

Headers player interview

Debra Lindsay



been part of playing, managing, supporting for many years! Love em! Love the game!
4. *What qualities do you think make a good soccer player?*
Being a team player, supporting each other on and off the field .

5. *What's a crucial part of creating a positive team dynamic?*

Communication, listening and being listened to. A smile and a positive attitude... not about the result as much as being out there with your teammates.

6. *You're known as the taping master! Do you have any pointers for novice players who need to strap their own ankle or knee?*

Oo-oo don't know about that! Always follow physio advice, otherwise rigid strapping tape for unstable joints and kinesiology tape for muscular strains.

7. *When I say, "special Nimbin Headers moment", what comes to mind?*

Getting to the finals way back when... with no coach for the season... just a lot of awesome woman energy, love and organisation!

8. *You've been around the club for a long time Deb, what do you think makes the Headers different from other clubs?*

Community – best bunch of quirky fun fabulous people with the biggest hearts for the club whether playing, supporting or volunteering.

9. *What's something you've learned from the players over the years?*

That almost everyone but Nigel would be happy for a tequila at half time (not the youngsters obvsi!).

10. *What's your favourite part of a game day?*

Catching up with everyone and when both teams are lined up at the start. Exciting nervous energy for the 90 minutes ahead.

by Genevieve Payne

Debra Lindsay is the Nimbin Headers Women's Champions' assistant coach, hype girl extraordinaire and resident nurse, with all the tricks of the trade when it comes to assisting with injuries, strapping, tactics and everything in between.

You'll never see Deb without the biggest grin on her face, a bag of oranges and lollies in one hand, and a basket filled with Deep Heat, tape, sunscreen and every other essential football supply in the other.

Deb has been a precious part of the Headers family for 15 years! She never misses a game and never brings anything but absolute, radiant positivity.

We genuinely wouldn't know where we'd be without our Deb.

1. *How did you first become involved with soccer?*

I played and coached soccer in New Zealand from teenage years, then got back into it in Sydney before eventually landing in the Northern Rivers.

2. *When and how did you become part of the Headers family?*

My partner Mercer and our son were playing for the Headers in 2011 when they were looking to get the women's teams going again. I was in!

3. *What motivates you to take the time out of your Sundays to drive all over the Northern Rivers to support the women's team?*

Best bunch of fabulous women who I've



Nimbin Demons 2026 team

Local heroes and the Demon spirit

by James Alexander

With the end of the 2026 season, in which the Nimbin Demons finished third on the ladder of the re-vamped Northern Rivers AFL competition, it is time to reflect on the history of our club in this town.

From the club's inception in the 1980s until his death decades later, Tunttable Falls Co-op pioneer Harry Trucker was the most consistent of all-weather supporters.

He described the early years of Tunttable when there was only a small collection of Aussie Rules enthusiasts.

Harry was from Brisbane, well beyond the Barrassi Line, but he grew up following Australian football anyway, long before Fitzroy football club was sent by the AFL to become the Brisbane Lions. As such, he was one of the few hippie pioneers of the Aquarian revolution of Nimbin in the early 1970s who loved Aussie Rules football.

Why would any self-respecting hippie love footy, described by some at the time as "macho-competitive bullshit"? The counter-culture of the 1960s and '70s emphasised freedom. With no off-side rule, a feature of Australian football is the freedom of the individual to go anywhere they like on the huge field.

The spirit of the game, variously attributed to rugby, Gaelic football and indigenous game Marn Grook, fitted the spirit of freedom of the counter-culture. Well, it did for Harry at least.

He told me of the unlikely scenario of footy-hippies from Tunttable Falls Co-op going to the army barracks in Lismore to watch VFL

grand finals in the years when few had their own TVs – long haired freaks enjoying the footy on TV with wing-nut soldiers.

This was during the culture war era between hippies and the straight world in the aftermath of the socially divisive Vietnam War.

There seemed to be no cultural meeting points between these two very different tribes, but their appreciation of Aussie Rules football allowed each side to transcend the mutual suspicion and build bridges instead of more barriers.

They became friends. My guess is that this shared interest and acceptance of differences would have been quite healing for both camps as they watched grandfinals together.

Harry was a pioneer of the Tunttable Falls Co-op culture that went on to produce Nimbin Demons legends such as Frank Reid, Keiran Kevans and Chris Hellyer amongst others.

One of my fondest memories as a player with the Demons was seeing Harry at the presentation night in the early 2000s, waving the Best Supporter trophy above his head, as though he was waving the AFL Premiership Cup, to the loud applause and cheering of the Nimbin Horel.

A generation later, who will win the 2026 Demons Best & Fairest award and other trophies on Saturday 5th September? Harry is no longer with us, but I will always see him hurriedly shuffling through town on his dodgy legs to get to the footy ground for a home match as though he was excitedly rushing to the MCG.

And I see him waving

his trophy in exultation as our club recognised and celebrated an old man who never wavered in his support of the Demons, regardless of the score board. Harry and all past players are still with us in spirit, each adding to the cumulative Demon spirit which makes our club special.

The Nimbin Demons is a community of enthusiasts, bringing people together like footy did in the turbulent and divided days of the 1970s.

An important aspect of this community is the support provided by sponsors – we gratefully acknowledge the generosity of the Nimbin Hotel, the Hemp Embassy, The Mended Drum, Nimbin Haberdashery, HotMatter T-Shirts, Luke Branding Solutions, Uki Automotive, Bray Park General Store, Nimbin Bakery, Rise Rehabilitation and Nimbin Building Materials.

We also appreciate the efforts of Mickie Griffiths (Nimbin's Exercise Physiologist) who got the boys fit in pre-season and managed their injuries. And we thank the Nimbin A&I Society for the use of the field which we euphemistically call 'Demon Park'.

We look forward to the AFL 9's (touch footy) competition in Spring, involving women on each team; the development of a women's Demons team, challenging the Nimbin Headers to a Gaelic football rematch, and a social cricket side over summer.

Come along and join the Demons community. Call Tony (Coach & President) on 0476-037-492, or James (Secretary) 0410-836-690 for details.



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Country lifestyle with outstanding potential

207 Whites Road, Homeleigh
32 acres (13.12 HA)
4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 4 car spaces
AUCTION

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The circa-1990s four-bedroom, two-bathroom brick home provides comfortable family living, with raked ceilings, generous verandahs, a traditional brick fireplace and solid timber kitchen cabinetry. A 26-panel solar system complements mains power.

Additional accommodation is provided by a converted and refurbished shed, while numerous sheds, outbuildings and container storage offer excellent space for machinery, vehicles and workshop activities. With scope to further enhance the home, orchard and infrastructure, this substantial rural property offers all the ingredients for a rewarding country lifestyle.

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Nimbin Crossword solution

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Karma is coming

Everything equalises and balances
maths and morality,
beauty, depravity,
We are,
the words of Shakespeare,
the music, Beethoven,
the hate of Hitler,
the sins of Stalin,
the triumph of Trump.
Democracy at work,
media madness,
fear and ignorance,
a lingering sadness.
The hollow crown empty,
cursed insanity,
devoid of love and hope,
our humanity,
but this cycle will pass
as we cleanse our soul
with universal truth,
pure and wholesome, whole.

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24 Nimbin Street, The Channon

3 1 1 1016m²

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23/278 Mulvena Road, Larnook

1 1 2 Community Share

\$430,000

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Crofton Road, Nimbin

2 1 2 40.98 Hectares

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1005 Tuntable Creek Road, Nimbin

5 17.85 Hectares

\$1,200,000

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354 The Channon Road, The Channon

7 4 7 22.8 Hectares

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13/1057 Cawongla Road, Larnook

5 2 3 5.5 Acres

\$630,000

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14/136 Davis Road, Larnook

2 1 2 2 Hectares

\$600,000

Agent: Jacqui



240 Stanger Road, Stony Chute

3 1 7 3 Hectares

\$795,000

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876 Green Pigeon Road, Green Pigeon

1 9 7.63 Hectares

\$600,000

Suzy



140 Tuntable Creek Road, The Channon

3 1 3 5 Acres

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John & Samara



8/345 Tuntable Falls Road, Nimbin

5000m² Vacant land

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John

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