



NARRE SOUTH LIONS FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB INC.

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Hi All,

Season 2016 has come to an end. The year has been a successful one and that is because of the family oriented club we have become. Our club and its members have been great this year and I cannot thank them enough for the support and encouragement in 2016.

In 2016 the club fielded 12 teams from under 8 to under 17. Unfortunately the girl's team was short on numbers so we had to withdraw.

We had 4 teams from 8 make the finals and 2 making the grand final in which both unfortunately fell short however a great effort from the club all round.

In 2017 we hope to keep our success again and also are hoping to field a girl's team.

As most of you would know I was not voted in to the position at the 2015 AGM and took on the role in December 2015 where I have tried to find my feet and get a better understanding of the role and the running of a junior sporting committee. Over this time I will admit I have made a few errors however will use this to make improvements over the coming years.

Due to the late start in my role I found I had a season of trying to catch up and a lot of things that make this club so successful has dropped away – The areas of development, sponsorship and attracting players to the club were examples that I believed we could be better.

In 2016 it was also unfortunate we could not field a female team in the competition- sad for the club in an area where the growth is getting bigger and bigger.

With all in mind my aim over the summer break is to rectify all the above and get them moving in the direction we would like to see for the club. It is like being able to have a full preseason in playing terms, which makes me very excited to hopefully lead the club to 2017 – bigger and stronger, giving our players the environment to play the game they love.

In 2017 the current committee have discussed the need for attracting more volunteers to make our executive roles a little less demanding – we are looking for people to help in doing tasks for us but not having to fulfil a role on the committee but are just great helpers when they have the time to help – for instance a game day role

like setting up or packing up, painting lines, additional support to match manager etc. or those that can set up events, help at events etc.

In addition to the above we are still trying to form a strong committee for the 2017 year coming up.

In 2017 the executive positions of VP Football and registrar that have been occupied by Mark Collard and Julie Johnson for the past 3-4 years are open for applicants to apply. I would like to thank both Mark and Julie for the time, effort and enthusiasm they have brought to these roles – for our club to function in a manner that has been professional and successful. Over the past 2 years I have been involved at committee level, you both have been inspirational. I hope you enjoy the time you will now have as parents only. I will personally miss you both for the chats, advice and laughs (at times).

The treasurer role is also available for election- this role has been extremely challenging over the past couple years to fill. A big thanks to Liesel Bertrand and Anna Mangano for looking after us this year however both have decided to not take the role in 2017. We would be very appreciative to fill this role this year.

In addition to all the above we are still in urgent need of general committee members to support the executive roles.

A big thank you to all our volunteers for 2016 – the coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, runners, trainers and all those that fulfilled roles with the team, especially those that performed the same role each week. Without all you volunteers our players would not have the luxury to run out each week to play. I cannot thank you enough as it gives me great enjoyment every week to watch the kids develop, learn and play the game.

A big thank you to all the 2016 committee for the dedication and support you have given the club and myself over the year. It is my belief we have been successful and look forward to adding to that success in 2017. Thanks to Mel Sullivan, Belinda Rickard, Mark Collard, Julie Johnson, Liesel and Anna for the great support in the exec roles you all carried out this year and to our general committee, Michael Carter, Cindy Langston for the support and help.

Our timekeeper boxes were up and running this year with a big thanks to Bert and his helpers in getting them completed for the season start. I had numerous comments throughout the year on how good they looked and the comfort out of the wind and rain was appreciated.

The club is still pursuing the need for an electronic scoreboard. Earlier this year we had applied for a grant and was rejected however we are still working on a way to get it up and running – fingers crossed we can work miracles in 2017.

The committee are working on various things in the hope to bring some more funds in next year – so we may be lucky enough hopefully to fund some of the works. We will also apply non-stop to grants we are eligible.

I look forward to another successful season next year in 2017 and once again thank all our loyal players, parents and supporters for a wonderful 2016

Kind regards

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President – Football Club



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