

JUNE 2026 RECOGNITION

Club in the Spotlight



St Marys Convent Football Club



Our recent hosting of the NFA Gala Day for our U5 to U7 players was a fantastic milestone for the club and a day we can all be incredibly proud of. As our first opportunity to host an event of this scale, there was plenty of work behind the scenes to ensure everything ran smoothly, and our wonderful team of volunteer parents rose to the occasion. Their enthusiasm, dedication, and willingness to help created a welcoming environment for players, families, and visiting clubs alike.

Seeing our fields filled with young players enjoying the game, making new friends, and sharing in the excitement of football was a rewarding experience for everyone involved. The smiles, laughter, and energy throughout the day highlighted exactly what community football is all about.

We take great pride in our facilities and were delighted to showcase them while welcoming clubs from across the region. Being able to provide a positive experience for so many young footballers and their families was extremely satisfying and reinforced the strength of our club community.

A huge thank you and congratulations to our committee members, coordinators, and the many volunteers who generously gave their time to make the day such a success. Events like these are only possible because of the commitment and support of our club community, and this Gala Day was a shining example of what can be achieved when everyone works together. Well done to all



Club Volunteers of the Month

Thank you to all the clubs who have helped us promote this via their own social media sites. This important recognition can only succeed if clubs get behind it.



Blaxland Football Club Volunteer of the Month

Aidan Morris - Competition Secretary



Not only is Aidan our Competition Secretary, he is our Chief Barbequer and this is where you will find him every Saturday! Not only does he make sure games are organised, the Canteen and BBQ roster is sorted and ground duty is organised, he cooks over 50kg of snags every weekend. He's always there early setting up, and still there at the end of the day packing up. He has a passion for BBQ's like no one we have seen before and we as a club are very grateful that the passion and dedication he has for cooking on a BBQ means everyone who visits St Johns is able to experience the deliciousness that is the Redbacks Sausage Sandwich! Thank you Aidan for the time and effort you put into being Competition Secretary and Chief Barbequer. We appreciate everything that you do!



Blue Mountains Football Club Volunteer of the Month

Rod De Bie - Ground official



If you've spent any time around BMFC, chances are Rod has already made you feel welcome. He's the fabric of this club, having played at the club since he was a child, his passion for football runs deep, and it shows in how he welcomes everyone and champions every member's involvement.

This month, that spirit showed in a different way: quick thinking on a safety issue meant it was identified and properly resolved before it became a bigger problem.

Thank you, Rod, for everything you do. BMFC is lucky to have you.



Colo Soccer Football Club Volunteer of the Month

Carolyn Viera - Social Media Manager



Carolyn, the matriarch of a very Colo invested and involved family, is our quiet achiever; she just gets things done. Carolyn does an amazing job of creating and managing our social media posts and also recently started and produces our monthly club newsletter. Carolyn can also be found quietly ironing out little issues before they become big issues, the little ones that we might not even realise we had. She's always on the ball, one step ahead of the rest, knows all the ins and outs, and brings cohesion and calm to the committee.



Glenmore Park Football Club Volunteer of the Month

Philippa Mahlenhoff - Committee Member



Philippa has given up hours of her time every weekend to ensure the grounds are set up and prepared for our members.

She has become an integral part of our committee and is a valued member of an important subcommittee. Her commitment and willingness to contribute each weekend have made a significant difference to our club.



Henry Lawson Football Club Volunteer of the Month

Peta Littlee - canteen



Peta plays an important role in supporting the day-to-day operations of our club. She manages the canteen, ensuring it is opened and ready for staff each day. She sets up and maintains the BBQ area, coordinates and completes shopping for supplies, and collects fresh bread as required. In addition, Peta helps maintain and monitor our grounds, contributing to a clean, safe, and well-presented environment. Her reliability and willingness to assist across a variety of tasks make her a valued member of the team.



Nepean Dragons FC Volunteer of the Month

Pip Graham - Committee Member



Pip joined the Nepean Dragons Committee for the first time in 2026 after being a valued member of the club community for a number of years. Since joining the committee, she has been an active and engaged participant, consistently contributing to discussions and always stepping forward whenever help is needed.



Whether it's creating balloon garlands for our upcoming Gala Day and Presentation Day, sourcing equipment and supplies, volunteering at the Saturday morning BBQ, or lending a hand wherever required, Pip approaches every task with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. Her willingness to help behind the scenes ensures that events and club activities run smoothly.

Pip's generosity, dedication, and can-do spirit have made a significant contribution to the success of the Nepean Dragons in 2026.

Her commitment to supporting the club and its members is greatly appreciated, and she is a truly deserving recipient of recognition for her outstanding volunteer service.

Penrith Football Club Volunteer of the Month

Stan Stafford - General Committee



For years, Stan has been the reason our BBQ fires up every Saturday and Sunday. Sure, the club would keep going without him — but it wouldn't be the same. Stan puts the club before anything else, often sacrificing family time and putting the club's needs before his own.



Much of what he does goes unseen, but the impact is felt by every team, every parent, every player who grabs a sausage sandwich or a cold drink on game day.

Penrith Rovers Football Club Volunteer of the Month

Sue Clark - Volunteer & Legend



Some volunteers make an impact through grand gestures. Others simply turn up, week after week, quietly making everything around them better. Sue Clark is proudly the latter.

If you've spent any time around Hickey's Park of a weekend, chances are you've seen Sue's friendly smile floating around the clubhouse. One minute she's stocking shelves, the next she's serving customers in the canteen, and before you know it she's ticking off another one of the countless little jobs that keep a community football club running. If something needs doing, Sue is already halfway through it before anyone has the chance to ask.

What makes Sue's contribution so remarkable is that she isn't a committee member. She doesn't have a team to manage or coach, and she doesn't even have a family member currently involved at the club. She simply turns up because she wants to help - or is it that she just simply loves to spend time stirring up the president with her partner in crime Kath?!

In a world where everyone seems to be short on time, Sue somehow finds plenty to give. She arrives every weekend with enthusiasm, laughter, a warm smile and an infectious spirit that lifts everyone around her. She never seeks recognition, never asks for thanks and never expects anything in return. She simply rolls up her sleeves and gets stuck in.

Sue is the purest example of what community volunteering is all about. She reminds us that football clubs aren't just built by players and coaches. They're built by people with big hearts who care enough to make a difference.

The funny part is... Sue probably still thinks she's "just helping out."

What Sue doesn't realise is that we've already completed the adoption paperwork. There was no cooling-off period, no transfer fee and absolutely no release clause. She is officially part of the Penrith Rovers family for life. Once you've volunteered with this much heart, there's simply no escaping us.

Sue embodies everything it means to be a Wild Rover. Her kindness, generosity and selfless commitment make our club a better place every single weekend.

Sue, thank you for everything you do. Your time, your positivity and your unwavering willingness to help never go unnoticed. Penrith Rovers Football Club is incredibly fortunate to have you as part of our family, and we couldn't think of a more deserving recipient for this nomination.

Once a Wild Rover, always a Wild Rover. 🍀

Springwood United Football Club Volunteer of the Month

Jimmy Bowman - Cadet Referee and Under 15's player



Jimmy is a great young player, teammate and cadet referee at our football club.



Jimmy turns up to the ground early every Saturday morning with his mum Kahli, our Merch officer, and helps set up the miniroos fields with his brother Brady without being asked. On top of this he is also one of our leading cadet referees who often steps up at the last minute to cover games where there isn't a referee available. At times he even races back from games that he has just played at away grounds to help out, He even vacuumed our whole clubhouse before we had our team photos in the last week. As a club we are very lucky to have Jimmy as part of it.

St. Clair United Soccer Club Volunteer of the Month

Laura Alcorn - Secretary



Laura is the heart and soul of St Clair United Soccer Club. She is the driving force behind the club, ensuring everything runs smoothly week to week.



The time, effort, and countless hours Laura devotes to the club is truly amazing, and simply unmatched. Absolute legend Laura...one of a kind. You are truly appreciated by all

St. Marys Convent Soccer Club Volunteer of the Month

Aaron Newell - U7 Lions Manager



When his son's team play at Gipps St Aaron turns up first thing and starts cooking on the BBQ. No asking if we need help, straight in and stays until his manager duties drag him away.



He often returns after his son's game if we need assistance. Good for a chat. Takes pressure off the committee at the start of the day when we are all running around setting up for the day.

Wollemi Football Club Volunteer of the Month

Francis Mooney - 16 Boys Div 3 Coach



Francis Mooney has been an outstanding coach for our Under 16 Division 3 team this season. His dedication, passion, and commitment to the boys have created a positive and supportive team environment where every player feels valued.



Francis has worked tirelessly to keep the team united, motivated, and enjoying their football, regardless of the challenges throughout the season. His leadership has helped build strong team spirit, and the boys are having a fantastic season thanks to his encouragement, guidance, and unwavering support.