



GEELONG FOOTBALL CLUB PAST PLAYERS & OFFICIALS CLUB INC

PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR 2014

It is with pleasure that I submit the Presidents Report for season ending 2014.

I feel comfortable in the fact that our board has successfully represented the wishes of the membership for the season just passed and, hopefully, will continue to do so for the ensuing next twelve months. We now have a body representative of different eras of the Geelong Football Club, although I would still like to see more of the players who played for the club in the 21st Century. It will occur I am sure in the not too distant future.

Some of the initiatives in the season just passed:

- A successful Christmas function attended by over 100 past players & officials which was held in our clubrooms.
- Publication of the "Reminiscence Book" in co-operation with Alzheimer's Australia, and distributed to retirement homes throughout the Geelong region.
- Continued good sales of "After the Game", a publication celebrating 80 years of continuous activity of the Geelong Past Players & Officials Club.
- The setting up of the Past Players website due for activation for the start of the 2015 season, with the support of local internet company GOOP.
- Good sporting representation at our various events namely the Past Players Golf Day at Barwon Heads Golf Club, and also at the combined Bowls Day held at Altona Bowls Club

As referred to in the Treasurers Report, we have paid for visual recording of some of the feats of our Past Players via the external windows of the Past Players rooms. This further activates interest on the concourse of the Players stand for viewing of the general public.

I wish also to acknowledge the valuable input of our sponsors. In addition to our three regular sponsors, namely Kardinia Picture Framing, Associated Cold Tread Tyres and Geelong Financial Group we also have a fourth sponsor joining us this year, namely Barossa Plumbing & Gasfitting P/L. We welcome all and would like our membership to support these businesses in the same way that they have supported our organisation.

I particularly also wish to recognize the work of our vice-president Ray Card, treasurer Eric Nicholls, secretary Peter Menzies, and board members Mark Yeates, Brian Chirgwin, Russell Renfrey, Tim McGrath and Wayne Hovey. All of these men, in their own way, have been great toilers for the club.

It must be noted that amongst the members who passed away during the year there is one person who must be acknowledged for his massive input to the Geelong Football Club. That man is Ron Hovey and at all times he was cognisant of the wishes and ideals of the Geelong Football Club and the Geelong Past Players & Officials Club. He will be missed.

May the Cats flourish in 2015!

Brian Brushfield
President
Geelong Past Players & Officials Club