

ROOS NEWS



SDNR 2026



This weekend, it's the Roos turn to host **Sir Doug Nicholls Round** - a time to recognise and honour the history, culture and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to our community and to our great game!



We are incredibly proud to have First Nations players across Junior, Youth and Senior teams, are grateful for how their culture enriches the club environment and acknowledge the strength they bring to the Brothers family.





ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY



We proudly acknowledge that we gather here at Kele Park on the traditional lands of the Darumbal people.

We recognise their deep and continuing connection to Country and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

As a club, we are grateful to play, train and come together on Darumbal Country, and we commit to building a respectful and inclusive community for all.





THIS WEEKEND'S GAME TIMES



Under 13 Mixed

8:30am (Field 2)

Under 16 Girls

9:45am (Field 2)

Under 15 Boys

10:00am

Under 17 Boys

11:25am

**Acknowledgment of
Country**

12:55pm

Reserve Grade

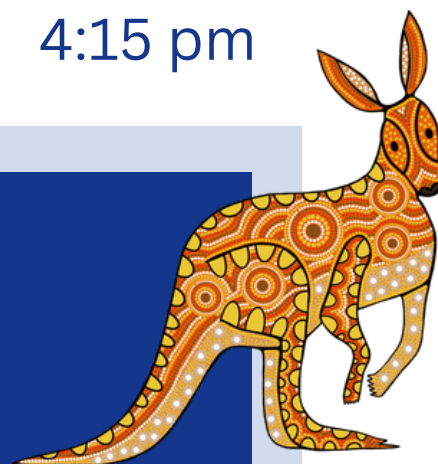
1:00pm

Women

2:40 pm

A Grade

4:15 pm



SIR DOUG NICHOLLS

ABOUT



Sir Doug was a Yorta Yorta man whose sporting prowess helped him overcome early adversity.

His community connections and talent for bringing people together were the driving force in his success in tackling local disadvantage and lobbying for national awareness and action. His public service via his church set up hostels and youth employment assistance.



Sir Doug's achievements:

- 1929: Northcote Football Club's (VFA) star wingman and premiership player
- 1932-7: 54 games - Fitzroy Football Club (VFL)
- 1935: First Indigenous player to represent the Victorian state interstate team.
- 1962: Awarded MBE and Victorian Father of the Year
- 1972: First Indigenous person to receive a knighthood

The Sir Doug Nicholls Round (Indigenous Round) acknowledges his legacy as a trailblazing athlete and a tireless campaigner for civil rights. It celebrates the relationship between the game and Indigenous Australia by connecting AFL fans to Indigenous cultures.

OUR JERSEY



In Round 4 and 5, Roos A Grade and Women's teams proudly wear the club's Indigenous design jersey, based on North Melbourne's 2019 strip.

Illustrated by Gunmok woman and artist Lorraine Kabbindi White, the jumper features the totems of each Indigenous player at North Melbourne – honey ant, goanna, water and the Rainbow Serpent.

The design proved lucky for North Melbourne as they won each game they played while wearing the jumper – Western Bulldogs and the eventual premiers of that season, Richmond.



**SIR DOUG NICHOLLS
ROUND**



GAME DAY COOK-UP

TSI INSPIRED

CHICKEN COCONUT CURRY & RICE

\$5.00



Special thanks
to
Chef Jas!



FIRST NATIONS ROOS



Jackman Yasso is a proud
Darumbal and
Iman/Yiman man.

His favourite First Nations
sportsmen are Cyril Rioli
and Shaun Burgoyne

*"I am proud to play for
the Roos during these
rounds"*

Jemma Ahmann is a proud
Yuggera and Kullilli woman.

Her favourite First Nations
sportsman is JT.

*"I feel a lot of pride
representing my culture"*



ABOUT

OUR MURAL

The Roos are grateful to Rockhampton local and Darumbal artist Stephen Upkett for his contribution to our atmosphere at Kele Park. The mural is on the shipping container nearest the visitors' change room.



The **kangaroo** represents *strength, movement and life on Country*. For the club, its forward motion symbolises progress, teamwork and striving together.

The **gathering circle** symbolises *community, meeting and belonging*. At Kele Park, we come together to connect, celebrate and support one another. We are all united around a shared centre.

The **river** representing the Toonooba (Fitzroy) River, is a symbol of *life, continuity and connection across generations*. Brothers AFC has been shaped by location, the game and how past players and present teams and supports embody our values and traditions.

The **kangaroo paw** symbolises *journeys, pathways and connection to place*. These tracks can be seen as many players, families and supporters have walked onto the field, each contributing to the club's story.



GAME DAY RAFFLE

GET YOUR TICKET

online or in-person



SIR DOUG NICHOLLS ROUND RAFFLE

MAJOR PRIZE

2026

SIGNED COLLINGWOOD
FOOTBALL CLUB

GUERNSEY

INCLUDING
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY

KINDLY GIFTED BY
MERCEDES KIRWIN
BARRAWARN PROGRAM COORDINATOR
COLLINGWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB



BONUS PRIZE

MINI AFL BALL

SIGNED BY
**SINGER-SONGWRITER
JAYMON BOB**
PROUD GHUNGALU MAN

\$2 PER TICKET

\$5 FOR 3

\$10 FOR 6

ALL RAFFLE PROCEEDS DONATED TO



DRAWN AT **BAFC** SIR DOUG NICHOLLS ROUND
23RD MAY 2026 @ 6PM

Our SDNR raffle is supporting the **AFL Cape York Foundation**, a NFP that provides culturally appropriate support to vulnerable First Nations youth so they can finish high school and access a secure future of work or further study.

In 2026, there are 100 students at their 2 boarding houses in Queensland's top end.



45
Communities

We care for 100 young people from 45 communities in our Cairns and Redlynch boarding houses.



90%+
Of our graduates

Go on to secure a university, vocational, or work placement upon completion of year 12, far exceeding the national average.



100%
Completion rate

In 2022, AFL Cape York House achieved a year 12 graduate completion rate of 100% compared to the national completion rate for children from very remote communities of just 38%.



**AFL CAPE YORK
HOUSE FOUNDATION**

JOIN US (18+)

TONIGHT'S EVENT



≧ **BROTHERS AFC PRESENTS** ≦

SATURDAY 23RD MAY

6:45PM
START

\$15 PER
TEAM
(18+)

BEER PONG

GOLDEN BOOT TOURNAMENT

THEME:
DYNAMIC DUOS

PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED



Prizes from:

