

PRESIDENT REPORT

The club is now in it's 17th year, and has grown to 505 players in 2019, with 345 in U9's to U18YG, and 135 Auskick & U8's. Another record year! What a season it has been: We kicked off the season with 9 x Jumper Presentations across two weeks in March held at our sponsor, The Fiddler, to present jumpers to every player from Under 9's to Under 18 Youth Girls. Our club submitted 24 teams in 2019 across two competitions in the Harbour and Western Sydney, from Under 9s through to Under 18 Youth Girls, 5 of these teams being Youth Girls, 15 of those teams playing in competitive age groups from Under 11s to Under 18 Youth Girls.

It was an incredible achievement to have 7 of our teams make the finals:

Finalist Under 11 West Div 1

Semi Finalist Youth Girls U11 Div 1

Runners Up Youth Girls U13 West Div 1, Youth Girls U15 West Div 2

Premiers Under 13 West Div 2 Under 14 West Div 2 Youth Girls U15 West Div 1.

We continue with our AFL 9's competition in the off season, with a huge thank you to Natalie Lonsdale for coordinating. We have secured a second ground in Balmoral Oval which is scheduled to commence in December 2019, and expected to be ready just after the start of the 2021 Season. We are looking forward to a ground that can accommodate our continued growth and provide a solid playing experience for all players in all age groups.

Our Fundraising efforts and Sponsorship continued to fund the club to provide value for our players and set us up to operate in the right direction and have funds available for the club to undertake some projects in future years. We have been blessed again this year with some very kindhearted people and businesses that enable us to provide our players with apparel (who all looked great again this season), and the equipment. We couldn't provide this experience without you. So let's get behind our wonderful sponsors who support our club with their generosity.

We rolled out a new Auskick program this year successfully, thank you to Adrian Sutton our Vice President of Auskick for facilitating this with our 7 coaches, their assistant coaches and managers across Auskick and Under 8's.

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A Special Shout Out Thank you to everyone associated with the Magpies. To our wonderful coaches & managers and their families that make it possible thank you for going above and beyond all year, and standing by and teaching our Values, FIRST - Fun Improve Respect Support Team. You are the rock of our families' and players' experience so thank you for your time, passion and care. Thank you also for our wonderful Officials and Volunteers that help out on game day.

To the committee, you have been invaluable to the success of our 2019 season. I have not seen such dedication and get it done attitude, with our players welfare and experience always front of mind. I am so proud to be associated with a genuine and focused group of individuals that jump in to help anyone that needs assistance to make our clubs operation possible. To give you some insight into the many hats our volunteers wear and into what goes on behind the scenes to make game day a success.

Kerry Jackson - Our Club Secretary, our Child Protection Coordinator and Manager of two teams, as well as our Ground Manager on (all of) game day and coordinator for our ERC/First Aid volunteers. Wearing a record number of hats this season.

Jo Stewart - Our Registrar looking after all the online enquiries and set up of the backend system, this is an outstanding effort for a club of our size. Responsible for Recruitment which has contributed to another record season.

Steve Stewart - Our Treasurer looking after all our financials for the club and management of our budget which is no small task, and much assistance to me throughout the year.

Adrian Sutton - Our Vice President of Auskick looks after the setup and running of our program, as well as liaising with the AFL, looks after the recruitment of our Auskickers, appointing coaches, managers and preparing and encouraging parent participation each Sunday, also welcoming and registering the players as they arrive.

Lisa Cummins - Our Equipment Coordinator, ensuring all equipment is ordered and teams are ready for the start of the season and pack up at the end of the season. Also our Canteen Coordinator ordering and stocking our canteen and setting it up each week ready for our famous rolls and sugar hit for the players post game. I wanted to make special mention to Jenet Chapman who is there with Lisa every Sunday morning to open up, and the fun job of cleaning the bathrooms then back to clean and pack up the canteen.

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Alex Hendry - As our Volunteer and Manager Coordinator you have organised all our teams each week to be placed in volunteering positions for our BBQ, Canteen and Ground Manager duties.

Scott Davis - As our Vice President of Club Operations you have added so much value already in your first year with the suggestions to changes in our committee structure and the management of our club operations and all things back of office.

Susan Davis - As our Communications Coordinator you have taken our social media to the next level, and learning new skills as you tackled the mammoth task of migrating our old website to our shiny new one. You have helped out on game day with merchandise sales, set up, and anything that is asked of you. You have assisted with on-boarding our Sponsors and keeping them informed throughout the season. It was great to see some of them (that do not have players in the club) supporting the teams they sponsor at Grand Final and participating in our Trivia Night. Not to mention coordinating and assisting Jo with our Year Book.

Daniel Singleton - Our Uniform and Merchandising Coordinator. You joined our club this year and volunteered your time before you even registered to take on the massive task of ordering uniforms, jumpers, training tops and all things merchandise for a club of 500+ and getting this all delivered in time for game day.

Craig Town - Where do I start, you are setting up the ground with your Son Ryan from 6am every Sunday, covering ground manager duties until we finish sometimes at 8pm and 9pm if we play on Friday nights. You also ensure we are set ready for game day ready to sound the siren. I want to thank in particular some retiring club people who have given so much, for so many years.

Fiona McGovern who is our Vice President of Community Operations this season, you have given so much to our club over the the last 10 years. Thank you for your invaluable knowledge of all the things at the Magpies with your experience as a past president. This has helped me transition in seamlessly this season.

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To Greg Thomas, aka Thommo, our Vice President of Football Operations who has not only facilitated the huge job this role is but also coached this season. While you will be around the club next season (hopefully) coaching and being my soundboard, we open your position on the committee for the first time in too many years for anyone current to remember (17 years). A massive thank you for your patience. I feel I have learnt so much in such a short amount of time about all things football operations. Your approach, experience and knowledge of football is outstanding and we can continue to learn from you. Your passion and dedication is a huge reason for our club's growth and culture.

To Paul and Tania Eastman your coffees you provide our families in the cold mornings are perfect!

Matt Mack from the AFL we are lucky to have such a dedicated partner to work with and assist with the development of our club and our players. Your support and your teams support to our committee and our club is invaluable.

Lastly but most importantly to my Husband Jason, Daughter Olivia and Son Oscar for their support which has been important as my volunteering commitments consume many hours and nights during the week and all day Sundays, and for their assistance each game day to assist with ground setup, the list goes on....

Thank you for living Our Values FIRST - Fun Improve Respect Support Team We look forward to seeing you all return to The Magpies in 2020. Go Magpies!

