

Presidents Report 2012

Season 2012, has seen the Willetton Junior Football Club experience one of its lowest points with the collapse of the Willetton Sports Club, but we have proven in true Blue's fashion, that nothing can knock us down, but only makes us stronger, and we finish season 2012 stronger than ever. As one of our famous past players (Rove McManus) said, in making a speech when accepting the Gold Logie award, "you throw me lemons and I will make you lemonade". So too has the Willetton Junior Football Club.

2012 has seen us experience a surge in numbers for Auskick, with families still registering half way into the season. This is all due to the organisation and enthusiasm of Terry Allan and his many helpers who get the kids on the field, week in week out. Not only are they the most enthusiastic but they are, without doubt, the best looking, with 4 new sets of jumpers thanks to our sponsors, Piccarilli Transport, Hammond Electrical and EIW Electrical Wholesalers.

Our Year 4's, 6's and 7's teams have represented the club well on and off the field with their exemplary attitudes towards the game and their peers. This is due to the professional coaching of Jeff Musumeci, Simon Munkelt and

Ean Murray and Paul Evans, along with their assistants and managers, who ensure all the players play the game in the spirit it, is intended.

All three of our youth teams, the 13's, 14's and 15's have reached the finals series for this year. This does not happen by accident or pure luck, but by sheer determination and a lot of hard work by the players, coaches, managers and supporters. These are the people that make the magic happen each and every week.

Many of our youth players have been selected to try out for the East Fremantle Development Squads. I would like to extend my thanks to the East Fremantle Development committee for giving these players the opportunity to achieve their best in their chosen sport and we look forward to watching them excel.

My thanks, as always must go to the committee who have worked tirelessly throughout the season making sure that every weekend runs smoothly. They really showed me their true worth on the weekend of the semi finals when we, very successfully, hosted the 2nd semi finals. Willetton Junior Football Club really showed the East Fremantle district how it should be done, with many of the other club Presidents

coming up and congratulating me on a fantastic set up, one of the best ever seen. To all the volunteers that helped on that weekend, thank you for making it possible.

My complete and utter admiration and appreciation must go to Toni Brown. Toni has been the club registrar for 7 years and has agreed to stay on for another year, to see us through for an even 8. Not only has Toni been the Registrar, she is also the person we rely on to get things done. Toni is the glue that keeps us all together.

As the proverb goes 'An army marches on its stomach', so too does the Willetton Junior Football Club and the many supporters that come to watch the games at Burrendah Reserve. Many thanks to Doug and Kerryn Homewood for maintaining our canteen and ensuring there is enough food and drinks to feed the 'army'.

Each week we take for granted the little things, like the line marking. Warren Male gets out there every week and marks the ground for our use. For those unaware, Warren had major surgery on his hip less than 12 months ago, and that did not deter him. Warren you are a 'True Blue' Willetton supporter, and for that I thank you.

The community that is Willetton Junior Football Club overwhelms me with their ongoing support. Many thanks to Pivac Engineering for their sponsorship, PowerPlay Sports, Paul and Karen Tucek, for the best looking scoreboard in the district.

The club support culminated this year with the annual band night in June, which left us all screaming for more into the wee small hours of the morning. Many thanks to Fab Scaramella and "The Gun Shy Romeoos" who left us all very hot and sweaty on the dance floor. Book your babysitters now for 2013.

We finish the season on the ultimate high, with one of our own home grown boys making his debut in the AFL. Congratulations to Jason Johanissen and his family for making the dream come true, when he debuted for the Western Bulldogs in round 19.

The season may be over, but it is only 6 short months before we do it all again and I can't wait to pull on the Guernsey for season 2013.

Remember to always
'Be Navy Blue'.

Glenn Hunter
President
Willetton Junior Football Club