

# Presidents Report 2011

Season 2011 is my inaugural year as President of the Willetton Junior Football Club, and what a year it has been. I came into the position, not quite knowing what to expect, but have been absolutely astounded by the general enthusiasm and encouragement I have received for the club.

My focus has always been, and will always be, that I want the Willetton Junior Football Club to become like a second home. Somewhere where everyone feels that they can come and be a part of the community that is junior football.

The 2011 season saw the Willetton Junior Football Club celebrating 40 years of junior football involvement. The culmination of our celebrations was a 70's themed disco, mid season, where it was the battle of the big hair and even bigger flares, not to mention the obligatory safari suit. Special mention has to go to the two grooviest dudes at the club Paul Evans and Steve Schleicher.

This year has seen a revival in Auskick, thanks to Kevin Lange and his band of helpers, getting out on the oval every Sunday, come rain, hail or shine and taking our future champions through their paces. Word seems to be getting around, because numbers just keep growing every year. Our younger teams, from Year 4's up to the 12's, have been led, this year, by a fantastic group of level 1 coaches, whose enthusiasm gener-

ates the energy the players need each week to get out on the field and play their best footy. Our Year 5 team competed in the end of season carnival, winning all 4 games and coming out on top of the ladder to win the day. Well done David Artingstall and the boys.

The Willetton JFC senior teams have had a great season. Led by their dedicated coaches Rob Pennington (13's), Mark Read (14's), Alan Rowlands (15's) and Steve Schleicher (17's), they have played their season with dignity and respect to the rules, with 3 out of the 4 teams representing the club in the finals campaigns. All coaches would have to say that if it wasn't for their back up, the team managers, they wouldn't be able to complete their tasks on the field. These are the people who ensure that we have volunteers every week, that we know where we need to be and make sure all our "i's" are dotted and "t's" are crossed. Well done to you all.

A special mention to our 17's coach, Steve Schleicher, who has coached his team from Auskick all the way to the 17's. Being able to see 'Steve's boys' develop from kids in the 9's all the way to the men of the 17's, has been a privilege and we hope them all the best to see off their junior football careers.

This year we have had quite a few of

our boys selected to play in the East Fremantle development and colts squads. This has given them every opportunity to develop their skills and love of the game. We would like to thank East Fremantle for the opportunity given. Special mention must go to Sam Rowlands, from our 15's, who was selected and played for the state, in the School Boys competition. Of course we wouldn't be where we are today if not for our sponsors and supporters. Special thanks to Vantage Key Consulting, Light Storm International, Power Play Sports, Perth Tree Services, Golden State Plumbing and Gas, Select Solutions, Wild West Hyundai and Citron's Catering. Special thanks must go to Paul and Karen Tucek from Morgan's Real Estate for providing us with the best looking scoreboard around. Our thanks to Warren Male for his tremendous efforts in keeping the ground lines maintained every week. His efforts have been well appreciated.

Special mention to Doug and Kerryn Homewood, from Citron's Catering, for keeping us in sausages and buns for the season, providing the catering for our fundraising functions and their outstanding efforts for the 1st semi finals. Their commitment to our club is much appreciated. A special thank you from the committee.

I am like the tip of the ice berg, underneath me is the business end, and that would have to be the committee of the Willetton Junior Football Club. Toni Brown and Lisa Bolton,

are phenomenal at being able to organise just about anything and anyone. Helen Hunter for having to send out email upon email to everyone and everything. Ray Pratley, our Treasurer, for balancing our books and Gavin Bradshaw, our Grants Officer, for making sure we apply for everything under the sun. As we go forward I am looking for more willing and able bodies to help us realise the vision of the club and will welcome all who want to step forward. Each week we ask for the help of our parent groups, the 'Navy Blue Army'. Without our Navy Blue army, week in week out, we wouldn't be the club we are today. You are the BBQ experts, the baristas in the canteen, the flag waving enthusiasts in the goal square, the cheer squad on the sideline. You are the Navy Blue Army. As the season comes to a close, we have done ourselves proud and proven within the East Fremantle Community as being the 'benchmark' club. The club to be proud of. The club that all others want to be like. The club that is like a family. Small enough that we know everybody, yet big enough to hold our own.

I am proud to be the President of the Willetton Junior Football Club and look forward to the seasons ahead.

Be Navy Blue

**Glenn Hunter**

**President Willetton Junior Football Club**