

CYFC Presidents Report 2014

The past twelve months have proved to be, I think, both challenging and rewarding at the CY Cougars. Out on the field as a club we, on paper, didn't perform as well as last year. But I think we don't have to dig too deep to see that a major improvement is not far off. The A's were unlucky to finish as far down the ladder as they did with a few games going down by less than a goal. Thanks again to Juddy and Sol for coaching and to skipper Alex. Butts and Farbs took the B's into the finals again one more. Butts and who knows what can happen. Congratulations also to this year's B grade Mail medal winner Nick Polky. Senior colts coach Swatta and assistant Dom didn't have the success of last year but after losing a couple of players are in a rebuilding phase. Thanks also to Briggys and Cougar of the year Squeak taking on the juniors again this year I'm sure their influence will set these lads up to play good senior footy in a few years. With the little tackers thanks to Swatta and Eddie Morris under 12s, Country Times Club Man of the year Tim Davey for the under 10s assisted by Polky, Lyn Thommo, Barnsy and Sol. Auskickers Shorty, Doggy Steve Matchoss and Hienzel. It is great to see so many young parents getting involved that's where our Clubs future lies. Recruiting is well under way with again more local boys coming home along with some new faces. A lot of effort goes into recruiting each year thank to the blokes involved. Paul Mack has handled Match day secretary this year, a job not everyone jumps at thanks Paul. Trainers, thanks again to Life member Fordy for his continued commitment and of course his new off sider Roy new to the job this year but brings with him a wealth of knowledge. Thanks to all team managers for their efforts this year. To all umpires and water boys thank you. Life member Tim Chappel again managed the score board, I think this is his 43rd year great effort Tim. Again thanks to Tony Clark and Fred Broky for the oval maintenance, with of course Watto keeping the oval lines looking good all year. Catering on Saturday was again top class with Linda and helpers in the canteen a great money spinner for the club, and of course up the other end at the BBQ room Martha, Di, Joy, Jude, Tina and others continue to provide a menu second to none in the League, along with Snooker making sure the Bobs Bar was well stocked all bases were covered a big Thanks to all involved.

Our VP night this year became a thank you night and a mini opening night once again thanks to Snooker for organising a great night, but a huge thanks must go to the chef Beefa who stood over the pig on the spit literally all day warding off would be poachers to produce a magnificent feast thanks Beefa. Secretary Steve Marks thanks for keeping us on an even keel this year. Treasurer Gun in a year where a lot of money has been spent has kept the books looking pretty good. Lynne Thomas has done a roaring trade in merchandise. League delegate Bucket has kept us informed and represented us at League level. Our tech Guru Davo kept the web site and outgoing text messages running while pairing up with Chipper to keep the sponsorship coming in something that will need to be done earlier next season. Luke Dutschke took on the tough job of Social, struggling to find venues, we hope, now will be a thing of the past and having our beautiful new club up and running will turn the social side of the Cougars into a major money spinner. Our club patron Hugh Wearing thanks for being there when ever asked. Scribe this year was ably handled by Zac Dutschke and mum Lou! Not an easy job! but done beautifully when I told Zac what the job involved he jumped at the idea although I did neglect to tell him that on home games he needed to be up early for a radio interview! On which from all accounts he did the club proud thanks Zac. This year thanks to Tony Clark we fattened around 1800 lambs from KI and shared in the profits earning the club in excess of \$50k along with the surplus machinery auction bringing in around the same every two years Tony's contribution to the CYCougars is massive! Thanks also to Brento and the contributors of stubble and grain for making this possible.

Before writing this I looked though last year's report and noted the big apology for the lack of any physical evidence of our new club, I'm so glad I don't have to do that again! What we see here tonight is the culmination of a massive effort made by so many, and to be fair I cannot start to thank individuals for fear of forgetting someone. So a general huge thanks to all involved will have to do.

In saying that I must acknowledge the unwavering support and patients of all club sponsors without which we would be standing in the car park!

I have been telling you all that the club is all but payed for ! well as expected there is a little way to go. With some modifying of the men's toilets and the purchasing of tables and chairs we will need to come up with a bit more cash! So your continued support will be greatly appreciated . Co Cougar of the year Scott Schultz must also be congratulated on his attention to detail with the building accounts. To the Building committee these people are quite literally responsible for the construction of where we are tonight an amazing and at times very stressful effort over the last four years !

No doubt you have heard of the changing of our senior coaching position in the last few days I would imagine this came as a shock to many ! Constitutionally we must advertise all coaching positions every year. From the several applications received I congratulate Dom Frotia for his appointment for the 2015 season. Dom has a wealth of knowledge and experience to bring to our young team as we all get behind Dom we wish him every success for the coming season

On behalf of all Cougar players and supporters I would like to thank Juddy for his gutsy effort over the past 3 ½ years .Juddy started with a pretty depleted team and did an amazing job for many years and did it all for the love of the team and the game thanks Juddy.

In closing I think the CY Cougars have come a long way we have our "Ducks in a row" and now its our turn! Bring on 2015.

GJ Honner