



President's Report, 2016

In my first year of presidency I would initially like to thank retiring president Brian Brushfield for his leadership over the past six years, and the healthy state he left our organisation in on his departure.

With the redevelopment of the new stadium, this season has been a challenging one especially for our treasurer Eric Nichols dealing with significant seating cut backs, and trying to cater for our member's needs. Eric did a fantastic job in this regard and with our seating arrangements back to normal next season hopefully this important task will be a little less arduous for him.

The stadium redevelopment while existing has put financial pressure on the football club in its efforts to become completely debt free. The football club's "*Our Ambition*" campaign was launched in an attempt to achieve this goal. I am proud to say without prompting from the football club, our committee unanimously decided to pledge \$10,000 a year for five years to this cause, further cementing the strong relationship between these two autonomous organisations.

We are also working hard with the football club to achieve a complete database for all past players (capturing both email and postal details), and with the generous assistance from Sarah Albon and Dave Johnson this task is all but complete.

The football club has also indicated they are keen to have all past players have a walk-through of the new facilities next year. Once the details have been confirmed, all past players will be contacted regarding this initiative.

Finally I would like to thank all committee members for their support and hard work during the year and on behalf of them encourage past players to make use of our wonderful facilities, remembering partners and children are most welcome.

I hope you have a safe and merry Christmas and 2017 brings everything you wish for.

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President, Geelong Past Players & Officials