

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2013

Well another season as come and gone!! I want to thank everyone for their support and participation over the 2013 season. A special thanks to all of the coaches and managers who have given up their precious time to support the players and the club. Your hard work and enthusiasm has not gone unnoticed.

The club entered 6 junior teams and 5 senior teams for the 2013 season.

- Senior Men Division 2
- Senior Men Division 6
- Over 40 Men
- Over 30 Men
- Senior Women Division 1
- Under 14
- Under 11
- Under 10
- Under 8
- Under 7 Dragons
- Under 7 Welsh

Congratulations to the following teams who made the finals in 2013:-

- Under 14
- Senior Women Div 1
- Over 40 Men (Champions runners-up)
- Senior Men Div 6 (Premiers runners-up)
- Senior Men Div 2 (Premiers runners-up and Champions runners-up)

Since the end of the 2010 season the club owed creditors (the major creditor being QCSA) \$44,591.15. The 2013 committee was determine to continue the hard work done by the 2012 committee and continue to pay our outstanding debt owing to QCSA and others. Various fundraisers were done and many a sausage cooked as we strived to get the club back in the black. I am pleased to report the following amounts have been paid off our debts this season:-

- QCSA - \$5,700.00
- Mal Mathie - \$2,365.00
- Church - \$1,371.39

The only outstanding creditor remaining now is QCSA with a balance owing of \$10,555.77. We remain determined to pay this debt off next year so that we are able to invest more money into the clubs facilities etc going forward.

The following fundraisers were held this year and raised the following funds:-

- Bunnings sausage sizzle - \$1,242.20
- Finals BBQs - \$1,184.30

- Chocolate Drive - \$2,515.86
- Trivia Night - \$1,466.75

Thank you to all of the volunteers who committed their precious time to help out this season. Thanks to Rohan and Linda Alexander who organised most of the BBQ fundraisers during the season and ran the canteen. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

Thanks to Terry Thomson who has continued to maintain the field and do the line marking for the games, and to Shirley Thomson for all her work in ensuring our players were properly registered.

Also, a big thankyou to Nyleta Bruce, treasurer for 2013 for her efforts in ensuring all players were financial and all accounts were paid in a timely manner. We are continuing to refine our financial processes to ensure transparency and accountability within the financial dealings of the club.

The chocolate drive was again well supported by all members of the club and we will look to do another one next season. A special mention must go to our winners for the most boxes sold, James Moroney Under 10s who sold 7 boxes and won a \$50 Rebel Sports Voucher and Brooklyn Daly Under 11s sold 6 boxes and won a \$25 A-mart voucher!

Mayor Paul Pisasale, patron of the club, also continues to support the community and our club with his generous donation in partnership with our local councillor of \$2,000.00. This money was utilised by the club to replace the old and blown lights which cost the club a whopping \$14,000.00. This is unfortunately a necessary expense and one that the club itself must bare as a result of the private ownership of the field. On the positive the club was able to fund this huge project and still manage to pay off creditors to the tune of almost \$10,000.00!!

The junior presentation day was well supported this year and the shift to a night time event avoided the heat of the day. The kids to enjoyed the jumping castle and had fun trying to slot a goal past Marty (Amart mascot). A big thank you to club President Eric Jones, who led a short service before assisting in presenting the trophies to the junior teams.

The senior presentation night was held at Banjo's. It was well attended by most senior teams and a good night was enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to the following people/teams who were recognised for their efforts this season and received awards:-

- Angus Smith (Under 14s) - Eric Jones Award - awarded to a junior player who has provided outstanding service to the club as a volunteer (not just in a playing capacity).
- Linda and Rohan Alexander - Myra Jones Award - awarded to a player or non-player who has provided outstanding service to the club as a volunteer over an extended period of years.
- Corey Ellison - Easterbrook Award - awarded to an outstanding coach.

- Under 10's - The Wooley Memorial Shield - Awarded to the most improved team.
- Natalie Philp - Senior Club Member Award – awarded to a senior player who has provided outstanding service to the club both on and off the field.
- Junior winner Natalie Hull (Under 11s); Senior winner Adam Roch (SM Div 6) - Dai Jones Shield - awarded to a player displaying outstanding sporting spirit.
- Jai Foster - Jones Shield - awarded to the leading goal scorer for the season.
- Under 11's - Sporting Spirit Award - awarded to a junior team displaying outstanding sporting spirit.
- Players Player Awards (senior teams only):-
 - Over 40s - Steve Gray
 - Over 30s - Dudley Manwaring
 - Senior Women – Jessica Robinson
 - Senior Men Div 6 – John Ridley and Glen Rugendyhee
 - Senior Men Div 2 – Cameron Osborn
- Jessica Robinson - Bank of Queensland Award - awarded to a the club Players Player of the year (who polled the highest percentage votes across all senior teams).

I am looking forward to another successful and fun season in 2014. I encourage all members/parents to become more involved in the club in 2014 so that as a community we can support each other in building a community where children and adults can enjoy playing football in a caring, supportive and encouraging environment.

Finally, I want to thank the club management committee who have spent many hours and much effort making the season run as smoothly as possible. Your support of the club and myself during the season has been exceptional. Thankyou!



Jeremy Bruce

Club Chair 2013