

South Croydon Football Club Inc.

**Eastern Football League
Division 1**

2013 Annual Report



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President's Report

It was a fantastic year for the South Croydon Football Club - both on and off the field.

The renovations of the social rooms were completed in July creating a facility and environment that everyone is proud to call home. Having the new facilities has already proven fruitful with record function attendance and increased social revenue. I want to sincerely thank all of those involved with the funding, furnishing and building of the facility - in particular the Maroondah City Council, Mike Symon, Bendigo Bank and Stephen Ouon.



On the field, it was a year of records for the club - longest streak in 1st division (5 years), most wins in 1st division (10), first finals appearance in 1st division and first Chandler Medallist (Daniel King). While it is great to reflect on such a season, we need to continually improve as a club and these "records" need to become the new standard.

Despite such a successful year from the seniors, the biggest improvement within the club came from another team. Coming off an unsuccessful 2012 campaign, the Vets undertook a very active recruiting strategy resulting in at least half a dozen former senior players coming back to the club. Coach Dale White turned a one-win team into a one-loss team culminating in holding up the premiership cup by defeating Boronia at Lilydale Sports Oval. I commend the veterans on their recruiting philosophy, not because of their on-field success, but because it encourages former players to get involved with the club again. We appreciate all the support given from the veteran players and families throughout the year.

Unfortunately it was another difficult year for the Under 19s squad. Wayne Dalton took over as coach at the beginning of the season with great enthusiasm and commitment. I'd like to thank Wayne and his assistant coaches and other helpers for the time and effort put into this team throughout the year. We managed four wins throughout the season - an improvement on last year - beating Noble Park, Knox and East Burwood twice. The boys battled out every game and gave their all. They came close to knocking off finalists, Norwood and Vermont, showing the potential they have. A solid preseason is needed for all the Under 19s returning next year as well as the incoming Under 17s - something that was perhaps lacking this season. The aim of the Under 19s is to mould the players into senior footballers and with no shortage of talent in this team I look forward to seeing many of this year's Under 19s get there in the near future.



It was a strange year for the development squad in what could only be described as an underachieving season. We were off to a slow start dropping our first six games before looking to have turned the corner by putting together two on the trot against East Burwood and Noble Park. The victory against Noble Park was the only loss they would suffer during the season. We then went on another six game skid before winning our final four games in impressive fashion. It was a credit to Matt Grant and his assistants to keep the team enthusiastic throughout the entire season and they were really rewarded with the last four rounds' results.

A special mention needs to go to incoming coach Shane Lewis who had a taste of what next season is going to be like when he stepped in for a few games this season in Matt's absence. Finishing with a percentage of over 90 from only six wins - with four of those coming against the top six teams - really demonstrates how competitive the team was and the potential for success in the future. We had 32 different players play a senior game in 2013 which proves our development squad is strong. Once again, congratulations and thank you to Matt Grant, all his assistant coaches and everyone else who helped out with this team throughout the season.

Coach, Damien Franken, had the reins for his first ever preseason as senior coach and set a new level of expectation for the playing group. Damien and his assistant coaches put together a thorough plan for the preseason that was executed perfectly - giving the team the tools it needed to succeed. They were vindicated heading into the season after going undefeated after three practice matches. The season was off to a flying start, winning the first two matches against Lilydale and Scoresby. On a high, we headed back to Scoresby again the following week to take on division one new-comer, Rowville.



We were jumped early and down by 10 goals before the half time siren blew. The following week we let one slip against Blackburn after leading most of the day and what could have been a four and zero start after the first two weeks slipped to two and two. Our "bogey" side for the season came in the fashion of local rival, East Ringwood, who touched up on two occasions to capture and then retain the Mason-Glenn Bendigo Bank Shield. We then hosted Norwood at home and went down fighting in a tough effort against last year's ladder leader. Sitting at two and four we then set our sights on East Burwood, not willing to settle for mediocrity this game was looked at as an important stepping stone to keep in touch with the final five, not to avoid relegation. It was a great day for the club and one of the few times we were able to win in all three grades. In the next two rounds we took on powerhouses, Noble Park and Vermont, but just couldn't put four quarters together to be competitive. From here we went on a four game winning streak beating Scoresby, Knox, Lilydale and Rowville. The victories against Knox and Rowville, both by under a goal, highlighted the toughness and belief the senior coaching staff had instilled in the playing group. Looking to win five in a row and putting ourselves in charge of our own finals destiny, East Ringwood visited Cheong Park and unfortunately we put in one of the worst performances of the year.



The next week, undefeated and reigning premiers Balwyn, came to town. In what was one of the greatest wins in the football club's history we upset the Tigers by a solitary point. We travelled to Norwood the following week looking to cause another upset, but much like the first time around couldn't put together a full four-quarter effort. Blackburn was our next destination and a must win for our finals' campaign. We got over the line in a hard fought win and after hearing the results of the Rowville vs. East Ringwood game we celebrated a little harder. This meant that our final chances solely rested on our shoulders heading into the final round of the season against East Burwood.

In an historic day for the club we slugged out a victory to cement our very first division one finals appearance. In the elimination final we took on a strong Norwood team at a windy Jubilee Park. We were unable to capitalise on the wind in the first quarter and went into the break trailing by just over two goals. In the second term Norwood didn't make the same mistakes we did and used the wind to their full advantage piling on seven goals to one. We went into the break with a hefty 53 point deficit. In a game where a team could have just easily rolled over, resigned to the fact of defeat and the end to the season, the boys again showed their determination and attitude to never go down without a fight. Despite being short on the bench and having injured players on the field we rallied to win the last two quarters and cut the final margin to 28 points - playing some of our best football of the season in doing so. The support and ovation our members gave our players coming off the ground that day will long be remembered by all those involved. I'd like to thank Damian and all the coaching staff for getting the players to the level where they are now competing with the best in first division.

This being my first year on the committee, let alone as President, I didn't fully understand the work and time that volunteers put into this club. Without them, we simply couldn't exist. Secretary Vince Cali does an absolute power of work – from updating the website, the phone app, Bulldog briefs, liaising with the EFL and local council (just to name a few). I don't know how he manages to hold down full-time employment. Thank you for all of your help this year. Our Treasurer, Peter Kaspar, has again done a fantastic job managing our finances and I appreciate all of your early morning Saturday work amongst everything else. Your support has really helped me through the year. Football Operations Manager, John Dinnell, had a long break during the year, but I won't hold that against him! His work in organising the players and coaching staff has been phenomenal. Thank you very much JD. While on the subject, it would be remiss of me not to mention Michelle Cox for stepping into the role and not missing a beat in John's absence. I think we have our succession plan for the future, thanks Michelle! Michelle was also very active in assisting Cathy White and Chris Dinnell who did an absolute fantastic job with this year's social calendar. The list included "Drinks around the World", "Unleashed", "Reverse Raffle", "iPod Shuffle", "Gala Ball" and "Ladies High Tea" - culminating in the first Presentation Night we were able to hold in our new rooms.

Another function that deserves credit is the season launch organised by Sponsorship Manager, Matt Higgins. It was a great revenue raiser for the club and I thank you for this and your other sponsorship work.

Paul McConnell and Bryan King do an amazing job organising the club's facilities and apparel respectively and whenever a job needs doing, no matter what it is, these gentleman are always first to put their hand up.



Thank you Paul and Bryan for everything you've done this year. Wendy Langford is a genuine all-rounder and jack of all trades. From her training duties to assisting in the kitchen to helping with social functions, Wendy has been incredible. Thanks Wendy. Steve Bishop once again did a wonderful job running the Kennel Club for the 2013 season. Steve, just like everyone else on this list is multi-talented and willing to help with anything. Congratulations Steve on a successful year running the Kennel Club, I really appreciate all your work.

I'd like to also thank non-committee members for their help over the 2013 season. The passion these people have is what makes you proud to be associated with the South Croydon Football Club. Past President, Stephen Quon, has been fantastic in helping me transition into the role and his continued presence at all things South Croydon has been great support for me. Thanks for all your help on Thursday nights, game days and functions.



I would also like to particularly mention the "Best Club Person 2013" joint award winners Damien O'Toole and Carl Duncan, Thursday night dinner queen Karen Cali, Billy behind the bar, the "Terry's Bar" crew, George Jones for all the electrical work, Kerryn in the canteen and everyone else who helps out in these areas and does work around the club. A big thank you to everyone who helped out by running water, cooking the BBQ, selling raffle tickets and all the other odd jobs that just get done. While we have some of the greatest volunteers going around, we can also do with more helpers, so please get involved with the club and help out any way you can!

Thank you to all of the clubs sponsors for the 2013 year, we really appreciate your support and look forward to continuing the relationship in 2014 and beyond.

To our club members, thanks for the support you have given to the committee, coaches and playing group over the year. As I mentioned earlier, we have so many hard working and busy people helping the club succeed but are always looking for more volunteers. It's easy to sit in the outer and criticize but those doing the work would rather you put up your hand and actually contribute.

This season was definitely a turning point for the South Croydon Football Club. No longer will "avoiding relegation" be seen as an acceptable goal or achievement.

Anything less than a finals appearance will now be considered a disappointing year. We need to go forward and continually improve as a club both on and off the field. We need to expand our sponsorship in order to maintain our current playing group, reward those who deserve it and attract new talent to help keep us competitive.

The South Croydon Football Club is like a big family and we all need to stick together and support each other to achieve our ultimate goal – a division one premiership.



Mark Lumsden
President

Treasurer's Report

It is with great pleasure that I present my fifth treasurer's report covering season 2013.

This season a special resolution was passed by the Committee of Management to change our financial year from end September to end October. This was done for two reasons, firstly so as all business for a particular season (e.g. presentation night) can be included and secondly it brings us into line with the EFL financial year.

This season has been the most difficult I have had as a treasurer. Cash flow was a disaster but with the help of a wonderful committee and a "special" supporter and playing group we made it through.

Bar: We are indebted to Billy Carter and all the volunteers who work behind the bar. The bar achieved a sales increase of 12% and with a steady margin this meant an increase in profit. I also thank The "Bar 2" crew who had some record results this season.

Canteen: The canteen figures include match day, match day BBQ and Thursday night teas. The match day figures were slightly down this year as was our margin however we achieved a good result and are indebted to Kerry Nixon and her band of helpers. Again this season we had a great result from Thursday dinners and I thank the wonderful work of Karen Cali and all the Thursday night helpers. I also thank the "Bendigo Burger" BBQ Crew for all their work. The total result was a profit of \$15k.

Social Functions: This season Cathy White took on this onerous task. Wow what a fantastic effort – she is a pleasure to work with and thorough in everything she does. As an example this season's presentation night made a profit including the cost of trophies and we dropped our price! I must also mention and thank Chris (Disco) Dinnell - he is the best thing that ever happened to our cash flow.

Kennel Club: Thanks so much to Steve Bishop for running this most important membership group. This group's success is critical for the club.

Revenue: A new team of Stephen Quon and Matt Higgins teamed up in our most important area. A very successful launch at the Heritage Club gave the club much needed cash flow at the beginning of the year. Thanks to Stephen and Matt for raising much needed funds.

Merchandise: Bryan King rules this area with an iron fist and makes a treasurer's job easy as he notes and collects everything; the merchandise area had a good year – thanks Bryan.

Mudlarks: What started as an idea two years ago is now a necessity. This season we would not have survived without the Mudlarks. Thanks to "Tubby", Ian and John for all their efforts.

NEXT season – I know we ask the same people for more – but we need to lift (off field) by 15-20%. Imagine what we could achieve. We have left a lot of clubs behind on the field we now need to do it off the field.

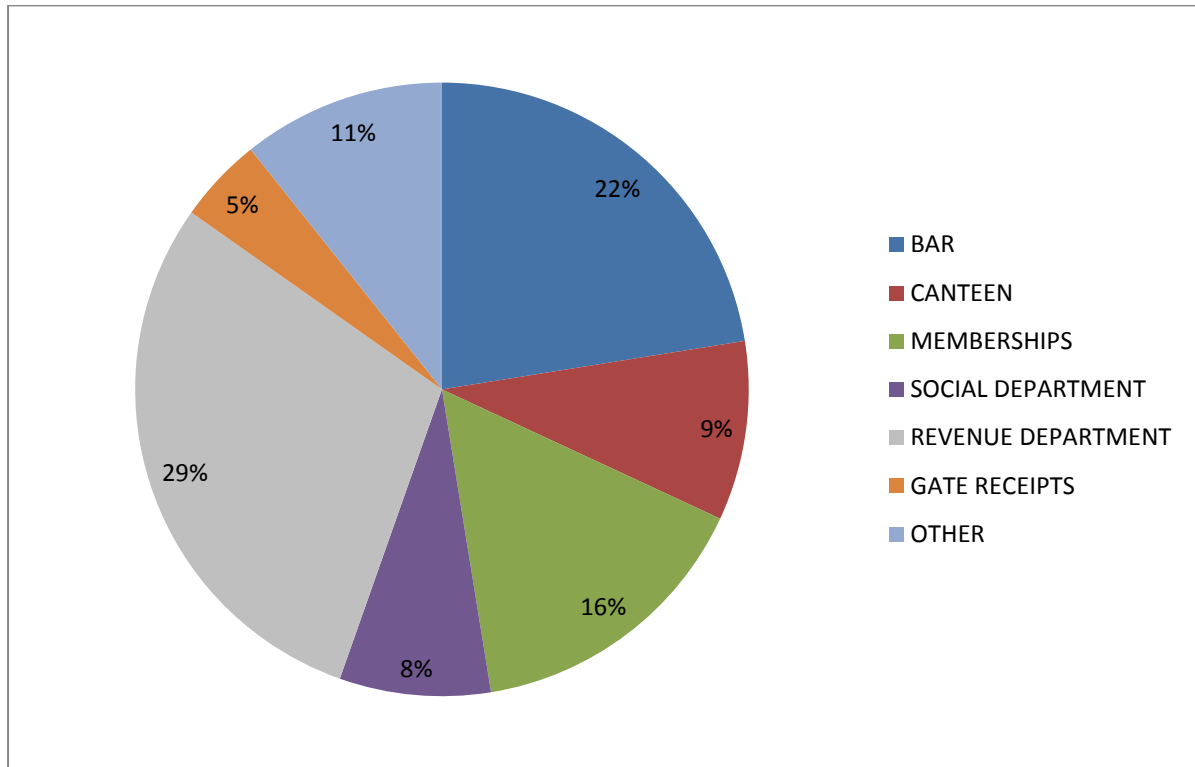
I would like to congratulate the coaching and playing groups on their record breaking 2013 season. I would also like to congratulate Daniel King – not just for his wonderful medal winning season but his loyalty and leadership.

Finally I would like to thank my wife Dianne. This season has not been easy but she has supported me all the way. I could not have continued as treasurer without her! – Thanks.

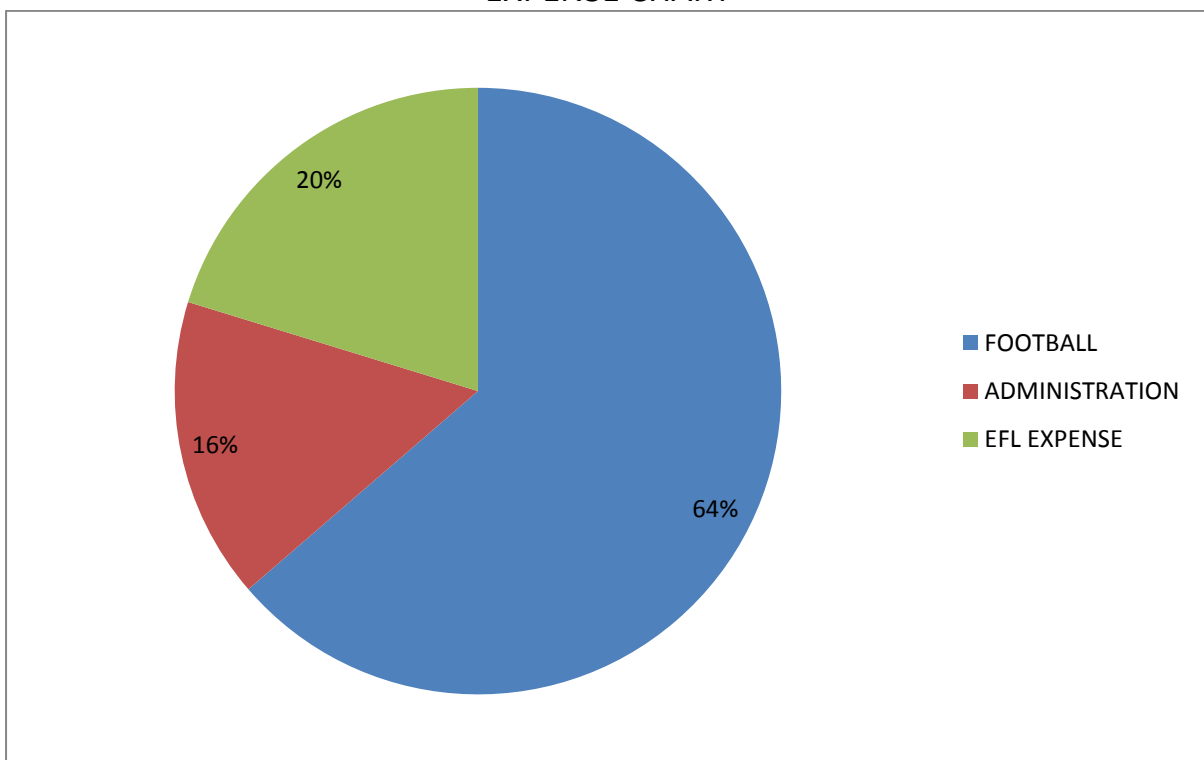
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Peter Kaspar
Treasurer

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Social Report

This year I took over from Tracey Adams as Social Director which was big shoes to fill. Fortunately I had Chris Dinnell's expertise and lots of help from the committee especially Michelle Cox, Wendy Langford and Karen Cali. I would like to start by thanking them for their help and support.

Our first function was at the beginning of the season and it was a breakfast for the Under 19 parent's which was well received. Chris and some of the players ran the next function which was 'Drinks around the World' this year they experienced the drinks of Ireland, Greece, Thailand and Italy - it was a successful night and a lot of fun was had.

Next came Ladies day. Although the club rooms were in disarray with the renovations it didn't stop approximately 50 Ladies enjoying High Tea whilst watching the boys play Norwood. We even had some of the Norwood Ladies join us. This was closely followed by the Junior and Senior Trivia Night. The rooms couldn't have been worse for this event as we had no carpet or heating. We didn't have many attend this event but in true South style we managed to have fun, win prizes and make some money.



Chris then organised the player lock in and what happens at lock in stays at lock in! On the 15th June we held our Gala Ball at the Dorset Gardens Hotel. We had 140 in attendance and everyone had a fantastic night with many kicking on at the night club afterwards. By our next function which was Unleashed organised by Chris and Dylan, our club rooms had nearly been completed. It was really pleasing to see that everyone was respectful of our new space and a great well behaved function was had. Our Last Man Standing Raffle was an exciting function that was well attended and we sold over 250 tickets! The ever popular iPod shuffle night ended our successful on field season and thanks again to Chris and Matt Graham - everyone enjoyed a great night.



Our last function for the year was our Presentation night which was held in our club rooms. We had over 150 for a 3 course sit down meal. A combined effort turned our rooms into a beautiful function room and it would appear that everyone enjoyed the night.

This year had some challenges working around our renovations but it has been a really enjoyable year and it has been great to see the transformation which allows us to now hold bigger events.

I look forward to 2014 where we will continue to improve our functions and would like to again thank Chris and all those who helped out throughout the year.

Cathy White
Social Manager

Junior President's Report

Hello to all,

The season started with us relocating to Fred Geale reserve, whilst Benson's oval was undergoing renovations. This caused some inconvenience, but with great support from the committee and many families by way of trailers with generators, electricians and many helpers on a Sunday morning the year went very well. With an adequate canteen and ample cover, we were able to host our home games with a minimum of fuss. With that behind us, we now can look forward to a resurfaced Bensons reserve, a new kitchen, dividing wall in the rooms, a new scoreboard and coaches box's and a new roof which covers the entire front of the rooms. We will hold a grand opening for season 2014 and look forward to next season back on our home ground.

Our year started with some concerns over numbers to our younger age groups, with the intention to run an U8's, but lack of numbers forced us to cancel those plans. We rallied around the U9's 10's and 11's and managed to field a side in all those age groups, and by the end of the season had an unbeaten (not that we keep score) U9's, and our U11's bowed out in the preliminary final.

Their season was capped off with Tommy Sheridan romping home in the EFL U11's Best & Fairest, with 35 votes out of a possible 42! Well done Tommy!



Our U12's had a great year, and beaten in the Grand Final, which was a disappointing result, but a great effort to reach the final game of the year!

The 13's was once again the age group where we don't have a side, and we are currently working now to try and introduce U14's to our ranks next year.

This year our U14's were promoted to B grade, and didn't taste much success, but the higher grades is the place to aspire to for the entire club. Our U15's also played off in the grand final, but were also unsuccessful. They too had a great season and although they didn't succeed in the "big dance" the season was capped off with Jack McDonald being runner up in the EFL Best & Fairest!

We started the year with two U17 sides, with anticipation of great numbers, but what with a few things not falling our way, and players not re-signing, after 5 rounds the club decided to fold the 2nd side, and focus on just one team. This was a difficult decision, as we know the chance of re instating a 2nd side are against us, but due to lack of numbers and parental support, ultimately this decision was the right choice. The boys worked hard together from there, and had a fair year in B grade, and weren't too far of the mark, but finished outside of the finals.

I would like to thank the committee for their tireless work this year, particularly with the work required for setting up Fred Geale each Sunday, and the many other helpers and kids that turns up in the cold, to do there bit to get the boys and girls on the park each Sunday.

To our coaches, a huge thank you to you and your trainers, team manager's, assistants, boundary umpires, interchange steward's (the list goes on & on) - we would not be able to put our kids on the park without you guys driving your charges, week in week out. We can't do this without you guys!



And a big thank you to our sponsors, which support the club by way of donations or products, your support, is always valued and appreciated.

We would like to thank the seniors for the use of Cheong Pavilion, when required. We would like to think our contribution to the senior club this year was appreciated, and we look forward to working closely with you in season 2014. Our goal is to build a pathway, with the senior club for our boys, as it won't too long before many of these youngsters are their teammates! It's a great opportunity for both sections of South Croydon Football Club, and we look forward to building this path.

Go Doggies

Shane Kenealy
President – Junior Club

Senior Coach's Report

Winning seasons are not always about wins and losses but having said that it was very pleasing when reviewing our results to report that all three teams had improved compared to the previous year. Our under 19's doubled their previous year's winning tally and ended up winning four wins for the year. Our reserves won six games which equalled the previous year but were competitive in almost every game, losing seven games by less than 20 points and finished off the season with four wins in a row. Our seniors played in the first division finals for the first time in the club's history finishing on ten wins compared to four wins in the previous year.



The senior team highlights were the second half of the year in winning seven out of the last nine home and away games that included four consecutive wins, winning five away games, our win against Balwyn by a point, the come from behind win against Knox and the individual development and improvement of our players which lead to aligned team performance.

Whilst everyone involved should be very proud of our achievements this year, our focus for next season will be to build on our fitness base established this year to ensure more consistent performance. Key focus areas being addressed during preseason will be our strength/physical conditioning, skill level, decision making, match-day work rate, communication, contested football, clearance work, offensive/defensive game plan and by targeting each individual's development needs.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the coaching group and match day staff of Noel King, Damon Hindmarsh, Brad Neil, Jamie Barnett, Matt Grant, Shane Lewis, Steve Bishop, Wayne Dalton, Ash Fullarton, Bec Rosel, Ben Fisher, John Dinnell, Michelle Cox, Paul McConnell, Carl Duncan, Bryan King, Bernie Petrie, Emma Wallace and the trainers, the stats team for all playing your role.

Your work over the last year has been outstanding and provided fantastic support to myself and the playing group. I have really enjoyed the year working with you all and appreciated your friendship and guidance.

On behalf of the playing group and coaching staff, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the committee, support staff, match day staff, volunteers, sponsors and supporters for the hard work, dedication, commitment and support over the last season.



Without you, the club would not be the same and all the work that is undertaken to make South Croydon a special place is really appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

Congratulations to award winners in all grades as these recognise your personal commitment and contribution to the team's performance. Special mention to Daniel King/Nick Molnar for their success in the league B+F and also to Daniel King/Glenn Strachan for being selected in the EFL Div. 1 team of the year.



2014 – Damon Hindmarsh, John Dinnell, Steve Higgins and others are working overtime to ensure we recruit quality players/people to our club. Our planning and preparation is being refined all in readiness for a year where we will need to “hold ourselves for a higher standard that anybody expects of us and never make excuses”. New benchmarks will need to be established for our club to take another forward step next year.

Once again – Thankyou to all involved and cannot wait for 2014 - Go Doggies

Damien Franken
Senior Coach

Reserves Report

The reserves this year had an up and down season. Good numbers throughout preseason and with fitness and skills a key to the preseason there was a positive outlook to the year ahead.

While the reserves had a slow start to the year losing the first six games of the season, five of those games really came down to the wire. With the first win coming against East Burwood away in round 7 and then the 2nd win again in round 8 against the top side in Noble Park at home.



Some pleasing things for the reserves this year was five players went onto play senior football Sam Cuthbert, Justin Minogue, Sam Cali, Marcus Classon and Joshua McLachlan, congratulations to these players all played their role in making the senior team successful throughout 2013.

With the latter part of the season the reserves numbers started to fall away, but it's a credit to those players who finished the year off and finished what they started.

Very pleasing was the way the team played out the remaining games for the season and sticking with the game plan and team rules winning the remaining four games and beating three of the top five teams along the way.

While things may have been different if we won some of the earlier games in the season the players gave everything throughout the year and it was great to come to training and match days to see players want to play with their mates and the club.

Special thanks this year go to Josh O'Toole our captain for 2013 a great leader on and off the field.

Congratulations to our award winners this year, Chris Dejager Best & Fairest, Sam Cali Runner up, 3rd Place Ryan Humphrey, Most Determined Josh O'Toole and Most Improved Rhys Alexander.



Thanks to game day assistants Ash Fullarton, Steve Bishop for your support on Saturdays along with Shane Lewis as Assistant Coach.

Finally thank you to all the players, committee and supporters for not only welcoming me this year but also my family into South Croydon Football Club.

Matt Grant
Reserves Coach

U19's Report

Prior to commencement of preseason training Wayne Dalton was appointed coach of the Under 19s with Dom Coniglio as his assistant. Wayne established a working relationship with Luke O'Toole (Captain 2012) and together they incessantly called players to ask them to attend preseason training before Christmas. The average number at training prior to Christmas was 6 and this number increased to 9 in the January/ February period. The lack of numbers made it physically impossible to coach the players as a team. Wayne contacted quite a few players who he had coached previously and had not played in 2012 and was able to recruit a few new faces. As February came around Wayne and Luke jumped back on the phones and started calling players again. Slowly the numbers started to increase. We mustered enough numbers to play the first practice match against Mt Eliza, but we still didn't have the numbers to field a side in the Kangaroo Flat practice match. Fortunately as the commencement of the official season drew closer Wayne and Luke were able to coerce a few more players to commence training and we fielded a team in the first match against Lilydale.

As most of the team had missed preseason training the side was slow out of the blocks and did not score their first victory until Round 7 when they defeated East Burwood by 14 points. They followed up with another hard fought win over Noble Park by 4 points. The next victory came along in Round 11 when Knox was defeated by 21 points. The team played competitive football against the four teams who would play out the finals. As the Under 17s season had finished in July the players were invited to train with the Under 19s and several players participated the last few games. The season finished on a high note by defeating East Burwood by 86 points at Cheong Park. A fitting result for the coaches and players who had given everything they had in the last four games.

Congratulations to Jack De Klijn the runaway best and fairest winner, Taylor Gibson, Mitchell Schinck and Jake Tucker and the other trophy winners.

Thanks to:

Luke O'Toole our courageous captain for all his hard work over the preseason and for his guidance and motivation during the year. Our trainers Anna, Sam, Monique, Kaitlyn, Damian and Wendy who nursed the boys through the season. Anthony Draper the Team Manager. Steve Schinck, Mark Turner, Anthony Dyck, Peter Churchill who assisted with boundary umpiring, goal umpiring and time keeping.



Special thanks to Wayne for all the hard work and time he put into these players - you really deserved to taste success.

To the boys heading on to the seniors all the best. To those players remaining in the U19s a word of advice, to be successful you have to put in the hard yards.

Go Doggies!!!

John Dinnell
Football Operations Manager

Veterans Report

Our preseason started in November 2012 at Pembroke Secondary College, Mooroolbark. Dale White was again appointed coach with Brett Crapper as captain for the season.

The usual numbers of 15 to 17 turning up to training was blown out of the water with a number of new faces coming to training. These faces in fact were not new to South Croydon a lot of them were former senior premiers players: Dion Festini, Simon Hammersley, Lucas Davies, Brendon Rose, Brad Crossland, Jason Hutchieson, Travis Lambe to name a few. With the numbers swelling to 25 to 30 each night at pre-season training a positive vibe was felt by all. A preseason camp was held in Sorrento in early March which was well attended everyone bonded which set the tone for the season, playing as a cohesive team.

Round 1 - Our first match 21/4/13 was away at Forrest Hill. In great conditions Hutchie lead the way up forward kicking 5 goals and Travis Lambe chipping in with 3.
Final Score: SCFC 13.14.92 def. Forrest Hill 1.2.8

Round 2 (5/5/13) was against Chirnside Park at Cheong. A good crowd by Vets standard was there. There were a lot of senior players there along with committee which was greatly appreciated. It was a great team performance with 5 players kicking 2 goals and a number of others kicking individual goals.
Final score: SCFC 14.11.95 def. Chirnside Park 3.2.20

Round 3 (19/5/13) was against South Belgrave. Being the new team in the competition and never playing at their ground which is very small we found the going difficult, with the lead changing several times during the game. It came down to a last quarter effort and with Travis Lambe kicking 4 and Hutchie with 3 saw us win our third game in a row. Final score: SCFC 12.5.77 def. SBFC 9.7.61

Round 4 - Bye

Round 5 (16/6/13) was against Upper Ferntree Gully. Season 2102 was their first time in the Vets and when we played them they loaded up and gave us a touch up so this game was pay back. Again a great crowd turned up at Cheong. The 1st quarter produced 10 goals for us and Upper Gully not bothering the score board. The trend continued for the rest of the game. Hutchie kicking 5 Trav Lambe 3 Chris Spencer 3 and 2 to Cambo, Chris Lamb, singles to Crapper and Chatts.
Final score: SCFC 20.18.138 def. Upper Gully 0.2.2

Round 6 (30/6/13) was away against Scoresby. This was to be our only loss for the season. We had 4 wins in a row, which was more wins than the last combined 5 seasons. With a few injuries we went out a little cocky and were taught a valuable lesson that to win we must play as a team. Final Scores: SCFC 4.13.37 def. by Scoresby 6.9.45

Round 7 (14/7/13) was away against Wantirna South. With defeat not sitting well we all decided that we must play as a unit and work together. The 1st quarter was tight but as the game progressed we began to play together as a team, the 2nd half saw the vets play great football sharing it around and also on the score board. Chris Spencer and Trav Lambe kicking 3 each, with big Trav Edmonds kicking 2.
Final Score: SCFC 14.13.97 def. Wantirna South 4.5.29

Round 8 (28/7/13) Bayswater at Cheong. A fantastic crowd watched a good game of football in muddy conditions. Hutchie kicked 6 with Chris Spence booting 3. Final score: SCFC 16.12.108 def. Bayswater 3.2.20, with this win it guaranteed that the Vets would be playing final for the first time in years.

Round 9 (11/8/13) Boronia at Cheong. At this stage of the season Boronia was on top of the ladder undefeated with SCFC in 2nd position one game behind but with a very healthy percentage. The winner of this game would take top position on the ladder leading into the finals. With the finals 1st played 4th whilst 2nd and 3rd played off with the winner meeting in the grand final. It was a slog fest in the mud. Hutchie kicked 2 with a number of players bobbing up for singles in the end the final score was SCFC 8.6.54 def. Boronia 4.6.30 - this put SCFC on top of the ladder.

It was truly a team effort, being able to have a full bench of 8 for every game and a game plan that included rotations from the bench meant that everyone on the vets list was able to play several games for the season.

1st Semi Final at Lilydale (25/8/13) was against North Ringwood. The ground was in perfect condition and the weather was fine. This was our hardest match for the season. The 1st quarter saw us kick 2 goals and keep Nth Ringwood goalless. 2nd quarter Nth Ringwood came back to kick 4 to our one and they went in at half time with a 5 point lead. At half time White asked everyone to dig deep. In the 3rd qtr. we kicked 5 goals to Nth Ringwood's 2. We had a 14 point lead. The final quarter was an epic battle. We were kept goalless but peppered the goals with 8 points whilst Nth Ringwood were able to only kick 1 goal 2 points. The final score being SCFC 8.13.61 def. Nth Ring 7.5.47, Trave Lambe kicked 3 with Chris Spencer and Simon Hammersley kicking 2.



Grand Final at Lilydale (8/9/13) against Boronia. A perfect day dawned for the old dogs, the ground was excellent and the atmosphere was terrific. There was a lot of support for the Vets; senior players, committee and true blue South supports were all there for the old dogs. After lining up for the national anthem Whitey got us in for one final talk then we went to battle. From the first bounce it became a tough physical game. The 1st qtr. was fairly even SCFC 2.2.14 Boronia 3.1.19. 2nd qtr. again was a tough affair.

Half way through this quarter Tim Kennedy showed the way by running forward from the wing and looking over his shoulder, a Boronia opponent was coming the other way; Kenners took the mark but was knocked out and stretched off. It was later found out that he had fractured his eye socket. Trav Lambe was standing up forward taking big marks and kicking goals. The back line was holding firm with Roachy and Crossie clearing the ball and sending it in attack. At half time the scores were SCFC 4.3.27 Boronia 3.6.24 - a 3 point lead. Again Whitey asked us to dig deep. The 3rd qtr. we kicked 4 goals to Boronia's 3 - this gave us a 12 point lead at 3 qtr. time. Boronia were starting to argue with the umpire and themselves, we could feel the game turning and we were running hard. The last qtr. saw the old dogs run harder than Boronia kicking 3 goals to 1. A great team effort with Trav Lambe being best on ground with 8 goals 5 points! The final score: SCFC 11.9.75 def. Boronia 7.8.50.

Statistics and trophy winners

Awards

Seniors		Reserves	
Best & Fairest	Nic Molnar	Best & Fairest	Chris Dejager
Runner-up	Daniel King	Runner-up	Sam Cali
3rd Place	Glenn Strachan	3rd Place	Ryan Humphrey
Most Determined	Blair Allan	Most Determined	Josh O'Toole
Most Courageous	Grattan Stephens	Most Improved	Rhys Alexander
Eamon Costello Trophy	Daniel King		
U19's		Vets	
Best & Fairest	Jack De Klijn	Best & Fairest	David Roach
Runner-up	Taylor Gibson	Runner Up	Brett Crapper
3rd Place	Mitchell Schinck	Coach's Award	Mark Robinson
Most Determined	Jake Tucker	Ian Chatterton Memorial Award	Rod Dennis / Leon Johnson
Most Consistent	Evan Woods	Phil Mason Trophy	David Roach
Coach's Award	James Draper		



Milestones & Club Awards

200 Senior /Club Games	Ben Osborne	100 Senior Games	Justin Minogue
100 Senior/Club Games	Anthony Dessent	100 Senior Games	Chris Dinnell
100 Senior Games	Liam Fitzgerald	100 Club games	Chris Dejager



Life Member 2013	John Dinnell	Life Member 2012	Marty Smith
Best Club Person Award	Carl Duncan / Damian O'Toole	WAG of the Year	Karen Cali

EFL Awards

EFL Chandler Medal	Daniel King	Div. 1 Team of the Year	Daniel King
Div. 1 Team of the Year	Glenn Strachan	ERCA Coach of the Year Finalist	Damien Franken



Results and Ladders

Season fixture and results for Seniors - 2013

Rd 1	South Croydon	19.11-125	def	Lilydale	17.11-113
Rd 2	Scoresby	7.17-59	def by	South Croydon	10.9-69
Rd 3	Rowville	19.15-129	def	South Croydon	8.11-59
Rd 4	South Croydon	14.12-96	def by	Blackburn	17.9-111
Rd 5	East Ringwood	22.18-150	def	South Croydon	7.14-56
Rd 6	South Croydon	12.12-84	def by	Norwood	17.15-117
Rd 7	East Burwood	9.11-65	def by	South Croydon	13.12-90
Rd 8	South Croydon	4.9-33	def by	Noble Park	11.12-78
Rd 9	Vermont	18.19-127	def	South Croydon	7.6-48
Rd 10	South Croydon	12.16-88	def	Scoresby	6.17-53
Rd 11	Knox	11.8-74	def by	South Croydon	10.16-76
Rd 12	Lilydale	10.14-74	def by	South Croydon	15.10-100
Rd 13	South Croydon	17.4-106	def	Rowville	15.12-102
Rd 14	South Croydon	9.9-63	def by	East Ringwood	17.9-111
Rd 15	South Croydon	9.5-59	def	Balwyn	8.10-58
Rd 16	Norwood	11.15-81	def	South Croydon	5.10-40
Rd 17	Blackburn	11.18-84	def by	South Croydon	16.12-108
Rd 18	South Croydon	11.14-80	def	East Burwood	4.7-31
EF	South Croydon	16.8-104	def by	Norwood	19.18-132



Ladder after Round 18

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	PTS
1	Balwyn	18	17	1	0	1989	1087	182.98	68
2	Vermont	18	15	3	0	1978	1259	157.11	60
3	Noble Park	18	13	5	0	1959	1130	173.36	52
4	Norwood	18	12	6	0	1612	1269	127.03	48
5	South Croydon	18	10	8	0	1380	1617	85.34	40
6	Rowville	18	9	9	0	1492	1458	102.33	36
7	East Ringwood	18	7	11	0	1505	1655	90.94	28
8	Lilydale	18	7	11	0	1445	1746	82.76	28
9	Scoresby	18	6	12	0	1355	1813	74.74	24
10	Knox	18	5	13	0	1171	1600	73.19	20
11	Blackburn	18	4	14	0	1350	1878	71.88	16
12	East Burwood	18	3	15	0	1069	1793	59.62	12

Season fixture and results for Reserves - 2013

Rd 1	South Croydon	6.8-44	def by	Lilydale	12.13-85
Rd 2	Scoresby	9.7-61	def	South Croydon	6.6-42
Rd 3	Rowville	8.14-62	def	South Croydon	9.2-56
Rd 4	South Croydon	8.11-59	def by	Blackburn	10.12-72
Rd 5	East Ringwood	8.7-55	def	South Croydon	7.12-54
Rd 6	South Croydon	5.13-43	def by	Norwood	9.5-59
Rd 7	East Burwood	11.6-72	def by	South Croydon	16.16-112
Rd 8	South Croydon	10.9-69	def	Noble Park	7.3-45
Rd 9	Vermont	10.8-68	def	South Croydon	5.11-41
Rd 10	South Croydon	8.7-55	def by	Scoresby	13.5-83
Rd 11	Knox	10.9-69	def	South Croydon	6.6-42
Rd 12	Lilydale	13.8-86	def	South Croydon	6.8-44
Rd 13	South Croydon	14.5-89	def by	Rowville	15.15-105
Rd 14	South Croydon	12.5-77	def by	East Ringwood	13.11-89
Rd 15	South Croydon	10.9-69	def	Balwyn	6.7-43
Rd 16	Norwood	7.15-57	def by	South Croydon	9.9-63
Rd 17	Blackburn	7.7-49	def by	South Croydon	8.6-54
Rd 18	South Croydon	11.14-80	def	East Burwood	5.3-33



Ladder after Round 18

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	PTS
1	Noble Park	18	17	1	0	1743	888	196.28	68
2	Vermont	18	16	2	0	1783	930	191.72	64
3	Norwood	18	11	7	0	1460	1160	125.86	44
4	Balwyn	18	10	8	0	1287	1100	117	40
5	Scoresby	18	10	8	0	1254	1159	108.2	40
6	Blackburn	18	10	8	0	1208	1191	101.43	40
7	Knox	18	8	10	0	988	1259	78.47	32
8	South Croydon	18	6	12	0	1093	1193	91.62	24
9	Lilydale	18	6	12	0	1190	1428	83.33	24
10	Rowville	18	6	12	0	1112	1354	82.13	24
11	East Ringwood	18	6	12	0	1068	1526	69.99	24
12	East Burwood	18	2	16	0	806	1804	44.68	8

Season fixture and results for U19's - 2013

Rd 1	South Croydon	4.3-27	def by	Lilydale	14.18-102
Rd 2	Scoresby	17.7-109	def	South Croydon	9.16-70
Rd 3	BYE				
Rd 4	South Croydon	3.8-26	def by	Blackburn	21.17-143
Rd 5	East Ringwood	17.14-116	def	South Croydon	8.3-51
Rd 6	South Croydon	4.6-30	def by	Norwood	21.16-142
Rd 7	East Burwood	9.12-66	def by	South Croydon	11.14-80
Rd 8	South Croydon	8.1-49	def	Noble Park	5.15-45
Rd 9	Vermont	11.16-82	def	South Croydon	9.5-59
Rd 10	South Croydon	5.8-38	def by	Scoresby	18.11-119
Rd 11	Knox	8.8-56	def by	South Croydon	13.9-87
Rd 12	Lilydale	10.11-71	def	South Croydon	5.10-40
Rd 13	South Croydon	13.4-82	def by	Rowville	19.12-126
Rd 14	South Croydon	9.6-60	def by	East Ringwood	14.12-96
Rd 15	BYE				
Rd 16	Norwood	9.11-65	def	South Croydon	6.6-42
Rd 17	Blackburn	15.16-106	def	South Croydon	2.8-20
Rd 18	South Croydon	14.6-90	def	East Burwood	1.0-6



Ladder after Round 18

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	%	PTS	% Won
1	Blackburn	16	13	3	0	2	1568	821	190.99	52	81.25
2	East Ringwood	16	12	3	1	2	1393	853	163.31	50	78.12
3	Lilydale	16	12	4	0	2	1304	923	141.28	48	75
4	Vermont	16	11	5	0	2	1085	1009	107.53	44	68.75
5	Norwood	16	10	5	1	2	1643	889	184.81	42	65.62
6	Scoresby	16	9	7	0	2	1460	1031	141.61	36	56.25
7	Rowville	16	8	8	0	2	1279	1015	126.01	32	50
8	Noble Park	16	7	9	0	2	1143	1117	102.33	28	43.75
9	South Croydon	16	4	12	0	2	851	1450	58.69	16	25
10	East Burwood	16	1	15	0	2	711	1848	38.47	4	6.25
11	Knox	16	0	16	0	2	460	1941	23.7	0	0

Season fixture and results for Vets - 2013

Rd 1	Forest Hill	1.2-8	def by	South Croydon	13.14-92
Rd 2	South Croydon	14.11-95	def	Chirnside Park	3.1-19
Rd 3	South Belgrave	9.7-61	def by	South Croydon	12.6-78
Rd 4					
Rd 5	South Croydon	20.18-138	def	Upper Ferntree Gully	0.2-2
Rd 6	Scoresby	6.9-45	def	South Croydon	4.13-37
Rd 7	Wantirna South	4.5-29	def by	South Croydon	14.13-97
Rd 8	South Croydon	16.12-108	def	Bayswater	3.2-20
Rd 9	South Croydon	8.6-54	def	Boronia	4.6-30
SF	South Croydon	8.13-61	def	North Ringwood	7.5-47
GF	South Croydon	11.9-75	def	Boronia	7.8-50

Ladder after Round 9

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	%	PTS	% Won
1	South Croydon	8	7	1	0	1	699	214	326.64	28	87.5
2	Boronia	8	7	1	0	1	525	278	188.85	28	87.5
3	Kilsyth	8	6	2	0	1	731	277	263.9	24	75
4	North Ringwood	8	6	2	0	1	651	415	156.87	24	75
5	Scoresby	8	4	3	1	1	426	464	91.81	18	56.25
6	Chirnside Park	9	3	5	1	0	456	630	72.38	14	38.89
7	Bayswater	8	3	5	0	1	449	523	85.85	12	37.5
8	Wantirna South	8	3	5	0	1	476	574	82.93	12	37.5
9	Forest Hill	9	3	6	0	0	359	708	50.71	12	33.33
10	South Belgrave	8	2	6	0	1	479	495	96.77	8	25
11	Upper Ferntree Gully	8	0	8	0	1	230	903	25.47	0	0



Games Played and Goals

First Name	Last Name	Games 2013		Games Total		Games Total	Goals 2013		
		Snr	Res	Snr	Res		Snr	Res	Total
Rhys	Alexander		17		18	18		2	2
Blair	Allan	18		87	1	88	26		
Lachie	Arthursen	10	9	12	15	27		2	2
Jake	Barnett		17		17	17		10	10
Luke	Birtchnell				17	17			
Daniel	Bowes	4	14	12	76	88	2	11	13
Tristan	Bradbrook		15		15	15		2	2
Darcy	Brown	4	12	4	44	48		1	1
Ryan	Brown				1	1			
Nathan	Burnage	7		28	8	36			
Sam	Cali	2	16	2	56	58		9	9
Matthew	Churchill		1		1	1		1	1
Marcus	Classon	8	9	8	9	17	1	1	2
Daniel	Coghlan	10		10		10	8		8
Liam	Cox	7	1	13	3	16	5	2	7
James	Crowle	18		47	2	49	31		31
Tom	Crowle		16		41	41		11	11
Sam	Cuthbert	12	7	24	29	53	5	5	10
Will	Debney	15		21	12	33	5		5
Chris	Dejager		18	8	98	106		10	10
Jack	De Klijn		3		4	4		1	1
John	Del Giudice	15	3	34	10	44	3	2	5
Anthony	Dessent	19		109	5	114			
Chris	Dinnell	14	1	112	10	122		1	1
Steve	Dinnell	12		17		17	13		13
Phil	Dyck		3		3	3		2	2
Russell	Farrell	4	5	43	23	66			
Benn	Fischer	4	9	6	37	43	1	3	4
Liam	Fitzgerald	15		102	18	120			
Josh	Flink		16		16	16		9	9
Alex	Fraraccio	11	8	40	51	91	3	3	6
Nick	Fraraccio		7		41	41			
Jacob	Fulton	2	1	5	19	24	1		1
Taylor	Gibson		1		1	1		2	2
Matt	Graham		13		47	47			
Luke	Hill			8		8			
Ryan	Humphrey	6	11	15	20	35	1	2	3
Jayden	Humphris		18		25	25		5	5
Daniel	Janky		15		15	15		4	4
Matt	Jones		7		7	7		1	1
Daniel	King	19		135	11	146	11		11

First Name	Last Name	Games 2013		Games Total		Games Total	Goals 2013		
		Snr	Res	Snr	Res		Snr	Res	Total
David	King	12	1	50	7	57	8	1	9
Michael	King	5	1	142	25	167	6	5	11
Nick	King	8	3	26	3	29	1	1	2
Shane	Lewis		1	54	77	131			
Michael	Litovkin				107	107			
Marc	Lock			2		2			
Nick	McConnell			87	29	116			
Michael	McDonald		5	1	53	54			
Tom	McDonald		12		30	30		6	6
Brendan	McKeown		18		28	28		7	7
Josh	McLachlan	10	9	12	58	70	2	2	4
David	Macdonald				49	49			
Anthony	Mafrici		2		2	2		1	1
Robbie	Mallison	19		53	13	66	28		28
Dylan	Marshall	18		58	12	70	3		3
Jacob	Mason		1		1	1			
Justin	Minogue	10	8	108	20	128		13	13
Nick	Molnar	19		125	5	130	8		8
Ben	Osborne	19		206	4	210	2		2
Josh	O'Toole		18	5	67	72		4	4
Luke	O'Toole		2		8	8			
Evan	Panozza			2		2			
Scott	Panozza				17	17			
Michael	Payne		10		36	36		4	4
Jordan	Rodriguez		12		39	39		3	3
Pierce	Rooney		2		2	2			
Mitchell	Schinck		2		2	2			
Grattan	Stephens	19		94		94	18		18
Angus	Stone	16		27	69	96			
Cameron	Stone	8	1	49	20	69			
Glenn	Strachan	18		65	21	86	20		20
Jackson	Taylor		2		2	2			
Ben	Tomlinson		9		17	17			
Dylan	Troutman	1		21		21	1		1
Jake	Tucker		2		2	2		4	4
Trevor	Turner		1		1	1			
Joel	Watson		10		35	35		1	1
Anthony	Zeniou		18		80	80		2	2
Trent	Zomer			15		15			

Junior Trophy Winners

UNDER 17's	
Best & Fairest	Anthony Dyck
Runner Up	Frank Anderson
3rd Place	Aaron Foley
UNDER 15's	
Best & Fairest	Jack McDonald #
Runner Up	Jayson Fabris
3rd Place	Cody McKellar
UNDER 14's	
Best & Fairest	Jake Sali
Runner Up	Harry Dwyer
3rd Place	Liam Brown
UNDER 12's	
Best & Fairest	Matthew Dowling-Horgan
Runner Up	Nick McDonald
3rd Place	Ben Willis
UNDER 11's	
Best & Fairest	Thomas Sheridan *
Runner Up	Fraser Sheridan
3rd Place	Indi Anderson

*EFL B & F Winner

EFL B & F Runner up