



Central Yorke Football Club Inc.

Presidents report 2016

Our season started way back in October last year when we started our recruiting and this turned out to be a very important period as we successfully signed up some great lads who all made an impact at our club this season. All of these players will again play for us This coming season, which is fantastic.

We had all coaching positions filled early and we looked set to get into it, pre-season was very good winning both trial games and there was a buzz around the club.

We started the season very well and I was wondering where this could end up, but unfortunately we started to get some long term injuries to some of our key players and this really tested our depth and to the clubs and playing groups credit we continued to win crucial games and the A grade played in their first final series since 2007 and made it to the Grand Final and B grade finished third.

Under 17's had a very good year finishing fifth and showed a lot of improvement and started to play a really good brand of footy.

Under 14's had a hard year, but always put up a good fight and won some really good games and there is a lot of upside in this playing group heading into next season.

One of the club's real highlights for this season was the Under 12's who won the carnival and brought home the shield, congratulations to Paul Jarrett and his team of little champs, a great effort to all that were involved.

Under 10's had a great year as well and its awesome to see the great numbers we have in all our younger grades and this is a very important part of our club.

Last but not least our mighty Auskickers had another very good year and it continues to make us look very good as a club holding a few A grade half time Auskick games. This is a real highlight for the kids and grandparents. This must keep happening for a few home games as it helps bring our youngest players together with our A grade team.

A huge congratulation to all coaches as I feel as a club we certainly grew together this year and there certainly are plenty of high lights to look forward to in the future.

Individual achievements this year go to Reuban Parker on winning the under 17 Mail Medal, and our A grade captain Chris Langford on being runner up in A grade Mail Medal, we had 3 players finish in the top ten in this count a great effort. Other awards this year include our club awards well done to all players that received player awards and a big congratulations to Tim (Swatta) and Steve (Thommo) on their well deserved awards.

We also had several players represent our club at association level and continue to have players representing our club at the Eagles development squads and playing junior football for them in Adelaide, well done to all these players we are very proud of your efforts.

In March we upgraded our lighting which was well overdue, this met with some difficulties in getting approval, but after hours many hours of consultation and many man hours the job was completed. They are a great asset and really help with trainings.

We continue to invest a lot of money into improving our facilities and we are already the envy of a lot of clubs in this league.

A lot of ongoing maintenance is being done around the club and a big thanks to Wayne Hann for all of his work around the place. There is still a lot to be done and we will continue to do this in years to come.

Another area of our club that is very good is the ongoing maintenance and preparation of our oval, a huge thanks to Dom Meany and Life member Watto for all of their hard work, great job guys.

Thanks to Life member Tim Chappell, for his work on his scoreboard, well done.

Our club is very lucky to have such a hardworking committee at the moment with all areas running very well.

The role of secretary is getting more work each year and Lynne continues to do an awesome job well done on another great year.

Probably the biggest volunteer job in our club at the moment is the job of Treasurer and we need to find an assistant to help with this role as with all business's this role is growing and we can't expect this to be done by one person anymore Once again a massive thanks to Tim Davey for his continued hard work around our club but especially the work you do in this role.

Thanks to Paul Mack for his role as VP not only does he hold this role but also does plenty other work around club. This year as A grade team manager, Match Day Secretary, catering for league meetings and organising food for club meals, along with another successful VP night earlier in the season. Well done.

One of our biggest assets at this stage is our canteen, not only is it extremely well run but it has healthy options and is very profitable, another fantastic year Sue and your team well done

Up to the other end of the building and we all enjoy the bar area, new bar manager Chris has had an awesome year, having to overcome a lot of licensing issues. Getting RP badges has been a lot of work and our club will benefit from all of his behind the scenes work, well done on all of that and congratulations on running a very tidy profitable bar.

Another area introduced this year was the role of Junior Football coordinator/director, this was taken on by Swatta and as always he did an excellent job, well done on all the behind the scenes work you do here.

Our membership and IT man Davo as always just quietly goes about his business and gets stuff done another role that just happens well done mate we are very fortunate to have you on board great job.

Well done to Paul Ackland for the sponsorship role on our committee you have done another great job and our list continues to grow with quality sponsors good job.

The worst job in the club is no doubt the job of recruiting and appointment of coaches, a massive thanks to Paul Ackland and Simon Geater-Johnson dor helping me with this. We are currently flat out with this role and it is not much fun, having said that I feel we got it pretty right last year, thanks guys a really shit job but we are getting there well done.

At league level we have been represented by Steve Marks thanks for doing this. We continue to have issues at this level. I feel we need to make sure we have a strong voice to protect us from them making too many changes without a voice, we could get voted over the top of by smaller clubs that will impact our junior development program. Thanks Marks for your work this season,

A massive thank you to our social committee this year you have done a fantastic job and had some great nights and was a great year for you financially as well. Your team was very organized and always did a first class job thanks for all of your hard work, great year well done.

Next on the list is our awesome group of trainers and medical staff, another one of those jobs that is the most important in the club and doesn't get enough recognition. Thanks to all of our wonderful trainer's awesome job to all of you.

A big thank you to all support staff such as team managers, runners, waterboys, umpires, boundary umpires, goal umpires, timers and anyone who helps with all the behind the scenes stuff such as washing jumpers etc.

I would also like to thank Janine and the netball club for supporting us and being able to work together as a club. Having some great nights together and enjoying each other's functions and success together is fantastic for both clubs.

Thanks to all of the volunteers that have helped in the kitchen on Thursday nights and Saturday nights this is another huge part of our club growing together and being run by volunteers, the roster system is a great way of involving a lot of our members in the kitchen and they can get to appreciate what it takes to make this club run.

Our club is continually being hired out to various functions which is great but we do need to monitor this as once again I must stress we are a voluntary run club and we must be mindful that we are a football club and not a hire facility, we can handle a few bookings but the year just gone was a lot of hard work and we can't expect to maintain that level of bookings.

Looking towards next season we would like to continue with improving our facilities and these hopefully will include such things as a nice storage shed to house excess chairs tables etc. as well as other equipment used for various functions, also having the ability to build outside toilets and wheelchair access toilets externally, landscaping around rear of new club rooms.

It is hoped that much of this funding will be raised through support of our machinery sale in 2017 and donations of grain etc. I would also like to recognize the continued sponsorship of our 2 major sponsors WFI and Wardle/Co for all of their support of such projects.

In closing I would like to thank anybody that has help make this great club operate and would like to personally thank my wife Sheree for all of her patience with me for all of the hours I spend doing footy stuff. She has been very supportive and I thank her very much.

To all of the committee thank you all for doing a great job and I feel we are heading into a new era and sense the excitement around the club.

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