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### **Fairfield Falcons**

The Fairfield Falcons, a women's Aussie rules football team, was established in 1990 to give women to opportunity to play competition football in the Women's League in Melbourne. It took a couple of seasons before the Fairfield Falcons were able to win a match or two despite the support of the lesbian community (and their dogs) who turned up to cheer them on every Sunday afternoon. However, the players were so enthusiastic they kept training and playing until the team was one of the best in the Women's League.

The Fairfield Falcons celebrated their tenth anniversary at McDonnell Park in Northcote in October 1999 with footy and soccer matches between past and present players. The team continued to take on and train new players and to provide women who wanted to play footy the opportunity to do so within a supportive and encouraging environment.