

THE ROOS NEWS

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President's Report

Well the 2016 season has been and gone and what an eventful season it has been...

Early on in the season, results on the field weren't quite going to plan, however in true Roos fashion, the team responded to the challenge in the second half of the year and came thundering home to make the finals. Our first finals appearance since 2013 didn't quite go to script, but hey, making it into the four will hopefully give the boys the belief and knowledge that they can achieve anything in the coming years if they put their minds to it.

Being the final newsletter of the year, I'd like to use my presidents report to mainly thank those that have helped make the year the success it has been. Firstly, I would like to thank not only the new players to our club, but also all of the returning players as well. A healthy mix of fresh blood and experienced heads within the playing group as we have had this season helps a club to develop into the future. I feel we've been very fortunate to have an almost perfect mix in this regard in 2016.

“ A big thankyou must also go to the players' partners, families and friends for coming along to support them at games. It's this sort of spirit that makes me proud to know that our club is headed in the right direction off the field as much as we are on it. ”

Speaking of 'off-field', it has been a good year for the club behind the scenes with the sponsorship team securing some key sponsors to whom we are very grateful for partnering with us. I hope that all club members are getting around to support these businesses who have helped us over the past 12 months and I hope these new relationships can continue to be developed for many years to come.

In addition to the players and sponsors, thanks also to our volunteers and in particular, the committee. Your help has been invaluable and I know it can be tough towards the back end of the season. Even towards the end we still had everyone putting their hands up to help in any way they could... which shows a lot for the character of people we have here at Mundaring.

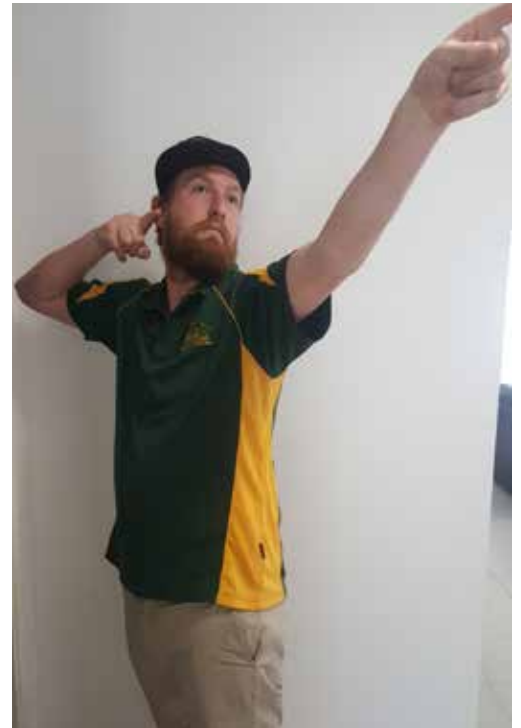
A few more thanks in no particular order to Bill whom did our goal umpiring all year, and also Rohenie our physio who were both always there come rain hail or shine throughout the season to offer their expertise... and in Bill's case, to also share a few wise words to our forward line when they weren't quite functioning how he liked.

Going forward, we look to build on everything we worked hard on throughout this past year... the goal being to secure not only the financial security of the club, but also aiming for the football pinnacle, a premiership.

Before finishing up I just wish to remind you all of how good my Western Bulldogs went in the finals and finishing their premiership drought. I hope to see all members back next year and bringing many more with you. Thank you.



Maitland Bol
Outgoing President



Coach's Report

The 2016 season has been run and won and it is time now to reflect on just how far we came as a team and club.

Over the course of the year we had fourteen new players to the club and forty two pull on the Mundaring jumper. With so many new faces, we had an inconsistent first half of the season. Whilst we showed glimpses during some games, we were soundly beaten in several others.

The second half of the year however brought a great deal of improvement as the team began to gel and form an understanding of the way each member played. Winning four of our last five games to sneak into the finals was a great result and a testament to how far we had come. **There were two standout games in particular and both came in this back end of the season. In round 13 we took on and smashed Chidlow, a team we had not beaten in six seasons! This was certainly a game where we saw the full potential of the Roos come to fruition over a full four quarters as we led all day to beat the second placed team by six goals. The second standout match was a must win game away against Pickering Brook in round 9.** On a day where we had some big names out, it was up to a combination of the old and the new to get us across the line. None of it was pretty on a wet and blustery day, however that effort showed all who took the field that day that if you never give up and take your chances, good things do happen. These two wins went a long way to ensuring we played finals and although we did not have the best result in the first semi, it certainly showed the boys that if they keep working hard to improve we can and will achieve as a team.

When you look at the total performance for the year: seven wins and a fourth placed finish was a marked improvement on the year prior where we struggled for numbers and registered only the one solitary win.

2016 Club Awards

September 17th saw the club celebrate our annual Awards dinner night, a fantastic evening attended by a bumper gathering of over 70 people. Players (past and present), sponsors, their partners and families, all dressed to the 9's and in the mood to celebrate, joined together to pay due recognition to our best players and supporters for season 2016.

Award Winners

Fairest & Best: Tyson Hamling	Most Consistent: Tom Cowton	Best First Year: Devin Borstel	'Mundaring Community Bank' Clubman of the Year: Alex Outred
Runner Up: Joseph Cowton	Leading Goalkicker: Tyson Hamling	Most Improved: Matthew Pittaway	
Best Utility: James Hartley	Best Backman: Dave Smith	Coach's Award: Dave Ryan	

A great night was had by all and we thank our platinum sponsors, Inn Mahogany Creek once again for putting on a great venue and feed.



Award Winners: Dave Ryan, Tom Cowton, Tyson Hamling, Joseph Cowton, James Hartley, Devin Borstel, Matt Pittaway

My congratulations go out to Sue Cowton and James Hartley who were both awarded Life Membership this year. Well done on your achievements and thank you for your service to the club.

Well done and thank you also to our leadership group for the year. Captain, Tom Cowton and vice-captain, Tyson Hamling not only performed well on the field but also helped to guide a new group to achieve their potential. They were ably supported by Kieron Lipman, James Hartley, Dylan O'Loughlen and Matthew Elkington to round out the leadership group and I commend you all for your leadership efforts this year. Thanks also to the assistant coaches: Paul Della Bona, Maitland Bol and Tom Raftis. Your support and efforts throughout the year were fantastic. I feel we all worked very well together and certainly got a lot out of this new side.

In addition, thank you also to the committee for your support, and the level of professionalism we have reached. These improvements keep us in good shape to continue to grow as a club. Final thanks go to all the volunteers who helped out over the year.. from Bill in the Goals, Lochie and Kade on the boundary, Alex in managing the side and to Jess and Lauren for running the canteen. Without your support over the year we would not have been able to take the field.

With some fantastic young and new players joining the Club this year it certainly sets us up for the future. A few additions and hard work from the existing players during the pre-season and there is no reason why we can't continue to improve and be even more competitive in 2017.

See you all next year!

**Adam A'Vard
Coach**



Where are they Now? - Mick Italiano

Mick Italiano was a skilful user of the football and played many years as a rock solid defender for Mundaring throughout the 90s to the mid 2000's. In 2002, he won best on ground award in our tight premiership win over arch rivals Gidgegannup, earning himself the nickname of 'Norm' (ie: Norm Smith medal) for the rest of his career. Mick retired from Mundaring as a life member after playing in the 2005 grand final against Swan Valley.

What are you doing these days (life, family, etc) Mick?

Happily married to Rachele living in Yokine with 6 kids, and working as Sales Manager for Direct Brands. I also coach my son's team, Coolbinia Year 9.

How did you originally come to pick Mundaring as your club?

I came through the Mundaring Junior Football Club from under 12s through to Colts and then Seniors.

Could you describe what you miss most about playing football?

What I miss most about playing football is celebrating a good win with your team mates especially when you know you've played well and contributed in getting the side over the line. A close second is compulsory drinks on Thursday nights and of course, the footy trips.

What are your fondest memories of your playing days at Mundaring?

Fondest memories are playing in 2 winning flags. The first was in the club's reserves side in 1990 as a 19 yr old. We came from 5th spot on the ladder to win the flag and didn't hit the front until the final 20 seconds with yours truly kicking his 6th! The other fond memory was in 2002 after starting the season with only 3 wins and 4 losses, we won the next 11 straight. Our next loss was in the 2nd semi final by 2 points in what was the most physical game I have ever played in. From that point, I knew we would win the flag and we did by 3pts in an absolute thriller.

Life Members

SUSAN COWTON

Sue Cowton was awarded life membership this year in recognition of her many years of dedicated service to the club. Sue has been a committee member of Mundaring FC since 2002 and has been a driving force in many social, fundraising and structural matters of the club over the past 14 seasons.

Congratulations Sue. Mundaring Football Club are eternally grateful for your efforts.



It's in the genes. Sue with her sons, Tom and Joseph at the club's recent awards night.



Who of your former teammates do you still keep in touch with?

Army (Ben Armstrong), Ben Shortis, Dave Willock, Phil Catton, Pat Sullivan, Brett Dwyer & Chris Thomas. I'm always bumping into other past players and try to get to at least 1 game a year!

Any words of advice for the current crop of Roos?

“ With Mundaring getting a taste of finals this year, a great coach in Adam Avard and a strong committee with good people behind the scenes, success and more flags are just around the corner! ”

Do you have any stories or photos harking back to past Roos glories? If so, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact the club at info@mundaringfc.com.au and share your memories.

JAMES HARTLEY

It had been some 14 years in the making but in round 17 against Mt Helena, James Hartley played his 150th game for Mundaring and in the process, gained the honour of becoming a life member of our club.

Congratulations 'Shaggy' on a wonderful milestone!



James Hartley being chaired from the ground after our important win against Mt Helena in round 17.

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MEMBERS CALL TO ARMS

The Mundaring Football Club is making a concerted effort to reconnect with our past players, particularly our life members.

If you do keep in contact with any former teammates or supporters of our club that aren't current members, we want to hear from you.

Contact the club at info@mundaringfc.com.au or write to us at PO Box 167, Mundaring WA 6073.

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