



Team NAB AFL Auskick's latest recruit, Phoebe Cresswell, after her interview with Joel Selwood on Friday night at Marvel Stadium during the Footscray v Melbourne game. Photo: Michael Willson/AFL Photos.

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Farmer Phoebe joins Team NAB AFL Auskick

Team NAB AFL Auskick has its tenth recruit of the year, with 10-year-old Phoebe Cresswell from the Whorouly Auskick Centre in north-east Victoria joining the team.

The 2024 Team NAB AFL Auskick coaches Nick Daicos and Katie Brennan encourage all registered Auskickers to enter via submitting a video online for a chance to join the team. They are on the lookout for NAB Auskickers who show teamwork, dedication, and passion!

Selected Auskickers will have the opportunity to invite an Auskick teammate of their choice to join them for a remarkable experience, attending an AFL Grand Final.

Eleven lucky winners will be announced during the Seven Network's AFL match broadcast, with Phoebe being the tenth lucky Auskicker to join the team accompanied by her chosen nominee – her friend, Aviva Lovelle.

Phoebe and Aviva will join their fellow Team NAB AFL Auskick recruits at the MCG in Melbourne for a once-in-a-lifetime Grand Final experience, where they take centre stage and present the winning grand final team with their premiership medallions.

Phoebe lives in Whorouly, a small town outside of Myrtleford in northern Victoria with a population of less than 400 people. When she's not on the farm mustering cattle and feeding the calves, Phoebe can be found at her local footy oval practicing her skills, including drop punts, bananas and snaps.

Phoebe has two sisters, Neve and Madelyn, who she often recruits to play marks up and kick to kick. She dreams of being a midwife and a footy umpire when she is older, and her favourite TV show is 'Bounce' on Fox Footy.

Phoebe's friend Aviva is a proud West Coast Eagles supporter and has played NAB AFL Auskick for the last three years. She is excited to play a few more games in the newly launched U10s team before she and Phoebe move up into the next age group. They are currently training together for the U12 female football initiative launched by AFL North East Border.

As part of being selected as a Team NAB AFL Auskick recruit, Phoebe has the chance to be crowned the 2024 NAB AFL Auskicker of the Year which will be announced during Toyota AFL Grand Final Week.

The lucky NAB AFL Auskicker of the Year will receive a remarkable \$5,000 prize thanks to NAB and have the privilege of being mentored by an AFL and AFLW player throughout 2025.

About NAB AFL Auskick

- NAB AFL Auskick is an introductory program for kids to connect with Australian rules football while having lots of fun and being active – it's time to 'Come Find Your Awesome!'
- In weekly sessions, kids will focus on building football skills and playing in a safe and super fun setting. Expect small groups, heaps of games and parent/guardian involvement.
- NAB AFL Auskick invites all children aged 5-12 no matter their knowledge, skill or ability, to participate in the non-contact program.
- NAB AFL Auskick offers an inclusive environment for everyone to get involved, with optional 'All Girls' Auskick programs and All-Abilities Auskick centres available.
- More than 126,000 boys and girls participated in NAB AFL Auskick programs at more than 4,000 centres across the country in 2023 – setting a new record!
- Auskick participants have the chance to feature in mini games during halftime at elite AFL and AFLW matches throughout the season. A once-in-a-lifetime experience for many kids!
- Upon signing up, all Auskickers get an awesome pack filled with cool footy goodies not available anywhere else.

- Visit play.afl/Auskick for more details.



Phoebe having a kick with Joel Selwood at half-time during the Footscray v Melbourne game on Friday night at Marvel Stadium. Photo: Michael Willson/AFL Photos