



McDonalds Ballarat Football Netball League Inc

2023 McDonalds Ballarat Football Netball League Carlton Draught Grand Final day confirmed.

The Ballarat Football Netball League wishes to confirm with the public that the 2023 Grand Final days for both Juniors and Seniors will be held at City Oval, Ballarat. This decision has been considered in consultation with the City of Ballarat, the Recreation Service team and Mars Stadium Venue Management team. The City of Ballarat support and willingness to assist has been fantastic through this process.

The move from Mars Stadium to City Oval is a massive move for the league on our day of days, with such a premier sporting facility available right on our doorstep. Unfortunately, it is no longer economical for us to now hold these events at this venue.

Each season one club is in line to host the catering rights and one the booth rights for the entirety of the final's series. The ability to cover all finals games offers many economic benefits to the club that can ultimately set them up for many years. Each club will have the opportunity to host each aspect when there year is up.

Host venue clubs all agree in principle to allow the incoming club full access and rights to sell their products to members attending, without impeding on their potential takings.

An ongoing issue with restrictions at Mars Stadium and licencing around the Sports Club has made it difficult for this year's hosts of the booth to be able to sell and benefit from the day accordingly.

There is a current impasse on the liquor licence of the Sports Club that is not allowing Melton South (booth) to be able to sell and access the terrace accordingly.

The league has tried to find a suitable compromise with the NBSC which has still yet to be obtained, leading us to consider other venues to host our Grand Finals.

The board wishes to thank the City Council and all working parties on these matters, we are very fortunate that the grounds in our league are ready to go at short notice and offer spectators and players the best viewing experience. The League will continue to work with the Council regarding a possible return to Mars Stadium for 2024 Finals and beyond.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adrian Bettio'.

Adrian Bettio

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Chairman