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From the CEO

North Melbourne CEO, Ben Amarfio, has thanked its members for their ongoing support and says the club will continue to do everything in its power in pursuit of on-field success.

In a year where the industry was challenged due to the effects of COVID-19, the club posted a profit of \$200,000, with the club's current debt levels standing at just \$400,000.

"Our goal is to have zero debt this time next year," Amarfio told the Herald Sun.

"We have wiped, I think, over \$9 million of debt in the last decade. I think it is a great testament to the board, to the previous management teams and previous staff who have done a great job over that decade.

"There is one very good reason why we got the result we did this year and that's because more than 97 per cent of our members stuck with us, despite the fact they couldn't go and see one game, plus Mazda, Spirit of Tasmania and our other sponsors and coterie group stayed on board."

Amarfio, who has been in the role for a year, said he didn't understand the negative narrative that often surrounds the Roos' finances.

"I am not going to speak to other club's finances, but I can speak to our club's finances. At the start of the season we had a debt of \$650,000 ... we have reduced that debt – despite COVID and despite not having any of our members attend matches and all the financial benefits that come along with that – down from \$650,000 to \$400,000," Amarfio said.

He said the club's profit of around \$200,000 was close to the amount made by premiership winners Richmond, which announced an operating profit of \$217,727.

Amarfio said that the club's ability to remove itself from debt would be of huge significance, particularly with the proposed development of the Arden precinct.

"(If the club is out of debt), it means we start to build our cash reserves and we start to build our asset base," he said.

"That's what we will be concentrating on and that's the Arden St precinct and the whole urban renewal of the whole North Melbourne area could bring about seismic change for the club and for the community."

After submitting a 148-page document to the Victorian Planning Authority, the Roos are hoping to be involved in the Urban Renewal Precinct that is expected to accommodate approximately 34,000 jobs and new 15,000 residents.

"We are hoping by the end of the first quarter of next year the government will be in a situation to finalise the structure plan and hopefully some of our suggestions and plans will be taken on board," Amarfio said.





Footy UPDATE

The off-season brought about a number of changes for North Melbourne, including the appointment of new head coach David Noble, senior assistant John Blakey and mentor Paul Roos.

On-field, the club made some bold statements with its approach to re-shaping the list in line with its long-term strategic plan.

Going into 2020 we had the most 26-plus-year players in the competition, and we finished 17th on the ladder, so clearly we needed to make changes and we needed to change the list demographic.

Going into 2021, there are currently 24 players on the list that are 22 and under, a dramatic and exciting change from the list demographics in 2020.

Five of the club's new recruits bring AFL experience – Aidan Corr, Jaidyn Stephenson, Atu Bosenavulagi, Lachie Young and Connor Menadue.

These five players are complemented by the core group of players we have at the club in Jack Ziebell, Robbie Tarrant, Ben Cunnington, Todd Goldstein, Jared Polec, Josh Walker, Luke McDonald, Jed Anderson, Shaun Atley, Trent Dumont and Kayne Turner.

Then we have the exciting young brigade of talent coming through, including five rising stars in Curtis Taylor, Tarryn Thomas, Bailey Scott, Cam Zurhaar and Nick Larkey. Jy Simpkin, Aiden Bonar, Charlie Comben,

Flynn Perez, Jack Mahony, Kyron Hayden and Tristan Xerri add to this group.

We've added depth to our youth, in particular midfield depth, through the draft with the additions of Tom Powell, Charlie Lazzaro, Phoenix Spicer, Eddie Ford and Patrick Walker.

As you can see, we have a lot of talent to be excited about and we aren't afraid of the hard work that lies ahead of us.

We also brought in the experienced Heath Younie, who worked closely with Noble at the Adelaide Crows for a number of years. He's joined by Jordan Russell, who spent time as a development coach at the Bulldogs, working with one of the best midfields in the competition.

Every decision we made throughout the off-season was in-line with our long-term strategic plan of on-field success.

We can't thank our members enough for sticking by us through these challenging times. We aim to repay your faith and strive for future success together.



Noble takes CHARGE

David Noble will lead North Melbourne in 2021 and beyond, appointed as senior coach after a thorough search and selection process.

Noble boasts an extensive resume with more than two decades of experience in the industry.

From 2016 to 2020, he was the general manager of football at the Brisbane Lions and was a key figure behind the club's impressive turnaround and recent on-field success which has included finals in the past two seasons.

Prior to joining the Lions, Noble spent more than a decade at the Adelaide Crows as assistant coach (2005-10), list manager (2011-13) and head of football (2014-16) and was an integral part of the club's eight finals campaigns.

When speaking for the first time since being appointed the club's 38th senior coach (including interim coaches), Noble said he was "humbled and appreciative" for the opportunity.

"I always have belief that you need to fit the club, as well as the club fitting you. The North Melbourne Football Club's authenticity, its genuineness, its core values fit me. I believe my value set will fit North very, very well going forward," he said.

With close to two decades in the industry, Noble brings a wealth of experience to the role.

"Clearly the dynamic of the role of a coach has changed in the last five years, I've seen that first-hand," Noble said.

"My skill-set is a broader approach; the capacity to have broader knowledge, the capacity to build relationships with players ... I've always harboured ambitions to coach, let's make no bones about it, but I thought my opportunity had passed.

"The way the club operates, what I've seen over the journey of what the club stands for, the authenticity just really appealed to me."

Noble said he wants to lead a team that makes its members proud.

"We want to be a reliable team that you guys can come in and watch, week in and week out and watch us grow," he said.

"There'll be some frustration, there's no doubt about that, but I've always believed that one of the great values of a member is for you to watch players grow, align to a particular player and watch them build and grow as they come through.

"I'm really confident that we are going to give you an opportunity to watch us play and walk out of the gates each and every weekend being proud of what we put out on the paddock.

"I'm not going to talk to you about wins, I'm not going to talk to you about losses – we are just going to continue to learn. We fall over, we'll get ourselves up and continue to grow and take those opportunities to continue to get better. That is what I can guarantee."





BLAKEY

returns

North Melbourne has welcomed home John Blakey as Senior Assistant Coach.

A highly-accomplished player, Blakey played 359 games including 135 for Fitzroy (1985-1992) and another 224 for the Kangaroos (1993-2002) including the 1996 and 1999 Premierships. He is one of just 12 players to have played more than 350 VFL/AFL games.

Upon retiring in 2002, he went on to spend four years at the Brisbane Lions as assistant coach to Leigh Matthews and tasted immediate success in what was their third successive flag. He acted as senior coach for one game in Matthews' absence in 2005.

At the end of 2006, Blakey joined the Sydney Swans as assistant coach, alongside former Kangaroos' teammate John Longmire and under the guidance of Paul Roos.

Blakey brings a wealth of experience to Arden St, which includes a Swans' Premiership in 2012, and has coached almost every area of the ground.

A well-respected figure, Blakey was appointed Coaching Director and Head of Development at the Swans in 2015.

"I've been fortunate enough to be in some very good programs," he said.

"I was on the back of Brisbane's three-peat up there in 2003. In 2004 they played in another grand final and lost that one.

"Since I've been at Sydney it's been a very successful period as well.

"Knowing how to prepare a team, knowing what it takes to get to finals, knowing what it takes to win finals, is the experience that you learn along the way.

"Hopefully I can bring that knowledge and bring what I've learned from some great teachers in Leigh Matthews, in Paul Roos and my long association with John Longmire.

"I want to help the club get to where they want to get to.

"You learn along the journey what it takes and what's required to constantly compete in September and then what's required to win a premiership ... and it's bloody hard, it's not easy by any stretch of the imagination.

"They're (premierships) very, very difficult to win and they take a lot of work and a lot of high standards to be able to get there.

"Hopefully that's what I can bring to the club, some really high standards and some experience in what it takes and what we need to do to get there."

The club champion believes the Roos' group of young players can help build the club towards success.

"A new senior coach (David Noble) always brings new ideas. And hopefully I can bring some new ideas as well to add to that," Blakey said of the North playing list.

"So we're building, but we don't put a ceiling on this group."



The acquisition of Heath Younie and Jordan Russell rounds out North's coaching panel for the 2021 season.

Alongside newly appointed David Noble and John Longmire, the duos join Gavin Brown, Leigh Adams and Brent Harvey at Arden St.

Younie reunites with Noble after accepting a role as Assistant Coach for the 2021 season and beyond, taking responsibility for the club's forwards.

A development manager at the Adelaide Crows since 2014, Younie focused on the management of players, coaches and football staff, and was also involved in the club's finals campaigns from 2015 to 17.

The 41-year-old's coaching career began at North Adelaide in the SANFL (2011-12) where he coached the under 18s.

He was development coach at the Crows for a season, before becoming inaugural coach of their SANFL team (2014-16), leading the club to its first finals series in 2016.

Younie was rookie-listed by West Coast in 1997 where he played for two seasons. He then signed with the Kangaroos in the VFL, before joining North Adelaide in 2001 where he went on to play 183 SANFL games, was appointed vice-captain and won two best-and-fairest medals.

Meanwhile, Jordan Russell joins as Assistant Coach – Midfield.

Russell brings five years of experience in development coaching roles at the Western Bulldogs, before he was promoted to assistant coach for the 2019 season. He moved into a midfield coaching role in 2020.

Russell played 125 AFL games for Carlton and Collingwood from 2005-2013, before transitioning to Footscray in the VFL as a player and development coach. He featured in the club's 2014 and 2016 VFL Premierships, as captain in 2016 and on-field captain in the 2014 Grand Final.

2020 DRAFT

North Melbourne made seven selections at the 2020 NAB AFL Draft and Rookie Drafts. Their first selection, pick 3 was their highest since 2006.



PICK 13



TOM POWELL

Midfielder
Sturt/South Australia
02/03/02 | 183cm | 74kg

"Tom is a prolific ball-winner and elite with the ball in hand. He has clean hands and is really impressive around the stoppage and stood up in big moments in 2020." - Mark Finnigan, National Recruiting Manager

PICK 36



CHARLIE LAZZARO

Midfielder
Geelong Falcons/St Marys
25/03/02 | 179cm | 73kg

"Charlie is a really driven inside/outside midfielder who can also play forward. He has clean hands in the contest, carries the ball and had a really strong 2020 pre-season with the Falcons." - Mark Finnigan, National Recruiting Manager

PICK 42



PHOENIX SPICER

Small Forward
South Adelaide, SANFL
30/01/02 | 173cm | 64kg

Phoenix is an exciting prospect who really impressed in 2020 at SANFL 18s and reserves level in 2020. He impacts the scoreboard with his run and carry being his No.1 weapon." - Mark Finnigan, National Recruiting Manager

PICK 56



EDDIE FORD

Forward/Midfielder
Western Kets/VIC Metro
21/06/02 | 188cm | 79kg

Eddie is an exciting forward who performed well on Grand Final day in 2019 in the Futures game. He has speed, power and clean hands while having the ability to take a big mark and kick bags of goals." - Mark Finnigan, National Recruiting Manager

PICK 02
ROOKIE DRAFT



PATRICK WALKER

Wing/Half-back
North Hobart
09/07/02 | 186cm | 80kg

Patrick has had some exposure to open-age football with North Hobart in 2020. He is a skilful half back/wing type who can carry the ball and penetrate the game with his foot skills. We feel he has a lot of future development potential." - Mark Finnigan, National Recruiting Manager

PICK 18
ROOKIE DRAFT



CONNOR MENADUE

Wing/Midfielder
Werribee, VFL
19/09/96 | 187cm | 80kg

"He was the fifth piece of our plan to bring in AFL experience on the back of bringing in Corr, Stephenson, Young and Atu. His run and carry was really appealing to us, as was his positional versatility." - Mark Finnigan, National Recruiting Manager

PICK 03

WILL PHILLIPS

Midfielder
Oakleigh Chargers/VIC Metro
22/05/02 | 180cm | 80kg

"Will had a decorated junior career. He is an elite ball-winner with good skills and was an attractive player to us for numerous reasons. His inside and outside game, as well as his speed and endurance will benefit us for many years. Will is a relentless competitor who has leadership and a first-class character." - Mark Finnigan, National Recruiting Manager



Trade PERIOD

It was a busy trade period for North Melbourne, which made some bold moves to re-shape its list.

The list management team including Glenn Luff, Brady Rawlings, Scott Clayton and Mark Finnigan remained focused on building a list that will help the Kangaroos play an exciting brand of football and bring them back into finals contention.

Youth was a priority, but it was important to find the right mix of players that would complement the club's exciting proven players.

North acquired talented players from other clubs and made some hard decisions to farewell great servants of the club.

Aidan Corr joined as a restricted free agent, signing a five-year deal. At 26-years-old, Corr is a versatile defender that can play on small and tall forwards. He comes with experience, having played 98 games, including two finals series for the Giants since being drafted in 2012.

The club also secured Lachie Young from the Western Bulldogs, as well as the Brisbane Lions' pick 70 in exchange for the Kangaroos' pick 63. At 21, Young is an athletic rebounding defender who intercepts the ball well and has plenty of upside.

Jaidyn Stephenson and Atu Bosenavulagi from Collingwood were next to join. Stephenson won the 2018 NAB Rising Star Award, his nomination coming after a standout performance in Round 4 when he kicked five goals against the Adelaide Crows.

Stephenson brings excitement, speed and genuine goal-kicking power. He also brings finals experience having featured in Collingwood's finals campaigns over the past three years, including the 2018 Grand Final.

Meanwhile, 20-year-old Bosenavulagi will bring speed, tackling pressure and power that will be valuable in the front half of the ground.

Stephenson and Bosenavulagi were brought in with pick 39 from the Pies, in exchange for picks 26, 33 and 70, a trade made possible with the draft hand that was acquired after farewelling Ben Brown.

North also said goodbye to Shaun Higgins, who together with Brown are two players that have been fantastic contributors, members and ambassadors of the club.

Gaining pick 30 for Higgins, and 26, 33 and the Demons' future fourth-round selection in exchange for Brown, along with the club's pick 28 and future fourth-rounder, enabled North to further strengthen its draft hand and bring in more talent.



FAREWELL:

Rhyce Shaw

North Melbourne and senior coach, Rhyce Shaw, came to a mutual decision to part ways in October.

North chairman, Ben Buckley, expressed his gratitude to Shaw and wished him the best for the future.

"Since taking on the role as caretaker coach in the middle of the season in 2019 and then senior coach for 2020, Rhyce Shaw has given his all to the club," Buckley said.

"He has been an exceptional leader and is a man of the highest integrity. His work ethic is unparalleled and we are truly grateful for the time, effort and energy he's put into the role."

Shaw thanked the club for the opportunity it afforded him.

"I'm immensely grateful to the North Melbourne Football Club for the opportunity it afforded me as senior coach, and want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the football department and club staff, as well as North's incredible members and supporters, who together, endured an extraordinarily challenging season," he said.

"Your contribution, commitment and dedication to this club was enormous, and I am deeply grateful."

"To the players – I will forever cherish the relationships we built and the stories we shared, and I'm grateful for the courage and belief you demonstrated along the journey."

"Despite the challenges of the past year, my passion for football remains. The experiences I've had throughout my career developing young footballers to reach their potential has given me the greatest satisfaction and pride, and I hope to have the opportunity to contribute to this great game again in the future."

Coaches FAREWELL

North Melbourne farewellled assistant coaches Jade Rawlings and Jarred Moore, as well as development coach Heath Scotland, head of football performance Jason Lappin, forward-line coach Brendan Whitecross, defensive-line coach Jared Rivers, ruck coach Will Minson and Next Generation Academy coach Michael Firrito.

The football department changes coincide with a raft of wider changes the club was forced to make due to Covid-19.

"These are all quality individuals," GM football Brady Rawlings said.

"I'd sincerely like to thank each and every one of them for their hard work and dedication."

"I am truly sorry to see them go, but these decisions have been made in the best interests of the club."



After eleven years at the club, North Melbourne farewelled much loved players and people, in Jamie Macmillan and Majak Daw.

Macmillan played 167 games for the Kangaroos, after being selected with pick 37 in the 2009 National Draft.

"I want to thank the club for giving a skinny 18-year-old kid a shot at making it," Macmillan said.

"It's been an unbelievable ride over 11 years and this club holds a special place in my heart.

"While I'm disappointed it has come to an end at North, I understand the decisions are in the best interests of the club, and wish everyone involved nothing but success."

Macmillan played in seven finals games with the Roos and was awarded life membership in 2019.

However, he wasn't gone long before accepting a new role as AFL football operations manager in October.

Daw spoke of his incredible journey with the club.

"It's obviously pretty disappointing that I'm not going to be around going forward," Daw told teammates and staff.

"It's [my career] had its highs and lows along the way. I played one final, and I think I played 54 games in 11 years, so it's quite a humble career, but I'd just like to thank this footy club for giving me an opportunity to be the first African to play in the AFL. It's something I will always hold close to my heart.

"I've made some really good mates at this place. I'll miss the locker room banter ... it just didn't work out the way I wanted it to this year, there's been challenges I've gone through.

"The last few years obviously haven't been easy for me, and I can't thank this footy club enough for what they've done for me."

Initially taken in the 2009 rookie draft, Daw became the first Sudanese-born player to play in the AFL when he made his debut in Round 4, 2013.

Daw overcame the biggest challenge of his life earlier this season, when he ran out for a memorable comeback game against Adelaide in Round 9, having fully recovered from severe hip and pelvis injuries, a hamstring injury and torn pectoral muscle.

Daw played 54 games for the Kangaroos.

The club also farewelled Jasper Pittard, Ben Jacobs, Paul Ahern, Mason Wood, Sam Durdin, Marley Williams, Joel Crocker, Lachie Hosie and Tom Murphy.



Pen to PAPER

A host of exciting talent re-committed to North for season 2021 and beyond.

Young guns Curtis Taylor, Bailey Scott signed on two-year deals, as did Jed Anderson, Kayne Turner, and Tristan Xerri. Charlie Comben and Jack Mahony also put pen-to-paper on two-year contract extensions.

Flynn Perez agreed to a one-year extension, while Taylor Garner, Will Walker, and Matt McGuinness re-committed for another season.

Josh Walker, who quickly became a lock-in player for the Kangaroos, triggered a one-year extension, while Kyron Hayden will also remain at Arden St until at least the end of 2021.



2021 FIXTURE



ROUND 1

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 1.10pm
MARVEL STADIUM (FOXTEL)



ROUND 2

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 7.10pm
METRICON STADIUM (FOXTEL)



ROUND 3

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 4.20pm
MARVEL STADIUM (SEVEN)



ROUND 4

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 1.10pm
MARVEL STADIUM (FOXTEL)



ROUND 5

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 4.40pm
GMHBA STADIUM (FOXTEL)



ROUND 6

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 6.10pm
OPTUS STADIUM (FOXTEL)



ROUND 7 - HOME

BLUNDSTONE ARENA



ROUND 8 - HOME

MARVEL STADIUM



ROUND 9 - AWAY

UTAS STADIUM



ROUND 10 - AWAY

MARVEL STADIUM



ROUND 11 - AWAY

MARVEL STADIUM



ROUND 12

BYE



ROUND 13 - HOME

BLUNDSTONE ARENA



ROUND 14 - HOME

MARVEL STADIUM



ROUND 15 - HOME

BLUNDSTONE ARENA



ROUND 16 - AWAY

MARVEL STADIUM



ROUND 17 - AWAY

OPTUS STADIUM



ROUND 18 - HOME

MARVEL STADIUM



ROUND 19 - AWAY

MARVEL STADIUM



ROUND 20 - HOME

BLUNDSTONE ARENA



ROUND 21 - AWAY

MCG



ROUND 22 - HOME

MARVEL STADIUM



ROUND 23 - AWAY

ADELAIDE OVAL

FLOATING FIXTURE IS IN PLACE
FOR ROUNDS 7-23. ALL DATE
AND TIMES ARE TBC.

A GOLDEN *milestone*

Todd Goldstein just keeps getting better with age.

The 32-year-old celebrated his 250th game in Round 17, becoming just the 11th player to reach the magical mark at North.

Arguably in career-best form, the ruckman averaged 15 disposals a game, and ranked ninth across the competition for clearances despite the significantly shortened quarters.

In Round 16 he notched up his 8000th career hit-out, second all-time to Aaron Sandilands (8502).

Goldstein now has his eye firmly set on joining the 300 club.

"I'd love to hit 300 games and be the sixth North Melbourne player to do that. It would be a dream come true," he said.

"I'd like to play for as long as I can. With the way my body and mind are feeling, there's no reason why I can't continue on post this contract."

Goldstein was a controversial omission from the All-Australian team but it didn't detract from the impact he had throughout the year.

CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

2015 Syd Barker Medal

2015 All-Australian



No slowing ATLEY DOWN

Pacey, versatile and reliable, Shaun Atley celebrated his 200th game in Round 3.

Ten years into his career, Atley has barely missed a game since debuting in Round 1, 2011.

"He put his head down and worked as hard as he possibly could," North champion Brent Harvey told North Media.

"He's got a really high standard of training, and he takes that into games. If it's in the gym or on the track, he's always worked really hard.

"I've been really impressed by him and have loved watching him evolve as a person and as a player. He's getting more confident as a leader, and I think that's starting to come out more."

Atley paid tribute to those who've had a huge impact on his career.

"200 games, I'm obviously pretty proud to have achieved that," he said.

"When you first get here as a young kid you sort of look to the older guys and try to figure out why they've been here for a long time and emulate that.

"Early days I sort of looked to 'Boomer' (Brent Harvey) and he never missed a training session, never missed anything, so I guess I sort of tried to model myself on that.

"I suppose that's the biggest thing that I hang on to is being able to play with those blokes like Brent Harvey, Daniel Wells, Michael Firrito and Scott Thompson, and to be here for such a long time at a special club is something that I really take pride in."



Celebrating MILESTONES

One of North's most formidable defenders, Robbie Tarrant, notched up 150 games in Round 2.

The number 25 battled through injury in the early stages of his career, but has since become one of the game's elite defenders.

It took almost eight seasons for Tarrant to reach 50 games, while his next 100 took less than five.

Fellow defender, Jasper Pittard, also reached the milestone in what was his 23rd game in the royal blue and white stripes, while Josh Walker celebrated 100 games in Round 16.

Shaun Higgins played his 100th club game in Round 9 after crossing from the Western Bulldogs in the 2014 trade period.

2021 UPCOMING MILESTONES

150 games

Jared Polec	9 games
Luke McDonald	24 games

100 games

Trent Dumont	1 game
Aidan Corr	2 games
Kayne Turner	21 games
Jed Anderson	22 games

50 games

Tom Campbell	5 games
Taylor Garner	5 games
Cameron Zurhaar	6 games
Connor Menadue	11 games
Luke Davies-Uniacke	20 games
Nick Larkey	21 games
Tarryn Thomas	24 games



MAKING *their mark*

A host of North youngsters donned the royal blue and white stripes for the first time in 2020.

Jack Mahony, who was selected with Pick 34 in the 2019 National Draft, debuted in Round 4 against Hawthorn. He went on to play the next ten games before suffering a shoulder injury in Round 13 against Collingwood.

His most impressive performance came in the Kangaroos' win over Adelaide in Round 9, where he collected 10 disposals and laid seven tackles.

Ruckman, Tristan Xerri, also had his first opportunity on the big stage in Round 4.

Flynn Perez, who was selected with Pick 35 in the 2019 National Draft, debuted in Round 16 against Port Adelaide.

The highly-touted young defender came off a serious knee injury at the end of 2018, which sidelined him for a year and a half.

He became Shinboner number 1027 and went on to play in Rounds 17 and 18, following his debut.

South Australian product, Lachie Hosie, debuted in Round 10 after he was selected with the fifth pick in the 2019 Mid-Season Rookie Draft.



Majak HAPPENS



It will go down as one of the most extraordinary stories in sporting history – Majak Daw's return to AFL football.

Almost two years to the day since his last game, Daw's comeback from a mental health battle and serious physical injuries was nothing short of incredible.

The 29-year-old was told of his return by captain Jack Ziebell in the lead up to the Round 9 clash against Adelaide.

"It's been an incredible journey, and this feat that he's going to achieve this weekend is going to be one of the great stories in AFL footy," Ziebell said.

In the lead-up to his return game, Daw spoke about his remarkable journey.

"It's been a long time. It's been a testing few years. A test of my character and resilience, and how I can bounce back from setbacks," Daw said.

"It's the ultimate reward for my hard work personally, and with my mental health battle.

"I realised when all the boys got around me that I couldn't have done it myself.

"There's so many people involved. The footy club, my family, the doctors, my psychologist, strength and conditioning staff, and having the backing of 'Shawry' (Rhyce Shaw) is huge."

Daw had overcome subsequent hamstring and pectoral injuries in his bid to return, before finally running out in the royal blue and white on August 1, 2020.

"There were times when I wondered when my moment was going to come," he admitted.

"The work I've done with the psychiatrists was to not try and take on too much. I just had to take each day as it comes.

"I've played the moment over in my head.

"Who would have thought that I'd be making my return up here and not in front of my family?"

"But when I set my goals of making my return to AFL footy, it didn't matter where and when it was going to happen.

"I can't wait to get out there and repay the club back for what they've done for me.

"Giving me a contract last year, not knowing whether I was going to play or not was huge."

Daw hopes that his story of resilience can serve as an inspiration to anyone who might be struggling with their mental health.

"I want to be able to help people and give them hope that they can do things that they thought would be impossible," he said.

"Life's pretty hard. There are obstacles that get in the way, and we are seeing that with everything going on with COVID.

"There are a lot of people struggling, but if you have the belief that it's going to turn, it can. I was really determined to make it back to help other people.

"For me to be able to work back to playing AFL footy, hopefully that gives people hope."

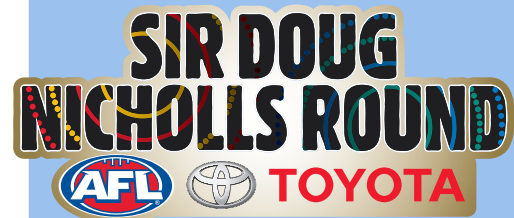
Daw's final quarter goal against the Crows saw him embraced by teammates, as North celebrated his return in style with a big win.

Majak Daw, an inspiration.



TOTEM

Never Surrender



Designed by Gunmok woman and artist, Lorraine Kabbindi White, the 'Never Surrender' guernsey paid homage to the players' deep connection with culture and respect of their country.

Depicted on the fabric of North's 2020 Sir Doug Nicholls Round guernsey, are the powerful totems of its Aboriginal AFL players; Jed Anderson (Honey Ant), Paul Ahern (Lizard), Jy Simpkin (Turtle), Kyron Hayden (Salt Water) and Tarryn Thomas (Goanna & Emu).

The background details freshwater and saltwater countries merging, symbolising the coming together of all different cultures.

Each player's country also features; Warramungu (Anderson), Gunaikunai (Ahern), Yorta Yorta

(Simpkin), Wajuk / Ballardong (Hayden) and Lumarantana / Kamilaroi (Thomas).

North youngster Simpkin said it was a special feeling to wear the jumper in Round 13 against Collingwood.

"We not only celebrate our culture, but our families' histories which is really important to all of us," he told North Media.

"It's a special feeling running out on game day in the guernsey and equally special to look around and see our teammates wearing something that means so much to us."

The boomerang and spears sit alongside the totems and represent strength, resilience and a celebration of survival— all summed up by the name of the jumper: 'Never Surrender'.



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The FUTURE

The future is bright at North, with several of the club's most exciting youngsters showing great signs in 2020.

The Kangaroos fielded one of their youngest sides in Round 12 against Brisbane, with 11 players aged 23 or younger.

In an otherwise disappointing season, the young guns stood tall.



AIDEN BONAR

Having arrived from GWS, Bonar made an immediate impact.

Injuries curtailed his progress at times, but the athletic utility enjoyed roles through the midfield, and later in the season in defence.

Bonar will be looking to build on his six-game tally in his second season at Arden St.

LUKE DAVIES-UNIACKE

While injuries cruelled the former No.4 pick's progress early in the season, an extended run late in the year enabled him to showcase his talent.

Davies-Uniacke played the last seven games, with four 20-plus disposal games and regular time through the midfield seeing his confidence grow.

'LDU' made a habit of finding time and space where not many others could.



"Luke Davies-Uniacke reminds me of Chris Judd with the way he moves when he bursts through the middle. Anyone else?"

@ByMarcMcGowan



"I want to challenge myself and play against the best players, as that's the only way to get better."

Kyron Hayden in July



KYRON HAYDEN

Several serious injuries did little to quell the enthusiasm of the strongly-built 21-year-old, who settled into a defensive role.

Eddie Betts, Luke Breust and Chad Wingard were among his matchups, with the North youngster highly rated by the coaches.

Hayden's season came to an early end with knee swelling, but he showed plenty to suggest he can hold down a role in the back half in years to come.



NICK LARKEY

With Ben Brown sidelined for much of the season, Larkey was called upon as the Roos' primary target in attack.

Despite often finding himself double-teamed and against the opposition's best defenders, Larkey hit the scoreboard regularly with 14 goals.



BEN MCKAY

Having struggled to find a spot in recent seasons, McKay took great strides in 2020.

Holding up a key defensive post, the versatile tall came up against some of the league's most dangerous forwards and excelled.

Playing the last eleven games of the year, McKay proved himself alongside Robbie Tarrant and Josh Walker.



"In the past, I've probably worried about things out of my control, but this time it was, 'That's all right, I can just worry about me and if I train and play well, I can earn my spot' - and I think that's what I did."

Ben McKay in September

JACK MAHONY

As the second-youngest player in the AFL, Mahony could have been forgiven for easing into his first season - but he had other ideas.

The busy small-forward made his presence felt with some strong pre-season performances, and lined up for his debut in Round 4, playing the next ten matches.

A shoulder injury meant a premature end to his year, but if his Round 10 effort against Geelong, where he baulked an opponent and slotted a goal from distance is anything to go by, there are exciting times ahead.





FLYNN PEREZ

A long-term knee injury meant Perez was made to bide his time since 2018, but just three matches in the royal blue and white stripes showed why North rates him so highly.

As Shinboner #1027 Perez showed glimpses of his talent and looked right at home against West Coast in Round 18, gathering 15 disposals.



"Some stern Rhyce Shaw words pre-Christmas inspired Taylor to get fitter, and he stamped himself as one of the club's brightest prospects."

Marc McGowan on [AFL.com.au](https://www.afl.com.au)



CURTIS TAYLOR

After enjoying a taste of senior football in 2019, Taylor took another giant leap in his second season.

A huge specky in a pre-season match set the tone for some exciting progress from the 20-year-old.

Taylor played the first nine games, highlighted by a 13-disposal, 2-goal effort against the Dogs in Round 5, which earned him a NAB Rising Star nomination.

While a knee injury ultimately ended his season early, the signs were bright from the young forward.

BAILEY SCOTT

The pacey winger took another step forward, playing the final 12 games of the season.

Scott made a knack of sneaking into attack to hit the scoreboard and finished equal-fourth on the club's goal-kicking list.

The 20-year-old signed a new two-year deal in September, and looks set to provide much excitement.



"I think the one that I saw this year that really showed something special was Bailey Scott. He knows how to kick a goal, but there were a couple of marks he took inside 50. He launched himself in the air like a real power forward."

Corey McKernan on *SEN*

TARRYN THOMAS

One of the club's brightest young talents, Thomas had an injury-interrupted year, but there's no doubting his potential.

Seven tackles in the season-opener against St Kilda illustrated his work-rate, with the 20-year-old also booting two vital goals in a memorable win in Round 2.

A syndesmosis injury ended his year early, but having already signed until the end of 2022, Thomas has a key role for years to come.



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Tristan gives us flexibility in the ruck and forward, and we love the way he goes about it. He's aggressive and is growing in confidence each time he runs out.”

GM Football
Brady Rawlings



TRISTAN XERRI

After making his presence felt with some encouraging pre-season performances, the 201-centimetre tall made his debut in Round 4.

Several big hits against the Hawks set the tone for Xerri's unrelenting approach, and he kicked goals in all but one of his appearances.

Xerri put pen to paper on a new two-year deal at the end of the season.



CAMERON ZURHAAR

Such has been Zurhaar's importance to North, it's hard to believe he's only 22.

As the club's leading goal-kicker with 18 goals, Zurhaar continued his improvement, and set the tone becoming a barometer for team success. His ability to land a heavy hit or lay a strong tackle often giving the side a lift when it needed it most.

Another big pre-season will no doubt benefit the popular No.44.



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SEASON *Review*



ROUND 1 – MARVEL STADIUM

NORTH MELBOURNE	1.1	2.2	6.7	8.8	(56)
ST KILDA	3.3	6.7	6.11	7.12	(54)



GOALS

North Melbourne: Brown, Larkey, Goldstein, Simpkin, Hall, Taylor, Cunnington
St Kilda: King 2, Billings 2, Steele, Membrey, Ryder

BEST

North Melbourne: Cunnington, Polec, Simpkin, Macmillan, Higgins, Dumont
St Kilda: Billings, Hannebery, Steele, Jones, Ross, Clark



ROUND 2 – GIANTS STADIUM

GWS GIANTS	1.4	2.6	5.10	8.12	(60)
NORTH MELBOURNE	1.2	2.6	6.8	12.8	(80)



GOALS

GWS GIANTS: Finlayson 2, Perryman 2, Himmelberg 2, Ward, Cameron
North Melbourne: Zurhaar 3, Thomas 2, Goldstein, Brown, Pittard, Taylor, Scott, Polec, Ziebell

BEST

GWS GIANTS: Ward, Whitfield, Coniglio, Caldwell, Haynes, Williams
North Melbourne: Higgins, Polec, Zurhaar, Goldstein, Tarrant, Atley, Dumont, Simpkin



ROUND 3 – MARVEL STADIUM

NORTH MELBOURNE	2.3	3.9	5.11	8.12	(60)
SYDNEY SWANS	2.1	5.3	10.8	10.11	(71)



GOALS

North Melbourne: Brown 3, Zurhaar, Ahern, Hall, Dumont, Simpkin
Sydney: Papley 2, McLean, Hayward, Dawson, Blakey, Heeney, Rowbottom, Taylor, Parker

BEST

North Melbourne: Simpkin, Goldstein, Tarrant, Hall,
Sydney: Heeney, Kennedy, Parker, Florent, Lloyd



ROUND 4 – MARVEL STADIUM

HAWTHORN	2.3	5.6	7.6	8.10	(58)
NORTH MELBOURNE	2.1	4.3	4.3	8.6	(54)



GOALS

Hawthorn: Wingard 3, Breust, O'Brien, Burgoyne, Lewis, Shiels
North Melbourne: Simpkin, Hall, Taylor, Anderson, Xerri, Brown, Zurhaar, Thomas

BEST

Hawthorn: Wingard, Mitchell, McEvoy, Shiels, Sicily, Worpel
North Melbourne: Higgins, Goldstein, Tarrant, Anderson, Polec



ROUND 5 – MARVEL STADIUM

WESTERN BULLDOGS	2.2	5.5	10.6	13.9	(87)
NORTH MELBOURNE	1.2	2.3	3.5	5.8	(38)



GOALS

Western Bulldogs: Bruce 6, Wallis 2, Schache 2, Dale, Vandermeer, Richards
North Melbourne: Goldstein 2, Taylor 2, Zurhaar

BEST

Western Bulldogs: Bruce, Liberatore, English, Macrae, Wood, McLean, Daniel
North Melbourne: Simpkin, Tarrant, Anderson, Dumont, Goldstein, Polec



ROUND 6 – METRICON STADIUM

ESSENDON	2.5	5.11	8.11	9.13	(67)
NORTH MELBOURNE	3.4	4.7	6.11	7.11	(53)



GOALS

Essendon: Zaharakis 3, Langford 2, Laverde, McDonald-Tipungwuti, Snelling, Townsend
North Melbourne: Zurhaar 2, Atley, Brown, Goldstein, Higgins, Scott

BEST

Essendon: McGrath, Zaharakis, Fantasia, Parish, Saad, Ridley
North Melbourne: Goldstein, Simpkin, Zurhaar, Dumont, Hall



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ROUND 7 – METRICON STADIUM

RICHMOND	4.3	6.5	9.7	11.11	(77)
NORTH MELBOURNE	0.0	2.3	2.6	2.11	(23)

GOALS
Richmond: Aarts 2, Chol 2, Martin 2, Castagna, Lynch, Pickett, Riewoldt, Rioli
North Melbourne: Dumont, Walker

BEST
Richmond: Eggmolesse-Smith, Bolton, Grimes, Short, Higgins, Martin
North Melbourne: Higgins, Walker, Dumont, Hall

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ROUND 8 – THE GABBA

NORTH MELBOURNE	1.2	5.2	8.2	9.3	(57)
CARLTON	5.1	7.2	8.7	9.10	(64)

GOALS
North Melbourne: Scott 3, Larkey 2, Brown, Hall, Pittard, Polec
Carlton: Cuninghame 2, Kennedy 2, Newnes 2, Casboul, Gibbons, Walsh

BEST
North Melbourne: Polec, Anderson, McDonald, Hayden, Scott, Walker
Carlton: Kennedy, Murphy, Setterfield, Martin, Walsh, Pittonet

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ROUND 9 – METRICON STADIUM

NORTH MELBOURNE	4.1	9.1	12.2	19.5	(119)
ADELAIDE CROWS	0.2	3.3	6.7	7.8	(50)

GOALS
North Melbourne: Zurhaar 3, Davies-Uniacke 2, Hall 2, Higgins 2, Larkey 2, Mahony 2, Pittard 2, Anderson, Daw, Macmillan, Simpkin
Adelaide Crows: McAdam 2, Atkins, Himmelberg, Laird, Murphy, Seedsman

BEST
North Melbourne: Anderson, Goldstein, McDonald, Dumont, Davies-Uniacke
Adelaide Crows: Laird, Lynch, Seedsman, Crouch, McAdam

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ROUND 10 – THE GABBA

GEELONG CATS	4.2	5.8	8.11	13.12	(90)
NORTH MELBOURNE	3.1	3.2	5.2	9.3	(57)

GOALS
Geelong Cats: Miers 4, Hawkins 3, Z.Guthrie 2, Duncan, Menegola, Simpson, Stanley
North Melbourne: Hosie 2, Daw, Hall, Mahony, Polec, Scott, Simpkin, Walker

BEST
Geelong Cats: C.Guthrie, Miers, Hawkins, Fogarty, Stanley, Z.Guthrie
North Melbourne: Simpkin, Higgins, Anderson, Dumont, Tarrant

X

ROUND 11 – ADELAIDE OVAL

NORTH MELBOURNE	3.2	4.2	5.4	5.5	(35)
MELBOURNE	1.4	4.7	7.8	13.14	(92)

GOALS
North Melbourne: Larkey 4, Daw
Melbourne: Weideman 2, Fritsch 2, Pickett, Brayshaw, Melksham, Petracca, Spargo, T.McDonald, Hannan, Sparrow, Oliver

BEST
North Melbourne: McDonald, Larkey, Dumont, Davies-Uniacke
Melbourne: Petracca, Brayshaw, Oliver, Langdon, Pickett, Lever, Weideman

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ROUND 12 – METRICON STADIUM

NORTH MELBOURNE	1.3	3.3	4.3	8.4	(52)
BRISBANE LIONS	1.5	3.6	5.9	7.11	(53)

GOALS
North Melbourne: Larkey 2, Xerri 2, Zurhaar 2, Scott, Murphy
Brisbane Lions: McCarthy 2, McInerney 2, McStay, Hipwood, Bailey

BEST
North Melbourne: Simpkin, Goldstein, Anderson, McDonald, Higgins
Brisbane Lions: Lyons, Zorko, Neale, McInerney, Birchall, Bailey



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ROUND 13 – THE GABBA

COLLINGWOOD	1.2	4.3	8.3	10.5	(65)
NORTH MELBOURNE	2.1	3.4	5.5	5.5	(35)

GOALS
Collingwood: Ruscoe 2, Thomas, Daicos, Cox, Appleby, Adams, Pendlebury, Sidebottom, Hoskin-Elliott
North Melbourne: Dumont, Hosie, Scott, Simpkin, Xerri

BEST
Collingwood: Pendlebury, Adams, Maynard, Moore, Sidebottom, Mayne, Daicos
North Melbourne: Anderson, Higgins, Simpkin, McDonald

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ROUND 14 – METRICON STADIUM

GOLD COAST	3.4	7.8	8.14	12.19	(91)
NORTH MELBOURNE	2.1	4.1	4.4	4.4	(28)

GOALS
Gold Coast SUNS: Sexton 4, King 2, Day 2, Ainsworth, Anderson, Ellis, Rankine
North Melbourne: Wood 2, Hall, Zurhaar

BEST
Gold Coast SUNS: Ainsworth, Anderson, Miller, Greenwood, Weller, Witts, Rankine
North Melbourne: Anderson, Tarrant, Simpkin, McDonald

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ROUND 15 – BYE

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ROUND 16 – METRICON STADIUM

NORTH MELBOURNE	1.2	2.2	4.4	6.6	(42)
PORT ADELAIDE	4.2	4.5	10.8	11.12	(78)

GOALS
North Melbourne: Goldstein, Zurhaar, Larkey, Hall, Walker, Wood
Port Adelaide: Dixon 2, Wines 2, Motlop, Butters, Amon, Gray, Rozee, Boak, Powell-Pepper

BEST
North Melbourne: Davies-Uniacke, Tarrant, Anderson, McKay, Higgins, McDonald
Port Adelaide: Boak, Wines, Rockliff, Byrne-Jones, Powell-Pepper

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ROUND 17 – METRICON STADIUM

NORTH MELBOURNE	1.0	2.2	3.4	5.5	(35)
FREMANTLE	3.3	7.4	11.6	15.9	(99)

GOALS
North Melbourne: Zurhaar 2, Larkey, Garner, Hall
Fremantle: Hogan 4, Schultz 3, Taberner 3, Walters 3, Lobb, Darcy

BEST
North Melbourne: Higgins, McDonald, Zurhaar, Simpkin, Dumont
Fremantle: Mundy, Fyfe, Acres, Darcy, Schultz, Hogan, Lobb

X

ROUND 18 – METRICON STADIUM

NORTH MELBOURNE	2.4	2.6	3.10	4.10	(34)
WEST COAST	0.0	3.1	4.4	7.7	(49)

GOALS
North Melbourne: Higgins, Larkey, Zurhaar, Anderson
West Coast Eagles: Allen 3, Ryan 2, Darling, Ainsworth

BEST
North Melbourne: Anderson, Simpkin, Higgins, McDonald, Davies-Uniacke, Polec
West Coast Eagles: Gaff, Ryan, Allen, Sheed, Hurn, Naitanui, Nelson

MCDONALD

wins first Syd



Luke McDonald capped off an outstanding season, winning his first Syd Barker medal.

The 25-year-old finished on 183 votes, ahead of emerging youngster Jy Simpkin (140) and hard-nosed midfielder Jed Anderson (138).

After being sidelined with a broken ankle in July last year, McDonald emerged stronger than ever, and bounced back in style.

He shut down some of the most influential players in the game in the early part of the season, tagging the likes of Marcus Bontempelli, Toby Greene and Dylan Shiel.

Often switching roles, the rebounding defender had three 30-plus disposal games from Round 9 onwards and another two with more than 25 touches. He averaged 20 disposals, 4 marks and 2.6 tackles and ranked sixth in the AFL for rebound 50s.

Meanwhile Simpkin, proved to be one of North's most improved players, with the 22-year-old taking his game to a new level.

The number 12 averaged 20 disposals, 3.7 tackles and 4.3 clearances (18th in the competition and youngest in the top 20).

Anderson rounded out the top three, narrowly edging out ruckman Todd Goldstein.

The inside-midfielder averaged career-best numbers with 21 disposals, 2.7 marks and 3.5 inside 50s, to go with 5 tackles and 4.3 clearances.

TOP 10:

Luke McDonald	183
Jy Simpkin	140
Jed Anderson	138
Todd Goldstein	131
Trent Dumont	128
Robbie Tarrant	93
Josh Walker	92
Shaun Higgins	88
Ben McKay	75
Cameron Zurhaar	70

OTHER AWARDS:

Life Members: Shaun Atley

Harold Henderson Best Clubman Award:

Luke McDonald

The Mazda Excellence Award:

Luke McDonald

Peter Scanlon Community Award:

Ed Vickers-Willis

Shinboner of the Year Award:

Luke McDonald

Best Young Player Award:

Bailey Scott



2020

by the NUMBERS



DISPOSALS	
Shaun Higgins	363
Luke McDonald	344
Jy Simpkin	344
Trent Dumont	342
Jed Anderson	315

GOALS >>>>	
Cameron Zurhaar	18
Nick Larkey	14
Aaron Hall	10
Ben Brown	8
Bailey Scott	8

MARKS	
Luke McDonald	68
Robbie Tarrant	68
Josh Walker	65
Shaun Higgins	63
Shaun Atley	57

TACKLES	
Trent Dumont	76
Jed Anderson	75
Jy Simpkin	63
Shaun Higgins	50
Luke McDonald	44

CLEARANCES	
Todd Goldstein	88
Jy Simpkin	74
Jed Anderson	65
Trent Dumont	56
Shaun Higgins	33

REBOUND 50s	
Robbie Tarrant	91
Luke McDonald	85
Shaun Higgins	40
Shaun Atley	38
Jasper Pittard	35

CONTESTED MARKS	
Josh Walker	27
Cameron Zurhaar	15
Todd Goldstein	11
Nick Larkey	11
Robbie Tarrant	7

GOAL ASSISTS	
Jed Anderson	10
Aaron Hall	8
Shaun Atley	6
Jared Polec	6
Todd Goldstein	6

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North STARS recognised

Three North Melbourne Tasmanian Kangaroos' stars received AFLW All-Australian honours in 2020.

Midfielders Emma Kearney, Jas Garner and Ash Riddell were named among the league's best, after outstanding individual seasons.

Kearney is now a four-time All-Australian and received even further recognition, named as the vice-captain.

Garner averaged over 20 disposals a game, led the league in marks, was second for score involvements, and booted eight goals in a brilliant year.

The versatile forward-turned-midfielder added to an already impressive collection of honours in 2020, including the AFLCA Champion Player of the Year, AFL Players' MVP and North's Best and Fairest.

Having finished third in the Best and Fairest, Ash Riddell capped off a memorable year with her first All-Australian selection.

Strength in NUMBERS

The Kangaroos retained an impressive 24 of their 30 players for the 2021 AFLW season, while welcoming Grace Campbell through the AFLW sign and trade period.

Among the key re-signings, vice-captain and best-and-fairest winner, Jas Garner, who also claimed the 2020 AFLW Players' Most Valuable Player and AFLW Coaches Association Champion Player of the Year Award.

The dual All-Australian is joined by inaugural best-and-fairest winner, Jenna Bruton, Tahlia Randall, 2019 All-Australian Emma King, and Jasmine Grierson - all signing contract extensions.

All-Australian and emerging superstar, Ash Riddell, Ellie Gavalas, Kaitlyn Ashmore, Sophie Abbatangelo, Vivien Saad, Mia King and Sarah Wright re-committed on two-year deals until at least the end of 2022.

Meanwhile, Aileen Gilroy, Daria Bannister, Bethany Lynch, Tahni Nestor, Daisy Bateman and Elisha King signed one-year deals, keeping them in the royal blue and white until at least the end of 2021.

Emma Kearney, Jess Duffin, Danielle Hardiman, Kate Gillespie-Jones, Britt Gibson, and Nicole Bresnehan remain contracted for next season.

"To retain this group of 24 players, and add another in Grace Campbell, is a testament to the direction we're going in as a club, and one we know our players are really excited about," North AFLW defensive coach & list and football performance manager, Rhys Harwood said.

"We've seen the team develop some great synergy over the past couple of seasons and we want to continue to build on that as we push for success."





What could HAVE BEEN

It was an ending no one predicted.

Edging closer to premiership success with every week, the North Melbourne Tasmanian Kangaroos were suddenly faced with a must-win final, as the COVID-19 pandemic took its toll.

After going through the season with an impressive 6-1 record, North recorded its first ever finals win with a thrilling two-point victory over Collingwood.

Unfortunately, the AFLW finals were abandoned soon after, and the feeling of “what could have been” quickly sunk in.

Nevertheless, it was another memorable season, highlighted by a 3000-strong crowd for the team’s first home fixture at Arden St.



North thanks GOWANS

The unprecedented challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic meant the club was faced with many difficult decisions at the end of the season.

Following a thorough review of the club’s structure under a new AFL economy, and consideration of resourcing restrictions, North parted ways with coach Scott Gowans.

“Scott has been a tremendous contributor to the club and our AFLW program,” GM Football Brady Rawlings said.

“This circumstance has come about through no fault of his own and we sincerely thank him for his passion, commitment and hard work during his time at Arden St.

“Unfortunately for Scott and so many others across the industry, we and other clubs have been forced to make some very difficult and hard decisions.”

The club also farewelled midfield coach Lauren Morecroft, as well as players Jess Trend, Mairead Seoighe, Emma Humphries, Libby Haines, Chloe Haines and Taylor Mesiti.



Coaching GROUP

The North Melbourne Tasmanian Kangaroos will enter season 2021 with a new-look coaching group.

In his first season at the helm, Darren Crocker will be supported by Brad Murphy as assistant coach (Midfield), Natasha Hardy as AFLW development coach and VFLW assistant coach, and Marcus Abney-Hastings as VFLW head coach.

Meanwhile, Rhys Harwood will assume the position of assistant coach (Defence), in conjunction with his current AFLW/VFLW list and football performance role.

Brett Rutley (Assistant Coach – Forwards), Nick Rutley (AFLW Defence Coach), and Cheyne Webster (Individual Development Coach) will continue in their respective roles.

2021 FIXTURE



ROUND 1

Sunday, January 31, 3.10pm
GMHBA Stadium
(Geelong)
Channel Seven



ROUND 2

Saturday, February 6, 1.10pm
Arden Street Oval
(Melbourne)
Foxtel



ROUND 3

Saturday, February 13, 4.10pm
Fremantle Oval
(Perth)
Channel Seven



ROUND 4

Sunday, February 21, 3.10pm
Ikon Park
(Melbourne)
Channel Seven



ROUND 5

Saturday, February 27, 3.10pm
North Hobart Oval
(Hobart)
Foxtel



ROUND 6

Sunday, March 7, 3.10pm
Victorian University
Whitten Oval (Melbourne)
Channel Seven



ROUND 7

Sunday, March 14, 1.10pm
UTAS Stadium
(Launceston)
Channel Seven



ROUND 8

Sunday, March 21, 4.10pm
Arden Street Oval
(Melbourne)
Foxtel



ROUND 9

Saturday, March 27, 4.10pm
Metron Stadium
(Gold Coast)
Foxtel

2020 DRAFT

The North Melbourne Tasmanian Kangaroos selected five players at the 2020 NAB AFL Women's Draft in October, including inaugural father-daughter pick, Amy Smith.



ISABELLA

EDDEY

PICK
13



The 162cm mid/forward has the ability to play half-forward, on a wing or on the ball.

Dubbed 'silk' at the Sandringham Dragons due to her clean skills, Eddey can create time and space with her speed, and bring teammates into the game.

"She has an innate ability to make things happen with ball in hand, and she will add a real point of difference to our midfield and forward half," North AFLW list and performance manager/assistant coach (defence), Rhys Harwood said.

ALICE

O'LOUGHLIN

PICK
22



O'Loughlin is a 170cm forward with genuine footy smarts, nous around goals, and class.

"Alice has a great athletic profile and in particular a strong engine, which will allow her to play across half-forward, and further afield," Harwood said.

"She has excellent fundamentals and some genuine craft and class with the way she uses the ball, and creates opportunities for herself in the front half."

GEORGIA

HAMMOND

PICK
44



A key forward with strong hands, Hammond uses her body well in the contest and has also shown capacity to play through the ruck and back half when required.

"Georgia is a strongly-built key-forward, who finishes her work around goals, but also offers flexibility around the ground," Harwood said.

"She is a strong one-on-one player, and provides a really strong target for her team."

BROOKE

BROWN

PICK
49



A Tasmanian product, Brooke Brown joined the Launceston Football Club earlier this year after a number of seasons with the Launceston Tornados in the Women's National Basketball League (WNBL-1) competition.

At 184cm and with the ability to play as a key-defender, key-forward and ruck, Brown adds a great deal of versatility and depth.

"Brooke has great range on her kicking and really strong fundamentals for a player who is relatively fresh to the sport," Harwood said.

AMY

SMITH

PICK
55



The Kangaroos selected their first ever father-daughter pick in Amy Smith.

Amy is the daughter of Shaun Smith, who played 47 games for North and another 67 for Melbourne between 1987 – 1999, and sister of Melbourne player Joel.

The 21-year-old was a talented basketballer in the Big V Competition for a number of years, before joining Aberfeldie Football Club in the Eastern District Football League (EDFL) for the 2019 season.

"Amy's athleticism, as well as her dedication to develop her game since crossing from basketball have seen her progress quickly since taking up football prior to the 2019 season," Harwood said.

SEASON

Review



R1



CASEY FIELDS



Melbourne	0.0	2.2	2.3	3.4	(22)
Kangaroos	2.1	2.1	3.2	3.2	(20)

GOALS

Melbourne: Hore 2, Zanker
Kangaroos: Ashmore, Bateman, Riddell
BEST
Melbourne: Hore, Birch, Paxman, Zanker, O'Dea, Pearce
Kangaroos: Riddell, Garner, Kearney, Bruton, Randall, Hardiman



R2



UTAS STADIUM



Kangaroos	1.0	3.0	5.1	6.1	(37)
GWS GIANTS	1.0	1.3	1.4	2.7	(19)

GOALS

Kangaroos: Garner 2, Emma King, Elisha King, Abbatangelo, Gillespie-Jones
GWS GIANTS: Zreika, Tully
BEST
Kangaroos: Garner, Kearney, Bruton, Riddell, Randall, Gillespie-Jones
GWS Giants: Eva, Parker, Steane, Hicks



R3



IKON PARK



Richmond	0.3	0.4	2.5	2.8	(20)
Kangaroos	2.0	7.2	9.3	12.4	(76)

GOALS

Richmond: Frederick, Brennan
Kangaroos: Ashmore 3, Kearney 3, Green 2, Bateman 2, Garner, Gillespie-Jones
BEST
Richmond: Conti, Campbell, Brennan, Monahan, Jacques
Kangaroos: Riddell, Garner, Ashmore, Kearney, Randall



R4



ARDEN STREET OVAL



Kangaroos	1.2	4.5	5.7	6.11	(47)
Gold Coast	2.1	2.2	4.3	5.4	(34)

GOALS

Kangaroos: Bateman 2, Abbatangelo, Trend, El.King, Em.King
Gold Coast: Howarth 2, Ernst, Surman, Ahrens
BEST
Kangaroos: Kearney, Garner, Gavalas, Gillespie-Jones, Abbatangelo
Gold Coast: Stanton, Yorston, Ahrens, Bella



R5



NORTH HOBART OVAL



Kangaroos	2.2	5.5	7.8	9.9	(63)
Adelaide Crows	1.1	1.1	1.2	3.3	(21)

GOALS

Kangaroos: Ashmore 4, Abbatangelo 2, Garner 2, King
Adelaide Crows: Thompson 2, Ponter
BEST
Kangaroos: Ashmore, Garner, Kearney, Abbatangelo, Bruton, Wright
Adelaide Crows: Hatchard, Marinoff, Foley, Rajcic



R6



GMHBA STADIUM



Geelong Cats	2.1	3.2	3.2	3.2	(20)
Kangaroos	0.2	2.3	6.4	10.6	(66)

GOALS

Geelong Cats: McWilliams, McDonald, Crockett-Grills
Kangaroos: Garner 3, Gibson 2, Bateman, M.King, Abbatangelo, Gillespie-Jones, E.King
BEST
Geelong: Purcell, M.McDonald, Crockett-Grills
Kangaroos: Garner, Riddell, Kearney, Bruton



SF



IKON PARK



Kangaroos	1.1	2.3	4.4	5.4	(34)
Collingwood	1.0	4.1	4.1	5.2	(32)

GOALS

Kangaroos: Bateman, Ashmore, Wright, Gavalas, Abbatangelo
Collingwood: Membrey 2, Cann, Molloy, D'Arcy
BEST
Kangaroos: Kearney, Riddell, Garner, Gavalas, Grierson, Ashmore
Collingwood: Bonnici, Lambert, Chiocci, Molloy

GARNER'S



best yet

Jas Garner topped off a career-best season, claiming the North Melbourne Tasmanian Kangaroos' Best and Fairest medal.

A unique season called for a unique event, and the club's players and staff tuned in via Zoom for the announcement of the award.

Garner (112) edged out skipper Emma Kearney by one vote (111), tenacious midfielder Ash Riddell was third, while 2019 winner Jenna Bruton (101) and emerging Irish recruit Aileen Gilroy (83) rounded out the top five.

The quietly spoken Garner was quick to praise the club and her teammates for the accolade.

"I'm honestly very honoured to win this award," she said.

"I'm absolutely loving my footy at the moment and really enjoying it. I couldn't thank the club enough and all the staff and the coaches, and especially the girls.

"I'm not able to play the footy I do without the playing group so I just want to thank you girls for letting me play the footy I do."

Dominant through the midfield in 2020, Garner paid tribute to her fellow on-ballers.

"The midfielders we have in there, my job is made quite easy," she said.

"When you have someone like Emma Kearney playing alongside you, you just feel so much more confident playing.

"She does all the hard work and the gut running and you can just go about your business and you know she's there with you.

"Jenna (Bruton), Ash (Riddell) and 'Kearns' in the middle and 'Gav' (Ellie Gavalas), Mia (King) ... you guys get in and under and do all that hard stuff and I'm lucky enough to get on the outside and kick a few goals, so thank you."

Garner added the award to her AFLW Players' Most Valuable Player Award and AFL Coaches Association AFLW Champion Player of the Year Award.

TOP TEN:

Jas Garner	112
Emma Kearney	111
Ash Riddell	107
Jenna Bruton	101
Aileen Gilroy	83

OTHER AWARDS:

Mazda Next Level Performer Award
Jas Garner

AFLW Best Clubwoman Award
Emma Kearney

Best Young Player Award
Daisy Bateman

Shinboner of the Year
Emma Kearney

The voting system was comprised of the senior coach voting 0-10 for each player in each round, while the assistant coaches collectively voted 0-10 for each player in each round. The maximum score a player could earn in one round was 20 votes.



10 YEAR Anniversary

- LETTER FROM THE CEO, CAMERON MCLEOD

In 2015, in front of 97,000 fans at the MCG, the North Melbourne Football Club raised a banner welcoming refugees to Australia.

It was at a time where the global community saw the worst refugee crisis in recent history, with more than 19 million people displaced across the world.

International tension was running high, but we recognised the need to be bold and be a voice for our community. It was a tremendous commitment from the club to take such a bold position on a very political issue.

I can distinctly remember the unanimous cheer of the crowd when the banner was unveiled. It raised hairs on the back of my neck. This is one of my earliest memories of the significant role and responsibility of the North Melbourne Football Club.

That day, we leveraged the power of sport to make a statement that The Huddle is a place where members

of our community will always be welcome, no matter their race, gender or religious beliefs. We pride ourselves on being a place that embraces you for who you are.

Importantly it was underpinned by the core values that have been with us since the first day - being real, bold, never beaten and belonging.

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It has been a privilege to see young people grow in confidence and self-esteem and be willing to try new activities like going to the beach and surfing for the first time.

My children love the ocean, they've grown up around it and I took it for granted that in the summer you go the beach. I recall the excitement of a bus full of children and young people seeing the waves and touching sand for the very first time.

There was something magical about that day. Young nippers from Anglesea Surf Lifesaving volunteering their time, teaching other young people to surf and

feel confident in the ocean. Muslim mothers having just as much fun making sandcastles, while watching their children ride a wave to the shore.

Come winter, there are trips to the snow and for some young people with an adventurous spirit keen to challenge their physical and mental limits we've had groups trek Kokoda and voyages on tall ships reminiscent of the 1700's exploring remote Tasmanian waters.

Personally, I've learned so much. Young people have taught me about resilience, dedication, creativity and trust. And importantly walking beside each other to create change in the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play.

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For a long time, the media has portrayed young people as reckless, irresponsible and even dangerous. This creates a negative stereotype, stigmatises and isolates parts of our community. For far too long there has been an imbalance and misrepresentation of the stories being told.

The use of digital technologies and social media has shown us the power of amplifying the voices and aspirations of young people. Their insights and ideas to tackle some of the most complex issues that face our society is potentially game changing.

The use of animation to raise awareness of homelessness, inequality, racism and mental health gave a voice to students



from different schools across Wyndham, one of the fastest and most culturally diverse municipalities in Australia. Their teamwork and clever story-telling created awareness about the issues many young people face on a daily basis.

I've heard and seen firsthand the impact of racism and discrimination, and I've also seen what can happen when we are encouraged and empowered to be brave and speak up.

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The Be Brave, Speak Up campaign leaves me with a sense of inspiration. Sportspeople and young people working together to create change. Young people educating all of us.

Historically, this group of young men barely spoke up in their class, now they've reached more than seven million people with their message, a message that is shown on the big screen before every home game of the North Melbourne Football Club and was adopted as part of the Australian Human Rights 'Racism Stops with me' campaign.

If the young people in this video are brave enough to stand up for what is right despite the adversity they have faced, then what is stopping us?

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It is often observed that refugees and migrants are among the most strongly motivated of those whose societies and countries they depart – by definition they are exceptional. For Australia to continue to prosper locally and on a global scale, we require innovative and agile leaders from diverse backgrounds to help us navigate the future.

The Huddle was established in part to engage, support and empower those on the margins of the education system and provide an inclusive, safe and welcoming environment for them to learn and grow and choose pathways that suit their skills, passions and motivations so they can belong.

Expanding horizons for young people to imagine a future of possibilities and giving them real-world experiences through local partnerships is helping to shape career pathways and inform future change makers.

In just the past two years, almost 200 young people have secured employment opportunities through the mix of our local partnerships. These jobs are providing the foundation skills, knowledge and new networks for young people to kick start their careers.

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The Huddle has been so fortunate to have sportspeople, men and women from some of the most iconic brands and sports share their journey and inspire so many young people. From shooting hoops with the Harlem Globetrotters, playing tennis at the Australian Open to learning about sportspeople's most deeply held values and beliefs.

Designed by Emma Kearney, captain of the North Melbourne Tasmanian Kangaroos, True North has helped thousands of young people to discover their authentic self, to build resilience and navigate a complex world. Importantly, it has brought people together to learn from each other.

I've seen players share parts of their life journey with young people that their teammates and coaches wouldn't be aware of about a range of personal topics include sexuality, mental health and dealing with the pressures of being a role model. Equally, I've seen other young people lean in and share what keeps them awake at night. Together they belong.

Fast forward to 2020, and the connection to community has proven more important than ever.

The strength of our community was most evident when more than 3,000 residents living in the Melbourne public housing towers suddenly found themselves in hard lockdown due to COVID-19.

Our staff and volunteers came together with many local partners, including AMSSA Youth Connect, Electrical Trade Union, Citywide, Coles and 7-Eleven, City of Melbourne, Moonee Valley City Council, Victorian Multicultural Commission and the State Government to provide residents with food, medical support and the most up to date health information to ensure those people knew we care about them.

A special thanks to the Victorian State Government, Comwire, Scalzo Foods and the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust, who helped us source and distributed more than 300 laptops to young people who didn't have access to digital devices when their homes became their classrooms.

Working around the clock, our staff and volunteers have taken the challenges of 2020 head on moving 100 per cent of our programs online.

It is not until we stop and reflect on what we have achieved over the past 10 years that we realise how far we have come and how many people we have helped in a meaningful way.

Over the past ten years, our award-winning programs have reached more than 80,000 young people from over 160 different cultural groups. We've established teams to deliver our programs in some of the most culturally diverse and fastest growing communities across Australia, and we continue to scale and grow our reach and impact.

But we know our work is far from done.

We will continue to listen to the needs of our community. We will continue to push boundaries and challenge the status quo. We will aim to empower everyone we engage to learn, grow and belong.

I take a great sense of pride in seeing and hearing about the personal growth and diverse journeys of the young people we have engaged with over the past decade, some of which started in our study programs and are now regular volunteers providing support to their younger peers.

With 50 per cent of our volunteers under the age of 25, it gives me great confidence that our future is in good hands. For every person who has donated their time as a volunteer, thank you so much. Without you, we wouldn't have been able to do a fraction of what has been achieved.

Thank you to everyone that has been a part of the journey so far. You have made significant contributions to tens of thousands of people.

I want to thank and acknowledge the significant contributions from the North Melbourne Football Club, Scanlon Foundation, Australian Multicultural Foundation, PMF Foundation and the Reva and David Logan Foundation for your generous guidance and support over many, many years. Your belief in our model has empowered us to grow throughout Australia.

Finally, let me give you a glimpse into our future.

With thanks to the Victorian State Government, The Huddle and North Melbourne Football Club, has been funded more than \$7 million to redevelop our Arden Street facilities to create the most accessible, inclusive and welcoming facilities in the AFL incorporating world-class technology to accelerate educational outcomes.

The redevelopment will incorporate multipurpose community spaces, multi-media facilities, changerooms benefiting women and umpires, a commercial kitchen and new office accommodation for our staff and volunteers.

Construction is due to commence early next year, with doors open from November 2021.



2020, a year like NO OTHER



Seven words have repeatedly resonated throughout global communities, '2020 is a year like no other'.

Just 25 days into the year, the first case of COVID-19 was recorded on Australian shores and from there, everything changed. We saw industries and communities grind to a halt for the first time since WWII.

On March 16, the Victorian State Government announced a State of Emergency. Suddenly the community's movements were restricted, which meant The Huddle could no longer deliver its programs face-to-face.

However, in the face of such challenges, we were given the unique opportunity to witness persistence, resilience, and courage.

The Huddle quickly adapted to a new way of life.

Listening closely to the needs of the community, The Huddle brought each of its programs online

and created new and dynamic content specifically designed to keep the community active, educated and engaged.

With changes not only to work life but also how, when and where we can exercise, The Huddle worked to provide its communities with alternate ways to stay active from the comfort of their own home.

April saw many milestones for The Huddle, including the birth of 'Huddle Up! with Boomer' which featured 33 episodes and reached more than 61,800 people on social media. 'Online Women's Workouts' launched soon after and continues to be a safe and inclusive environment for women of all ages and cultures to work out from their homes.

On April 27, Study Squad online was launched. Run every Monday to Thursday during school term, Study Squad has seen more than 300 learning hours delivered with more than 120 students engaged and empowered to achieve their education goals.

The online True North portal launched in schools on May 7 and to date more than 50 workshops

have been delivered with more than 400 students participating across eight schools in the Cities of Melbourne, Wyndham, Moonee Valley and across parts of Tasmania.

The Huddle's sport, education and career readiness programs are made possible because of its dedicated and skilled volunteers. Over the past several months, 64 volunteers have donated their time across various programs, contributing more than 750 hours to empower young people to learn, grow and belong. This enabled young people from diverse backgrounds, geographical regions and ages to continue to connect with The Huddle's online programs, building on social cohesion and fostering an inclusive society.

With thanks to the continued support of our partners, The Huddle has also aided young people and families overcome educational and financial challenges.

Over the last several months, Comwire and Scalzo Foods have gone above and beyond to bridge the digital gap some students found themselves in when forced to study from home, by sourcing and distributing 300 brand new laptops.

However, The Huddle's commitment to the community did not stop at delivering online programs.

On July 4, more than 3,000 residents in Melbourne's public housing towers were suddenly unable to leave their home due to a spike in COVID-19 community transmission and high risks to community health.

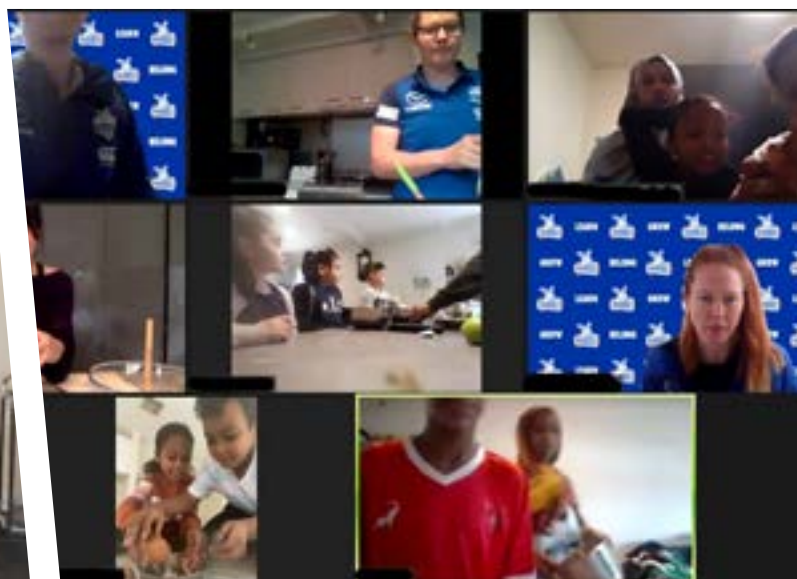
Working closely with AMSSA Youth Connect, local and State Government, police, health workers, community leaders and local businesses, The Huddle quickly worked to bridge the gaps to provide residents access to culturally sensitive food, medical care and the most up-to-date health information in various languages.

Local businesses rallied together in support of residents in lockdown with long-term partner of The Huddle, the ETU providing PPE equipment to staff, volunteers and residents while Coles and 7-Eleven donated more than 800 community food boxes while Citywide provided recycling support to AMSSA Youth Connect.

In a time of need, our local community and our partners came together in a show of strength and solidarity. It is due to their generosity and willingness to go above and beyond that we were able to deliver real outcomes for members of our community and empower them to overcome the new challenges they faced.

Looking forward, communities on a global and local level have a long road of recovery ahead. But, as we recover and adjust to a new norm, our commitment to the community remains the same.

The Huddle will continue to listen and amplify the needs of young people and our community. We will continue to adapt and change as our circumstances do and we will continue to empower young people and their families to learn, grow and belong.



SHINBONER

Spirit: 38,667

North Melbourne CEO Ben Amarfio praised the club's loyal members, with 38,667 standing by the club in unprecedented times throughout 2020.

"We are extremely grateful for the support we have received from our members this year," Amarfio said.

"We've always known we have a uniquely passionate and generous membership base but we have been overwhelmed by everyone's incredible resilience and generosity in what has been a difficult time."

North retained a remarkable 97 per cent of its members from 2019, despite COVID restrictions preventing fans from attending games.

"It has been an extremely challenging year for everyone and for so many members to stick by our club at a time when we needed them most is really humbling," Amarfio added.

"Our members weren't afforded the opportunity of seeing a game in person this year but they stood by us and we are extremely grateful for their devotion."

"I know our players can't wait to have our members and fans cheering them on at games."



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In its 54th year, the iconic Mazda North Melbourne Breakfast was delivered straight to homes.

Guests enjoyed breakfast hampers delivered to their homes while accessing premium content including comedian Dave Thornton, an expert footy panel with Channel 7's Nigel Carmody, Fox Footy's David King and Nick Dal Santo.

Continuing with tradition, guests heard from Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, AFL CEO Gillon McLachlan and North chairman Ben Buckley.

North star Luke McDonald joined head chef, Glenn Payne, to help guests cook up a storm with the items in their gourmet breakfast hamper.

A Grand Final Spotify playlist was also provided featuring all the classics including Up There Cazaly, One Day In September and It's More Than a Game.

All those that bought a ticket went into the running to win a brand new Mazda CX-9 with Sarina Ferraro the lucky winner.



The best PICTURES

01 - Jess Trend runs out prior to the Round one AFLW match against Melbourne. **02** - Jy Simpkin and Ben Cunnington celebrate a goal in Round 1 against St Kilda. **03** - Players, coaches and officials pause for a minutes silence in memory of John Kennedy Senior. **04** - Majak Daw poses for the camera at Arden Street. **05** - Ellie Gavalas celebrates with her fan club following the Round 5 match against Adelaide. **06** - Players and family boarding a

flight from Melbourne to the Queensland hubs. **07** - Cameron Zurhaar celebrates kicking a goal in Round 2 against the Giants. **08** - Mia King sings the song and celebrates with team mates following victory in Round 4 against Gold Coast. **09** - Kaitlyn Ashmore poses for a photograph during the official team photo day. **10** - Emma Kearney celebrates during the Round 4 AFLW match against the Gold Coast. **11** - Players sing the song following victory over Collingwood

in their first final. **12** - Majak Daw celebrates kicking a goal in his comeback match in Round 9 against Adelaide. **13** - Jasmine Garner lays a big tackle in Round 3 against Richmond. **14** - Jy Simpkin gestures during a training session wearing a Christmas 'ugly sweater'. **15** - Ben Cunnington poses for a photograph in the Victorian jumper prior to the State of Origin Bushfire Relief match.





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PAST PLAYERS & OFFICIALS



Traditionally the role of the Past Players & Officials Association has been to provide opportunities for past players and officials to meet socially, enjoy each other's company, and reminisce.

While we experienced the challenges of Covid-19 this year, we believe we can still play an important role in a number of areas, particularly in welfare.

We welcome our new senior coach, David Noble, along with the new coaching staff in John Blakey, Jordan Russell, Heath Younie and Anthony Rocca. We wish the club all the best moving forward as we continue to build towards the next flag.

We wish all departing players and staff well for the future.

FRANK GOODE - PRESIDENT
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Drew Petrie	316	428	Paul Feltham	128	78	Aaron Edwards	78	122	Majak Daw	54	43
Glenn Archer	311	143	Luke McDonald	126	16	Leo Francis	78	11	Mike Delanty	54	12
Wayne Schimmelbusch	306	354	Peter Steward	126	10	Terry Benton	77	3	Fred Fairweather	54	14
Adam Simpson	306	83	Mark Roberts	125	150	Matthew Burton	77	33	Tom Fitzmaurice	54	196
Keith Greig	294	48	Sam Kekovich	124	228	Allan Crawford	77	39	Shannon Motlop	54	31
Anthony Stevens	292	127	Scott McMahon	124	28	Charlie Gaudion	77	9	Doug Smith	54	17
Michael Martyn	287	15	Peter F. Bell	123	120	George Jerram	77	10	David Ackerly	53	5
David Dench	275	29	Roy Ramsay	123	11	Tom Roulent	77	17	Mick Howell	53	15
Michael Firrito	275	29	Charlie Cameron	122	19	Brent Crosswell	76	108	Jock Lineen	53	1
Todd Goldstein	251	125	Gary Dempsey	122	39	Les Mogg	75	41	Bob Pascoe	53	37
John Dugdale	248	358	Ryan Bastinac	121	66	Eddie Morcom	75	18	Jack Wroot	53	52
Brady Rawlings	245	62	Gerald Eastmure	121	129	Jack O'Halloran	75	56	Percy Johnson	52	4
Wayne Carey	244	671	Vic Lawrence	121	21	Ben Buckley	74	15	Darren Harris	51	28
Shannon Grant	243	323	Steven Icke	120	33	Kerry Good	74	150	Peter Keenan	51	18
Daniel Wells	243	150	Denis Pagan	120	5	Levi Greenwood	74	26	Bill Nettlefold	51	22
David King	241	145	Byron Pickett	120	81	Eric Parkes	74	2	Max (Lewis) Pitchford	51	15
Scott Thompson	241	7	Kevin McMahon	119	11	Frank Goode	73	107	Aaron Black	50	64
Craig Sholl	235	165	Darren Steele	119	31	Bryan Martyn	73	16	Maurice Boyse	50	50
Stephen McCann	226	201	John Brady	118	44	Jy Simpkin	73	33	Jeff Chandler	50	4
John Blakey	224	72	Leigh Brown	118	64	Winston Abraham	72	104	Stuart Cochran	50	11
Ross W. Smith	224	36	Daniel Pratt	116	9	David Dwyer	72	37	Ted Llewellyn	50	31
Andrew Swallow	224	80	Les Reeves	116	8	Ted Larsen	72	0	Don Palmer	50	23
Allen Aylett	220	311	Barry Cable	115	133	Barry Davis	71	54	Peter Schofield	50	111
Brett Allison	219	276	Charlie Skinner	114	7	Leo Dwyer	71	3			
John Law	219	9	Jack D. Edwards	114	1	Garry English	71	3			
Jack Ziebell	218	163	Robert Scott	113	58	John Holt	71	78			
Ian Fairley	217	149	Graham Melrose	111	138	John Jenkins	71	44			
Shaun Atley	214	44	Shaun Higgins	108	96	Mark Arceri	70	102			
Ben Cunningham	212	86	Sel Murray	108	411	Doug Farrant	70	110			
Lindsay Thomas	205	325	Bob Brooker	107	41	Alex Ishchenko	70	12			
Laurie Dwyer	201	34	Albert Mantello	107	25	John Rantall	70	2			
John Longmire	200	511	Jason McCartney	107	15	Arthur Karanicolos	69	55			
Corey McKernan	196	250	Hamish McIntosh	107	59	Keith Robertson	69	9			
Ross Glendinning	190	214	Mick Nolan	107	40	Jed Anderson	68	21			
Ken Montgomery	189	2	Tom Allison	106	61	Alan Carr	66	13			
Peter German	185	201	Phillip Ryan	106	56	Reg Ryan	66	0			
Wayne Schwass	184	97	Pat T. Kelly	105	4	Frank Stubbs	66	17			
Jim Adamson	180	13	Leigh Adams	104	72	Joshua Gibson	65	2			
Malcolm Blight	178	444	Leigh Colbert	104	13	Frank Jeeves	65	25			
Anthony Rock	178	138	Andrew Demetriou	103	47	Herb Jones	65	5			
Noel Teasdale	178	71	Neil Doolan	103	18	Mason Wood	65	76			
Matthew Larkin	172	143	Jim Malone	102	24	Ben Jacobs	64	10			
Bill Findlay	168	352	John Reeves	102	36	Ossie Parks	64	4			
Ross Henshaw	167	11	Saverio Rocca	101	234	Tim Trevaskis	64	26			
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Jock McCorkell	167	5	Shane Clayton	99	51	Nick Dal Santo	62	16			
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Arnold Briedis	161	279	Dean Laidley	99	4	Phil Kelly	61	42			
Ken Dean	159	17	John Byrne	98	71	Barry Allan	61	18			
Barry Goodingham	158	47	Mick Dowdle	98	89	Stuart Anderson	61	20			
Corey Jones	157	216	Phil Baker	97	116	Graeme Atkins	61	39			
Johnny Gregory	156	5	Maurie Wood	97	77	Bill Montgomery	61	3			
Sid Dyer	155	321	John Burns	95	68	Dick Abikhair	60	2			
Donald McDonald	155	165	Alastair Clarkson	93	61	Ray Johnston	60	13			
Shannon Watt	155	9	Jack Harrison	92	20	Stan Radloff	60	6			
Jock Spencer	153	475	Gerald Marchesi	92	112	Len Templar	60	54			
Michael Gaudion	152	44	John McCarthy	92	101	Nathan Thompson	60	135			
Gary Cowton	151	35	Kym Hodgeman	91	133	Jarrad Waite	60	125			
Lachlan Hansen	151	81	Darryl Sutton	91	65	Marley Williams	60	5			
Johnny Lewis	150	142	Jose Romero	89	98	Jack Y. Anderson	59	10			
Kevin Dynon	149	83	Jock Cordner	88	8	Mark Dawson	59	58			
Daniel Harris	149	44	Nathan Grima	86	1	Michael Redenbach	59	40			
Bernie McCarthy	148	80	Neville Huggins	86	21	Bill Russ	59	16			
Frank Gumbleton	147	19	Ted Ellis	85	41	Col Thornton	59	19			
Jess Sinclair	142	45	John Ibrahim	85	50	Doug Wade	59	223			
Leigh Harding	141	157	Aaron Mullett	85	31	Jack Allister	58	54			
Phil Krakouer	141	224	Alf Crump	84	83	Liam Anthony	58	27			
Troy Makepeace	139	37	Matthew Campbell	82	79	Kevin Bryant	58	38			
Gary Farrant	138	88	Matthew Capuano	82	24	Alf Lambe	58	2			
Wally Carter	137	32	Peter Jonas	82	115	Bob Matthews	58	32			
Dally O'Brien	137	63	Barry Cheatley	81	3	David Pretty	58	12			
Sam Wright	136	58	Charlie Healy	81	23	Jim Bicknell	57	7			
Daryl O'Brien	135	8	Dean McRae	81	25	Laurie Icke	57	0			
Les Foote	134	105	Martin Pike	81	19	John Perry	57	26			
Jim Krakouer	134	229	Paul Spargo	81	109	Mick Grambeau	56	53			
John Waddington	132	30	Peter Chisnall	80	14	Mark Hepburn	56	29			
Don Condon	131	218	George Kennedy	80	124	Ken Snell	56	21			
Ted Jarrard	131	11	Ray Taylor	80	26	Glenn Freeborn	55	27			
Ben Brown	130	287	Alan Jarrott	79	31	Peter Hamilton	55	0			
Sam Gibson	130	51	Robbie Peterson	79	109	Kerry Haywood	55	5			
Keith McKenzie	130	12	Kayne Turner	79	53	Mark Porter	55	7			

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