



# ST PAUL'S MCKINNON JFC NEWSLETTER



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

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No doubt your attention is now focused on summer activities, however the committee has been working hard on preparing for the 2015 season in recent months! This newsletter provides a quick update on club developments since the season end.

### Recruitment

The club has proudly displayed our new marquee and premiership recent flags over the past month at the

- St. Paul's Primary School Fete
- Valkstone Primary School Fair
- McKinnon Primary School Night Market

We have collected names from interested Auskick participants and potential new players with our Under 8 and Under 9 Age groups. A big thanks to those that helped out, including Nerida Wines, Donna Campbell, George Tsolozisis, Nici Lyver, Megan Neal, Katherine Smith, George Wagner, Shane Austin and Frank Orso!

### 2015 Coaches

After a successful season in 2014, we are very much looking forward to 2015! We hope to field teams in every age group from U8's to U17's with the potential for multiple teams in a number of age groups. At this stage, we can confirm the appointment of the following coaches for the 2015 season:

#### U8 To be confirmed

We anticipate fielding an under 8 team. A coach will be appointed closer to registration time.

#### U9 Paul Nastikas

Email: paulnastikas@gmail.com

Paul is dad to Thomas & Luke in the Under 12's and Mark in Under 9's This is Paul's second year! It may be that we field 2 Under 9 teams in 2015.

**U10 Shane Austin**

Email: shaneaustin2@bigpond.com

Shane is dad to Jesse and is our new coach for the U10's team. We hope to build on a very successful 2014 under the charge of Steve Lloyd!

**U11 Frank Orso**

Email: angelaorso@yahoo.com

Frank is dad to Lucas and is coaching for the second year. He will lead a very eager group of boys from modified rules into Under 11's!

**U12 Sean Sullivan & Chris Hughes**

Email: sullivan.s@optusnet.com.au & chris@hugeconsulting.com.au

Sean is dad to Finn and was our 2014 Vice President. Chris needs no introduction....dad to Tommy and Mitch and is coaching his 6th year at the club (With 2 years as president and more years on the committee as well). We hope to field 2 x Under 12 teams in 2015, including a Division One team.

**U13 Mark Jackson**

Email: jackoscastle1@optusnet.com.au

Mark is one of our most accomplished football people we have at the club. He is father to Nick and returns to coaching after a 12 month break!

**U14 Danny Byrnes**

Email: Danny.Byrnes@cgu.com.au

Danny Byrnes has been very involved with this age group over the last two years, helping Mick Smith coach the boys into 2 successive grand finals. This team is likely to play Division One football. It may be that we field two Under 14 teams depending upon numbers....so please contact Danny and register your interest early!

**U15 Sam Cologero & Justin Paul**

Email: sam012@optusnet.com.au&jpaul17@optusnet.com.au

Sam is father to Alexandra who will play in our Under 9's, whilst Justin is father to Joshua. Sam is our most experienced coach at the club, having been a Development coach with the Dandenong Stingrays since 2006 and is currently the match day runner for the Victoria Metro Under 18 team. Justin has previously coached this team to a Premiership and returns after a year off.

**U16 To be confirmed**

We are keen to hear from Under 16 players that want to play for the St Paul's McKinnon JFC again. Depending on numbers we will look to form a side or a merged side.

**U17 Wayne Herbstreit**

Email: wayneherbie@gmail.com

Wayne is a life member of our club and has coached our Division One U17 premiership team a few years ago. He is about to coach for his 9th year! In his spare time, Wayne also coaches the Under 19 team with the senior club.

It is possible that the club will field 2 Under 17 teams in 2015, so we encourage all boys born on or after 1 July 1997 to contact Wayne or the club to register their interest.

## Registration Details

Registration day will be Sunday 15 February. We hope to provide an update closer to Christmas with further details.

## McKinnon Reserve

We are pleased to announce that Elizabeth Miller (our current State Member for Bentleigh) has secured \$60,000 in funding for new lights and light towers for McKinnon Oval. This will certainly help make training more enjoyable through our winter months... we thank you Elizabeth for your work here!

Elizabeth has also pledged a further \$40,000 towards an electronic scoreboard if her Coalition Government is re-elected.



## Member Survey Results – Key Results

In August we conducted our first ever Member Survey to understand what our member families value, respect and think about our football club. We received 122 responses which we estimate represents at least 70% of our membership, which was a fantastic response.

Key results from the survey were shared at our AGM on Presentation Day in September and below are a few of the main findings:

- Over 78% of responses indicated that you were “impressed with the quality of coaching provided”, believe your “child’s team has developed across the season”, and “that their coach created a positive environment.”
- Over 80% of responses indicated that “parents and supports behaved appropriately”, “ had confidence in the match day trainer” and were comforted by “the presence of a qualified first aid officer” on site on match days.
- Currently the majority view (80% of people) believe we have “sufficient number of social events” and “enjoy the ‘Demon of the Month’ nights” with a clear preference for keeping them on a Sunday night (60% in favour).
- Our Club Newsletter is thought to be an informative and useful publication (>95% agreement) and is widely read (95% responses indicate it is read each week.)
- Our members feel that our valued “sponsors are given good coverage and promotion” and “know who their child’s team sponsor is” (> 90% agreement on these items).
- Registration fees and club apparel prices are thought to be reasonable (both items > 88% agreement), and there is support for an additional increase of registration fees to invest in a Coaching Director Role (68% in favour)
- Overall we were really pleased that:
  - o 88% of respondents believe “SPMJFC is a great junior footy club”
  - o 84% of respondents are “proud to be members of our club”
  - o 87% of respondents think “the club is well managed and run,” and most importantly:
  - o 92% of our kids “enjoyed the 2014 season” and 95% of kids are likely to return in 2015

There are some things people would like to see at the club next year including the following:

- Greater consistency in the quality of coaching across the age levels and teams
- A parent social night back at the Club rooms
- The return of the club training top and scarfs as merchandise to purchase
- Player profile information in the newsletter

We thank you for your wonderful feedback and informed responses to the survey, the Committee will and has referred to your input as we start our planning for the 2015 season.

## Committee

We welcome our new committee members (\*) and extend a huge thanks to those returning officers and volunteers listed below in critical club roles. Without these individual's enormous efforts we would not have the club that we enjoy today. We welcome you to get involved in whichever way you can and stay tuned for specific opportunities to support the club.

President – Simon Forer

Vice President – Pat Jones

Treasurer – Nellie Clarke

Secretary – Nerida Wines

Assistant Secretary – Nici Lyver\*

Registration Secretary – Kylie Kamaretsos

Football Manager – Matt Healy

Sponsorship/Marketing Coordinator – Katherine Smith

Newsletter Coordinator – Donna Campbell

Social Coordinator – Megan Neal\*

General Committee – Glynn Mayne\*

General Committee – George Wagner\*

General Committee – Chris Hughes

General Committee – Rodney Davis

Other hard working club members include:

Website Coordinator - Brendan Kiely

Bar Manager - John O'Brien

Canteen Coordinator - Maryellen L'Hullier

First Aid Coordinators - Linda Gore & Nadav Golombick

Grants Coordinator - Camilla Fiorini

Milestone Coordinator - Mandy Eckersall

Merchandise & Equipment Coordinator - Justine Byrnes

Look out for our Christmas Newsletter, where we hope to make a couple of further announcements!

Go Demons!

Simon Forer

President



# Recruitment Days!







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## Runs on the board for clubs at McKinnon Reserve under a re-elected Napthine Government

- **Funding delivered for additional new lights and light towers for second oval at McKinnon Reserve**
- **Funding for a new electronic scoreboard at McKinnon Reserve under a re-elected Napthine Coalition Government**
- **These commitments follow 2012 funding for oval lighting at McKinnon Reserve for football and cricket**
- **The Napthine Government is building a healthier Victoria**

McKinnon Reserve can look forward to a funding boost with State Member for Bentleigh Elizabeth Miller MP announcing \$60,000 in funding for new lights and light towers for the oval and pledging \$40,000 toward an electronic scoreboard under a re-elected Napthine Coalition Government.

Ms Miller said she was excited to make the announcement to the McKinnon Cricket Club community on Saturday night which will benefit a number of sporting clubs and neighbouring schools who use the Reserve.

McKinnon Reserve is home to the McKinnon Cricket Club, St Paul's McKinnon Junior Football Club and St Paul's East Bentleigh Football Club, along with neighbouring schools who use the field.

"I've been fighting hard for local sporting clubs to bring this upgrade to McKinnon Reserve and I'm proud that the Napthine Coalition Government sees the importance of investing heavily in community sport," Ms Miller said.

"These new commitments come on top of the funding already delivered in 2012 for new lights and light towers for one oval, which has been enormously beneficial to the cricket and football clubs in particular.

"The Bentleigh electorate has a large sporting community and I am a strong supporter of upgrading facilities in order for local clubs to boost participation and build a healthier, more active Victoria."

The lighting upgrade will especially benefit local football teams who train in the evenings throughout the winter months and the electronic scoreboard will benefit all clubs and spectators.

"This investment is part of my plan to build a better Bentleigh electorate and plan for the future," Ms Miller said.

"A re-elected Napthine Coalition Government will ensure that this happens."

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