Avon by 11 points at Sullivans Logistics Stadium, Leederville on Sunday 14th July. Congratulations to the 5 South West players that were selected to represent Country WA against South Australia in Adelaide (Ben Howlett & Cooper Clarke-Dehring - Donnybrook, Mitch Tenardi & Liam Creighton (Busselton), Tom Gorter (South Bunbury))



Schools

On August 14, the School Sport WA Winter Carnival was run and done at Hay Park in Bunbury. The 7 and 8 students participated within two boys divisions and 1 girls division. There were 23 teams in total across 12 schools spanning from Australind in the north of the region down to Manjimup in the South East. In what were extremely trying conditions, the wet weather didn't disrupt the students from having a wonderful day of football with some exceptional levels of play. A huge congratulations to Bunbury Catholic College who took out the Boys A Division and to Bunbury SHS who took out the Girls Division.



SOUTH WEST

3QT Update

We have 2 major carnivals left for 2024 with the upcoming Busselton Footy Carnival on September 13th at Vasse Oval which gives the high schools in Busselton a chance to show off their skills locally prior to the Year 9/10 School Sport WA Winter Carnival which takes place on September 18th at Hay Park in Bunbury replicating the Year 7/8 carnival from earlier in the term.

As we hit the start of September and hit finals footy, our in-school delivery for 2024 starts to wind down. It has been another great year in the South West with over 250 hours of delivery across our free clinics and sporting schools programs. We want to take the opportunity to thank the following schools for having us out in 2024.

Parkfield PS, Boyup Brook DHS, St Mary's (Boyup Brook), St Brigids (Bridgetown), Bridgetown PS, Manjimup PS, East Manjimup PS, Kearnan College, Pemberton DHS, Northcliffe DHS, Greenbushes PS, Balingup PS, Carey Park PS, Picton PS, Cooina PS, Boyanup PS, Adam Road PS, Dalyellup PS, St Joseph's (Bunbury), Eaton PS, Busselton PS, River Valley PS, West Busselton PS, Australind PS, Leschenault Catholic PS, Rapids Landing PS, Margaret River PS, Grace Christian School, Djidi Djidi PS, Vasse PS, Brunswick Junction PS, Geographe Ed Support School, South Bunbury PS, Wilson Park PS, St Anne's (Harvey), Donnybrook DHS, Geographe PS, Cornerstone Christian College, Capel PS, Georgiana Molloy Anglican School and Cowaramup PS.



WAFC Facilities Visit

The start of August saw our WAFC Facilities Team (Steven Rose & Callum Sly) embark on a Grand Tour of the South West region. The pair visited venues across 3x separate senior leagues (LWSFL, SWFL and Onshore Cup) plus their associated junior equivalents.

Across their week they visited 23 venues and met with clubs & LGA's to discuss previous, current & future facility developments. The meetings were very successful and fleshed out a number of actions items including project support, project guidance and advocacy just to name a few.

Their highlights of the week (apart from spending time with the WAFC SW based staff) included walkthroughs of both Hands Oval & Donnybrook redevelopments as well as meeting with 2024 Small Grants WAFFF recipients (Rea Park and Boyup Brook).



WAFC Umpiring Visit



Wednesday 21st August saw Courtney Gibson & Dean Horsington venture down the Forrest Highway to deliver some umpire PD to the SWFL Umpire Association. It was a very well attended event, with over 45 umpires intently listening on to what Courtney had to say about Holding the Ball, Dangerous tackles and effective positioning.

Massive thanks to Dean & Courtney for coming down and we look forward to having you down a number of times next season.