

2015 Presidents report

Another successful season of football and netball at Osborne has drawn to a close. The future is looking bright with our up and coming Under 17's premierships stars achieving a 3peat! It was great to see the club support for our teams when many returned to Osborne after the grand final. Congratulations to the Osborne Netball Club on another successful season with 6 teams making the finals and C Reserve winning back the Premiership cup. It is great for our families to have football and netball on the same day.

The reunion was a fantastic day of celebrations with the opportunity to catch up with the 6 premierships team's coaches, players and families as well as the club's life members. The commemorative jumpers looked great on the day and the auction was a huge success.

Other highlights for the year include the Gangster Ball, Dadio coaching the Under 14's interleague team, our boys representing Hume, the ANZAC day ceremony, GT being inducted into the HFL Hall of Fame, our Auskickers playing on the MCG, Adam Schneider speaking to the 17's before the grand final and Bill Freeman's 90th birthday. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Adam Schneider on his tremendous AFL career and wish him every success for the future.

Osborne had a huge night at the HFL/HNA awards night winning the Club Championship. Congratulations to Jacob Chant (Under17's B&F), Michael Gleeson (2nds Runner-up B&F), Jamie Parr (1st Runner-up B&F), Jacob McDonnell, Paddy O'Connell (Rising Star) and Peter Sharp being awarded for his 20+ years' service to local football. Imogen McAlister won the 12's netball B&F as well. Our table had some great decorations by the end of the night!

I would like to thank the HFL and Paul Habel (AFL NSW/ACT) for their work to promote football in local area.

A huge thank you to our coaches - Macca, Dougo, Lethal, Lachie, Dadio, Connor, David and Owen...they have done a wonderful job again this year. Dadio has had a big year with coaching at Osborne, HFL, setting up the mentoring program and winning the club person of the year award. The Under 14's started the year with only 12 players with Dadio, Connor and the boys doing a marvellous job to win 11 straight games and go on to play finals football.

Our Under 17's with Lethal and Lachie at the helm had another successful season, playing fabulous finals football to be the 2015 Premiers.

Our seconds coach Dougo and assistant Spud had a fantastic year, until the last game. Dougo certainly put his heart and soul into the year, leaving no stone unturned to recruit past players, encourage young players and build a great team unit. Sadly on grand final day the team's hard work all season wasn't rewarded but hopefully they will all be back next year to go one better.

I would like to make special mention to Macca, to thank him for the 5 years of service he has given our club. This last year was going to be a tough one with the departure of a few players but the boys were playing great team football by the end and unlucky to miss finals.

To our support staff who assist the players and club each week – the trainers, team managers, runners, water boys, umpires, grounds keepers, scoreboard attendants...you are the best in the league, thank you! Special mention to Fran and Simone for their work on the HFL trainers association as well as their initiative to have the HeadSmart program for management of concussion at Osborne this year.

To Judy, Liz, Debbie and the Osborne Ladies Auxiliary who work tirelessly during the year to provide fabulous food and facilities... we really appreciate all the hard work you do.

Lethal, Owen and the social committee organised several fantastic events this year, and we look forward to more fun nights in 2016....great work boys.

Thanks to Brad and Ed for all their work with the bar and on Friday night training.

This year we were lucky to have Debbie and Maryanne keeping us up to date with Facebook, photos, emails and the website...thank you girls!

Thanks to Spud and Debbie for their work in setting up the security system. It was upsetting to be broken into, not only once but twice at the start of the season.

The Hunter family (mostly Jane) undertook the mammoth task of coordinating the crier this year, and they did a fabulous job. I believe it is one of the best in the HFL.

I would like to acknowledge all our sponsors and the businesses that assist our club. Without their support our country club would not survive. I encourage everyone to shop at these businesses to thank them for their support. Special thanks to Heidi Gooden who has taken on the role of sponsorship this year.

During the season OFC donated funds to the Lockhart RSL sub branch, Nepal Earthquake disaster appeal, Lockhart Hospital Auxiliary (X-ray machine) and Bill Alexander (State AFL).

The OFC is presently in a good financial position thanks to successful share farm crops last season and the harvest drive which was supported by many farmers. Other great fundraisers this year included crutching, bar work and garbage collection at Henty Field Days.

The OFC committee has worked hard behind the scenes to assist with the many jobs that need to be done. Thanks to Sharpie, Stephen, Spud, Brent, Stuart, Hayden, Harry, Jai, Andrew, GT, Fran and Debbie for all of their hard work.

In looking towards 2016 I would like to welcome Matt Rava and his wife Kristin to our club. Matt has been appointed as our senior coach and is highly regarded throughout the Riverina. We look forward to the enthusiasm and fresh approach Matt will bring, starting next Friday with a training run and BBQ at Osborne. It would be great to see everyone here! Thank you to the Football Department for all their hard work in securing such a wonderful coach.

In finishing I would like to encourage everyone involved in our football club not to take our club for granted. The future is in our hands and we must continue to support and encourage each other to if we are to enjoy continued success. I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy harvest, and look forward to a festive Christmas season.

Thank you

Jason Gooden