

## **Presidents Report – 2015**

2015 has been an extremely rewarding & successful year for St Clair Crows, especially on the field, with 3 of our teams reaching the Grand Final & two achieving the ultimate Premiership success.

This has been achieved through the hard work of many including coaching staff, team management, game day personnel, the committee & those dedicated volunteers who have helped out on game day. Without such support & dedication it would be impossible for the club to function & enjoy the success it does & I am confident will in the future.

We have shown an increase in Auskick numbers to just shy of 30 for the 2015 season, with a link into Mamre Anglican college towards end of season, which hopefully will flow into increased numbers in 2016. The challenge here will be to increase numbers in 2016 as quite a few of the existing Auskickers will transition to an U9's team next year.

Our Under 10 team just kept building on the good work from 2014 & have shown that despite being smaller than a lot of the opposing teams it didn't faze them & they kept slugging away. When the time comes that these players transition to competitive footy I'm sure they will be ready & be a force to be reckoned with.

Our Under 11 team showed that the positive finish to 2014 was an indication of what they were truly capable of. Through hard work & dedication they went through the season undefeated & tasted premiership success. They just seemed to get better & better each week. The most pleasing part was that even on the few occasions they seemed to be in trouble they just dug deep, never gave in & found a way to win.

Our Under 14 team, unfortunately for them didn't quite seem able to recapture the form from 2013 & like 2014 fell a bit short of the mark once again. There are still many players in this team that were part of the 2013 premiership team. I'm sure with dedication & a bit extra effort they can return to the finals stage in 2016.

Our Under 15 team had a great season, making the grand final & being the only team that managed to beat the eventual premiers, unfortunately they couldn't repeat that in the grand final & finished runners up. This was a highly commendable effort seeing that they had to borrow U14 players consistently to field a team & also lend players so that the U17's could field a team on many occasions.

Our Under 17 team was the third of our teams to play in the grand final & also finished the season in style with a fantastic display & tasting premiership success. This team like the 15's had to consistently borrow players to field a team & displayed tremendous depth, spirit & courage throughout the season. It was great to see those involved in the disappointment of last year's grand final loss be able to achieve success, especially for those who played their last season of junior football.

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All the teams should be extremely proud of themselves for the way they have represented the club with spirit, commitment & honour no matter how the season went or what was thrown their way. Hopefully 2016 will see all the players develop further & improve on the achievements as a team & individually.

Thank you to all the coaches, assistant coaches, managers & support staff for the hard work & dedication you have put in to get the teams ready & make sure they are able to function on game day.

Also thank you to my fellow Committee members who have helped in run & kept the club ticking along behind the scenes throughout 2015 & the volunteers that have helped out either on the field, in the canteen or on the BBQ your assistance has been greatly appreciated.

Without the support of everyone this club would not function & we wouldn't have had the success we have had on the field in 2015.

I look forward to working with you all again in 2016 & hopefully see some new blood coming through. There is plenty that this club can still do & we need many hands to spread the load & build on what has been achieved in 2015.

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