

2008 “ How sweet it is ”

Alexandra began 2008 under the same stable leadership at the top and Michael Bretherton was reappointed as Coach with Steven Hedger again in charge of the Reserves. At YVMDFNL level Sth Belgrave had left the league which suited Alex. as A) the longest trip, smallest ground was gone and B) no more confusion with the Red White and Black colours. Yea who had lasted only two years in the Kyabram league this stint and Kinglake had joined the Yarra Valley to make ten teams a perfect competition with 18 games (two rounds of nine games) Thornton- Eildon had elected not to move to First Division and Olinda Ferny Creek after winning only two games in '07 had decided to stay in First Division.

Alexandra had lost a few players from the previous year's list but five young county footballers going to University in Melbourne wanted a country club to play at and fortunately for Alexandra, because of a local connection, chose this club.

The season started on April 12th and Alexandra's first game was a trip to Powelltown who had played Alex in their home last game in '07 The result was similar with Alex far too good on the day. Alex had only 11 of the 07 final side and both sides started a little tentatively as new players fitted into the team structure. There was only a couple of goals difference at quarter- time but a ten goal second qtr. ended the match as a contest. Alex went on to win 28.20 to 6.3. Best: T.McKinlay (3), K.Davis (1), D.Conheady (5) R.Maatman (2) T.O'Shea, J.Krijt. Michael Bretherton kicked 4 goals that day and it was later revealed that he was the only Alex. player to receive umpires votes (2) from that game???

B.Heard kicked 8 goals in the Reserves big win at Powelltown. Alexandra's first home game was against Seville and in a high scoring first quarter Alex. held a narrow 9 point lead. Eight second quarter goals to two, gave the Rebels the match winning break and although outscored by the Blues after half time, Alex. still had a comfortable 31 point win 19.10 to 14.9. Best: N.Oakley (2) A.Oakley (1) M.Bretherton (8) T.O'Shea, C.Jack, C.Geddes. C.McKay kicked 6 goals as the Reserves also won easily.

Alexandra's next trip was to Emerald where Alex. handled the strong cross breeze better and kicked four goals to one in the first quarter. The second qtr. was relatively even but Alex increased their lead to 28points at half-time. Injuries restricted movement from the bench after the main break but Alex were still able to increase their lead and win 15.11 to 8.11. Best S.Kidd, J.Krijt, C.Geddes, A.Oakley (3), L.Collard, J.Elkington (2) C.McKay booted another 5 goals as the Reserves also won by a fair margin.

Alex were next at home to new club Kinglake who had also started with three wins, for round 4 on May 3rd. Alex. were not sure what to expect from the Northern FL club and were soon on the back foot as the Lakers kicked seven first quarter goals without a miss as Alex. added 4.6. Alex. kicked five goals to four in the second and still trailed at half-time. Alex. hit the front in the third term but the visitors came back to still lead at the last change. The last quarter was hard fought and Alex. still trailed late in the game until L.Heard 's seventh goal gave them the lead and the game. Alex. 16.14 to Kinglake 16.9. Best: D.Conheady, L.Heard, M.Bretherton, S.Rowan. A.Oakley (3) C.McKay (Reserves) continued his goalkicking spree with a further 8 as both teams continued their unbeaten run.

The eagerly awaited clash between unbeaten neighbors attracted a big crowd to the Thornton ground for round 5 on May 10th Alex. made three changes and were confident that they could match it with the home side in their newly acquired Kangaroo styled jumpers. (Looked more like the old Thornton) Alex. got off to a good start but the first quarter was even with the visitors just ahead at quarter time. Alex started the second qtr well with the first two goals but from half way through the quarter it was all Thornton- Eildon as they kicked the next six goals to lead by 26 points at half-time. After conceding the first third qtr. goal Alex. came back with the next three to get back in the contest. Thornton- Eildon steadied with a goal but two more Alex. majors gave them hope at the last change. Every time Alex. challenged Thornton- Eildon answered with the next goal to win by 33 points 15.21 to 12.6. Best: L.Ware, S.Kidd, D.Conheady, R.Maatman, J.Kidd, N.Oakley. M.Hill kicked 3 goals.

Alexandra's next match was against the other old Waranga opponent and neighbor to the west, Yea at the Showgrounds. Alex. got off to a six goal to three first quarter and were able to hold a similar margin for the remainder of the game finishing on 16.10 to Yea 13.11. Luke Heard with 5 goals to quarter time before going off injured in the second qtr. caused the Tiger defence some problems. Lachlan Collard continued his great form whilst Adam Oakley displayed his great left footed kicking skills. Jason Krijt, Sam Kidd, Ryan Carter and Neil Oakley were also fine players. Scott Rowan's 3 goals was also significant. The Reserves game was abandoned with Alexandra well in front, five minutes into the third quarter, due to a serious injury to Yea player Stuart Jeal who had previously played with Alex.

Alexandra were on the road for round 7 at Yarra Junction on May 24th. Alex. began well with a six goal to one first quarter and despite some uninspiring periods of play through the middle stages of the game kicked nine goals to four in the last qtr. to finish with a near ten goal win 20.9 to 10.10. Best: A.Oakley (5) M.Bretherton (1) R.Maatman (who received the Umpires 3 votes) L.Heard (6) T.McKinlay (3) M.Hill.

Alexandra were next home to Yarra Glen who appeared to settle quickly after the trip as they led at the first change against an Alex side that had made seven changes. Seven goals to two in the second term restored Alexandra's confidence as they were well in front at the long break. The third quarter was very defensive with only three goals kicked, giving Alex. a six goal+ lead to take into the last qtr. The visitors out scored Alex. in the last term but the home side had built a match winning lead earlier and still won by 27pts, 15.18 to 12.9. Best : N.Oakley C.Geddes, A.Oakley (2), J.Krijt, T.McKinlay (1) S.McKeon (5).

Alexandra next travelled to Belgrave to try to gain some revenge for the finals losses at Kilsyth last year. The home side familiar with the surroundings started better leading by 12 points at the first change. Alex. despite missing many opportunities went to an eleven point lead at half-time. Belgrave with the scoring end came back to lead at the last change by seven points but Alex. were confident that if the trend of the game continued they would be in front at the final siren. The Rebels probably exceeded their own expectations with a seven goal to one last quarter to win going away. 16.13 to 11.13. Best: M.Bretherton in one of his best ever games led from the front at CHB. K.Davis (4) also one of his best games. M.Hill (5) C.Jack, S.Rowan (1), T.O'Shea, B.Norris (1)

At the half way mark of the season Alexandra were second on percentage to the only side that had beaten them so far Thornton- Eildon, whilst the Reserves were also in second place and the U/18s fourth.

Powelltown came to the Showgrounds on June 21st for round 10. and were short on numbers having to forfeit the Reserves game. The visitors actually kicked the first and last goals of the game but unfortunately for the small crowd that hung around waiting for the game to start, there was very little in between. Despite having to make four changes the Rebels were far too good going further ahead at every siren 25.20 to 3.8. Best: N.Oakley, K.Davis, B.Norris, L.Collard, J.Krijt (1 goal and 3 Umpire votes) R.Maatman. L.Heard 5 and S.McKeon 4 were the most effective forwards.

Top of the ladder Alexandra travelled to Seville and after a slow start mastered the irregularities of the "potato chip" Twelve goals to one after half time secured Alexandra's biggest ever win at Seville 18.22 to 5.15, although both sides were off target. Best: L.Collard, N.Oakley, K.Davis, B.Norris, J.Krijt, R.Maatman. S.McKeon and J.Elkington, 3 goals each found the target most often. New player Ben Loughlan impressed. C.McKay kicked 6 goals as the Reserves also had a big win.

Alex were at home to Emerald for round 12 on July 5th. Neil Oakley led the side out on the occasion of his 100th game. (all quality games too) The first half was very even with Alex leading by a point at quarter time then scores were level at the main break. Alex led by seven points at orange time but because of some undisciplined play resulting in yellow cards, struggled to hold out the Emerald Bombers, who went to the lead. Alex fought back to level again late in the qtr. but a lucky bounce enabled Emerald to post a six point win 13.11 to 12.11. Best: D.Conheady, L.Collard, M.Hill (2), R.Maatman, N.Oakley. S.McKeon kicked 5 goals.

Alexandra's first ever trip to Kinglake was certainly one to remember. Losing the toss, Alex. were confronted with a freezing, howling gale on top of the mountain. Kinglake raced to 6.8 at quarter time but Alex not using the conditions as well as the home side managed only 3.3 in the second. A further four wind assisted goals gave the Lakers a commanding lead at the last change, Alex tried hard to bridge the gap but the gale had dropped considerably before the rain came leaving Alex. 8.6 to 12.18. Best: S.Kidd, J.Krijt, CGeddes, B.Loughlan, M.Hill (1), N.Oakley(2). B.Norris also 2 goals. The Reserves snatched a one point win in the early game.

Back at home for round 14 on July 19th Alexandra needed a win after successive losses and faced recent nemesis Thornton- Eildon. The visitors bounded away with an eight goal first quarter assisted by the northerly wind and things again looked grim for the Rebels, who were still 29 points down as players went back to the rooms. The turning point came 10 minutes into the third qtr. as Alex. added 3 goals in five minutes and were getting on top in general play. Alex added a further four goals to lead by 7 points at the last change. In a tight last quarter, with each side only kicking two goals each, Alex. held on for an eight point win 14.9 to 13.7. The win was vital for Alex. as it returned them to top of the ladder but more importantly gave them the knowledge that they could match it with last year's Premiers Thornton- Eildon come finals time in a month. Best: M.Hill (3), N.Oakley, A.Oakley (3), S.Kidd, B.Norris (1) C.Mullins.

Alexandra next travelled to Yea for the first time in three years and began to the right as viewed from the historical old grandstand. Nine shots with only three causing the goal umpire to reach for both flags was a bit wasteful but

Alex. took a lead to the first huddle. Alex. did a little better in the second term to lead by 43 points at half-time. The third quarter was tight as the Tigers tried hard to get back into the game but Alexandra's defence was up to the task. The game opened up in the last qtr. with Alex kicking six goals to three for a comfortable 84 point win, 18.19 to 6.7. Best: M.Hill (4), A.Oakley (2), B.Loughlan J.Krijt, B.Norris, With K.Davis awarded the umpires 3votes. Luke heard added 4 to his seasons tally. C.Mckay kicked 5 in the Reserves 101 point win against Yea. Again there was only one game played at the Showgrounds on Aug 2nd as Yarra Junction forfeited the Reserves game due to lack of numbers. (YJ don't field an U18 team). Yarra Junction tried to stay with Alexandra in the first half but after half-time the flood gate opened as the top side put on 13 goals to nil to have another big win 24.18 to 3.3. Best: T.McKinlay, A.Oakley (6), D.Conheady (2), R.Carter, L.Heard (5) Brayden Norris (3). Round 17 was at Yarra Glen where Alex struggled to exert their superiority. The game was close all day with firstly Alex going to a three goal break at half-time then the home side holding a 6 point lead at the last change. In a tough, hard last quarter as Alex. added three goals whilst both Yarra Glen goals came from the boot of full forward D.Selkrig who finished with seven, including his 100th for the season. Alex. 12.17 to YG 13.7. Best: M.Hill (3) continued his fine form, Jason Krijt, L.Collard, B.Loughlan, K.Davis, N.Oakley. The last H&A game for the season saw Belgrave come to the Showgrounds needing a win to have any chance of playing in the finals. Alexandra started well but the Magpies only trailed by 10 points at the first change. A six goal to two second qtr. saw Alex. build a match winning lead but Belgrave fought back at the hill end in the third qtr to out-score the Rebels and although 17 points down at the three quarter time still a chance. This chance was soon snuffed out by what coach Michael Bretherton later called " the Radish show" Brayden Norris out led and out marked all opponents to kick five last quarter goals as he finished off the good work of team-mates up field. Alexandra's 18.9. to Belgrave's 10.7 saw the Rebels finish clearly on top of the ladder . Also on the day Steven Hedger playing his 300th game led his team to a 63 point win to also go to the top of the ladder, displacing the team they had just defeated. The Under 18s had finished fourth, whilst both A and B grade Netball teams had also finished on top of their respective ladders in a rewarding season for the club.. Alexandra of course won the Club Championship for a second successive year.

Seniors						Reserves						Under 18s					
	W	L	D	%	Pts		W	L	D	%	Pts		W	L	B	%	Pts
Alex	15	3		163.29	60	Alex.	15	1		297.84	68	Emerald	11	1	6	208.73	68
Thorn.E	14	4		144.22	56	Belgrave	16	1		286.65	68	Seville	10	2	6	230.75	64
Emerald	13	5		146.44	52	Yarra G	11	7		143.34	44	Yarra G	8	4	6	202.42	56
Yarra G	12	6		135.66	48	Kinglake	10	8		135.93	40	Alex.	7	5	6	103.16	52
Kinglake	11	7		121.70	44	Emerald	10	8		105.05	40	Belgrave	3	9	6	64.78	36
Belgrave	10	8		115.22	40	Seville	9	9		83.67	36	P'town	2	10	6	42.63	32
Seville	6	12		93.26	24	Thorn. E	5	12		72.89	24	Thorn E	1	11	6	33.64	28
Yea	5	13		68.34	20	Yarra J	5	12		58.95	20						
P'town	3	15		47.59	12	Yea	4	14		64.41	16						
Yarra J	1	17		51.30	4	P/town	1	14		19.42	4						

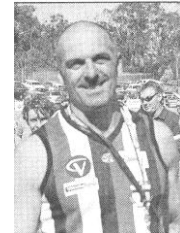
Individually at YVMDFNL level R.Cowan (P'town.) won the Wandin Medal for B&F. Neil Oakley polled the most Alex. votes. In the Reserves Steven Hedger was runner-up, two votes behind the winner. B. Kapakoulakis (TE) won the Under 18 B&F. D.Selkrig 107 kicked the most senior goals whilst Chris McKay won the reserves goalkicking award. Michael Bretherton was selected Full Back in the YVMD team of the year.

In the Netball Emma Thomas won the A grade B&F whilst Michelle Jack and Melissa Warren-Smith shared the B grade B&F with Megan Creughton (TE) Emma Thomas won the (434) A grade goal shooting award and Michelle Jack the B grade (350)



Melissa, Emma and Michelle

George Steiner was awarded Life Membership of the Yarra Valley Mountain District Football Netball League for his services to The Yarra Junction and Alexandra clubs. A well deserved honor.



The Under18s fortunately were drawn to play their Elimination Final at the Showgrounds and won quite comfortably progressing through to the First Semi Alex. 3.2 – 6.3 – 10.5 – 13.8.86 to Belgrave 1.2 – 2.4 – 2.5 – 6.7.43. Best: J.Ward (4), S.Steiner, N.Armstrong, A.Straw. B.Douglas. J.Rogerson.

A week later the U/18s travelled to Woori Yallock but lost the match 3.0 – 5.1 – 6.3 – 10.5.65 to Seville 5.3 – 7.3 – 11.7 – 12.8.80. Alex. allowed Seville to build up too big a lead, then tried to chase them down, failing by 15 points. Best: S.Steiner, T.Biffin (3), A.Straw, N.Armstrong K.Veldman

Also at Woori Yallock The A grade netballers easily defeated Emerald 50 to 18 to progress to the grand-final as did B grade 45 to 40 V Powelltown.

The Reserves went to Woori Yallock to play Belgrave in the second-semi. Alex. began slowly against the Magpies who seemed to have included a couple of eligible Senior players to the team that Alex had recently defeated. Belgrave began to the score-board end favoured by a blustery breeze and led by 15 points at the first change. The Alex. defence led by Daniel Crane did the job in the second quarter but the forwards wasted many opportunities leaving Alex. only 2 points ahead at half-time. Again Belgrave assisted by the strong breeze went out to a 13 point lead at the last change. The early part of the last qtr. was played on the “dead” side of the ground until Crane and Michael Heyes goaled to give Alex the lead. Another Alex. goal to Steven Hedger gave the Rebels some breathing space but Belgrave replied with a disputed goal. Alex held on to their one point lead until the siren. Alex. 0.4 – 2.9 – 3.10 – 6.13.49 def Belgrave 3.1 – 3.1 – 6.5 – 7.6.48. Best: J.Heyes, D.Crane, N.Clarke, S.Hedger, B.Leary, R.Carter. Other goalkickers were W.Haggis, G.Steiner, P.Wandmaker 1 ea.

It was Alexandra’s first visit to Woori Yallock since 1985. As the Senior side ran out conditions deteriorated with showers now mixed with the blustery wind. Alex. won the toss and kicked to the score-board end. Goals to S.McKeon, S.Rowan and N.Oakley gave Alex. a 6 point lead but it appeared Alex had not done enough. Alex. decided to play an extra man in defence (C.Mullins) and this had some effect as Thornton- Eildon were also held to 3 goals at the score-board end. McKeon (2) and L.Heard did well to level the scores at the half-time break. Alex. needed a big third quarter to stay in the contest and began well with goals to B.Loughlan and K.Davis to establish a break but from there on the quarter belonged the Thornton- Eildon leaving Alex trailing by 13 point at the last change. M.Hill goaled early in the last to give Alex. some hope but Thornton- Eildon again assumed control to kick the last five goals of the game and go to their third successive grand final. Best: S & J Kidd, C.Jack, S.Rowan, B.Loughlan. Other goals came from, S.Kidd, B.Norris, Alex. 3.1 – 6.4 – 10.5 – 11.7.73 lost to T E 2.1 – 6.4 – 12.6 – 16.10 106.

The senior team included P.Francis and J.Heyes to replace the injured S.McKeon and L.Heard for the Final at Warburton against the dangerous Emerald side. The ground was in good condition with the weather cool and cloudy. Alex. kicked uphill in the first quarter and the defence was under immediate pressure from the Emerald mid-fielders. M.Hill kicked Alexandra’s first goal but Emerald’s pace was worrying Alex. as they kicked successive goals at the River end. Hill kicked his second but the Bombers led by 11 points at the first change. Emerald capitalized on a couple of defensive errors by Alex and went out to a four goal lead before Alex. steadied after a goal by D.Conheady . L.Collard and S.Rowan added goals to get Alex. back on top. Hill, the most dangerous forward on the ground kicked two further goals before Emerald goaled to stay close at half-time. The third quarter began with the Alex defence under the pump where B.Loughlan excelled. M. Bretherton and C.Jack combined for a goal to break the trend. Rowan with strength and Hill with poise got Alex. back in front. Rowan again and J.Heyes goaled each

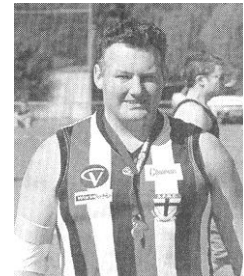
side of an Emerald goal to give Alex a good 15 point lead at the last change. Most of the early part of the last quarter was played in Emerald's half but the Alex defence led by C.Geddes and L.Ware stood firm. Hill kicked a great pressure goal to give Alex a 20 point lead at the twenty minute mark and most then expected the resistance to drop away but the Bombers kept coming with goals at the 24 and 28 minute marks and were again on a roll. Alex players and supporters were glad to hear the siren giving them a four point win and a place in the grand-final. Alex. 2.3 – 7.7 – 12.11 – 14.12.96 to Emerald 4.3 – 7.6 –10.8 - 13.14.92. Best Marcus Hill six goals was the match winner, Ben Loughlan, what a handy pick-up mid season. Jeremy Heyes, Tony O'Shea, Lachlan Collard (1) and Scott Rowan (3). K.Davis, N.Oakley.

Both Alexandra teams returned to Woori Yallock for the grand –finals on Sat. Sept 13th 2008.

The Reserves who had had the week off selected the following players to play Yarra Glen who had surprisingly beaten Belgrave in the Final at Warburton.

R.Carter, N.Clark, D.Crane,T.Dunell, * P.Francis, W.Haggis, B.Heard, S.Hedger, J.Heyes, M.Heyes, P.Hoornweg, T.Hunt, B.Leary, J.Leary, C.McKay, M.O'Conner, L.Russell, G.Sceney. G.Steiner, C.Tranter, C.Wallis, P.Wandmaker. * Replaced A.Daly

Conditions were similar to what they were a fortnight earlier . Yarra Glen won the toss and of course kicked to the scoreboard end, favoured by the blustery northerly wind. It was Alex through W.Haggis, aided by a 50m penalty who kicked the first goal. N.Clark and Lucas Russell were strong in defence early before Yarra Glen kicked their first goal. Alex. were having difficulty getting the ball out of their defensive end as Yarra Glen kicked their second but had done well to restrict the Thunder to two goals, helped by their inaccuracy. C.McKay kicked Alexandra's second goal as Alex. trailed by 5 points at the first change. Early in the second G.Steiner's experience enabled him to use the wind and goal, followed by goals to B.Heard and C.Wallis as Alex were getting on top. D. Crane and P.Francis led a tight defence that allowed Yarra Glen only a point as McKay again goaled to give Alex a 20 point lead at half time. Alex. got right on top in the third qtr. and although against the wind outscored Yarra Glen four goals to one to take a match winning lead at three quarter time. The last quarter was a formality, all Alex had to do was continue in the same way and the Premiership was theirs. This of course was the outcome as the Rebels won their second successive premiership, this time quite comfortably by 56points. Best: Dan Crane (right) deservedly won the League Medal with a strong marking game in defence well supported by Lucas Russell. Steve Hedger (2) won kicks at will through the centre whilst Chris McKay with five goals was most effective up forward. George Steiner's experience and three goals was a bonus whilst Jeremy Heyes run created many opportunities. Other goals, W.Haggis 2, B.Heard 2, C.Wallis.



The Seniors had to come through the hard way, having a tough game at Warburton last week. The selected side was M.Bretherton, L.Collard, D.Conheady, K.Davis, C.Geddes, M.Hill, C.Jack, J.Kidd, S.Kidd, J.Krijt, B.Loughlan, R.Maatman, * S.McKeon, T.McKinlay, C.Mullins, B.Norris, A.O'Shea, *A.Oakley, N.Oakley, S.Rowan, L.Ware. * Replaced J.Heyes, P.Francis.

Alexandra and Thornton had never met in a post War grand final but Thornton had won the last three final's '58, '75, '08, that the clubs had contested since the 1945. Alex. last beat Thornton in a 1st Semi-final at Yea in 1954, 11.10 to 6.10.

The Senior game began with both sides testing each other out and although Alex. kicked to the wind assisted end neither side was able to penetrate the other's defence early. Alex. were slow to move the ball forward perhaps not wishing to make a mistake. Thornton- Eildon were first to goal before B.Norris replied from a free. Another Thornton- Eildon goal was answered by the long kicking left foot of A.Oakley with consecutive goals. Young Norris who was receiving plenty of attention kicked his second goal and Alex led by 13 points at the first change. Thornton- Eildon had a big second quarter with six goals but Alexandra kept themselves in the game with three goals at the Warburton Highway end. Players left for the rooms with Thornton- Eildon leading by nine points and a bit of agro between the teams. The matter was soon sorted by Umpires advisor, former AFL umpire Peter Cameron. Alex knew that they needed a big third quarter but it was Thornton- Eildon who kicked the first goal of the third after eight minutes of defensive play. Alex. were able to reply with three goals in about ten minutes through S Rowan (2) and Norris to give the Rebels the lead. Alex was lifting and could sense a slight drop in the opposition's intensity. In defence the Kidd brothers and C.Geddes denied Thornton- Eildon the ball whilst at the stoppages T.McKinley and R.Maatman were now jumping over the big ruckman giving D.Conheady and the Oakley's first

use of the ball. Goals to Hill from a mark and N.Oakley running across the face of goal, gave the Rebels a 15 point lead at the last change but was it enough?

Alex. worked hard to get the ball forward against the wind and keep it in their forward line. Thornton- Eildon went forward on a few occasions but their strange move of playing an extra player in defence was puzzling as they had to score to win the game. This left Alex also with an extra defender who easily won the ball and repulsed many attacks. Hill kicked Alexandra's 13th goal and Alex. led by 21 points at the nineteen minute mark and seemed to be in control. Both sides added behinds as players tired in the warm Spring conditions. Alex used their interchange bench cleverly and often, in a bid to keep their edge in fitness prevalent during the energy taxing last quarter. Thornton- Eildon kicked the last goal of the season but time and the strong Alex. defence had won out. It was a nice place to be amongst the loyal Alexandra supporters as the siren sounded to signal a great win by Michael Bretherton and his players. Alex. 4.2 – 7.3 – 12.5 – 13.8.86. T.E. 2.1 – 8.6 – 9.8 – 10.12.72. Best: Marcus Hill (2) won the League medal with a typical strong marking, goalkicking game up forward. James Kidd, Tom McKinlay, Michael Bretherton (1), Brayden Norris (4) in a team where every player played his part. Other goalkickers were Scott Rowan, Adam Oakley 2. Sam Kidd, Neil Oakley 1.

Also on this day the B grade Netballers 57 easily defeated Thornton- Eildon 23 Alex. were represented by Tara Carter, Susan Haggis (16), Sharon Hedger, Edwina Ingrouville, Michelle Jack (31), Sally Krijt, Tess McDonald (10), Lisa Wallace, Kristie and Melissa Warren-Smith. Marg Hamill (Coach) Loren Miller. Best: M.Jack, S.Haggis, M.Warren-Smith, S.Hedger.

Unfortunately the A grade team narrowly went down to Thornton- Eildon. 26 to 29. The following players represented the club Ashleigh and Nicole Coombs, Brooke Davis, Jessica Kupke (15), Claire McGennissen, Rebecca McLeod, Lisa Rouget, Belinda Shaw, Emma Thomas (11).. Marg Hamill (Coach) Best: L.Rouget, R.McLeod, J.Kupke, N.Coombs.

On Saturday evening, September 20th, a large and enthusiastic crowd was in attendance for the Alexandra Football/Netball Club's Senior Presentation Night at the Mt.Pleasant Hotel function room. Certificates of Service were announced in recognition of the following player milestones: 300 games - Steve Hedger, 150 games - Sam Kidd, 100 games - Michael Bretherton, Neil Oakley and Scott Rowan.

Steve Hedger was awarded Club Life Membership in recognition of his 300 Club games and his achievements at the Club both on and off the ground over many years.

Powerpoint presentations also gave a review of the 2008 Season that saw all five teams play Finals with three Premierships to become part of the Club's history.

Presidents Trophy: awarded to Sam Kidd *Trainers Trophy:* Roger Welch. *Barry (Sprague) Thompson Best Clubman Trophy:* Dean Murdoch. *Presidents Trophy:* Kath Hedger.

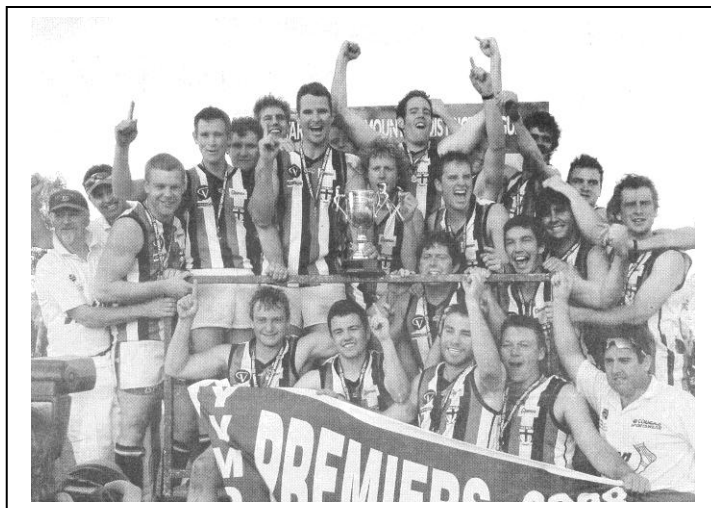
Football Trophies were presented to the following Seniors / Reserves / Under 18s.

Best and Fairest: Alan Jane / Stan Mackrell / Lyn Stillman, Memorial Trophies. Neil Oakley / Justin Leary / Adam Straw. *Runner-up:* Adam Oakley / Brendan Leary / Kyall Norris. *Most Consistent:* Lachlan Collard / Peter Wandmaker / Stephen Steiner. *Most Determined:* Rik Maatman / Lucas Russell / Matthew Steiner. *Most Improved:* James Kidd / C.McKay / Jaye Rogerson. *Best 1st Year:* Brayden Norris / Chris Wallis / Grant Halligan. *Coaches Trophy:* Jason Krijt / Taylor Hunt / Nick Malcolm. *Leading Goalkicker:* Luke Heard (48) / Chris McKay (65) / Ethan Hamill (24)./

Netball Trophies were presented to the following (A grade / B Grade /) Best and Fairest: Casey Munro Memorial trophy: Emma Thomas / Michelle Jack. Runner-up: Nichole Coombs / Melissa Warren-Smith. Most Improved: Jessica Kupke, Brooke Davis / Tess McDonald. Coaches Trophy: Belinda Shaw / Sue Haggis.

Seymour and District Junior Football/ Netball League. U/16, U/14, U/12

Best & Fairest	Nathan Dundas	Ryley Norris	Tom Halligan	Brodie Bonsema	Kathryn Veldman	Kate Meggitt
R/up	Jake Steyger	Conner Heaslip	Stan Gaudion	Lauren Steyger	Meg Bonsema	Kimberly Shaw
Most Consistant	Jeremy Ward	Jamie Burchall	Ben Wallis	Jessica Evans		
Most Determined	Riley Savage	Brandon Witnish	Raphael Lewis		Kimberly Davis	Sasha Mason
Most Improved	Bart Wallace	Paul Wallis	Tim Shaw		Maddisom Riley	Julia Luby
Best 1st year player	Ben Cooper	Jack Goonan	Harrison Murdock			
Coaches Award	Jason Shaw	Brent McDonald	Mitchell McDonald	Elle McDonald	Ebony Purcell	Jayde Cairns /Kate Evans
Goal Kicker	Shaun Graham (29)	Ryley Norris (19)	Stan Gaudion (23)			
Football				Netball		



8 Grade netball premiers, Alexandra.