



# MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

## AFLW 2022 PRELIMINARY FINAL MELBOURNE V BRISBANE LIONS

LIBRARY FACT SHEET  
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### MELBOURNE WOMEN AT THE MCG

This afternoon's game is Melbourne's first AFLW premiership match at the MCG. However, Melbourne's women have played three exhibition games on the MCG previously. Melbourne scored 8.5 (53) against the Western Bulldogs 3.3 (21) in the Demons' first women's match at the MCG on 26 June 2013. The second match between these two women's teams at the MCG was played on May 24, 2015, with Melbourne 4.13 (37) defeating the Bulldogs 4.5 (29) for the inaugural Hampson-Hardeman Cup. The cup was named after Barb Hampson and Lisa Hardeman, who developed the women's national championship in 1998, and it is still contested by the Western Bulldogs' and Melbourne's women's teams. Melbourne's women's team last played at the MCG in 2016, when, Melbourne 14.7 (91) defeated Queensland 3.2 (20) during Round 2 of the 10-game AFL Women's Exhibition Series. Although Queensland wore Brisbane Lions colours, they were actually a combination of players from the Lions' and the Gold Coast Suns' exhibition teams.

### BRISBANE LIONS – 2021 AFLW PREMIERS

The first game by a Brisbane Lions women's team was an exhibition match against the Gold Coast Suns on Saturday April 18, 2016. The Lions won 5.8 (38) to 3.6 (24) at the Gabba. The two Queensland teams then combined to play Melbourne at the MCG on May 22. In 2017 the inaugural AFLW season, the Lions won six and drew one of seven matches, earning the right to host the inaugural AFLW grand final. However, Brisbane lost by six points to Adelaide before a crowd of 15,610 at Carrara. The Lions qualified for the 2018 grand final although they again lost by six points to the Western Bulldogs at Princes' Park. Having missed the finals in 2019, Brisbane made the semi finals in 2020, losing to Carlton, one week before the season was abandoned due to the pandemic.

The Lions finished second on the AFLW ladder to Adelaide in 2021, and they defeated Collingwood at the Gabba 7.3 (45) to 6.5 (41) to qualify for the grand final against Adelaide at the Adelaide Oval. Adelaide's captain Chelsea Randall was omitted from the Crows' side due to a concussion, however Adelaide was still favoured to win. A crowd of 22,934 attended the premiership decider on April 17 despite the stadium capacity being capped at 75% (30,000) due to COVID-19 restrictions. The first half was tight with Brisbane going into the main break five points up, 3.0 (18) to 2.1 (13). In the third quarter the captains of both teams were injured. Brisbane's Emma Zielke injured her hamstring, and would retire from footy after the game, while the Crows' acting-captain Angela Foley injured her knee shortly after. The Lions kept the Crows goalless in the quarter, while Brisbane booted three through Jessica Wuetschner, Lauren Arnell and Isobel Dawes, stretching their lead to 22 points 6.0 (36) to 2.2 (14). While Adelaide's Eloise Jones kicked a goal early in the final term, no majors were scored for the remainder of the game. Brisbane won 6.2 (38) to 3.2 (20). The Lions' Kate Lutkins had 18 possessions and was awarded the medal for the best on ground. Craig Starcevich was Brisbane's first premiership coach.



## MELBOURNE'S PREVIOUS MATCHES IN AFLW 2022

Round	Date	Type	Opponent	For	Against	Margin	Venue
R1	08/01/2022	Away	Western Bulldogs	6.10 [46]	3.4 [22]	24	Whitten Oval
R2	14/01/2022	Away	Richmond	8.6 [54]	6.2 [38]	16	Punt Road
R3	22/01/2022	Home	St Kilda	9.10 [64]	3.5 [23]	41	Casey Fields
R4	29/01/2022	Away	Adelaide	3.3 [21]	4.11 [35]	-14	Norwood Oval
R5	05/02/2022	Home	Gold Coast	5.8 [38]	4.2 [26]	12	Casey Fields
R6	12/02/2022	Home	GWS Giants	6.8 [44]	1.1 [7]	37	Casey Fields
R7	21/02/2022	Away	Brisbane	5.5 [35]	4.8 [32]	3	Carrara Oval
R8	26/02/2022	Home	North Melbourne	4.3 [27]	2.5 [17]	10	Casey Fields
R9	05/03/2022	Away	Fremantle	16.11 [107]	3.1 [19]	88	Perth Stadium
R10	12/03/2022	Home	Carlton	5.4 [34]	5.3 [33]	1	Casey Fields

## BRISBANE LIONS' PREVIOUS MATCHES IN AFLW 2022

Round	Date	Type	Opponent	For	Against	Margin	Venue
R1	09/01/2022	Away	Adelaide	1.3 [9]	6.3 [39]	-30	Noarlunga Oval
R2	13/03/2022	Away	Western Bulldogs	10.6 [66]	5.4 [34]	32	Eureka Stadium
R3	25/01/2022	Home	Carlton	9.9 [63]	4.4 [28]	35	Carrara Oval
R4	29/01/2022	Home	Geelong	3.9 [27]	4.1 [25]	2	Maroochydore
R5	05/02/2022	Home	Collingwood	5.5 [35]	1.5 [11]	24	Maroochydore
R6	13/02/2022	Away	St Kilda	3.13 [31]	4.2 [26]	5	Trevor Barker Oval
R7	21/02/2022	Home	Melbourne	4.8 [32]	5.5 [35]	-3	Carrara Oval
R8	27/02/2022	Away	West Coast	15.8 [98]	4.0 [24]	74	Lathlain Park
R9	06/03/2022	Home	North Melbourne	7.8 [50]	2.2 [14]	36	Whitten Oval
R11	17/02/2022	Away	Gold Coast	12.13 [85]	2.4 [16]	69	Carrara Oval
SF	27/03/2022	Home	Collingwood	10.10 [70]	3.2 [20]	50	Gabba

## DAISY PEARCE

Daisy Pearce started her playing career with the Darebin Falcons in the Victorian Women's Football League in 2005. She captained the club from 2008 to 2016, and was a member of their premiership sides ten times, seven as captain. She represented Victoria at both under-19 and senior level, and was recruited by Melbourne with the first selection in the inaugural national women's draft. She was a member of the Australian team that played against Ireland in the 2006 Ladies' International Rules Series, which, to date, is the only women's series to take place.

Daisy made her AFLW debut against Brisbane in Round 1, 2017 at Casey Fields and has played 40 games (19 goals) for the Demons to date. This season she has spent most of her time at full forward, having spent her earlier seasons as a midfielder/follower. She captained the Demons in 2017 and 2018 and has captained the side again since 2020. She was selected as an All-Australian in 2017 and 2018, won Melbourne's best and fairest award in those two years and has been awarded the AFLW Players best captain award in 2017, 2018 and 2020. Daisy missed the entire 2019 season having given birth to Sylvie and Roy. She returned in 2020 and was reinstated as captain and playing in a new role as a defender, and was named amongst the team's best players in five of the first six matches. She was one of their best players in their semi final win against GWS but the finals were then cancelled with no premiership awarded. In Round 9, 2021 she injured the medial-collateral ligament in her right knee and did not return until the start of the 2022 season. On the forward line, she has kicked 13 goals for the season.

In the media Pearce has become an established personality in both television and radio appearing on Channel 7 and SEN1116, also on AFL Game Day from 2016 until the show's cancellation in 2020. The VFL Women's best and fairest award of which Pearce was the inaugural recipient in 2016 was named the Lambert-Pearce Medal partly in her honour in 2018. Daisy studied a Bachelor of Nursing and Midwifery, graduating in 2010, receiving a distinguished alumni award in 2019. She will be taking up an assistant coaching role at the NAB AFLW Academy in 2023.

## FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

The MCC Library's matchday fact sheets can be accessed through the MCC website at: <http://tinyurl.com/mcclcatalogue>



THE GIRLS' FOOTBALL MATCH.

## A LONG TRADITION

Organised women's Australian football is a lot older than many people think. Although there were references to women's matches during the Edwardian era, it was during the Great War of 1914-18 that women's contests became regular events. The birthplace of organised games was possibly in Perth, with a match between two workplace teams. The first formal women's competitions were established in Western Australia and South Australia by 1916 and in Victoria by 1918.

The early games were often associated with businesses and were organised to raise patriotic funds. The games were taken seriously as evidenced by the image (above) of two Boan Bros teams that was published in the *Western Mail* in 1917. The Perth retailer Boan Bros. was a supporter of women's football during the war and Megan Rowland wrote about the diary of one of the company's footballers, Geraldine Howlett (right), in the MCC Library's journal *The Yorker* of Autumn 2015. Geraldine, "sewed her own 'costume', organised team training sessions, and even sought instructions on how to play the game".



## WOMENS & GIRLS MATCHES AT THE MCG

Date	Comp.	Match	Team 1				Team 2			
09/05/2004	VWFL	Rd 3	Melbourne Uni (Div 1)	11	11	77	St Albans Spurs	7	8	50
01/08/2004	VWFL	Rd 13	St Kilda City Sharks	7	8	50	Melbourne Uni (Div 2)	3	4	22
07/05/2005	VWFL	Rep	VWFL Metro	*	*	*	VWFL Country	*	*	*
13/05/2006	VWFL	Rep	VWFL Metro	*	*	*	VWFL Country	*	*	*
12/05/2007	VWFL	Rep	VWFL Metro	6	2	38	VWFL Country	5	1	31
10/08/2007	VWFL	PF	Melbourne Uni	11	11	77	Vic Uni-St Albans	5	4	34
29/06/2013	AFLW		Melbourne Women	8	5	53	Western Bulldogs Women	3	3	21
24/05/2015	AFLW	Rd 1	Melbourne Women	4	13	37	Western Bulldogs Women	4	5	29
06/05/2016	YGNC U18	GF	Vic Metro Girls U18	14	11	95	WA Girls U18	0	0	0
22/05/2016	AFLW	RD 2	Melbourne Women	14	7	91	Queensland Women	3	2	20
30/07/2017	H-Sun Girls	GF	Ballarat Grammar	4	8	32	Melbourne Girls Grammar	1	3	9

\*An asterisk indicates a gap in the MCC Library's knowledge at the time of printing. If you can fill these gaps please contact the MCC Library.

## This Round in History – AFLW Preliminary Finals

This afternoon's game is the first time an AFLW premiership match is played at the MCG. While the AFLW premiership was established in 2017, and in 2018, the competition was contested by eight teams and following the home and away season only the grand final was played. The first AFLW preliminary finals were played in 2019, after the expansion of the competition. In 2020 the two AFLW preliminary final matches between Carlton and North Melbourne, and Fremantle and Melbourne, were cancelled due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. Two AFLW preliminary finals have been played at the Adelaide Oval, and once each at Princes' Park and the Gabba. The highest score in an AFLW preliminary final was by Adelaide who kicked 11.7 [73] against Geelong 1.1 [7] at the Adelaide Oval in the 2019 preliminary final 2. Geelong's score in this match is also the lowest score, and the 66 point margin is the greatest in an AFLW preliminary final. The highest attendance at an AFLW preliminary final was 13,429 at the Adelaide Oval in 2019 between Adelaide and Geelong. The highest attendance for a AFLW match is 50,034, for the 2019 grand final between Adelaide and Carlton at the Adelaide Oval.

### AFLW PRELIMINARY FINALS 2019-2021

Year	Prelim.	Home Team		Away Team		Venue	Attendance
2019	PF1	Adelaide	11.7 [73]	Geelong	1.1 [7]	Adelaide Oval	13,429
2019	PF2	Carlton	9.10 [64]	Fremantle	4.4 [28]	Princes Park	7,146
2021	PF1	Adelaide	5.3 [33]	Melbourne	1.9 [15]	Adelaide Oval	6,382
2021	PF2	Brisbane Lions	7.3 [45]	Collingwood	6.5 [41]	Gabba	4,435

## Statistics for Melbourne AFLW v Brisbane Lions AFLW

### Melbourne AFLW v Brisbane AFLW by venue

	Won by Melbourne	Won by Brisbane	Drawn
Carrara Oval	1	0	0
Casey Fields	2	1	0
Hickey Park (Br)	1	0	0
	4	1	0

### Highest Score

Melbourne	9.6 [60]	Rd 3	2019	Hickey
Brisbane	6.0 [36]	Rd 9	2021	Casey

### Lowest Score

Melbourne	1.4 [10]	Rd 1	2017	Casey
Brisbane	3.3 [21]	Rd 3	2019	Hickey

### Last Time They Met – AFLW Round 7, 2022, Carrara

	Brisbane	Melbourne
Quarter time	1.3	0.0
Half time	3.5	1.0
Three-quarter time	4.5	4.4
Full time	4.8 [32]	5.5 [35]

### Greatest Winning Margin

Melbourne	39 points	Rd 3	2019	Hickey
Brisbane	15 points	Rd 1	2017	Casey

## WOMENS AND GIRLS FOOTBALL AT THE MCG

The first women's football match of all codes was a soccer game played on September 13, 2000, between the Swedish and Brazilian Olympic football teams. The first women's match under Australian football rules was a VWFL Division 1 match on Mothers' Day, May 9, 2004, when Melbourne University, the "MUGARS", 11.11 [77] defeated the St Albans Spurs 7.8 [50] to win the Mothers' Day Cup. There have been 11 Australian football matches played by women and girls at the MCG in total. The last womens and/or girls game previous to today was the *Herald-Sun* Shield Senior Girls grand final on July 30, 2017. In it Ballarat Grammar 4.8 [32] defeated Melbourne Girls Grammar 1.3 [9]. The highest score by a female team on the MCG is 14.11 [95] by the Victorian Metropolitan Under 18s in the AFL Youth Girls National Championship grand final on May 6, 2016. Their opponents were shut out in this match and left the ground scoreless, 0.0 [0]. The 95-point margin is still the largest between female teams on the MCG. The highest score by an adult women's team at the MCG was 14.7 [91] by Melbourne women against Queensland women, in Round 2 of the 2016 AFL Women's Exhibition Series on May 22. Queensland's score in this match against Melbourne was 3.2 [20], and it is the lowest score by an adult women's side on the MCG. The Demons' 71-point belting is also the largest margin for an adult women's match at the ground.

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