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100 YEARS OF FEMALE FOOTBALL

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100 YEARS OF FEMALE FOOTBALL

PERTH BIRTHED THE START

Silk stockings, voluminous skirts and shoes are not exactly the best apparel to play footy in but that's what the first recorded ladies wore when they took to the oval in Perth in 1915. Two Foy & Gibson teams began playing matches as charity fundraisers. The competition expanded to include teams from other major retailers of the day, including Boans, Economic and Bon Marche. Charity games in particular was the motive for the women playing initially but as games spread to regional WA and other states, leagues were developed. Kalgoorlie is the first recorded evidence of an organised women's league with four teams playing in 1921.

NEW LOOK TO 2014 NATIONALS

The fifth AFL Youth Girls National Championships was the most exciting yet featuring new teams and new winners. Tasmania and Northern Territory combined to form the Thunder Devils, the Woomeras competed for the first time and Western Australia finally became victors after five years of being the bridesmaid!

Hosted by AFL NSWACT and conducted at brand new Gunghalin Stadium in Canberra, the players produced some exhilarating skills.

The Northern Territory and Tasmania formed the Thunder Devils providing half the playing group and coaching panels each. The plan is for both to develop 'stand alone' teams of their own.

The Woomeras drew on Indigenous girls from around Australia who were unable to make their State team or have limited access to regular Club competitions. Coming together for the first time the day before the Championships commenced the girls got better the longer the week went. Playing a sublime style of football the Woomeras took out the Pool B title. In a display of accurate foot passing and hard running they defeated a galant NSWACT who provided their home crowd with an entertaining brand of football. Every year the Blues improve their skills and become more competitive.

Western Australia looked the better team all week despite losing the opening round to Victoria Metro going down by 5 points in that game. With a more experienced team the Black Ducks comfortably beat all comers and produced their best football in the Grand Final overcoming the younger Vic's. Conversely the Vic's struggled to execute their game plan with any consistency staggering across the line by one point against Queensland in a brutal Round 2 encounter and succumbing to the relentless pressure WA applied in the Grand Final.

All Australian ruck Sabrina Frederick-Traub dominated the hit outs in the Grand Final allowing fellow All Australians Kellie- Marie Gibson and Hayley Miller to find space and drive WA forward. Miller capped off a stellar Championships taking out the Best on Ground in the Final as well as sharing Championship Fairest and Best honours with Vic Country's Lily Mithen. WA could have sealed the game much earlier but inaccuracy gave the Vic's a small window. Full forward and All Australian Asha Price proved a handful for the Vic defence taking strong marks and booting 3 goals to seal the first victory by a non -Victorian team of any level in any female Nationals.

GRAND FINAL RESULT

Score: WA 7.8 (50) d Vic Metro 4.1 (25)
Goals: WA – Price (3), Gibson (2), Cassie Davidson, Ashley Sharp (1)
Vic Metro – Georgia Gourlay, Isabel Huntington, Emily Browning, Alexander Quigley (1)
Best: WA – Miller, Gibson, Frederick-Traub, Tayla Bresland, Cassie Davidson, Tarni Golisano
Vic Metro – Brittany Bonnici, Huntington, Gourlay, Browning, Rosie Dillon, Georgia Fisher

2014 FINALS

3rd and 4th	Pool A	**Q** 6.10 (46)	d	**Vic Country** 3.3 (21)
1st and 2nd	Pool B	**Woomeras** 6.3 (39)	d	**NSWACT** 4.4 (28)
3rd and 4th	Pool B	**SA** 11.5 (71)	d	**TD** 4.6 (30)

2014 MATCH RESULTS

Pool B

Woomeras 6.4 (40)	d	**TD** 4.6 (20)
SA 4.7 (31)	d	**NSWACT** 5.1 (31)
NSWACT 7.1 (43)	d	**TD** 4.5 (29)
Woomeras 6.1 (37)	d	**SA** 4.3 (27)
TD 9.8 (62)	d	**SA** 6.7 (43)
NSWACT 8.5 (51)	d	**Woomeras** 4.1 (25)

Pool A

Vic Metro 4.4 (28)	d	**WA** 3.5 (23)
QLD 5.5 (41)	d	**Vic Country** 1.6 (12)
WA 11.6 (72)	d	**Vic Country** 1.2 (8)
Vic Metro 1.3 (9)	d	**QLD** 1.2 (8)
WA 7.5 (61)	d	**QLD** 0.3 (3)
Vic Metro 4.4 (28)	d	**Vic Country** 3.5 (23)

WELCOME FROM THE AFL

Following the first successful regionally based Youth Girls Nationals conducted in Shepparton (Victoria), the AFL is delighted to again take the championships to the country, this time in Western Australia. We thank the WA Football Commission and the City of Mandurah for providing the opportunity for regional West Australians to see the best young female footballers in action.

This year is an important milestone in the development of female football given it's 100 years since the first recorded match was played between two women's teams. It is even more fitting that Western Australia should be hosting the Youth Girls as it was in Perth in 1915 that two teams from the then retail store Foy and Gibson's played against each other. In this instance, the men went off to fight in World War 1 whilst the women donned their jumpers to support their war efforts and keep football going.

Whilst it's been 100 years since the first match was played, the development of female football is still in its relative infancy. Despite this, the last 5 years have been important in showcasing the opportunity available to all women and girls that want to play Australian Football, leading to more than 194,000 participating in 2014.. Whilst most of this growth is through introducing the game in the school environment, the number of females participating at a community club has doubled in recent seasons. In 2015, the AFL intends to invest in the creating of at least 100 new teams in junior and youth girls as well as providing support to educate more coaches and recruit and train more umpires to for these competitions.

In this, the 6th installment of the Youth Girls Nationals, Northern Territory and Tasmania will again combine as the Thunder Devils and will be wearing a new jumper to mark the occasion. Inaugural winners from Division 2 in 2014 the Woomeras will again participate despite many of their 2014 players having been selected in their State teams. Aspiring to play for your State from the Kickstart Championships is a key outcome of the carnival so to see these girls move up the pathway is terrific to see.

So congratulations to all for being selected to represent your State. On behalf of the AFL, I wish all teams the best of luck for the Championships and hope you thoroughly enjoy your time in the City of Mandurah.

Josh Vanderloo
AFL National Development Manager

MESSAGE FROM THE HOST STATE

On behalf of the West Australian Football Commission, I am delighted to welcome you to the 2015 AFL Youth Girls Championships. We are proud to host the best young footballers from around the country at this event, which is being held in WA for the very first time. We are thrilled that Western Australia's Youth Girls will have the chance to defend their national title on home soil after last year becoming the first team outside Victoria to win the Championships.

Female football is the fastest growing segment of the game in our state with more than 33,500 participants making up 18% of total participation. In 2014 alone, female football in WA had a participation increase of 78%. To support this growth the WAFC developed strategies to engage more female players and coaches and last year hosted the first Female Only Level 1 Coaching Course.

We are therefore very excited to see the extra development opportunities for schools, female talent, coaches and umpires within Mandurah and the Peel region that the Youth Girls Championships will generate. It's an amazing opportunity for developing athletes to gain experience and for our local youth to be involved in an event of this calibre.

The Youth Girls Championships have gone from strength to strength in the five years they have been running and I'm confident we will see the strongest line up of talented young women yet at this year's event. Congratulations to AFL Female Football Manager Jan Cooper, WA Female High Performance Manager Alison Moore and the dedicated female football managers in each state and territory that make these championships possible and continue to grow and develop opportunities for female football participants.

I would also like to thank the volunteers involved with making these Championships an ongoing success. Their work, along with the thousands of others in the football community, is critical to ensuring the games of football we all enjoy so much are possible.

Thank you also to the parents who have supported their daughters to be here this week. I'm sure you will agree that being involved in the National Championships is a tremendous development opportunity from both a sporting a personal perspective.

The support of the City of Mandurah and Peel Thunder Football Club in hosting this event at such a high-quality facility must also be recognised. I know they are both extremely supportive of seeing female football promoted and acknowledged on the national stage. Finally, I would like to wish all the teams and participants the very best of luck this week, I hope you all enjoy the experience.

Gary Walton
CEO WA Football Commission

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF MANDURAH

Welcome to Mandurah for the 2015 AFL Youth Girls National Championships.

The City of Mandurah is extremely proud to support the championships. There has been considerable growth in the popularity of female football in WA.

Mandurah has a rich female connection having produced original AFL Women's Draft Melbourne FC player, Emma Swanson. Emma joins outstanding triumphant 2014 State Youth Girls players from the Peel District in Sabrina Federick-Traub, Tayla Bresland, Demi Okely, Cassie Davidson, Kate Beswick, Courtney Ugle, Kerrilee Brown and Aleisha Tinker. Many of these girls will be playing in this year's AFL Youth Girls National Championships, and some of the older girls will represent WA in the State Women's game to be played against Victoria at Domain Stadium on the 5th of June.

Rushton Park is an excellent facility and a great arena to showcase the talent of young girls playing at the top of their field while representing their state in AFL.

The modern state of the art facility will provide the best opportunity to ensure a successful tournament, featuring one of the best playing surfaces in the WAFL competition, well equipped change rooms and a 1,000 seat grandstand.

By hosting the championships here in the Peel region we hope to encourage participation from both metro and country players, umpires, coaches and spectators from the South West as well as the rest of WA.

Visiting spectators, players and supporters of the championships are invited to experience our beautiful City and the best of the Peel Region during the stay. Situated on the expansive waterways of the Peel-Harvey Estuary, the lower reaches of the Serpentine River and on the doorstep of the state's south west there is something for everyone.

Don't forget to keep an eye out for the local dolphins that can be seen most days swimming in the estuary.

I wish all teams the best of luck.

Mayor Marina Vergone

MATCH PROGRAM

A POOL: Western Australia, Victoria Metro, Queensland, Victoria Country
B POOL: Woomeras, NSWACT, South Australia, Thunder Devils

DAY 1 – SUNDAY 3 MAY • MANDURAH

Head Coach and Team Managers' meeting with Championship and Umpires Managers.

DAY 2 – MONDAY 4 MAY • BENDIGO STADIUM

START	END	MATCH #	HOME	AWAY
9.00am	9.45am		Welcome Ceremony	
10.30am	11.54am	1	Woomeras	NSWACT
12.15pm	1.39pm	2	Vic Country	QLD
2.10pm	3.34pm	3	SA	Thunder Devils
4.00pm	5.24pm	4	WA	Vic Metro

DAY 3 – TUESDAY 5 MAY • BENDIGO STADIUM

START	END	MATCH #	HOME	AWAY
10.30am	11.54am	5	Thunder Devils	Woomeras
12.15pm	1.39pm	6	Vic Country	Vic Metro
2.10pm	3.34pm	7	NSWACT	SA
4.00pm	5.24pm	8	QLD	WA

DAY 4 – WEDNESDAY 6 MAY

REST DAY- GAME DEVELOPMENT CLINICS

DAY 5 – THURSDAY 7 MAY • BENDIGO STADIUM

START	END	MATCH #	HOME	AWAY
10.30am	11.54am	9	NSWACT	Thunder Devils
12.15pm	1.39pm	10	Vic Metro	QLD
2.10pm	3.34pm	11	Woomeras	SA
4.00pm	5.24pm	12	WA	Vic Country

DAY 6 – FRIDAY 8 MAY • GRAND FINALS • BENDIGO STADIUM

START	END	MATCH #	HOME	AWAY
10.15am	11.39am	3B v 4 B	3B	4B
12.00noon	1.24pm	3A v 4 A	3A	4A
1.55pm	3.19pm	1B v 2 B	1B	2B
3.45pm	5.09pm	1A v 2 A	1A	2A

AWARDS 2014

YEAR	TEAM	FAIREST AND BEST	LEADING GOAL SCORER
2010	Victoria	Katie Brennan (QLD)	Sarah Noga (WA) 13 goals
2011	Victoria	Ellie Blackburn (V)	Ellie Blackburn 7 goals
2012	Victoria Metro	Cailtin Williams (SA)	Jasmine Garner (VM)11 goals
2013	Victoria Metro	Ellie Blackburn (VM)	Kira Philips (WA) 16 goals
2014	Western Australia	Hayley Miller (WA) & Lily Mithen (VC)	Asha Price (WA)16 goals

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FB:	Lily Mithen (VC)	Shannon Campbell (QLD)	Karly Tapner (VM)
B:	Isabel Huntington (VM)	Bethany Pinchin (QLD)	Hayley Miller (WA)
C:	Danielle Ponter (TD)	Kellie-Marie Gibson (WA)	Shae Gundlach (SA)
HF:	Deanna Berry (VM)	Sarah Allan (SA)	Rebecca Beeson (NSWACT)
FF:	Shaelise Fisher (W)	Asha Price (WA)	Isabella Ayre (VC)
Rucks:	Sabrina Frederick-Traub (WA)	Brittany Bonnici (VM)	Jodie Hicks (NSWACT)
Inter:	Tayla Harris (QLD)	Eliza Shannon (VC)	Caitlyn Edwards (WA)
	Tarnica Golisano (WA)		
Umpire	Hugh Merrett (SA)		

GREEN = 2013 – 2014 AA members

Championships Fairest and Best: Hayley Miller (WA) and Lily Mithen (VC)

Hayley Miller (WA) won Best on Ground for the Grand Final in addition to her joint Best of Championships. Miller was drafted by Melbourne Football Club in the 2014 Women's Exhibition Game and impressed with a solid defensive effort.

Leading goal scorer: Asha Price (WA)

16 goals, (including 8 in one game equalling the 2013 record set by Kira Phillips,WA)

Lily Mithen (VC) and Hayley Miller (WA)

Asha Price

FIRST AFL FEMALE FIELD UMPIRE GETS CLOSER

The AFL may soon have female field umpires taking charge of AFL Premiership matches following the introduction of a Female Field Umpire Pathway Scholarship.

One of the two scholarship recipients, Lucinda Lopes from Victoria, officiated in the 2014 edition of the Youth Girls Nationals. She joins South Australian Eleni Glouftsis as inaugural scholars of the Female Field Umpire Pathway.

Former AFL Grand Final Umpire and 400 gamer Stephen McBurney will coach Lopes and Glouftsis. They will also train one night a week with the AFL umpires in Melbourne, as well as one night a week with the VFL umpires. Their scholarship includes personal development opportunities as well as umpiring experience to fast track their development towards umpiring AFL football.

The AFL is focused on growing the pool of umpires from diverse backgrounds, including Females. Umpiring offers females an opportunity to get in the game and feel the adrenalin that is umpiring Australia's Game. If you are interested in becoming an umpire, visit getinthegame.com.au to register your interest.

TALENT PATHWAY BACK AGAIN

Talent Pathway field umpires will again umpire the 2015 Youth Girls National Championships. This follows on from last year, which was the first year the AFL Umpiring Department has managed the umpiring program as part of the first step in the National Talent Pathway.

This year, 10 umpires from throughout Australia will come together to officiate in all matches of the Championships. They will be supported by boundary and goal umpires from WA's umpiring ranks.

The AFL Umpiring Department utilizes these Championships as an early identifier for future talent as well as an opportunity to develop the talented umpires in a high performance environment.

If you want to learn more about the umpiring pathways and programs, visit afl.com.au/umpires.

Championship Field Umpires

Jacob Carroll (Victoria)
Darby Thurtell (Western Australia)
Connor Hayes (South Australia)
Luke Wittenberg (south Australia)
Michael Willcox (Tasmania)
Brodie Rayner (Northern Territory)
Lachlan Head (New South Wales)
Alex Pannell (Western Australia)
Lincoln Jones (Queensland)
Libby Toovey (Victoria)

LAST HURRAH FOR HARRIS

Queensland's (QLD) Youth Girls sensation Tayla Harris first came to the attention of the football world as a lanky 13 year old with an amazing leap. Harris rolled up to participate in the QLD State Championships but was turned away because she was too young! She returned the following year and made the QLD Youth Girls team. A raw talent Harris dominated the ruck contests in Adelaide in 2011 only lowering her colours to the more experienced Victorian ruck and more physical WA ball palmers.

Since those early days, Harris has worked on her craft. In 2013 her athleticism saw her leap above her opposition to make the All Australian team as the ruck. In Canberra last year Harris dominated both the ruck and contests around the ground. She proved a rock in defence repelling numerous opposition attacks grabbing an average of ten marks every game. They ranged from leaping above four player packs to courageously backing into packs. Harris was rarely outmarked in any one on one contests.

She only stumbled in the ruck when opposed to the more experienced Sabrina Frederick-Traub (WA) who outmuscled her when Queensland opposed WA. The young ruck found it difficult to manouvre around Frederick-Traub but still played strongly around the ground.

Also vying for the All Australian ruck position will be Sarah Allan from South Australia. Both players have excellent leaps and good tactical minds. Harris will be determined to get the position given this is her final year of Youth Girls. She should not underestimate Allan's talent who will no doubt do her best to spoil Harris' last hurrah! However Allan will have to absolutely dominate given she is in Pool B and will not directly oppose Harris in Pool A.

THE HOSTS

Defending the title is going to be a tough ask in 2015 for home State, Western Australia. Losing sixteen players from their victorious 2014 team will make the title defence difficult. The coaching panel has a new look too. Michelle Cowan now heads the WA Women's State team campaign leaving opportunities for new coaches to challenge themselves at National Youth Girls level. Clint Degebrodt, WA's former Female Manager, heads a new panel of coaches.

Regardless the Black Ducks will put together a competitive side and will be spurred on by the home crowd. Peel is very passionate about their football with their female club, Peel Thunderbirds, supporting the Championships with volunteers and behind the scenes organisation.

PLAYERS TO WATCH ARE:

Asha Price: Was the record equalling lead goal scorer for the Champs in 2014. Provides a sound marking target up forward. Will find the going tougher with a less experienced midfield feeding her in 2015.

Claire Ortlepp: Clever and skilful Claire is a player of the future who will have an impact at these titles. Smart movement through the midfield and plenty of footy smarts makes Claire good to watch.

Beatrice Devlyn: Tall midfield running machine has a great thirst for hard work and will have to shoulder a big load in the engine room.

TEAM LIST

COLOURS: Gold and black

COACH: Clint Degebrodt **TEAM MANAGER:** Janet Seth

NO.	FAMILY NAME	GIVEN NAME	D.O.B	LOCAL CLUB
1	Sharp	Ashley	11/06/1997	Swan Districts
2	Okely	Demi	19/03/1997	Peel Thunderbirds
3	Brown	Kerrilee	07/04/1998	Peel Thunderbirds
4	Hardie	Ebonee	02/07/1998	Peel Thunderbirds
5	Devlyn	Beatrice	08/02/1998	South Fremantle
6	Hodder	Courtney	08/07/2000	Peel Thunderbirds
7	Ashley	Rachel	14/12/1998	Perth Angels
8	Cameron	Imahra	09/01/1997	South Fremantle
9	Marchetti	Evie	05/04/1997	South Fremantle
10	Kinsman	Jessica	21/05/1997	East Fremantle
11	Duffy	Sabreena	26/03/2000	Peel Thunderbirds
12	Ortlepp (V.Capt)	Claire	08/10/1997	Coastal Titans
13	Fenton	Jessica	17/11/1997	Peel Thunderbirds
14	Mason	Kayla	28/03/2000	Swan Districts
15	Garlett	Samantha	25/04/1997	South Fremantle
16	Ugle	Maddison	13/01/1999	Swan Districts
17	Stewart	Jasmin	04/11/1998	Claremont
18	Dorizzi	Sonia	28/01/1999	South Fremantle
19	Ortlepp	Rachel	08/10/1997	Coastal Titans
20	Fabry	Courtney	25/01/1999	Peel Thunderbirds
21	Gomes	Ashleigh	24/09/1997	East Fremantle
22	Price	Asha	22/04/1997	Swan Districts
23	Huggett	Zoe	14/04/1997	East Fremantle
24	Dorizzi	Shanaya	30/12/1997	South Fremantle
25	Strandly	Olivia	05/12/1998	SouthFremantle
26	Schleicher	Ruby	16/03/1998	East Fremantle
27	Adams	Megan	01/04/1998	East Fremantle
28	O'Brien	Erin	21/05/1998	Claremont
31	Gelmi (Capt)	Eliza	07/07/1997	Swan Districts
32	Bebbington	Hannah	27/01/1997	Coastal Titans
33	Tinker	Aleisha	17/02/1997	Peel Thunderbirds
34	Gilbert	Courtney	10/11/1997	Peel Thunderbirds
35	Ugle	Keesha	27/04/1998	Peel Thunderbirds
36	Johnson	Tyana	22/12/1997	East Fremantle
46	Sammut	Jessica	12/04/1997	Swan Districts

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BLUES DEVELOPMENT EXCITING

You never know what you're going to get with NSWACT! The non – traditional AFL State keeps unearthing exciting new talent as they develop the female pathway. Under the leadership of new coach, Tim Schmidt you can expect the player group to implement a more attacking style of play. Schmidt believes the team will build on their work in 2014 when they were runners up to the Woomeras and with their increasing talent pool are strong contenders for 2015. What they will bring to Mandurah is more experienced heads and a diversified playing group.

PLAYERS TO WATCH ARE:

Jodie Hicks – On the back of her stellar year in 2014 which saw her selected in the All Australian Team, Jodie is working to take her game to another level in 2015. She is a powerful ball getter, an exceptional decision maker and will lead by example on the park this year.

Rebecca Beeson continues to develop into a strong and exciting young female footballer. Heading into her final year of Youth Girls Bec is working to strengthen her dominance in the forward line and will be a key target for the NSW/ACT team. Expect an exciting and vivacious style of play from Bec.

Britt Walker's gutsy determination and uncanny ability to win the ball from players twice her size saw her achieve remarkable success in the U16 NSW team. As she steps up into the 18s program expect that her fitness, speed and shiny skills will provide a challenge for her opponents.

TEAM LIST

COLOURS: Sky blue, navy and gold

COACH: Tim Schmidt **TEAM MANAGER:** Ros McMahon-Bostick

NO.	FAMILY NAME	GIVEN NAME	D.O.B	LOCAL CLUB
1	Walker	Britt	10/05/2000	Riverina Lions
3	McKinnon	Erin	15/12/1998	Mosman Swans
4	Hicks	Jodie	19/01/1997	Riverina Lions
5	Clegg	Pippy	16/04/1998	Queenwood Stars
6	Beeson	Rebecca	20/02/1997	UNSW-ES Stingrays
7	Priftis	Angela	19/01/00	Maroubra Saints
9	Stewart	Ruby	13/09/1999	Riverina Lions
10	Zagari	Mikaela	9/10/1998	Maroubra Saints
11	Reid	Kate	03/04/1998	Queanbeyan Tigers
12	Pevere	Elisa	7/06/1998	Riverina Lions
13	Jones	Shania	20/4/1999	Lavington Panthers
14	Miller-Hill	Blaise	6/01/2000	Mosman Swans
15	Piercy	Jamila	4/12/1998	Riverina Lions
17	Lloyd	Sarah	16/07/1998	Riverina Lions
20	Reynolds	Kate	29/09/1997	Queenwood Stars
21	Kennedy	Nicola	20/07/1997	Wollongong Saints
25	Zrieka	Haneen	15/4/1999	Auburn Giants
29	Vella	Margot	11/04/1999	Maroubra Saints
28	Arndt	Chloe	28/11/1999	Drummoyne Power
31	Allen	Amber	09/12/1997	Ainslie Football Club
32	Hooper	Dakota	23/10/1998	Riverina Lions
33	Dobing	Kaitlyn	30/09/1998	Ainslie Football Club
39	Barnes	Sassa	7/08/1998	Queenwood Stars
40	Delgarno-Fixter	Ellie	11/09/1999	Riverina Lions
49	Hawke	Teigan	25/2/1997	Ainslie Football Club
51	Mason	Zoe	16/08/1998	Ainslie Football Club
53	Stonier	Greta	16/05/1998	Maroubra Saints

QUEENSLAND GETS SERIOUS

The Maroons fielded one of the youngest teams in 2014 and still finished a credible 3rd in Pool A. Whilst they were soundly beaten by eventual winners WA they lost to Vic Metro by one point in the most brutal and nail biting contest of the Championships.

With full time Female Talent Manager, Craig Starcevich, again at the helm it would not be surprising to see Queensland play off in the Grand Final. The northerners have conducted a series of trial matches to ensure their State team is game hardened. Lead by Youth Girls sensation, Tayla Harris, they will be hard to beat in the midfield.

Starcevich is wrapt in the progress of Tayla Harris and Tahlia Randall in particular. He said, "those who have followed women's football over the last 12 months will be familiar with Tayla's aerial and offensive abilities, however what has been most pleasing has been her development as a leader and willingness to impact defensively during a game." Starcevich added, "Tahlia has the size and athletic ability to play in a number of roles. She is equally adept as a stoppage and clearance player as she is an outside, tall running winger. She also displays great leadership attributes and works as hard defensively as offensively."

PLAYERS TO WATCH ARE:

Tayla Harris – in her last year of Youth Girls will be looking to dominate the ruck contests and should thrill the crowd with some spectacular overhead marking.

Tahlia Randall – this will be her first year at Youth Girls level after being named player of the carnival at last year's School Sport Nationals in Sydney.

TEAM LIST

COLOURS: Maroon and white

COACH: Craig Starcevich **TEAM MANAGER:** Breeanna Brock

NO.	FAMILY NAME	GIVEN NAME	D.O.B	LOCAL CLUB
1	Howarth	Kalinda	2/8/1999	Southport Sharks
2	Collingwood	Gabby	15/1/1999	Jindalee Jaguars
3	Winterbottom	Regan	18/12/1997	Springwood Pumas/Yeronga
4	King	Elisha	15/6/1999	Manunda Hawks/North Cairns Tigers
5	Law	Shaleise	24/7/1998	Toowoomba South Bombers
6	Davidson	Hannah	22/6/1997	Rockhampton Panthers
7	Harris	Tayla	16/4/1997	Aspley Hornets/Zillmere Eagles
8	Ransfield	Jade	30/8/1997	Calamvale Leopards/Yeronga
9	Klose	Samantha	5/9/1998	Mayne Tigers/Zillmere Eagles
10	Clarke	Arianna	16/8/1999	Broadbeach Cats
11	Watts	Jess	20/2/1998	Carrara Saints/Broadbeach Cats
12	Krautz	Grace	2/4/1997	Rookie
13	Hughes	Jessica	22/6/1997	Rookie
14	Coe	Madeline	28/11/1999	Broadbeach Cats
15	Green	Alicia	18/5/1998	Burleigh Bombers
16	Randall	Tahlia	29/5/1998	Kawana Park/Maroochydore
19	Perry	Alanna	19/12/1999	Ipswich Cats
20	Freeman	Bella	25/6/1998	Coolum Beach Breakers
21	Henning	Jessi	15/8/1999	Dalby Swans
22	Healy	Luana	9/5/1997	North Cairns Tigers
23	Smyth	Jordan	22/5/1997	University of Qld Lions
24	Clark	Nicola	4/7/1998	Moreton Bay Lions/Zillmere Eagles
25	Dunne	Taivia	30/10/1999	Brothers Rockhampton
26	Milns	Rachael	30/1/1997	Ipswich Cats/Calamvale Leopards
28	Thompson	Lucy	7/6/1997	Zillmere Eagles
29	Wall	Danielle	19/2/1997	Dalby Swans
30	Ketchup	Tashina	21/10/1998	Glenmore Bulls

NEW LOOK FOR SA

South Australia has something to crow about. New leadership in the SANFL has meant a huge increase in support for all female programs. With new processes in place to support female talent development the Youth Girls State team take on a different look in 2015.

Whilst the team finished strongly in their 2014 Champs they let themselves down by not working hard enough in the early games. This is unlikely to happen in their 2015 campaign with new coach Bill Economou keen to ensure the girls develop a culture of working for each other and take pride in representing their State.

PLAYERS TO WATCH ARE:

Sarah Allan – an AFL Academy 14 member who toured New Zealand successfully continues to build on her enormous potential. Set to electrify in the ruck in Pool B.

Ebony Marinoff – a bustling midfielder who isn't afraid of putting her body on the line for her team mates.

TEAM LIST

COLOURS: Red, royal blue and gold

COACH: Bill Economou **TEAM MANAGER:** Nicolle Orr

NO.	FAMILY NAME	GIVEN NAME	D.O.B	LOCAL CLUB
1	Boles	Esther	03/08/2000	Central Augusta FC
2	Fitzgibbons	Layla	17/10/2000	Christies Beach FC
3	Sonneman	Demi	17/04/1997	Salisbury FC
4	Milham	Sarah	12/02/1997	Morphettville Park WFC
5	Gundlach	Shae	10/07/1997	Salisbury FC
6	Pavlovich	Hannah	13/01/1997	Salisbury FC
7	Mills	Gabrielle	22/05/1999	Woodville South FC
8	Kellock	Ellie	27/05/1997	Morphettville Park WFC
10	Allan	Jessica	26/05/1999	South East Academy
12	Allan	Ruby	17/08/1997	Angle Vale FC
13	Walling	Brianna	26/09/1999	Morphettville Park WFC
14	Nash-Hahn	Tamika	14/07/1999	South East Academy
15	Marinoff	Ebony	15/11/1997	Morphettville Park WFC
16	woodland	Ashleigh	09/09/1998	Salisbury FC
17	Gore	Nikki	11/12/2000	Christies Beach FC
18	Howell	Sheridan	17/04/1997	Port Adelaide WFC
19	Howell	Kendall	17/04/1997	Port Adelaide WFC
21	Allan	Sarah	19/11/1997	Salisbury FC
24	Christensen	Kyesha	04/05/1999	Salisbury FC
25	Cox	Tally	11/03/1998	Morphettville Park WFC
26	Eastwood	Taylah	15/04/1998	Morphettville Park WFC
28	Allan	Paige	11/06/1998	Salisbury FC
29	Jones	Tammara	16/04/1998	Salisbury FC
31	Jensen	Courtney	07/05/1997	Angle Vale FC
32	Czernich-Pearce	Amy	08/05/1997	Morphettville Park WFC
35	Mackrill	Tait	03/09/1999	Morphettville Park WFC

THUNDER DEVILS PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES

Meeting the toughest of challenges the Thunder Devils combine the best players and coaches from the Northern Territory and Tasmania. Both regions are still in their infancy in terms of female talent programs but are both developing strongly.

Whilst the team of 2014 came together for the first time the day before their first Nationals game, the 2015 Thunder Devils will have some return players so this experienced core will be invaluable to assist the new group.

High Performance Manager of AFLNT, Wally Gallio said, "Players from 2014 that are returning will be better prepared and have a better understanding of what is required at this level and the new players will have support to help them transition into this unique concept that the NT and Tasmania have at this years National Youth Girls Titles."

PLAYERS TO WATCH ARE:

Danielle Ponter (NT) Medium size midfielder that possess good skills with a positive outlook and leadership. Can play in a variety of positions and continues to grow with each game Danielle plays.

Ellyse Gamble (TAS) Athletic ruckman who has ability to push forward and kick goals and is developing quickly. She is a leader on and off the field and shows the qualities of a great footballer and part of the leadership group of the inaugural Thunder Devils team.

TEAM LIST

COLOURS: White jumpers with ochre, gold, green lightning stripes and black shorts
COACHS: Natasha Bennett (NT), Bryan Ahmat (NT) Andy Smith(TAS)
TEAM MANAGER: Sophie Edwards

NO.	FAMILY NAME	GIVEN NAME	D.O.B	LOCAL CLUB
	Gamble	Ellyse	16/09/1997	Burnie Dockers
	Radford	Danielle	17/01/1997	Burnie Dockers
	Manjerovic	Zabreena	28/06/1998	Glenorchy
	Webb	Courtney	30/11/1999	Launceston
	Harris	Shannon	24/07/1999	Clarence
	Stubbs	Kaylee	27/02/1997	Clarence
	Whyte	Hayley	21/05/1997	Launceston
	Stubblings	Montana	18/11/1998	Evandale
	Hill	Georgia	24/01/1999	Evandale
	Knight	Zoe	09/02/1999	Latrobe
	Huxtable	Grace	22/01/1999	Latrobe
	Skinner	Sarah	15/10/1999	Latrobe
	Stevenson	Lauren	04/08/1999	Latrobe
	Jenkins	Shaye	14/08/1999	Glenorchy
	Cornish	Elsie	03/04/1997	Launceston
	Bakes	Kalila	21/08/1997	Burnie Dockers
	Williams	Jasmine	18/05/1997	Burnie Dockers
	Thorn	Tayla	31/05/1998	Palmerston Football Club
	Chittick	Amy	15/12/1997	Waratah
	Ponter	Dannielle	08/01/2000	St Marys
	Watson	Jaz	06/07/1998	Nightcliff
	Garrawurra	Ashanti	12/08/1997	St Mary's
	Coombes	Alana	27/03/1998	St Mary's
	Grier	Brodie	05/10/1999	Darwin
	Alimankinni	Kloe	24/04/1997	St Mary's
	Stassi	Jessica	05/07/1998	Palmerston
	Wonaeamirri	Elanora	20/02/1997	St Mary's
	Long	Michaela	01/07/1997	St Mary's
	Bundamurra	Montanna	24/11/1999	Tiwi Islands
	Moreen	Arthurina	02/03/2000	Tiwi Islands
	Heenan	Jerrica	05/02/2000	Tiwi Islands
	Whitehead	Courtney	06/07/1999)	Tiwi Islands

VIC COUNTRY WILL FEEL AT HOME

Never underestimate Victoria Country! Usually the girls bond during a training session prior to the Welcome Ceremony at the Nationals. This year they'll be bonding on the flight to Perth and bus trip to Mandurah. Deemed 'country' in WA football the Vic Country team should feel right at home playing at Bendigo Stadium!

The team will also retain a core of experienced players such as Lily Mithen, Temikka Beeston, and 2014 All Australian, Isabella Ayre from last year's competitive unit.

PLAYERS TO WATCH ARE:

Lily Mithen – joint Championship Fairest and Best 2014, Mithen still has a few more years of Youth Girls. She is maturing into a fine on field leader as well as being a hard working competitive player.

Shani Dixon- Top aged Dixon is in great form and her game has benefitted from having access to a regular community Youth Girls football competition in Gippsland. A tough inside midfielder with an incomparable work ethic.

Ainslie Kemp is In her final year at the Championships, Kemp is the epitome of great leadership both on and off the field. Versatile and skilful, Kemp will play an important part of Vic Country's growth at the Championships.

TEAM LIST

COLOURS: White jumper with navy V

COACH: Shaun O'Loughlin **TEAM MANAGER:** Tim Shearer

NO.	FAMILY NAME	GIVEN NAME	D.O.B	LOCAL CLUB
1	Saunders	Teleigha	18/08/1998	Darebin
2	Kemp (VC)	Ainslie	18/03/1997	Kyneton
3	McDonald	Amy	7/02/1998	Redan
4	Lynch	Emma	3/12/1997	Ballarat
6	Pedretti	Brodi	1/01/1997	Bairnsdale
7	Greenhalgh	Winona	4/02/1997	Lake Wendouree
8	Beeston (VC)	Temikka	8/11/1997	Modewarre
9	Sadler	Chamika	9/09/1997	Maryborough
10	Lewis	Hannah	2/05/1997	South Mornington
11	Gallo	Luca	11/08/1998	Woorinen
12	Webster	Rebecca	22/10/2000	Benalla
13	Stahl	Parris	19/10/1998	Beleura
14	Mithen (C)	Lily	2/03/1998	Newtown & Chilwell
15	Graham	Kimberley	15/11/1997	Traralgon
16	McInnes	Kristy	24/10/1997	Modewarre
17	Conway	Stacey	19/08/1997	Beleura
18	Lane	Eshe	22/06/1998	Gisborne
19	Annear	Tiara	27/09/1997	Seaford
20	Purcell	Olivia	5/09/2000	Newtown & Chilwell
21	Dixon	Shani	22/05/1997	Stratford
22	Ayre	Isabella	9/12/1998	Huntly
23	Marsh	Shayla	22/02/1998	Traralgon
25	Chapman	Sarah	8/05/1999	Geelong West St Peters
27	Tancred	Jade	6/02/1999	Shepparton Notre Dame
28	Hicks	Reni	7/09/1998	Kyabram
31	Walker (VC)	Georgia	7/12/1998	Rye
36	Rooth	Alicia	7/07/1999	Kyneton
(Em) 5	Lowe	Brooke	30/07/1998	Modewarre
(Em) 26	Glanville	Alyx	14/07/1997	Northern Angels

VICS NOW THE HUNTER

Winning the first four Nationals made the Metro team the 'hunted'. In their fifth campaign and with a younger team they faltered to a more desperate WA group in 2014.They will be keen to recapture the trophy again this carnival and will be highly competitive as they field a core of experienced players together with some exciting new State footballers.

Wayne Siekman heads the coaching panel again and is excited about his player group. "This year's competition will be the most even the Metro team has encountered. We look forward to seeing how our players will respond to a more competitive pool and observing the impact of our State's player development program," he said of the Vic's chances.

PLAYERS TO WATCH ARE:

Katherine Smith – led the AFL Academy 14 Youth Girls tour of New Zealand with one of the most mature and considerate displays of leadership witnessed by those involved on Tour.

Brittany Bonnici – Former AFL Academy member, the hard running Bonnici has hit her straps both on and off field in her preparation for her fourth and final Championships.

Amy Arundel – Top aged Arundel is an excellent example of the impact of AFL Victoria's Youth Girls Academy, enjoying consistent growth in performance and leadership in recent years and will be a key player in the 2015 Metro team.

TEAM LIST

COLOURS: Navy blue with sky blue V

COACH: Wayne Siekman **TEAM MANAGER:** Gemma Hocart

NO.	FAMILY NAME	GIVEN NAME	D.O.B	LOCAL CLUB
1	Clayton	Taylah	21/08/1998	Beaconsfield
2	Hanks	Tyla	15/02/2000	Beaconsfield
3	Clarke	Niamh	14/05/1997	East Malvern
5	Gourlay	Georgia	23/03/1999	Cranbourne
6	Smith	Jessica	14/04/1998	Seville Ranges
7	Berry	Deanna	7/05/1998	Mernda
8	Bonnici	Brittany	8/03/1997	St.Kilda
9	Prespakis	Madison	2/11/2000	Sunbury
10	Szigeti	Lauren	28/02/2000	Bulleen Templestowe
11	Cordes	Prudence	12/01/1998	Melbourne University
12	Fisher	Georgia	31/05/1997	Beaconsfield
13	Smith	Katherine	28/09/1998	Blackburn
14	Balshaw	Caitlyn	5/03/1997	Deer Park
15	Hojnacki	Lauren	1/04/1997	Beaconsfield
16	Allen	Jordyn	6/07/2000	Rye
18	O'Connell-Webb	Logan	13/03/2000	Lynhurst
19	Arundel	Amy	20/07/1997	Kew Rovers
20	Provan	Jessica	8/03/2000	Seville Ranges
21	Amon	Mia	18/07/1997	East Malvern
22	Jones	Courtney	10/09/2000	Cranbourne
23	Lister	Madison	1/09/1999	St Albans
24	Ripari	Kayla	14/05/1998	Cranbourne
25	Sheldon	Teagan	8/03/1999	Parkmore
26	O'Hagan	Taylah	26/08/1998	Officer
27	Browning	Emily	6/07/2000	Lyndhurst
44	Conti	Monique	9/12/1999	Melbourne University
46	Dargan	Sarah	2/03/1999	Pascoe Vale
Em	Cruickshank	Beth	22/07/1998	Seville Ranges
Em	Guerin	Maddy	25/10/1999	Fitzroy

WOOMERAS
CHASING BACK TO BACK

The Kickstart carnival the Woomeras were selected from was exhilarating viewing. A combination of raw talent, speed and sublime ball handling excited all who watched the games. Following a successful tour of New Zealand the squad comes from all corners of Australia to compete at the Youth Girls for the second time.

A completely new team will come together for the 2015 Championships, with the program providing young Indigenous female footballers the opportunity to develop both their football skills and growth as an individual. A key aspect of the program is to provide a pathway for players to be in contention for their State teams, several players from the 2014 Woomeras program will appear in their State jumpers in 2015 including WA's pocket-rocket ; Courtney Hodder.

The new coach will have big shoes to fill after Chris Johnson's departure but there is no doubt that the team will again showcase some incredible raw talent to thrill the spectators.

TEAM LIST

COLOURS: Black, pink and gold jumper with white shorts and socks

TEAM MANAGER: Narelle Long

NO.	FAMILY NAME	GIVEN NAME	LOCAL CLUB
1	Doyle	Karri	NSW
2	Rice	Zania	SA
3	Daveson	Carron	SA
4	Muller	Elise	VIC
5	Drill	Jacarna	VIC
6	Smith	Hayley	VIC
7	Glanville	Alyx	VIC
8	White	Kiarra	NT
9	Macgurie	Emily	WA
10	Prosser	Kathleen	WA
11	Corcoran	Danika	TAS
12	Townsend	Sophie	TAS
13	Dau	Pamai	QLD
14	Fujii	Te'anna	QLD
15	Gisu	Delma	QLD
16	Morris	Moesha	QLD
17	Stassi	Jesica	NT
18	Doyle	Tyeisha	NSW
19	Carberry	Ebony	NSW
20	Yarran	Madison	WA
21	Murphy	Ashely	TAS
22	Kris	Greti	QLD

AFL ACADEMY

ACADEMY 14 WOW NEW ZEALAND

The best 15 year olds in Australia are selected to attend the AFL Academy conducted at Visy Park, Melbourne each January. A program that encourages higher level decision making, leadership and skill acquisition the most outstanding players and coaches are then selected for a tour of New Zealand.

Known as the Breeze the girls played the New Zealand Kahus in two nine a side games. All footballers returned to home with a project to implement to address an issue at their Club or League. Mentored and supported locally to implement these projects will not only increase numbers and skills in the female pathway but will build the leadership skills and volunteer ethos of the girls.

The Breeze and their coaching staff proved exemplary ambassadors providing both great AFL advice and forging lifelong friendships with the Kahus.

The touring group included many 2014 Youth Girls Nationals participants and coaches (*). The tour party:

NSWACT:	Libby Sadler (Tour Manager), Jessica Stramandinoli*
NT:	Natasha Bennett (Assistant Coach) *
Q:	Hannah Davidson, Jade Ransfield*
SA:	Emma Gibson (Head Trainer), Sarah Allan*, Shae Gundlach*
V:	Katherine Smith (C) *, Alicia Eva (Head Coach)*, Chyloe Kurdas (Tour Director), Emma Lynch*, Lily Mithen*, Courtney Musico*
WA:	Erin O'Brien, Claire Ortlepp*, Rachel Ortlepp*, Beatrice Devlyn (didn't tour)*

WOOMERAS COME FROM THE KICKSTART CARNIVAL

The second female Kickstart carnival for Indigenous youth girls was conducted at Burpengary in Queensland in 2014. The carnival is for those girls who through location or lack of opportunity cannot play AFL. Whilst the games are a highlight of the carnival underpinning participation is a coaching pathway for Indigenous coaches of female footballers and a leadership and lifestyle education program presented by Indigenous role models.

Last year's carnival produced a back to back win for NT over WA who clawed their way back from a four goal deficit to draw within 4 points of the winners. From the carnival 40 girls were selected in the Woomeras squad to tour New Zealand. Many of the girls have now stepped up to represent their State at this Youth Girls carnival whilst many of the Woomeras will return to youth girls as they are still eligible.

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