

Presidents Report

I hereby submit my annual report for the Healesville Junior Football Club 2009 Season.

This is the third year we have printed this Annual Report which I think goes to show how well the Club is run. As this is my first year as President I would like to give credit to the Club's previous President, Secretary and Committee for having the foresight to start the practice of submitting an Annual Report.

As with the previous two years the drought has made us find alternative grounds to train on and with the upgrade of Queens Park Oval we also found ourselves in need of a ground to play on. Thankfully this was only for the first part of the season.

As with last year Healesville Primary School and the Healesville Race Club became our training facilities for our Under 10's, 11's & 12's. The old soccer ground at Queens Park for the Under 13's and for the first time, the High School oval was used by the Under 14's, 15's & 16's.



This year we formed a relationship with Worawa College. The Worawa students trained and played with us. All involved believe it worked well. Not only boosting numbers in some age groups but also helping



the kids feel part of the community and friendships were struck. Players from these teams took part in the Long Walk to the MCG as part of the Dream Time Round. It would be great to see this relationship continuing in seasons to come.

The works at Queens Park were delayed due to the fires, pushing back the time we could get on our oval. Discussions were held with the Council, the Senior Football Club and the Soccer Club to enable training to be moved to the soccer ground and the senior's football oval. The 13's stayed at the old soccer ground and the 10's also moved to this ground. The first half of our home games were played at the seniors. A big thank you to all clubs and schools for putting up with us, it showed true community spirit.



Now for the season - well done to all age groups – all tried very hard and did their best. The Under 14's and 16's just missing out on playing finals by one game. The Under 15's making the finals and winning one. The all conquering Under 13's winning every game this season on their way to taking out the Premiership. Congratulations goes to Matthew Jeffrey for winning the Leagues Under 13's Best and Fairest and Max Warren for coming second in the Leagues Under 16's Best and Fairest.

It is my opinion this shows the true value of kids playing in all age groups and not skipping a year, helping make the Club stronger and the kids more confident. But at the end of the day, it all comes down to the numbers you can field.

Well done to our dedicated coaches and their coaching teams for the time and effort you put in.

This season little things were done around the Clubrooms from new door handles to all new lights in the away rooms, and of course, finishing off the lighting around the ground which was a project started by the previous committee. On those dark winter nights training was a lot safer and the whole oval was able to be utilized.

Works carried out by the Council included: drainage, sprinkler lines, bore and water tanks connected up to the backwash from the swimming pool.

Over the off season the Council will erect new fencing around the oval. The Council along with ourselves and the Cricket Club are contributing funds to the works.

We also over the off season plan to further improve the away rooms, build new coaches boxes and erect a new score board. These improvements are aimed at making our ground one of the premier grounds in the junior league. This all takes time and money, so if you are able to volunteer your services please contact a committee member.



Thank you to Vikki who was a wonder in our canteen. At the start of the season she kept everything running smoothly up at our temporary spot at the seniors. On Saturday she would be there helping move the stock up to the seniors and then at the end of play on Sunday, help

return it all back to Queens Park. There were times during the season the canteen volunteers appeared to be having as much fun as the kids they had come to support.



Finally and most importantly, thank you to the Committee for all the time and effort you have put in over the year doing two or three jobs at once. An extra big thank you to Trish in your first year as Secretary - you were always available to help. We all had ideas and you are the one who made them happen.

To all the parents and helpers who have volunteered throughout the year I have appreciated all that you have done.

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Grant Tacey
President

