



Presidents Report 2013

I would like to congratulate all players, parents, families and supporters of the Blue Mountains Football Club for another successful and enjoyable year. After taking up the role of Club President at the conclusion of the 2012 playing season, it is pleasing to be able to report on a successful year.

For the first time in the Club's history we registered over 500 players; player registrations were 505. This is a wonderful achievement considering that the Club is 48 years old and this is an additional 41 players from 2012.

The Club fielded 47 teams in total -- 38 Junior teams and 9 Senior teams.

Our O35.2 and U15.2 teams won their league competitions.

Runners up in the competition were U14.2, U18.1, AAW.3, and AA.10.

The O35.2, AW.3 and U15.2 played in grand finals, and the O35.2 were winners of their game.

But success is not measured by winning and I would like to congratulate all teams and players for the season; I know that the enjoyment comes from camaraderie and playing of games – a win or loss is secondary.

At the conclusion of last season, Knapsack Park was resurfaced and as a player I can attest to the improvement this has made to the facility. The playing surface held up well for the season despite a relatively wet mid-season, followed by some quite dry weather.

To this end I thank Blue Mountains City Council and its staff for the new playing surface, and also for the ongoing maintenance of the ground. There have been times when additional works have been required and this has been attended to quickly and professionally by BMCC staff.

I must also thank Ward 4 Councillors, particularly Councillors Greenhill and Christie for their support of the Club.

This year, in lieu of the traditional Ladies Day, the BMFC Family Fun Night Charity event was held. I cannot thank Sue Watson enough for her organisation and running of this very successful evening.

In addition, I must thank the Glenbrook Bowling Club and all those who provided prizes that were raffled. The funds raised (over \$2,300) will directly assist members of our Club.



The Nepean District Soccer Football Association, its Board and staff also must be thanked for their tireless work in bringing together the whole competition. Managing and co-ordinating over 1000 teams is no easy task and to this end, the Club thanks the NDSFA.

In addition to this, NDSFA also conducted grassroots training at Knapsack Park and quite a few of our younger players participated in this programme.

I also give thanks to our sponsors, eBay, MKD Electrical, Café au Go Go, Glenbrook Butchery, Turndown Gutter Mounting Systems, Upanup Holiday Accommodation at the Entrance and Ask Your Neighbour Cleaning Services.

Thank you also to Michael and Bronwyn Krampitz of Café au Go Go for their wonderful coffees on Saturdays.

But the successful operation and smooth running of the Club primarily rests with its members.

I particularly thank the Board and Committee for giving up their valuable time to devote to the Club to ensure we have a smooth, well-run operation.

Not everyone that assisted throughout the year is a member of the committee and, as always, any assistance lessens the load for us all. I would ask anyone that can contribute to contact me as assistance with even one function, such as photo day, team musters, etc can be a big help.

Sandy Duetoft, I cannot thank enough. As many of you would know, Sandy attends to all enquiries, rosters, organises photo day and many other tasks too numerous to mention. I don't know how Sandy finds the time, but we are all very fortunate to have someone so dedicated. Thank you, Sandy.

Gordon Aiken, as Vice President and Competition Secretary, provides timely game information and particularly ensures that match sheets are at the Clubhouse each weekend and then submitted to NDSFA on time.

Len Bowman, as Treasurer, manages the accounts and looks after all our banking. Len also collects the supplies for the Saturday BBQ and has them at the Club every Saturday morning ready to go.

Barry Summers, as senior team representative, also does a lot of maintenance to the Clubhouse and surrounds in his own time without question.

This being my first year as President, Sandy, Gordon, Len and Barry each has individually provided me invaluable counsel and for this I offer my sincere thanks.

Other members of the committee I thank are:

Sue Watson who manages our canteen and makes sure all our stock is up to date.

Margaret Semeniuk who looks after all our equipment, uniforms and is our ladies representative.

Adam Kemble, as our SSF Coordinator, ensures Saturday mornings run well – this year he was ably assisted by Michael McKenzie.

Richard Giles, as our Registrar, managed player, team, coach and manager registrations with patience and calmness.

Dave Gordon, our coaching coordinator.

Bev Glasheen, our Safety Officer.

Michael Hampson, our Webmaster. Michael also helps with grading at the start of the year. Michael is a wonderful supporter of the Club and is always available to help with various tasks and has provided me valuable assistance throughout the season. Thank you, Michael.

I must also thank my family and the families of all committee members. These roles require time and support and understanding from home cannot go without thanks.

It must also be remembered that each team we field not only requires players, but a Coach and Manager and in a society where time is an asset, on behalf of all players, I thank all Coaches and Managers for giving your time to your fellow players and club members.

To all parents, I thank you for your ongoing support and also working the BBQ and canteen on Saturday morning. This also includes washing of jerseys and assisting the coaches and managers where needed.

Into the future the Board and Committee will continue to work hard on behalf of all members. The development of Knapsack Park will continue with a new irrigation system planned along with other, ongoing improvements as funding becomes available.

We are always working to streamline and improve processes. We have already moved to electronic registrations and this will further improve next season.

In all, we had a very successful playing season and once again the members, players, parents and supporters have been a part of the wonderful community that makes up Blue Mountains Football Club. To everyone I offer my thanks, well wishes and I look forward to seeing you in 2014.

David Smith
PRESIDENT