



**2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

# Cranebrook United FC 2021 Annual Report

## 2021 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

President: Brendan Kirkland  
Vice-President: Miro Slavuljica  
Secretary: Leanne Shiagetz  
Treasurer: Narelle Forth  
Registrar: Leanne Shiagetz  
Competition Secretary: Mathew Forth  
Women's Co-ordinator: Eija Ellis  
Miniroo Co-ordinator: Leanne Shiagetz  
Sponsorship Co-ordinator: Brendan Kirkland  
Equipment Co-ordinator: Kurt Watts  
Canteen Manager: Heike Forth, Sarah Berryman  
General Committee: Jai Pearce, Terry Massey, Belinda Flewell Smith, Matthew Buttsworth, Greg Chamberlain.



**Thank you to our club committee members** who freely give their time especially with the constraints about Covid requirements, to ensure that our club remained a valuable community asset for the benefit and well-being of everyone within our community. The time spent at the fields is a very small part of running the club. It is the behind the scenes work and the commitment which drives the club and takes the most time.

## LIFE MEMBERS:

Cindy Hamilton	Heike Forth	Rob Hamilton [dec]	Peter Forth
Chris Riley	Phil Amson	George Walker [dec]	Mathew Forth
Gail Macleod-Jones	Tony Thorpe	David Macleod-Jones	Brendan Kirkland
Rob Palejs	Eija Ellis	Narelle Forth	Rob Horne



## CLUB PRIORITIES, 2021.

The priorities set for the Club in 2021 were:

- 1) Promote and maintain the highest possible standards of sportsmanship in amateur sport whilst providing opportunities for member development,
- 2) Promote player and coach development for all age groups and ability levels,
- 3) Promote positive and respectful behaviour by teams whilst playing or representing the Club in football related activities,
- 4) Increase coaching standards by encouraging coaches to gain appropriate qualifications consistent with NFA requirements, with target being 50% of club coaches appropriately accredited,
- 5) Implement strategies to increase player retention and club growth including the introduction of a FFA approved program which caters for nursery football,
- 6) Encourage increase involvement by Club members in Club activities and decision making,
- 7) Increase committee membership to provide an equal distribution of committee support for all club members,
- 8) Promote committee by increased visual presence of all committee members,
- 9) Encourage committee members to attend appropriate workshops to ensure best practises governance standards are maintained,
- 10) Review and update the club governance documents including the Club Constitution,
- 11) Ensure that club communications are technologically current and effective,
- 12) Provide an environment that is socially inclusive,
- 13) Continue to improve playing surfaces by adopting sound ground maintenance plans,
- 14) Improve facilities for the benefit of Club members and the community,
- 15) Continue processes to improve equipment storage issues,
- 16) Forge wider connections with the community and local businesses to increase their involvement with the club and attract club sponsorship, and
- 17) Maintain the high standard of playing and training equipment.

In 2021 it was unfortunate that the world faced the dilemma of the virus of Delta Covid-19 which impacted on all aspects of life. It saw a delay in the commencement of the football season, saw some players sit out the season, and very strict protocols were created to enable a safe football season for all. The virus also had an impact on the 2021 targets listed above but all in all majority were met and new targets created. Commentary has been provided below in response to some of the priorities above:

- 4) CUFC continue to support coaches gaining accreditation by offering to host courses at our ground to make the location convenient and paying the fee for our coaches where the grassroots course attracts a fee.
  - 8) In 2021, we were proactive in ensuring our committee presence at the ground. New pink bibs were purchased to ensure our committee was more easily located.
  - 11) For the first time in a long time, our website was redeveloped!
  - 14/15) We continue to pursue the design for a storage shed to permit clearing of our 2<sup>nd</sup> change room
  - 16) In 2021, we had the most individual team sponsors in club history! However, the shortened season meant these sponsors did not receive value for their money, so we have extended the agreements to include 2022.
  - 17) Over \$10,000 was spent over the last 12 months improving equipment including full refresh of new balls for training and matches as well as new goals for Miniroo teams.
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2021

2020 was weird, but I think 2021 was worse...I'm sure I won't be the only one looking forward to some normality in 2022!

Firstly, thank you to the club volunteers who have helped this year as coaches, managers, referees, chefs on the BBQ and serving the canteen. Without your help and support it would make it impossible for the club to function.

A huge thanks to our dedicated committee for giving up your time to ensure that our club continues to provide a vital service for the Cranebrook community. It really is a thankless job most of the time, but your efforts never go unnoticed. It's great to see a big jump in the number of team sponsors this year. Sincere thankyou to all our sponsors. We know our sponsors didn't get value for their money this year with most teams playing less than half of their matches, so we're pleased to be rolling 2021 sponsor agreements into 2022. If you know a potential sponsor for a team and/or the club, please forward us their information.

Congratulations to many of our teams for their on-field success. Although your efforts were not rewarded when the season was cut short, we know many teams were on their way to winning their competition. The COVID restrictions also meant that the final series was not able to be run but I'm sure we would have been very well represented there too.

Thanks to Matt and his efforts in refreshing our website. The old site was around a long time and the new site adds a modern feel and easier navigation. Money well-spent!

The 'kick-off' program which caters primarily for kids in the U4 age group was a success again in 2021 and we continue to set the benchmark for the association.

One thing that stands out for me is the rebate we're providing our members after the shortened season. 50% rebate for the CUFC component of registration fees is the largest rebate in the association! Many other clubs are simply providing a small token amount and we're aware of some that are providing nothing at all. Our committee was glad to be providing such a large rebate.

We hope all members return in 2022 for a successful and hopefully uninterrupted season.

Brendan Kirkland  
CUFC President

## EVERYONE PLAYS THE GAME:

### PRESEASON MATCHES.

The season was scheduled to kick off with preseason matches, however, wet weather hit in....

### FEMALE FOOTBALL.

CUFC fielded 5 female teams in the incomplete Winter competition this year, the U14G/2, U16G/1, AAW4, AAW3 and AAW2.

All teams were impacted by debutantes, injuries, work, and other commitments but nevertheless there were some courageous performances from our girls and ladies throughout. There could be a case to say maybe one or two teams were out of depth in their division but soldier on they did. Once NFA adjusted the tables, it is hard to reflect on the true standings due to draws that were allocated at the early part of the Community COVID Lockdown. I also hope that NFA will take notice of the placings and grade a couple of the teams accordingly next year if the players do return.

The **U14G/2** did even look like having a team but after some persuasion from members of the club to girls at school, they managed to form a side. Although they finished 7<sup>th</sup>, they did have some joy throughout some games, taking on opposition and being able to score goals. Along the way, there were several girls who played in goals and had glimpses of wonderful saves, girls learning new skills and more importantly making the coach, Leanne, proud of their efforts.

The U16G/1 finished 6<sup>th</sup> but were clearly in wrong division but credit to the team, they showed up, many times short of a full team. Like the 14 girls and AAW4s they also had a couple of debutantes and lost a couple of players, so the team dynamic was changed, but the coach, Dylan, accepted the challenge again and nurtured the team through the very hard but short season.

**AAW4s** – The “young ladies” consisted of 3 debs, returning players after years of absence, or injuries, and motherhood plus older players who found the higher divisions too fast. They finished last in their group, but it was not without effort. Rotating goalies until midway and injuries plus the obvious mis grading left the team disappointed however this was always cheered up by the many cakes baked by “Nana” for afterwards.

AAW3s with a bit drama losing their coach before season started, managed to get going after not being able to field a full side in some games, ended finishing a respectable 4<sup>th</sup>. A topsy turvy season with personnel and team management changes, did not overall hinder their season and couple of the girls were commended for upgrading to the AAW2s, gaining experience themselves but also showing talent to go further if they wish. Thanks to Miro for seeing out the short season. **AAW2s** finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> with just one unforgettable loss, but once again. The team lost 4 players, gained new players but the core of the team stood. This team played in some hard competitive games and managed to overcome the opposition in most instances. A team with players with

great skill set, super subs and chatty goalie were a mark of inspiration from the sideline who watched but also for the coach for their resilience and ability to bounce back in the games. Well done Ladies.

I sincerely hope the Female Football will continue to foster at CUFC, with perhaps one we may field a team in the Ruby league in the future. Meanwhile we encourage players to play with their friends or meet new team members and try to have a fun playing this beautiful world game.

Hope to see you all back next year,

Eija Ellis

Female Football coordinator



## U5-U11 MINIROOS – NON-COMPETITION.

Our Mini-roo teams enjoyed home and away draws this year. Each U5-U9 coach was accredited with appropriate qualifications. Some of our U8-U11 also gained their accreditation. The philosophy of Mini-roos Football focuses on enjoyment and freedom of expression. Fun, participation and falling in love with the game are the important factors. The smiles on the children's faces are the rewards or the spectators.



## LEAGUE COMPETITION.

### **Competition Report 2021**

In 2021 we had 539 registered players, 432 male and 107 females, an increase of 104 players compared to 2020 where we had 435 registered players (356 males and 79 females). We had 51 teams (up 7 from 2020), of which 5 were all female (an increase from 4 teams in 2020).

This increase was explained due to players returning after the effect of COVID-19 on the 2020 season and a return to the expected growth pattern from the 2018 season.

Due to lockdown, postponement of the season and it not restarting Nepean declared all competitions nullified and no premiers were awarded this season. Nepean will keep the tables as is as the basis for grading teams in 2022.

There were no Nepean Cup competitions or final series this year.

Our registrations were not impacted by Joeys moving to Jordan Springs.

Mathew Forth

### U12 – U16 TEAMS:

Each of our Junior Competition teams has done an amazing job this year. They are true ambassadors for the club and have displayed outstanding sportsmanship and behaviour. We were lucky enough to be able to form an U14 girls team this season

#### League Junior Teams

U12 Div 3

U12 Div 4

U13 Div 3

U14 Girls Div 2

U16 Girls Div 1

U16 Div 2



### ALL AGE TEAMS AND OVER 35's

No results were declared

AAW	Div 2
AAW	Div 3



AAW	Div 4
AAM	Div 3
AAM	Div 6
AAM	Div 7
AAM	Div 8
AAM	Div 9 White
AAM	Div 9 Black
AAM	Div 10
AAM	Div 11
O'35S	Div 1
O'35S	Div 2 Fri
O'35S	Div 3 Fri

## CRANEBROOK KICKOFF PROGRAM

Our Kick-off Kids had a fantastic program in 2021. Sporting their new jerseys and using our new equipment sent by the sponsors, our Kick-off Kids enjoyed weekly sessions that built skills through progressive drills, games, and fundamental movement skills. A huge thank you to Darby, Amanda and Tara for their assistance and coaching throughout the sessions

Leanne Shiagetz.



## Registration:

CUSC Registration Summary 2021		
Teams	51	
Players	539	
<b>These include Service Awards:</b>		
<b>5 Year continuous service</b>	22	
<b>10 Year Service</b>	10	
<b>15 Year Service</b>	2	
<b>20 Year Service</b>	2	
<b>30 Year Service</b>	1	
<b>Managers</b>	49	Registered
<b>Coaches</b>	48	Registered
<b>Committee</b>	14	Registered

## THANKS TO OUR COACHES AND MANAGERS.

Each week our coaches and managers give up their time to coach and manage the club teams. There is much behind the scenes work involved, and without the invaluable contribution and commitment of these people, our teams would not be on the park. The club appreciates the work performed by the coaches and managers. Our heartfelt thanks to each for your efforts and contributions to our club.

## Canteen Report:

The canteen is our main form of income each year and helps to pay for Presentation each year. Therefore, we are very grateful for the number of volunteers that came into the canteen or worked on the BBQ throughout



the year because without you we would never be able to run either.

A big thank you to Wayne Tengdahl who came along every Sunday to cook the BBQ.

We hired a Coffee machine this year so we could provide a bigger range of ground coffees. We had some teething problems but on the whole feedback was quite positive.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID Lockdown our turnover will be affected but we will still purchase everything that is needed for presentation.

Sarah Berryman and Heike Forth  
Canteen Managers.

## Merchandise:

Our merchandise sales this year were very healthy. We introduced several new items and these have been very well supported. The Hoodies and Warm up Jackets were a popular item and before COVID Lockdown closed the season we had sold many of these items. We had also purchased some new beanies, but these came too late for this year. This will be available in the new season.

Our 40-year anniversary Caps were a great hit. It is good to see so many club members wearing our merchandise not only at the ground, but I have seen members wearing our gear at school and out in the public. This really promotes the club.

We are looking at expanding our range next year and hopefully we can get a full season in so that the merchandise can be fully utilized.

Heike Forth



## REFEREE COVERAGE:

76% of our games were covered in 2021 by official NRG appointed referees which is most welcome by the club. Thanks to the club members who stepped up to cover the remaining games.

## DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:

The club prides itself in promoting the high standards of sportsmanship, and positive and respectful behaviour by teams, team officials and spectators, whilst playing or representing the Club. The club urges every member, every spectator, and every visitor to display respect to opposition players, match officials, club officials and fellow members.

## EQUIPMENT.

Quite a few teams took advantage of the equipment we have available for training use.

The club received support with equipment through donations from Rebel Sports for the Senior and Junior teams. It is also acknowledged that many teams have their own training equipment, courtesy of coaches and parents. In 2021 new club balls were purchased for every team monogrammed with our logo. Training nets for our U5-U7's were also purchased.

## ANNUAL CLUB AWARDS

Due to Covid 19 lockdown and only completing half a season, no major awards were presented this year

## FUTURE DIRECTION.

As the Club moves into 2021, positive, planned direction will ensure that priorities set for the Club reflect the philosophy of the Club and the wishes of Club members whilst complying with the rules and regulations of our governing bodies - NFA, FNSW, FFA and the various government bodies to which the Club must report.

The Club management plan has set out the long-term direction. These include:

- Promote and maintain the highest possible standards of sportsmanship in amateur sport whilst encouraging and providing opportunities for member development,
- Promote player and coach development for all age groups and ability levels,
- Promote positive and respectful behaviour by teams whilst playing or representing the Club
- Maintain the high standard of playing and training equipment,
- Encourage increase involvement by Club members in Club activities and decision making,
- Provide an environment that is socially inclusive,
- Maintain playing and training surfaces by adopting sound ground maintenance plans,
- Improve and maintain facilities for the benefit of Club members and the community,
- Forge wider connections with the community and local businesses

## CLUB FINANCIAL REPORT.

I don't think there has been a worse 2-year period then what we have experienced in 2020 and 2021. They say it comes in 3s so the bushfires, floods and Covid means we have gone through the worse and starting to come out the other side.

Whilst it was a short season, we were able to generate a healthy profit mainly through sponsorship and sale of the new merchandise. The boost in merchandise and sponsorship has meant we are able to offer returning players a rebate on their fees for season 2022.

Hopefully 2021 is the last of the Covid lockdowns and we get back to a "new normal" in season 2022.

Regards  
Narelle

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## CLUB SPONSORS.

The Club is most appreciative of the many businesses and people that sponsor and support the Club. This is indicative of forging wider connections with the community and local businesses. Club sponsorship attracted much needed funds to offset costs throughout the year.



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## SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS:

- Abcoe
- Arnall Trophies, Penrith
- Coca Cola
- Cranebrook High School
- M & J Screen Printing
- Rebel Sports
- Southern Cross Colour Studios
- Sweeties, Cranebrook

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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*Emailed to club members on Monday 11th October 2021*

Cranebrook United Football Club proudly acknowledges the ongoing assistance it receives from its members. Our Club is run by volunteers, dedicating their time to benefit the Club and community. With your help, for as little time as you can afford to offer, Cranebrook United Football Club can continue to grow and promote the 'world game' in our local community.

The 2021 Annual General Meeting of Cranebrook United Football Club will be held on Monday, 22nd November 2021, commencing at 7:30pm via Zoom.

Nominations are called for the following positions for the 2022/2023 Executive Committee:

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Executive Committee positions are 2-year terms and members may only be nominated if they have served on the Club Committee for the past 2 years.

CUFC also welcomes nominations for General Committee positions. General Committee members may assist the Club in many ways including but not limited to acting as a ground official, attending club committee meetings, and looking after a specific portfolio as appointed by the Executive Committee. Nominations for Executive and General Committee must be made in writing, signed, and dated by 2 club members, accompanied by the written consent of the nominee and received by the Club via post, delivery or email by no later than Monday 15th November 2021. All members making nominations, seconding nominations and nominees must be fully financial members of the club. Members are also invited to submit a nomination for Life Membership where the nominee may be elected as a Life Member at the Annual General Meeting. Nominees must have contributed outstanding service to the Club for a minimum period of not less than ten years. Nominations must be made in writing with a discussion of why the nominee deserves to be honoured as a Life Member. This should be signed and dated by 2 club members and received by the Club via post, delivery, or email by no later than Monday 1st November 2021.

All members making nominations, seconding nominations and nominees must be fully financial members of the club. Click here to view the CUFC Life Membership Policy and Nomination Form.

<http://www.cranebrookunited.com.au/files/LifeMemberForm.pdf>

Kind regards,  
Leanne Shiagetz  
CUFC Secretary

