



TERM 3 WEEK 6 / AUGUST 2024

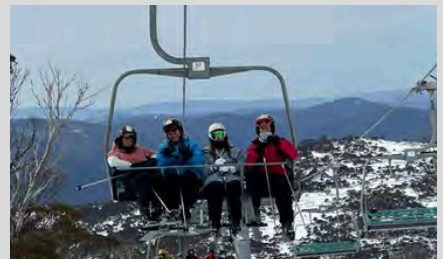
# YANCO AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER

### CALENDAR

- Aug 21:** HSC Trials finish
- Aug 22:** DESI Travel Day
- Aug 26:** Student return 4pm
- Aug 28:** Year 12 Fun Night
- Sept 4:** Inter-schools mixed netball
- Sept 4-5:** Buchan Shield
- Sept 11:** AgVision Event
- Sept 17:** Henty Field Days
- Sept 19:** Year 11 Exams begin
- Sept 24:** Year 12 Lunch  
Commendation Assembly  
Gate Run
- Sept 26:** Year 12 Graduation
- Sept 27:** Buses depart for holidays



**YEAR  
11**

*Ski Trip*

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It has been a very busy first half of Term 3 at Yanco!

### **Building Project Update**

We were pleased to be able to open our wonderful new female dormitory facility to our wider community on the first day back this term. The girls in Years 7 and 8, and Year 12 are enjoying living in their new accommodation.

Rest assured we will certainly do our best to ensure that all female students can live in this dormitory during their time at Yanco. As I am sure you can appreciate, we are also bound by student numbers and the room configurations. Thank you to everyone for your understanding around this.

Currently, the refurbishments for the Boys 'Mutch' dormitory are also taking place. After the HSC concludes on November 6, work will commence on a much more extensive refurbishment for the Hindmarsh boys' dormitory.

Gardiner and Breakwell dormitories have already been refurbished with new paint, carpet, blinds and furniture. These spaces look so much better, and the boys are appreciative of the work that has occurred in this space.

### **Trial HSC and End of Term Plans – Year 12**

Our Year 12 students have spent the last two weeks completing their Trial HSC Exams. All students are to be congratulated on the manner in which they have conducted themselves during this time. It is important that all Year 12 students remain focused on HSC exam preparation for the remainder of this term. Teachers will be working with their classes completing HSC courses and then revising, right up until the end of this term.

The Year 12 Graduation will take place at the Leeton Soldiers Club on the evening of Thursday September 26.

Year 12 will also take part in a commendation assembly and luncheon on Tuesday September 24.

### **Year 11 Exams**

Parents and Carers of Year 11 students are advised that Year 11 Preliminary Course Examinations will take place between September 19 and September 26. Year 11 students should be preparing for these exams now.

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### **AgVision**

We are looking forward to hosting AgVision at our school on September 11. AgVision began at Junee High School in 2012 and was held every second year. Since COVID this event has not run. In 2024 Junee supported Yanco to be the new event host. AgVision Yanco 2024 aims to promote agricultural careers to 600 Years 9-12 students from 30 plus schools in the Riverina-Murray region.

40 plus hands on workshops highlighting various topics in agriculture will be delivered by local industry representatives, of which students can pre-register for five different sessions. We are very thankful to all of the sponsors, including the Old Yanconians, who are making this event possible.

### **Ram Sale**

This term our expertise in agriculture will also be showcased at our 9th annual White Suffolk and Poll Merino Sale. This event will take place on Wednesday 25 September. Our Year 10 Animal Studies class play a significant role not only running the sale, in conjunction with AuctionsPlus, but are busy now leading sire selection, sheep classing, crutching, vaccinating, drenching and supervising the lambs. We are also very proud of the leadership skills our students are developing as part of this process. For more information about our Ram Sale, please contact the office.

### **Book Week Celebrations**

All students are encouraged to get their costumes ready over Desi in preparation for our Book Week Dress Up and Parade which will take place after Desi, next Friday August 30.

### **Uniform**

Whilst the vast majority of our students wear their uniform with pride at all times, on occasion, some students do need to be spoken with about issues related to uniform non-compliance. It is an expectation that all students are in the correct uniform, each and every day. This also includes having polished shoes and not wearing sports uniform outside of prescribed times. Your support around adherence to this standard is very much appreciated.



# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## Student Attendance

The Department's School Attendance Policy is very clear in stating that all students who are enrolled at school, regardless of their age, are expected to attend that school whenever instruction is provided.

The Department is aiming for all students to have an attendance rate above 90% wherever possible. Research indicates that attendance below 90% could negatively impact educational outcomes for students.

Year Advisors and Executive Staff will be working one on one with students and their families to improve and support student attendance where required.

This support may include the development of an attendance improvement plan and attendance monitoring. If you have any questions or concerns around this initiative, please feel free to make contact.



## Desi Leave Weekend and End of Term Plans

With Desi Weekend falling this weekend, students will return to Yanco next Monday 26 August from 4pm. I wish all students and families a happy and safe Desi. Buses will depart for the end of this term on Friday morning, September 27.



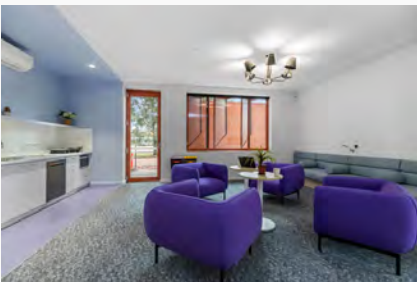
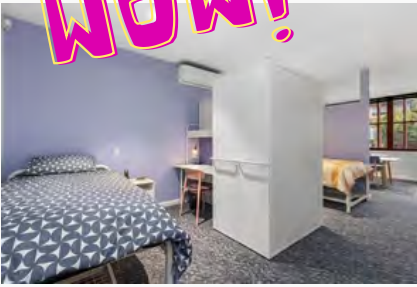
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Marni Milne  
Principal

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# THE WORLEY DORMITORY

**WOW!**





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# THE WORLEY DORMITORY OPEN DAY



## AGRICULTURE

### SA JUNIOR HEIFER EXPO

During the school holidays, Yr 11 student Dominic Edwards and Yr 9 Student Naomi Cramp, travelled to South Australia to compete in the SA Heifer Expo.

The Expo is highly regarded across the country as one of the best youth shows to attend, with 195 competitors taking part from all over Australia.

Naomi was balloted a steer from Sapphire livestock that was placed 2nd in his class.

Dom's allocated heifer won Intermediate Champion Heifer, a Limousin heifer - Spence's Monica U6.

In the paraders section, Naomi placed 3rd in her heat of the Sub- Intermediate division and Dom placed 1st in his heat of the Intermediate Section and continued on to take out Intermediate Champion Parader.

Both also competed in the Junior Judging and Herdsperson competition. The Herdsperson Competition is judged over the whole competition where competitors are allocated points based on animal care, personal and animal presentation, a beef quiz, interview, ability to look after the stalls, marketing and ability to handle an animal. Dom had a fantastic result taking out Reserve Champion Junior Judge and Champion Herdsperson in the Intermediate section.

Naomi placed 14th out of 64 competitors in her division with only 8 points between 1st and 14th position. Well done.

Overall, both students had an amazing experience and were involved in a fabulous education program. They made connections with other like-minded people from all over the country, which will hold them in good stead for the future.

Congratulations to both Dom and Naomi from the Yanco family.

**Kim Weller | Agriculture Teacher**





# AGRICULTURE

## HEREFORD AUSTRALIA YOUTH EXPO AT COOTAMUNDRA.

Also during the school holidays, between July 11-14th, YAHS had four students; **Isla O'Brien, Angus Burton, Miley O'Brien and Matilda Sullivan** compete at the Harris Farm Markets Hereford Australia Youth Expo at Cootamundra.

The students participated in educational activities before competing in Junior Judging, Paraders and Animal Classes. Our students had a fantastic weekend picking up a number of awards.

**Isla** placed 1st in Paraders and **Miley** 2nd in their respective classes.

**Miley's** heifer Twojay P124 Shinetime won her senior heifer class.

In the Junior Judging, **Miley** placed 1st and **Matilda** 2nd in the Sun-Intermediate age division.

Throughout the show all competitors were being watched on how they participated, worked their animals and assisted others in the herdsman competition.

**Miley** placed 1st and Angus Reserve Champion of the Sub Intermediates.

The four students also teamed up to enter YAHS in the competition to win the school a Hereford Steer. They impressed the judge so much he decided to give two steers away instead of one with YAHS winning a steer from Kirraweena Glenholme Herefords of Cootamundra.

Congratulations to these students, you represented yourself and your school with such pride and professionalism.

**Kim Welller | Agriculture Teacher**





## AGRICULTURE

### LIMOUSIN YOUTH SHOW

Over the past weekend two students attended the Limousin Youth Show in Wingham.

**Mikayla Hambrook (Yr11)** had a very successful weekend where her bull Big Duck Exclusive Gentleman was awarded Reserve Champion Bull. Mikayla was also fortunate enough to win the heifer jackpot, champion heifer calf and 1st place in the owned and bred with Big Duck with Paris UGenius, and placed 3rd in Herdsman.

**Naomi Cramp (Yr9)**

2nd place / Sub-Intermediate Handlers Class

3rd place / Sub-Intermediate Herdsman

5th place / In the heifer class with Summit Cauliflower.

Congratulations on your success.

**Michelle Fairall | Agriculture Teacher**



### YOUNG AUCTIONEERS COMPETITION

On 26th July, four YAHS students headed to Wagga Wagga to compete in the Interschools Young Auctioneer Competition. These students have worked with Old Yanconian and Narrandera Nutrien Agent, Ryan Burden, in the weeks leading up to the competition to develop their skills.

Students had to sell three lots of Poll Dorset sheep to demonstrate their ability in a live bidding system and were judged by three auctioneer mentors on a range of aspects including, ability to describe the animals, calculations of bids and their voice control and clarity. Students who were able to secure places will continue their auctioneer journey at the Ganmain show in August.

Darby McClaren placed 1st, Naish Oliver 2nd and Nathaniel Stimson 3rd. Angus Spry demonstrated good potential for the future if he continues to work on his new skills. Darby went on to take out the Novice section of the competition on the day, placing 1st out of 21 other students.

Yanco wishes to thank Ryan for his time and mentorship and congratulate the boys on their attitude and professionalism.

**Kim Weller | Agriculture Teacher**



L/R: Nathaniel Stimson, Darby McClaren,  
Naish Oliver, Angus Spry

## AGRICULTURE

### LAMBING 2024

Lambing season has started. Students in the Year 9 and 10 Animal Studies classes have been rostered on to assist farm staff with the catching of lambs, weighing, tagging, and identifying their mothers for our White Suffolk and Poll Merino studs. So far we have had over 180 lambs on the ground. There are still more to come! Once the lambs are strong enough, they are then drifted out into a bigger paddock with their mothers.

**Stuart McVittie | Yanco Sheep Stud Manager**



### GIRLS SHEARING SCHOOL

Fourteen girls from years 9 and 10 attended a girls-only shearing school at the Primary Industries Centre in Wagga. The course allowed the girls to develop industry-relevant skills such as learning how to set up a shearing handpiece, crutch and shear a sheep, as well as sorting wool. We hope that the girls had a great time learning and thank TAFE and the trainers for this wonderful opportunity.

**Stuart McVittie | Agricultural Teacher**





## STUDENTS ACHIEVING IN SPORT



### STATE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Alex Fillingham and Jock McFadyen recently qualified to represent YAHS in the NSW all schools Cross Country Championships in Sydney.

Congratulations to both boys on achieving State level.



### RUGBY LEAGUE

Old Yanconian Tom Tyson, who played **prop in the 1991 under 13's YAHS Rugby league team**, met Lucas Wood who plays **prop in the 2024 under 13's YAHS Rugby league team**.

Tom was in Mutch House as is Lucas and both have been coached by Mr Gus Comi. Let's hope that Lucas can emulate Tom, who won the NSW CHS University Shield competition in 1996.



### RUGBY LEAGUE

Our U14's Rugby League boys played Hay War Memorial in the intra-school match. Our boys won 38-0.

Cody Wilson was awarded best on field. Once again a big thanks to Hay for travelling, the farm staff for setting up the oval and the Maintenance staff for cooking the BBQ.



### AFL

Congratulations to the 15 YAHS female students, who, as part Ganmain Grong Grong Matong AFL team, have defeated Coolamon in the first round of the WDJ Youth Girls Under 16's competition. The Yanco students dominated and played a crucial role in the 47-7 victory. Great job ladies!

### RUGBY UNION

YAHS students have been involved in rugby with the Leeton Phantoms this season. Some of these students have gone on to represent Southern Inland Rugby, and Riverina CHS. We are very proud of our involvement in the local community, including students being part of various local sporting teams.



## STUDENTS ACHIEVING IN SPORT



### U15 GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Girls from Year 7, 8 & 9 played in Narrandera for the U15's basketball competition. They showcased their skills with two impressive wins and a tough loss. It was a fantastic day for all, filled with learning and growth. Our players gained new skills and experiences that will only help them in future games.



### U15 BOYS BASKETBALL

Our U15 boys basketball team played against Narrandera, Leeton and Wade High Schools in Round 1 of the CHS knock out with convincing wins in the first 2 games. In the final, the boys defeated Narrandera High 60-10. The team then went to Deniliquin for the next round playing against Deniliquin High coming away with another victory. The boys will now compete in Round 3. Congratulations guys! An amazing result.



### BRUMBIES 7s Yr 9/10 BOYS

Winning our first 2 games convincingly, we then beat the second placed team from the other pool to make the grand final. In a close match we got beaten 26-10. We now move forward to the Buchan Shield in Sydney on the 5th September as a result of finishing as runners up.



### BRUMBIES 7s Yr 11/12 GIRLS

The girls crushed it winning 28-10, 31-7 and 24-5 in their first 3 games. In the final game, Taylor powered straight through the defensive line scoring 5 individual try's, and the girls take the win, 34-7. Sophie was awarded 'women of the matches' for the day being awarded a signed Super W Brumbies jersey.



### RIVERINA ATHLETICS

We had several students make the journey to Albury for Riverina Athletics. The students were very competitive resulting in several students qualifying for state. Congratulations to Pia Fattore who got 2nd in javelin, Lucas Wood 1st in discus, and Sam Booth 2nd in shot-put. As always the students were a pleasure to take away and represented Yanco with pride. Well done everyone.



# MUSIC



## AUSTRALIAN DRUM LINE COMPETITION

On Saturday night August 3rd, YAHS Drums competed in Hornsby against Drum Lines spanning from Victoria to Queensland, battling it out for the Division B Championship.

They didn't walk away with the win, but our students held their own against many more experienced and larger Drum Lines as well as being the first of the night to compete. They received an impressive score for both their Test Piece and Own Choice categories as well as some valuable feedback from Dr Michael Crawford from the University of North Texas.

Old Yanconian and Drum Major, Emily Worsnop also came along to support the band and our students had a great night watching some of the incredible High School Drum Lines Australia has to offer. Their success is not measured by victory but rather the progress they have made to get where they are. We look forward to competing again next year.

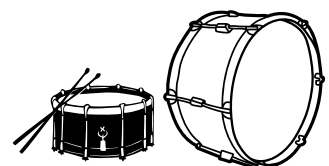
**Blake Wisemantel & Jason Sachs**



## LEETON EISTEDDFOD SUCCESS

Congratulations to our Drum Line who performed fabulously at the Leeton Eisteddfod taking out first place in the High School Instrumental Ensemble and the High School Percussion Band Sections. Our drummers have had a huge week following the Australian Drum Line Competition and Krop, and the Leeton Eisteddfod today.

Congratulations from the Yanco family.



## YEAR 12 WINTER RAFFLE

### YR 12 YAHS WINTER RAFFLE

Raising money for The Royal Flying Doctors Service



Prize value \$1029.00

TICKET PRICES

- \$2 - 1 ticket
- \$5 - 3 tickets
- \$10 - 7 tickets
- \$15 - 11 tickets
- \$20 - 15 tickets

<https://rafflelink.com.au/year12yahs>

Year 12 students are raising funds for the Royal Flying Doctors, and we need your support! Amazing prizes are up for grabs for one lucky winner— check out the photo for all of the details.

To purchase your tickets, go to the link below:

<https://rafflelink.com.au/year12yahs>

Your participation will help make a difference. Thank you for your support!

## LOCAL EVENTS

Yee Haww! Next Stop DEADWOOD CITY!!!!  
Come dressed in your Western wear, best costumes win a prize!

FAMILY FRIENDLY PLAY COMEDY

FREE

Fri 30/08/24 7:30 pm  
Sat 31/08/24 2:00 pm

Riverina Stage Play presents

# Calamity Jane

CRC Church 35 Bolton St Narrandera

## Narrandera Town & Country Open Gardens

sunday 27th october 2024

ONLINE tickets available from eventbrite

online ticket holders can collect maps from  
Plant Stall at Marie Bashir Park from 9.00am  
\$25 per person online  
(incl. Devonshire Tea + 25% Discount at shady Gum nursery)

Gardens open until 5.00pm  
Lunch available from \$10  
In aid of Narrandera Can Assist  
Enquiries: 0428 597 655  
Email: [narranderaclub@gmail.com](mailto:narranderaclub@gmail.com)  
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## BOOK WEEK

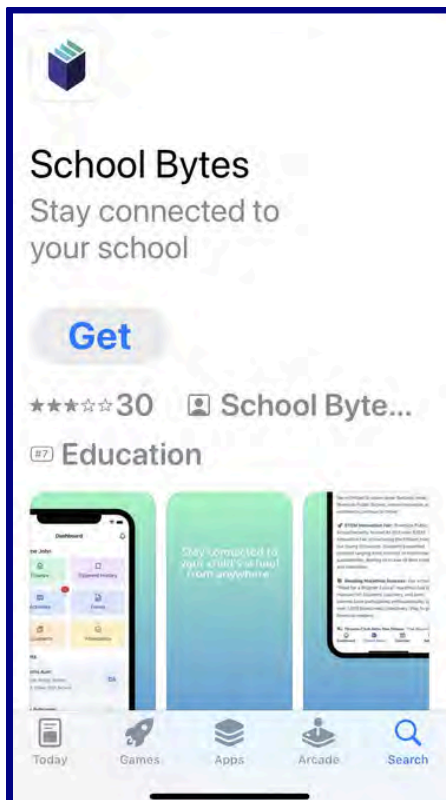
We will be celebrating all things reading in Week 6 at YAHS. The theme for this year's book week is 'Reading is Magic'. We will be celebrating reading fiction and its amazing ability to transport our minds to other places and times.

It's time to begin thinking about your costume, we will be hosting a Book Week parade in Week 6 (the week after Desi), so it's time to think creatively about your costume. There will be activities and prizes throughout the week too, so keep your eyes and ears open for more information.

**Rebecca Ormond | Head Teacher  
English & HSIE**



## SCHOOL BYTES



**Please  
make sure you have  
the Schoolbytes App.  
This is our primary form  
of communication with  
parents. Just download the  
App and off you go!  
All emails and excursion  
notes and permissions  
will be communicated  
through this App.**

## DESIGNATED LEAVE WEEKENDS

### NOTICE FROM NSW TRAINLINK FOR DESI/HOLIDAYS

**Important notice** – In reference to the students requesting transport outside of the scheme (i.e. to locations other than their home) - this transport is a 'request' and we cannot guarantee transport on the SSTS coach services.

We therefore request that all students requesting transport outside of the scheme understand that at times we are unable to accommodate.



### SCHOOL TERMS AND DESI WEEKENDS

#### TERM 3 / 2024

Students return to school:	Sunday 21st July (after 4pm)
Day 1 lessons commence:	Monday 22 July
<b>DESIGNATED LEAVE WEEKEND:</b>	
Students travel home:	Thursday 22 August (morning)
Students return:	Monday 26 August (after 4pm)
<b>LAST DAY TERM 3</b>	
Students travel home:	Friday September 27 (morning)

#### TERM 4 / 2024

Students return to school:	Sunday 13 October (after 4pm)
<b>Day 1 lessons commence:</b>	Monday 14 October
<b>DESIGNATED LEAVE WEEKEND</b>	
Students travel home:	Friday 15 November (morning)
Students return:	Monday 18 November (after 4pm)
<b>LAST DAY TERM 4</b>	
Students travel home:	Wednesday 18 December (Speech Day)

**Whole School Speech and Prize giving Ceremony**  
**18th December Term 4**



## LEAVE / REACH APP

### When entering a leave in Reach.....

*Help!!*

To avoid an “Unjustified” **All Day(A)** rollmarking in your child’s absence history in Sentral, please remember to include a reason for your leave in the **Enter Notes** section in Reach after the “Destination” as in the photo opposite.

It does not have to be a long explanation, just brief and to the point so that their leave can be coded correctly in Sentral and avoid Unjustified leave.

Some examples as follows:

- Appointment - Dental or other
- Medical Appointment/ Illness or injury
- Family Event (Wedding, Funeral etc)
- Sport (training, game time)
- Holidays (family holiday)
- Sick Leave

*Thank you*

## LEAVE UPDATE

*Important*

### EXTENDED LEAVE APPLICATION Going on leave for 5 days or more?

If you are intending to have your child absent from school for 5 days or more, PLEASE fill in an application for Extended Leave before you put your leave into REACH. Make sure you put in the reason for the leave. This is a Department requirement.

The leave will then be approved by the Principal and a Certificate of Leave issued to you, the parent/carers. Click on this [link](#) to access the document, or go to our school Website and find it under Forms/Downloads/Permissions.

When you receive your Certificate of Leave please attach this to your leave application in Reach which will then be approved.

*Thank you*

SHOPPING LEAVE AND DESIGNATED LEAVE AND END OR START OF TERM –  
UNIFORM IS THE CORRECT TRAVEL DRESS – INCLUDING SCHOOL JUMPER  
OR JACKET (NOT YEAR JUMPERS); POLISHED BOOTS OR SHOES, PLAIN BLUE  
JEANS AND SCHOOL POLO OR PRAC SHIRT

# REMINDERS

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Monday Morning Return to School Sign in

Students arriving back to school on a Monday morning **MUST** have their name ticked off on the **REACH** App by a **DUTY STAFF** member in the **DINING ROOM**. Whether on a bus or being dropped off by a parent. If you do not do this you are still “on Leave” and likely to be marked absent. **School day starts 8:30 am.**

Parents...Please help us by encouraging your child to make sure they have been signed in on a Monday morning as they arrive at school.

At any other time signing in/out will be in the **FRONT OFFICE** during school hours and the **DUTY ROOM** after school hours (after 3:20pm)



*Have you checked your Pencil case?*

Over the DESI break take time to check that you have:

- Blue/black pens
- Lead pencils
- Glue stick
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Highlighters
- Coloured pencils



### Uniform Shop/Canteen hours of operation



#### UNIFORM SHOP

Monday	9:30 am - 3:15 pm
Tuesday	9:00 am - 3:15 pm
Wednesday	10:15 am - 3:15 pm
Thursday	10:30 am - 3:15 pm
Friday	9:30 am - 1:30 pm

#### CANTEEN

3:20 pm - 4:00 pm
<b>CLOSED</b>
3:20 pm - 3:45 pm
3:20 pm - 4:00 pm
<b>CLOSED</b>





# SCHOOL LEADERSHIP ROLES



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

**CAPTAINS:** SAMUEL BOOTH, JOSIE LUCKEL

**VICE CAPTAINS:** CONNIE WEEKES, MILLIE HYAM

**PREFECT:** LIAM TOOLE

## YEAR ADVISORS 2024

**YEAR 7** SHAUN BROOKER, HELEN MALLAMACE

**YEAR 8** BELLE RICH

**YEAR 9** NATHAN CASSILLES

**YEAR 10** MELISSA MERCURI

**YEAR 11** TERRY BABIC

**YEAR 12** CATHERINE GRAY

**HEAD TEACHER GIRLS WELFARE - CATHERINE GRAY**

**HEAD TEACHER BOYS WELFARE - JASON SACHS**

## SPORTING HOUSE CAPTAINS 2024

### MUTCH

**CAPTAINS:** REUBEN CAHILL, BROOKE BUCKLEY

**VICE:** RILEY PHILPOTT, MATILIDA GREENE

### MCCAUGHEY

**CAPTAINS:** MITCHELL TURNER, CHARLOTTE MILLINGTON

**VICE:** JACK LUCAS, CHELSEA GOLDER

### BREAKWELL

**CAPTAINS:** DOMINIC EDWARDS, ABBEY PATERSON

**VICE:** ANGUS WOODHEAD, SOPHIE TAYLOR

### GARDINER

**CAPTAINS:** NAISH OLIVER, CLAIRE TELFORD

**VICE:** LACHLAN VEARING, TAYA KENNEDY

## 2024 P & C:

**PRESIDENT** RODNEY WALSH

**VICE - PRESIDENT** JEN HATTY

**TREASURER** SARAH ANDERSON

