



The Red Onion Creative Ballarat Football Netball League held its junior presentation night (Robert Allan Medal) at the Mecure Ballarat last night with 650 people attending.

Lake Wendouree were well represented and we congratulate the following award winners:-

Netball Best & Fairest Winners

Under 14 - Eva Gillett (Lake Wendouree) - 27 votes

Eva has had a big impact on the U/14 Senior competition this year, polling 27 votes and 7 best on court performances this season. Eva has lead Lake Wendouree from the front, helping them finish second on the ladder and looking strong leading into finals. Eva will be looking to continue her great form against North Ballarat this weekend, where she was named best on court in their last clash.

*Runners Up: Charlotte Todd - Under 12's
Courtney O'Connell - Under 16.5's*

U14 Reserves Coach of the Year - Rebecca Conroy (Lake Wendouree)

Rebecca's greatest strength is her outstanding communication skills. She is always available, approachable and consistent when she speaks with players, parents, opposition coaches and other coaches and team managers. Rebecca's calm and friendly nature ensures that the players in her team feel very comfortable asking her questions and advice. Rebecca is described as a role model to the girls that she coaches.

2013 Junior Netball Administrator of the Year

Kate Raven (Lake Wendouree FNC)

The 2013 Junior Netball Coordinator of the year started for their club in late 2011 in preparation for the beginning of the BFNL Junior Netball Competition. This person is an honest and open communicator with all coaches, volunteers, parents, players and the league which is testament to the smooth running of their club's Junior Netball program. This club has a strong support team of volunteers who have been able to take on a mix of duties for the club including the arduous task of the new My Netball system. This person has worked hard at implementing the right tools and processes to mentor volunteers for club positions to develop an ongoing succession plan to place the club in good stead for the future.

Merv & Mary Howard Junior Club Champion

Merv Howard was a long time football administrator in the Ballarat Region, and gave over 40 years service to football in the BFL, BFL Junior competition and to the VCFL. Tragically, Merv & his wife Mary were killed in the Port Arthur massacre and the BFL have honoured their memory by creating this prestigious award to the "Champion Club" of the BFL Junior competition.

The Merv & Mary Howard Memorial Shield for the Junior Club Championships is voted upon as follows:

3 points for an Under 16.5 Senior and Reserve win
2 points for an Under 14 Senior and Reserve win
1 Point for an Under 12 Senior and Reserve win

3 points for an Under 16.5 Netball and Reserve win
2 points for an Under 14 Netball and Reserve win
1 Point for an Under 12 Netball and Reserve win

Club Standings:

Equal 2nd Lake Wendouree Junior Football Club - 262.5 points

To highlight the improvement in the playing group, below is a breakdown of the past 6 years performance, being teams playing finals and overall wins as determined in the Merv & Mary Howard Award. Each win is rewarded with points depending on the grade. (Note from 2012 netball has been included but not Youth Girls)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Finals	1	0	3	1	8	10
Merv & Mary Howard Award Points	36.5	29	49	60.5	168	262.5
Merv & Mary Howard Award Ladder Position	9	9	9	7	4	2

This table demonstrates that the hard work done by the coaches and mentors in developing our players is starting to show results.

A big thank you to all our coaches, team managers, runners, volunteers and mentors who have done a fantastic job throughout the year to ensure that our boys and girls improve their skills and compete in a sportsmanlike manner.

Special Presentation

Ballarat FL Football & Netball League CEO Rod Ward made a presentation to local footballers who have achieved state or national representation throughout 2012.

Congratulations to **Todd Lawrence (Lake Wendouree)** - Selected to represent Country Victoria in the U/15 Australian School Sports Championships.

2013 Junior Football Administrator of the Year

Natalee McKay (Lake Wendouree FC)

Natalee took on the role of Junior Coordinator at the Lake Wendouree Football Netball Club 4 years ago and has supported the committee in other capacities in years prior to this. Nat has not only grown in the role across that 4 years, but is also a respected leader of the club as she takes on the responsibility of leading and teaching new volunteers in various roles with the club structure. Nat never misses league meetings and is only too willing to work with the league in making the BFL junior competition the best in the State. Well done Nat on this very well deserved award.

The night was a wonderful recognition of the hard work by all our coaches, mentors, volunteers and players.

Congratulations!!