

# **St Kilda City Football Netball Club**



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## **Annual Report 2016**

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## President's Report

Firstly, I would like to thank the St Kilda City community. To all our volunteers, supporters and past players, your participation in the 2016 season was truly a wonderful thing, thank you kindly. Of those supporters, a special mention to all our Gold, Silver and Bronze St Kilda City Local Legends.

I would like to extend a distinctive appreciation to the committee for their extraordinary work, particularly Jack Nanovich (Vice President), Mel Starr (Secretary), Nicole Scharenguivel (treasurer) and to the head of Netball, Kate Foster. Huge amounts of time, effort and positive energy went in to this season, not to mention the pre and post season. Without out these efforts, it's fair to say that the St Kilda City community would cease to exist... You made it thrive.

There must be focused and appreciative acknowledgement of all our sponsors. Eammon from Red Scooter, Shaun Cotter from Insightful Systems, the team at Chisholm & Gamon, the Moss brothers at J & L Meats, Shane Diamond from Jungle House Backpackers, Paul from Stay Tuned, Builders Academy Australia, The Village Belle Hotel and Sophie Dunn. Without your financial back we would struggle beyond belief.

To the players, coaches and medical staff: well done and congratulations on a truly great year. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. You put on a superb display of the greatest human attributes; courage, honesty, integrity, passion, creativity, hard work and above all team work and leadership. I thoroughly enjoyed the focus rounds, including the Pink Ribbon round 4, Indigenous Round 6, Beyond Blue Round 10 and the PRIDE round 6. A big and heartfelt thanks to all who made these special rounds happen, especially Kate Foster who initiated, organised and ran most of these special days.

An enormous, festive congratulations to our U/19's football champions for their exciting back to back premierships wins!! Will 2017 see a Hat Trick? I for one wholeheartedly believe it is definitely possible.

Stepping off the field, there was lots of work done to reduce and pay off our accumulated debts of the past. I can happily announce we are officially debt free leading in to 2017. Momentous importance goes to the sponsorship and events team who organised and ran a number of exciting new and newish initiatives such as the Holden City Car Raffle, the Netball Preseason Tournament, the Tex Perkins/ Tim Rogers/ Charlie Owen and friends Memo Hall concert, the Gala Ball and many other great nights and BBQ's.

Finally, I would also like to extend a personal thanks to my family and friends for your ongoing support throughout my year as president. I would also like to acknowledge my late younger brother for getting me through the year. I am eagerly awaiting the 2017 season... Bring it on and GO ST KILDA CITY!!!!

Nick Porter  
President  
St Kilda City Football Netball Club



# Seniors Football Report

Coach: Robert Johns

Captain: Ricky Thomson

I would like to start by thanking five people in particular during what turned out to be a very challenging season. Nick Porter, Ian Lesser, Rod Gamlin and Nathan Johns (to work alongside your son is a fantastic privilege) and Matt Hoy without the support, phone calls, advice and general thrashing around of ideas I would hate to think of the trouble I would have been in. There will be others that assisted at various stages during the year, but you can only mention so many!!

In what turned out to be a very promising 2016 with the signings of Rick Thomson / Keegan Powell / Brad Neurath / Jon Hay / Brent Gutterson / Caleb Mason / Dylan Sloan / Michael Shaw / Brendan Johnstone / Andrew Walker and later on in the season Romain Grenville (for one match) and Aaron Purvis turned out to be somewhat of a character building exercise for all involved. Starting from round one where we went down to Clayton by 18 points, four players injured and unable to participate any further in the match at the ten-minute mark of the third quarter. In hindsight this actually set the scene for us in regards to how our season was going to pan out. When we took to the field in round four we were using our 33<sup>rd</sup> player and by seasons end this figure ended up at a total of 55 players used in the senior side.

With a number of close games going the way of the opposition we turned the halfway mark of the season at 2-7, this could have quite easily been 6-3 however this was not to be. Round ten (The Beyond Blue round) proved to be a turning point in our season and for those of you that were there you will know exactly what I am talking about. Sometimes there are things that happen in life that are far more important than a game of footy, winning it or even just being part of the club. This was one of those occasions and I think I can speak on behalf of most people at the club that we are all glad that “things” seem to be now back on track. Keep working at it Juy, I know you will beat this provided you keep good people around you and listen to them.

As it turns out I will only be spending one season down at “The Farm” however I will always cast an eye over the results and take a sneaky look at who is named in “the best”. To those of you that I do not cross paths with again it has been a pleasure to have spent time in your company and those who I do get to spend some time with in the future, again, the pleasure was all mine.

In closing I cannot forget to mention a few people that were not named in the initial five (above), Darky and Mick. You guys are the heart and soul of this footy club, what you do week in and week out is a fair percentage of why the club is able to stand bolt upright and breath as a footballing entity. My wife Julie who possibly put up with more than most as she is the one I don't speak to when we lose, sook to when we play well and just miss out, complain at how we trained and generally use as a sounding board, so to you Julie THANK YOU very much for your continuing support for the “Cranky Coach”.

I would like to wish the St Kilda City FC all the best for season 2017 and beyond.

## Senior Match Results

Round	Date	Ground	For	Opposition	Against	Result
1	16/04/16 (Sat)	Meade Reserve	13.10-88	Clayton	15.16-106	L
2	23/04/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	6.9-45	Oakleigh District	11.7-73	L
3	30/04/16 (Sat)	Bentleigh Reserve	8.6-54	Bentleigh	8.12-60	L
4	07/05/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	6.8-44	Dingley	19.10-124	L
5	14/05/16 (Sat)	Widdop Crescent Reserve	15.22-112	East Brighton	7.7-49	W
6	28/05/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	7.7-49	Mordialloc	8.15-63	L
7	04/06/16 (Sat)	McKinnon Reserve	6.9-45	St Pauls	5.7-37	W
8	18/06/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	6.8-44	Cheltenham	10.15-75	L
9	25/06/16 (Sat)	Dunlop Reserve	2.11-23	East Malvern	6.10-46	L
10	02/07/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	10.12-72	Clayton	16.12-108	L
11	09/07/16 (Sat)	Princes Highway Reserve	8.7-55	Oakleigh District	15.11-101	L
12	16/07/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	9.9-63	Bentleigh	13.9-87	L
13	23/07/16 (Sat)	Souter Oval	1.4-10	Dingley	15.17-107	L
14	30/07/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	9.11-65	East Brighton	9.6-60	W
15	06/08/16 (Sat)	Ben Kavanagh Reserve	6.8-44	Mordialloc	11.12-78	L
16	13/08/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	6.4-40	St Pauls	9.9-63	L
17	20/08/16 (Sat)	Jack Barker Oval	3.6-24	Cheltenham	17.13-115	L
18	27/08/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	9.8-62	East Malvern	12.9-81	L

## Senior players for 2016

Player	Games	Goals
Henry Sullivan	18	1
Aaron Green	18	1
Declan Harrington	18	11
Dylan Sloan	18	31
Cameron Hansen	17	9
Bradley Neurath	16	3
Andrew Walker	16	3
Daniel Ella	16	3
Joshua Herdman	15	3
Nick Taylor	14	0
Hamish Marshall	13	1
Michael Shaw	13	2
Brendan Johnstone	12	0
Caleb Mason	12	7
Keegan Powell	11	0
Juy Capp	11	3
Ricky Thomson	11	4
Thushan Shrimpton	9	0
Joshua O'Donnell	9	2
Andrew Hunter	9	3
Benjamin May	9	0
Aaron Purvis	8	11
Brent Gutterson	7	9
Jack Nanovich	7	0
Will Debruin	6	2
Jackson O'Hehir-Vargas	6	1
Vinh Dang	6	3
Jesse McLean	5	0

Player	Games	Goals
Kieran Jamieson	5	0
Jonathan Hay	5	4
Sam Lewin	4	0
Jack Gavin	4	0
Tom Looi	4	0
Rhys Joachim	4	0
Chanel Lalotoa	4	0
Nathan Dawson	4	1
Josiah Laakulu	3	2
Charles Ryan-Orchard	3	0
Ayang Nyanjok	3	2
Simon Hislop	2	5
Leon Mateariki	2	1
James Symons	2	0
Finnegan Guiney-White	2	0
Febrick Addi	2	0
Bobby Lee	2	1
Nathan Dumbleton	1	0
Romain Grenville	1	0
Mitchell Oman	1	0
Joshua Davis	1	0
Hamish Johnstone	1	1
Anthony Smith	1	0
Noel Jorgensen	1	0
Luke Baillie	1	0
Jesse Firebrace	1	0
Mathew Hoy	1	0
Mykelti Lefau	1	0

## Senior Award Winners

Best and Fairest – Henry Sullivan

Runner Up Best & Fairest – Dylan Sloan, Michael Shaw, Aaron Purvis

Best Team Player – Keegan Powell



## Senior Best & Fairest Votes

Player	Votes
Henry Sullivan	85
Michael Shaw	71
Dylan Sloan	71
Aaron Purvis	71
Cameron Hansen	60
Aaron Green	59
Keegan Powell	50
Caleb Mason	42
Ricky Thomson	37
Juy Capp	32
Nick Taylor	26
Josh Odonnell	20
Brad Neurath	19
Dan Ella	15
Josh Herdman	15
Andrew Walker	15
Vin Dang	14

Player	Votes
Jon Hay	13
Sam Lewin	13
Jack Gavin	12
Leon Materiaki	12
Jesse McLean	10
Jackson Vargas	8
Andrew Hunter	8
Thusan Shrimpton	6
Rhys Joachim	5
Declan Harrington	5
Brent Gutterson	4
Hamish Marshall	4
Will De Bruin	3
Nathan Dawson	2
Jack Nanovich	1
Ben Grimison	1
Hamish Johnstone	1

# Reserves Football Report

Coach: Samer and Sammy Dagher

Captain: Jesse McLean, Luke Baillie

The 2016 season was a frustrating season of what ifs.

Round one we had plenty of players keen to play but unfortunately we couldn't manage a win over Clayton.

We lost six games by less than ten points and we were sitting on three wins and ten loses, but by no means due to lack of effort, we struggled for numbers and the U19's generously helped out with players and even played two games back to back.

The boys contacted a few mates to fill in and we managed to win five games in a row and in extraordinary situation, we made the finals. A few late comers just missed out on qualifying for finals, which may have been very helpful!

A huge effort from the boys got us over the line in the elimination final against East Brighton, but we had a few too many boys underdone going into the semi-final and Sam McPhee was a big loss, getting concussed in the first quarter.

Overall, it was an amazing season of very high highs and devastating lows! Thank you to all the players, Nick and the committee, all the helpers and volunteers for the 2016 season.

Thanks, Samer & Sammy Dagher



## Reserves Match Results

Round	Date	Ground	For	Opposition	Against	Result
1	16/04/16 (Sat)	Meade Reserve	8.10-58	Clayton	10.6-66	L
2	23/04/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	18.22-130	Oakleigh District	3.5-23	W
3	30/04/16 (Sat)	Bentleigh Reserve	7.5-47	Bentleigh	9.5-59	L
4	07/05/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	6.7-43	Dingley	10.6-66	L
5	14/05/16 (Sat)	Widdop Crescent Reserve	9.7-61	E.B Bentleigh Vampires	14.12-96	L
6	28/05/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	9.9-63	Mordialloc	8.7-55	W
7	04/06/16 (Sat)	McKinnon Reserve	12.4-76	St Pauls	4.5-29	W
8	18/06/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	8.7-55	Cheltenham	23.14-152	L
9	25/06/16 (Sat)	Dunlop Reserve	9.11-65	East Malvern	10.12-72	L
10	02/07/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	7.14-56	Clayton	9.6-60	L
11	09/07/16 (Sat)	Princes Highway Reserve	11.7-73	Oakleigh District	14.5-89	W
12	16/07/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	7.2-44	Bentleigh	22.9-141	L
13	23/07/16 (Sat)	Souter Oval	1.4-10	Dingley	18.14-122	L
14	30/07/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	8.9-57	E.B Bentleigh Vampires	5.17-47	W
15	06/08/16 (Sat)	Ben Kavanagh Reserve	13.10-88	Mordialloc	11.7-73	W
16	13/08/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	16.13-109	St Pauls	7.8-50	W
17	20/08/16 (Sat)	Jack Barker Oval	10.8-68	Cheltenham	4.2-26	W
18	27/08/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	14.8-92	East Malvern	11.8-74	W
ELIM	04/09/16 (Sun)	Springvale Reserve	13.4-82	E.B Bentleigh Vampires	11.13-79	W
SEMI	11/09/16 (Sun)	Springvale Reserve	6.11-47	Cheltenham	18.11-119	L

## Reserves players for 2016

Player	Games	Goals
Benjamin Hall	20	5
Jamie Vlahos	20	31
Jaron Helman	19	1
Bobby Lee	19	3
Samer Dagher	18	0
Joshua Collins	18	0
Michael Habashi	18	14
Samuel McPhee	18	6
Benjamin Grimison	16	4
Tom Looi	16	8
Jack Nanovich	15	1
Luke Baillie	14	3
Ashley Crooks	13	0
James Symons	13	14
Dilan Shrimpton	12	1
Thushan Shrimpton	11	0
Andrew Hunter	11	21
Jahvis Mateariki	11	5
Julian Cougan	9	2
Ben Frazer	9	12
Chanel Lalotoa	8	1
Simon Hislop	7	17
Carlos Kamus	7	0
Jason Cheah	7	1
Charles Ryan-Orchard	6	3
Benjamin May	6	1
Davide Concilia	6	1
Bryce Carnes	5	1
Juy Capp	5	4
Noel Jorgensen	5	0
Nathan Laffy	5	3
Kaito Battaglione	5	2

Player	Games	Goals
Glen Krepp	4	7
Lorent Chitkrapong	4	0
Gavin Phillips	4	3
Myles Jamieson	4	2
Lochlan Tangas	3	2
Nicholas Porter	3	0
Hamish Marshall	3	1
Aaron De Netto	3	1
Jack Gavin	2	0
Joshua Davis	2	0
G'iacomo Fecht	2	1
Jesse Firebrace	2	0
Mathew Hoy	2	0
Elijah Salesui	2	0
Dominic Su'a	2	0
Alex Considine	1	0
Norbert Williams	1	0
Samuel Lesser	1	0
Mitchell Oman	1	0
Josiah Laakulu	1	0
Jesse McLean	1	0
Brendan Johnstone	1	0
Anthony Smith	1	0
Kieran Jamieson	1	0
Michael Shaw	1	0
Paul Pekaj	1	1
Nathan Dawson	1	1
Charlie Davey	1	0
Fabricko Addi	1	0
Febrick Addi	1	0
Jordan Hilton-Taylor	1	0
Julian Brookes	1	1

## Reserves Award Winners

Best and Fairest – Ben Grimison

Best and Fairest Runner up – Thushan Shrimpton

Best Finals Player – Chanel Lalotoa

Best Team Player – Thushan Shrimpton

## Reserves Best & Fairest Votes

Ben Grimison	105
Thush Shrimpton	83
Jamie Vlahos	64
Tom Looi	63
Sam McPhee	54
Ben Hall	46
Ben May	40
Jason Cheah	39
Dilan Shrimpton	35
Ben Frazer	31
Andrew Hunter	27
Charles R Orchard	26
James Symons	25
Jack Nanovich	25
Luke Baillie	18
Brendan Johnstone	15
Chanel Ialatoa	14
Bobby Lee	10

Jarvis Materiaki	10
Hamish Marshall	10
Simon Hislop	10
Noel Jorgensen	9
Jaren Helman	9
Kieran Jamieson	9
Juy Capp	6
Matt Hoy	4
Bryce Carnes	4
Josh Collins	3
Davide Concilia	3
Glen Krepp	2
Samer Dagher	2
Michael Habashi	1
Julian Cougan	1
Ashleigh Crooks	1
Jack Gavin	0
Jesse McLean	0



# U19s Football Report

Coach: Nathan Johns

Captain: Mitch Oman, Kieran Jamieson

Report by Assistant Coach Matt Hoy

What an eventful season for St Kilda City Under 19s. Coming into the season as the reigning premiers we always knew we were going to be the hunted. During the preseason the club and the coaching staff worked doggedly to recruit players in which as a whole were successful in doing so.

This season was a season in which passengers were quickly exposed and teams who didn't have the depth quickly sunk in the season of 2016 and to the boys credit they worked hard throughout and become a team of not only teammates but best mates. Friendship and character was built throughout the season losing games on the road to back to back cups.

We finished 2nd on the ladder which earnt the team a second chance which is a credit to the coaching staff and club for managing players and injuries and still manage a box seat position in the finals.

We made it past the qualifying and preliminary finals but faced a tough opponent in Hampton. It was always going to tough losing to them twice during the season but proved to be one of the best finals football games the SFNL has witnessed at Springvale Oval. The boys were behind all day but like a champion team found a way to work back in the game and being eventual back to back premiers.

We had some incredible milestones for the club this season in the Under 19s:

League Goal Kicking - Mykelti Lefau including 25 goals in a single game.

Runner Up League Medal - Mykelti Lefau (beaten by only 1 vote)

And our SFNL Interleague Representatives - Jesse Firebrace, Paul Pekaj & Ayang Nyanjok.

A big thanks to Joanne Cain for being the most incredible team manager, and also to Rod Gamlin, Nigel Capp, Nick Porter, Mel Starr and sorry if I have forgotten anyone, but a massive thanks for supporting the team. If it was running around getting shorts or socks, it's the behind the scenes work that no one sees that makes this club run as smoothly as it does, thanks so much.

As the coach of 2017, I would like to welcome aboard assistant coaches Brett Gardiner and Ryan Hoy to the coaching panel and cannot wait for 2017 with the new cattle we have signed already during the off season.



## U19s Match Results

Round	Date	Ground	For	Opposition	Against	Result
1	16/04/16 (Sat)	Barry Simon Reserve	11.15-81	Endeavour Hills	2.2-14	W
2	23/04/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	13.11-89	Oakleigh District	6.9-45	W
3	30/04/16 (Sat)	Hallam Reserve	10.11-71	Hallam	2.8-20	W
4	07/05/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	4.16-40	Dingley	3.9-27	W
5	14/05/16 (Sat)	Widdop Crescent Reserve	16.13-109	East Brighton-Bentleigh	6.10-46	W
6	28/05/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	19.13-127	Highbury	1.1-7	W
7	04/06/16 (Sat)	BYE				
8	18/06/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	15.14-104	Cheltenham	7.6-48	W
9	25/06/16 (Sat)	Peterson Street Reserve	2.18-30	Hampton	5.8-38	L
10	02/07/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	22.18-150	Carrum Patterson Lakes	5.1-31	W
11	09/07/16 (Sat)	Princes Highway Reserve	5.11-41	Oakleigh District	9.13-67	L
12	16/07/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	5.11-41	Endeavour Hills	6.7-43	L
13	23/07/16 (Sat)	Souter Oval	12.16-88	Dingley	1.1-7	W
14	30/07/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	15.13-103	East Brighton-Bentleigh	5.7-37	W
15	06/08/16 (Sat)	Peterson Street Reserve	15.16-106	Hampton	4.8-32	W
16	13/08/16 (Sat)	Peanut Farm Reserve	13.11-89	St Pauls	13.5-83	W
17	20/08/16 (Sat)	Jack Barker Oval	11.10-76	Cheltenham	11.5-71	W
18	27/08/16 (Sat)	Roy Dore Reserve	28.10-178	Carrum Patterson Lakes	2.2-14	W
QUAL	03/09/16 (Sat)	Springvale Reserve	14.8-92	Oakleigh District	5.3-33	W
SEMI	10/09/16 (Sat)	Springvale Reserve	4.9-33	Hampton	7.6-48	L
PRELIM	18/09/16 (Sun)	Springvale Reserve	16.17-113	Oakleigh District	7.7-49	W
GF	25/09/16 (Sun)	Springvale Reserve	8.13-61	Hampton	8.9-57	W

## U19s players for 2016

Player		Games	Goals
Mitchell	Oman	21	9
Dallas	Peut	20	23
Josiah	Laakulu	20	13
Anthony	Smith	20	8
Paul	Pekaj	20	14
Febrick	Addi	20	2
Shai	Wood	19	3
Jesse	Firebrace	19	6
Oliver	Woods	18	8
Mykelti	Lefau	18	81
Fabricko	Addi	18	1
Bryce	Carnes	17	0
Hamish	Johnstone	17	10
Finnegan	Guiney-White	17	6
Joshua	Davis	16	4
Kieran	Jamieson	16	3
Vinh	Dang	16	11
Jackson	O'Hehir-Vargas	15	6

Player		Games	Goals
Kane	Plummer	15	8
Joshua	O'Donnell	14	20
Alexander	Jones	14	0
Leon	Mateariki	14	3
Jordan	Coughlan-Stevenson	13	1
Daniel	Georgiou	13	0
Kye	McMillan	13	2
Nathan	Dawson	12	1
William	Patterson	11	2
Xavier	Pauli	10	1
Kade	Alexander	6	3
Perry	O'Hehir-Vargas	5	0
Rueben	Jamieson	5	0
Elijah	Salesui	5	4
Jarrad	Dousa	3	2
Ayang	Nyanjok	2	2
Donovan	Addi	2	0
Pika	Ula	1	1

## U19s Award winners

Best and Fairest – Mykelti Lefau

Best and Fairest Runner up – Josiah Laakulu

Best Finals Player – Jackson Vargas

Best Team Player – Oliver Woods

Top Goal Scorer – Mykelti Lefau



## U19s Best & Fairest Votes

Mykelti Lefau	99
Josiah Laakulu	45
Finnegan Guiney-White	43
Jackson O'Hehir-Vargas	39
Leon Mateariki	37
Shai Wood	37
Jesse Firebrace	37
Mitchell Oman	32
Vinh Dang	32
Paul Pekaj	31
Kade Alexander	30
Joshua O'Donnell	30
Oliver Woods	29
William Patterson	28
Anthony Smith	27
Febrick Addi	26
Kane Plummer	23

Nathan Dawson	22
Fabricko Addi	20
Hamish Johnstone	18
Daniel Georgiou	18
Kye McMillan	17
Kieran Jamieson	15
Joshua Davis	15
Dallas Peut	9
Alexander Jones	2
Jordan Coughlan-Stevenson	2
Jarrad Dousa	2
Xavier Pauli	0
Rueben Jamieson	0
Bryce Carnes	0
Elijah Salesui	0
Perry O'Hehir-Vargas	0

## Netball Report

Another big year in St Kilda City netball, with 60 girls making up 6 teams.

We also had 2 new coaches join our ranks, with Te Ua Houkama taking the Division 5s, and Casie Beddome the Division 4 girls.

Once again we graded one team per division. Division 3 were our most successful during the season, making it through to the preliminary finals.

A lack of training space impacted the teams after an unprecedented attack by Prahran youth at the Chapel Off Chapel courts, forcing all teams to find alternative venues, and the Division 1 girls being having to enter a Monday night social competition just to get some court time during the week.

Despite having no teams in the grand the spirits were high on and off the court.

Our second annual pre-season tournament was once again well attended, and proves to be a hit amongst the other SFNL clubs. We will continue to push to make this better each year, and it is our major fundraiser for the year, taking the pressure off players and supporters.

I look forward to getting the club one step closer to another premiership title in the 2017 Season, and planning is already well underway.

Kate Foster  
Netball Coordinator



## Division 1 Netball

Coach: Melanie Starr

Captain: Beth Viner-Smith/Billie Nukunuku

Another disappointing year for our Div 1 girls. Losing Captain BVS to London created a big hole in the mid court, but a late recruit in Louise Moetu added more depth and athleticism.

The girls were unlucky not to win more games, and showed promise every game, peaking with a big win over 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Dingley late in the season.

A big injury to key defender Sarah Jackson hurt us, but the girls rallied and stepped up to cover. Billie Nukunuku was once again pivotal, and also became the first St Kilda City netballer to represent the SFNL in the Interleague competition.

The big positive to take away from 2016 was the way this team bonded as a group, backed each other and supported each other on and off court.



## Division 1 Match Results

Round	Date	For	Opposition	Against	Result
1	16/04/16 (Sat)	21	Keysborough	51	L
2	23/04/16 (Sat)	33	Bentleigh	32	W
3	30/04/16 (Sat)	26	Caulfield	40	L
4	07/05/16 (Sat)	23	Dingley	55	L
5	14/05/16 (Sat)	25	Heatherton	68	L
6	28/05/16 (Sat)	23	Keysborough	39	L
7	04/06/16 (Sat)	27	Bentleigh	27	D
8	18/06/16 (Sat)	32	Caulfield	38	L
9	25/06/16 (Sat)	33	Dingley	58	L
10	02/07/16 (Sat)	45	Heatherton	61	L
11	09/07/16 (Sat)	33	Keysborough	43	L
12	16/07/16 (Sat)	28	Bentleigh	40	L
13	23/07/16 (Sat)	28	Caulfield	34	L
14	30/07/16 (Sat)	36	Dingley	27	W
15	06/08/16 (Sat)	76	Heatherton	36	L

## Award winners

Best & Fairest – Ellie Capel

Best & Fairest Runner Up – Fiona White

Best Team Player – Fiona White



## Division 2 Netball

Coach: Kate Foster

Captain: Anne Hallam

As reigning premiers from 2015, the Division 2 side had high hopes that their success would continue. Unfortunately, their winning streak didn't continue for long, and with strong competition, they only managed to secure two wins in the season.

Of those wins, they secured a fantastic win over second placed St Pauls, finishing the season on a high. Awesome friendships & bonds were made throughout the season despite finishing second to last on the ladder. Special thanks to Team Captain Anne Hallam, for her great leadership & support.



## Division 2 Match Results

Round	Date	For	Opposition	Against	Result
1	16/04/16 (Sat)	21	St Pauls	58	L
2	23/04/16 (Sat)	11	Heatherton	69	L
3	30/04/16 (Sat)	33	Chelsea Heights	30	W
4	07/05/16 (Sat)	23	Dingley	39	L
5	14/05/16 (Sat)	28	Bentleigh	38	L
6	28/05/16 (Sat)	14	Mordialloc	52	L
7	04/06/16 (Sat)	21	Carrum PL	43	L
8	18/06/16 (Sat)	24	Chelsea Heights	43	L
9	25/06/16 (Sat)	17	Heatherton	65	L
10	02/07/16 (Sat)	34	St Pauls	59	L
11	09/07/16 (Sat)	24	Dingley	59	L
12	16/07/16 (Sat)	42	Bentleigh	50	L
13	23/07/16 (Sat)	32	Mordialloc	59	L
14	30/07/16 (Sat)	37	Carrum PL	40	L
15	06/08/16 (Sat)	54	St Pauls	49	L

## Award winners

Best & Fairest – Sophie Dunn

Best & Fairest Runner Up – Breanna Cull

Best Team Player – Chelsea Bilney

## Division 3 Netball

Coach: Kate Foster

Captain: Nicole Scharenguivel/Casie Beddome

Division 3 had a very consistent season, maintaining their position on the ladder throughout. Unfortunately, the team suffered multiple injuries, which set them back leading up to finals.

Having made it to the semis, City narrowly defeated Black Rock by 1 goal & secured a spot in the prelim against Dingley.

A guaranteed nail biter, City came firing out in the second half, taking the lead for most of the fourth quarter. In the final minutes, the girls couldn't convert some critical scoring opportunities. Dingley defeated City by a mere 3 goals.



## Division 3 Match Results

Round	Date	For	Opposition	Against	Result
1	16/04/16 (Sat)	43	Clayton	30	W
2	23/04/16 (Sat)	51	Caulfield	39	W
3	30/04/16 (Sat)	10	East Brighton	0	W – F
4	07/05/16 (Sat)	45	Dingley	38	W
5	14/05/16 (Sat)	39	Black Rock	25	W
6	28/05/16 (Sat)	36	Mordialloc	16	W
7	04/06/16 (Sat)	32	Keysborough	32	D
8	18/06/16 (Sat)	48	Caulfield	44	W
9	25/06/16 (Sat)	38	Heatherton	50	L
10	02/07/16 (Sat)	0	Clayton	0	L - F
11	09/07/16 (Sat)	58	Skye	28	W
12	16/07/16 (Sat)		Bye		
13	23/07/16 (Sat)	31	Dingley	37	L
14	30/07/16 (Sat)	26	Black Rock	26	D
15	06/08/16 (Sat)	50	Mordialloc	20	W
SEMI	13/08/16 (Sat)	33	Black Rock	32	W
PRELIM	20/08/16 (Sat)	41	Dingley	44	L

## Award winners

Best & Fairest – Nicole Scharenguivel, Casie Beddome, Emma Haugh, Meg Pfizner, Tamlyn Cocker

Best Finals Player – Casie Beddome

Best Team Player – Anthea Nisbet-Smith



## Division 4 Netball

Coach: Casie Beddome Captain: Paisley Ross

Season 2016 started off with great expectations for division 4.

With over 17 different girls playing for the team and player movement, it was tough to get into a winning rhythm. The core 10 girls we finished the season with, were a successful combination on and off the court. It was disappointing not to have this team at the start of the season as our 6 position finish would have been at least a top 3.

With most of the girls likely to return next season, it will be exciting to see what's to come in 2017.



## Division 4 Match Results

Round	Date	For	Opposition	Against	Result
1	16/04/16 (Sat)	25	Heatherton Black	48	L
2	23/04/16 (Sat)	33	Keysborough	52	L
3	30/04/16 (Sat)	7	South Yarra	30	L
4	07/05/16 (Sat)	22	Dingley	26	L
5	14/05/16 (Sat)	38	Springvale Districts	37	W
6	28/05/16 (Sat)	34	Highett	28	L
7	04/06/16 (Sat)	32	East Brighton	43	L
8	18/06/16 (Sat)	48	Caulfield	38	W
9	25/06/16 (Sat)	27	Heatherton Black	50	L
10	02/07/16 (Sat)	26	Keysborough	62	L
11	09/07/16 (Sat)	28	Lyndale	28	D
12	16/07/16 (Sat)	35	Heatherton White	45	L
13	23/07/16 (Sat)	18	South Yarra	46	L
14	30/07/16 (Sat)		Bye		
15	06/08/16 (Sat)	24	Dingley	53	L

## Award winners

Best & Fairest – Kate Cross

Best & Fairest Runners Up – Lucie Webster

Best Team Player – Melissa Alessandrini

## Division 5 Netball

Coach: Te Ua Houkamau

Captain: Tui Bristowe

With a new team and a new coach – the Division 5 Team had a very strong season and was unlucky to make finals this year. (We were the only team this year to beat this year's finalists in the Division).

The girls took advantage of training in Richmond at Ryan's Reserve and put in some good yards this year. The team committed to training and even training in the rain, cold, public holidays and sometimes twice a week to make sure that the team was in the best position to achieve our team goals.

Our goal for the season was to be competitive in all 4 quarters in every game and to be the fittest team out there. We managed to achieve these goals but with missing key team members during the year in crucial matches – cost us our finals dreams.

Great bunch of girls and it was awesome working with them this year. Here's to 2017 and helping City Netball to get even stronger



## Division 5 Match Results

Round	Date	For	Opposition	Against	Result
1	16/04/16 (Sat)	56	Clayton	36	W
2	23/04/16 (Sat)	49	Oakleigh District	23	W
3	30/04/16 (Sat)	45	Bentleigh	46	L
4	07/05/16 (Sat)	37	Dingley	27	W
5	14/05/16 (Sat)	34	Dandenong	56	L
6	28/05/16 (Sat)	51	Cheltenham	38	W
7	04/06/16 (Sat)	23	Heatherton	46	L
8	18/06/16 (Sat)	48	Skye	40	W
9	25/06/16 (Sat)	45	Lyndhurst	32	W
10	02/07/16 (Sat)	53	Chelsea Heights	44	W
11	09/07/16 (Sat)	41	Black Rock	42	L
12	16/07/16 (Sat)	28	Bentleigh	56	L
13	23/07/16 (Sat)	43	Mordialloc	31	W
14	30/07/16 (Sat)		Bye		
15	06/08/16 (Sat)	52	Dingley	36	L

## Award winners

Best & Fairest – Reanne Poutama

Best & Fairest Runners Up – Tui Bristowe

Best Team Player – Ashley Huynh



## Division 6 Netball

Coach: Sophie Dunn

Captain: Emma Ford

Division 6 had another successful year, finishing 5th after just missing out on a place in the preliminary finals.

The Div 6's were on a strong winning streak at the beginning of the season, but later lost a few critical matches that set them back for finals. With standout performances across the court, I was incredibly proud of the achievements of the team.

Having a combination of very experienced players and non-experienced players, the team was immensely supportive of one another, which largely contributed to their end success.



## Division 6 Match Results

Round	Date	For	Opposition	Against	Result
1	16/04/16 (Sat)	13	Heatherton	54	L
2	23/04/16 (Sat)	40	Hampton	18	W
3	30/04/16 (Sat)	19	South Yarra	45	L
4	07/05/16 (Sat)	40	Dingley	38	W
5	14/05/16 (Sat)	33	Caulfield	34	L
6	28/05/16 (Sat)	36	Carrum PL	32	W
7	04/06/16 (Sat)	38	Highett	26	W
8	18/06/16 (Sat)	55	Lyndhurst	29	L
9	25/06/16 (Sat)	29	Lyndale	47	L
10	02/07/16 (Sat)	24	Clayton	42	L
11	09/07/16 (Sat)	65	Hampton	39	W
12	16/07/16 (Sat)	29	South Yarra	58	L
13	23/07/16 (Sat)	33	Caulfield	48	L
14	30/07/16 (Sat)	28	Dingley	22	W
15	06/08/16 (Sat)	48	Carrum PL	29	L

## Award winners

Best & Fairest – Elisha Romeril

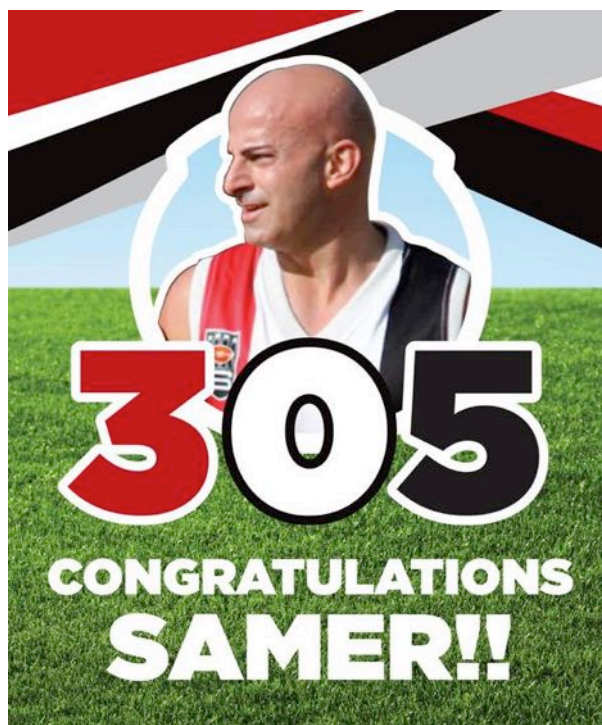
Best & Fairest Runners Up – Sarah Cairnduff

Best Team Player – Casey Gadzinski

## Career Games Played

The following table contains all footballers who played at least one game for St Kilda City in 2016. The Games Played count is based on games played within the SFNL (U19s, Reserves, Seniors).

Player		SFNL Games
Samer	Dagher	305
Thushan	Shrimpton	232
Glen	Krepp	191
Luke	Baillie	139
Dilan	Shrimpton	139
Andrew	Hunter	129
Nicholas	Porter	129
Hamish	Marshall	123
Gavin	Phillips	107
Joshua	Herdman	103
Declan	Harrington	96
Tom	Looi	92
Michael	Habashi	89
Haissam	Faraj	86
Henry	Sullivan	82
Julian	Cougan	79
Juy	Capp	70
Benjamin	May	61
Jason	Cheah	58
Rhys	Joachim	57
Rudi	Taylor	56
Aaron	Purvis	55
Jackson	O'Hehir-Vargas	53
Jaron	Helman	53
Cameron	Hansen	52
Daniel	Georgiou	52
Lochlan	Tangas	50
Lorent	Chitkrapong	49
Ashley	Crooks	47
Jack	Nanovich	47
Josiah	Laakulu	45
Mitchell	Oman	44
Daniel	Ella	44
Jamie	Vlahos	42
Charles	Ryan-Orchard	41
Perry	O'Hehir-Vargas	41
Simon	Hislop	41
Mathew	Hoy	41



Player		SFNL Games
Kieran	Jamieson	40
Carlos	Kamus	38
Bobby	Lee	38
Leon	Mateariki	37
Ben	Frazer	37
Aaron	Green	36
Samuel	McPhee	36
Dallas	Peut	36
Benjamin	Hall	35
Chanel	Lalotoa	35
Fabricko	Addi	34
Shaan	Autor	34
William	Patterson	32
Xavier	Pauli	32
James	Symons	31
Hamish	Johnstone	31
Shai	Wood	31
Paul	Pekaj	30
Rueben	Jamieson	30
Ayang	Nyanjok	28
Elijah	Salesui	28
Alexander	Jones	27
Michael	Shaw	27
Brian	Presnell	26
Davide	Concilia	26
Jesse	McLean	25
Nathan	Laffy	24
Joshua	O'Donnell	23
Jarrad	Dousa	23
Febrick	Addi	23
Myles	Jamieson	23
Aaron	De Netto	22
Kaito	Battaglione	22
Jesse	Firebrace	22
Vinh	Dang	22
Anthony	Smith	22
Bryce	Carnes	22



Player		SFNL Games
Samuel	Lesser	21
Mitchell	Clarke	20
Pika	Ula	20
Joshua	Davis	19
Mykelti	Lefau	19
Finnegan	Guiney-White	19
Joshua	Collins	18
Oliver	Woods	18
Dylan	Sloan	18
Jack	Gavin	17
Nathan	Dawson	17
Norbert	Williams	17
Flynn	Allan	17
Charlie	Davey	17
Bradley	Neurath	16
Benjamin	Grimison	16
Andrew	Walker	16
Jordan	Hilton-Taylor	16
Kane	Plummer	15
Damien	Maher	14
Nick	Taylor	14
Brendan	Johnstone	13
Jordan	Coughlan-Stevenson	13
Kye	McMillan	13
Caleb	Mason	12
Ricky	Thomson	11
Keegan	Powell	11
Jahvis	Mateariki	11
Brent	Guttererson	7
Will	Debruin	6
Kade	Alexander	6
Noel	Jorgensen	6
Jonathan	Hay	5
Sam	Lewin	4
G'iacomo	Fecht	2
Donovan	Addi	2
Dominic	Su'a	2
Alex	Considine	1
Romain	Grenville	1
Julian	Brookes	1
Nathan	Dumbleton	1

## Communications

The club continued to make extensive use of social media channels to communicate with players, supporters and sponsors during the 2016 season.

We also piloted the use of Team App as a means of communication, and online purchasing. Further engagement with supporters and sponsors can leverage the capabilities of the App even more in 2017

- Facebook – 1,236 up from 619 at the end of 2014
- Team App (130 members)
- Club website

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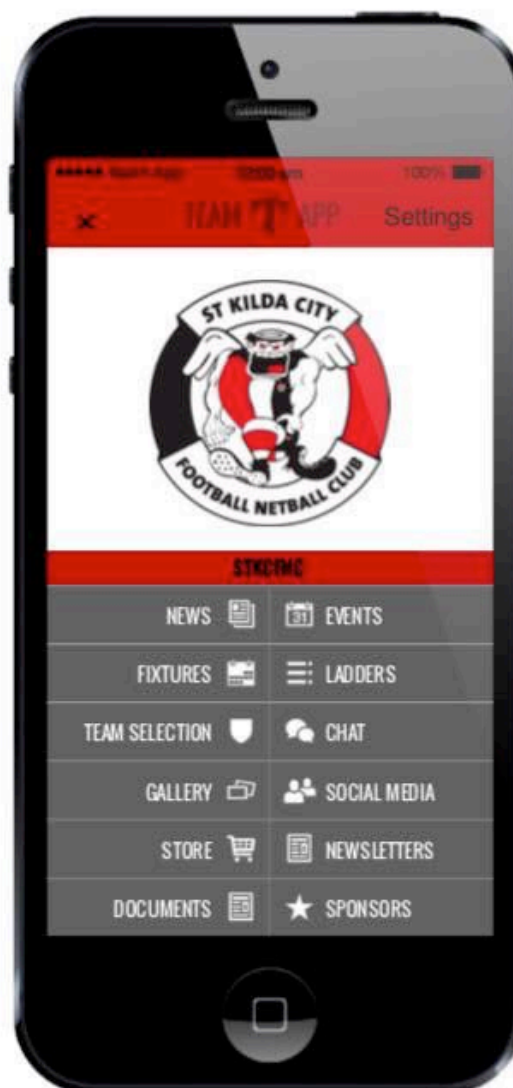
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## Special Award Winners

### City Rising Star

A new award presented this year to the most promising young star who the coaching team feel truly represent the spirit of St Kilda City, and who has years ahead to be a super star. The inaugural City Rising Star was awarded to Josh O'Donnell.



### Netball Volunteer of the Year

Another new award this year to acknowledge the individual contributions to the netball aspect of the Club. The inaugural award went to Casey Gadzinski.



### Best Club Person

In recognition of his involvement behind the scenes, this year's Club Person award was presented to Michael O'Connor.



## Life Membership

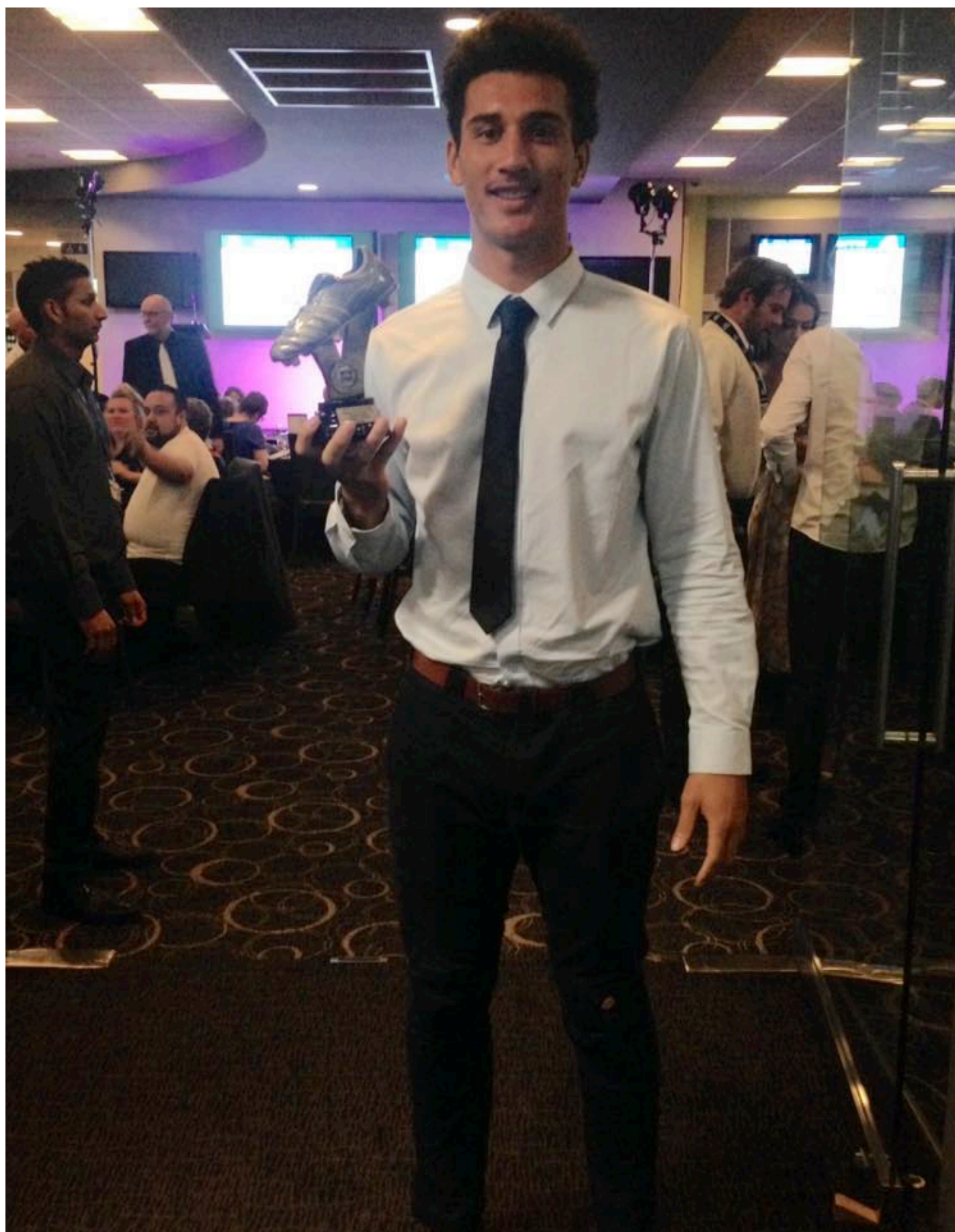
Life membership was awarded to Thushan Shrimpton in 2016 for his dedicated service to the club over an extended period.





## SFNL Awards

Mykeli Lefau was the sole City representative in the league awards, bringing home the U19 Goal Kicking award.



## Social Events

Social events have multiple benefits for the Club, including financial and social. They bring both the footballers and netballers together with supporters and sponsors, and help to build and shape STKC community.

In 2016, key events were the Season Launch, held at St Kilda Town Hall through a City of Port Phillip subsidy grant, two \$1000 draws, Past Players Day, a Cheeky Tiki party, the Annual Gala Ball and the Presentation Night. All events were well attended, and we thank Functions Coordinator Kate Foster for her tireless efforts making these nights happen.





## Sponsors

Our football club would not be able to operate without the generous support of our sponsors.

A sincere thank-you to all those businesses that supported the club in 2016. Please support the businesses that support our club.



## Club History

The 'Early Days' notes were found in some old sponsor proposal documents and the 'Recent Times' description was compiled by members of the current committee. Obviously there are huge gaps in this brief history that deserve to be recorded and shared with the City faithful.

***If you can help "fill in the gaps" or correct any inaccuracies please send your notes via email to [info@stkildacity.com](mailto:info@stkildacity.com).***

### The Early Days

The Club originated in 1946 as the Inkerman Rovers playing social football. In 1951 the Club moved to Alma Road Park, St Kilda, and changed its name to Balaclava.

When the Peanut Farm Reserve became available in 1952 the Club relocated and with the demise of the VFA subdistrict competition joined the metropolitan league.

In 1958, the Club became affiliated with the St Kilda Football Club wearing St Kilda colours which it has continued wearing till this day. This affiliation however ceased when the St Kilda Football Club moved to Moorabbin.

St Kilda City joined the South Eastern Suburban Football League in 1964 and in 1978 became St Kilda City Sports Club with the introduction of cricket for interested members.

In 1981 the new pavilion was built on the current site with a government grant from Youth Sports and Recreation and on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December was officially opened by his worship the Mayor of St Kilda Councillor Colin Bell JP in the presence of the honourable Brian Dixon MP and member for St Kilda Brian Williams.

### City Stars

Players from St Kilda City who have played elite level football (AFL level or equivalent) include Billy Mildenhall, Craig Williams, Bruce Stewart, Andrew Cross, Chris Stone, Paul Temay, Dave McGlashan, Andy Demetriou, Jeff Hogg, Frank Bisotto, Robert Walker, Brett Bowey, Ezra Poyas, Danny Jacobs and Nathan Carroll. Both Craig Williams (SA) and Bruce Stewart (NSW) played interstate football, Craig Williams being named in an All-Australian side.

### Recent Times

In 2002 St Kilda City won their first Division 1 premiership in the SFL, defeating Balwyn at Springvale Oval. After a mixed 2003 the club went through a rebuilding year in 2004, with many of today's senior stars playing their first senior game that season.

After being relegated to Division 2, the Club won the premiership in 2005 to quickly rise back into Division 1.

Between 2007 and 2011 the club competed in every finals series, winning through to four straight Division One Grand Finals (2007-2010) and winning three to cement itself as a powerhouse in the competition.

The re-introduction of Colts (under eighteen) football to the Southern Football League in 2008 has been met with open arms by the St Kilda City Football Club. The City Colts have now won 5 premierships and provided a wealth of talented footballers to the senior and reserves sides with some also making their mark in VFL ranks.

In 2013 the club introduced two netball teams into the SFL netball competition. This increased to four teams in 2014, and six in 2015, winning their first premiership in 2015.



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Senior Premierships	Reserves Premierships	U19 Premierships	Netball Premierships
1951	1980	1985	2015 (Division 2)
1962		2009	
1971		2011	
1980		2015	
1994		2016	
1998			
2002			
2005			
2007			
2009			
2010			



## Special Rounds

As we do every year, we placed significant importance on a number of home game. They were Pink Ribbon Ladies Round 4, Indigenous Round 6, Beyond Blue Round 10, Past Players Rounds, and a new one for us was PRIDE round 16. A big and heartfelt thanks to all who made these special rounds happen, especially Kate Foster and Nicole Scharenguivel who initiated, organised and ran many of these special days.

### Indigenous Round

**SAINTS INDIGENOUS STARS SHINE**

**May 25, 2016**

By Will Hunter (Southern Football Netball League)



**LEFT: St Kilda City's indigenous stars Jesse Firebrace and Kane Plummer model the Indigenous Round jumper. RIGHT: The indigenous mural at the Peanut Farm featuring the Firebrace boys, Jesse and Jake.**

AFL clubs have been doing it for years, but for the first time a Southern Football Netball League club will take to the field in a special commemorative jumper in recognition of indigenous culture.

St Kilda City will on Saturday run out onto the Peanut Farm wearing St Kilda's 2015 AFL Indigenous Round guernsey for their clash against Mordialloc as part of this weekend's Sir Doug Nicholls Indigenous Round celebrations.

The initiative was instigated by first-year club president Nick Porter, who is a trustee of indigenous youth exchange program the [Kajji Foundation](#), and has been supported by the St Kilda Football Club, who have been keen to engage with indigenous programs at a local community level.

The guernsey was designed by indigenous artist Marcus Lee and represents the six clans of the Boonwurrung, the traditional custodians of the land around the St Kilda and Port Phillip area.

St Kilda City has a number of indigenous players on its list, including talented youngsters Jesse Firebrace and Kane Plummer.

Firebrace said he was thrilled to don a guernsey that recognises and celebrates his people and their storied history and culture.

"Yeah, (to wear an indigenous jumper) for the first time, absolutely (I'm excited)," Firebrace said.

"I hope I can do the jumper proud, do the club proud and I feel blessed that I have the opportunity to wear it."

Firebrace is a well-spoken 16-year-old that is immensely proud of his Aboriginal heritage. He is a part of the Yorta Yorta people and spent his early years in Shepparton before moving to Melbourne at age 12.

And he is fast become a role model and a leader in the indigenous community through his involvement in the Laguntas Program, which supports cultural strengthening and leadership and provides education, training and employment pathways through the Korin Gamadji Institute (KGI).

"I pride myself in my culture, it's something I'm really deep in love with and something I really cherish," Firebrace said.

“I like to be known as an Indigenous Australian, break stereotypes and be proud of who I am.”

A supremely talented footballer, Firebrace has progressed through the ranks at St Kilda City’s juniors, starting in the Under 12s, before this year progressing to the senior club’s Under 19 team alongside Plummer.

The dashing defender has shown that a diminutive stature is no disadvantage, dominating against players several years his senior and more than twice his size.

Last Saturday Firebrace won the medal as Southern’s best afield in their Under 18 Interleague clash with Ellinbank after a dazzling display.

Firebrace and his younger brother Jake have been immortalised on a mural painted on a wall of the Peanut Farm pavilion by celebrated international street artist Adnate.

The mural recreates St Kilda AFL star Nicky Winmar’s famous stand against racial vilification, where he lifted his jumper and pointed to his skin in defiance of racial taunts from the Victoria Park crowd in 1993.

The mural also depicts Bunjil the eagle, the creator spirit for the local Boonwurrung people.

Plummer, meanwhile, hails from Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory and has joined the Saints through Porter’s involvement in the Kajji Foundation, which derives its name from the word for guide (Kajji Nyirin Jurrah) in the native language of the Tennant Creek area.

The aim of the Foundation is to bring talented youngsters from the remote regions to the big smoke of Melbourne to further develop their proficiency in their chosen sport, trade or artistic pursuit through scholarships at elite local schools including Christian Brothers College and St Michael’s Grammar.

Now Plummer and Firebrace are preparing for this year’s Doug Nicholls Indigenous Round and are looking forward to representing their people and celebrating their culture together out on the Peanut Farm.

Firebrace said it was great that the Indigenous Round concept has now been embraced at a local level, giving community footballers the same opportunity to showcase their indigenous heritage as the AFL stars.

“It’s really intriguing how it’s gone from like a national scale, to not only a regional scale but also a local level and it’s really good that they recognise us,” he said.

“I really enjoy playing indigenous round because it proves the diversity of the game of AFL.

“It’s an opportunity to express my culture, not only off field, but also on field... I’m really looking forward to it.”

**The Boonwurrung Foundation will facilitate a Welcome to Country and a tradition smoking ceremony before the St Kilda City v Mordialloc Division 1 Senior match this Saturday.**

## Pride Round – the Play With Pride Shield

SAINTS INCLUSIVENESS FILLS COACH WITH PRIDE

August 10, 2016

By Will Hunter (Southern Football Netball League)

This Saturday, St Kilda City and St Pauls will create SFNL history by competing for the inaugural Pride Shield at the Peanut Farm in support of the LGBTI community.

The day will have a distinctly rainbow feel as the two clubs and the league lead the drive towards widespread acceptance and inclusion of people of all genders and sexual orientations in mainstream society.

It will also be a special day for the Saints' Division 5 Netball Coach Te Ua Houkamau, who will sing the Australian national anthem before the commencement of the senior match.

Houkamau, himself a gay man and a talented opera singer, has performed the anthem of his native New Zealand on multiple occasions and said he was excited to be asked to perform before an event so close to his heart.

"I've sung the national anthem at sporting events and New Zealand Parliament and all that kind of stuff," Houkamau, 32, said.

"(Saturday's anthem performance is) kind of a big deal to me, first of all being a gay man and being asked to do it."

Houkamau, who is of a Maori background, hails from the small country town of Hicks Bay on the east coast of New Zealand's north island.

He migrated to Australia nine years ago to join the cast of the Phantom of the Opera and has remained here ever since.

And it was on this side of the Tasman that he first came out as gay after meeting his now ex-partner. The pair were together for seven years before their split last year.

"I think I always knew (I was gay)," Houkamau revealed.

"When I moved over to Australia, I was like, 'yeah, I think I am', but never had a boyfriend or anything like that. And I only really came out because I found someone over here and I went, 'well, I have a reason to come out now'.

"(But) my sexuality doesn't really drive who I am."

When Houkamau announced his homosexuality to his close friends and his family back home, the overwhelming majority were thrilled for him and incredibly supportive.

But unfortunately, not every member of the LGBTI community receives the same support and many don't feel comfortable coming out, often fearing backlash and discrimination from narrow-minded sections of the community. This is an attitude that simply has no place in today's society.

Houkamau has always been passionate about netball, playing the sport back in primary school, and the move to Melbourne has allowed him to reignite his passion for the sport. Over the last few years he has both played and umpired social netball before turning his hand to coaching earlier this year through a family connection at the Peanut Farm.

"One of my cousins (Tui Bristowe) who played for St Kilda (City) netball team, she asked me if I would be interested in coaching," Houkamau explained.

"I kind of grew up around it (netball), so when the opportunity came to coach I decided it would be something interesting to do."

Houkamau has loved his first year at the helm, despite his team narrowly missing out on a finals berth, and has praised the club for their acceptance of his homosexuality.

"It has been (wonderful being at a club that's been so supportive), and I knew it was going to be a challenge, but again, there's also been the support of my girls and my team," Houkamau said.

"At the start, I was a little bit more apprehensive as to what was going to happen, you know, going out to club functions and stuff like that, but yeah, nah I've had nothing but good support so it's been good."

Houkamau said that being born across the ditch has also been a blessing, as the large contingent of New Zealanders at the club, particularly in the Saints' netball teams, has made it easier for him to feel welcome.

"There's a thing with Kiwis, if you want to say, in the club, so I think everyone's focus is more on the New Zealand part of me than the gay part," Houkamau revealed.

"So you get into things because you are a Kiwi, not really because you are gay, which kind of helps."

Despite the fact that netball is a largely female-dominated sport, Houkamau has always felt at ease playing and umpiring in social competitions. Most netball umpires at this level are men, and a large percentage of them are openly gay, which Houkamau said has made it easier for him to feel comfortable, insofar as he could "be with a bit of a community".

Football clubs, on the other hand, haven't traditionally been open as netball clubs in welcoming and including gay players. The pervading old-school macho attitude still lingers in many places, leading most gay footballers, and indeed a number of gay athletes from other codes, to remain closeted with their sexuality.

There is little doubt footy clubs these days, much like society, have become much more accepting of gay players, especially through the increasing presence of the more open-minded younger generation. However, there is still work to be done before gay players feel more comfortable coming out in this environment.

"Compared to where we were five, 10 years ago, it's been a huge change, and it will probably be in five or 10 years' time before that acceptance will become more normal," Houkamau said.

"As it becomes more normal... I think more and more gay, bi, trans or those type of players would feel more comfortable to come out."

Houkamau believes the biggest step St Kilda City has made towards breaking down the stigma of homosexuality has been the inclusion of netball into the football club four years ago, a trend that has been widely embraced by the SFNL member clubs.

"I've not really been around a footy club. I've been around netball and I think netball has been pretty open to it, and it has been open to it for quite a while," Houkamau said.

"I think with the inclusion of netball into footy clubs... it's opened people's eyes just to say, 'well, actually, you know, you can be gay and still be good at sport and thrive on what you do and it doesn't drive the person who you are.'"

"So having netball as part of footy clubs definitely helps, especially at St Kilda City. It's kind of relaxed."

This Saturday is not only a huge day for the St Kilda City Football Netball Club, but a ground-breaking night for the AFL with St Kilda taking on the Sydney Swans at Etihad Stadium in the first ever AFL Pride Game.

The AFL and the two clubs have been universally praised for taking the lead in using sport as a vehicle to bring the issue of discrimination of the LGBTI community into national focus, and Houkamau said that the mainstream media coverage of this historic game would be of great benefit to the LGBTI community.

"The more it's in the media, the more people are exposed to it, the more normal it is, if you want to call it normal," he explained.

"It desensitises everyone from the whole perception of having gay people within the community is a bad thing.

"So the more exposure and the more publicity that is generated from these types of matches and from these types of rounds helps the gay community to overcome those stereotypes."

In time, Houkamau hopes this initiative can blossom in to a dedicated themed round, both at elite and community level, much like Indigenous Round and Multicultural Round have become important permanent fixtures on the AFL and SFNL calendars.

But for now, Houkamau is immensely proud of his club's trail-blazing stance in supporting the LGBTI community and its efforts in creating a warm, welcoming and safe environment for people of all sexual orientations and racial, religious, cultural and socio-economic backgrounds.

"When Kate (Foster, St Kilda City Netball Coordinator) told me about it, it does make me feel proud of the fact that I'm with a club that is very open and very receptive to the fact there's all types of people within the club," Houkamau beamed.

"It's a major standpoint within the footy and netball community, the fact that, again, netball is very open. Football isn't (yet), but it's getting there.

"Being involved in everything like that and being pioneering to push this makes me, as a gay man, pretty proud."



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# Football Finance Report

Income and Expense	2016	2015
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Opening Balance	5	79
Bar	16,778	16,320
BBQ	11,675	9,240
Canteen	9,206	8,960
Donations	13,550	18,200
Functions	55,655	48,550
Memberships and coterie	28,575	33,200
AFL Signage Contract	14,700	9,100
Miscellaneous Income	7,750	4,089
Raffles – Game Day	2,051	1,768
Raffles – Village Belle	3,628	5,200
Raffles – Car	12,900	
Fundraising BBQs	3,523	
Sponsorship	6,000	42,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>185,991</b>	<b>196,627</b>
<b><u>Expense</u></b>		
Game Bar COS	6,851	5,165
Game BBQ COS	4,625	3,285
Game Canteen COS	3,567	4,865
Functions Expenses	20,615	28,115
Trainer Wages	8,654	10,420
Prior Year Debts	6,709	13,400
Football Department	52,499	66,650
Bank Charges	979	870
Cleaning	1,000	1,500
SFL League Fees	62,206	41,000
Signage Installation	3,235	
Accounting charges	256	
License Fees	260	
Medical Equipment	4,722	10,970
Miscellaneous	1,170	1,500
Player Uniforms	4,600	8,160
Trophies	918	
Telephone		800
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>182,866</b>	<b>196,700</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>3,125</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>Bank Balance – 18/10/16</b>	<b>\$3,125</b>
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# Netball Finance Report

Income and Expense	2016	2015	Bank Balance at 18/10/16		\$7,692.31
<b><u>Income</u></b>					
Opening Balance	1,954.56	1,580.00			
STKC Netball Tournament	12,085.30	14,119.40			
Other Fundraisers	2,110.00	5,629.02			
Player Fees	20,857.70	16,551.00			
Events & Functions	16,459.07	11,630.30			
Grants		944.50			
Other	2,725.80				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56,192.43</b>	<b>50,454.22</b>			
<b><u>Expense</u></b>					
STKC Netball Tournament	5,778.74	10,402.80			
Other Fundraisers	745.00	3,922.40			
Player Fees	19,801.59	15,714.50			
Events & Functions	18,244.94	14,952.66			
Equipment	884.05	872.00			
Other	3,045.80	2,635.30			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48,500.12</b>	<b>48,499.66</b>			
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>7,692.31</b>	<b>1,954.56</b>			
<b>Profit &amp; Loss Summary</b>	<b>2016</b>				
STKC Netball Tournament	6,306.56				
Other Fundraisers	1,365.00				
Player Fees	1,056.11				
Events & Functions	-1,785.87				
Equipment	-884.05				
Other	-320.00				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,737.75</b>				