



2013 Annual Report



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KEY PILLARS OF 2012 – 2015 STRATEGIC PLAN

OUR VISION

To be the premier independent Australian Rules Junior Football League in Australia.

OUR MISSION

To provide a safe, friendly, supportive and competitive environment which develops, promotes and encourages participation in Australian Rules Football with a strong governance structure for the betterment of all.

OUR VALUES

The SMJFL believes in:

- **Independence** – to remain an independent, strong and viable organisation.
- **Accountability** - the highest level of accountability for all participants and stakeholders.
- **Respect and Tolerance** - to promote respect and tolerance at all levels of our organisation.
- **Fun** - to foster a community based environment that is family friendly and fun.
- **Inclusiveness** - for all regardless of gender, cultural background or ability.
- **Communication** - which is honest, open and two-way.
- **Quality** – a commitment to continual improvement and best practise as an organisation.



OUR OBJECTIVES

1. **Financial** - To be financially independent and sustainable.
2. **Governance** - Ensure the ongoing professional structure and growth of the SMJFL.
3. **Football** - Build quality football competitions, pathways and environments that are safe and fun and which promote health and inclusiveness for all.
4. **Image & Identity** – Develop, build and promote a new brand, name and image that reflect the SMJFL's values.

PEOPLE OF THE SMJFL BOARD

Chairman



Roger Teale

Vice Chairman



Tim Walsh



Bruce Eckershall



John Barry



Paul O'Toole



Peter Ryan



Felicity Frederico

STAFF

General Manager



Jake McCauley

Football Operations
Manager



Emily McIntyre

Director of Umpiring &
Female Football
Development



Bernadette Vaux

Media Coordinator



Brittany Shanahan

Notes:

Adam Sparrow finished with the SMJFL on the 10th May, 2013. Emily McIntyre took over the role of Football Operations Manager on the 17th June, 2013.

Bernadette Vaux began her role as Director of Umpiring prior to the 2013 season. Bernadette became the Director of Umpiring & Female Football Development (full-time) on the 27th November, 2013.

Brittany Shanahan became the Media Coordinator (part-time) on the 1st November, taking over from Ben Pollard.

UMPIRING DEPARTMENT

Head Coach	Jonathan Auditore	Assistant Coach	Asha Hinton
Coach – Elsternwick Academy	Jason Evans	Assistant Coach	Tom Nash
Coach - E Malvern Academy	Cai Davies	Assistant Coach	David Anselmi
Coach	Sam Bridges	Registration Coordinator	Thomas Grundy
Coach	Lawrence Hinrichs	Accreditation Coordinator	Lawrence Hinrichs
Coach	Mark Rogers	Appointment Coordinator	Lawrence Hinrichs
Assistant Coach	John Bailes	Payroll Coordinator	Mick Bridges
Assistant Coach	Wayne Hinton	Mentors Coordinator	Phil Scott
Assistant Coach	Ben Nicholson		

MEMBER CLUBS

Ajax	Dingley	Mordialloc FC	Prahran
Ashwood	East Brighton Vampires	Mount Waverley Falcons	South Melbourne Districts
Beaumaris	East Malvern	Murrumbeena	St Bedes/Mentone Tigers
Bentleigh	East Sandringham	Northvale	St Kilda City
Brighton Beach	Hampton Rovers	Oakleigh Dragons	St Paul's
Caulfield Bears	Highbett	Ormond	St Peters
Cheltenham	Mordialloc-Braeside	Port Melbourne Colts	Waverley Park Hawks

LIFE MEMBERS

David Andrews	Colleen Inglis	Carl Russo
Geoff Bayliss	Steve Kilpatrick	Bruce Stegelman
Jack Chrapot	David Landau	Pauline Stegelman
Peter Henwood	Len Manzie	Doug Willians

TRIBUNAL MEMBERS

John Bacon	Sam Hatzi (Chairperson)	Gary Oram
Jim Browne	Wayne Henwood (Chairperson)	Damien Sheales (Chairperson)
Neil Daly	Andrew Lefebvre (Chairperson)	Bill Turner
Matt Fisher (Chairperson)	David Meeve	
George Georgiou (Chairperson)	Vince Micalizzi	

APPEALS BOARD

Dermot Dann	Martin Grinberg (Chairperson)	George Georgiou
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INVESTIGATORS

Jim Browne	Andrew Lefebvre	Gary Oram
Sam Hatzi	David Meeve	

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I am delighted to deliver my third report as Chairman of the South Metro Junior Football League. Following the success of 2012 and the launch of our new league name and logo, the 2013 season was launched back in April with much anticipation. This season we had 28 clubs and 378 teams and over 8,700 registered players participate in our league from U9 – U17's, playing across six local councils, with over 500 registered umpires.

The SMJFL continues to grow and prosper with over 3,500 club coaches, team volunteers and club officials actively involved every weekend to ensure that our players compete in the best junior football league in Australia. We have a fan base of over 20,000 parents, grandparents, siblings and other family supporters.

The SMJFL had 5 of the top 6 largest clubs in Victoria with Beaumaris FC, East Brighton Vampires JFC, East Malvern JFC, Mordialloc Braeside JFC and East Sandringham JFC all represented and overall 9 clubs in the top 20 in Victoria. We recorded a total of 3.24 million web hits, an increase of 25% from 2012, on AFL Sporting Pulse making us the 8th biggest league in Australia and the largest junior league both in Australia and Victoria. In the space of the last three seasons the SMJFL has become the largest junior league in Victoria, the second largest league in Melbourne (junior, senior or combined), and the largest junior girls' competition in Victoria.

The SMJFL Girls' competition continues to grow and be the benchmark for AFL Victoria. In 2011 we had 205 players from 7 clubs and in 2013 this has increased to 405 players from 13 clubs playing in Under 10, 12 and 15 competitions. At the end of the season a strategic review of the Girls' completion was undertaken by the Girls Football Working Committee. I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Bernadette Vaux as the Director of Female Football, reporting directly to the General Manager.

The Board has worked hard to ensure there is the highest level of transparency and governance within our league. The Board has continued to implement a number of the

strategies and objectives outlined in our 2012-2015 Strategic Plan. These included the allocation of monies from the Reserve Fund, growing our sponsorship and alternative revenue streams, the Quality Club Accreditation programme, risk management planning and a restructure of the umpiring department with the appointment of our Director of Umpiring, Bernadette Vaux. With growth in our league of over 40% in 4 years, our league must continue to engage with all six local councils and AFL Victoria to ensure we have access to grounds and improving player facilities whilst at the same time ensure player safety and their welfare remains our number one focus.

On a less positive note, in July I sent an open message to SMJFL Community in relation to Offensive & Abusive Behaviour towards our players and umpires from parents, supporters and club officials this season. The impact this is having on our players and umpires is profound with a number of our players indicating an unwillingness to play football or umpire next season. This problem cannot be solved by the SMJFL alone. Whilst the league can enforce penalties, it inherently lies within the clubs to resolve and to educate their parents and supporters on what is appropriate behaviour. The league will form a Working Sub – Committee with representatives from our clubs to develop a number of strategies to be implemented at the start of the 2014 season.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of our General Manager Jake McCauley and Football Operations Manager Emily McIntyre. The success of the season can be attributed to their hard work and dedication. They have both represented the league and our clubs with a high level of integrity and transparency. I would also like to thank Adam Sparrow the Football Operations Manager that left during the year, for his hard work.

On behalf of the SMJFL Board I would also like to acknowledge the on-going close working relationship we share with AFL, AFL Victoria and

thank Peter Jackson Chairman, Grant Williams General Manager, Peter McDougall Manager Community Football Development and Ricky Bell Infrastructure Planning Manager and other staff for their support this year. Also to Ryan O'Connor at Sandringham Dragons, our community partners St. Kilda FC, CEO Michael Nettlefold and General Manager Anthony Moore and to Melbourne FC, Community Manager Debbie Lee and Community Coordinator Glenn Balmforth, corporate partners and our Interleague coaches, officials, volunteers, supporters and players for another successful season.

The results of our U13, 14 and 15 Interleague teams demonstrates the depth and ability of our elite players and the pathways established with Sandringham Dragoons and our clubs. The Board will endeavour to ensure that this pathway is as open, affordable and accessible to as many players as possible so that the best players get the opportunity to live the dream to become an AFL player one day.

I would like to thank my fellow Board members for the tireless work and their continued commitment this season. The role of the Board can be a thankless one and I appreciate their enthusiasm, passion and their governance and independence in executing their duties. To Vice Chairman Tim Walsh, thank you for your continued counsel throughout a very busy year and to other members John Barry, Bruce Eckersall, Felicity Frederico, Paul O'Toole, and Peter Ryan for their support. Tim and Bruce will be retiring at the AGM and I thank them for their significant contributions to the SMJFL over the past 3 seasons and previously with the MSJFL. Both were instrumental in the formation of the new league in 2011. Bruce has been an active member of the Finance and Audit Committee, with Tim serving on the Corporate Governance and Football Development committees. I wish them and their families all the success in the future.



The Board thanks all our clubs, officials, players, umpires, including Director of Umpiring Bernadette Vaux, and her team, club volunteers and supporters, and our Patrons Tim Watson and Kara Donnellan for their passion and commitment to junior footy.

I would like to thank our retiring Media Coordinator Ben Pollard who has been instrumental in increasing the media profile of the league and enhancing our social media platforms and wish him ever success in his overseas travel next year.

I would also like to acknowledge the great work of a number of retiring Club Presidents and look forward to working with all our clubs in 2014 as we continue to "Build a New Tradition" to make this the premier junior sporting competition in Australia.

And finally to all our players and umpires congratulations on making the SMJFL the premier independent Australian Rules Junior Football League in Australia.

Best Wishes,

Roger Teale
Chairman

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

It's with great pleasure that I present my second report as General Manager of the South Metro Junior Football League.

The 2013 Season was a great success and seemingly flew by. Thanks must go to all Clubs, players, officials and volunteers for their contribution to assisting the league with delivery of such a good season.

SMJFL PARTICIPATION

This year the SMJFL cemented its position as the largest junior football league in Australia. The league grew to a total of 28 clubs, 8,733 players, 378 teams, 500+ umpires, 2,267 matches and a staggering 44 individual competitions. We continue to grow our total player participation numbers, with the number of participants growing by over 1300 since 2010. Much of this growth can be attributed to the growth of SMJFL Girls Football and we look forward to more Clubs entering Girls teams in 2014.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

South Metro Girls Football continues to grow with a total of 11 clubs and 22 teams in 2013 (up from 20 in 2012).

Pleasingly 9 SMJFL Clubs have been approved seeding grants from AFL Victoria to create new teams in 2014 so the total number of teams is expected to grow significantly in 2014. SMJFL thanks AFL Victoria for its ongoing support of Girls Football.

Melbourne Football Club continued as the community partner of Girls Football this year and I'd like to thank Debbie Lee and Glenn Balmforth for their ongoing efforts in supporting SMJFL to grow junior girls' football within our region.

PLAYER RETENTION WORKING PARTY (PRWP)

In 2013, the league created a Player Retention Working Party to try and address the concerns of Member Clubs in retaining players in the older age groups. The purpose of the PRWP was to both research why players were not being retained through to the Under 17 age group, whilst also providing recommendations

to the SMJFL Board & Administration on how to improve player retention within the SMJFL; particularly in the older age groups (U14-U17). A key piece of work was the creation of an online Player Survey for players aged U14-U17, as well as for players that played in the SMJFL in 2012 but did not continue in 2013. A player survey such as this had never been completed before and nearly 400 players completed the online U14-U17 Player Survey. This provided the PRWP with some vital information, statistics and feedback, from which the PRWP has been able to use to develop 9 new initiatives that will be implemented in 2014. These initiatives are designed to improve player retention in the older age groups and we look forward to seeing the results of these initiatives over the next few seasons.

I would like to thank Chairperson, Lewis Bearman for his input and guidance of the PRWP. I would also like to thank all of the other PRWP members for their input into the workings of the PRWP.

QUALITY LEAGUE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Quality League Management Program assessed by AFL Victoria on the Governance and Administration of the league, this year saw the SMJFL assessed at 99%. This score is slightly lower than the 2012 result of 100%.

U13 INTERLEAGUE

This year the SMJFL partnered with NFL & YJFL for the second time in what is proving to be a fantastic initiative for all leagues involved. It was SMJFL's turn to host the annual Carnival, held on Queen's Birthday long weekend, and I would like to thank the St Paul's McKinnon JFC for their outstanding efforts in hosting the Carnival.

The U13 program started in March with nearly 120 players trying out for 56 spots as part of two teams at the annual Carnival. While the focus of the U13 Interleague Program is about maximising the development of the players and not necessarily winning the Carnival, the SMJFL was pleased to win both

Division 1 & Division 2 at the Interleague Carnival. These results can be attributed to the efforts of the four coaches involved this year, who ran an outstanding program. Thank-you to Tim Marshall, Brad Berry, Ron Vella & Luke Vella for their efforts as coaches this year.

I would like to pay tribute to outgoing U13 Interleague Coordinator & Head Coach, Tim Marshall, who has chosen to not continue with the program in 2014. Tim has built the U13 program into a program that is the envy of all other metropolitan leagues. On behalf of the league I would like to thank Tim for his outstanding efforts over the past three years. In 2014, the SMJFL is excited to partner with South-East Juniors for the first time, who replace Northern Football League in the three-league competition with Yarra Junior Football League.

U14 & U15 INTERLEAGUE

The league continued its relationship with the Sandringham Dragons with the Interleague partnership of the Under 14 & 15 programs. The U14 & U15 teams participate in the AFL Victoria Metropolitan Junior Championships, which hosts all metropolitan leagues in Melbourne. SMJFL had a very strong year on the field with three of the four teams – Under 14 Division 1, Under 14 Division 2 & Under 15 Division 1 - making the Grand Final and coming Runners Up. Thanks to Ryan O'Connor (Sandringham Dragons) and all of the interleague coaches, assistant coaches and team officials for their work as part of the 2013 program.

LIGHTNING CARNIVALS

The Lightning Carnivals present a fun round robin format for the Under 9 mixed, Under 10 mixed, Under 10 girls & Under 12 girls competitions to finish their football season. This year was the biggest U9 Lightning Carnival on record, with 80 teams competing over six grounds at Bentleigh and Port Melbourne. Like the U9 Carnival, the U10 Carnival was also the biggest on record, with 53 teams competing over six grounds at Bentleigh and East Brighton.

The league thanks all three Clubs for doing an outstanding job in hosting the Lightning Carnivals.

The U10 & U12 Girls Lightning Carnivals were held at Moorleigh Reserve on what was one of the coldest and wettest days of the football season. The girls did a wonderful job braving the weather and producing some action packed football. Four teams competed in the U10 girls while a total of ten teams battled it out in the U12 girls. Congratulations to all the teams for their efforts during the season.

FINALS SERIES

As the league continues to grow, so too does the demands of hosting Finals Series matches. This year the SMJFL was at capacity for three of the four weeks of Finals and desperately needs more Clubs to offer to host Finals Series matches in 2014. SMJFL will work with all 27 Member Clubs to increase the number of Clubs hosting Finals in 2014.

A big thank-you to those Clubs that did host Finals in 2013, those Clubs were; Cheltenham, East Brighton, East Sandringham, Mount Waverley, Ormond and Hampton.

GRAND FINALS

For the first time in approximately 6 years, gated Grand Finals were again implemented for the Under 11 – Under 17 Grand Finals. By hosting the Grand Finals at gated venues, this allowed SMJFL to play the Grand Finals at neutral venues and at facilities that in most instances exceeded what SMJFL Clubs and players were used to, both with the quality of the on field playing surfaces and the off field amenities. Additionally, the Grand Finals create an additional revenue stream for the league and this money will now be used to continue to keep Club Affiliation Fees the lowest of any league in Melbourne.

I would like to thank the three host Club's for their efforts in delivering such wonderful Grand Final days. Those Clubs are; Old Mentonians (VAFA), Clayton Football Club (SFL) and Springvale FC (SFL). SMJFL looks forward to continuing to work with those Clubs, as well as

potentially some new Clubs, for the successful delivery of the 2014 Grand Finals.

COMPETITION

The SMJFL would like to congratulate all premiers for 2013, and wish all teams the best of luck for season 2014.

GRADING

SMJFL has again finished top 2 of the 8 metropolitan junior football leagues in Melbourne. The annual AFL Victoria Junior Grading System paper represents the average

winning margins of all matches played within each junior football competition in metropolitan Melbourne.

SMJFL's 2013 result of 41 points per match proves that SMJFL's grading is working. These results are testament to the enormous amount of work that Adam Sparrow put into grading at the start of the 2013 season. Additionally, this result could not have been achieved without the ongoing support and honesty of all member clubs during the grading process each year.

2010			2011			2012			2013		
League		Av	League		Av	League		Av	League		Av
1	Yarra JFL	38	1	Yarra JFL	40	1	*South Metro JFL	37	1	Yarra JFL	38
2	Moorabbin SJFL	43	2	Northern FL	47	2	Yarra JFL	38	2	South Metro JFL	41
3	Northern FL	49	3	Eastern FL	50	3	Northern FL	44	3	Northern FL	46
3	South EJ	49	4	Moorabbin SJFL	52	3	South EJ	44	4	South EJ	51
5	Eastern FL	51	4	Riddell DFL	52	5	Eastern FL	48	5	Riddle DFL	52
5	Riddell DFL	51	6	South EJ	53	6	Riddell DFL	49	5	Eastern FL	52
7	Essendon DFL	54	7	Essendon DFL	61	7	Essendon DFL	54	7	Western RFL	57
8	Western RFL	62	8	Western RFL	70	8	Western RFL	68	8	Essendon DFL	61

Notes

- Dandenong DJFL became the South East Juniors from the 2010 Season
- Moorabbin SJFL became South Metro Junior Football League after the 2011 season
- *The 2012 average margin for SMJFL included a league mercy rule which improved their overall result. This has been resolved for their 2013 result.

UMPIRING DEPARTMENT

One of the major changes the league implemented in 2013 was a comprehensive overhaul and restructure of the SMJFL Umpiring Department. Following the 2012 season, the SMJFL Board appointed an independent consultant to complete a review of the SMJFL Umpiring Department. The review presented a long list of recommendations to the SMJFL Board, for which the Board actioned through the league administration.

One of the key recommendations from the review was a total restructure of the current staff structure, including extra investment into Umpiring Department staffing. SMJFL

appointed Bernadette Vaux to the position of Director of Umpiring and I'd like to thank Bernadette Vaux for her outstanding efforts in 2013. Bernadette has undertaken an enormous amount of work in restructuring the Umpiring Department, which is now starting to become the benchmark for junior umpire programs within Melbourne.

The success of the Umpiring Department cannot only be attributed to Bernadette, thanks must go to Head Coach, Jonathan Auditore, as well as all of the other key Umpire Department staff and coaches for their efforts this year.

SMJFL Clubs have already started to notice and comment on the increased level of skill and professionalism of SMJFL Umpires. We look forward to this continuing in 2014.

MEDIA

SMJFL continues to develop its website and social media. In 2013, SMJFL created a weekly E-Newsletter that has become an important communication tool for SMJFL.

SMJFL Media Coordinator, Ben Pollard has contributed a mountain of time and effort producing the leagues media publications & news pieces. Ben has worked to maintain the league website and has driven the growth of the SMJFL social media (including Facebook & twitter). Ben finished employment with SMJFL on the 31 October as he is relocating overseas with his girlfriend. We thank Ben for his outstanding contribution to the league over the past two and a half years.

CORPORATE & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The success of the SMJFL could not be achieved without the ongoing support of SMJFL corporate partners and suppliers. Thank you to all partners and suppliers for their ongoing support of the SMJFL. All of our partners are listed at back of the Annual Report.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

In 2013, SMJFL supported the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation by theming Round 8 as the "Jelly Baby Round". The Jelly Baby Round is an initiative by the SMJFL in support of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The foundation is the world's largest charitable supporter of type 1 diabetes research and its mission remains constant - to find a cure for type 1 Diabetes and its complications through the support of research.

CASEY TUTUNGI

Additionally this year, the SMJFL raised funds for the Casey Tutungi Future Fund. The former Geelong VFL player was injured in a freak on-field accident in a local football match and was later diagnosed as a quadriplegic.

SMJFL is delighted to announce that the league was able to fundraise and donate \$2,204.70 to the Future Fund. SMJFL would like to thank the following Clubs for their donations; Beaumaris, Brighton Beach, Caulfield, Cheltenham, East Brighton, East Sandringham, Ormond JFC, Murrumbeena, Oakleigh, St Peters, St Kilda City and Waverley Park.



NEW & RESIGNING MEMBER CLUBS

The Mordialloc Football Club was voted into the SMJFL as the newest Member Club at the 2012 Annual General Meeting. Mordialloc FC was accepted into the league to play under the name 'Kingston Redbacks' and had planned to start with an Under 9 team in 2013. Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances the Club was not able to form a team in 2013. They have since resigned from the SMJFL and have transferred to the Frankston & District Junior Football League. We wish Mordialloc FC all the best with their efforts in creating the Junior Club.

St Bernard's OCFC, a Club that resides outside of the SMJFL traditional zone, also resigned as a Member Club of the SMJFL in 2013. St Bernard's had previously played every second year in the SMJFL U17 competition but will now concentrate on playing in their local competition. We wish St Bernard's OCFC all the best with their future as well.

STAFF & BOARD

In May 2013, Adam Sparrow (Football Operations Manager) moved on from the SMJFL. Adam's work and over the past 2 years

and his contribution to the league cannot be underestimated. While Adam left at the start of the season, much of the success of the 2013 season can be attributed to the work he did prior to the season, including setting up the 3 interleague programs, various By-Laws changes and setting up the 44 individual competitions, which included grading of 378 teams and scheduling over 2,800 matches.

I would like to thank Emily McIntyre (Football Operations Manager) for her terrific work since starting in June. In a short period of time, Emily has proven to be a valuable asset to the organisation. She has already brought in a number of new improvements and initiatives in the administration and management of the league and I look forward to working with her next season.

Thanks also Jenny Mouat (SMJFL Bookkeeper) for her tireless efforts throughout the course of the year.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Board for their support over the year. The SMJFL is fortunate to have a strong, capable and stable Board that is focused on achieving the strategic objectives of the league. The Board's support has been valued by all staff throughout the course of this year. I would personally like to thank retiring Directors, Tim Walsh & Bruce Eckersall, for their

guidance and support in 2013 and wish them all the best for their futures.

SUMMARY

The 2013 season was a successful season in which the league developed in participation and new initiatives such as the Youth Forum, Player Retention Working Party and gated Grand Finals. However there is still more work to do and I look forward to working with all member clubs and stakeholders to continue to develop the league in 2014.

Finally, the league couldn't operate without the dedication and input of thousands of volunteers every year and so I would like to thank and pay tribute to the people that assist the SMJFL in providing opportunities for nearly 9,000 players to play every weekend. Thank you for your commitment to the SMJFL and the great game of Australian Rules Football.

Regards,



Jake McCauley

General Manager



2013 PREMIERS, BEST ON GROUND IN GRAND FINAL AND BEST & FAIREST

Competition	Under 11 East	Under 11 West	Under 11 South	Under 11 North	Under 11 Blue
Premiers	Brighton Beach	Dingley Black	Highett	Murrumbeena	Mordi-Brae White
Best on Ground in Grand Final	Darby Hipwell (East Sandringham)	Shane Ho (St Peters)	Jake Bowey (Highett)	Max Delaney (Murrumbeena Gold)	Oliver Moran (St Peters)
Best & Fairest	Max Holmes (East Malvern)	Louis Dalgeish (Prahran)	Jake Bowey (Highett)	Nicolas Taranto (Ajax)	Cameron Zimmerman (Dingley)

Competition	Under 12 East	Under 12 West	Under 12 South	Under 12 North	Under 12 Blue
Premiers	Beaumaris Sharks	Highett	St Pauls	Oakleigh	Bentleigh
Best on Ground in Grand Final	Ethan Michaelides (Beaumaris Sharks)	Cameron Taylor (Highett)	Jackson Hannah (St Pauls)	Jaxon Stuart (Oakleigh)	Joshua Worrell (Bentleigh)
Best & Fairest	Finn Maginness (East Brighton Vampires)	Cameron Taylor (Highett)	Phillip Hately-Fenton (Dingley)	Jaxon Stuart (Oakleigh)	Alexander Street (East Sandringham)

Competition	Under 13 Div 1	Under 13 Div 2	Under 13 Div 3	Under 13 Div 4	Under 13 Div 5
Premiers	Beaumaris Sharks	Prahran Red	Bentleigh	Northvale	Caulfield Bears
Best on Ground in Grand Final	Dawit McNeish (Beaumaris Sharks)	James McMurrick (Prahran Red)	Hugo Ferdinand (Bentleigh)	Francis Connolly (Northvale)	Jasper Pickering (Caulfield Bears)
Best & Fairest	Bailey Smith (East Malvern)	Tom Fogarty (St Pauls)	Hugo Ferdinand (Bentleigh)	Kang Nyoak (Northvale)	Jasper Pickering (Caulfield Bears)

Competition	Under 14 Div 1	Under 14 Div 2	Under 14 Div 3	Under 14 Div 4
Premiers	East Malvern Blue	South Melbourne White	East Malvern White	South Melbourne Red
Best on Ground in Grand Final	Hayden McLean (Beaumaris)	Harry Gustin (South Melbourne)	Sebastian Tabain (East Malvern)	Malachy Asmah-Brown (South Melbourne Districts)
Best & Fairest	Gianluca Cappiello (Mount Waverley) & Jack Robertson (Waverley Park)	Harry Wardlaw (St Peters)	Jayce Morgan (Bentleigh)	Malachy Asmah-Brown (South Melbourne Districts)

Competition	Under 15 Div 1	Under 15 Div 2	Under 15 Div 3	Under 15 Div 4	U15 Girls
Premiers	East Brighton Vampires	Mordialloc Braeside	Waverley Park	Oakleigh	St Peters
Best on Ground in Grand Final	Christian Hatzis (East Brighton)	Kevin Balfe (Mordialloc Braeside)	Max Rundle (Waverley Park)	Calvin Toohim (Oakleigh)	Lizzie Wardlaw
Best & Fairest	Xavier Jordan (East Malvern)	Hamish Brayshaw (Hampton)	Harry Coleman (Waverley Park) & Jack Robertson (Waverley Park)	Matthew Crowley (Mordialloc Braeside) & Ryan Powell (Oakleigh)	Chelsea Bezzant (Mordialloc Braeside)

Competition	Under 16 Div 1	Under 16 Div 2	Under 16 Div 3
Premiers	Mordialloc Braeside White	Ajax	St Pauls
Best on Ground in Grand Final	Kurt Lopo (Mordialloc Braeside White)	Benjamin Michelson (Ajax)	Harry Hunt (St Pauls)
Best & Fairest	Jesse Toniolo (Murrumbeena)	Myles Spielvogel (East Malvern)	Lachie Craig (Dingley)

Competition	Under 17 Div 1	Under 17 Div 2
Premiers	Brighton Rovers	St Peters
Best on Ground in Grand Final	Will Barker (Caulfield)	Ben Riley (Waverley Park/Northvale)
Best & Fairest	William Barker (Caulfield Bears)	Goy Lok (Waverley Park/Northvale)

2013 LADDERS

Under 11 East	P	W	L	D	B	%W
East Sandringham	14	13	1	0	0	93
Brighton Beach	14	12	2	0	0	86
Ormond	14	10	4	0	0	71
South Melbourne White	14	8	6	0	0	57
Beaumaris	14	8	6	0	0	57
East Malvern Blue	14	7	7	0	0	50
Murrumbeena Maroon	14	7	7	0	0	50
Mordialloc Braeside	14	2	12	0	0	14
Hampton	14	2	12	0	0	14
East Brighton Vampires	14	1	13	0	0	7

Under 11 West	P	W	L	D	B	%W
Dingley Black	14	11	3	0	0	79
St Peters	14	11	3	0	0	79
St Kilda City	14	11	3	0	0	79
Prahran	14	10	4	0	0	71
Cheltenham	14	9	5	0	0	64
Ajax	14	8	6	0	0	57
East Brighton Vampires	14	5	9	0	0	36
Mordialloc Braeside Red	14	5	9	0	0	36
Brighton Beach	14	4	10	0	0	29
St Bedes/Mentone Tigers Red	14	4	10	0	0	29
Waverley Park	14	3	11	0	0	21
Ormond	14	3	11	0	0	21

Under 11 South	P	W	L	D	B	%W
St Kilda City Red	14	13	1	0	0	93
East Brighton Vampires	14	12	2	0	0	86
East Malvern White	14	12	2	0	0	86
Highbett	14	11	3	0	0	79
East Malvern Red	14	9	5	0	0	64
Bentleigh Red	14	7	7	0	0	50
Beaumaris (Great Whites)	14	6	8	0	0	43
Prahran Black	14	5	9	0	0	36
Caulfield Bears	14	5	9	0	0	36
Hampton South	14	3	11	0	0	21
South Melbourne Red	14	3	11	0	0	21
Oakleigh Green	14	2	12	0	0	14

Under 11 North	P	W	L	D	B	%W
East Sandringham	14	13	1	0	0	93
Murrumbeena Gold	14	12	2	0	0	86
St Pauls	14	9	5	0	0	64
Ajax Comets	14	8	6	0	0	57
Waverley Park Brown	14	5	9	0	0	36
Mt Waverley	14	3	11	0	0	21
Oakleigh	14	1	13	0	0	7
Ormond	14	1	13	0	0	7

Under 11 Blue	P	W	L	D	B	%W
Cheltenham	14	11	3	0	0	79
Mordialloc Braeside White	14	11	3	0	0	79
St Peters Blue	14	9	5	0	0	64
Dingley Red	14	5	9	0	0	36
Hampton Blue	14	4	10	0	0	29
Beaumaris (Black Tails)	14	2	12	0	0	14

Under 12 East	P	W	L	D	B	%W
Beaumaris (Sharks)	14	12	2	0	0	86
East Brighton Vampires Red	14	11	3	0	0	79
Prahran Red	14	10	4	0	0	71
East Brighton Vampires White	14	7	7	0	0	50
East Sandringham	14	6	8	0	0	43
East Malvern Blue	14	5	9	0	0	36
Brighton Beach	14	4	10	0	0	29
Mordialloc Braeside	14	1	13	0	0	7

Under 12 West	P	W	L	D	B	%W
Highbett	14	12	1	1	0	89
Cheltenham	14	11	3	0	0	79
Waverley Park Brown	14	8	4	2	0	64
Beaumaris	14	7	6	1	0	54
East Brighton Vampires	14	7	7	0	0	50
Hampton	14	6	8	0	0	43
Hampton	14	6	8	0	0	43
East Malvern Red	14	4	10	0	0	29

Under 12 South	P	W	L	D	B	%W
St Pauls	13	12	1	0	1	92
Dingley Black	14	9	5	0	0	64
East Sandringham	13	8	5	0	1	62
Prahran Blue	14	8	6	0	0	57
St Peters	14	7	7	0	0	50
Murrumbeena Gold	14	6	8	0	0	43
Ormond	13	5	8	0	1	38
East Malvern White	14	3	11	0	0	21
Ajax Comets	14	3	11	0	0	21
South Melbourne White	13	2	11	0	1	15

Under 12 North	P	W	L	D	B	%W
Oakleigh	14	13	1	0	0	93
Waverley Park Gold	14	10	4	0	0	71
Mordialloc Braeside Red	13	9	4	0	1	69
Northvale	13	8	5	0	1	62
Mt Waverley	14	8	5	1	0	61
St Kilda Black	13	5	7	1	1	42
Caulfield Bears	14	5	9	0	0	36
Ajax Jets	14	4	10	0	0	29
South Melbourne Red	14	4	10	0	0	29
East Brighton Vampires	14	3	11	0	0	21

Under 12 Blue	P	W	L	D	B	%W
Bentleigh	14	12	2	0	0	86
Dingley Red	14	11	3	0	0	79
St Kilda City Red	14	11	3	0	0	79
Ajax Stars	14	9	5	0	0	64
Mordialloc Braeside Colts	14	9	5	0	0	64
East Sandringham	14	5	9	0	0	36
Beaumaris (Hammerheads)	14	4	10	0	0	29
Hampton	13	3	10	0	1	23
St Peters	14	2	12	0	0	14
St Bedes/Mentone Tigers	14	0	14	0	0	0

Under 12 Girls	P	W	L	D	B	%W
Hampton	8	7	0	1	0	94
East Malvern Blue	9	8	1	0	0	89
St Peters	10	8	1	1	0	85
East Malvern Red	10	6	4	0	0	60
East Brighton Vampirettes	6	3	3	0	0	50
Beaumaris Lady Sharks	5	2	3	0	0	40
East Sandringham Zebbies	8	3	5	0	0	37.5
St Bedes/Mentone Tigers	9	3	6	0	1	33
Mordialloc Braeside	9	1	8	0	1	11
Ormond/St Pauls (The Mashers)	10	0	10	0	1	0

Under 13 Div 1	P	W	L	D	B	%W
East Sandringham	14	13	1	0	0	93
Beaumaris (Sharks)	14	11	3	0	0	79
St Kilda City Black	14	10	4	0	0	71
Mordialloc Braeside	14	7	7	0	0	50
Waverley Park Gold	14	6	8	0	0	43
East Malvern Knights	14	6	8	0	0	43
East Brighton Vampires	14	2	12	0	0	14
Cheltenham Panthers	14	1	13	0	0	7

Under 13 Div 2	P	W	L	D	B	%W
Prahran Red	12	11	1	0	2	92
Murrumbeena Gold	12	9	2	1	2	79
St Pauls	12	5	6	1	2	46
Ajax Comets	12	5	7	0	2	42
St Bedes/Mentone Tigers Red	12	4	7	1	2	38
Hampton	12	4	8	0	2	33
Ormond	12	2	9	1	2	21

Under 13 Div 3	P	W	L	D	B	%W
Bentleigh	14	13	1	0	0	93
Beaumaris (Great Whites)	14	10	4	0	0	71
Dingley Black	14	9	5	0	0	64
East Sandringham	14	9	5	0	0	64
South Melbourne District	14	9	5	0	0	64
St Peters	14	4	10	0	0	29
Ormond	14	3	10	1	0	25
East Brighton Vampires	14	1	13	0	0	7

Under 13 Div 4	P	W	L	D	B	%W
Northvale	14	13	1	0	0	93
Oakleigh	14	13	1	0	0	93
Beaumaris (Black Tails)	14	7	7	0	0	50
Mordialloc Braeside Red	14	5	8	1	0	39
St Kilda City Red	14	4	10	0	0	29
Murrumbeena Maroon	14	1	13	0	0	7

Under 13 Div 5	P	W	L	D	B	%W
Caulfield Bears	14	14	0	0	0	100
East Sandringham	14	10	4	0	0	71
East Malvern Knights (Whites)	14	10	4	0	0	71
Prahran Blue	14	8	6	0	0	57
Waverley Park Brown	14	5	9	0	0	36
Highett	14	3	11	0	0	21
Ajax Jets	14	2	12	0	0	14
St Bedes/Mentone Tigers Blue	14	0	14	0	0	0

Under 14 Div 1	P	W	L	D	B	%W
East Malvern Blue	14	14	0	0	1	100
Beaumaris (Sharks)	14	13	1	0	1	93
Mordialloc Braeside	14	10	4	0	1	71
Hampton	13	8	5	0	2	62
Mt Waverley	14	6	8	0	1	43
Ormond	14	5	9	0	1	36
East Sandringham	13	4	9	0	2	31
Ajax Comets	14	3	11	0	1	21
St Kilda City	14	1	13	0	1	7

Under 14 Div 2	P	W	L	D	B	%W
South Melbourne White	15	14	1	0	0	93
Prahran	15	7	8	0	0	47
Cheltenham	15	7	8	0	0	47
St Peters	15	6	9	0	0	40
Dingley Black	15	6	9	0	0	40
East Brighton Vampires	15	5	10	0	0	33

Under 14 Div 3	P	W	L	D	B	%W
Bentleigh	13	9	3	1	2	73
East Malvern White	13	9	4	0	2	69
Murrumbeena Gold	13	9	4	0	2	69
Waverley Park	13	8	5	0	2	62
Caulfield Bears	14	5	8	1	1	39
St Bedes/Mentone Tigers	14	4	10	0	1	29
Mt Waverley	14	4	10	0	1	29

Under 14 Div 4	P	W	L	D	B	%W
South Melbourne Red	15	11	4	0	0	73
Beaumaris (Great Whites)	15	11	4	0	0	73
East Sandringham	15	11	4	0	0	73
Ormond	15	10	5	0	0	67
Dingley Red	15	6	9	0	0	40
Hampton	15	5	10	0	0	33
Mordialloc Braeside	15	1	14	0	0	7
East Brighton Vampires	15	1	14	0	0	7

Under 15 Div 1	P	W	L	D	B	%W
East Brighton Vampires	14	12	3	0	1	86
East Malvern Blue	14	11	3	0	1	79
St Peters	13	10	3	0	2	77
Murrumbeena Gold	14	8	6	0	1	57
East Sandringham	14	8	6	0	1	57
Beaumaris (Sharks)	14	7	7	0	1	50
Ajax Jets	14	6	8	0	1	43
Ormond	13	1	12	0	2	8
South Melbourne District	14	1	13	0	1	7

Under 15 Div 2	P	W	L	D	B	%W
Mordialloc Braeside	15	12	3	0	0	80
Hampton	15	11	4	0	0	73
St Bedes/Mentone Tigers	14	6	8	0	1	43
Prahran	14	6	8	0	1	43
Northvale	14	4	10	0	1	29
Cheltenham	14	2	12	0	1	14

Under 15 Div 3	P	W	L	D	B	%W
Waverley Park	13	13	0	0	2	100
St Pauls	13	12	1	0	2	92
St Peters	14	11	3	0	1	79
East Brighton Vampires	14	8	6	0	1	57
Beaumaris (Great Whites)	13	7	6	0	2	54
East Malvern White	14	6	8	0	1	43
Highett	14	3	11	0	1	21
East Sandringham	14	2	12	0	1	14
Murrumbeena Maroon	14	1	13	0	1	7

Under 15 Div 4	P	W	L	D	B	%W
Oakleigh	14	9	4	1	1	68
Ajax Comets	15	9	6	0	0	60
Ormond	15	9	6	0	0	60
Caulfield Bears	15	8	6	1	0	57
St Bedes/Mentone Tigers AFC	14	4	10	0	1	29
Mordialloc Braeside	14	2	12	0	1	14

Under 15 Girls	P	W	L	D	B	%W
St Peters	9	9	0	0	1	100
East Brighton Vampirettes	10	8	2	0	0	80
Highett	10	6	3	1	0	65
East Sandringham	10	6	4	0	0	60
Waverley Park Hawks	5	2	3	0	0	40
Mordialloc Braeside	9	2	6	1	1	28
Ajax Jassettes	10	1	9	0	0	10
Mt Waverley Falcons	7	0	7	0	0	0

Under 16 Div 1	P	W	L	D	B	%W
Murrumbeena Gold	15	14	1	0	0	93
Mordialloc Braeside White	15	13	2	0	0	87
St Bedes/Mentone Tigers	15	8	7	0	0	53
South Melbourne District	15	7	8	0	0	47
Hampton	15	2	13	0	0	13
Mt Waverley	15	1	14	0	0	7

Under 16 Div 2	P	W	L	D	B	%W
Ajax	15	12	3	0	0	80
St Peters	14	11	3	0	1	79
Beaumaris (Sharks)	15	11	4	0	0	73
East Malvern Blue	15	9	6	0	0	60
East Brighton Vampires	14	7	7	0	1	50
East Sandringham	15	5	10	0	0	33
Waverley Park	14	4	10	0	1	29
Ormond	14	1	13	0	1	7

Under 16 Div 3	P	W	L	D	B	%W
St Pauls	13	11	2	0	2	85
Dingley	13	8	5	0	2	62
Murrumbeena Maroon	13	6	7	0	2	46
Mt Waverley Falcons	13	5	8	0	2	38
Oakleigh JFC	12	0	12	0	3	0

Under 17 Div 1	P	W	L	D	B	%W
Brighton Rovers	15	15	0	0	0	100
Ormond	15	10	5	0	0	67
Beaumaris (Sharks)	15	9	6	0	0	60
Caulfield Bears	15	8	7	0	0	53
Narre North Foxes	14	3	11	0	0	21
St Bedes/Mentone Tigers	15	3	12	0	0	20

Under 17 Div 2	P	W	L	D	B	%W
Waverley Park/Northvale	15	12	3	0	0	80
St Peters	15	11	4	0	0	73
Cheltenham White	15	9	5	1	0	63
Dingley	15	6	8	1	0	43
East Sandringham/Highett	14	6	8	0	1	43
Mordialloc Braeside Red	15	5	10	0	0	33
St Pauls/Bentleigh/Murrumbeena	15	3	12	0	0	20
Ajax	15	3	12	0	0	20

DIRECTOR OF UMPIRING REPORT

In the lead up to the 2013 season, the SMJFL Umpiring department underwent a major restructure – with a new team recruited, new processes / standards implemented and clear goals set for success.

It was recognised by the SMJFL Board and Operations in 2012 that creating a strong umpiring department increases the strength of the competition as a whole. This recognition was supported by SMJFL Member Clubs and resulted in an increase in the resourcing of the SMJFL Umpiring Group.

Increased resourcing has resulted in changes designed to maximise on-field umpire performance and make the game more enjoyable for players of member Clubs.

Some of the changes directly enabled by increased resourcing are:

- Restructuring of the Umpiring Department
 - Appointment of new Director of Umpiring – with corporate, people management and developmental experience
 - Appointment of an Umpire Head Coach – with experience in umpiring and teaching
 - Creation and development of an experienced coaching team – with umpires from SMJFL, SFL and VAFA (Full day workshop for coaching team – to develop coaching and communication)
 - Appointment of an Appointment Coordinator, along with an Accreditation Coordinator and a Registration Coordinator
- Increased time and expertise dedicated to creation of policies and procedures – standardising the way we do business.
- Recognition of umpire mentors

UMPIRING DEMOGRAPHICS

	2012	2013
Total no. games - season	2352	2832
Average no. games (umpire appointments) per wk	178 (311)	185 (323)
No games unfilled	87	125
Average % fill rate	96.3%	95.6%
Total no. registrations received	552	519
No. of umpires umpired at least one (1) game	392	419
No. first year umpires	228	261 (202 #)
No. female umpires	51	75 (54 #)
No. umpires did not return following year	314	Available 2014
Mentors	12	23
Avg no. (modified rules) umpires mentored per week	Not avail	20.1
AFL Level 1 Umpire Accreditations completed	0	41

officiating at least one (1) game

TRAINING

Training is the key to umpire development (especially when over ½ of registrations are 1st year umpires) and we were aware that we needed to make umpire training accessible to individuals throughout the League's geographical stretch. With the assistance of the VAFA, an additional training venue was formed to operate out of Elsternwick Park (Tuesday evening) and operated in conjunction with established venues at East Bentleigh (Wednesday & Thursday) and East Malvern (Wednesday). The East Bentleigh Academy

remains the central training centre, averaging between 120 & 150 attendees per week; whilst East Malvern averaged 12 and Elsternwick 25.

Training was structured to provide progressive development for umpires, yet flexible enough to incorporate issues highlighted for attention from the previous round/s of games. Consistency of learning between academies was also important; therefore, lesson plans were coordinated by the Head Coach to ensure all weekly session covered the same content – regardless of venue.

UMPIRE ABUSE

There is no doubt that abuse and intimidation of umpires – predominately by team officials and spectators – continues to be a problem in our league. Expectations of umpire perfection are rife, unrealistic and destined for disappointment.

In this context it is vital for Clubs, teams and parents to remember that the SMJFL is a *junior* football league. We are effectively a nursery for developing talent – players, coaches and umpires – and mistakes will be made in the learning process. Tolerance is vital to protect our young people and enable them to develop in a non-threatening environment. This must be the lesson going forward.

ON-FIELD PLAYER BEHAVIOUR - RED/YELLOW CARDS

	2012	2013
Red cards (reports)	26	19
Yellow cards	113	96

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

It is difficult to quantify success in any tangible form as perception varies widely based on the person providing it, their interests and background. However, 18 SMJFL umpires made the transition in 2013 from junior to senior umpiring either as field, boundary or goal umpires – with 3 SMJFL umpires officiating in their first senior division game during the season.

Being the first year of restructure, a significant marker for success will be the retention of umpires from this year's group. A higher level of retention will enable the coaching team to build on a high level of established knowledge and skill – rather than re-start from a base level.



2013 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 umpires officiated Auskick Rules games (at Etihad & MCG) – one of whom has been awarded the AFL Auskick Umpire Recognition Award
- 4 SMJFL umpires walked onto the MCG with the official AFL umpire team, holding the ball aloft for the sounding of the siren and participating in pre-game warm-up – televised live
- SMJFL umpires officiated at the AFL Victoria Metropolitan Championships Grand Finals
- Grace Bridges, first year umpire, umpired at half time at the 2013 AFL Grand Final, and participated in the 2013 Grand Final parade
- AFL umpire, Chris Donlon attended SMJFL umpire training – at season's start and end – speaking to umpiring group about communication & commitment, and preparing for finals.
- SFL and VAFA umpire coaches attending training – participating in drills and providing umpires with an insight into pathways

AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations following umpires for taking out this year's awards: **Luke Porter** (Golden Whistle), **Lizzie Wardlaw** (Best 1st Year Umpire), **James McCartney** (Training Award), **Paige Hinrichs** (Female Encouragement Award), **James Gray**, **Hamish McCartney** and **Logan Webster** (Encouragement Awards), **Peter Bailes** (SMJFL-SFL Umpiring Pathways Development Award) and **Chris Grigoriou** (VAFA Most Promising Umpire Award).

CONCLUSION

At the start of the season, the SMJFL, as a whole, recognised that the lofty target standards set for the Umpiring Department would take years to achieve. Having said this, the progress made in 2013 is very pleasing.

The Umpiring Department is grateful for the continued support of the SMJFL Board and member Clubs, along with that extended to us by AFL Victoria, the Southern Football League and the Victorian Amateur Football Association.

INTERLEAGUE WRAP

The 2013 interleague campaign demonstrated that the SMJFL's development programs are producing more high quality representative footballers than ever.

The Under 13 Division 1 and 2 teams both claimed their respective interleague shields in a three-team round robin series with the Yarra JFL (YJFL) and Northern FL (NFL) at McKinnon Reserve on Sunday June 9.

The SMJFL also had three teams reach their respective grand finals at the AFL Victoria Metropolitan Junior Championships (AFLVMJC), held in May and June. The Under 14 Division 1, Under 14 Division 2 and Under 15 Division 1 teams all finished as runners-up, while the Under 15 Division 2 team fell just short of making their grand final.

The **Under 13 Division 1** boys dominated their carnival, claiming the interleague shield with barnstorming victories over the YJFL (by 45 points) and NFL (by 97 points). The collectively small team was able to burn off the opposition with quick ball movement in perfect weather conditions. Oscar Paulke (St Kilda City) was named Player of the Carnival, while team captain Bailey Smith (East Malvern) and Harry Reynolds (Hampton) also starred. Congratulations to coach Tim Marshall and everyone involved in this tremendous success.

Capping off a fantastic day for the SMJFL, the **Under 13 Division 2** boys also went through their carnival undefeated to take home the interleague shield. The team mixed tough, slogging football in a five-point defeat of the YJFL with pace and skill in a 66-point win over the NFL. Team captain Adam Ball (East Sandringham) was named Player of the Carnival, with Jake Turner (East Sandringham) and Jamie Kokoras (Beaumaris) other key players. Congratulations to coach Brad Berry and everyone involved on a brilliant achievement.



The **Under 14 Division 1** boys were defeated by 56 points at the hands of a strong-bodied, tough Eastern FL (EFL) outfit in its AFLVMJC grand final. Perfect conditions at Dandenong's Shepley Oval seemed to be made for the skilful SMJFL players specialising in quick ball movement, but the EFL's attack on the contest proved too

ferocious. Jackson Hille (Ormond) was the team's best player in defeat, while Jack Higgins (East Malvern) was named Player of the Championships. South Metro made it to the decider on percentage, following a big victory over South East Juniors (SEJ), a 28-point loss to the NFL and a 16-point defeat of the YJFL. Congratulations to coach Steve Walton and all involved in helping this squad reach the grand final.

Like their Division 1 contemporaries, the **Under 14 Division 2** boys ran into an EFL brick wall in their AFLVMJC grand final at Shepley Oval. The SMJFL matched it with Eastern in an early slog, but the EFL quickly stamped its authority on the match in the second quarter, its strength eventually wearing down South Metro by 22 points. Aaron Trusler (Ormond) was the team's best player in the decider and was also named Player of the Championships. The defeat was a disappointing end to a successful campaign, which featured three big victories over the SEJ, NFL and Essendon District FL (EDFL). Congratulations to coach Danny Kelly and all involved on a superb effort to make the grand final.

Unfortunately, it was a similar story of heartbreak for the **Under 15 Division 1** boys, who also lost a thrilling AFLVMJC grand final to the EFL. Momentum swung wildly across the four quarters at Shepley Oval but the SMJFL was unable to fully capitalise when they had it, Eastern holding on grimly in a tense final term by 10 points. Michael Rogers (East Brighton) was South Metro's best on the day, while Corey Lyons (St Peters) was named Player of the Championships. The team went through the preliminary rounds undefeated, following a massive win against the SEJ and tough victories over the NFL and YJFL. Congratulations to coach Tony Pucella and all involved on a fabulous campaign.

The **Under 15 Division 2** boys very nearly made it four SMJFL teams out of four in AFLVMJC grand finals, but just fell short after losing by 20 points to the EDFL in a match to decide which team would advance. The 20-point defeat came after strong wins against the SEJ and NFL, with Oscar Don (Pahran) named Player of the Championships for his efforts during these games. Congratulations to coach Mick Lovejoy and all involved with the team.

Every SMJFL representative deserves to be congratulated on being selected to represent our League. Regardless of results, this is a tremendous achievement and we hope you use your interleague experiences to further your careers in football. Thank you to our clubs for your support of the interleague programs and to those who coordinate them: Tim Marshall and his team

with the Under 13s and Ryan O'Connor and his team at the Sandringham Dragons with the Under 14s and 15s. Thank you also to our interleague coaches and all the parents who volunteered their time to make the SMJFL's 2013 campaign such a great success.



2013 INTERLEAGUE RESULTS

Under 13 Div 1

Round 1	SMJFL	7.9 (51)	def.	YJFL	1.0 (6)
Round 2	SMJFL	16.8 (104)	def.	NFL	1.1 (7)

Under 13 Div 2

Round 1	SMJFL	2.2 (14)	def.	YJFL	1.3 (9)
Round 2	SMJFL	12.9 (81)	def.	NFL	2.3 (15)

Under 14 Div 1

Round 1	SMJFL	20.13 (133)	def.	SEJ	5.1 (31)
Round 2	SMJFL	8.11 (59)	def by	NFL	14.3 (87)
Round 3	SMJFL	11.6 (72)	def.	YJFL	8.8 (56)
Grand Final	SMJFL	8.9 (57)	def by	EFL	17.11 (113)

Under 14 Div 2

Round 1	SMJFL	15.11 (101)	def.	SEJ	4.5 (29)
Round 2	SMJFL	11.13 (79)	def.	NFL	3.6 (24)
Round 3	SMJFL	17.8 (110)	def.	EDFL	6.5 (41)

Under 15 Div 1

Round 1	SMJFL	26.11 (167)	def.	SEJ	4.6 (30)
Round 2	SMJFL	6.8 (44)	def.	NFL	3.8 (26)
Round 3	SMJFL	8.11 (59)	def.	YJFL	6.5 (41)
Grand Final	SMJFL	9.7 (61)	def by	EFL	10.11 (71)

Under 15 Div 2

Round 1	SMJFL	19.8 (122)	def.	SEJ	5.8 (38)
Round 2	SMJFL	10.11 (71)	def.	NFL	6.11 (47)
Round 3	SMJFL	6.10 (46)	def. by	EDFL	10.6 (66)

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