

# Victorian South Eastern Region Country Cup Meeting

## Hazel Crt. Sale

23 February 2025

**Chairman:** Scott Wilkinson

**Meeting Opened:** 11.05am

**Attendance:** Scott Wilkinson (Wellington), Joe and Pauline Connelly (Orbost), Ash Vogt (Wellington), Mick Pooley (Maffra), Stephen Ing (Mid Gippy), Rhys Quelch (West Gippy), Gill Weldon (Maffra/Wellington), Jamee Van Gelderen (Traralgon)

**Zoom:** Peter Baldwin (Bairnsdale), Ben McDonald (Wonthaggi Mens), Claire Blackford (Latrobe Valley), Linda Hopkins (Wonthaggi Ladies), Wendy and Terry Gilpin (Warragul), Vicki Blay (Wonthaggi Ladies)

**Apologies:** None

Scott asked all the leagues what rule set they were all playing, and country cup would be playing going forward from now. Warragul is the only league still playing World Rules, all other leagues have changed to International Rules. It was an overwhelming majority for IR therefore Country Cup will play IR from now on.

Due to the permanent change to IR Warragul will not be putting a team in for the 2025 country Cup. There was a unanimous vote for Warragul to vacate the competition and their team spot to be given to Traralgon. This now gives Traralgon 2 Team spots for Country Cup Entry.

We were told that Fred Chetland is now President of Wonthaggi Mixed, so he needs to be contacted about Wonthaggi Mixed re are they putting a team in this years Country Cup. Before the meeting closed Fred had been contacted and said that Wonthaggi Mixed would be entering a team in the 2025 Country Cup.

Ash Vogt gave a rundown of the 2024 Country Cup, see attachment.

Scott also spoke about how we as the Country Cup organisers need to get the message out to all our leagues that bad behaviour/bad sportsmanship will not be accepted and needs to be addressed by all the leagues. We need to get the message out there that No Drug Use will be accepted, people will be held to account if they are found to be doing drugs or being Unsportsmanlike. Police do know about these events, and they do come visit the events.

Joe said that Orbost had not planed on having 2 divisions for 2025 Country Cup, the reason being should you get a trophy for coming 5<sup>th</sup>, when 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> do not get trophies. They will discuss this further as a league before making a final decision on 1 or 2 Divisions.

(Division 1 is made up from top 4 from each pool, Division 2 is made up of the next 2 from each pool. All Stars receive either a shirt or some form of recognition trophy.)

The venue for the 2025 Country Cup is Orbost Golf Club.

Orbost is trying to organise a courtesy bus for the Saturday of Country Cup to take people to and from the venue.

Cost for this years Country Cup is \$420. Per Team.

It was said that if league representatives (ie: Presidents) change that the chat needs to be informed and updated so that leagues don't miss out on receiving Country Cup information.

Suggestion was made that a face to face meeting could be had the weekend of Country Cup each time it is held.

West Gippsland have asked to be added to the list for holding Country Cup.

The list now stands at:

2024 – Latrobe Valley

2025 – Orbost

2026 – Wellington

2027 – Warragul ???

2028 – Wonthaggi

2029 – Bairnsdale

2030 – West Gippsland

**Meeting Closed: 11.50am**