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Family-friendly focus for CHFL grand final

Grand final fever

THE Central Highlands Football League will run a family-friendly event at this Saturday's grand finals matches, with a low-alcohol policy in place for the second year in a row.

Media spokesperson Gerard Ryan said the CHFL was the first league in country Victoria to introduce this policy and it was well regarded by all who attended last year's grand final day.

Mr Ryan hoped to have more than 7000 people through the gates of Eureka Stadium, North Ballarat this Saturday, and said there was a terrific line-up of matches.

The Hepburn Shire will be represented by Daylesford in the

senior's match and Creswick in the under-15 match.

Mr Ryan said although Waubra were favourites to win, Michael Cummings would be an important inclusion for Daylesford if he played, given his involvement with the Victorian Country Football League number two team and his form this season.

He said other players to watch out for included Scott Winduss in the ruck, Trent Nesbitt, who had a good finals series, and Jack Gudgeon in the backline.

He said Waubra players who could dampen the spirits of Daylesford were Shaun Mullane, Tim Mullane and Lee Brown, who "should have a

good contest with Gudgeon".

In the under-15s he said the key player for Creswick was Damon Bowman, who won the CHFL under-15 goalkicking trophy.

"The senior game should shape up as the closest match of the day. Waubra are favourites for the seniors, reserves and under-18 grand finals, but Creswick would start as the favourite in the under-15s," Mr Ryan said.

"It's a good atmosphere and we want it to be a family friendly event."

He said a St John's Ambulance bus would be on the ground for all football and netball matches.



KEY PLAYER:

Daylesford ruckman Scott Winduss competes against Waubra's Nicholas Moran in the teams' encounter in August – a game the Bulldogs lost by 12 goals. Winduss will be a vital player if Daylesford is to overcome Waubra in Saturday's grand final.