



President's Report

Now in it's 16th year, our club has grown to 491 players in 26 teams plus Auskick. Thank you to everyone associated with the Magpies for helping deliver another record year.

This growth can be attributed to many things, but at it's core, it's thanks to the sport of Australian Rules Football that makes boys and girls of all ages, all skill levels and all shapes and sizes want to get involved. It is a wonderful game and the club loves facilitating an environment where children (& families) can find the best version of themselves through sport in a community club setting.

You gave what you could

Some people gave their time, others their expertise...or money... or positive support and encouragement. To all those that gave to be coaches, managers, committee members, sponsors, runners, water carriers, goal umpires, boundary umpires, bbq helpers, first aiders, ground managers, car pool drivers, banner makers, We thank you.

It's serious, but not that serious....

The mood and positive culture of the club is born from competent people taking their responsibilities very seriously... but not taking themselves or the club too seriously.

These volunteers never lost sight of the centre of our attention being the children (whether they play for us or the opposition)... and creating a great experience for them.

The club continued it's expansion of the following initiatives:

AFL 9's competition in the off season. 20 teams enjoying Monday night's at Kanebridge oval from October to December. Thanks Kerry O'Brien for coordinating.

Youth Girls football. In 2019 we will have teams in U11, U13, U15 & U18 before 2020 expanding to U10, U12, U14, U16 & U18.

Season launch events for all age groups. In March and April we hosted 10 separate events for 946 people to launch the season and present jumpers to every player from U9's to U18's.

New Presentation Day format. Our traditional presentation event at Kellyville Park made way for 5 separate events, with the juniors (Auskick to U12) filling the Rouse Hill High Gym and 4 separate evening events for the youth age groups. Over 1,200 people will have attended these events and helping the teams celebrate a wonderful 2018.

Sponsorship on playing jumpers, training t-shirts & hoodies as well as shelters and signage. Please support our wonderful sponsors. Thanks to Ray Congerton (sponsorship coordinator) for helping match the club's needs with generous and kind people and companies to fill all sponsorship positions. The players looked great and it is wonderful we can provide value for money by presenting players with this merchandise to keep.

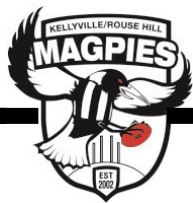
Merchandise online store complimented with sales at the ground. Thanks to the volunteers who helped sell our stock and ensure more black and white can be seen around the ground and neighborhood.

Fundraising through the supporting the canteen every week, the fortnightly meat raffle, the annual trivia night and by supporting the Fiddler through its loyalty program. Every raffle ticket purchased and sour strap sold helped fund the club.

Auskick going from strength to strength. We welcomed Adrian Sutton to the committee as VP Auskick and with 146 Auskickers running around every Sunday morning, the future looks strong.

Developing umpires. A great opportunity for children to challenge themselves and develop confidence and leadership. The game can't happen without you.

Finding a second ground to complement our access to Kanebridge Oval. Growth demands we find extra space for training (both pre-season and in-season) and game day. Over the next 1-2 years, we expect to find a permanent second home to ensure we can grow sustainably and provide an unrivalled playing experience for all players in all age groups.



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Special thank you to....

In particular I want to thank **Jo Stewart** (Registrar), **Steve Stewart** (Treasurer), **Chantelle Cameron** (Uniform & Merchandise), **Greg Thomas** (VP Football Operations), **Lisa Cummins** (Canteen Coordinator & Equipment Coordinator) & **Kerry O'Brien** (VP Club Operations) for their sustained hard work every week for 12 months and their good humour.

Thanks also to **Jon Goode** for being there every Sunday, all day, to help Kerry do whatever was required. Hosting over 1,000 people at our home ground every Sunday could only happen with people like you at the club.

Thanks to **Matt Mack from the AFL** who gives enormous support to the committee and the families. Serving the volunteer community demands patience, flexibility and a caring nature.... We are very lucky to have Matt on our side.

And of course, my **wonderful wife and children**. I'm very lucky that Anthea is as passionate (or maybe even more so...) about footy as I am, and pushed me to get involved so we might meet some nice people after moving to Sydney. **Thanks Anthea**, for making my time as president a wonderful double act. Couldn't have done it without you! And I thank my daughter's Chelsea and Olivia for their support and for jumping in to help. And Jackson for wanting to keep playing footy and allowing us to hang around great people as we supported our children running around each week.

We are grateful to have accidentally lived near this club and for it to have given us the opportunity to give back and contribute. To **Jon Goode and Darren Coxall** back in 2011 for manning the rego stand at Stanhope Gardens and stopping me to say hello and talk about the club... THANK YOU!!

Good luck to everyone in their summer pursuits and stay healthy as we look forward to you returning to play Aussie Rules at The Mighty Magpies in 2019.

Go Magpies.

