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Presentation Day Wrap-Up

The forecast promised high winds, rain and storms for our 2026 Presentation Day, and while the conditions forced us to cancel some of the activities we had planned, they did not stop the South Mornington community from turning up in droves.

Aside from one very short shower, we managed to avoid the rain and storms, allowing our teams and families to come together and celebrate another sensational season.

Across the afternoon, we recognised the achievements of our players, coaches and volunteers, celebrated team award winners and thanked the many people who contributed throughout the year.

Once the presentations were complete, Oskar Proy entertained the crowd from the stage and helped us finish the day in style.

Thank you to everyone who attended and embraced the day, despite the uncertain forecast. It was another great example of the strength of our club and the willingness of our families to support one another.

A special thank you also goes to everyone who helped organise, set up, run and pack down the event. Presentation Day requires an enormous amount of work behind the scenes, and we are grateful to everyone who helped make it happen.





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Adam Lyddy Award

Congratulations to Jackson Ablett, the 2026 recipient of the Adam Lyddy Award.

Voted on by his teammates, this award recognises the qualities and values we want our players to demonstrate, both on and off the football field.

Jackson has displayed those values throughout the season and earned the respect of the people who know his contribution best, his teammates.

Being recognised by your peers is a special honour, and Jackson should be enormously proud to receive an award that carries so much meaning within our club.

Congratulations, Jackson, on a thoroughly deserved achievement.



Thank You to the Flynn and Davies Families

The conclusion of the U17.5 season also gives us an opportunity to recognise the Flynn and Davies families for their wider contribution to South Mornington.

Both families have had multiple children progress through the club and have given many years of volunteer service along the way. Junior football relies on families who are willing to stay involved, take on roles and contribute beyond their own children. The Flynn and Davies families have done exactly that over a long period. While their time as parents of junior players has come to an end, we sincerely hope their association with South Mornington continues.

Thank you for everything you have contributed to our players, teams and club.





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Pete Scott Club Person Award

This year, the club was proud to recognise two enormously deserving recipients of the Pete Scott Club Person Award: Stacey Bushell and Nicho Salvatore.

The award recognises the people who give their time, energy and care to make South Mornington a better club. Both Stacey and Nicho represent everything this award stands for.

Stacey Bushell

Stacey has been part of South Mornington for 10 years and has given an enormous amount of time to the club throughout that period.

She has served as the Team Manager of our current U17.5 group since 2020, supporting the players, coaches and families through many seasons of junior football.

For the past two years, Stacey has also organised the club's ANZAC Day ceremony, helping us deliver an important and respectful event for our community.

She is always willing to assist other Team Managers and share her experience when support is needed. Much of Stacey's contribution happens quietly behind the scenes, but its impact is felt across the entire club.

Congratulations, Stacey, and thank you for everything you have given South Mornington over the past decade.

Nicho Salvatore

Nicho is our Club Vice President, Jumper Steward and coach of our U10 Tigers, although those titles only tell part of the story. He is willing to do whatever the club needs, whenever it is needed. Nicho constantly supports our players and families,

takes responsibility for jobs that need to be done and gives an enormous amount of his time to South Mornington.

Whether he is coaching, organising jumpers, helping at a club event or supporting a family, Nicho brings the same team-first approach.

He represents everything the Pete Scott Club Person Award was created to recognise.

Congratulations, Nicho, and thank you for everything you continue to do for the Tigers.





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Celebrating Five Years of Service

Presentation Day also gave us the opportunity to recognise 14 people who have reached five years of service with South Mornington.

Five years of volunteering represents countless training sessions, Sunday mornings, meetings, messages, game-day roles and hours spent supporting our players and families.

Congratulations and thank you to:

- Aaron Bushell
- Brad Crofts
- Brad Newman
- Chris Keech
- Chris Theodorou
- Jarrod Smith
- Josh Davies
- Justin Irons
- Lachy Flynn
- Luke Snell
- Shaun Brooks
- Skye Ohlbrecht
- Stacey Bushell
- Zeb Tonkin



Our club is built on the commitment of volunteers who continue to return and contribute year after year. We are incredibly grateful to each recipient for the time and energy they have given South Mornington.

Congratulations on five years of service, and thank you for helping make our club what it is today.





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Farewell to Our U17.5 Group

Thursday night's U17.5 Presentation Night was a fitting farewell to a special group of players and families who have helped shape South Mornington.

With three club Life Members connected to the group and multiple players reaching 150 games during their careers, the night gave us an opportunity to reflect on everything these families have contributed over many years.

Their junior football journey has included far more than games and results. It has been built around friendships, family involvement, volunteering and countless memories made together.

A special congratulations goes to the seven players who completed their entire South Mornington junior careers with the club, from U9s through to U17.5s:

- Isaac Flynn
- Casey Davies
- Romeo Portelli
- Xavier Bushell
- Jimmy Irons
- Riley Tonkin
- Dane Hogarth

Remaining with one club across your entire junior football journey is a special achievement. These players have grown up in the Tigers jumper and leave an example for the younger players following behind them.

We wish every member of the U17.5 group all the best for whatever comes next, both in football and in life. Although their junior careers have ended, they will always be part of South Mornington, and we hope to see the players and families around the club on Sundays for many years to come.





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2026 TEAM AWARD WINNERS

Presentation Day and our U17.5 Presentation Night gave us the opportunity to recognise the players who enjoyed outstanding seasons and made important contributions to their teams. Congratulations to every award recipient. Each award reflects a season of commitment, improvement, teamwork and effort.

U8 Black

BnF: Murphy Carroll
Runner-Up BnF: Harvey Bickerdike
Coaches Award: Henry Woodruff

U8 Yellow

BnF: Jack Dimmer
Runner-Up BnF: Jordi Race
Third BnF: Levi Smithson

U8 Tigers

BnF: Zephyr Rouillon
Runner-Up BnF: Finn Grech
Third BnF: Hugo Tosch

U9 Black

BnF: Hudson Lawrence
Runner-Up BnF: Cooper Ryan and Dustin Healey
Third BnF: Alexander Degan

U9 Yellow

BnF: Harry Pirrie
Runner-Up BnF: Sam Graham
Third BnF: Liam O'Connor

U10 Girls

BnF: Marlo Edwards
Runner-Up BnF: Mila Carroll
Third BnF: Rosie Rayson

U10

BnF: Roy Edwards
Runner-Up BnF: Boston Hancock
Third BnF: Archie McClelland
Fourth BnF: Oscar Brosolo
Fifth BnF: Fletcher Currie

U11 Black

BnF: Casey Collins
Runner-Up BnF: Tyler Smithson
Third BnF: Zephyr Gray
Fourth BnF: Deuke Healey
Fifth BnF: Noah Martin

U11 Tigers

BnF: Angus Creed
Runner-Up BnF: Jake Sorraghan
Most Improved: Heath O'Connor
Most Determined: Teddy English
Most Impactful: Hunter Commons

U12 Black

BnF: Liam McCutcheon
Runner-Up BnF: Harvey Rice
Third BnF: Charles Carlyle
Fourth BnF: Jack Huett
Fifth BnF: Jagger Kelly

U12 Yellow

BnF: Cash Anderson
Runner-Up BnF: Baye Kill
Most Consistent: Seb Smith
Most Determined: Harry Harkins
Coaches Award: Isaac Brooks

U12 Girls

BnF: Alexandra "Ally" Edwards
Runner-Up BnF: Missy Hickmott
Coaches Award: Daisy Gray
Team Player: Siara Beattie
Most Improved: Leisel Stratton



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2026 TEAM AWARD WINNERS

U13

BnF: Noah O'Connor
Runner-Up BnF: Ky Elliott
Third BnF: Jacob Theodorou
Most Determined: Oliver Goddard
Most Courageous: Max Mason

U14

BnF: Sam Whyte
Runner-Up BnF: Liam Beer
Third BnF: Rylan Smith
Fourth BnF: Koen Shirrefs
Fifth BnF: Levi Santos and Billy Hendriks

U14 Girls

BnF: Billie Wood
Runner-Up BnF: Lucy Brooks
Third Place and Coaches Award: Ruby Tucker
Fourth Place and Rising Star: Mackenzie Cairns
Fifth Place and Player of Influence: Billie Boyd

U15

BnF: Tom Milburn
Runner-Up BnF: Angus Brand
Most Consistent: Eli Catanzariti
Most Improved: Jagger Morison
Coaches Award: Isaac Bushell

U16

BnF: Jackson Ablett
Runner-Up BnF: Lawson Verbakel
Third BnF: Bodhi Keech
Fourth BnF: Tex Wood
Fifth BnF: Xavier Cathie

U17.5

BnF: James Hewitt
Runner-Up BnF: Micky Southwell
Third BnF: Riley Tonkin
Fourth BnF: Joseph Lomas
Fifth BnF: Casey Davies





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Thank You to Our Outgoing Coaches

As we close out the season, we would like to recognise and thank five outgoing coaches who have given an enormous amount of time and care to their teams and to South Mornington.

Ross Stewart

Ross is finishing as coach of U11 Tigers, having led this group since their first season together in U9s. Across those four years, Ross has helped the players develop their skills, build confidence and grow together as a team. This season, he guided them into finals in their first year of competitive football, a fantastic achievement for the entire group. Thank you, Ross, for the time, patience and commitment you have given these players and their families.

Luke Smith

Luke is stepping down as coach of U9 Black as he looks forward to having his third child begin at South Mornington in 2027. With three boys playing at the club, Luke is keen to spend more time following them around and watching a few more of their games. Luke originally coached the current U11 Black group alongside Jamie before moving to coach U8 Black when his second son began playing. He has contributed across multiple age groups and helped many young Tigers begin their football journeys. Thank you, Luke, for everything you have given as a coach. We look forward to still seeing plenty of you around the club, although hopefully with a little more time to enjoy the footy.

Chris Theodorou

Chris is stepping down as coach of our U13 team after an outstanding journey with the group. His time as coach included an U11 premiership, a narrow Grand Final defeat at U12 level and then leading South Mornington's first U13 team into Premier Division this season. Chris has supported this group through some important years of their development, setting high standards and preparing them for the challenges of older-age junior football. With three sons playing across three different teams, we are especially grateful for the enormous amount of time Chris has continued to give his own team and the wider club. Thank you, Chris, for the amazing job you have done with this group and for everything you have contributed to South Mornington.

Brad Newman

Brad is finishing his time as coach of our U15 team after doing a fantastic job supporting the players through a significant rebuild. He remained committed to the group, helped them continue developing and guided them to a Grand Final appearance this season, where they fought until the end in a narrow defeat. Brad should be incredibly proud of the team's progress and the role he played in bringing the group back to Grand Final Day. Thank you, Brad, for your leadership, commitment and care for the players throughout your time at the helm.

Craig Collins

Craig, a Life Member of South Mornington, once again answered the call and came out of coaching retirement to lead our U17.5 group in their final season of junior football. He guided the team into Premier Division and helped prepare the players not only for the standard of football they faced this season, but also for the expectations and responsibilities that will come with senior football. More importantly, Craig helped guide these young men through the final stage of their junior careers and toward adulthood. Thank you, Craig, for coming back when the club needed you and for the experience, guidance and leadership you gave this special group.



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