

## 2018 Presidents Report

Well that's another season done and dusted, it had a lot of ups and unfortunately a few downs.

Overall as a club we are growing, and we certainly are pushing a lot of areas and now becoming a consistent finals contender in most grades.

I would like to thank each person that continues to donate their time as a volunteer to our club, be it as an umpire, coach or helping in canteen or doing all other jobs that make a good footy club operate, thanks to them all.

I would also like to thank our very good committee for all their support and the great job they all do in their roles, the way we all work together is fantastic and I always receive compliments from other clubs as to how smooth we run. I wont name every person on the committee as they all do a fantastic job, but I would like to personally thank Lynne and Brooke for the countless hours they both put in at their roles and both go way above what is expected of them.

The season started very well with good numbers in most grades and all coaching positions being filled, we started the season well in both senior grades and this continued with a little bit of form loss coming into finals, the B grade limped home with a massive injury list and credit to all that we finished third but always pushed sides to the limit and had a very successful season.

The A grade started the season very well and it looked like it could have been the year but as the injury list grew the form started to fall off and as we all know the grand final was a bad day and one we all need to forget.

Under 17s had a very up and down season and it was great to see a local lad coaching them and once again while not winning a premiership the players all had an enjoyable season and I hope we retain all players for next season.

Under 14s had a very good season and participated in a couple of finals games which is great experience for the players for the years ahead, great effort by players and coaching staff to get this group into the finals and have some success.

This year has also been very busy with continued building and facility upgrades and working hard to keep everything compliant with ever changing rules and regulations coming from various entities that continually change what they class as becoming compliant.

The last 4 years have been a challenge for myself and I hope that the club continues to grow and succeed on and off the oval, I feel that in the past 4 seasons we have recruited very well and whilst we are investing heavier in player payments we can see the results will come, the season being extended allows us to hold more functions and generate extra income to help offset this cost.

Going forward as a club I feel we need to try and get our junior side of the club to interact with our senior side of the club and hold more functions that can combine all players, one comment a player said to me was how great it was to be introduced to the whole club on a home game and made him very welcome.

We will have some challenges going forward and I'm sure as a club we will find a way to make it all happen and we will continue to have success at all levels.

Thanks once again to all the people that have supported me in my role over the last 4 seasons and I am certainly looking forward to having a bit more time for myself and would like to wish the incoming committee all the best for the 2019 season, and I will still be involved with certain areas of the club but its time for a change at the top.

Regards,

Outgoing President,

Dean Bruce