

SOUTH COOGEE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

“Oh when the Saints...”

ANNUAL REPORT 2019



Established 1972

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Here is the 2019 Annual Report for South Coogee Junior Football Club Inc.

2019 was another year focused on improvement in administration and operations of the club. The hard work of a few people resulted in the club constitution being rewritten to comply with the 2015 Associations Act, this was no small task and was a three-year journey which I am proud to say I was a key part.

In 2019, the club purchased new interchange shelters to replace the smaller shelters that we old and no longer fit for purpose. A new quad bike was purchased to assist with setting up and packing up, the original bike was well used but beyond economical repair. The club negotiated a five-year warranty to ensure the significant investment was protected for the future. These major purchases will benefit current members and those of the future.

To assist in providing high quality equipment fundraising is key to the club. This year we held a Bogan Bingo night which was successful in raising funds for the club and a great social event away from football. I would like to thank Steph Ruocchio for all the hard work she put in to make it a fantastic night.

With a continued focus on improving the culture of the club both on and off field the introduction of the club bullying policy was another step in the right direction towards family club culture. Having documented policies and procedures ensures high standards will be maintained regardless of who is managing the club.

Taking on the feedback from the 2018 communications survey a monthly newsletter was introduced to improve club communications along with an increased use of the club Facebook page and the SportsTG communication emails.

The club took on board feedback about the gala night and modified the format this year with a more interactive cocktail event. Initial feedback was that this was a good event and the committee saved significant funds when compared to previous years.

The club maintained its numbers across all age groups with extremely strong numbers in the lower age groups providing excellent sustainability for the future. The club grew the All-Female teams with the addition of Y9-11 girls team competition. With continued dedication to this competition we plan to add to our existing two teams in 2020.

The club had another great year on field with a premiership flag and two runner-up flags, the strong focus in developing coaches in 2019 played a significant factor in this success. The club engaged further with Winning Edge Academy this season to develop our coaches. This should not be a one-off engagement and to achieve real benefits over several seasons will require an ongoing focus on coach development. Continued development of players in younger age groups through positive connected coaches will lead to future success. South Coogee continued to provide South Fremantle with Colts players and development academy players this season.

The club continued in 2019 in adhering to its Guiding Principles:

1. A Safe and Positive Environment
2. Maximising Participation
3. Community Engagement
4. Developing Talent Pathways
5. High Quality Facilities and Equipment

A huge thanks to all the volunteers that help make the South Coogee JFC operate, thank you to the committee for all their hard work resulting in a fantastic season. On behalf of the committee, I present this Annual Report, providing a record of the performance of the club for the 2019 season, as well as recommendations for the future.

Brad Mazzuchelli
President



Guiding Principle1 – A safe and positive environment

Providing a safe and positive environment promotes an image to the community that South Coogee JFC is the No.1 place for children to play & enjoy football in the western corridor of the South Fremantle District. The club received positive feedback from the WAFC on the game day environment at Santich Park which was great to hear.

The club continued to maintain our 'Working With Children Check' register, recording all WWC Checks of those required to hold a WWC card.

With a continued focus on improving the culture of the club both on and off field the introduction of the club bullying policy was another step in the right direction in providing a safe and positive environment for kids playing sport.

As part of the Coach.AFL learning modules for season 2020 all coaches completed a module on respectful relationships focusing on women in football and inclusion.

This season the club engaged 'Outside The Locker Room' to talk to the youth players about teenage depression and mental health awareness. There was also a session on leadership & culture.

At the club open day, prior to the season start we had information on becoming an Umpire to continue to improve our relationship with umpires. This also will encourage SCJFC players to consider the umpiring pathway during their time in junior football.

We continued to train our new first aid volunteers with Senior First Aid to ensure each team has the adequate support during games.



Recommendations

- Continued training of first aid volunteers with consideration of sports strapping volunteers to be engaged for the Y10 – Y12 groups, most likely via university volunteers.
- Expand on the OTLR youth player education sessions next season to teach kids more than just footy skills.
- Improving volunteer engagement at the club needs work, educating parents on volunteering so the kids can play.
- Continued communication on what is acceptable from spectators in promoting a positive game day environment
- Complete the components to apply for Gold Level Quality Club



Guiding Principle 2 – Maximising Participation

Increasing our Auskick numbers in 2019 was a goal so the club can ensure sufficient player numbers to maintain viable teams in all age groups for future years to come.

The continued hard work of Darren Shepley as Auskick Coordinator / Registrar and the team of Auskick volunteers made the Auskick 2019 season fun and exciting for all. Auskick 2.0 was embraced completely in 2019 with the new format on Sundays of new style training activities with the traditional games minus the roped off zones. Auskick fees were reduced to attract more young kids to the club. This was a success as we increased our Auskick numbers from 125 in 2018 to 150 this year.



Our modified teams were well managed by our Vice President Darren Shepley with Tracey Trichet & Jo Mazzuchelli sharing the Modified Rules Registrar role again. All year groups had very healthy numbers.

The club managed to maintain 3 teams in Y4 competitions and 2 teams in the Y3, Y5 & Y6 competitions. The quality of the coaches and team managers was excellent, with zero E points not awarded for the season in these age groups. Coaching for development and player retention was encouraged and embraced by all modified coaches. All team managers assisted in promoting a positive game day environment.

The number of youth teams continue to grow year on year under the management of Vice President Darren Shepley supported by Kylie David & Leah Arndt as youth registrars.

Year 7 – Both our Y7 teams participated in the very competitive Year 7 West division, with both teams showing significant development through the season. With two derbies finishing in with one win each showed the balance is right. The White team coached by DJ Young and managed by Bek Burns had a tough start but improved through the year to finish 6th on the ladder. Coach Garry Bickley with management help from Joni Gephart & Paige Sweeney had the Blue team finish 2nd on the ladder. They entered the grand final directly with a win in the second semi-final over Bibra Lake who they met again in the grand final. Bibra Lake played hard contested football and our boys had to settle for the runner up flag. Well done to the Y7 blue team.

Y7/8 Girls – The Y7/8 Girls team coached by Nathan Gallagher and managed by Sharon Parr had a great year competing in the blue division. Losing only one game through the season meant they finished minor premiers and proceeded directly to the Grand Final with a victory in the second Semi Final. They met a very talented Willetton team in the Grand Final and on the day, they had to settle for the runner up flag, well done girls.

Year 8 – Our Y8 team competed in the Fremantle conference Blue division coached by Josh Seldon and managed by Ange Radanovich. The team developed through the year and had a competitive season finishing 6th in a very strong competition. The boys seemed to play better on their home ground at Santich Park and had some great wins in close games. Josh developed a large group of boys in Y8 which will be great for the future.

Year 9 – Both our Y9 teams played in the Fremantle Conference White division, they played in two derbies with one win each, including the round 6 contest that was a great arm wrestle in the rain. Our White team coached by Craig McNaughton and managed by Michelle Zuvela had a year of development which resulted in making finals, unfortunately the year ended in the first semifinal against Mundijong. The Red team coached by Reno Bellini and managed by Mel Black also had a strong year with some very good football and missed out on the finals by only 3 premiership points. Well done on a great season to our Y9 group.

Y9/11 Girls – Our inaugural Girls team coached by Beau McCormack and managed by Tanya Arnoldi came together with some girls from the 2018 Y7/8 team and a lot of new girls. They continued to get better as a team as the season progressed and managed to make it into the finals. They met Fremantle in the first semi final and progressed to the Preliminary final where they defeated Attadale and took on Mundijong in the Grand Final. Our girls were too good for Centrals and brought home a premiership flag to the club. Well done girls, an amazing team effort.



Year10 – Our Y10 White played in the Fremantle Conference Blue division and were coached by Clint Bloomfield with management from Gary Matier. They were competitive and managed to defeat all other teams at one stage in the season. The Red team coached by Glen Nicholson and managed by Racheal Martin competed in the Red division and had a much more challenging season against much more varied opponents. They were competitive against most teams for periods of games, the highlight of the season was the victory against Jandakot. Well done to the Y10 group in a challenging season.

Year 11/12 – Our inaugural Y11/12 team was coached by Laurie Quintiliani and managed by Julia Seldon. The team was mainly Y12 players with a handful of Y11 boys, with a different group from previous years it took some time for the boys to gel. They developed through the season and played finals but unfortunately lost in week one to the eventual premiers Winnacott. Well done to all the boys on a great year representing the club at the highest level of junior football in the Fremantle conference.

Registration numbers over the past three years.

	PP	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Total
2019	46	57	57	42	60	38	42	47	37	63	50	7	21	567
2018	39	37	44	59	43	43	63	60	47	51	24	28	27	565
2017	35	52	40	39	44	57	53	42	48	25	27	30	26	527

There were many milestones achieved this season, highlighting the fact that South Coogee has had a success in attracting players and retaining them for many years.

50 Games

Ky Earney

Jack Oreb

Luke Pearson

Caelan Beck

Mathew Johnson

Kane Lamothe

Chase Findaly

Noah O'Hehir

Bryce Vost

Dylan Freight

Emerik Klobas

Zane Larner

Caleb Cutri

Thomas Zaharopoulos

Jedd Byrne

Lincoln Carradus

Cameron Skroza

Christian Coelho

Crystal D'Amato

Jethro Geddes

Beau Walker

Shay McKenna

Blayd McMillan

Ben Muir

Trent Nardi

Max Orzanski

Monique Correia

Corey Salvador

Seth Donchi

Daneah Blackley

Jorja Arndt

Ashton Nicholson

Ethan Marangoni

Jacobie Sutherland

100 Games

Jay David

Copper Arndt

Darcy Black

Oskar O'Neill

Brady Mazzuchelli

Chris Collica

Brennan Berardis

Jack Brookes

Nicholas De Bari

Declan Martin

Tomas Reilly

Jordan Crudeli

James De Boni

Ryan Parr

Dylan Novak

Cy Andrews

Joel Baskeville

Daniel Mirco

John Tamariki

Cooper Coventry

Ethan Wakeling

130 Games (Playing Life Members)

Isaiah Cabrita

Kyle Shepley

Jake Mincherton

Marlon David

Recommendations

- It is recommended that the promotion of the All-Girls competition continues with the club aiming for a Y3/4. Y5/6, Y7/8 and two Y9/10 girl's teams for season 2020.
- Focus on skills development in the Y3-Y6 groups over game structure
- Need to develop a team allocation policy to manage the number of players in teams and number of teams
- Managing training space will need tighter management



Guiding Principle 3 – Community Engagement

This season the club has continued key partnerships between the footy club and the local community.

1. City of Cockburn

An excellent relationship between the club and Council has been maintained with open communication channels. Special mention needs to be made of the work of Nathan Johnston at City of Cockburn who has made the relationship work so efficiently. The introduction of a recycling bin at Santich Park, addition of key lock box and modified oval lighting control are all improvements from working closer with the city.



2. Cockburn Little Athletics Club

The club continued to collaborate with Cockburn Little Athletics, an agreement was met with the sharing of canteen equipment which will mean maintenance and replacement costs will be shared moving forward. Ongoing engagement will be need to ensure both tenants gain from the Santich Park Redevelopment projects over the next 6 years.



3. Cockburn Amateur Football Clubs



In 2019 we had several Y11/12 players represent Cockburn Lakes Warriors in the colts team and one at Cockburn Cobras. These relationships need to be continued and further developed, this will benefit SCJFC players in creating pathways for a smoother transition to football opportunities beyond junior football.



4. Sponsors –

The club sponsorship continued to create value for the club and with added promotion of our sponsors, the club gave something back to our valued sponsors. Looking after our sponsor is important for longer term relationships.

Jumper Sponsors

Western Fleet Services



Finbar

iKad Engineering



ATOP Beeliar

Sicuso Dance Studio

Prime Civil

Regis



Formula Tech Performance

Silver Sponsors

Beyond Bank

Club Supporter Sponsors

Armando Sports

Game Day Guardian



Recommendations

- Engaging with the Cockburn council to provide support for community events such as cleaning up at the Coogee beach events to raise the SCJFC community profile.
- The relationship with Santich Park co-tenant Cockburn Little Athletics needs continued work for mutual benefits.
- Forming relationships with local amateur football clubs is key to making sure kids play football for as long as possible. Cockburn Lakes Warriors & Cockburn Cobras are two key clubs in our region.



Guiding Principle 4 – Developing talent pathways

South Coogee Junior Football Club continued to produce talented footballers at all levels, both past and present.

South Fremantle League and Reserves teams

- Several former SCJFC players continued to fill the ranks of the South Fremantle League and Reserves teams this year including from the 2017 Year 12 team, Matt Ward playing in the WAFL league grand final.

Colts level

- Current SCJFC players, Adam Corriea, Malachi Walley, Jaxon Bellchambers, and Robbie Woods all played games for South Fremantle Colts this season all performing extremely well, along with many past players

District Level

- Tyson Kelly was invited to the District Awards night this year as a high-ranking Year 9 player in the Fairest and Best Awards. Tyson finished 4th in the vote count. Well done on your first season back at football in 5 years

- Pippa Sideris was also invited to the District Awards night this season due to her performance in Year 9-11 Red competition player in the Fairest and Best Awards. Pippa had an amazing first year in football finishing 4th in the district Fairest & Best.

- Zac Smith was invited to the District Awards night for his great season in the Y10 Blue division. Zac had a very consistent year and was rewarded by the umpires and took out the award for Fairest & Best in the Fremantle Conference.



Zac Smith with Clint Bloomfield (coach)

- From our year 11/12 team, Brayden Strandly was invited to the District Awards night this year as part of the top players in the Fremantle Conference Fairest and Best Awards. Brayden finished 1 vote short of a three-way tie in fourth for the Fremantle Conference.

South Coogee continued to develop our coaches this season with Winning Edge Academy and working with the district closely. At the South Fremantle District Presentation Night our year 7 Blue coach, Garry Bickley was awarded “District Youth Coach of the Year”. This was acknowledgement for Garry’s work in developing his team and for his outstanding game day environment throughout the season.



Garry Bickley – Y7 Blue Coach



Guiding Principle 5 – High Quality Facilities and Equipment

The focus of equipment and facilities spending in 2019 was around ensuring all coaches had the equipment required to effectively and safely train their players. Coach development was a focus for 2019 along with renewing ageing assets and refreshing equipment. Investing in assets that will improve the player and coach experience will lead to a better club for all.

Strategies included:

1. Winning Edge was engaged to further develop our coaches and in turn our players.
2. The Player interchange shelters were replaced and were welcomed by players and coaches on the rainy days during the season.
3. Many new footballs and coaching aids were purchased for all teams, this included high quality training and game balls for each team.
4. Including the sponsored jumpers, the club purchased 11 sets of team jumpers to ensure our players represented the club proudly.
5. The Quad bike was replaced as it had reached the end of its useful life.
6. Ground marking was out sourced to Allsports Linemarking which ensured we had high quality lines on both our ovals and this was not a time burden on club volunteers.

Our fantastic Canteen, managed by Roxanne Evans with assistance from Patricia Shepley was acknowledged by the South Fremantle District as the best canteen in the district with a trophy at the annual awards night.



Recommendations

- It is recommended a continued engagement with Winning Edge for coaching development.
- The Whiteboard in the home change room needs replacement, this should be budgeted for 2020.
- The acquisition of grip training ball would assist in the kicking development of the Y3-6 players and this should also be budgeted for next season.
- Addition of bump bags to each youth team's training equipment to increase the number of drills with contact
- The Club room should display the premiership flags and look to replace and add to the photos of those former South Coogee players that joined AFL teams. This will need approval from the city of Cockburn



2019 Life Members

In 2019 South Coogee Junior Football Club added three new life members to the honour role of those who have contributed significantly to the development of the club over many years. Darren Shepley, Laurie Quintiliani and Beau McCormack were presented their life membership pins at the 2019 Gala night. Below is a summary of how these gentlemen have contributed to the club.

Darren Shepley first stepped up to coach an Auskick side in 2007 and kept on developing them through to Y6. In 2014 he moved into the Team Manager role for 3 years and then 2016 he added in the Auskick Coordinator role to focus on the future of the club and help where it all starts.

In his role as Auskick Coordinator Darren identified the need for a girls' team and he started our Guardian Angles in 2017, later moving into an official role of Club All Female Coordinator in 2018 and helping the club get the inaugural girls team off the ground last season while also taking on the Junior Vice President role.

In 2019, continuing to develop the Auskick and All Girls programs at our club he stepped up into the role of Vice President.

Starting out as a coach in 2000 for Laurie Quintiliani guided a group for 6 years until the teams merged in Y11 where he became assistant coach alongside Arthur Maskos to help the combined team win a premiership in 2006 and was also assistant coach the following year. He recommenced in the role of coach in 2014, in the first three seasons the boys won a total of 7 games but he never lost sight of ensuring his players enjoyed football and they all returned the following seasons. In 2017 he took the then Y10 team to finish minor premiers and on to the grand final, the following year they also finished as minor premiers. In 2019 as coach of the inaugural Y11/12 team he took them to the finals yet again.

Adding to the role of coach, he was a major sponsor in 2015 funding the purchase the club quad bike and trailer and the Y11 joint jumper sponsor in 2018, playing a large part in getting the current lights at Santich Park.

Beau McCormack started as a coach at South Coogee in 2006. In his second year, as Auskick coach he had to coach both Auskick teams in the age group, around 34 kids.

Beau is a coach who is always looking to improve his knowledge of the game and pass it onto players, whether it be his team or others who want to listen. He assists and mentors other coaches at South Coogee and loves nothing more than passing on information, drills or advice.

A South Fremantle Academy Development coach for four years, he wanted nothing else but to see the success of South Coogee boys & girls at the highest level possible.

In the year that the club was having the canteen modified, he arranged for a canteen caravan to be used by the club at no charge. All costs to get the caravan to and from the ground, semi-trailer and crane, were taken up by his employer at the time.

The team he coached was successful and this is not only a direct reflection on him but on all the parents that became involved due to his passion for football. The team he coached were carnival premiers in year 7, Premiers in year 8 and Grand Finalists in year 9.

In 2018 as Y12 coach he added the role of club Vice President and coaching coordinator to ensure coaches were well supported. At the end of the season he probably thought his junior coaching days were over. Thanks to his daughter, he took on the role as the Y9-11 Girls coach and continued to develop the girls and added to the club trophy cabinet with a premiership this season.

(Left- right) Laurie, Beau, Darren



Closing Summary

Season 2019 was another success year on and off field with a record number of members with a growth in the girl's football competition, with the right management this will continue to play a big part of the club. Investment in the future by replacing aging assets will benefit the players and club volunteers of the future. The development of our coaching staff took a large step forward with the engagement of Winning Edge Academy, this contributed to the on-field success in 2019.

Sponsorship was very positive this season and with further modifications we should be able to attract greater sponsorship dollars to benefit the kids. Santich Park will receive upgrades to the club rooms, change rooms and will also include lighting of the southern oval. Member communications was improved via greater use of social media and the member database email system.

We will continue to improve the club in all facets to make it a destination club of choice which develops players not only on field but also to be better people when they leave the club after their junior football journey is complete.

Thank you to the committee for their hard work this season.

Committee 2019

President	Brad Mazzuchelli
Vice President	Darren Shepley
Secretary	Maria Collica
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All Girls Coordinator	Darren Shepley
Coaching Coordinator	Garry Bickley
Canteen Manager	Roxanne Evans
Property Manager	Brad Mazzuchelli/Darren Shepley
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