

ST MARY'S GREENSBOROUGH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

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Secretary's Report 2013

Season 2013 has seen the St Mary's Greensborough Junior Football Club celebrate its 40th anniversary. The 40th anniversary was celebrated with a wonderful luncheon attended by our founders, past committee and past players and included our Colts team playing in our heritage jumpers. It was a pleasure to view the sense of the pride that each person felt for their contribution to building a culture and tradition that we share today.

In my first year on the committee, I have been in awe of the sustained commitment and passion of the committee. It has been humbling to work with so many dedicated people with the shared vision to simply provide an opportunity for young children to participate in football and enjoy the experience in developing their skills, self confidence and making new friends. I would like to congratulate those leaving the committee this year - Bernie Girolami, Mark Stanley, Glenn Hinchcliffe, Sam Gioffre, Danni Gioffre and Christine Sacco. Your efforts and achievements have ensured that the club has maintained its reputation of being one of the largest and most successful clubs in the country.

Congratulations to Andrew Sacco and David Harris for their leadership throughout the year. The role of President and Vice President can sometimes be difficult and time consuming, however their willingness to always make themselves available for every person and event can only be admired.

The Football Department under the guidance of Bernie Girolami continues to enhance its reputation as one of the best in the country. Bernie and his team invest considerable time in supporting our coaches to equip them with the skills to assist them in doing the job as best they can. This year we were able to secure the services of Barry Mitchell and Robert Hyde to assist us in development of progressive football drills, strategy and communicating with young people. Special congratulations must go to our very own Jack Batchelor for winning the AFL Victoria (Northern Region) Coach of the Year.

Thank you to our numbers man Evan Butterworth and Property Director Debbie Costello for their tireless efforts and commitment. They both are usually the first people at any event and last to leave ensuring everyone has had a great time.

Christine Sacco highlighted at the Sponsors night that we have over 240 volunteers each Sunday! The role of the Coach, Age Group Manager, Team Manager and all of the match day support staff is really appreciated. It takes significant personal sacrifice to perform these roles on a volunteer basis. I thank our wonderful coaches for their commitment to improving skills

and teaching our children the values of our club. We are very fortunate to have coaches of such high character and football knowledge.

On behalf of Debbie Costello and I, a special thank you to our fantastic Team Managers for their organisation and co-ordination. I also appreciate their efforts in helping me ensure all information each week is provided to the league in a timely manner.

We continue to forge strong relationships with other organisations. I would like to thank and acknowledge some of these relationships that we have continued to develop throughout the year. These include the St Mary's Senior Football Club, Yarra Junior Football League, Banyule City Council and the Riverside Cricket Club. Well done also to our legendary canteen staff, Debbie, Marie, Russell and Tony, who are the face of St. Marys every Sunday morning to our opposition sides. To Tony in particular, you have often gone above and beyond the call of duty and having the honour of our new scoreboard named after you is well deserved. Each of these relationships is essential to the smooth running of the club and I thank each and everyone involved for their help and commitment during 2013.

I would also like to thank all of our club sponsors for their continued generous support of our club. Well done to Christine Sacco for her relationship management of all stakeholders to ensure they received value for their contribution and her wonderful coordination of the "ladies night". A special thank you to our major sponsors:

- Technika
- MGS Landscape Centre
- Stuart Broadley and Associates

I would also like to acknowledge the tireless contribution of Sam and Danni Gioffre. Sam and Danni bleed teal, white and black! After many years of serving on the committee in our most demanding roles, they have both decided to retire from the committee. The St Mary's Greensborough Junior football club owes so much to the Gioffre family and we look forward to seeing them around the club for many years to come.

Finally, I would like to thank all the parents and grand parents who support are fine young football champions – win, lose or draw and in rain, hail and shine. We pride ourselves in helping your children develop not only as footballers but as people and we strive to create an environment where they can create lifetime memories and friends.