

# NEW TOWN EAGLES

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**Back Row (L-R): Peter Wass (trainer), Iqtadar, Jamie Vernon, Jacob Clapp, Michael Anderson, Nathan Pitchford, Alex Leszczynski, Steve Louden, Chris Wass (captain), George Krambousanos (coach).**  
**Front Row (L-R): Ben Whitehall, Shane Kent, Simon Strang, Andrew Clark, Ethan Menzie, Mark Page, Adam McKeown.**

New Town Eagles Football Club competes in the Tasmanian Southern Premier League. The club also fields teams in all junior divisions, as well as women's teams. New Town Eagles play their home games at Clare Street, in New Town.

The club began life as White Eagle, who proudly represented the Polish migrant community in Tasmania. Many Poles came to Tasmania immediately after World War II to seek a new life and better conditions following the devastation of the war, and many of them found it too. Many Poles who came to Tasmania found good jobs on the dangerous but well paid giant dam-build- ing schemes of the then "Hydro-Electric Com-

mission" (now Hydro Tasmania). These new mi- grants brought many of their traditions with them from home, one of which of course was football. White Eagle was formed in 1962, and enjoyed immediate success, winning the KO Cup in their first year. White Eagle first entered the Southern Premier League in 1964, although some of their players may have previously represented the failed Hydro side which played in the competi- tion from 1955 until 1957. The team entered the top tier of the southern competition after winning the first division in only their second season of existence in 1963.

Throughout their history White Eagles drew strongly from the migrant Polish community, and this has continued after being forced to change their name to New Town Eagles in 1997 when it was decided all Australian football clubs should end their ethnic affiliations. As of 2006, New Town Eagles have been less successful in the Southern Premier League, but still managed to win the State Championship 8 times, makingg them equal second with Hobart Zebras on the all time winners list. They enjoyed a great run in the short lived Tasmanian State League in the late 1980s winning the competition from 1988 to 1991 every year.