

ST MARY'S GREENSBOROUGH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

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Secretary's Report 2015

Firstly, I would like to commence my report to acknowledge the wonderful contribution and legacy that Anne-Marie Halewood has left with our great club. Anne-Marie was a champion in promoting our values to ensure all children had fun and a fair go. Her leadership in establishing the indigenous round and courage in coming out of hospital to watch her son's Jake and Ben play the game they love was an inspiration to us all.

We are pleased to introduce the "Anne-Marie Medal" for each team for the Indigenous round for player that exhibits the traits of respect, courage and mateship. To Ian, Jake and Ben, the St Mary's family extends our condolences to you all.

Season 2015 has seen the St Mary's Greensborough Junior Football Club celebrate another successful chapter in its history. This year saw the club field 23 teams; 11 teams making the finals including 3 premierships. Most importantly we were able to support over 500 juniors play our great game each week enjoy the experience in developing their skills, self confidence and making new friends.

It continues to be humbling to work with so many dedicated people with the shared vision to simply provide an environment for our children to participate, have fun and flourish personally. I would like to congratulate those leaving the committee this year – Dave Harris, Karen King and Jack Batchelor. 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 Evan Butterworth for his brilliant year as President. Evan is an outstanding leader, thoughtful listener and has positioned us a "point of difference" club. He has overseen the first phase of the Greensborough Park redevelopment, further investment in our football program and Sport and Life Training (SALT). SALT aim's to educate our children to make the right social decisions in life. What a champion bloke!

The Football Department under the guidance of the Glenn "Football Whisperer" Costello continues to enhance its reputation as one of the best in the country. We don't measure our success on premierships however with only one team finishing on the bottom it highlights how competitive we are across the board. There is no one at the club who does more hours behind the scene than Glenn Costello and his team of Mark Taranto and Jack Batchelor. This effort is reflected by the quality of our coaches and the football program to have so many players invited to the YJFL Best and Fairest night.

It really speaks volume of the club culture when we attract people of the calibre of Anna Sturgess, Alex Todorovic and Lauren Mefflin to the committee. Thank you for your contributions this year.

I would also like to acknowledge the tireless contribution of the Harris, Sacco and Shea families. These families were well deserved inductees to the life membership family. The success of the Dinner Dance and Sportsman's day will be remembered fondly by all as fun social events.

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.

A special thanks for Livio Basile and 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.

Finally, I would like to thank all the parents and grand parents who support our 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.