

Port Football & Community Sporting Club

Chairman's Report to 2015 Annual General Meeting

17th December 2014

It is with much pleasure, on behalf of the members of the Board of Directors, I present, the Annual Report of the Port Football & Community Sporting Club for the 2014 season.

Football

Although on field improvements was made, the season did not reach expectations. To defeat the 2 Grand Final teams showed supporters the expectation was certainly there. While the 2 senior teams found the going difficult, it was certainly great the Thirds won their Grand Final comfortably in a great team game. This was their first since 2001 after several recent runners up. Congratulations to Mark Finlay and his team.

Mark has decided to retire after 4 successful years and we thank him for his contribution to our Club.

The Board had no hesitation in re-appointing Damien Mellow and we hope with our recruiting underway, the improvement needed and success we seek will soon come.

John Murphy has also been re-appointed to coach the Seconds and we welcome Aaron "Young Bonz" Hubert as mentor of the Thirds.

I congratulate all trophy winners including our Best & Fairest and Best Team Man players and thank all on field helpers including Assistant Coach's, Team Managers, Trainers, Runners, Water Carriers, Time Keepers, Stats Men, weekly and annual trophy donors in giving your support to the teams at home and away games, very much appreciated. .

Again in 2015, the SGL U/15 grade will continue on the limited basis against Pt. Augusta teams. Assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Major decisions regarding regulations for playing at the new Central Oval precinct mainly due to entrance fees and seasons pass's are in limbo. Discussions continue, hopefully an outcome will occur prior to the commencement of the season.

Clover Room

Again in 2014, our gaming operations contributed to the business of the club, allowing the Board to continue good management and give support to the community of Port Pirie.

Club Rooms, Oval & Grounds

During the year, power upgrades have been completed and plans provided by our architects are almost completed in readiness for a decision for the upgrade and extensions of the club to commence.

We again thank Hughie & Marie Murphy and Sam Depalma for their continued maintenance of Dobbin Drive especially the wonderful display of roses.

Maintaining the Port Oval is an expense we have to carry, with the cost of water becoming almost unaffordable. Thanks to Paul Keane and helpers for their ongoing commitment to keep the oval in top condition.

Our new grandstand is a terrific addition to our precinct and we thank very much members of the Past Players group for the beautification around this area as well as other projects completed.

We also appreciate both Wandearah & South Port Cricket Clubs for their continuing support.

During the recent S.G.L. Annual General Meeting, a vote was taken to involve the Port Oval and 2 Pt. Augusta Ovals to be used for some games as well as the 2 main ovals, unfortunately, on the casting vote of the new Chairman, the motion was defeated.

Volunteers & Fundraising

Recently I read the following quote, thanking volunteers.

“Volunteers do not get paid, not because they’re worthless, but because they are priceless.”

Such as us, volunteers are the heart and soul of our organisation and without the support of our tremendous volunteers, the Port Football & Community Sporting Club would almost struggle to survive. You are all an important asset of whom we are most appreciative.

We gratefully thank our Catering and Friday Night Kitchen helpers, Junior Promotions, Past Players and Officials, Vice Presidents and sponsors for your many hours of support given to our club and the value of this support 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

The Board continued to support the wider community in parallel to the administration and football affairs of the club. While we continue to embrace the community concept to keep the Port brand before the forefront of Port Pirie, decisions into the amount of community support will need to be made. We will continue to be a major contributor to young people representing sports club affiliated with our club and through the Sporting Association of Port Pirie.

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 participation 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 the club. His support to me and the Board is most appreciated. Thanks also to Jenny Thomson 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, our valued Sponsors, 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 look forward with anticipation for a more successful on field year, and the expectation achieving continued success to the Port Football & Community Sporting Club and its members, expects, but we need your full continuing support

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Chairman

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