

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2014

Well another season as come and gone!! I want to thank everyone for their support and participation over the 2014 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 7 junior teams and 5 senior teams for the 2014 season:-

- Senior Men Division 1
- Senior Men Division 5
- Senior Men Division 6
- Over 40 Men
- Senior Women Division 2
- Under 12
- Under 10
- Under 9
- Under 8 Red
- Under 8 United
- Under 7 Dragons
- Under 7 Welsh
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Congratulations to the following teams who made the finals in 2014:-

- Under 12 (Premiers and Champions)
- Senior Women Div 2 (Premiers and Champions)
- Over 40 Men (Champions runners-up)
- Senior Men Div 5 (preliminary finalists)

Special mention must go to the Under 12s and Senior Women's teams who went through the season undefeated!! What a mighty effort!!

On top of the team success there were also individual success stories this year with a number of our players receiving QCSA Players of the Year Awards for their respective age/division. Congratulations to the following players who won QCSA Player of the Year Awards this season:-

- Cameron Osborne (Senior Men Division 1)
- Nikki Hubbard (Senior Women Division 2)

- Jason Clarke (Over 40s Division 1)

A number of our playing members were also selected in the Queensland State side in 2014. A big congratulations to the following:-

- Jay Foster (Under 15/16 boys)
- Nikki Hubbard (Senior Woman)
- Cameron Osborne (Senior Men)

The club has endured some extremely hard times over the past few years. In 2009 an arson attack on our clubhouse saw it burn to the ground along with a lot of club memorabilia. Unfortunately, not only were we unable to recover anything from the clubhouse but our insurance policy had not been renewed unbeknown to the committee at the time. The investigations into this insurance issue lead the club to become aware of other fraudulent activity that occurred on a larger scale with club funds (police investigations continue into this matter). At the end of the 2010 season the club owed an amount of \$44,491.15 to various creditors, the major one being QCSA. The club was on the brink of closure but given the longevity and history of the club, the QCSA generously allowed us to remain a part of competition on the basis that the debt would be repaid over a four (4) year period.

Well we have done it!!!! The debt has been repaid and the club is now fully financial!! Congratulations to all members and volunteers of the soccer club for their support over the past 3 years!!!

The committee want to thank all the playing members, spectators, coaches, managers and volunteers that helped with Bunnings and State Titles BBQ's, with mowing, line marking, selling chocolates and attending our annual trivia night. Your continued support of the club is the reason that we have endured these hard times and come out the other side. The committee will be sitting down in the coming months to nut out a strategic plan for the future direction of the club. We are looking forward to being in a position to sow the funds raised from our fundraising efforts into the club by way of improved facilities and equipment. We remain determined to continue our fundraising efforts next year so that we are able to invest more money into the clubs facilities going forward.

We raised a total of \$5,177.09 this season from the following fundraisers:-

- Bunnings sausage sizzle - \$902.95

- State Titles BBQ - \$1,631.90
- Chocolate Drive - \$658.34
- Trivia Night - \$1,651.40
- Family Photo's - \$332.50

The year would not have been the success it was without the tireless work of our committee who have volunteered hours of their time to make the season run as smoothly as possible. Big thanks to the following:

- Lance Stuart (vice chairman)
- Linda Alexander (secretary)
- Nyleta Bruce (treasurer)
- Shirley Thomson (registrar)
- Terry Thomson (Field sub-committee chair)
- Rohan Alexander (Canteen convener)
- Richard Katt
- Shannon Woodward

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 the BBQ fundraisers during the season and ran the canteen. Your dedication and tireless work is applaudable. A special thankyou to Rohan who also did the catering for the senior presentation night! The food was fantastic....especially the potato bake!!

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. Thanks for your continued commitment to the club especially during the testing last few years.

Also, a big thankyou to Nyleta Bruce, treasurer for 2014, for her efforts in ensuring all players were financial and all accounts were paid in a timely manner. We will continue to refine our financial processes to ensure transparency and accountability within the financial dealings of the club.

Thankyou to Richard Katt and Shannon Woodward who among other things kept our website updated and made it more user friendly. We will endeavour to further improve our website in 2015 so that it provides members with up to date information about the club and its activities.

Thanks also to Lance Stuart who has again done a fantastic job as equipment co-ordinator and maintained our first aid kits throughout the season.

Mayor Paul Pisasale, patron of the club, also continues to support the community and our club with the generous donation of \$3,000.00. This money was utilised by the club to replace drivers and capacitors for the playing field lights.

The junior presentation day was well supported again this year with the evening event attended by most of the junior members and their families. The kids enjoyed playing on the jumping castle and had fun trying to slot a goal past Marty (Amart mascot). It was a most enjoyable evening.

The senior presentation night was held at a new location this year after a number of years being held at Banjo's. We headed to the Risson Centre which is at IGS Sports Fields at Brassall. A fantastic meal (including dessert) prepared by our own master chef Rohan Alexander was devoured by those in attendance. The night was attended by three of the five 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:-

- Mikayla Bruce (Under 10s) and Ella Bruce (Under 8s) - 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).
- Susan Woodward - 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.
- Richard Katt (Under 12s) and Andrew Haywood (SW2) - Easterbrook Award - awarded to an outstanding coach.
- Under 10s and Under 12s - The Wooley Memorial Shield - Awarded to the most improved team.
- Tyler Henderson - Senior Club Member Award – awarded to a senior player who has provided outstanding service to the club both on and off the field.
- Sam Hewett (Under 8s) and Joshua Clark (Under 12s) – Dai Jones Sheild - awarded to a player displaying outstanding sporting spirit.
- Nikki Hubbard - Jones Shield - awarded to the leading goal scorer for the season.

- Under 9s team - Sporting Spirit Award - awarded to a junior team displaying outstanding sporting spirit.
- Senior Women & Under 12s – Reverend Goodacre Trophy - undefeated team
- Senior Women's team – Reverend Goodacre Award - best goal average
- Keith O'Sullivan Trophy for most improved under 7 / 8's
  - Under 7 Dragons – Rhys Berderow
  - Under 7 Welsh – Daniel Green
  - Under 8 United – Jack Hirons
  - Under 8 Red – Hayden Simpson
- Players Player Awards (senior teams only):-
  - Senior Women Div 2 – Alicia Cole
  - Senior Men Div 6 – Joshua Cooper
  - Senior Men Div 5 – Tim Watts
  - Senior Men Div 1 – Cameron Osborn
- Alicia Cole - Bank of Queensland Award - awarded to 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 2015. I encourage all members/parents to become more involved in the club in 2015 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 again 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 2014