



Hornsby Heights Football Club

"Home of Football Development"

Chairmans Report – 2013

In 2013 Hornsby Heights Football fielded a total of 42 teams with 537 players. These were registered in

- 23 Junior Non Competition Teams
- 12 Mixed Junior Competition Teams
- 3 Girls Junior Competition Teams
- 3 Senior Competition Teams
- 1 Women's Senior Competition Team

Player numbers for 2013 were up by 10% on the previous year. There was the return of a MAA7 team which boosted adult player numbers and also provided a rung up the ladder for some of our long standing juniors to graduate to a senior game. The junior teams' numbers continue to show a healthy growth. This trend is sure to continue with the introduction of a Friday night development program in 2014 targeting three key areas pre-schoolers, girls and mixed non-competition footballers.

2013 saw the return of MAA squad to Premier League. The squad was coached by former Soccerroo captain, Paul Wade. While players were strongly challenged in this division they showed determination and dedication.

Congratulations to the U16A team, who as Division 1 premiers (a fantastic effort) represented the NSFA in the Champion of Champion competition. I very proudly watched them perform in this tournament. Sadly, the team was defeated in a penalty shoot-out after extra time but I can attest to the wonderful playing skills and terrific team support demonstrated by each and every one of the players. They are excellent young men and wonderful ambassadors for the club.

Hornsby Heights was well represented in premiership wins and finals. The U16B team won their finals and were premiers of their division. The U14B and the U13C teams were also finalists having won their divisions. The U14A were premiers. The U12A, after a shaky start with numbers, were runners up in their division in their first year of 'competition' football.

Competitively there has been success but more importantly there has been a fostering of a love of the game and to get out there and just enjoy playing football. I have been absolutely delighted to watch SSF teams take to the field with so much excitement that you couldn't help but smile. There has also been much football on Sunday with the girls and women's team playing. There is always a great atmosphere at these games and terrific sportswomanship. With the start of a girls' focused program in 2014 at Hornsby Heights I hope that the numbers in girls' football will grow.

Thank you to the many volunteers who allow the club to operate and make Hornsby Heights football fun for all the players: coaches, managers and parents who have offered their support with duties as simple as nets up and down (thanks to Paul Rosa and Phil Brooks who always lend a hand at the end of the day), an hour on canteen, tidying the grounds or the more complex tasks of grading and training the young footballers.

I would like to especially thank Michelle Waldock for her huge effort in putting together the raffle to raise funds for our new strip. Proceeds from another successful and well attended Trivia Night also helped. Thanks to Michelle and all members who supported these events, 2014 will see the introduction of the new strip. Special thanks to Malcolm Waldock for steering this project.

I am very grateful to Committee members for their energy, time and passion for football for the benefit of all our members, especially the children. Thank you to Chris Saunders who did a wonderful job as our equipment officer. Chris took on this role again in 2013 despite the fact that no members of his family were playing this year. That is above and beyond club loyalty Chris and I thank you very much for all the work you have done for the club over many years. I would like to thank Craig Becchio for stepping into the role of equipment officer and also for the wonderful clubhouse and grounds work he has done at Montview.



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A very special thanks to Nicole Stack and Kylie Macri for once again running the canteen in 2013. This is a huge job and involves much effort in stocking the canteen as well as coordinating volunteers. They do an outstanding job.

I step down from this position at the close of this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my five years as Chairman and have formed many friendships through my association with Hornsby Heights Football for which I am very grateful. I would like to thank Malcolm Waldock and Campbell Watt who are jointly taking over the role in 2014. I know that they are very committed and keen to develop Hornsby Heights Football as evidenced by the introduction of Friday night development football. Both Malcolm and Campbell offer the club wonderful leadership and I urge you to support them.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank Mike Hall, Sports Club President, for always making himself available for all projects to do with football and the club. Mike has been a wonderful support and I have enjoyed working with him over many years. I have the deepest respect for his commitment to football and community service.

Go the Hornets in 2014!

Mike Cusack
Chairman Football Section