



Brunswick Zebras FC Annual Report 2015

Season 2015

President's Report 2015

2015 had some successes and a disappointing relegation of the senior team on goal difference. The Committee was able to secure \$200,000 in funding to fix the change rooms at Balfe Park to use it as a match day venue. In the future, we will seek further support towards improvement to the pitch and lights at Balfe Park. We expect the project to start in February 2016 and be completed by April.

This year we welcomed Ausnet as a new major sponsorship and hope that we can make this a long term and valuable partnership. Our relationship with Melbourne Victory saw our kids being involved in Victory games. We thank Melbourne Victory for their active support of our club.

We signed an MOU with Moreland City Football Club, who are a local NPL club, to act as a community club for them. This has seen some players move between the two clubs. The NPL is still creating a fairly unstable environment with kids moving to and moving from NPL clubs. The Committee believe that as a community club Brunswick Zebras must continue to provide opportunities for all at modest costs. This means improving both our facilities and ensuring we provide good coaching. The majority of coaches at our club are now parents or former players and it is important we invest in their development.

The current committee continues to see the Zebras primarily as a community club with a mission to promote football and well-being. The committee has worked to ensure that teams were competitive, grounds were available and any potential conflict was dealt with quickly.

The Committee comprised a mixture of experienced and new members. In particular I want to recognise the invaluable work done by the committee and highlight the particular contributions of: Robyn Thomas as a new secretary and member of the committee, she has dealt with an overwhelming workload and still is a friendly face at the club; Theo Zafiropoulos has ensured the canteen worked and our uniforms were ordered; Sean Farrell for his work, especially with the refugee families, and his calming influence; Rob Barrese for doing the financial records; Maria Berry for adding some rigour and professionalism into the committee work.

Thanks to all the volunteers, team managers, coaches, players and all the people that make it possible to field teams. We are a club with a justifiably proud reputation for sportsmanship.

Next year we will be spending money on Balfe Park and providing more support and resources for coaching development.

The current committee will continue into 2016 as we were elected for two years. The Committee has recently co-opted Angelo Vocisano, Kevin Thomas and John Deininger to provide more support and in particular to ensure we have strong representation from the junior boys component of the club. We are a large club with a strong presence in both girls and boys junior football. Our senior teams are competitive and moderately ambitious.

Carlo Carli

President Brunswick Zebras Football Club

Committee 2015

Office Bearers

Carlo Carli President
Robyn Thomas Secretary
Rob Barrese Treasurer

Ordinary members

Theo Zafiropoulos
Sean Farrell
Maria Berry

Club Sponsors 2015

Many thanks to our Principal Club Sponsors:
Ausnet
Jane Garrett MP

Club Profile 2015

- 369 registered players.
- 84 Girls and women
- 286 Boys and men
- 62 Saturday Small Sided Football or Miniros (5—8 years)
- 90 Sunday SSF (9-11 years)
- 55 Junior girls (12-18 years)
- 96 Junior boys (12-18 years)
- 28 Open Age women
- 45 Open Age men
- 20 Teams
- 7 boys' team in the U9's, U10's and U11 age groups
- 6 junior boys teams U12-18
- 3 junior girls teams U12-18
- 2 open age men's teams
- 2 open age women's teams

Coaches Team Managers and Volunteers

The club runs on the volunteer hours of coaches and team managers, committee members and other club members. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time to the club in 2015. Quite simply without this effort, the teams would not make it on to the ground, and the club could not function. So congratulations to everyone for making season 2015 possible!

I would also like to thank Ray O'Neill for all his help with organising the teams across the club, helping monitor the results, logging process for all teams in the club, and all his other behind the scenes work throughout the year.

Just to provide a picture of this volunteer commitment across the club, it is estimated that coaches average 8 hours per week, team managers 6 hours per week and Committee members collectively average 60+ hours per week. These estimates are only for the 'good' or 'ordinary' week where nothing goes wrong and there is no special event to organise!

Community Engagement

Sean Farrell has been involved in helping a number of refugee children become involved in our club. A big thank you to him for his many hours and efforts in getting kids involved, as well as getting them to and from games and training.

Brunswick Zebras goal keeper coach Enso Neghad has continued to work with a young men's social football team for asylum seekers and refugees from the Iranian and Kurdish communities.

We look forward to these continuing in 2016.

Brunswick Zebras Saturday SSF 2015

The club Saturday morning SSF program for 4-8 year olds was run in partnership with Brazilian Soccer Schools this season. The program was a success attracting a total of 62 children during terms 1, 2 and 3.

The program was structured by age group and focussed on lots of engaging play based skill activities and small games.

The kids all looked like they were having lots of fun, learning lots of great skills.



Club Award Winners 2015

| Citation | Name |
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| Bruno Saico Award (Best and Fairest Senior Player U18-Seniors) | Bella Legge, Senior Women 3 |
| Pierre Venditti Golden Boot Award (Highest Female Goal Scorer) | Pheobe Farrell & Ella Rodger U12 girls |
| Pierre Venditti Golden Boot Award (Highest Male Goal Scorer) | Lazarus Archimandritis, U11 Boys |
| Coach of the Year (Female Teams) | Stefan Lazarevic, U15/16 Girls |
| Coach of the Year (Male Teams) | Victor Georgopoulos, U14C Boys |
| Team Manager of the Year (Female Teams) | Karen Block, Senior Women 4 |
| Team Manager of the Year (Male Teams) | Angelo Vocisano, U9 Boys |
| D'Intino Award (Best Club Person) | Jack & Dylan Dalla Via, Senior Men |