

St Marys Greensborough Junior Football Club Inc.



President's Report 2013

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I am proud to present the 40th St Marys GJFC Annual Report for the year ending 30th September 2013.

My first year in the role as President has been an extremely demanding, interesting and a 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 a family football club.

A sincere thank you to all our Age Group Managers, Coaches, Team Managers and their support staff for their great work during the season.

A huge thank you to Head Football Director Bernie Girolami and Football Directors Glenn Hinchcliffe and Glenn Costello. 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 to Bernie who is leaving the executive committee this year. Your tireless efforts and dedication is truly amazing and the club is certainly a better place for your involvement.

520+ registered players fielding 23 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, the St Marys GJFC has once again, enjoyed a successful 2013 season.

An added bonus to this is that with along 4 Tackers teams and 19 competitive teams in the home and away season – 8 teams resulted in playing in this year's finals -3 making to the Grand Final and ultimately 2 Premiership teams.

Congratulations to Jack Batchelor, who this year was awarded the **NAB- 2013 Northern Region Coach of the Year**A great achievement and well deserved.

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' Tony Norris, Lynne Yeats and Bernie and Marie Girolami. Worthy inductees for their contribution over a number of years to our great club.

Next season the club will once again provide free merchandise on registration day in the way of a newly designed training tops and training shorts.

Special mention to 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.

This would not be possible without the generous support from all our Major, Club and Team Sponsors.

Special mention to Technika, Stuart Broadley and Associates and MGS Landscapes for the huge contribution as our Major Sponsors for 2012.

On behalf of the entire club we thank all our sponsors and look forward to the 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.

We are excited that this year we launched our new club Iphone App. Another innovation designed to make life easier for all our members. The response has been overwhelming with this new and user friendly application.

Not only from a personally perspective but also from the entire football club, 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 entire 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.

Secretary, Michael Mefflin in his first year in the role has also 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. It has been a privilege to work alongside Michael.

I must acknowledge Chris Sacco who as Sponsorship Director once again has been remarkable. Chris's work not only in sponsorship but also in fundraising has continued to ensure our club has the funds to provide our kids with the best possible facilities. After 3 years in the role Chris is stepping down. The club owes her a debt of gratitude and I sincerely thank her for her efforts.

This year's social events have been bigger and better than ever before that we have all enjoyed and continue to speak about today. A special mention must be made of our 40th Year Anniversary Celebrations. It was great to have many past players, members, committee and families come along to celebrate this great occasion. A big success due to our past president and current Social Director, Sam Gioffre.

The role as a Treasurer is one of the most integral parts of any organising 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 up to date. Thank you for an exceptional job and the opportunity to drive you home most Sunday nights

The entire 2012 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 am privileged to be apart and associated with an amazing team of people. They must be totally commended for all their hard work and efforts.

Executive Committee 2012.

Vice President – Dave Harris
Secretary – Michael Mefflin
Treasurer – Even Butterworth
Administration and Registration Director – Danni Gioffre
Football Director – Mark Stanley
Coaching and Football Director – Bernie Girolami
Football Directors – Glenn Hinchcliffe and Glenn Costello
Property Director – Debbie Costello
Social Director – Sam Gioffre
Sponsorship Director – Chris Sacco

To Mark Stanley and Glenn Hinchcliffe who will be stepping down from the Executive Committee. We sincerely thank you for the amazing work and dedication you have brought to our club over the years which is greatly appreciated.

Thanks once again to Livio Basile our League Delegate who represented our club magnificently. Thankfully only had a few issues during the season which were handled impeccably.

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 our Senior Club who in their short history had all 3 teams making finals and the Under 19's playing off in this this year's Grand Final. 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 sprit and will be a force as a Senior Football Club.

The relationship between both the Junior and Senior Club this year has developed even stronger. A relationship which both clubs look forward in continuing and developing for many years ahead.

I am extremely grateful for the opportunity in representing our club not only with outside organisations but most importantly to all our members.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my role as President of our great football club. The most enjoyable aspect for me was to be a part and getting to know such quality people that are you, all the members of the St Marys GJFC.

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 2013 and look forward in being a part of another successfully and enjoyable 2014 season at the mighty BURRA.

Andrew Sacco
President

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