

PORT FOOTBALL AND COMMUNITY SPORTING CLUB INC
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
DECEMBER 2013

It is with pleasure, on behalf of the Board of Directors, I present the Annual Report of the Port Football and Community Sporting Club Inc for the 2013 Season.

FOOTBALL

The season did not reach the expectations for the year. With the appointment of Brett Ireland as Senior Coach gave the club an expectation we could continue to compete in finals football. Unfortunately, the loss of recruited players and injuries saw a disappointing on field season for the A grade and Seconds teams. Our young Thirds team continue to improve and participated in their Grand Final. While finishing runner-up, their Grand Final performance was good, being beaten by a more quicker and experienced opponent.

Brett was unable to accept a continuation to coach and we thank him for his contributions to our club. John Murphy and Graham Hoile jointly coached the Seconds and Mark Finlay again mentored the Thirds in their successful season

The club welcomes back Damien Mellow and his family to the Port Football Club. As Senior Coach we look forward to the Bulldog cause and with successful recruiting we are confident he will bring back success to our club. John Murphy will continue as Seconds Coach and the Board has no hesitation to re-appointing Mark to continue as Thirds Coach. His team is continuing to improve as well as providing young men representing our club in senior games. I also take this opportunity to congratulate John for breaking the Port games record during the season. He continues to play well and sets a great example for all Port footballers to follow. We look forward hopefully to him reaching the elusive 400 game mark.

I congratulate all trophy winners for the season including our 3 grades Best & Fairest players, we thank every person, Team Managers, Trainers, Runners, water carriers, Timekeepers, weekly and annual trophy donors and everybody involved with our teams, for the dedication, commitment and support during a difficult season. I trust we can rely again on this continued support during a more successful 2014.

Once again the SGL will trial a 6 game home and away U/15 competition against the Port Augusta clubs on a home and away basis. The first trial season was deemed successful although placed a lot of pressure on our club to provide teams in Port Augusta. If help can be given, it will be appreciated.

CLOVER ROOM

Again in 2013, our gaming operations contributed greatly to the business of the club, allowing the Board to continue good management 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, as we continue to achieve good trading results from public support in these difficult economic times.

CLUBROOMS, OVALS AND GROUNDS

I say it every year, but Dobbin Drive continues to enhance the entrance to our club. I thank Hughie and Marie Murphy and Sam DePalma for their work in keeping those beautiful roses blooming.

Both Wandearah and South Port cricket clubs give our club, a home of cricket excellence and again we appreciate both clubs for their continuing support. In excess of 75 games of cricket are played each season on the Port oval.

Improvement of power requirements are continuing, to enable the clubroom extensions to proceed. Plans will be reviewed by the architects and once the power is complete and the Board agrees on the final plans, the extensions will commence. The Board has also decided to engage the architects in providing ideas for the updating of our current facilities including but not restricted to the bar, toilets, ceilings and lighting.

VOLUNTEERS AND FUND RAISING

The Board is very grateful for the contributions given by our many volunteers and fundraising support groups. Our catering and Friday night kitchen crews, Junior promotions, Past Players and Officials, Vice Presidents and sponsors, give many hours of time to support the club and their value cannot be possibly calculated.

VALE

This year many club members suffered loss of love ones and we offer our deepest sympathy for your loss. We fondly remember Hall of Fame member Len Wolter and Jenny Luteria.

COMMUNITY CLUB

The Board on behalf of the club, remains committed to continuing to giving support to the wider community, parallel to the administration and football affairs. We continue to embrace the "Community" concept, to keep the Port name, emblem and profile to the forefront of the people of Port Pirie. We as a community club are a major contributor, assisting many individuals and charity groups, especially young sports people who represent sports clubs associated with our club and the Sporting Association of Port Pirie.

THANKS

On behalf of the Board, I express our thanks to all who have given their support during this season, both on and off the field.

Port Football club is very fortunate to have the full commitment of a dedicated group of Board 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, their participation was outstanding. Thanks also to Jarrad Adams for his participation as player representative. We continue to be very fortunate to have Stephen Murphy as Treasurer/Manager also Whitney assisting in the office. The office is a very busy component of this club and Stephen's management skills, attention to detail, work ethic and management of the business affairs of the club cannot be over emphasised, especially during serious bouts of illness. His contribution is a major factor to all success achieved by the club and his support to myself and the Board is much appreciated. Thanks also to Jenny Thomson and her wonderful team of kitchen volunteers, as well as Duty Managers and Bar Staff for their continued support. I place on record, the Board thanks 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 interest for a more successful on field year, and the expectation achieving continued success the Port Football and Community Sporting Club and you the members, but we need you full continuing support.

Lance J. Leak
Chairman
18th December 2013