

PORT FOOTBALL & COMMUNITY SPORTING CLUB INC
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT to 2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DECEMBER 2010-12-20

It is with much pleasure, on behalf of the members of the Board of Directors, I present, the Annual Report of the Port Football and Community Sporting Club Inc for the 2010 season.

After the excitement of our Centenary Year, 2010 left us with disappointment and empty feeling. While we didn't obtain the results we have enjoyed in recent years, everybody tried hard, so the efforts put in were commendable.

FOOTBALL

While results on the field in our two senior sides were difficult to accept, it was highlighted by our Thirds playing in their 5th successive Grand Final. Although beaten by a more experienced outfit, their achievement made us proud.

I must place on record, our thanks to our seniors coaching panel, Matt Ganley, Chris Pollard, Graham Hoile and Matt Gale, for efforts. As you are aware, we have re-appointed Matt as our senior coach and Chris Pollard as seconds mentor. I must pay tribute to Graham for his magnificent contribution in coaching our thirds into those grand finals. His efforts have provided good young footballers as the future of the Port club, development necessary to us. As you are aware, Don DePalma has been appointed to replace him and we welcome Don back and wish him success.

I congratulate club Best & Fairest and trophy winners for the season we thank every person, Team Managers, Trainers, Runners, Time Keepers, weekly and annual trophy donors and all involved with our teams, for the dedication, commitment and support to all teams, I trust again we can rely on this continued support during the 2011 season.

As we look forward to this next season, our recruiting team have left no stone unturned, introducing former and new players into the Bulldog spirit and the Board is very confident the year will bring results we expect.

There is a concern though for the U/15's in the P.P.J.F.L. Hard decisions need to be made for the betterment of junior football in the city, to ensure the future of this age group is safe. We have been fully involved in all discussions and final decisions will be made in the New Year.

It would be remiss of me, if I did not mention the pending departure of the colourful mate of ours, John "Doggy Matters", to live in Gawler. He has given untold service to Ports in many areas over many years and his humour, wit and work around the club will be missed. We wish John and Chris every success in their new life.

CLOVER ROOM

Again in 2010, our gaming operations contributed ongoing success, allowing the Board to continue to improve club facilities and give support to the community of Port Pirie, through financial donations and sponsorship.

Club Manager Stephen will outline the full financial result in detail, but suffice to say, we continue to achieve these good trading results from continued public support given to the club.

CLUB ROOMS, OVAL & SURROUNDS

While reporting every year, Dobbin Drive and other entrances continue to enhance the entry to our facilities. I must thank Hughie and Marie Murphy for the work in keeping those wonderful roses, blooming.

The success story is still "Cricket at Ports" giving our club, a cricket home of excellence, again we appreciate the assistance given by the Wandearah and South Port Cricket Clubs, in this success story.

Highlight in this area was the reproofing of the old rooms, including relining the interior of the room. I am sure you will agree with the feature Bulldog on the roof.

We are ever closer to commencing our restructure and hopefully by this time next year, extensions should be commenced, provided we can overcome our power problem.

VOLUNTEERS & FUNDRAISING

The Board again is grateful for the contribution given by our many volunteers and fundraising groups. Our Catering and Friday night Kitchen crew, Junior Promotions, Past Players & Officials, Vice Presidents and Sponsors, give untold hours of time to this club and their value cannot possibly be calculated.

COMMUNITY CLUB

As the Port Football and Community Sporting Club Inc, the Board remains fully committed to give support to the wider community of Port Pirie, parallel to the administration of the football affairs of the club. We continue to embrace the community club concept and keep the Port name, emblem and profile, to the forefront of Port Pirie and as can be seen by the many donations and sponsorships made, we as a community club have been a major contributor, assisting many individual sporting people, clubs and charity groups throughout the city.

THANKS

On behalf of the Board, I express our thanks to everybody who have given their support during a most successful year, both on and off the field.

The Port Club is very fortunate to have the full commitment of a dedicated Board of Directors, to manage the business of the club. Each Director gave full support with decision making, always in the best interest of the club and members and their support was outstanding.

This club is most fortunate to have Stephen Murphy as Treasurer/Manager. He has been well assisted by Whitney in the office. Stephen's management skills, attention to detail, work ethic and the management of the business affairs of the club cannot be overstated and his contribution is a major factor to all success achieved by this club. His support to me and the Board is most appreciated. Thanks also to Jenny T. And her wonderful team and volunteers, as well as all Duty Managers and bar staff for their continued support to the club.

I place on record, the Board's thanks to every Life Member, Sponsor, Club Patron, Members, Officials, Staff members, Public Patrons, associated Clubs and their supporters, who continue to provide service and contribution to the club.

On a personal note, I thank the Board and S.G.L. for my nomination of S.A.N.F.L. Merit Award. I am humbled and grateful for this honour, which I share with the Port Football Club and our members.

CONCLUSION

The board looks forward with great anticipation and interest, in continuing to lead this club, with the expectation of achieving continued success the Port Football and Community Sporting Club and its members, expects.

Lance J. Leak,

Chairman

15th December 2010