President's Report 2020

What a crazy year! The COVID 19 pandemic gave us a season unlike any other and one we’re unlikely to every have again! We’ll all certainly remember this one. Congratulations to NFA and FNSW for their efforts in getting the comp running so we could still get teams our on the pitch. Mammoth effort from everyone involved form every organisation!

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. Particularly to Sarah who became a leader around the canteen and was rewarded with a Community Service Award. A small token of our appreciation.

We had a smaller committee in 2020 and had some mid-season resignations which added extra pressure and workload. So 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’s a thankless job most of the time but your efforts never go unnoticed.

Thanks to our 2 team sponsors PVC Bathroom Waterproofing and Active Sports for their contributions in 2020. I hope you return in 2021 and continue to build a strong partnership with the club. Sponsors were very difficult to come by in this crazy season but I hope we can add more next year. We’re already in discussions with a few partners. If you know a potential sponsor for a team and/or the club, please forward us their information.

Our upgraded stainless-steel kitchen was a hit with members and the lighting upgrades permitted us to host an unprecedented number of midweek matches!

Congratulations to our 3 league winners (AW-2, AM-4 and AM-8)! Outstanding seasons from all 3 and from our other teams that pushed all the way to the end of the comp! The COVID season meant that the final series was not able to be run but I’m sure we would have been very well represented there too. Special congratulations to the AM-8 team who not only went undefeated to have the invincible season but actually won every match to have the perfect season! Very special for those involved.

The ‘kickoff’ program which caters primarily for kids in the U4 age group was a success again in 2020 and we continue to set the benchmark for the association.

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