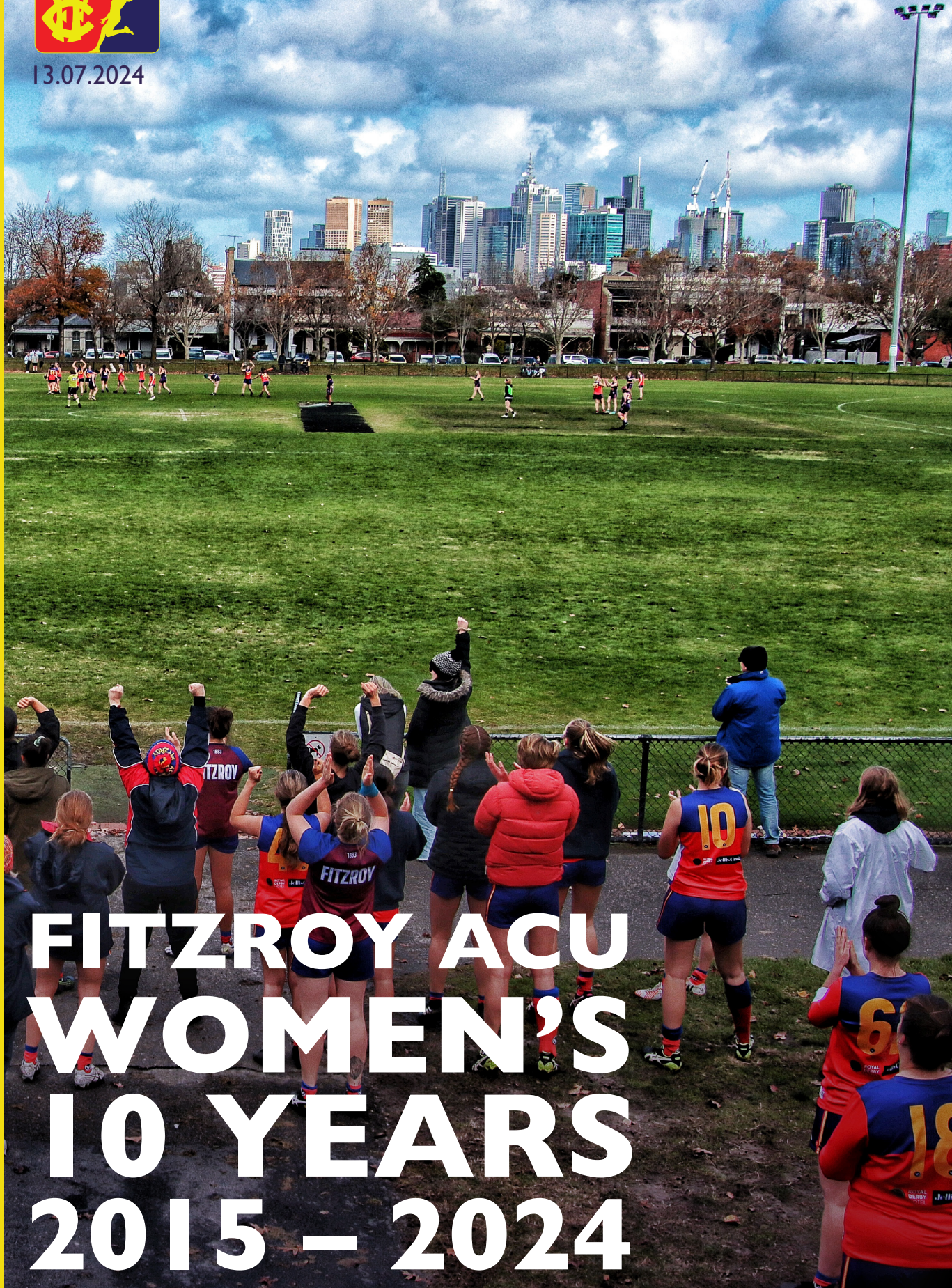


We are the girls from ol' Fitzroy, We wear the colours

# ROYGIRLS RECORD



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# FITZROY ACU WOMEN'S 10 YEARS 2015 – 2024

Fitzroy, Fitzroy, The club we hold so dear, PREMIERS, WE'LL BE THIS YEAR!

maroon & blue, We will always fight for victory, And we'll always see it through.

Win or lose, we do or die, In defeat, we'll always try,



# 10th Anniversary

**A**fter some quick planning in late 2014, the Fitzroy Board made the momentous decision to field a Fitzroy women's team for the first time in the 2015 season.

An enduring partnership was formed with the Australian Catholic University (ACU) and the mighty Roygirls took to the Brunswick Street Oval for their first game on Sunday 19 April, 2015. The following season, a Reserves team was added.

Over the years, hundreds of women players have donned the FFC guernsey and the teams have enjoyed many great wins and finals success.

Since 2022, they have run out for home games to their own song - a modified version of the FFC sung throughout the Club's history.

**“**I played 2015 - 2017 in the first women's team and then the first reserves women's team (which I was better suited to!) It was such a buzz playing those first few years.

We learnt a lot about football and we did it quickly. Playing at Fitzroy - a club with such rich history - felt special as the first women to be running out representing the club on BSO.”

Amelia Zenhirth



**Visit the Fitzroy Football Club website to enjoy further highlights of the first decade, including:**

- Read the Pioneering Roygirls of 2015.
- Stories: Read the articles written over the first decade.
- Images: Travel back through images of on and off-field triumph, adversity and lots of fun.
- Honour Board: Check out who has led and coached our teams and won awards.
- Foundation players.
- Player Stats: check here for your own stats!

<https://www.fitzroyfc.com.au/fitzroy-women-10th-anniversary>

# Timeline: A season-by season look at our women's first 10 years

<b>19 April 2015</b>	Fitzroy ACU plays its first game, with Lauren Atkinson kicking the team's first score (a point).
<b>14 June 2015</b>	First win! Fitzroy ACU 6.9.45 to Hallam 3.2.20
<b>17 April 2016</b>	Fitzroy ACU Reserves play for the first time.
<b>29 May 2016</b>	Fitzroy ACU Reserves first win, beating Roxburgh Park 21.11.137 to 1.1.7
<b>21 August 2016</b>	Fitzroy ACU Seniors lose to Gippsland in first Grand Final – 4.9.33 to 5.12.42
<b>21 September 2016</b>	Ash Riddell wins VFLW Best first year player award.
<b>17 June 2017</b>	Claudia Bell, Gemma Minuz and Tash Ross-Harris named in first VAFA Victorian women's squad.
<b>21 August 2017</b>	Tash Ross-Harris wins the inaugural VAFA Premier Women's Best and Fairest Award.
<b>26 April 2018</b>	Five Fitzroy ACU women on VFLW lists: Alexa Madden (Essendon), Hilary Grubb, Sarah King, Paige Nash (Collingwood), Tori Tonin (Richmond).
<b>19 August 2018</b>	Fitzroy ACU Reserves lose first grand final, 2.4.16 to Marcelling 5.9.39
<b>17 October 2019</b>	Tash Ross-Harris and Teresa Zampaglione named in first VAFA Team of the Year.
<b>19 April 2021</b>	Fitzroy ACU play first Pride Game. Guernseys designed by Nikkita Alexander.
<b>23 May 2021</b>	Fitzroy ACU partnership extended for further three years.
<b>14 November 2021</b>	Cass Blake is runner-up in the VAFA Premier B Best and Fairest Award.
<b>9 April 2022</b>	Fitzroy ACU women's teams run out to their own version of the Fitzroy song.
<b>14 August 2022</b>	Fitzroy ACU Seniors fall beaten by Old Scotch in Grand Final, 2.2.14 to 4.3.27
<b>28 October 2023</b>	Cass Blake named captain of the VAFA Team of the Year, which includes Lucy Kerr, Erin Gogerly and Lex Madden.
<b>22 May 2023</b>	Former Fitzroy Junior, Simone Mooney, wins VAFA Rising Star nomination.
<b>29 May 2023</b>	Liz Olney becomes the first Fitzroy ACU women's player to reach 100 games.
<b>19 August 2023</b>	Four Fitzroy ACU titans retire: Cass Blake, Erin Gogerly, Lucy Kerr and Luci Murphy.
<b>13 July 2024</b>	Fitzroy ACU women celebrate their 10th anniversary!

Full season by season timeline at [www.fitzroyfc.com.au/women](http://www.fitzroyfc.com.au/women)





“I felt like I finally found my family. I always wanted to play footy, but when I turned 12 I remember being told I could no longer play with the boys... Then years later (way too late!) footy for women finally fully emerged!

So many special memories are held there - so much fun, so much love, so much inclusivity. Rolling around in the change rooms screaming out the words to Torn will always be in my heart! So will jumping to the sky with everything I had - being able to use my body in a physical way in sport and feel proud of that.”

Tash Ross Harris



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