



**Brunswick Zebras FC
Annual Report 2017**

Season 2017

President's Report 2017

2017 has been another successful year. The Brunswick Zebras fielded 27 teams and had 550 registered players. Our coffee sponsor L'Unico has continued our tradition for serving good coffee on a cold winter's morning. For our senior men's games, we have been joined by a new sponsor Stomping Ground, which has started a new tradition of good craft beer, that tastes even better with an Italian sausage.

Ausnet continues to be a valuable a partner and neighbour. They are completing important landscaping work around Sumner Park, which is improving the look of our ground. Our relationship with Melbourne Victory has given our kids a chance to taste and participate in the big games. We thank Melbourne Victory for their active support of our club. We appreciate all the support that all our sponsors provide.

Our efforts to improve our facilities and grounds have continued to realise real improvements. We completed a new kitchen at our Balfe Park ground and new lights have been installed at Sumner Park, which will allow us to play night games.

The Club Board comprises a mixture of experienced and new members. In particular I want to recognise the invaluable work done by the committee. I want to recognise the invaluable work done by the committee and highlight the particular contributions of Kevin Thomas and Robyn Thomas who have been invaluable to the club, Josh Oakley who has been secretary and coach, Maria Berry who has ensured the finances of the club are accounted for and has coached this year Sean Farrell for his work, especially with the refugee families; Angelo Vocisano for his work especially with the small side teams and Mark Rocca and Conna Mallet who have coordinated the canteens and provided valuable liaison with senior men's teams. I would also like to thanks coaches, team managers and volunteers that make it possible to field 27 teams every weekend during season.

The Board believes that as a community club Brunswick Zebras must continue to provide opportunities for all at modest costs. This means improving both our facilities and ensuring we provide good coaching. The club has invested in coach training and the coaching team is made up of both parents and a few non-parent coaches. Their work has been terrific and appreciated by everyone at the club.

We are a community club with a strong mission to provide sport and community building in this area. We continue to promote the game in schools and have supported many refugee children to play while involving their families in club activities. The work and the goodwill shown by the Zebras community has meant that teams were competitive, grounds were available and any potential conflict was dealt with quickly.

Our senior teams are competitive and moderately ambitious. Our financial situation is strong, especially when we consider the improvements and investments. We envisage a strong season in 2018, which will mark the 70th Anniversary of the club.

Carlo Carli
President Brunswick Zebras Football Club

Committee 2017

Office Bearers

Carlo Carli President
Josh Oakley Secretary
Maria Berry Treasurer

Ordinary members

Sean Farrell
Kevin Thomas
Angelo Vocisano

Mark Roca
Connaire Mallet
Robyn Thomas

Club Sponsors 2017

Many thanks to our Principal Club Sponsors:

- Stomping Ground
- Ausnet
- Jane Garrett MP
- A&D Li-Rosi
- L'Unico Coffee
- Pascoe Vale Sports

Club Profile 2017

- 550 registered players.
- 130 Girls and women
- 419 Boys and men
- 140 Saturday Small SkillZ players (4—8 years)
- 104 Sunday Mini Roos (8-11 years)
- 46 Junior girls (12-18 years)
- 129 Junior boys (12-18 years)
- 55 Open Age women
- 74 Open Age men
- 27 Teams
- 9 Sunday Mini Roos teams (8-11)
- 8 junior boys teams U12-18
- 3 junior girls teams U12-18
- 4 open age men's teams
- 3 open age women's teams

We have grown by 3 teams this year, and are expecting even more for 2018! We had a growth of 50 players over the previous year, with more expected next year.

Coaches Team Managers and Volunteers

The club would like to thank all those who have volunteered many hours as Team Managers and Volunteers, Committee members throughout the year for the massive effort they have all contributed to make 2017 such a successful year. Without all these dedicated people, we would not have anyone out there playing!

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

Saturday SkillZ

I am very pleased to present this report for the Saturday SkillZ program which is designed for children 4-8 years of age of all abilities to have their first taste of "the World Game".

When our Coaching Co-ordinator, Robbie Peters, and I sat down back in October 2015, the proceeding program had just finished up with no plans for a Term 4 leading into Christmas that year. Player numbers had been around the 20-25 mark per Saturday morning. In our opinion, it was poorly resourced from a coaching perspective, lacked a structured "curriculum plan" and had little in the way of equipment and branding for the Brunswick Zebras.

Two years later we received 140 initial registrations for the Program throughout 2017, with numbers per term fluctuating, but always approximately 60 children participating on a Saturday, up to a staggering 78 participating in Term 4.

The feedback from parents and their children is overwhelmingly positive and the future looks very bright as we head into Season 2018 with our 70th Anniversary celebrations. We have successfully started a Girls only group with their own coaches, and have given a number of our junior players the opportunity to support Robbie and his team of coaches as part of their introduction to junior coaching. We see the SkillZ programs as a vital feeder for the club, as children make their decision as to what competitive sport they may wish to take up as an 8 year old. We have already had an extremely successful transition of many of the Class of 2016 into Brunswick Zebras Mini Roos teams this year, and we are hopeful of a similar transition from some of the class of 2017.

Kevin Thomas

Brunswick Zebras Committee

Saturday SkillZ Program



Mini Roos Report 2017

The Brunswick Zebras Mini Roos 2017 program proved to be another year of growth and excitement for our youngest players and parents at the club.

Balfe Park – Home of The Mini Roos

2017 was most notable for the establishment of Balfe Park as the home of the Mini Roos teams.

The new clubrooms, cafe and storage cage certainly aided the transition from Sumner Park. A dedicated Mini Roos committee will be formed with a specific focus on how to best further develop this facility further.

Participation Growth

The growth of the Mini Roos is most evident in our Under 8 and 9 teams and is best demonstrated by the increase in registrations achieved since the commencement of the 2015 season:

- 2015 April – 1 x Team, 9 x Players (season ended with 2 x Teams, 22 players)
- 2016 – 4 x Teams, 41 Players
- 2017 – 5 x Teams, 53 Players

The retention rate of players was very high and has seen solid registrations at both the Under 10 & 11 level

The key factors in this growth are:

- The Saturday Morning Skills program creating a direct pathway for players to play for a Brunswick Zebras team
- Dedicated committee resource and support for new players and parents to the club
- New coaches and team managers creating a welcoming club for the community

Coaches and Team Managers

The influx of new players to the club has also seen a new batch of volunteer highly accomplished volunteer coaches and team managers.

Led by multi year coaches Chris Pezzimenti (U10), Ben Schneiders (U9) and Alex Hall (U8), the Mini Roos program is set to continue to providing a supportive and mentoring environment for new coaches in 2018 and beyond.

All Under 8, 9 and 10 Coaches completed the FFA Skills Training Certificate in 2016 or 2017, ensuring our skills training programs are aligned to the national curriculum. In 2018, we will continue to support programs aimed at developing our coach's skills.

Our group of new team managers quickly adapted to the requirements of running each team.

The Teams and the Season

Whilst there is no ladder in the Mini Roos, all teams demonstrated their skill and potential.

True to our club philosophy, we found the right team for all players, spreading talent so that all were able to hold their own at their particular grade.

Whilst the age profile and numbers didn't allow for a dedicated girls team in the Mini Roos we had a good number play in mixed teams to great success. We strive to field a dedicated girls team in 2018

Notable team performance call outs include:

- an undefeated season for Matt's Under 8 Wallabies
- Barcelona style play from Xaviers Under 8 Joeys
- Wonderful team play from Alex's Under 8 Joeys
- A storming finish to the season for our Under 9 Wallabies.

- Anthony's Under 10 Joeys demonstrating incredible spirit each and every week
- Chris' U10 Wallabies were incredibly dominant at the commencement of the season and graduated to become Kangaroos.

2018 Outlook

The current trajectory of growth in player registrations promises to continue in 2018. To handle this, a Mini Roos sub-committee will be formed to best welcome this influx of new players and parents.

Angelo Vocisano
Brunswick Zebras Committee

Junior Girls

Season 2017 was one of consolidation in the junior girls section of the club and was marked by a high level of cooperation between the teams and steady improvement over the year. Joint training sessions and player sharing between teams ensured that players had additional development opportunities and teams were well-provided for their matches.

As in 2017, there were three teams, with the variation being that we fielded a second, younger Under 14 team in a lower division rather than an under 12 team. This arrangement was due to the spread of players ages and meant that our Under 14 D team was quite young.

The Under 16 team finished 10th out of 12 teams in the North C division, with 3 wins, 3 draws and 12 losses and a negative goal difference of 59 with 24 goals scored. Coach Stefan Lazarevic said he was pleased to see the team progress and improve throughout the season. "There were a number of new inexperienced players playing their first season. It was lovely to see such an accepting team integrate newcomers. The most memorable moment for me personally was a game we lost against Whittlesea Rangers FC", he said. Stefan added "We suffered our biggest defeat early on in the season, 0-12, however in the second game against the same team we played so well the result could have gone either way. Unfortunately, the home team scraped a last minute goal winning 2-1." Stefan told how after the game, the Whittlesea coach spoke to the team and Stefan, praising them with kind words about how impressed he was by the team's improvement since their first encounter. "My team was very pleased to hear this and were all very much satisfied with the effort they all put in to produce such an exciting performance. This was also the game our top goal scorer Lily Zavattiero scored one of the best goals I had seen all season making it her 10th." Stefan commented that "The players were grateful with everything that had learnt over the season and I'm sure they'll be back for another exciting season at the Zebras."

The Under 14B team finished 6th out of 12 teams in the North West B division, with 7 wins, 3 draws and 7 losses and a negative goal difference of 1 with 28 goals scored. Prior to the season there was some scepticism from some parents about how the Under 14 B team would go in the higher grade that they were entering in 2017. But with a win in round 1 and then regrouping after a very tough round 2 down in Point Cook, the team stabilised and went on to perform well over the course of the season. Just one more win would have seen the team finish 4th which would have been a truer reflection of their status but despite another outstanding season from Rosie Rodger and goalkeeper Maddy Vlahiotos, that was not quite possible.

The Under 14D team finished 5th out of 13 teams in the North West D division, with 9 wins, 1 draw and 6 losses and a positive goal difference of 21 with 53 goals scored. Coach Maria Berry said that she was very pleased with how the team developed and that results were good for a team that was typically younger and smaller than its opponents. Highlights included the beautifully played 3-0 away win over Eltham Redbacks and the exciting goalscoring of the forwards, especially Niamh Tabit and Sunday Claire Baikie.

The season ended with three teams entered in Summer Sevens where nearly 30 players enjoyed some additional football and learned from their experience. The Under 12 team – comprising a mix of Under 14D players, Mini Roos and new players – won all matches and were league champions.

Looking forward we are anticipating that players will begin to come through from the Mini Roos program to help us expand our junior girls program and rise up to higher divisions.

Club Award Winners

- Rosie Rodger – Best and Fairest Junior Female Player
- Madeleine Vlahiotis – Melissa Barbieri Medal for Goalkeeper of the Year
- Niamh Tabit – Pierre Venditti Golden Boot (Highest Goalscorer) - Female Teams
- Meredith Zavattiero – Manager of the Year – Female Teams

Captains

- Under 16 – Kim Silcock
- Under 14 B – Maddy Vlahiotis
- Under 14 D – Audrey Kennedy

Coaches

- Under 16 – Stefan Lazarevic
- Under 14 B – Malcolm Neil
- Under 14 D – Maria Berry
- Under 14 Assistant - Kayleigh Beasley

Team Managers

- Under 16 - Meredith Zavattiero
- Under 14 B – Rob Rodger and Gabi McDonald
- Under 14 D – Lise Elvins

Team Awards

Under 16

- Best Player – Lily Zavattiero
- Highest Goalscorer - Lily Zavattiero
- Leadership Award – Jessica Milne
- Most Improved - Eva Sabatino
- Best Team Player – Hannah Roseman-Gannon

Under 14B

- Best Player – Rosie Rodger and Maddy Vlahiotis
- Highest Goalscorer – Ella Rodger
- Coach's Award – Miranda Cooney-Hunt
- Leadership Award – Jessica Milne
- Most Improved - Bec Aronson
- Best Team Player – Zoe Tsamis

Under 14C

- Best Player – Niamh Tabit
- Highest Goalscorer - Niamh Tabit
- Best Defender – Riley Magee
- Leadership Award – Audrey Kennedy
- Most Improved - Polly Stokes

Junior Boys

In Season 2017 the club continued to enhance its junior boys program and was able to offer 8 teams across the age range from under 12 to under 18, with only one age group missing and with two teams in two of the age groups. This set of teams is a significant advance on five years ago when the club had four missing age groups and six teams.

While all teams developed, in terms of final ladder results the outstanding team was the Under 16 Red team which finished league Runners-Up.

A team full of VCE students is always facing an extra challenge but the Under 18 team playing in A Green league managed to overcome injury and player absence to finish a respectable 6th out of 9 teams with 17 points from 5 wins, 2 draws and 9 losses. Standout player was Mukudzei Mudzi who not only won the team best player award but also the Singing Wolf leadership award (voted by his peers and named after club legend Fab Incantalupo) but also the club award – the Bruno Saico Award for Best and Fairest Player U18-Seniors.

The Under 17 team finished 4th out of 7 teams in the North West B division in a very close finish at the top of the table, ultimately only 3 points from the league winners. The team earned 30 points from 9 wins, 3 draws and 4 losses and a positive goal difference of 28 with 63 goals scored (the equal highest goalscoring team in the league). Coach Josh Oakley said that when they were focused and on their game, they were the best team in the league by far. “Next year we will go even better”, he said.

The under 16 teams both played in the North B division. The Red team had an outstanding season, finishing a close 2nd in the 9 team league, only 4 points off the league champions. The Red team earned 39 points from 13 wins and 3 losses, scoring the most goals in the league (98) and a solid 67 positive goal difference. Coach Victor Georgopoulos says “The Under 16 Red boys made such a great team, one that's going to do great work in the next few years. They have good chemistry.” Victor sees the future for the senior men's teams coming out of the team.

The Green team finished 7th in the same league, with 14 points from 4 wins, 2 draws and 10 losses. Although scoring a creditable 50 goals (the 4th highest in the league) the team had a negative goal difference of 41. Coach Arpad Mihaly reflected that his team was still learning to play collectively in line with the comments by one of the referees who remarked how the Zebras boys were the better players but the opposition was the better team. But nonetheless Arpad looks forward to next year when the players can develop their understanding of team structures and train more often.

The Under 15 C team was really a combination of Under 14 and Under 15 players and did well to improve over the year and ultimately earn 12 points from 3 wins and 3 draws. Coach Will Purssey said that after overcoming pre-season challenges putting the team together the group went on to significant improvement across the season. By the end of the season Will was happy to see the boys competing effectively against top teams and was pleased to receive feedback from other clubs about how much the team had improved.

The Under 13 A team did well to finish a solid 5th in a very competitive A division. The team earned 25 points from 7 wins, 4 draws and 7 losses, scoring 33 goals with a positive goal difference of 3. Coach Luis Zuniga said that as a coach he was “impressed by the players' dedication, hard work, commitment to developing and their enthusiasm to keep loving the game.”

The Under 13 C team finished 5th out of 10 teams with 29 points from 9 wins, 2 draws and 7 losses, along with 42 goals scored and a negative goal difference of 6. Co-coach Amy Arnett said “The U13 C team started as individual players playing on the same field but by the end of the season after many ups and downs they were playing as one team supporting each other for a great season.”

The Under 12 Joeys team had an unusual season. After a very poor start when placed in the Kangaroos division the team was re-graded to Joeys and from that point were highly successful. The team finished 3rd on the ladder with 36 points from 12 wins and 6 losses (which had been carried over from the time

in the Kangaroos league) as well as 71 goals and a positive goal difference of 47. Coach Tim Kealey said it was a pleasure to coach the boys, many of who were new to the club.

The season ended with teams entered in Summer Sevens and the Under 13 A boys under Luis Zuniga won all matches and were league champions for the second year in a row.

Looking forward the club is aiming to eventually offer teams in very age group and where possible to offer a high level (A or B grade) team as well as a second team, thereby offering football opportunities for all skill and commitment levels.

Club Award Winners

- Bruno Saico Award (Best and Fairest Player U18-Seniors) - Mukudzei Mudzi – Under 18
- George Pyers – Best and Fairest Junior Male Player – Under 16

Captains

- Under 18 – Max Wilkinson
- Under 17 – Joseph Ford
- Under 16 B Red – Finn Lewis
- Under 16 B Green –Abdi Sayid and Zak Jama
- Under 15 – Adam Rodenburg
- Under 13 A – Diarmid Harrington
- Under 13 C – Jannik Ernst
- Under 12 - Kristian Cavallo

Coaches

- Under 18 – Peter Tavoraro
- Under 17 – Josh Oakley
- Under 16 B Red – Dom Luci / Victor Georgopoulos
- Under 16 B Green – Arpad Mihaly
- Under 15 – Will Purssey and Luke Maruzza
- Under 13 A – Luis Zuniga
- Under 13 C – Oscar Jenkin Jones and Amy Arnett
- Under 12 - Con Patoulidis and Tim Kealy

Team Managers

- Under 18 – Jeana Vithoulkas / Annie Holcombe
- Under 17 – Andrea Gow and James Bargh and Ben Johnson
- Under 16 B Red – Cathy Robinson
- Under 16 B Green – Sean Farrell
- Under 15 – Mariella Carrafa
- Under 13 A – Shane Lucas
- Under 13 C – Fritz Kadjik
- Under 12 - Carla Hagan

Team Awards

Under 18

- Best Player – Mukudzei Mudzi and Gerard Tavoraro
- Highest Goalscorer - Aruna Takasaki
- Coach's Award – James Burg
- Leadership Award ("Singing Wolf") – Mukudzei Mudzi
- Best Team Player – Felix Georgopoulos

Under 17

- Best Player – Stan Russo
- Best Defender – Harrison Kiriakidis
- Coach's Award – Jacob Batten
- Leadership Award – William Singer
- Most Improved - Clancy O'Brien

Under 16 B Green

- Best Player – Michael Moro
- Runner Up Best Player – Zak Jama
- Coach's Award - Sudeysi Abdi
- Best Defender – Max Sinclair
- Most Improved - Stefan Epifano

Under 16 B Red

- Best Player – George Pyers
- Highest Goalscorer – George Pyers

Under 15

- Coach's Award – Matthew Carrafa
- Leadership Award – Zachary Ng

Under 13 A

- Best Player – Diarmaid Harrington
- Highest Goalscorer – Lazarus Archimandritis

Under 13 C

- Best Player – Dean Kadijk
- Best Defender - Javier Tabit
- Coach's Award – Suhail Totakhil

Under 12

- Best Player – Kristian Cavallo
- Runner Up Best Player – Samuel McIlroy

- Best Defender – Aleksander Gillian
- Best Team Player – Marco Bellemo

- Most Improved - Raphael Chiron
- Best Team Player – Maximilian Oehlmann

- Coach's Award – Kai Shookry
- Best Defender – Gabriel Vivian-Kay
- Most Improved - Declan Lucas

- Leadership Award – Jannik Ernst
- Best Team Player – Thomas Stacey

- Leadership Award – Luca Faelis
- Most Improved - Dion Amirsonis

Senior Women

The women's state teams grew their numbers from 2 teams to 3 teams for the 2017 season; one state 3 and two State 4 teams.

All three teams finished in the top half of the table with the State 3 team finishing 4th.

The retention rate of players from the previous season was approximately 70%. The 2016 state 3 team retained 11 of their 16 players. Eight U16 players successfully moved into the state 3 and 4 teams. 6 players returned after having either a season off or playing for another club, with 10 new players joining our teams. As the State 4 (north) team acts independently I don't have any statistics on their numbers.

All three teams trained together for the first 6 weeks of pre-season - this strategy was implemented to encourage more girls and women to join the teams, and also to ensure players were selected for the appropriate team for their level. The state 4 North team decided to train on their own with the other two teams continuing to train together. During this process, Rob Colla and Giancarlo Belviso assisted with various training sessions, as there were around 30 girls at each session and only one official coach (Isabel).

During the season, attendance at training remained steady for the state 3 team (generally between 10-14 players), however, it was intermittent for the State 4 team (sometimes as low as 3 or 4 players). This is something we'd like to focus on for 2018.

Objectives for 2018

- Retain 3 teams
- Successfully integrate new players and players from under 16's into the teams
- Retain as many under 16 players as possible
- Increase participation at training for the entire season. Players should be attending a minimum of 75% of all trainings.
- State 3 to aim to finish 1st or 2nd, short term plan to be promoted to state 2
- State 4 to aim to finish in top 4, mid term plan to be promoted to state 3
- State 4 (formally Bra's team) to be integrated into the club

At the end of the season the players expressed their pleasure with playing at Brunswick with many showing their intention of returning in 2018

Isabelle Legge

Coach, Women's Teams

Senior Men

Welcome and Thank You

Welcome to the new senior coach, Chris Smith. Chris has been with the club for over 5 years now and has an excellent coaching record at the club. He coached the reserves to a second place this year and the Metro Men to the championship. A special welcome Kevin Thomas, who will be assistant coach for the upcoming season.

A massive thank you to Daniel Roca who has stepped down as the coach of the Senior Men. He has indeed worked tirelessly this season under tough circumstances and the club would like to thank him for all his efforts.

Performance on field

- The Senior Men part of the club had 4 teams this year. This included the State League Senior Men, State League Senior Reserves, the Metro League Men and the Veterans Team.

- The Senior Men did not perform to the expectations of the coaches, the players and the club for the 2017 season. Bad results from the onset impacted on the entire season and the team was relegated to State 5 as a consequence.
- The Reserve men had a very good year. The Reserves finished second on the ladder and gave many young players a platform into the seniors for the upcoming season.
- The Metro Men had an exemplary season. The squad went undefeated all season, whilst giving much playing time to young players. Furthermore, the Metro Men won their division cup at the end of the season, putting the finishing touches on an extraordinary season.
- We attempted a Veterans Team, however, found there were management and logistical challenges due to the many roles undertaken by the players.

Contribution

- The Annual Trivia night fundraiser – thousands were raised for the club
- Minor Club Sponsors: The Royal Derby Hotel (\$1,500) and A&D Li-Rosi (\$750)
- Major Club Sponsor: Stomping Ground – thousands were raised for the club from selling their beer on match-day – a special thanks to Connaire Mallet for organising such a prestigious partnership.
- Coach Volunteers – Senior Men teams continued this year to provide football know-how to the juniors and sub-juniors with clinics and volunteering their services earlier on in the season.
- Volunteers – The Senior Men teams continue to provide volunteers for Canteen duty on match day and Saturday SkillZ, as well as weekly line-marking of our sporting grounds – a special thank you to Dylan Dalla Via in this domain.

2018

- A return to competitive on-field play has been prioritised for next season, with the expectation to return to state 4 football as soon as possible.
- The establishment of a senior sub-committee that serves as a link between senior men's football and the club. Daniel Roca will head this group.
- The Senior Men will be looking to establish 4 teams: 2 x state league teams & 2 x Metro League teams
- Coaches, players and members are looking forward to what the 2018 season brings.

Mark Roca

Brunswick Zebras Committee



Metro Men 6 Winning Team

Community Engagement - Junior players from Refugee and CALD backgrounds program

Sporting Clubs have long been a pathway for new Australians to gain to become involved in their adopted country. Football in particular has played a significant role in assisting the process of settlement and engagement by providing a way for these recent arriving groups to join in with their local community through the playing of a sport and enjoying membership of local clubs. Brunswick Zebras, of course, is synonymous with the history of post war migration and the establishment of the Italian communities of Melbourne's north.

Brunswick Zebras seeks to support the role that sport can play in promoting cohesion in our community by making it easier for juniors from refugee and CALD backgrounds to join our club. Typically, the main way we can assist these juniors is by providing subsidised membership fees, but we also ease the joining process by helping with transport to training and games and by being as mindful of cultural and language sensitivities as we can be.

As well as adding to the multicultural profile of our club, greater inclusion helps to grow the catchment area of our junior teams and brings in skilful players who might otherwise be lost to the game.

This year, the Zebras has welcomed 16 players from refugee and CALD backgrounds, a similar number to last season. The majority of players are new to the club, in the 15 to 16 year age group, male, reside in the City of Yarra and have birthplaces in the horn of Africa.

Highlights and achievements for this year's supported group include u16 boys MVP runner up, u16 boy's coaches award, hat tricks, goals on debuts, stunning strikes, nutmegs and the odd bicycle kick. In addition, the City of Yarra soccer program thanked us for our assistance at their season ending function in November. The Zebras parents were also reliably reliable in helping transport kids to training and games all over Melbourne's north.

Our challenges for next year include encouraging more girls from CALD backgrounds to play football, engaging with more juniors from the immediate Moreland area, increasing parental involvement, improving transport procedures and ensuring financial viability.

Sean Farrell
Brunswick Zebras Committee



Coaches Training Courses

It was good to see so many coaches attend our coaches training course held this year. This is a great way to learn what is involved in coaching a soccer team, all coaches are welcome to attend the next course to be held in 2018. This is designed to help any parents who would love to take on a coaching role for 2018.

Presentation Day

Our Presentation Day was a busy, full day. It was great to see players receiving their much-deserved medals for such a great season.

Sumner Park also hosted Round 1 of the FFV Finals, so it was a very busy day!



Melbourne Victory

Brunswick Zebras players were welcomed to various Melbourne Victory events during the year, this included going to games and being mascots for the night. We would like to thank Melbourne Victory for the chance to send our kids along to these nights, a fun time was had by all.

We also had *James Triosi* and *Matt Acton* from Melbourne Victory come along to Sumner Park for a coaching session earlier in the year, followed by a signing session which was much anticipated.



Brunswick Zebras Trivia Night

We would like to thank Mark Roca and Bianca Di-Rosi and the Senior Men's and Women's teams and partners who organised a wonderful, fun filled Trivia night in June. It was a great night, one to look forward to in 2018!



Ground Maintenance

Both Sumner Park and Balfe Park are in the process of having maintenance work on the grounds. Sumner has been top dressed in preparation for the 2018 season, whereas Balfe Park is in the process of having new irrigation work undertaken. Bring on 2018!



Club Award Winners 2016

Citation	Name
Bruno Saico Award (Best and Fairest Senior Player U18-Seniors)	Mukudzei Mudzi, Boys Under 18
Pierre Venditti Golden Boot Award (Highest Female Goal Scorer)	Niamh Tabit, Girls Under 14
Pierre Venditti Golden Boot Award (Highest Male Goal Scorer)	Connaire Mallett, Senior Men
Melissa Barbieri Medal - Goalkeeper of the Year	Madeleine Vlahiotis, Girls Under 14
Best and Fairest Junior Female Player	Rosie Rodger, Girls Under 14B
Best and Fairest Junior Male Player	George Pyers, Boys Under 16B
Coach of the Year (Female Teams)	Isabel Legge, State 3 Women's
Coach of the Year (Male Teams)	Chris Smith, State 4 Men's Reserves
Team Manager of the Year (Female Teams)	Meredith Zavatiero, Girls Under 16's
Team Manager of the Year (Male Teams)	Peter Matthews, Mini Roos Under 8's
D'Intino Award (Best Club Person)	Angelo Vocisano