

## Presidents Report 2008

The Willetton Junior Football Club has had another very successful year both on and off the field. Teams were fielded in 9's, 10's (two teams), 11's, 12's, 14's, 15's, and 16's (two teams). Auskick numbers this year were just over 40. Overall the club has around 250 players registered in all grades.

Before the start of this season, our President Ross Burvill stood aside after 4 years. Ross and Sue Burvill will be remembered for their hard work and dedication to the Club. Under Ross' tenure as President, the Club grew in player numbers, committee involvement and left us in a sound financial position. Ross has also documented the Club history. On behalf of all players and parents I thank Ross for his commitment to the Club.

This has been a great season for our older age teams and with 1 round remaining, sees our 14's under Steve Schleicher and 15's under Gavin Brown sitting at the top of the premierships ladders for their respective divisions. In the 16's, the Navy team under Murray Glaskin are second with the Blues team under Larry Harder just sitting outside the top four. This is a just reflection of the hard work of the players, coaches, managers and supporters of these teams.

The younger teams continue to participate and represent the Club well. Reports from other Clubs have reinforced our growing reputation as being both skilled and continually displaying good sportsmanship. Well done.

The Auskick was again successfully run this year by Kevin Lange, well supported by his team of helpers each Sunday morning. The numbers have been very good all year and parent involvement has been excellent. In May the Auskick players received a visit from past Willetton players as part of the AFL's 150 anniversary initiative. Brett Peake, Aaron Sandilands and Andrew Foster from the Fremantle Dockers, as well as Tom Elliot from East Fremantle Colts all pitched in for a memorable training session with the players.

Congratulations to all the Willetton players currently involved with the East Fremantle development squads. Use this opportunity to develop your football skills and knowledge, and enjoy the experience.

The social night again proved to be a great evening and a financially successful event for the Club. A good night was had by all. Thanks to all who donated items especially Ross Kenna for donating a signed Collingwood jumper which fetched \$1000 at auction, and Escape Kayaks for donating a kayak.

Our sponsors are a very important part of our club. Of special note:

- o Thanks to Dee Broadmore from Expand for offering to develop and host our new website at [www.willettonjfc.com.au](http://www.willettonjfc.com.au). We hope to have the website operational within the next month.
- o Thanks to the Brown, Bunce and Hallam families from Protocol Investment Group who continue their generous sponsorship of the Club by providing playing jumpers and team apparel.
- o Thanks to Craig from CJ Bennett Drainage Contractors for the generous sponsorship of playing jumpers and team apparel
- o Thanks to our other sponsors listed. We encourage everyone to use and recommend their services.

Thanks to Jim Grace, President of the Willetton Amateur Football Club for their support during the year including sponsoring awards for both 16's teams and use of their oval for training.

Finally, I would like to thank the Committee members, coaches, managers and parents for their contributions in 2008. It is your involvement in the Club which makes football at Willetton Junior Football Club an enjoyable experience for our players. The examples we set define the role models and influences our children will look toward as they continue to develop into fine young men and women.

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