**UMPIRING COMMITTEE REPORT 2022-23**

Firstly, congratulations to the Regional Board for having the foresight to apply for a grant which allowed them to fund the accreditation of a number of players across the region. This meant that we now have a number of new umpires and we look forward to working with them into the future. We thank all of these players for their commitment to the smooth running of our game. I will take this opportunity to ask clubs to engage with players and encourage more to become umpires or measurers, as it is every home club’s responsibility to provide these officials for pennant matches.

Thankyou to all members of the Umpires Committee for your time and commitment during the season and especially during the finals. Thanks also to all who umpired during the season and at State Events. Several people umpired every week during the finals and for that we are truly thankful. I must make a special thankyou to Lesley Hodgson, who not only provided the training in Highlands area, but also travelled to Ballarat over a period of weeks to provide the training.

Umpires accredited in 2022/23

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|  | Ballarat | Highlands | Total |
| Umpires | 24 | 9 | 33 |
| Reaccreds | 5 |  | 5 |
| Markers |  | 4 | 4 |
| Measurers |  | 8 | 8 |
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Unfortunately, we were unable to complete the markers/measurers course in Ballarat before the end of the season for various reasons and there were a number of applicants who were unable to attend courses at the times available. It is our intention that these will be completed prior to the start of next season.

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|  | Ballarat | Highlands | Total |
| Umpires | 9 | 1 | 10 |
| Reaccreds | 2 |  | 2 |
| Markers | 3 |  | 3 |
| Measurers | 6 | 6 | 12 |
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We will also be looking to do Umpire and Reaccreditation training again early next season. There are a number of experienced umpires in the region whose accreditation lapsed during Covid and now need to reaccredit. Please encourage these players to apply as we need them all.

Again, thank you to all members of the committee and to Gwen Archibald and Wayne Morgan for their assistance and continued support.

Yvonne Clark

Chairperson