

THE ROOS NEWS

JULY 2016

President's Report

I have the greatest pleasure in reporting an enormously successful start to the season for the Mundaring Football Club. This success, is a reflection of the pride and commitment to our game and club shown by every player, volunteer and sponsor.

The season started with a few fresh faces taking senior roles within the committee and around the club itself. Dylan O'loghlen has stepped up into the role of Vice-President, Phil Geary has come on board as the new treasurer, Mathew Elkington has taken on the new position of registrar, and of course, the ever reliable Sue Cowton is back for another year of tireless work as our secretary. With Adam A'Vard returning to coach the team, I think it's safe to say, the stewardship of our club is in terrific hands.

This year we have set up a new sponsorship sub-committee headed by Kieron Lipman. Our sponsorship team has taken up the challenge and branched out to establish relationships with sponsors that I am confident will form the basis of mutually beneficial partnerships well into the future. A big 'thankyou' to all of our returning sponsors as well as the new ones. I ask that if you find yourself in a position to engage the services of any of these businesses that you do so. Without their support, the development of our club would not be possible. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome on board our platinum sponsors in particular: Inn Mahogany Creek, Blake Digital, and Cellarbrations at Mundaring.

In other off-field news, we have moved into the 21st century and have a brand new, custom designed website developed by our new platinum sponsors at Blake Digital. The website will allow everyone to keep up to date with games, club history, photos and of course any upcoming events the club is going to host through-out the year. We also still have our Facebook page (Mundaring Football Club Inc) which is another easy way for everyone to keep up with happenings about the club.

With many new faces down at the club, it's an exciting time and I am confident the club is poised for success. It may not happen overnight but the foundations are very much there. Thank you, and I hope to see many of you down at the oval over the remaining weeks of the season to cheer the boys on.



Maitland Bol President

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Coach's Report

As we hit the half way mark of the 2016 season it's a good time to reflect on our progress for the year so far. On face value, the Win/Loss record (at two and five at the time of writing) would seem somewhat unsuccessful however that's certainly not the reality.

As we ran out to play our first game for the year, we had fourteen new players from the year previous, ten of which played their first games for the club. As we headed into our eighth game of the season we will have played eighteen new players on the year previous... thirty seven players in total for the season. We have seen great improvement as the group begin to understand how one another play and begin to develop the chemistry required to implement a successful game plan - certainly plenty of upside for the future.

When we look at our results out of the initial seven games, we had two very strong wins against Bullsbrook where some of the new players really began to find confidence with Devin Borstel, Jamie Archer, Matt Pittaway, Dave Ryan and James Coldicutt finding themselves in the awards. When you add in the two youngest members of the group in Braeden Hilgert and Connor Musto, as seventeen year olds their courage and willingness to learn has had great impact on the rest of the team. This combined with the efforts of our experienced players led by our vice captain, Tyson Hamling along with James Hartley, Dave Smith, Kieron Lipman, Tom Greig, Mat Elkington and Dylan O'Loghlen, the right mix of experience and enthusiasm is within grasp.



We have had honourable performances against Pickering Brook and Mt Helena both games of which we should have won. Needless to say both games have provided great learning opportunities for the team and we certainly will enter the return fixtures against both teams confident of coming away with the four points.

Safe to say we have been somewhat off the mark when playing the top three from last year. Whilst we battled hard against all of them for parts of the game, the lack of a full four quarter effort has really let the team down.

As we head into the second half of the year, I along with the assistant coaches, Paul Della Bona, Maitland Bol and Tom Raftis, see a great opportunity to continue the momentum and push hard for a finals berth.

The injection of our captain, Tom Cowton and a stabilisation of our team for the run home certainly sets us up for success. That combined with the growth of our young, up and coming players, the continued performance of our seasoned campaigners and the overall enthusiasm of our group, the future is bright for the Roos.

**Adam A'Vard
Coach**



2016 Season Launch

On April 2nd, we had our official Season Launch. The Season launch is a new event on the Mundaring Football Club calendar for this year and it was certainly a raging success that we aim to continue into the future.

In the green, outdoor surrounds of the Inn Mahogany Creek, over 60 people attended. Maitland outlined the club's off-field development whilst returning coach, Adam gave his impressions of the pre-season effort and the prospects for the upcoming season. The leadership group was also announced with Tom Cowton ascending to the position of captain for the new season.

A thoroughly enjoyable night with players, partners, sponsors and members – both old and new - all enjoying a relaxed and pleasant night.



The Year was 2008

For our first newsletter edition, we revisit the club's most recent premiership through the eyes of life member and a member of the team that day, Chris Thomas.

"The Year was 2008. The date was 14th September. The venue was Chidlow Oval and at around 4.30pm, the feeling was nothing short of euphoric and quite indescribable. This is a short account of the 2008 Hills Football Association Grand Final as told from my memory of that day. Which could be a little hazy considering the celebrations, and years that have followed.

We went into the game as favourites after giving Gidge a touchup in the second semi. With the likes of Association Champion, Seppa (Joseph Cowton) in the team and myself being the beneficiary of the team's hard work in being named Association leading goalscorer, it would have been well tipped that we would cruise home in the final. But Grand Finals are there to be won by the team that wants it the most and as we found out on the day, Gidge came to play... as they always do in finals.

The game started at a cracking pace with both sides trying to assert their authority on the game but neither side being able to create any decent lead on the score board.

In a low scoring first quarter, Gidge managed only a 4 point lead with the aid of a breeze. Mundaring hit back in the second quarter using the wing to go into the long break with the narrowest of leads. This boosted the boys' confidence levels. In the change rooms all the old clichés were being thrown around. "Third quarters are the premiership quarters"; "You just have to want it more boys" and the old "Win the small battles, win the game".

What we didn't expect was what Gidge came out with after half time. The third quarter was one for the ages which saw just 1 goal to each team and a titanic struggle all over the park. Gidge had the ball locked in their half for most of the quarter and as a result kicked 1 goal 4 to Mundaring's 1 goal 2 to take a 1 point lead of their own into the final term. At this point Seppa who had toiled hard all day but was being well held was asked to dig deeper. I'd also been well held and hadn't troubled the scorers to this stage. It was going to require a full effort to get across the line and cash in on our dominant season to date.



Enter one Thomas Cowton weighing in at around 53kg (dripping wet). Early into the last quarter, Tank (as we like to call him) lined up a player, probably 1½ times his weight and laid him out on the wing right in front of the majority of the spectators... "PLAY ON" was the call and play on we did. The ball made its way into the forward line and was toe poked through by Christo to get the Roos back in front! Football is a game so reliant on momentum and it seemed that Tank's hit was the tipping point because from that point on, we were UNSTOPPABLE. Zac Altman kicked a monster from outside 50 as he ran down the club house wing. Tank chipped in along with another I was able to muster and this run of play heralded Mundaring a 5 goal to none last quarter to claim the flag.

Captain, Aaron Pitt and coach, Adam Avard were presented with the flag and the rest all gets a little hazy from there. Best on ground (aka the 'Norm Smith') went to Zac Altman with other best players being defender, Brendon Johnston and midfielder, Braeden Dent. Mundaring Football Club celebrated well in the wee hours and continued it well into the next day.

WE WANTED IT MORE!!!!

FINAL SCORE: MUNDARING 10.9.69 TO GIDGEGANNUP 5.8.38



BULLETIN BOARD

NEW CLUB WEBSITE

The Mundaring Football Club are excited to announce the unveiling of our brand new, custom designed website.

The website enables all players, sponsors and supporters (both past and present) to keep up with the club's results, fixtures, events and history. It is something we are very proud to bring you and we need to put in a huge thankyou to our platinum sponsors, Blake Digital, who have made things possible. Adam Blake and his team, led by the hard working Simone Brescacin have put in countless hours in tweaking the format to bring us a fantastic result. Thanks so much guys.

Check out the website at:
www.mundaringfc.com.au



MEMBERSHIP CARDS

In 2016, the Mundaring Football Club has established a new club membership package. For only \$10 for the year, members receive their own club card, free entry to all home games as well as the club newsletters... everything you need to stay engaged with your club. As an added bonus, our gold sponsors, JB Butchers in Glen Forrest are offering 10% off the price of all purchases made in their store for the rest of 2016. Simply show your card to get your discount!

Please help spread the word to any past players or supporters you keep in contact with. We are particularly keen to re-engage with our life members as they are entitled to a membership package for no charge as a result of their life membership.

Membership forms can be downloaded from our website:
www.mundaringfc.com.au or by emailing the club at
membership@mundaringfc.com.au



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