



# Join the Ashy Redbacks

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## A Club for Everyone

**Ashburton United Junior Football Club (AUJFC)** is a friendly, progressive and inclusive community club offering girls, boys and mixed teams for **players aged 8 to 18**. Whether your child is picking up a footy for the first time or already loves the game, there's a place for them at Ashy. Our mission is to provide a supportive environment where they can play at a level suited to their stage of development and where they will grow their skills under quality coaching, backed by a strong and dedicated Football Department.

## A Proud History

**Established in 1971, AUJFC** is the largest junior football club in the Yarra Junior Football League (YJFL) with a long and proud tradition of developing young talent. Over the decades, many AFL and AFLW players have begun their football journey with the Ashy Redbacks, and we're proud to have played a small part in the football journeys of:

**Emma McDonald** (Bulldogs) | **Jack Viney** (Demons) | **Toby Greene** (Giants) | **Jordan De Goey** (Magpies) | **Luke Ball** (Saints) | **Tom Mitchell** (Hawks) | **Nick Smith** (Swans) | **Eliza McNamara** (Demons) and **Jas Fleming** (Hawks) just to name a few!



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## SEASON DATES

Round 1 kicks off on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2026. The season includes 14 rounds (last H&A game is on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2026) followed by 3 – 4 weeks of finals for the U11 and older age groups.

## QUALITY COACHING

Our coaches receive ongoing training to ensure they deliver the best teaching methods, skill development and support for all players in a positive and encouraging environment.

## GIRLS FOOTY

For our girls' program, we're thrilled to have Jas Fleming, current AFLW Hawthorn player returning in 2026 as our Head of Girls Football. She'll be joined by Carlton's Lila Keck as U16 Girls coach, with Bulldogs talents Emma McDonald and Sarah Poustie leading our Youth Girls team. This A-team brings elite experience, a passion for player development and a high-performance mindset, making them the perfect fit to drive our girls program this season.

## REGISTRATIONS

**Eligible DOB:** 1 January 2008 – 30 April 2019. Register online at [playhq.com/afl/register/251a09](https://playhq.com/afl/register/251a09) or scan the QR code. Players are grouped by the year they were born, e.g. if your child turns 9 in 2026, they will be placed in the Under 9 age group.



**Please note:** Registrations may close once teams reach capacity to keep team sizes balanced and ensure every player gets plenty of time on the field. We recommend registering by early March.

## HOME GROUNDS

We're lucky to call Burwood Reserve and Ferndale Park our homes during the footy season.

