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Mayne Tigers Monthly Meeting

Our regular monthly meeting is held on the second Wednesday of the Month. All Members are welcome to attend.

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Tigers spoil Blues day in the mud



Zac Puncken gets an attacking handball away in slippery conditions against the Hinterland Blues yesterday at G Rae Oval at Palmwoods.

Well we have finally arrived at Round 1 of the 2025 Hart Sport QFA Division 1 season and on cue the heavens opened up at G Rae Oval at Palmwoods for the much anticipated game with the Hinterland Blues.

A thirty millimetre deluge hit the ground yesterday morning to swamp the ground which had already had a tough start to the year with Cyclone Alfred and it then showered off and on from that point with the main game being largely played in pouring rain.

It was always going to be a hard slog for a game which

should have been a spectacle with the Blues having recruited well during the off season and the Tigers looking to see how they might back up their 2024 Premiership glory.

The Tigers went into the game with just twelve of their premiership team with the absence of Ryan Eyles, Jeremy Duck and Sam Paterson through retirement, Tom Fry on the Lions Academy list and Sherwood, Will Brohm playing at Sandhurst in the Bendigo League, Dan Saunders to Maroochy and four on the current injury list. This enabled the inclusion of nine local boys in Xavier Craven, Hayden Fry, Ben Wilkinson, Louis Quin, Danny Athanasellis, Noah Breen, including debutants Hayden Rainbow from Wilston Grange, Rhys Syrett, Alex Craigie and one new recruit from Tasmania in Aidan Williams from Bridgenorth Football Club.

It was a heavy start to the game after the Reserves chopped the deck up in fine style but the skill level was still very impressive with players from both sides showing deft work by hand and foot.

The first major took five minutes to come with 2024 league leading goal kicker Zac Quin getting the Tigers off to a good start but it wasn't long before the Blues best player and Captain Thomas Wildschnat had them on the board as well. Wildschnat won the league medal in 2024 and looks

Next Fixtures

Team	Opposition	Where	When	Time
Womens	Kedron	Kedron	Sat 26th April 2025	4.45pm
Thirids	Sandgate	Sandgate	Thu 24th April 2025	7.30pm
Reserves	Sandgate	Sandgate	Sat, 26th April 2025	12.00pm
Seniors	Sandgate	Sandgate	Sat, 29th March 2025	1.00pm

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Jamie Ivers gets the advantage over his Hinterland Blues rucking opponent at G Rae Oval yesterday.

every bit as ready to reprise the role this year. He went on to kick four goals for the day being the entire score for the Blues in a strong performance.

The Tigers pinched a handy goal late in the term through the clever in and under work of Alex Craigie but once again Wildschnat kicked the equaliser at the other end to have the two sides almost level at the first break with the Blues one point to the better.

Tigers 2024 Club Champion Beau Harris continued where he left off last season with his usual aggressive attack on the ball and effective tackling to mount up the possessions and get the team going including kicking the first goal of the second term.

It was all Tigers in the second term with young



Jack Collings takes a strong mark against the Hinterland Blues at G Rae Oval yesterday at Palmwoods.

Craigie kicking a long range goal on the back of a strong mark which was impressive given what must have been a very heavy ball. A third goal on the run to Digby Morison and the Tigers had broken out to a solid lead by half time given the worsening conditions.



James Stolz clears the Tigers defence against the Hinterland Blues at G Rae at Palmwoods yesterday.

The Tigers five time club champion Jack Collings was right in his element in the heavy conditions being able to gain effective clearances for the visitors in one of his vintage performances while Zac Puncken was remarkably clean in the on ball department with his work at ground level giving the Tigers a host of possession all day.



Beau Harris shows clean hands in atrocious conditions against the Hinterland Blues at G Rae Oval at Palmwoods yesterday.

Jamie Ivers was a powerhouse in the ruck all day and around the ground revelling in the heavy conditions to be one of the Tigers best.



George Hiotis sloop on the ball in the Reserves early game against the Hinterland Blues at G Rae Oval yesterday.

The Tigers defence was a feature all day keeping the Blues to just four goals with James Stolz leading the way while Hayden Fry was effective as well.

The conditions continued to deteriorate in the second half with only the Tigers able to kick a goal in the third term as both sides slogged it out.

The Blues were able to kick two goals early in the final term as they threw all they could at the Tigers but the visitors rallied and steadied to hold them off for a very good win to start their season.

The Tigers play traditional rivals Sandgate after the Easter Break at Lemke Road in the Anzac Day Round in a marquee game for the season with the awarding of the Paul Meakin John Stackpoole Medal.

Scores: Mayne 6.10.46 d Hinterland 4.7.31
Goals: A Craigie 2, B Harris, D Morison, L Quin, Z Quin 1.

Best: Z Puncken, J Ivers, J Collings, J Stolz, B Harris, D Morison.

Reserves no match for the Blues in the slop



Greg MacPherson slides into the contest for the Tigers in slippery conditions against the Hinterland Blues at G Rae Oval yesterday.

The Reserves take on a very new look in 2025 after their all conquering efforts in the 2024 Premiership game with a number of retirements and promotions seeing new opportunities aplenty.

As reported in the senior game report, the conditions were terrible if you were expecting a clean fast game of footy. It is hard to recall a game

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Key Dates

19/4/2025	Easter—no footy
26/4/2025	Anzac Day Round
31/5/2025	Reunion Day
20/6/2025	Golf Day
23/8/2026	Last Round
30/8/2025	Finals Commence
13/9/2025	Grand Final Day QFA Div 1
19/9/2025	Presentation Night



Chas Van Leeuwin evades his Hinterland opponent in the Reserves early game at G Rae Oval yesterday.

played in these conditions this century with grounds mostly closed in the modern era so it was a novelty to see how the players handled the slippery ball and the surface.

It was however the local side in the Hinterland Blues that adapted best to the conditions as they were able to bustle their way to important kicks out of the frequent stoppages that saw them take advantage early by kicking the only goal of the first term.

The Tigers welcomed new recruit George Hiotis from the University of New South Wales and he didn't take long to get into the action in the middle with some inspired efforts while the return of Greg MacPherson from Townsville added plenty of hard ball in and under work which proved critical yesterday.

The second term saw the Blues break out to a match winning lead kicking four goals with the Tigers unable to hit the scoreboard at the other end which had formed a lake by this stage.

The return of dual premiership player Tom Eccleston was another exciting feature for the Tigers which will be critical as the season plays



Tom Eccleston flies high to effect a spoil against the Hinterland Blues in the Reserves game at G Rae Oval yesterday.

out. He was instrumental in keeping the Tigers going forward all day.

The second half was an endless arm wrestle with both sides working hard in the conditions while the Blues held on to their lead to finish worthy winners in a well fought out game in good spirit.

The Tigers Chas Van Leeuwin handled the conditions as cleanly as anyone on the day to be in their best while Andy Tydink was very strong as usual in the back half with some bone crunching tackles sure to have some sore bodies in the Blues camp today.

It was very pleasing to see premiership player Nick Galvin back in the side and getting through in a strong return after a year off with injury.

The Tigers will be better for the run and will look to the next game against Sandgate after the Easter Break.

Scores: Hinterland 7.8.50 d Mayne 1.6.12

Goals: D Bandara 1.

Best: G Hiotis, G MacPherson, T Eccleston, C Van Leeuwin, A Tydink, N Galvin.

Four Debutants for Round 1 for the Tigers

The Tigers welcomed four new players into the senior ranks yesterday in their opening round win over the Hinterland Blues.



Hayden Rainbow receives his jersey from Captain Ryan Doolan.

Hayden Rainbow has been recruited from the Wilston Grange Gorillas. Hayden is a tall athletic type who will be a handy addition to the Tigers defence but can play at either end of the ground as a key position player.



Aidan Williams receives his jersey from Multiple Club Champion Jack Collings

Mayne Past Players and Supporters Group

Details of the Mayne Past Players and Supporters Club are published on the Mayne website at <http://mayne.aflq.com.au>.

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Aidan Williams joins the Tigers from the Bridgenorth Football Club in Tasmania. Aidan is a clever defender with silky skills who will add plenty of attacking power to the Tigers back half.



Rhys Syrett receives his jersey from Captain Ryan Doolan

Former Everton Wolf Rhys Syrett got his opportunity to debut for the Seniors yesterday after a strong season in the Reserves in 2024 including a premiership medallion. Rhys is a strong utility performer who can play at either end of the ground. He has a penetrating kick and will be a very important addition to the senior group.



Alex Craigie receives his jersey from Club Champion Zac McLean.

Another former Everton Wolf Alex Craigie made his debut in the seniors yesterday after a breakout first year in the Reserves in 2024. Alex was a member of the Reserves 2024 Premiership team. He is a clever small forward who regularly hits the scoreboard from a mark or broken play. One to watch and a long term Tiger in the making.

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Former Tiger in Action

Former Everton Wolf Junior and Multiple Mayne Tiger Premiership player Jasper Craven made his debut for the Wangaratta Magpies last week in the Ovens and Murray League.

Jasper is also a Premiership player for the Aspley Hornets in the QAFL adding to a very full trophy cabinet.

He was judged the Player of the Day in a very impressive start for the Magpies in his first game.

Jasper is the second son of former Wangaratta star Danny Craven who went on to play for the St Kilda Saints before coming to Queensland to play for the Brisbane Bears/Lions. Danny is a Life Member of the Everton Wolves and Mayne Tigers as well as a premiership coach at the Tigers in 2016.

Jasper's older brother Xavier is also a multiple Premiership player for the Tigers.

Danny and wife Kim have been long term volunteers for the Wolves and Tigers as well as generous Sponsors through their Snooze business.

2025 Anzac Day Clash

The next game for the Tigers in Round 2 is a very important day on the Australian calendar as it is in the football community.

A new development for the 2025 Season sees the Sandgate Hawks promoted to QFA Division 1. As a consequence of this development, the Tigers and the Hawks have agreed to play an annual Anzac Day game as traditional rivals from days gone by.

Mayne and Sandgate fought out some mighty and occasionally ferocious Grand Finals in the 1970's which many dedicated footy followers will remember fondly.

The Anzac Day game for 2025 will be played at Lemke Road and alternated year on year between the Den and Sandgate.

The Tigers and the Hawks have also decided that they will play for an annual Mayne Sandgate Anzac Day Perpetual Trophy and also a Medal will be awarded to the Best Player on the day selected by the competing coaches.

The Medal will recognise a player from each club who exemplified the 1970's era where these two great clubs fought out some of their titanic battles. Each player has an extraordinary record for their respective clubs and indeed Queensland Football for this period.

Mayne have selected Paul Meakin and Sandgate have selected John Stackpoole as the two players for the naming of the medal.

Paul Meakin's summary record is as follows.

211 Senior games for Mayne
3 Mayne Club Champion B&F
2 Premierships
10 x State Player
B&F in the 1973 Grand Final
Mayne Team of the Century
AFLQ Hall of Fame

John Stackpoole's record is equally impressive.

251 A Grade games for Sandgate
4 Premierships
25 games for Queensland - 7 games as Captain
Centre Half Forward for Sandgate's Team of 80
Years
Queensland's AFL Team of the Century
Queensland's AFL Hall of Fame

We will look forward to this being a very big day on the annual calendar which honours all the Anzac Day traditions and players from Mayne and Sandgate over the years.

Make sure you get along to this game.

Positions Vacant

We are still looking for a new Team Manager for our Women's Team.

WE NEED YOU!

Our growing Women's team is desperate to find a willing volunteer to manage their team in 2025. The team is growing fast with a host of wonderful young women flying the black and gold.

The role involves a range of skills and duties which you will receive plenty of training as well as assistance from the club. For enquiries contact Jo Price on 0414 330 009 or Cam Shaw on 0488 998 274.

Player Apparel and Merchandise

All the player apparel and merchandise you need for 2025 is available at the Tiger Shop online at [Tiger Shop | Mayne Tigers](https://www.tiger-shop.com.au)

Players will need to purchase black and white playing shorts, playing socks and Travel Shorts as a minimum. A new club polo will be included in your player membership payment once you have completed this task.

For all supporters there are numerous items you might like to purchase during the season with the club logo for 2025 reverting back to our normal emblem post the centenary celebrations.

Reunion Day 2025

The Annual Reunion Day has become a very important day for the Tigers growing in importance and support every year.

The 2024 Reunion Day was particularly special with the Centenary Year celebrations being added to the weekend. It was the biggest and best attended event for the club for decades.

This year the club will not only award the Mick Nolan Medal but will also recognise and celebrate the anniversary of the 2015 Mayne Seniors and Reserves Premiership wins which were part of a three peat for both grades through 2014-2016.

It will be held on Saturday 31st May 2025 at the Den with the club playing Sandgate this year.

It is anticipated that former players, friends and supporters will attend from all around Australia.

The Mick Nolan Medal was struck in 2008 on the passing of the much loved Mayne Premiership Coach and North Melbourne Premiership player and has been awarded every year since.

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