

South Croydon Football Club Seniors

2nd Division Eastern Football League



2007 Annual Report

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PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR 2007

Another season is over and what a year it was!

The 2007 season has been extremely successful and rewarding for the South Croydon Football Club both on and off the field.

The colts had a season of learning in 2007.

With new coach Rod Allison at the helm the club was very optimistic the colts would continue to be strong.

As the players found out 2nd division colts is a big step up from 3rd division.

With 5 wins and a draw from the season the statistics don't look great. But statistics don't tell the full story.

The colts provided 3 players who played in the senior team in 2007.

Each of these players gained valuable experience and were involved in winning senior teams.

This is the essence of what the colts are all about for our club.

Our recent success has been based on the continued development of ex colt's players now filling our senior team.

To all players, helpers and supporters of the colts in 2007 I thank you for all your hard work and efforts.

To Rod Allison I also again thank you on an excellent job in your role as coach in 2007.

Good luck to all the bottom age colts' players going around again in 2008.

And good luck to all the top age colts' players who will now become part of the open age group of the senior club.

The reserves season was a year of change.

After playing in the 3rd division grand final in 2006 the off season saw the departure of some reserves stalwarts and a changing of the guard with our senior list.

Coming up a division is always hard. Add to this many new players coming into the senior list combined with injuries occurring during the season and it was always difficult to get the best reserves line-up on the field at any time.

As is the way reserves works there can be a huge difference between their best and worst.

This can be demonstrated by a 15 goal loss to Rowville in Round 6 and a 5 goal win against Rowville in round 16.

Oh and by the way Rowville won the flag in a canter.....

The reserves again continued to produce players for the senior side and this is the role of the reserves side.

The reserves again ensured our club has good depth and were instrumental in maintaining the overall club success.

Well done again to coach Ryan Bromage in one of the toughest coaching roles you can have.

As the reserves coach your role is not to win games of football but to prepare players for the senior team.

You succeeded in this.

Keep up the good work and best of luck in 2008.

The senior team had the most unbelievable year.

They announced the clubs return to 2nd Division with a resounding 8 goal win against Montrose in Round 1 at Cheong Park.

From there the team just continued on its winning way with a thrilling win against Knox in Round 2 and a huge come from behind win against Mitcham in Round 3.

The start of the season certainly demonstrated to the club that we belonged in 2nd Division and would be more than up to the task.

The seniors received their first loss in Round 6 to Rowville which was followed by a Round 7 loss to Doncaster.

The team rebounded to win the next 2 games and be in 2nd spot on the ladder at the half way mark of the year with a 7-2 win-loss ratio.

A great result so far and the second half of the year got even better.

With a similar 7-2 win-loss ratio in the second half of the season the senior team managed to finish a clear 2nd on the ladder.

This result probably shocked most people outside the club (and even some inside the club) but obviously not the people who counted most, the players and coaching staff.

Then the finals came around.....

A first up heavy loss to Knox in the 2nd Semi-Final was a wake up call to all concerned that finals football is a different kind of football the regular season.

In true South Croydon spirit the senior team rebounded in the Preliminary Final against Doncaster to win by an emphatic 115 points. This win clearly demonstrated that our senior team was in the best 2 teams in the division and there was a reasonable margin to the rest of the teams.

The senior team had earned a Grand Final berth against Knox in its first year back in 2nd Division.

This in itself was an outstanding result but the Grand Final itself demonstrated to all observers why our club is moving ahead in great strides each year.

We went into the game a supposed rank underdog by the general football community not directly associated with our club. Luckily our club has belief in itself and the efforts of the players and coaches who represented the South Croydon Football Club on grand final day were magnificent.

I don't need to go into much detail about the grand final but am happy to say it was the most thrilling and outstanding game of local football I have even witnessed.

To come from 5 goals down early in the final quarter to gain the lead late with only minutes to go was fantastic.

To have a drawn game at full time was agonizing.

To go down by 6 points in over time was devastating.

In saying this I believe the 2007 season has been a massive year for our club. We have earned the respect of many people associated with the league and the football community in general.

Special thanks go out to all the colts, reserves and senior players who represented our club in 2007.

Your efforts were outstanding and you, the players, are why our club exists.

Obviously a huge thank-you goes out to our senior coach Paris Harvie who in his second year at the club has pushed our senior team to another grand final.

Again the fantastic support from Matt Fittolani, Vic Harvie and Glen Pemberton is greatly appreciated.

On behalf of the club I would like to thank Matt Fittolani on his efforts as assistant coach over the past 2 seasons and wish him well in his future endeavours what ever they may be.

I have no doubt he will make an outstanding senior coach for any club in the future.

Well done to the senior coaching panel on an outstanding effort for season 2007 and good luck for season 2008.

Well that's the end of the on field wrap.

For the senior club to play football each week a huge amount of time, effort and work needs to be put into the off-field side of the club.

The off field side consists of volunteers in both committee and general helpers positions.

I would like to thank a few people in particular for there efforts for the 2007 season.

On the committee front I would again like to personally thank all members of the club committee on their wonderful efforts and commitment to the club for the season gone.

Steve Duke - Secretary.

For the second year in a row Steve was brilliant in his role as the club secretary.

Again his reliability, thoroughness and attention to detail have been a great asset to the club.

In a role that gets no real recognition from most people associated with the club I would personally like to say our club wouldn't have had our ongoing success without all your efforts.

Peter Kaspar - Treasurer.

Peter joined the committee in the off season and put his hand up to fill the vacated position of treasurer at the start of the season. Peter was doing a great job until half way through the season when work commitments forced Peter to move interstate. In his short time on committee Peters experience and contributions were greatly valued.

I hope when Peter moves back to the area he again puts his hand up to get involved at committee level.

His skill, enthusiasm and expertise would be a great asset to our club in the future.

Paul Horne – Assistant Secretary and Bar Manager.

Paul again has been outstanding in his role on the committee.

Ha has combined being on committee with being the bar manager in 2007.

This has been a huge effort by him and again we couldn't have had our recent success with-out his work.

Good luck in 'retirement' next year Paul and I am sure your lovely fiancé Sam will appreciate seeing you during the football season.

John Dinnell – Football Operations.

J.D. has again run the football department with professionalism and dedication.

The go-to-man has again delivered in his running of the football department.

From organizing pre-season training venues right through to grand final day and everything in between I salute you again John and hope that the players and coaches appreciate your complete dedication to your role.

Now lets do it all again in 2008.

Paul McConnell – Game Day Operations.

If the players and supporters could follow Paul around from Friday afternoon before a home game until 8.00 pm on Saturday night after a home game they would be amazed. Paul never stops and works his butt off to ensure everything runs like clockwork and game day flows seamlessly and without a hiccup.

Again well done on a brilliant years work and commitment to the club.

Damian Degenhart – Revenue and Sponsorship.

Again Damian got on board in one of the key roles at the club.

His main responsibility is to raise all the funds needed to put the senior teams on the field each week.

Damian has again been outstanding in generating revenue for the club, which is continuing to ensure our short and long term success.

His great work in the recruiting side is again greatly appreciated.

Bryan King – Merchandise and Property.

In his first year on the senior committee Brian was a great pick up.

I don't think Brian ever stops for a break. From repairing broken stools, to ordering and providing gear for our players and supporters, and everything in between Brian has done it all.

All your efforts are greatly appreciated and I hope you stay on the committee for many years to come.

Gary Kelly – General Committee.

This was Gary's first year on committee and he has been another great addition to the team.

Gary has been happy to do any task asked of him in season 2007 to help out any department of the football club.

I look forward to his continued contributions in 2008 working closely with the revenue and sponsorship department.

Paul Macdonald – General Committee.

Stepping back on to the committee after a year off Paul's continued support of the club has been greatly appreciated.

With business and family commitments taking priority with Paul this year we thank him for his efforts when he was available.

Ian Morrison – Junior President.

Again, well done to Ian and the junior club on another successful season.

The whole senior clubs future lies in the players the junior club prepare for us.

Under Ian and the junior committee's guidance I am sure the senior club will continue to grow and prosper.

Thanks and please keep producing the quality players and people you are sending to the senior club.

Dick Rose – Committee of Management Representative.

Thanks to Dick for his continued work at committee level for our great club.

Dick has represented our club with the Cheong Park Committee of Management admirably.

We look forward to your ongoing representation in 2008.

On the non-committee front I would like to personally thank all helpers and contributors around the club on their dedication and efforts to the club for the season gone.

Christine McConnell – Canteen Manager.

In her second season in this role Chris has again been outstanding.

Chris and her crew of dedicated helpers have done a brilliant job and their service and products have been first rate.

And Chris, well done on winning the Best Club Person Award for 2007. You certainly earned it.

Special mentions to George Jones and Paul Molnar on those burgers, Ronda & John Stone and Dick Rose & Norm Osborne on Thursday Night dinners.

Paul Lewis – Kennel Club and Tubbys Wheel.

Again Tubby has come through with the goods.

Our key coterie group the Kennel Club continued to grow and create terrific revenue for the club whilst providing a terrific social group for all members.

Tubbys Thursday night wheel also became a great event in itself.

If anybody can tell me the rules I would really appreciate it!

Again great work Tubby and we look forward to your involvement as a committee member in 2008.

We also welcome our newest Life Members in Earl Setches and Bruce Ratcliff.

Both of you have been involved and contributed to our great club for 30 plus years and your induction as life members has been well deserved and overdue.

To all our sponsors who have so kindly donated the money required to keep our club strong and thriving we thank you and appreciate your massive input into our club. We hope our clubs performance in 2007 has justified your donations.

We look forward to your continued support in 2008 and beyond.

A special thanks goes out to Ray Tonisson of the Bendigo Bank in East Ringwood.

Ray is our Number 1 ticket holder and his efforts in supporting local sporting clubs are outstanding.

Also special thanks to Paul Hopgood-Damian Degenhart and the team at Effective Freight Management on everything they do for the club. Your contributions over the last 2 years have been one of the main reasons our club has flourished.

Personally I am very proud of how the club has performed both on and off the field in the 2007 season.

Our club has achieved a couple of our goals in the past 2 years.

Firstly we made it into 2nd division.

Secondly we have become very competitive both on and off the field in 2nd division.

Our next goal is to remain competitive in 2nd division and try to push to greater heights.

The dream is there, the ability is there, and if the effort is there we can continue on our upward climb and continue to enjoy success in the near future.

Season 2007 is over and now part of history.

To all who contributed at the club your efforts have been outstanding and invaluable to our success.

We can now look forward to 2008 with confidence.

My vision of South Croydon Football Club remains unchanged from when I was appointed president in 2006.

It is a vision of a club that is feared and respected in 2nd Division both on and off the field.

It is a vision of a club that people are proud to say they belong to it.

It is a vision of a club that makes all people welcome and ensures they enjoy their time at the club.

And it is a vision of a LOCAL football club filled with LOCAL players, supporters and sponsors, who all gain personal satisfaction and pride from saying they are part of the SOUTH CROYDON FOOTBALL CLUB.

Good luck in 2008 to all involved with our strong and great LOCAL club.

Stephen Quon

President

South Croydon Football Club

Treasurers Report.

This year was a difficult year in the treasurers department.

After the retirement of long serving treasurer John Hutchieson after the 2006 season the club was in desperate need of a capable replacement.

Local businessman David Petersen put his hand up to take on the job in late 2006 but unfortunately before the commencement of the 2007 season David elected to cease his association with the club.

This left a huge hole on the eve of the season commencing.

With a little encouragement we managed to fill the position with first time committee member Peter Kaspar.

This turned out to be a great appointment and things were running very smoothly until mid season when Peter's work decided to transfer him to Queensland for the immediate future.

Once Peter moved interstate we had nobody available to take on the role so to get us through the season Stephen Quon elected to help manage the treasurers position for the remaining 2007 season.

In conjunction with Mr. Frank Bibby a retired accountant the treasurer's role was filled to the best of our ability.

Following is a brief run down of how the club has fared in 2007.

Please note all figures stated are for the football clubs financial year which runs from 1-10-2006 until 30-9-2007.

The club has recorded an operating loss of \$2,337.93 for the 2006-2007 season.

This is a disappointing result but justifiable in relation to our increase in player, coach and trainers payments.

As our club has been more successful on the field over the last 2 seasons we have been required to increase our payments in line with the performance of the senior team.

Our overall income has decreased some 20.4% on the 2005-2006 season.

Our overall expenses have decreased some 15.1% on the 2005-2006 season.

I will go through areas of the club individually now and make comments on there performances:

Bar.

Bar turnover significantly declined this year.

Income was down some \$14,873 on the previous year.

Correspondingly expenses were down some \$17,529 on the previous year.

Although turnover was down significantly our margin increased from 39% to 46%.

The conclusion is that we certainly improved our margin and pricing structure but with the changing of the club philosophy away from being a heavy drinking sports club to a more social and family orientated club the bar sales have again decreased.

For season 2008 we will again need to ensure our margin and pricing structure is optimized whilst attempting to increase the sales again. In increasing the sales we must make sure it doesn't affect the culture of the club and take us back to a club solely reliant on bar sales for survival.

Canteen.

Canteen turnover slightly increased this year.

Income was up some \$1,688 on the previous year.

Correspondingly expenses were also up some \$3,140 on the previous year.

Our canteen margin decreased from 42% last year to 34% this year.

The increase in expenses can generally be attributed to the apportioning of match day fruit, lollies etc being included in the canteen expenses this year where it was included in on field costs in the past.

For season 2008 we will again need to ensure our margin and pricing structure is optimized.

Generally the canteen has again performed very well and the products they have served have been of an excellent quality and standard.

Player Membership / Insurance.

We again slipped back in to our old ways as far as collecting player's membership and merchandise fees were concerned. After a great performance in this department in 2006 we dropped the ball this year and allowed players to play and receive gear when they weren't financial.

For season 2008 we must again get tough and ensure players are financial before the season kicks off.

We need to ensure all gear is paid for before we hand it to them.

'Payment on pickup' will need to be our motto for 2008 and beyond.

The positive of this is that there is some \$2500-\$3000 still owed to the club which we should be able to re-coup before the 2008 season commences.

Going forward it is again critical from a cash flow perspective that we receive all or as much income as possible before the season commences. This is when our league costs are at there highest.

Kennel Club, Social Membership, Donations and Sponsorship.

These three areas I have grouped together as they are the main revenue raising areas of the club outside the bar and canteen.

Total income combined for these areas was \$49,222.44.

In 2006 this income was \$60,683.43.

In 2005 this income was \$43,401.14.

This equates to a large step backwards in our revenue raising in 2007.

This can most likely be attributed to having no scoreboard auction this year which generally raises some \$7000 to \$10000.

The positives are that the Kennel Club increased some \$3500 on income which was a terrific effort.

Going forward it is imperative we put all our efforts in to this area of the club.

I am sure with the incoming committee members efforts we can have a great 2008 in this area.

I suggest we have 1 large revenue raising function at the start of or early in the 2008 season.

This will give us the necessary kick start we will need financially for our future.

Conclusion.

The figures displayed for the 2007 season have not been finalized at the time of printing this document.

The club will be finalizing the figures in the next 4 weeks and making any necessary adjustments to ensure our conclusions and balance sheets are apportioned correctly.

I am comfortable that the figures are generally correct and that only minor adjustments will occur.

Once the figures have been finalized a new statement of income and expenditure will be made available.

In a difficult year for the treasury department I look forward to having a new treasurer for 2008 and beyond who can take full control of the financials and keep their finger on the pulse for us.

In a season which had increased expenses such as players, coaches and trainers combined with a decrease in revenue from sponsors, donations and functions the result is not all doom and gloom.

A small loss of -\$2,337.93 is reasonable but certainly not acceptable.

We must again strive hard in 2008 to pick up the revenue raising to ensure the clubs ongoing success.

Stephen Quon

Interim Treasurer

South Croydon Football Club

SOUTH CROYDON FOOTBALL CLUB Inc.

Statement of Income & Expenditure for 2006-2007 Football Season. 1-10-2006 thru till 30-9-2007

<u>Income</u>		2006-2007	2005-2006	2004-2005
Membership				
Social Membership	395.00			
Kennel Club (Coterie Group)	<u>11000.60</u>	11395.60	7720.00	9229.50
Bar		57559.76	72432.03	78202.25
Canteen		28063.99	26375.47	27905.20
Gate Takings / Record Sales		8499.35	6299.55	6107.30
Sponsorship		13297.73	21050.00	5206.61
Donations received		24529.11	31913.43	28965.03
Players Gear		350.00	2960.00	2117.00
Players Membership / Insurance		8391.00	10286.00	6498.00
Club Merchandise		0.00	2102.00	1059.50
EFL Finals Dividend		0.00	0.00	3109.38
Veterans		1939.50	5048.00	2545.00
Functions		0.00	0.00	7386.00
GST Refunds		116.00	647.00	848.00
Bank Interest		332.66	417.78	116.81
Miscellaneous		<u>2284.7</u>	<u>1487.57</u>	<u>1825.00</u>
		156,759.40	188738.83	181120.58
<u>Expenses</u>				
Bar		26,801.25	44330.51	43025.18
Canteen		18519.46	15378.79	17170.60
Players/Coach/Trainers Payments		58,356.53	51393.85	43357.00
Medical supplies		5686.90	6634.26	6852.81
Kennel Club		81.00	2570.00	192.25
Veterans		100.00	2733.28	2387.44
EFL - Club Gear				
Affiliation Fee				
Player Insurance				
EFL Presentation Night				
Records/Advertising				
Public/Directors Liab. Insurance				
Umpires Player Registration		30,819.35	26280.20	23241.95
Administration		998.87	2077.09	3694.26
Electricity		1420.41	4129.32	4492.67
Telephone		112.07	387.95	417.66
Water Rates		766.97	1076.80	1065.03
Functions		6688.60	0.00	8250.00
On Field Costs		0.00	11926.63	6809.86
Club Merchandise		2147.50	3257.05	2961.50
Trophies		1013.14	1284.55	888.50
GST Payments		0.00	2918.00	2401.00
Sponsors Signs		0.00	914.10	1576.30
City of Maroondah: Use of Ground		1200.00	1320.00	1320.00
Bank Charges / Govt. Tax		489.66	570.20	523.37
Miscellaneous repairs ,maintenance & purchases		<u>3895.62</u>	<u>3993.42</u>	<u>3473.69</u>
		159,097.33	183176.00	174101.07
Surplus / (Deficit)		(-2,337.93)	5562.83	7019.51

On Field Costs – Please note this section has been redistributed between EFL costs, player costs and canteen expenses this year.

Senior Coach's Report

"You only get out of it what you are willing to put into it"

These were the words I used in last year's Annual report and 2007 was indeed a fantastic journey.

Result: 2nd Division Senior Runners up

Whilst we may have jumped a few sides that were unprepared for our running game early in the season, we thoroughly deserved our success through the hard work we put in over the course of the year.

With only a few new recruits over the off season, to go up a division and finish second on the ladder with essentially the same team was a great effort. The continuing development of our young players, along with the leadership being provided by our senior players was a highlight of the year.

Again, the hard work from the Committee, Coaching Staff, Sponsors, Players, Volunteers, Supporters, Parents, Wives and Girlfriends was sensational.

The challenge for us now, as a club, not just as a playing group, is to continue that hard work as we become the hunted in 2008. I look forward to working with and continuing to develop this young group next year.

Congratulations to those players recognised in the Div 2 Team of the Year – Eamon Costello (captain), Lucas Davies, Lucas Murphy and Michael King.

Also to Ace for winning the EFL Div 2 Best and fairest award and Lucas Davies as the Runner up. A fantastic effort.

Thanks to my coaching staff, Reserves Coach Ryan Bromage, Chairman of Selectors Vic Harvie, Forward scout Phil Lovell, Under 18's Coach Rod Allison, the training staff, and to John Dinnell for his continued assistance and support. Also a special thank you to Assistant Coach, Matt Fittolani, who has indicated he will be seeking other opportunities for 2008. Matt has done an outstanding job with the group over the last two years and will be missed by all. We wish him every success in the future.

Paris Harvie
Senior Coach

Reserves Report

2007 was a difficult year in many ways for the Reserves. We lost a number of experienced players to other clubs in the off season and whilst this created opportunities for others, it was a year of learning and development. A few injuries to senior players also tested our depth at times, however when we focussed on following instructions we played some very good football.

I would like to thank Vic Harvie for filling in as coach early in the year whilst I was overseas. I would also like to thank Paris and the rest of the match committee for their support and assistance throughout the year. I would also like to thank our captain, Luke Milner for his efforts throughout the year and thank you to everyone who assisted on match days throughout the year in any way.

Congratulations to all our trophy winners for their efforts and performances.

Once again, the challenge is now in front of us to regroup and become more successful on the field in second division. The seniors did that this year with their dedication and endeavour in every game and we need to apply ourselves in the same way every week with the belief we are good enough to win.

Good luck to everyone for 2008.

Ryan Bromage
Reserves Coach

Colts Report

The secret to any footy clubs success is a steady stream of players coming out of this level and going on to senior football. From this year's group of colts I have no doubt we have an excellent crop of South Croydon home grown potential senior footballers. I have witnessed the majority of this group play together since under 12's.

Eastern Rangers players Trent Zomer and Zac Ward should be congratulated on their successful seasons with the Rangers. If unsuccessful with their advancement in their football careers they should be the first players recruited to our senior list.

Throughout the year four of our under eighteens were fortunate enough to play in the senior side thanks to Paris and his team. Troy Hancock, Josh Allison, Chris DeJager and Zac Ward all showed that they would push for senior selection in 2008 and beyond.

This side also contain a big man who is continually learning his football and Troy Walkley is a player who continued to develop as the season unfolded. At the risk of mentioning the entire team never underestimate the ability of some footballers to be later maturers, David MacDonald and Damien Lord will undoubtable become stronger key position players as time passes.

Michael Duke and Andy Taylor both offer that unpredictable quality in their football, both possess a fierce desire to win the football.

The quieter achievers Liam Milner, Daniel Kelly and Matt Graham are all outstanding clubmen who give their all for their team on every occasion, these players are essential in all areas of the football club.

To all the bottom age players I hope the foundation has been laid to enjoy and improve your footy for next year at the kennel.

The step to second division for this team proved a fraction too big, competitive in nearly all games we just couldn't string enough wins together to make the finals.

Special Thanks goes to Phil Graham for team managing, Gary Kelly for doing the running, Steve Duke for the training, Tony Milner for Goal umpiring each week and Emma Wallace assists on Monday nights.

Rod Allison
Colts Coach

JUNIOR PRESIDENTS REPORT 2007

Our 2007 season has drawn to a close and we all agree it's been a most successful year for our club. From our five competitive teams, three made the finals with our under 16's bringing home a premiership cup.

'Success' however, can be measured in many ways including the continued improvement in players' skills, the blossoming of life long friendships and the security of belonging to a friendly and welcoming community. A footy club can bring a sense of family to individuals who might not otherwise have a sense of belonging.

Success also lies in developing loyalty to your team mates and to your club. By developing this quality, we ultimately become greater individuals. With passion and dedicated loyalty, we ensure continuing support of the mighty South Croydon Bulldogs - a club portraying the hallmarks of success.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to Cliff Hole, who has tirelessly worked to produce the Bulldog Pup each week, culminating in this bumper addition you are now reading! Also, sincere thanks to our exceptional committee and in particular, Trevor Pannoza, Lill Humphries and Vince Carli whose boys will be moving on to Senior Football next year.

Looking forward to seeing you all again next year!

Ian Morrison
President
South Croydon Football Club-Juniors

Veterans Report

I think it is fair to say that the 2007 Vets season will go down as a year of consolidation as once again we struggled for numbers on the field. After the 2006 season we had a number of retirements and players being unavailable for work or family commitments which meant that we were behind before the season had even began.

Wayne Nelson at short notice agreed to take on the role of Vets coach after the author of this report needed to resign due to work commitments. Wayne being an integral part of the Vets for a number of years took on the role with enthusiasm and passion and was inspirational both as a player and coach. Well Done Wayne.

As players we all look at the on field results as being the catalyst for whether a team is successful or not but most of the Vets would argue that we are successful because we are able to field a team every 2 weeks and be competitive every game. Most games we were right with the opposition at ¾ time only to fall away mainly due to lack of numbers on the bench. Don't get me wrong we like to win just like any footballer but at our age being able to get out there and complete is rewarding and fulfilling.

I see the role of the Vets as just another avenue for players to continue to be involved in the club after their senior days are over. The Vets are there to help support the 3 senior teams in any way we can and is not designed to be a burden on the club. We like to pay our way and hopefully this is what we have done again this year.

Off the field, 2007 has probably been our most successful and I would like to thank the following sponsors for their support once again.

- RetraVision Ringwood
- Wayson Oil – Wayne Nelson
- Regent Sporting Goods – Tony Wheeler

The following people are to be congratulated for this success: - Carl Cyster, Craig Daniel, Steve Bishop, Tony Ring and Darren Hall.

Thank you to our off field support staff: - John & Rhonda Stone, Billy Carter, Cheryl & Dick Rose.

Our results were as follows.

Round 1.	Lost to Boronia (2007 Premiers) by 59
Round 2.	Lost to Kilsyth by 35
Round 3.	Lost to Chirnside by 13
Round 4.	Won against North Ringwood by 18
Round 5.	Lost to Bayswater by 73
Round 6.	Lost to Forest Hills (Grand Finalist) by 31
Round 7.	Lost to Surrey Park by 50
Round 8.	Won against Nunawading by 16
Round 9.	Bye

Congratulations to the following trophy winners

Darren Fitzgerald	Best & Fairest
Glenn Spencer / Paul Osborne	Joint Runner Up Best and Fairest
John and Rhonda Stone	Ian Chattenton Memorial Trophy.

On behalf of all the Vets I would like thank Steven Quon and his committee for their help and support this year. Also congratulations to Paris, Eamon, Lucas and all the Senior Coaches and Players for another outstanding year for South Croydon.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who was associated with the Vets in 2007. Without you the Vets would not have been the success that it has been and I look forward to everyone returning for our tenth season in 2008. Go the old dogs.

Regards
Craig Gardiner

Statistics and trophy winners

Awards

Seniors		Reserves	
Best & Fairest	Eamon Costello	Best & fairest	Brad Crossland & Travis Edmunds
Runner up	Nick Molnar	3rd	Nick Dejager
3 rd	Lucas Murphy	Most Determined	Jarrod Quinn
Most Consistent	Luke Allison	Most Improved	Michael Litovkin
Leading Goal kicker	Michael King	Best first year player	Tim Raines
Best Final Player	Nick Molnar	Leading Goal kicker	Shane Lewis
Colts			
Best and Fairest	Josh Allison		
Runner up	Chris Dejager	Coaches Award	Sam Morrison
3 rd	Troy Walkley	Best First year player	Cameron Stone
Junior Encouragement award	Damien Lord	Leading goal kicker	Troy Hancock & Andy Taylor

Milestones & Club Awards

150 Snr Games	150 Club games	100 Snr Games	100 Club games
	Brendon Rose	Ben Osborne	Brett Buttfeld
			Travis Edmonds
Best Clubman	Christine McConnell		

Senior Results

Normal Season

1	28/04/07 (Sat)	14:10	Cheong Park	19.21-135	Montrose	12.13-85
2	05/05/07 (Sat)	14:10	Knox Gardens Reserve	17.12-114	Knox	16.12-108
3	12/05/07 (Sat)	14:10	Cheong Park	20.10-130	Mitcham	16.22-118
4	19/05/07 (Sat)	14:10	Bayswater Oval	17.15-117	Bayswater	8.14-62
5	26/05/07 (Sat)	14:10	Cheong Park	22.18-150	Wantirna South	15.16-106
6	02/06/07 (Sat)	14:10	Seebeck Oval	17.10-112	Rowville	19.12-126
7	09/06/07 (Sat)	14:10	Schramms Reserve	13.10-88	Doncaster	17.10-112
8	16/06/07 (Sat)	14:10	Quambee Reserve	21.7-133	North Ringwood	12.6-78
9	23/06/07 (Sat)	14:10	Cheong Park	26.17-173	Mulgrave	10.9-69
10	30/06/07 (Sat)	14:10	Cheong Park	23.13-151	Doncaster	14.11-95
11	07/07/07 (Sat)	14:10	Montrose Reserve	19.12-126	Montrose	8.18-66
12	14/07/07 (Sat)	14:10	Cheong Park	11.10-76	Knox	19.11-125
13	21/07/07 (Sat)	14:10	Walker Park	25.15-165	Mitcham	11.6-72
14	28/07/07 (Sat)	14:10	Cheong Park	22.16-148	Bayswater	12.8-80
15	04/08/07 (Sat)	14:10	Walker Reserve	26.16-172	Wantirna South	18.16-124
16	11/08/07 (Sat)	14:10	Cheong Park	17.19-121	Rowville	15.14-104
17	18/08/07 (Sat)	14:10	Cheong Park	30.17-197	North Ringwood	10.18-78
18	25/08/07 (Sat)	14:10	Mulgrave Reserve	15.9-99	Mulgrave	19.15-129

Finals Matches

1	01/09/07 (Sat)	14:10	East Burwood Reserve	8.11-59	Knox	17.21-123
2	08/09/07 (Sat)	14:10	East Burwood Reserve	24.22-166	Doncaster	7.9-51
3	15/09/07 (Sat)	14:30	East Burwood Reserve	18.10-118	Knox	18.16-124

Ladder After Round 18

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	For	Ag	PC	Pts
1	Knox	18	16	2	0	0	2633	1376	191.35	64
2	South Croydon	18	14	4	0	0	2407	1737	138.57	56
3	Doncaster	18	12	6	0	0	1873	1811	103.42	48
4	Mulgrave	18	12	6	0	0	1770	1725	102.61	48
5	Wantirna South	18	9	9	0	0	2058	1985	103.68	36
6	Montrose	18	9	9	0	0	1966	2120	92.74	36
7	Rowville	18	8	10	0	0	1913	2117	90.36	32
8	Bayswater	18	7	11	0	0	1683	1969	85.47	28
9	North Ringwood	18	3	15	0	0	1729	2177	79.42	12
10	Mitcham	18	0	18	0	0	1463	2478	59.04	0

Reserves Results

RND	DATE	TIME	VENUE/COURT	OPPOSITION
Normal Season				
1	28/04/07 (Sat)	11:55	Cheong Park	11.8-74
2	05/05/07 (Sat)	11:55	Knox Gardens Reserve	4.2-26
3	12/05/07 (Sat)	11:55	Cheong Park	6.9-45
4	19/05/07 (Sat)	11:55	Bayswater Oval	9.18-72
5	26/05/07 (Sat)	11:55	Cheong Park	11.15-81
6	02/06/07 (Sat)	11:55	Seebeck Oval	3.6-24
7	09/06/07 (Sat)	11:55	Schramms Reserve	5.6-36
8	16/06/07 (Sat)	11:55	Quambee Reserve	10.11-71
9	23/06/07 (Sat)	11:55	Cheong Park	10.12-72
10	30/06/07 (Sat)	11:55	Cheong Park	11.11-77
11	07/07/07 (Sat)	11:55	Montrose Reserve	6.6-42
12	14/07/07 (Sat)	11:55	Cheong Park	7.7-49
13	21/07/07 (Sat)	11:55	Walker Park	9.1-55
14	28/07/07 (Sat)	11:55	Cheong Park	11.13-79
15	04/08/07 (Sat)	11:55	Walker Reserve	6.17-53
16	11/08/07 (Sat)	11:55	Cheong Park	13.10-88
17	18/08/07 (Sat)	11:55	Cheong Park	17.23-125
18	25/08/07 (Sat)	11:55	Mulgrave Reserve	6.9-45



Ladder After Round 18

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	For	Ag	PC	Pts
1	Knox	18	16	2	0	0	1719	797	215.68	64
2	Rowville	18	14	4	0	0	1712	1041	164.46	56
3	Mulgrave	18	14	4	0	0	1556	1187	131.09	56
4	Montrose	18	12	6	0	0	1542	1263	122.09	48
5	Mitcham	18	11	7	0	0	1555	1252	124.20	44
6	North Ringwood	18	8	10	0	0	1275	1327	96.08	32
7	South Croydon	18	6	12	0	0	1114	1445	77.09	24
8	Doncaster	18	4	14	0	0	919	1369	67.13	16
9	Wantirna South	18	4	14	0	0	974	1567	62.16	16
10	Bayswater	18	1	17	0	0	799	1917	41.68	4

Colts

RND	DATE	TIME	VENUE/COURT	OPPOSITION
Normal Season				
1	28/04/07 (Sat)	09:40	Cheong Park	8.14-62 Montrose 10.7-67
2	05/05/07 (Sat)	09:40	Knox Gardens Reserve	6.3-39 Knox 28.16-184
3	12/05/07 (Sat)	09:40	Cheong Park	12.12-84 Mitcham 5.5-35
4	19/05/07 (Sat)	09:40	Bayswater Oval	14.9-93 Bayswater 5.7-37
5	26/05/07 (Sat)	09:40	Cheong Park	8.11-59 Wantirna South 20.12-132
6	02/06/07 (Sat)	09:40	Seebeck Oval	7.7-49 Rowville 17.14-116
7	09/06/07 (Sat)	BYE	BYE	
8	16/06/07 (Sat)	09:40	Quambee Reserve	4.10-34 North Ringwood 13.10-88
9	23/06/07 (Sat)	09:40	Cheong Park	7.5-47 Mulgrave 5.12-42
10	30/06/07 (Sat)	BYE	BYE	
11	07/07/07 (Sat)	09:40	Montrose Reserve	8.5-53 Montrose 13.12-90
12	14/07/07 (Sat)	09:40	Cheong Park	3.5-23 Knox 19.23-137
13	21/07/07 (Sat)	09:40	Walker Park	9.15-69 Mitcham 8.9-57
14	28/07/07 (Sat)	09:40	Cheong Park	5.10-40 Bayswater 5.10-40
15	04/08/07 (Sat)	09:40	Walker Reserve	9.3-57 Wantirna South 26.13-169
16	11/08/07 (Sat)	09:40	Cheong Park	17.14-116 Rowville 13.11-89
17	18/08/07 (Sat)	09:40	Cheong Park	6.14-50 North Ringwood 26.15-171
18	25/08/07 (Sat)	09:40	Mulgrave Reserve	16.7-103 Mulgrave 21.11-137



Ladder After Round 18

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	For	Ag	PC	Pts	PCWon
1	Knox	16	15	1	0	2	2171	560	387.68	60	93.75
2	Wantirna South	16	11	5	0	2	1373	1110	123.69	44	68.75
3	Montrose	16	11	5	0	2	1446	1175	123.06	44	68.75
4	North Ringwood	16	10	6	0	2	1546	1059	145.99	40	62.50
5	Mulgrave	16	10	6	0	2	1409	1070	131.68	40	62.50
6	Rowville	16	7	9	0	2	1336	1388	96.25	28	43.75
7	South Croydon	16	5	10	1	2	978	1591	61.47	22	34.38
8	Bayswater	16	2	13	1	2	700	1527	45.84	10	15.63
9	Mitcham	16	0	16	0	2	668	2147	31.11	0	0.00

Games Played and Goals

FirstName	Last Name	07		Total		Club	Goals	
		Snr	Res	Snr	Res	Total	Snrs	Res
Josh	Allison	2	2	2	2	4	1	
Luke	Allison	19		78	6	84	8	
Daniel	Blakemore		7	0	24	24		3
James	Boyd		13	0	28	28		7
Ryan	Bromage		1	0	40	40		
Michael	Burton	13	6	17	23	40	2	1
Brett	Buttfield	15	2	92	13	105	6	2
Simon	Cocks	2	11	13	39	52		6
Paul	Cook		2	0	2	2		
Eamon	Costello	21		173	3	176	28	
Brett	Crapper		1	51	94	145		1
Lachlan	Craven		15	0	29	29		2
Michael	Crosbie		3	0	34	34		
Brad	Crossland	1	17	75	96	171	2	5
Grant	Crowhurst		6	0	6	6		
Lucas	Davies	21		181	0	181	3	
Chris	Dejager	1	2	1	2	3		1
Nick	Dejager	3	14	5	32	37		4
Anthony	Dessent	19		40	0	40	3	
Chris	Dinnell	2	3	45	3	48		1
Travis	Edmonds	14	3	90	11	101	2	1
Russell	Farrell	4	2	15	8	23	1	2
Dion	Festini	16		71	0	71	17	
Liam	Fitzgerald	21		30	12	42	2	
Mark	Flynn		7	0	7	7		
Paul	Flynn	1	12	1	12	13		4
Daniel	Gauci		4	0	31	31		1
Simon	Hammersley	7		75	3	78		
Troy	Hancock	3		6	0	6	1	
Peter	Hayhow		14	0	14	14		2
Matt	Heriot		13	0	13	13		3
David	Jensen	6	5	66	17	83		1
Matt	Jones	20		44	0	44	9	
Shayne	Kearney	21		54	17	71		
Daniel N	King	21		35	10	45	29	
Michael	King	21		51	23	74	83	
Shane	Lambe		1	0	1	1		
Travis	Lambe	1	14	74	47	121		15
Shane	Lewis	8	10	11	60	71	2	23
Michael	Litovkin		18	0	68	68		6
Mark	Lumsden		8	0	14	14		5
Scott	McCall		4	30	20	50		2
Nick	McConnell	18		52	14	66	41	
Alex	McCormick	11	5	30	20	50	1	3
Matt	Meyers		1	9	70	79		
Luke	Milner		18	26	68	94		2
Justin	Minogue	20		79	9	88	25	
Paul	Mitchell			15	17	32		
Nick	Molnar	17		40	3	43	26	
Darren	Murphy	6	11	27	19	46		2
Lucas	Murphy	20		38	0	38	68	
Andrew	Nixon		2	0	2	2		
Warren	O'Brien		11	0	11	11		
Mark	Okur	2	4	14	5	19		
Ben	Osborne	17	1	107	1	108	22	
Jack	Price		10	0	10	10		3
Jarryd	Quinn	4	14	24	29	53		5
Tim	Raines		18	0	18	18		9
Paul	Rees	4		4	0	4	8	
Brendon	Rose	21		139	17	156	9	
Michael	Ross		14	0	14	14		3
David	Salce	14	1	14	1	15	3	
Rhys	Salmon		12	0	12	12		3
Chris	Spink	2	14	2	14	16	3	16
Angus	Stone		16	0	16	16		3
Zach	Ward	2		4	0	4	4	
Joel	Watson		6	0	6	6		1
Dean	Wilson		17	0	17	17		4

Junior Trophy Winners

U16 Best & Fairest	Robbie Mallison	50 Games	Frank Anderson
U16 Runner Up	Ryan Humphrey	50 Games	Rhys Butler
U16 3rd Place	Dylan Marshall	50 Games	Mitchell Hayward
U16 Most Determined	Tim Burns	50 Games	Liam Cox
U16 Most Improved	Nicholas Kropp	50 Games	Adam Dean
U16 Coaches Award	Chris Green	50 Games	Joshua White
Best Finals Player	Robbie Mallison	50 Games	Matthew Walker
Best Finals Player	Michael McDonald	50 Games	Justin Reimers-Smith
		50 Games	Pierce Rooney
U15 Best & Fairest	Sam Cuthbert	50 Games	William Morcomb
U15 Runner Up	Daniel Charnley	50 Games	Sam Broadley
U15 3rd Place	Thomas Wynne	50 Games	Lucas Dean
U15 Most Determined	Matthew Wyles	50 Games	Ben Hirt
U15 Most Improved	Chris Ferragine	50 Games	Eamon O'Donnell
U15 Coaches Award	Tom McDonald	50 Games	Mackenzie Randall
Best Finals Player	Tim Fernando	50 Games	Michael Costello
		50 Games	Tom Simpkins
U14 Best & Fairest	Dean Richards	50 Games	David Malvasso
U14 Runner Up	Alexander Carney	50 Games	Rhys Burgher
U14 3rd Place	Lucas Dean	50 Games	Brett Saunderson
U14 Most Determined	Richard Wyles	50 Games	Daniel Charnley
U14 Most Improved	Michael Costello	50 Games	Nicholas Kropp
U14 Coaches Award	Ben Hirt	50 Games	Michael Payne
		50 Games	James Boucher
U13 Best & Fairest	Liam Cox		
U13 Runner Up	Joseph Brzezek-Canale	100 Games	Zach Dwelly
U13 3rd Place	Justin Duguid	100 Games	Lachlan Allwood
U13 Most Determined	Jason Harding	100 Games	Luke Day
U13 Most Improved	Jacob Mason	100 Games	Daniel Price
U13 Coaches Award	Luke O'Toole	100 Games	Joshua O'Toole
Best Finals Player	Liam Cox		
		Service Award	Nathan Burnage
U12 Best & Fairest	Raphael Udarbe	Service Award	Tim Burns
U12 Runner Up	Dean Saunderson	Service Award	Sam Cali
U12 3rd Place	Max Kouvaras	Service Award	Luke Day
U12 Most Determined	Mitchell Hayward	Service Award	Zach Dwelly
U12 Most Improved	Aaron Foley	Service Award	James Hole
U12 Coaches Award	Daniel Drysdale	Service Award	Ryan Humphrey
		Service Award	Jayden Humphris
U11 Most Valuable Player	Jake French	Service Award	Nicholas Kropp
U11 MVP Runner Up	Ben Fulton	Service Award	Michael McDonald
U11 Best Team Player	Andrew Dellavedova	Service Award	Daniel McManus
U11 Most Courageous	Zac Porcellana	Service Award	Joshua O'Toole
U11 Most Determined	Luke Fairy	Service Award	Scott Panozza
U11 Most Improved	Tom Alderson	Service Award	Michael Petrie
U11 Coaches Award	Rhys Butler	Service Award	Daniel Price
U10 Most Valuable Player	Frank Anderson		
U10 MVP Runner Up	Jack Bellman		
U10 Best Team Player	Tom Dwyer		
U10 Most Courageous	David Killen		
U10 Most Improved	Jarryd Furneaux		
U10 Coaches Award	Anthony Dyck		