

FITZROY ACU WOMEN'S 10 YEARS 2015 – 2024

TIMELINE

2015

- 17 February Fitzroy Football Club announces partnership with Australian Catholic University, with first women's team to play in 2015 VWFL season
John Marshall appointed inaugural coach
- 19 April Fitzroy-ACU Women's team runs onto ground for first game
Alexa Madden inaugural captain
One point scored by Lauren Atkinson in loss to Chirnside Park
- 3 May Bianca Maes kicks Fitzroy-ACU's first goal in loss to Melbourne University
- 14 June First win! Fitzroy ACU 6.9.45 to Hallam 3.2.20
- 21 June Second win: Fitzroy ACU 3.7.25 to Melbourne University 0.0.0
- 2 August Third win: Fitzroy ACU 7.4.46 to Hallam 6.2.38
- September Remy Coleman wins inaugural Elaine Findlay Perpetual Trophy for Best Women's Player
Alexa Madden runner up
Claire Forbes wins Coach's Award

2016

- 7 March FFC announces Fitzroy-ACU Reserves team under guidance of first FFC woman coach Jo Hogan
John Marshall returns as Senior Coach
- 17 April Fitzroy-ACU Seniors and Reserves play together for the first time, led by respective captains Alexa Madden and Mish Booth
- 5 May Fitzroy-ACU wins inaugural Hipster Cup played against Brunswick at Victoria Park
- 29 May Fitzroy-ACU Reserves register first win: 21.11.137 to Roxburgh Park 1.1.7
- 29 May Fitzroy-ACU Seniors third win in a row, moving them to third place on the ladder
- 8 July Liz Olney kicks seven goals and Ash Riddell six, defeating Melbourne University 16.10.106 to 1.1.7
- 31 July After seven wins, Fitzroy-ACU Seniors set to play finals for first time
Fitzroy-ACU Reserves miss finals by two points after winning four games in first season
- 7 August Fitzroy-ACU defeats SKOB Saints in semi-final 7.6.48 to 2.3.15
- 14 August Fitzroy-ACU wins place in grand final, defeating AJAX 4.10.34 to 1.1.7
- 21 August Fitzroy-ACU falls short in grand final by nine points, losing to Gippsland 4.9.33 to 5.12.42
- 21 September Ash Riddell wins VFLW Best First Year Player Award
- 24 September Ash Riddell wins Elaine Findlay Best and Fairest Award
Sarah Lynas Runner-Up
Esther Harris wins Coach's Award

24 September Mish Booth becomes inaugural winner of Janet Graham Perpetual Trophy for Best Reserves (layer Emily Fitt runner up
Calypso Poole wins Coach's Award

22 November FFC announces that Fitzroy-ACU Women's teams will play in the VAFA competition from 2017

2017

22 February Mick Symons appointed Fitzroy-ACU Senior Coach

13 March FFC announces cap on registrations due to strength of pre-season numbers

20 March Fitzroy-ACU squad members Emilie Goegan and Tess Cosgrave feature as star talent in VAFA season media launch

10 April Fitzroy-ACU Seniors retain Hipster Cup and Reserves win first win Hipster Cup playing in the VAFA
Gemma Minuz inaugural VAFA Senior Captain
Mish Booth again appointed Reserves Captain

17 June Gemma Minuz, Tash Ross-Harris and Claudia Bell named in first-ever VAFA Victorian Women's Squad

20 August Fitzroy-ACU Seniors bow out of finals after losing to SKOB Saints in semi-final and Marcellin in preliminary final

21 August Ruck star Tash Ross-Harris wins inaugural VAFA Premier Women's Best and Fairest Award, after being named best on ground in seven of her first 10 games and finishing with 27 votes from 12 games, nine points clear of her closest rival

6 October Tash Ross-Harris wins Elaine Findlay Perpetual Trophy
Erin Gogerly runner up
Gemma Minuz wins Coach's Award

6 October Reserves Captain Mish Booth wins Janet Graham Perpetual Trophy
Rebecca Petrie runner up
Frankie Freeman wins Coach's Award

2018

26 January Simon Jackson named Fitzroy-ACU Reserves Coach, with Mick Symons remaining Fitzroy-ACU Senior Coach

21 April Fitzroy-ACU Seniors win first game of the season, beating Caulfield Grammarians 7.13.55 to 4.5.29
Gemma Minuz returns as Senior Captain and Mish Booth as Reserves Captain

26 April Five Fitzroy-ACU women on VFLW lists: Alexa Madden (Essendon), Hilary Grubb, Sarah King and Paige Nash (Collingwood)
and Tori Tonin (Richmond)

6 May Fitzroy ACU Seniors defeat Old Trinity 7.8.50 to 4.12.36
Ruby Condon kicks three goals and named best on ground

10 May Erin Gogerly, Hilary Collett and Lucy Kerr named in VAFA Women's Squad

25 May Gemma Minuz and Liz Olney become first women players to reach 50 games

- 7 July Luci Murphy and Claudia Bell reach 50 games
- 28 July Mick Symons retires as Senior Coach
- 5 August Fitzroy-ACU Reserves play first finals
- 12 August Fitzroy-ACU Reserves beat Williamstown in preliminary final 3.2.20 to 2.3.15, progressing to first grand final appearance
Tess Plant-Thomas (broken nose) and Cass Blake (concussion) miss grand final
- 19 August Fitzroy-ACU Reserves lose gallantly to Marcellin, 5.9.39 to 2.4.16
- 1 October FFC wins Victorian Government funding to give women equal opportunity to play football in Yarra
[Let there be light](#) video submission coordinated by Rachel Telfer and Frankie Freeman features in successful grant submission
- 5 October Erin Gogerly wins Elaine Findlay Perpetual Trophy
Lucy Kerr runner up
Jess Hayes wins Coach's Award
- 5 October Susie Worthington wins Janet Graham Perpetual Trophy
Runner up Emily Fitt
Freya Shearer wins Coach's Award
- 22 November Gray Barton named Fitzroy-ACU Senior Coach for 2018
Maeve Barton appointed Senior Assistant Coach

2019

- 2 April Lauren Atkinson plays 50th game
- 10 May Fitzroy Youth Girls play first game under lights at Brunswick Street Oval, after State Government funded lighting upgrade
Fitzroy-ACU Seniors form honour guard
- 14 June Fitzroy-ACU Women's teams play first night games under lights at Brunswick Street Oval
- 27 July Shannon Alexander plays 50th game
- 29 September Teresa Zampaglione wins Elaine Findlay Perpetual Trophy
Tash Ross-Harris runner up
Jess Hayes wins Coach's Award
- 29 September Liz Olney becomes first player to be awarded Superboot Trophy as leading goal kicker in the VAFA Women's competition
- 29 September Emily Fitt wins Janet Graham Perpetual Trophy
Mia Sutherland runner up.
Pia Bertrand wins Coach's Award
- 17 October Tash Ross-Harris and Teresa Zampaglione named in first VAFA Team of the Year
Teresa Zampaglione runner-up in VAFA Premier Women's Best and Fairest Award
Tash Ross-Harris finishes in top 10 after being named best in each of the eight games she played

2020

No season due to pandemic

- 17 September Bronte Ryan becomes first woman to coach the Fitzroy-ACU Senior women's team
- 20 October Mel Story named Fitzroy-ACU Women's Senior Assistant Coach
- 2 November FFC announces that Fitzroy-ACU women's teams to play an inaugural Pride Round against Melbourne University in 2021 season
- 11 November Nathan McLean announced as Fitzroy ACU Reserves Coach

2021

- 10 April Cass Blake named Fitzroy-ACU Senior Captain
Caitlin White Fitzroy-ACU Reserves Captain
- 10 April Fitzroy ACU Women's teams play first game in 623 days and celebrate first win in 714 days against Old Geelong
- 19 April Pride Game guernsey designed by Nikkita Alexander, sister of player Shannon, released for pre-order
- 2 May First-ever Pride Game played, with \$2000 raised for Queerspace
- 23 May Fitzroy and ACU partnership extended for further three years
- 1 July Jess Hayes plays 50th game
- 31 July Fitzroy-ACU Seniors go down against Beaumaris in the Premier B semi-final

- 15 August Brisbane Lions AFLW coach Craig Starcevich, CEO Bree Brock, and All-Australian defender Kate Lutkins, hold online information session with Fitzroy ACU-coaches and player leaders
- 30 September Billie Barton wins Elaine Findlay Perpetual Trophy
Zoe McWhinney runner-up
Eliza Wright wins Coach's Award
- 30 September Annabel Unkenstein, Stephanie Pitt and Olivia Grimwade share Janet Graham Perpetual Trophy
Taryn Rae wins Coach's Award
- 7 November Michael Harper appointed Fitzroy-ACU Seniors Coach
- 14 November Cass Blake named runner up in VAFA Premier B Best and Fairest Award
- 22 November Cass Blake, Lauren Atkinson, Alexa Madden and Billie Barton named in VAFA Team of the Year

2022

- 2 April Cass Blake named Fitzroy-ACU Senior Captain
Billie Barton and Mia Sutherland Senior Vice Captains
Calypso Poole named Fitzroy-ACU Reserves Captain
Taryn Rea and Courtney Sombekke Reserves Vice Captains
- 2 April Mia Sutherland reaches 50 games during Fitzroy-ACU Seniors' first win for 2022, 8.7.55 to Collegians 5.2.32

9 April	Fitzroy-ACU Women run out to their own version of the Fitzroy song, through a guard of honour of trailblazing Fitzroy women administrators, directors, volunteers, mentors, coaches, trainers, umpires and players
7 May	Calypso Poole plays 50 th game
14 May	Hilary Collett plays 50 th game
18 June	Erin Gogerly plays 50 th game
18 June	Zoe Hargreaves becomes Fitzroy's youngest-ever Senior player at 16 years and 15 days, beating previous Fitzroy 16-year-old debutants Kevin Murray (16 years, 323 days, 1955), Gary Pert (16 years, 325 days, 1982), and Andrew Kuka (16 years, 46 days, 1967)
2 July	Captain Cass Blake plays 50 th game
23 July	Fitzroy-ACU Women's second Pride Game
23 July	Tess Young plays 50 th game
23 July	Fitzroy-ACU Seniors finish on top of VAFA Premier B ladder with 11 wins, two losses and one draw Fitzroy-ACU Reserves to play finals after finishing third
31 July	Fitzroy-ACU Reserves bow out of finals after hard-fought game against Monash Blues
31 July	Fitzroy ACU Seniors progress to grand final and qualify to play in Premier Division in 2023
5 August	Nathan McLean retires as Fitzroy ACU Reserves Coach after two seasons
14 August	Fitzroy ACU Seniors fall just short against Old Scotch in grand final, 2.2.14 to 4.3.27

- 12 September Michael Harper retires as Fitzroy-ACU Seniors Coach
- 21 October Nathan Jumeau appointed Fitzroy-ACU Seniors Coach
- 22 September Georgina Bennett wins Elaine Findlay Perpetual Trophy
Alexa Madden runner-up
Christina Kelly wins Coach's Award
- 22 September Olivia Grimwade wins Janet Graham Perpetual Trophy
Runner-up Sarah Carolan
Yvette Godby wins Coach's Award
- 28 October Cass Blake named Captain of the VAFA Premier B Team of the Year, alongside Fitzroy ACU teammates Lucy Kerr, Erin Gogerly and Alexa Madden

2023

- 15 April Jason Valastro coaches first game as Fitzroy-ACU Reserves Coach
- 15 April Cass Blake returns as Fitzroy-ACU Senior Captain for third year
Yvette Godby becomes Fitzroy-ACU Reserves Captain
- 6 May Fitzroy-ACU Seniors win first match in VAFA Premier Division, beating Coburg 2.4.16 to 1.4.10
- 14 May Liz Olney kicks six goals in Fitzroy-ACU Reserves first Premier win, beating Melbourne University 13.4.82 to 2.7.19
- 20 May Fitzroy-ACU Seniors and Reserves play St Kevins in 2023 Pride Game
- 22 May Former Fitzroy Junior, Simone Mooney, wins VAFA Rising Star nomination

- 29 May Liz Olney becomes first Fitzroy-ACU woman to reach 100 games for the Fitzroy Football Club
- 1 July Lucy Kerr plays 50th game
- 5 July Simone Mooney and Gina Bennett named in VAFA Big V Team
- 23 July Fitzroy-ACU Reserves post impressive win against Melbourne University, 7.4.46 to 2.5.17
Spearhead, Liz Olney, kicks three goals
- 23 July Foundation players Alexa Madden and Luci Murphy celebrate 100th games in win against Melbourne University 8.1.49 to 0.3.3
- 19 August Fitzroy-ACU Seniors celebrate win in final game for the season, defeating Collegians 6.7.42 to 4.2.26
- 19 August Four Fitzroy-ACU foundation women players retire: Cass Blake, Erin Gogerly, Lucy Kerr and Luci Murphy
- 6 October Simone Mooney wins Elaine Findlay Perpetual Trophy
Robyn Randell runner up
Sarah Lynas wins Coach's Award
- 6 October Aspen Wagner wins Janet Graham Perpetual Trophy
Hilary Collett runner up
Elyse Campbell wins Coach's Award
- 26 October Sarah Lynas and Simone Mooney named in VAFA Team of the Year

2024

- 13 April Foundation player, Gemma Minuz, coaches first game for Fitzroy-ACU Reserves
Nathan Jumeau returns as Senior Coach
- 13 April Lauren Atkinson plays 100th game in Fitzroy-ACU Seniors first win for the season, defeating Westbourne Grammarians 7.9.51 to 2.4.16
- 18 May Fitzroy-ACU annual Pride Game played for fourth time
- 1 June Foundation player, Alexa Madden returns three months after giving birth to Cooper Ellis
- 11 June Michael McFarlane appointed Fitzroy-ACU Reserves Coach after work duties prevent Gemma Minuz continuing
- 15 June Liz Olney coaches her first Fitzroy-ACU Reserves game, leading them to huge victory over Old Xaverians 17.18 120 to 0.1.1
Alexa Madden, Chloe Sheats, Hilary Collett and Sara Guerra each kick three goals
- 13 July Fitzroy ACU Women celebrate their 10th anniversary!