



MEMORANDUM

To:	Goulburn Murray Juniors and Women & Girls Presidents and Secretaries
CC:	AFLGM Commission; RAC Transition Project Group
Date:	July 24, 2026
Re:	RAC Transition Club Information Pack

For the information of Clubs participating in the Goulburn Murray Juniors and Goulburn Murray Women's & Girls competitions.

With the AFL Goulburn Murray Regional Administration Centre ceasing services on 31 October 2026, regional football bodies are transitioning to self-governance and management.

To support this transition, the Goulburn Murray Juniors and Goulburn Murray Women's & Girls competitions are proposed to be consolidated into a new entity responsible for governing and managing these competitions.

This Club Information Pack outlines the proposed transition strategy and establishment plans for the Goulburn Murray League and invites club feedback on the model.

The Goulburn Murray League (GML) is proposed to conduct male and female junior competitions, with no change to 2026 age divisions, and to provide an Open Women's division to support female participation pathways and future growth.

The GML will be a newly created incorporated entity managing competitions previously delivered by the Goulburn Murray Juniors and Goulburn Murray Women's & Girls Competition.

The GML will affiliate directly with AFL Victoria and operate under a constitution, with an appointed Board responsible for governance, By Laws and League management.

Member clubs of the existing leagues will become foundation members of the GML, with the right to appoint up to seven Board members and influence decisions through League meetings.

The Goulburn Murray League Inc. Club Information Pack contains the following for your consideration.

DOCUMENT	DESCRIPTION
Appendix 1	DRAFT Constitution
Appendix 2	DRAFT By Laws
Appendix 3	Board Member EOI
Appendix 4	Board Member Position Description
Listed Below	FAQ's

A draft Constitution has been prepared for club review. Following consultation, the final Constitution will support an application to Consumer Affairs Victoria for incorporation.

It is proposed that current operational By Laws be adopted without change, with any future amendments to be considered by the League before the 2027 season.



An interim Board will support establishment, with clubs asked to identify potential permanent Board candidates. A Board Member Position Description is included to guide nominations.

Once incorporation, club membership, banking and the financial model are confirmed, the interim Board can transition to an elected Board in accordance with the Constitution.

During the transition, discussions will continue with the AFL Goulburn Murray Commission and AFL Victoria on exit strategies, 2026 season delivery and staffing requirements. Clubs will be regularly updated.

The Project Team will manage transition challenges with the aim of ensuring a smooth establishment of the Goulburn Murray League.

Any feedback on the proposal presented and documents provided are requested to be completed by completing the online feedback form.

Feedback: [Complete Here](#): by no later than COB 6 August, 2026.

Shaun Connell

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SC', positioned over the printed name 'Shaun Connell'.

**AFL Vic Region Manager
Goulburn Murray**



FAQ's

Will the AFL or AFL Goulburn Murray govern the Goulburn Murray League?

No, the GML will be governed by locally appointed Board members who shall be responsible for governing and operating the League.

What competitions will be provided for in 2027 as the Goulburn Murray League?

Competitions and divisions of the GML in 2027 will be the same as offered in 2026.

Will participating and membership of the GML be more expensive than the Goulburn Murray Juniors and Goulbourn Murray Women and Girls Competitions?

The financial model for the GML will be determined by the new Board, having regard to the desired operating model of member clubs and the League's strategic priorities. While the initial model will be informed by existing club fees and operating arrangements, future fees and financial settings will be reviewed and set by the Board to ensure the League remains sustainable and aligned to club needs.

As a newly formed entity, what financial resources are available to the Goulburn Murray League to ensure it is viable?

The AFL Goulburn Murray Commission is considering the distribution of residual regional funds, and a grant to support GML financial security and cash flow is anticipated, subject to obligations and confirmation.

What administration or management model will be available to the GML?

The GML Board may appoint staff and determine a management model that meets operational and strategic requirements. The AFL Goulburn Murray offices at Kialla will be available to League appointed staff.

What do we need to do as a club to participate in the GML in 2027?

Clubs will automatically transition as GML members. No additional action is expected, except assisting with Board candidate identification and voting when required.

Clubs will be informed as the transition and establishment progresses and provide any instructions as may be necessary at any time.

As clubs, do we need to alter our uniforms or are we required to change logos on uniforms to participate in the GML in 2027?

No immediate uniform changes are required. If a modified league logo is adopted, any branding transition will be managed and clubs will be advised.

Should we expect any changes to age groups, divisions, locations in 2027?

No changes are expected. Current age groups, divisions and locations are intended to continue, subject to future League development and growth.

Should we expect any changes to interleague and talent programs?

No. The expectation is the delivery of interleague and the pathways to talent via V/Line Cup will remain unchanged.

What role will the AFL or AFL Goulburn Murray fulfill in the Region post the transition?



Regional staff will be retained in regional areas including:

- Region Manager
- Club Development Lead
- Participation Lead
- Participation Co-Ordinators
- Game Development Officers

Will the AFL Goulburn Murray Commission still govern the Region?

No. With the RAC dissolved, Commissions will transition to Region Councils. The model includes direct league affiliation with AFL Victoria, retention of Regional By Laws and a Region Council to oversee regional matters.

- That all Leagues would affiliate direct to AFL Victoria
- That Regional By Laws would continue to apply and remain enforceable
- That a Region Council be established who shall:
 - Be appointed as a subcommittee of AFL Victoria to oversee the Region via an EoI process
 - Be responsible for:
 - Region CCSP management/oversight
 - Region By Laws management/oversight
 - Appeals under AFL Vic Country Rules and Affiliate Regulations
 - Region Strategic growth initiatives and planning support
 - Management of Regional League connections and disputes

That the connection between the 4 Leagues and Umpire Group will be managed by the Region via the Region Manager and Region Council.