Governance initiatives considered are:

- Club attends all club meetings
- Club actively attends and supports workshops and information sessions that benefit and/or enrich the knowledge of their volunteers or improves conditions for their members.
- Club actively supports the coaching philosophy of the Association by hosting, co-hosting or actively promoting NDSFA Coaching Initiatives and opportunities
- Club accounts are paid within trading terms
- Club members actively volunteer at Association events or when called upon by the Assoc.
- Club actively works towards venue excellence
- Club volunteers are co-operative in the directions issued by the association and are courteous to association staff
- Club demonstrates fair play and courtesy to other clubs.
- Club does not act in a manner that is prejudicial to the associations aims and objectives
- Club shows respect for protocols and timelines

All staff members take part in the voting process and no member of staff carries any more sway than another in determining the award recipient. There was only nine points separating the top ten clubs this season, and only one point separating first from second, stats that speak volumes about the quality of the administration and administrators of our member clubs.

With the result again being so close, we think it fitting to acknowledge the runner up club, Henry Lawson FC. However, in 2013 the accolade belongs firmly in the hands of Blue Mountains Football Club, who, incidentally, were runners up for this award in 2012. Congratulations to the BMFC committee and members on a well-deserved award.