

Chairman's Blog – November 2018



AGM

A reminder that the clubs **Annual General Meeting** is being held at **Richardson Reserve on Sunday 18th November at 11:00am.**

If you are keen to hear about what is going on at the club or are interested in joining the committee or helping out as a volunteer it would be great to see you there.

End of season junior presentation and gala night

October was a busy month as we wrapped up season 2018. Firstly a huge thankyou to all that helped out with the junior presentation day on Saturday 13th October. Events as big as these don't organise themselves and there were a number of people who put in an amazing effort to ensure the day ran as smoothly as it did. We were blessed with great weather and the turn out was very pleasing. We took a large amount of registrations on the day for season 2019 and it was great to see so many people enjoying the day.

The following week the club held it's inaugural end of season gala night at Sfera's function centre. Huge thankyou to **Alison Warner** who organised an amazing event that was attended by over 150 members and included the Mayor Kevin Knight (who I can be pleased to say has been re-elected) and local MP's Blair Boyer and Frances Bedford. Big thanks also have to go to **Melissa Gilchrist** and **Karen Landolfi** for organising our first ever car lottery. The drawing of the prize was one of the highlights of the night when it was announced that **Alison Warner was the winner of a brand new Suzuki Swift** courtesy of our club sponsor Newspot Motors. It's safe to say Alison enjoyed the night!

Big congratulations to all the winners on the night with special mention to **Melissa Gilchrist who was voted as the 2018 Club Person of the year**. Melissa is the club secretary and has done an amazing amount of work around the club ranging from working on grants for the club, responding to numerous amounts of correspondence, significantly increasing the clubs use of social media to the promote the club and our sponsors, working as team manager for her son's team and most notably spending countless hours lobbying and working with councillors and MPs to ensure the club was able to secure the investment from the TTG council for our new pitches and clubrooms.

I'm already looking forward to next years end of season gala night, which I think will be even bigger and better than this years, so make sure you get in early once the date and tickets are announced.

Remember that the night is open to all club members, not just the senior teams, and it would be great to get over 200 members to attend.

Registrations for 2019

Registrations for 2019 are open with some vacancies still available in E&D and Mini Roos teams, as well as the U13 Girls and U17 JPL FFSA teams. The club will be having another two registration days coming up at Richardson Reserve clubrooms where players not yet registered can join and players already registered are able to come to the club to make additional payments. The dates and times for these registration days are:

- Saturday 17th November, 2 – 3:30pm
- Thursday 22nd November, 6:30 – 8pm

A copy of the 2019 registration form is available from the Team App or there will be some paper copies available on the day.

Update on Richardson Reserve

This week the FFSA and their contractor commenced soil tests at Richardson Reserve. The council have also advised that letters to local residents will be issued in the week commencing 12 November advising that ground works on Richardson Reserve will be starting shortly. Members can expect temporary fencing to be erected within the next two weeks as momentum picks up.

At this stage, the council and FFSA are talking about the pitches being completed and ready for use hopefully by June 2019 with the new clubrooms to be ready by June 2020. I'm working with council and the FFSA to hopefully see if we can get the clubrooms to be ready before June 2020 in time for the start of the 2020 season.

Whilst the construction and re-development phase is happening I urge all members to please be patient whilst we go through this disruption. There will be some short-term pain but I assure you all, there will be definite long-term gain.

Note that the committee and coaches have been working extremely hard behind the scenes to ensure that teams will have venues to train during the pre-season and we will be working with the associations to determine where we will play our games until the pitches at Richardson Reserve are ready.

Football news

Congratulations to **Caleb Goss and Jack Aworth** from our U12 JPL team on their selection to train with the **FFSA State Acquisition Program (SAP) North** squad. Congratulations also go to **Ilah Soroush** on her selection for the **FFSA U14 State Girls Program**.

Trials for our senior ladies teams will be held on 13, 14 and 20 November at Smith Partners Stadium. I wish all the ladies and girls who try out success as excitement builds with our senior ladies program having a team placed in Division 1.

Dates for E&D grading where required will be advised once we have confirmation on the number of teams.

MINI ROOS Coordinator & Modified Rules Coordinator

With the introduction of Mini Roos to our football program a role exists within the club for a volunteer to step up as mini roos coordinator. We are also on the lookout for a modified rules coordinator for our U6-U8 E&D teams. If you are interested in either of these roles, please let me know via email at chairman@mvsc.com.au

Club events

Sponsorship opportunities for 2019

2019 is shaping as an exciting year for the club and we have already secured many sponsors for the 2019 season including long-time supporters of the club [Newspot Motors](#), [Zest Advertising](#) and [Benefitness](#). We have also secured the [Bridgeway Hotel](#) as the new major sponsor for our State League men's teams and [Yummynack Foods](#) who are going to sponsor our new Mini Roos teams. If you want to be involved in 2019 please contact the club at sponsorship@mvsc.com.au

Till my next update,
Stuart Carlisle
Chairman