



President's Newsletter – 24th November 2022

Members

As you are no doubt aware Pennant Season 2023 is fast approaching and commences on Saturday 14th January 2023. We are hopeful that the draw will be available for distribution in early-December. As a consequence, the Committee provides this update based on the communications we have had with Zone 8.

Firstly, the Selection Sub-Committee met on the evening of Monday 21st November 2023 and I can confirm that based on the number of Members who indicated their availability to play pennant, the Club has nominated a team in each of the following Grades: 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7. Due to the uncertainty regarding the unavailability of some Members throughout the season, the selectors could not guarantee the numbers to field an additional team in Grade 7.

We have been advised by the Zone 8 Match Committee Chairman that Yerong Creek have applied to play in Grade 6 of Section A of Zone 8. This section is the former Albury & District area. I feel that this will be beneficial to us because it will make the section stronger and more competitive. It will, more importantly, help another club to survive and we certainly don't want to see any club fold.

Obviously, and before anyone complains about the distance to travel, the Committee will consider transportation options to Yerong Creek and return. The "Creek" is only 11 minutes further than Henty so I suggest that Members think about the big picture. It's all about a club taking steps towards survival and they are prepared to take positive action to ensure that they go a long way to achieving their goal.

In closing, I congratulate Mick Baz on being elected Chairman of the NABC Selection Sub-Committee together with the following Members who have been appointed to the same Sub-Committee: Beau Greenway, Des Nelson, Roy Dahmes and Troy Campion.

"Go the Mighty Hoppers"

Regards

Steve Martini
President