



## AFL Central Victoria

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### **AFL Central Victoria Announces Key Staffing Changes**

AFL Central Victoria (AFLCV) is pleased to announce several recent staffing changes as part of our ongoing commitment to support and develop local community football & netball clubs in our region. These changes will offer a seamless transitional period with minimal impact to clubs and key stakeholders, ensuring the continued growth and support for our clubs and communities.

#### **Nick Pay departs AFL Central Victoria**

After a dedicated three-year tenure with AFL Central Victoria, Nick Pay has recently departed his role as AFLCV Junior Football Operations Coordinator. Nick's contributions to local Junior Football have been invaluable in advancing areas including the Bendigo Junior Football League and the AFL Central Victoria Academy. Excitingly, Nick departs AFLCV for a new role at the Collingwood Football Club. We extend our sincere appreciation to Nick for his hard work and dedication, and we wish him all the best with his new role at the Magpies.

#### **James Mannix moves to Junior Football Operations Role**

In lieu of Nick's departure, James Mannix will be transitioning to the Junior Operations Coordinator position. Since commencing with AFLCV in January 2024 as the Bendigo Umpires Association (BUA) Manager, James has become an integral part of the AFLCV team. We are confident that his prior experience and enthusiasm will significantly benefit our junior programs including the Bendigo Junior Football League and the AFL Central Victoria Academy.

Contact details for James are as follows; [james.mannix@ aflcentralvic.com.au](mailto:james.mannix@ aflcentralvic.com.au)

#### **Rebecca Mullen appointed BUA Manager & AFL Central Victoria Netball Operations Coordinator**

We are excited to announce that Rebecca ('Beck') Mullen will transition into the role of BUA Manager. Beck brings a wealth of experience and a deep understanding of community sport. Additionally, Beck will also commence as 'AFLCV Netball Operations Coordinator', leading key netball portfolios such as the North Central Netball Association (NCNA), Bendigo Strathdale Netball Association (BSNA), AFLCV Netball Academy, and coordinating all regional netball umpiring/coach development programs.

Beck's outstanding leadership, communication, and experience will be instrumental in maintaining high standards to contribute to the ongoing success of all crucial portfolios.

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#### **Jacob DeAraugo commences as Club Development Lead**

Jacob DeAraugo officially commenced with AFLCV as of Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May as 'Club Development Lead'. In this role, Jacob will leverage his extensive club development experience formally with Cricket Victoria, to focus on supporting and advancing clubs, assisting with all facets of club development including but not limited to governance, strategic planning, safeguarding children, grants, volunteer recognition, coach development, participation growth, and stakeholder relationships.

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These changes are effective immediately, and we look forward to the positive impact each of these individuals will have in their new roles.

For any questions regarding these changes, please contact AFL Central Victoria Media Manager, Tom King on [tom.king@afcentralvic.com.au](mailto:tom.king@afcentralvic.com.au) or 0439 829 650.

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