

PORT FOOTBALL & COMMUNITY SPORTING CLUB INC
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT to 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DECEMBER 2012

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 2012 season.

FOOTBALL

Results in the 3 senior grades certainly did not fall our way. With the player points system restrictions and subsequent injuries, the A Grade team by reaching the first final, performed above final expectations. Similarly, the Thirds, with a younger team also participating in the final was a great result.

Our thanks must be recorded for the terrific efforts of Matt Ganley for his 7 year coaching contribution, firstly the seconds and then the Seniors. Matt's efforts have been much appreciated and we wish him, Sue and Family every future success. Of course, we know he will not be lost to the club. Thanks also to Steven Magor for his Seconds coaching efforts.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome our 2013 coaching panel. We are and should be excited to welcome Brett Ireland, Colleen and family to the Bulldog cause. His coaching stature is well known and we are confident he will bring success to this club. Brett will be assisted by Chris Pollard, as Senior Assistant Coach and our seconds will be led in a joint effort by John Murphy and Graham Hoile. The Board had no hesitation to reappoint Mark Finlay to coach the thirds. His efforts with a team much younger than most opponents, are most commendable.

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 2013 season.

As we look forward to this next season, our recruiting team will leave 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. They are continually restricted by the player points system, which at this time will not change due to Community Football decisions.

The P.P.J.F.L., P.A.J.F.L. and the S.G.L. for season 2013 will introduce on a trial basis, an SGL U/15 competition. This will involve games against the 3 Port Augusta clubs on a home and away basis, as well as the normal local games.

Full details are yet to be finalised and I expect will not be available until February. Although a trial, pressure will be placed upon Coach's supporters and parents to make it successfully happen.

CLOVER ROOM

Again in 2012, 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 & GROUNDS

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.

You would all be aware of the disagreement we have with several of the cricket clubs and management of Port Pirie cricket. We will not compromise against Liquor Laws and weekend restrictions. Until these clubs conform, we have no other choice to continue our restriction in games on the Port Oval. Cricketers of Port Pirie are the losers in not being able to use the best cricket facilities outside of the metropolitan area.

Work has commenced on improving the power requirements, to enable clubroom extensions to take place. Shortly the Board will review the plans which were first looked at several years ago. These need an update to bring into current licensing and building requirements and we are confident, once the power upgrade is completed, the extension project will not be too far away from commencement.

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.

VALE

This year many club members suffered loss of loved ones and we offer our deepest sympathy for your loss.

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 dedicate 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. It was disappointing Darren Walsh was unable to continue in his position and complete a full term. We thank him for his contribution. Thanks also to Jarrad Adams for his contribution to the board in his first year as players representative.

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.

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,

19th December 2012