

PORT FOOTBALL & COMMUNITY SPORTING CLUB INC

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT to 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DECEMBER 2015

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 2015 season.

FOOTBALL

Season 2015 saw promising start when early games were won. Unfortunately as the season progressed with the loss of players due to unavailability and injury, the A Grade just missed out on making the final four.

The Seconds struggled with numbers throughout the season and found the going difficult. Coach John Murphy decided to retire from coaching and we thank him for his tremendous contribution to his club over his time in this difficult situation. We again congratulate him on playing his 400th club game.

Highlight of the year was the Thirds success, although disappointingly just missed out on winning their Grand Final by a solitary point. This team represented their club on Grand Final day in a great game of football.

We thank all Coach's for their terrific efforts throughout the year. Senior Coach Damien has been reappointed for a further year and Aaron Hubert will again mentor the Thirds. With John's retirement, the Board has appointed Blair Miller and we welcome him and his family to the Port Football Club. Blair has a great resume having been involved in strong Metropolitan clubs and we wish him every success.

In looking forward our recruiting committee are working hard to add players to our lists and are confident we will have stronger teams on the field next year.

I congratulate all trophy winners including Best & Fairest and Best Team Man Players and thank all on field helper's including Assistant Coach's, Team Managers, Trainers, Runners, Water Carriers, Time Keepers, Stats Men, weekly and annual trophy donors in giving your full support to games both home and away, your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Again in 2016, the SGL U/15 grade will continue on a limited program against Port Augusta and assistance will be greatly appreciated to help. Our club was represented in the Grand Final and although defeated by a much stronger opposition, we congratulate them on their efforts. We also congratulate our U/15's on the winning premiership.

Football at the new complex in Port Augusta is still with its problems and a work in progress. Promised upgrading of the surface, scoreboard and seating have not as yet been fulfilled, but hopefully will be completed prior to the season opening.

We also await the Port Pirie precinct upgrade now that funding has become available. Will it mean football on the Port Oval during the construction stage? We can only hope so.

CLOVER ROOM

Again in 2015, 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 Manager Stephen will outline the full financial result in detail, but suffice to say, we continue to achieve these good trading results in these difficult economic times.

CLUB ROOMS, OVAL & GROUNDS

At the last AGM we reported our upgrade plans had been lodged with architects in readiness for the extensions to commence. Unfortunately we have not started mainly due to government red tape. The architects are working through Council and State Government requirements and water issues, but again the Board is hopeful, the extensions and upgrades will commence during the next 12 months.

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

Maintaining the Port Oval is a great expense that we carry, with water costs becoming almost unaffordable. Thanks to Paul Keane and his helpers for their ongoing commitment to keep the oval in tip top condition.

We thank very much members of the Past Players group for the beautification of the surrounds of the new grandstand. The garden area is terrific.

We also appreciate both Wandearah and South Port Cricket Clubs for their continuing support. The recent SACA game hosted by our club when in excess of 450 runs were scored can only suggest our cricket pitch is as good or better than any in the state and what a wonderful asset we have to offer the sport of cricket. Again we owe our thanks to members of our cricket clubs.

VOLUNTEERS & FUNDRAISING

I wish to again repeat a quote from our last AGM, 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 and 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.

Another highlight of our year was the induction of 2 of our clubs long time contributors and volunteers, to the St. Marks – Port Hall of Fame and the elevation of a Hall of Famer as a Legend of the Port Club.

We honoured David Johnson and Geof Keane and Hugh Murphy and congratulate them. They are all the epitome of Club Volunteers.

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 clubs 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. They are of course, frustrated just the same by the delay of commencement of the renovation project.

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 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 many 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 looks forward with great anticipation for a more successful on field year, and the expectation achieving continued success to the Port Football and Community Sporting Club and its members, expects, but we need your full continuing support.

Lance J. Leak,

Chairman

16th December 2015