

St Marys Greensborough Junior Football Club Inc.



President's Report 2014

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I am proud to present the St Marys GJFC Annual Report for the year ending 30th September 2014.

On the whole, my second year in the role as President has been an extremely demanding, interesting and most rewarding experience.

The dedication of our Executive Committee has continued the great work of past Executive Committee Members ensuring that our great club continues to prosper both on and off the field being the envy of others and a truly family football club.

540+ registered players fielding 25 teams this year has been a huge task to manage. Our proud club does not measure success by how many Premierships we win, our success is measured by giving all our children no matter their ability, the opportunity to play football, be a part of team sport, build long life friendships and more importantly build their self esteem as they move through the years to young adulthood.

With these key principals, we had 4 Tackers teams and 21 competitive teams in the home and away season – 6 teams playing in this year's finals - 4 making it to the Grand Final and ultimately 3 Premiership teams, the St Marys GJFC has once again, enjoyed a successful 2014 season.

I would like to congratulate all our players who received awards at the YJFL Best and Fairest. Also to all our players that were selected in the YJFL representative teams, a tremendous effort and fantastic achievement.

Congratulations to Life Members inductees' Sam and Danni Gioffre. Worthy inductees for their tireless efforts over a number of years to our great club. Great clubs are built on their people and Sam and Danni add to what is an already strong foundation.

Special mention to retiring Property Director Debbie Costello for all her work not only for organising the huge amount of merchandise, but also for taking care of all the property equipment and uniforms for our teams for the past 5 years. This has often been a thankless task, but Deb has always gone above and beyond to ensure all teams players and officials have exactly what they need. Deb you definitely have left huge shoes to fill.

To our 2014 major sponsors, Technika, Stuart Broadley and Associates and The Blindspot, on behalf of the entire club we thank you and look forward to your continued support, it is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to acknowledge the tremendous support and close relationship that we have with the St Marys Senior Football Club, Yarra Junior Football League, Banyule City Council, Watsonia Football Club, and the Riverside Cricket Club. It is imperative that a club our size maintains a strong and committed relationship with these organisations and we have once again achieved this and look forward in continuing these relationships.

Thank you to all the people that also helped every Sunday night. A tremendous amount of work is required to keep these nights going and without the extra help from our members these nights would not be the success that they are.

I must thank and acknowledge our Vice President Dave Harris for the amazing work he has again contributed this year. Dave with the support of his family has dedicated countless hours throughout the year ensuring that the club continues to function in the professional manner that we are all accustomed to. Dave's work has been a key and critical part of this year success. In his role as Vice President he has been outstanding and I appreciate the support he has shown me.

From a club perspective, Secretary, Michael Mefflin in his second year has been a vital member of the Executive committee. His work and support has been unquestionable. Michael's passion and dedication is second to none and I constantly look to Michael for advice and counsel. He has a considered and calming nature, a wicked sense of humour and a single minded focus to always do what is fair and right. It has been a privilege to work alongside Michael and a truly value his friendship. I will miss his weekly email quotes!

The role as Treasurer is one of the most integral parts of any organisation none more so when volunteering at a junior football club. Even Butterworth, has put in a huge amount of work, ensuring that all finances have been accounted for and are up to date. Thank you for an exceptional job and I look forward to your continued role on the committee as the voice of reason!

A huge thank you to Head of Football Glenn Costello and Football Directors Jack Batchelor, Mark Taranto and Ray Johnson. They have dedicated their time and have put in a tireless amount of work during the season to ensure that all our children are doing what they love most - playing footy. A great job and greatly appreciated by the entire club.

A special mention also to Bernie Girolami who almost single handed got our girls football program off the ground. To have over 60 girls wearing the Teal, White and Black and to win a premiership in our first year has been a highlight of my time at the club. I look forward with great anticipation to next season and what numbers we may have.

I must acknowledge Karen King who as Sponsorship Director in her first year has been remarkable. Karen's work not only in sponsorship but also in fundraising has continued to ensure our club has the needed funds to provide our kids with the best possible facilities.

To Anne-Marie Halewood, who this year stepped into some big shoes, what a fantastic effort as our Administration director. A far bigger role than I think anyone appreciates. Always completed with a smile, and she says a thermos of tea, (we think Vodka), Anne Marie has seamlessly taken over the role with a minimum of fuss. Thanks must also go to Danni Gioffre for all her assistance.

This year's social events have been bigger and better than ever before. A big success due to our retiring Social Director, Sam Gioffre. Sam's commitment to the club has been truly amazing over his 6 years on the committee. The club is certainly a better place thanks to Sam. He and Danni will be sadly missed on the committee but not to the club.

The entire 2014 Executive Committee - a group of people that are passionate and have worked tirelessly throughout the season. At all times, they have had the club's best interest first and foremost. At times it has been very testing and time consuming, however, the Executive Committee has performed an outstanding job and I have been privileged to be apart and associated with an amazing team of people. They must all be commended for all their hard work and efforts.

Executive Committee 2014.

Vice President – Dave Harris

Secretary – Michael Mefflin

Treasurer – Evan Butterworth

Administration Director – Anne Marie Halewood

Head of Football – Glenn Costello

Football Directors – Jack Batchelor, Mark Taranto, Ray Johnson
Property Director – Debbie Costello
Social Director – Sam Gioffre
Sponsorship Director – Karen King

Thanks once again to Livio Basile our League Delegate who represented our club with his usual no-fuss, professional approach with all dealings with the league.

To our amazing canteen staff, the club would not be the same without your fantastic support. You are the face of our club every weekend and the smiles and cheery nature that you bring each and every Sunday always presents our club in the best way possible.

Congratulations to the Senior Club who made history this year with their first ever premiership. It was great to see their Under 19's win the flag with so many past junior players on their list. The seniors are in great hands with Darryn Borg and a dedicated and enthusiastic Executive Committee and will continue to grow in true St Mary's spirit and will be a force as a Senior Football Club in years to come.

After 5 years on the committee, I feel it is time to let other voices be heard and I am stepping down. I have been extremely grateful and honoured with the opportunity to represent our great club to outside organisations but most importantly to all our members. I have thoroughly enjoyed my roles as Secretary and then President of this great family football club. The most enjoyable aspect for me was getting to know such quality people, build life-long friendships, and hopefully add a little to the lives of the youth in our area.

I sincerely hope that executive committee has enhanced your experience in this important time of our children's junior football years at St Marys Greensborough Junior Football Club. I hope it is a time that they will remember as an enjoyable part of their childhood development.

I wish you all the very best for the remainder of 2014 and look forward to being a part of successful and enjoyable BURRA for many years to come.

Andrew Sacco
President
St Marys GJFC