

# **DIAMOND CREEK WOMEN'S FOOTBALL CLUB**



## **ANNUAL REPORT 2020**

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## Committee Positions 2020

<b>ROLE</b>	<b>Incumbent</b>
<b>President</b>	John Raleigh
<b>Senior Vice President</b>	Vacant
<b>Junior Vice President</b>	Vacant
<b>Treasurer</b>	David Bailey
<b>Secretary</b>	Ruth Bailey
<b>Bar Manager</b>	Peter Tait
<b>Canteen Manager</b>	Vacant
<b>Coaches Coordinator</b>	Michael Ricardo
<b>Development Manager</b>	Vacant
<b>Events Coordinator – Jnr</b>	Penny Collins
<b>Events Coordinator – Snr</b>	Vacant
<b>Grants Coordinator</b>	John Raleigh
<b>Grounds/Property</b>	Darren Logan
<b>Media &amp; Communications</b>	David Bailey
<b>Memberships Juniors</b>	Karyn Tait
<b>Memberships Seniors</b>	Karyn Tait
<b>Merchandise Coordinator - Juniors</b>	Mandy Margetts
<b>Merchandise Coordinator - Seniors</b>	Mandy Margetts
<b>Policy and Procedures Officer</b>	John Raleigh
<b>Child Safety Officer</b>	Linda Cridland
<b>Sponsorship Mgr</b>	Vacant
<b>Player Sponsorship Coordinator</b>	Stephen Margetts
<b>OH&amp;S</b>	David Bailey
<b>General Committee</b>	Bryan Coghlan
<b>General Committee</b>	Brianna Matthews-Gunn
<b>General Committee</b>	Tanya Matthews
<b>General Committee</b>	Charmain Matthews-Gunn

## Club Awards 2020

Club Person of the Year – not awarded due to COVID-19

Life Member/s – not awarded due to COVID-19

## Presidents Report – John Raleigh

To say that 2020 presented a very tough year to humankind would be a gross understatement. Victoria started with bush fires then went headlong into the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our 2020 season started in October 2019 with the election of the new Committee which had a number of key vacancies. To their credit the smaller Committee's achievement was outstanding. I thank all volunteers and parents for their efforts in very trying and uncertain times.

In terms of the on-field, the Club started the season in November 2019 filled with great hope and expectation. The Club's aim was to have 11 teams exceeding the 2019 record of 9. However, Covid-19 and the uncertainty of the season meant that we achieved 9, which is still our highest number in our 19-year history. In March 2020 the Club was still confident of a successful year comparable to 2019.

In the 2019 Annual Report I set the following 4 objectives for the Club.

- i) Improvement to our facility. In 2018 the Club installed the new scoreboard, in 2019 we installed goal nets at the south end. In 2020 we planned to upgrade the north west spectator corner to be more accessible with more seating. Grants were scarce in 2019/20 and at this point we are planning for a smaller upgrade for season 2021.
- ii) Increase the number of teams. Covid-19 killed that objective, but it will be on the table for 2021.
- iii) Increased focus on player development and retention. In an extremely difficult year, I feel that we did meet this objective and will continue in this vain into the future.
- iv) Start a Master's team. The 2020 environment wasn't conducive with this objective; however, lessons were learnt, that should enable this to be achieved over the next two years.

My view for the Club in 2021 i.e. starting from November 2020, is that the Club, in addition to managing the year, needs to focus on;

- i) The development of a concise vision that can guide the Club and Committee on long term objectives.
- ii) Aggressively and intelligently recruit new players, particularly at the lower age groups.
- iii) Review the organisational structure of the club to ensure that it can focus both on the current year and also on the longer term.

Our vision set back in 2015 was

*"To be the premier AFL football club in the Northern region".*

In 2016 the Strategic Plan states that a Purpose statement would be included but it only had a mission statement *"to provide a safe and accepting environment for females to learn and develop their skills at all levels of Australian Rules Football, whilst promoting respect, camaraderie good sportsmanship, health, fitness and enjoyment"*

In 2018 the new draft Strategic Plan carries forward the 2016 Mission Statement but includes a purpose statement *"to be one of the premier female AFL football Clubs in Australia"*.

The Club requires a simple concise statement of our longer term goal.

On closing let me say that I am very proud and humbled to be associated with this great Club and look forward to contributing and supporting it for as long as I am able.

**John Raleigh**

## Senior Vice President Report – Vacant

No submission – refer Seniors Coach report.

## Junior Vice President Report – Vacant

Season 2020 started with our Annual Registration Day held Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019. We had a successful day taking payments for registration and merchandise sales on the Square system. It was a great turn out of new and existing families

Preseason training started in December 2019 with sessions being held at ELTHAM College for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row.

Little did we know at that time, season 2020 was not to be and we would soon be impacted by the biggest pandemic to hit the world in over 100 years.

Due to Diamond Hills being under renovation, we worked with Nillumbik Council to find another preseason venue and were lucky to secure, Diamond Creek East Primary School. We undertook some great training sessions there in February with excellent turn out and new players arriving weekly.

Eventually we were allowed home to Plenty Park but with COVID-19 hitting we trained under a new set of rules. Ensuring we sanitised hands, balls and anything else that stood still for too long. We continued on as long as we were permitted but alas when the final whistle blew in March our season came to a screeching halt.

We thank all of the Coaches, players and parents for their support and understanding as we navigated our new normal.

Whilst the season did not go ahead we would still like to recognise those players who were nominated to attend trials to NFNL Rep and Knights and Cannons. We congratulate these girls.

<b>NFNL U15 REP TEAM</b>	<b>Knights</b>
Aimee Bailey	Zoe Bailey
Alexis Bailey	Luka Kennedy
Brianna Cowley	Tiana Richmond
Emma Russo	Poppy Strickland
Georgia Hardman	Jessica Ricardo
Hannah Ryan	Caitlyn Schwabe
Kiera Widgery	Ashlee Elward
Layne Purcell	Darcy Gook
Sarah Moore	Charlese McPherson
Willow Priest	Charlie Sparks
Ashlee Elwood	Brooke Webster
Darcy Gook	Talisha Rowland
Charleze McPherson	Grace Wake
Charlie Sparks	
Brooke Webster	<b>Cannons</b>
Madison Howes	Kayley Reid
Talisha Rowland	

## Jnr Milestones

Sadly due to no games, there were no milestones achieved this year but we look forward to some great achievements in season 2021.

## 2020 Team Details

We thank our Coach's, Assistant Coach's and Team Managers for taking on their roles this year and for the work they put in with their teams. It was shaping up to be another promising year.

TEAM	COACH	ASSISTANT COACH	TEAM MANAGER
U10	Michael DiPaolo		Jessica Tait
U12	Steve Meagher		Jrette Bishop
U14 Red	Chris Priest	Wayne Mason	Tenille Toone
U14 Blue	David Forsyth	Dean Tustin	Natalie Cowley
U16 Red	Stephen Macpherson	Paul Taylor	
U16 Blue	Michael Ricardo	Chris Schwabe	Amanda Ozimek
U18	David Craig & Laura Fraser	Bryan Coghlan & Lauren Durante	Karyn Tait

In any normal season there would be a lot of people to thank, however this year due to circumstances there have really only been a few people working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure things kept ticking over.

The committee did continue to meet via our new Zoom account, ensuring that we kept moving forward and for this we say thank you.

Due to the weirdness of this year we have not been able to get together and celebrate achievements, have fun or just watch and enjoy our kids playing the game they love.

Let's hope that season 2021 is bigger and brighter than ever.

**Karyn Tait & Ruth Bailey**

## Secretary Report – Ruth Bailey

Whilst we didn't have a season, I can honestly say I was busier than ever. Trying to keep up with AFL, NFNL, Council and various other organisations putting out information, its fair to say there was lots of communication and it was not a quiet situation in the back office.

I have lost count of the number of online training sessions and zoom meetings I attended learning all about what we could and could not do. The goal posts changed almost daily at some points.

Due to all the restrictions we were not able to hold our committee meetings face to face in our club rooms and had to resort to using zoom. I thank Joedi Scanga, for allowing us to use her business account, until we got our own. To be honest, I didn't miss going out on cold wet nights and quite enjoyed being in the comfort of my own home. I guess if there are any silver linings to come from this year, zoom is one of them. Now we have our own DCWFC ZOOM account, it will open up opportunities to run information sessions and meetings to a wider audience so watch this space!

To say I am glad to see the end of 2020 is an understatement. I have never put in so much work for no outcomes.

I would specifically like to thank our President - John Raleigh, Treasurer - David Bailey and Registrations Mgr - Karyn Tait for all the hard work they have done this year ensuring that our club was compliant, processing all the refunds/rollovers and donations and ensuring we will be in a good position to pick things up for the next season. You are all good people and have kept me sane. To the rest of the committee, thank you for helping us stay on track and keeping things moving forward.

To our Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Players I am so disappointed for you all that this season was cancelled. But I thank you and our parents for the way in which you all adapted to the changing environment we found ourselves in. Your grit, determination and support for our club has been unwavering. That's what makes DCWFC such a great club.

I look forward to season 2021 being successful on and off the field.

**Ruth Bailey**

## Treasurers Report – David Bailey

Driven by Covid-19, 2020 has proven to be a very trying year in regards to managing the financials.

The season being cancelled by the NFNL due to Covid-19, has meant there needed to be quite a few changes made to our normal procedures. Lots of discussions & correspondence with suppliers to negotiate reductions to the clubs continuing expenses, multiple spreadsheet scenarios and in-excess of 400 emails sent to various suppliers, sponsors, council, as well as to members regarding 2020 registration fees.

The 2020 financial year commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019, with an opening Bank Balance of **\$70,164.00** and has concluded 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 with a closing Bank balance of \$96,683.00 (Note: amount includes **\$22,253.00 of carried forward 2020 Registration Fees**). Given a Net Balance of **\$74,430.00**

In 2018 we implemented the Xero accounting system which has allowed us to more clearly identify and report the clubs financial position. In 2019 we continued our transition to digital, introducing the SQuare as our Point of Sale (POS) system across the Canteen, Bar, Merchandise & Registration. This has proven to be a very worthwhile exercise, improving our efficiency, accuracy, transparency and payment choices for customers. We now have all players recorded in the system which allows for quicker processing and issuing of receipts. This will be of particular value for future Merchandise sales, Registration days, Canteen operations etc.

A few positive items to be proud of this year:

- For Season 2021 we will have a Digital Timeclock (huge thanks to our sponsor Burglar Liquid Waste) to enable Coaches, Players and Spectators to know how much time left during a game.
- A Yarra Valley Water Dinking Station has been installed at no cost to the club (shout-out to Ruth for organising, Yarra Valley Water for donating and Nillumbik Council for installation).
- Our Bar Liquor Licence has now been extended at no cost to the Club (see Bar Report).

There are very few financial income success stories this year due to COVID-19 however, we were successful in obtaining 3 Grants:

- \$5,000 Toyota Grassroots Footy Grant
- \$3,000 for Terrace Seating
- \$1,000 Covid-19 Survival Package

Fundraising wise, we managed to raise a small amount of funds:

- Toyota Good for Footy Raffle \$2,780.00. We also experimented with the
- Click Frenzy Virtual Canteen (no cost to the club) and raised \$15

One of the major challenges looking forward to Season 2021, will be how we attract & continue to grow our sponsorship dollars. Serious thought needs to be given to this area going forward.

In summary, whilst initially looking to be a terrible year financially, we actually ended 2020 in a very similar position to where we started, which is pretty good given the Covid-19 situation. A large proportion of our financial stability was *thanks to the generosity of members, donating their 2020 registration fees, for which we are extremely grateful*. Along with this a lot of hard work was put in behind the scenes negotiating reductions to our day to day running expenses.

As a final note, I wish to thank the Committee, Coaches, Team Managers and Volunteers, for their tireless work and look forward to positive & successful 2021.

**David Bailey**



**DCWFC 2020**

For the Year Ended: **30th September 2020**

GROSS - Bank Balance	\$86,184
<i>Plus</i> - 2020 Donated Registration Fees	\$10,500
<i>Less</i> - Carried Forward Snr/Jnr Registration Fees	\$22,253
<b>NET - Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$74,431</b>

## Profit and Loss

### Diamond Creek Women's Football Club

For the Year Ended: *30th September 2020*

Account	2020	2019
<b>Trading Income</b>		
Bar Sales	0.00	9,161.78
Canteen Sales	200.00	27,611.52
Corporate Sponsorship	5,500.00	21,147.80
Fundraising	5,528.59	15,055.85
Jumper Bond	0.00	(200.00)
4 Junior Registrations	32,916.00	40,923.00
Grants	9,000.00	14,600.00
Merchandise Sales	6,347.00	22,648.00
Player Development	0.00	30.00
Presentations Tickets	0.00	8,777.00
4 Senior Registrations	3,502.50	15,540.00
Snrs Dinners	0.00	7,562.00
SQuare Refunds	0.00	(23.10)
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>62,994.09</b>	<b>182,833.85</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Advertising	951.00	0.00
Bank Fees	11.37	1,152.10
Bar Supplies	360.00	3,629.95
Bond Return	0.00	0.00
Canteen Equipment	0.00	3,341.90
Canteen Supplies	276.97	14,063.16
Charity Donations	0.00	500.00
Cleaning	174.28	1,918.28
Club Room Costs	4,058.66	6,252.49
Coach Training	0.00	742.07
Coaching Costs	49.50	825.00
Consulting & Accounting	745.00	550.00
Football Development	540.00	1,878.00
Football Equipment	0.00	12,263.24
Functions Catering	911.55	1,195.03
Functions Costs	0.00	18,979.26
General Expenses	229.98	854.38
Ground Costs	1,312.80	21,350.67
Insurance	2,258.38	790.00
Medical Supplies	0.00	371.13
Merchandise Supplies	6,152.00	19,963.00
Merchant Fees	575.50	1,728.29
NFNL Fines	0.00	100.00
2 NFNL League Fees	968.50	15,862.50
NFNL Players Uniforms	7,923.33	9,117.44
Office Expenses	134.00	317.20
Player Insurance	0.00	2,671.55
3 Player Trainers/Medics	3,705.50	2,912.00
Printing & Stationery	142.34	143.75
Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	0.00
Snrs Dinner Expenses	0.00	4,289.94
Telephone & Internet	910.30	1,350.14
Travel - National	0.00	0.00
Trophies Awards	0.00	5,162.40
Umpire Costs	80.00	5,143.10
1 Utilities - Water and Electricity	7,610.16	1,727.90
Misc	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>40,081.12</b>	<b>161,145.87</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>22,912.97</b>	<b>21,687.98</b>

1 Incl. 2018 Electricity Installments

2 Reimb of 2019 GF video downloads

3 Incl. Trainers fees reimb to Loges for Season 2019

4 Incl. Registration refunds

## Child Safety Officer Report – Linda Cridland

As most of you know 2020 began tragically for me and my family with the unexpected death of my husband, Ron. Usually a chaplaincy report will detail what the club is doing to pastorally care for our players, their families and our officials but I want to acknowledge the support and love that I have been given this year from so many people. It highlights the fact that we are a community, that life for all of us can be difficult and that caring is not the province of one ministry. For Ron the DCWFC was an enjoyable and satisfying part of his, and my, life. I thank you all for the friendship, the laughs, the excellent coffee and the wonderful games.

If we have learnt anything from this year it is that life can be uncertain, we hope for the best and plan for the worse. My intention is to still be a part of this club in 2021 and to hopefully begin to implement the programs and support that we had envisaged for this year.

In the meantime, stay strong, stay safe and remain hopeful for a better year in 2021.

**Linda Cridland – DCWFC Chaplain**

## Canteen Report – Vacant

Unfortunately, we did not have a Canteen Manager in 2020 which in the end didn't matter as the canteen did not operate due to COVID-19.

Luckily, we had not purchased any items/stock so there were no expenses incurred.

The role of Canteen Manager is important and if we don't have anyone volunteer in the next year, we will have to consider other options such as employing someone to run it which will diminish our capacity to make funds or alternatively not run it at all.

**Ruth Bailey**

## Bar Report – Peter Tait

The cancelation of the 2020 season and forced closure of our clubrooms by council, due to Covid-19, have resulted in \$0 income from the Bar for 2020.

We spent \$360.00 on purchasing wine in preparation for the season commencement, but as mentioned above, this did not take place and will be left to mature for 2021.

We applied for and were successful in, increasing our Liquor Licence trading days & hours. They have now been extended to allow the club to open the Bar from Monday-Sunday, for service in both the internal & external areas. Costs associated with this were waived by the VCGLR due to Covid-19.

We continued to maintain our “Good Sports Level 3” membership.

**David Bailey – Licence Nominee**

**Peter Tait – Bar Manager**

## Registrations Report Jnrs & Snrs – Karyn Tait

### JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS 2020

The 2020 season saw no junior players take the field, the NFNL cancelled the season on the 9th July.

Junior players that were fully paid for 2020:

U10's - 7 down by 5 players 2019

U12's - 15 down by 7 players 2019

U14's - 44 (2 full teams) same number of players 2019

U16's - 48 (2 full Teams) up by 4 players 2019

U18's - 29 up by 6 players 2019

Junior players were charged membership fees of \$250, \$230 for 2nd sibling and \$210 for 3rd sibling.

The 2020 registration day was held on the 10th November 2019 for all returning and new junior players. It was a very successful day where we registered and took payment for 117 players. The rest were made throughout the pre-season filling up the available spots in the teams.

Registering players and paying player fees were made much easier with the Square and I found it easy to check registrations paid by bank transfers checking against bank account. Any cash collected was written down in a shared document and handed to the Treasurer.

### SENIOR REGISTRATIONS 2020

The 2020 season saw no senior players take the field, the NFNL cancelled the season on the 3rd of June. We had 53 senior players on our list and we were going to field two Senior teams for 2020.

The fees for the 2020 season for Senior players was \$300 and any Under 18s coming up from our club to seniors were \$250.

Registering players and paying player fees were made much easier with the Square and I found it easy to check registrations paid by bank transfers against the club bank account. Any cash collected was written down in a shared document and handed to the Treasurer.

### Recommendations:

1. Continue to maintain a central control of registrations.
2. Having an installment plan in 2021
3. Continue to use the Square or similar device/system, to pay registration fees and continue to take it to pre-season training sessions.
4. Continue using Google Sheets as it is easy to use and update whilst on the go.

**Karyn Tait**

## Merchandise Report – Mandy Margetts

In my merchandise report last year, I did state that after 3 years as Merchandise Co-ordinator I was stepping down from my role. Unfortunately, no one else put their hand up to do it so I signed on for one more year. To say this was a season like no other is an understatement. This time last year we had no idea what was ahead of us and how our 2020 would eventually pan out.

The merchandise sales on registration day (Nov 2019) ran extremely smoothly. We had plenty of stock and were able to fill nearly all the orders on the day. It definitely helps sales to have plenty of merchandise available on the day for people to take home as well making the job for the Merchandise Co-ordinator a lot easier.

After registration day and with the great help of Karyn Tait and Nat Cowley we were able to work out the jumper allocations/numbers required for the 2020 season and place an order for some more on field playing jumpers. Each year players who played in teams that won premierships are given the opportunity to purchase their playing jumpers. These were replaced and more jumpers were ordered.

Pre- season training was at Diamond Creek East Primary School for the first time this year. As a change to pre-season merchandise sales we decided to only sell priority merchandise (i.e. on field merchandise or for people new to the club) and wait until we trained back at Plenty Park to sell the rest. This helped with not having to carry boxes and boxes of merchandise to training. While we had our training sessions at Diamond Creek East Primary School, we also took 55 orders for the sublimated, individually named training tops.

This year (at the request of some seniors) we introduced, by order, a creekers visor for summer training.

Sadly in March our training stopped.

Unfortunately for the first time, there was a delay with the delivery of the training tops this year as the first run had an incorrect neck line. Luckily the second run arrived just in time for when training resumed at Plenty Park, albeit just for a few weeks.

The under 18 team were very keen for a team hoodie this year and twelve players still went ahead with an order even though the season was cancelled. This is the first year we have had a special hoodie for the under 18 team.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions placed on the club by Council, I have not been able to get into the club rooms and do a stock take of the merchandise sitting in the cupboards and report back to you. I do know (from memory) that the club is well stocked and I would imagine there would only be a very small order (if any) required for registration day.

We have received our order for 72 short and 40 long socks, which will go into stock.

Merchandise revenue - \$6,332.50 Merchandise expenditure - \$5,536.00

Recommendations for next year: Puffer Jacket and Vest, Umbrellas, coaches' shorts (as requested by David Craig)

After 5 years on the committee at DCWFC and 4 years as the Merchandise Co-ordinator I am resigning this year. Thank you to everyone who has helped me over the years and especially thank you to Ruth Bailey, Karyn Tait who helped me with sales this year when I couldn't be there. I wish the club every success for the forth coming season.

**Mandy Margetts**

## Events Report Jnrs – Penny Collins

No activities took place this year due to COVID-19.

**Penny Collins**

## Sponsorship Manager – Vacant

As we didn't have a 2020 season it made it very difficult to seek support from sponsors. The only sponsorship we have received this year has been for the Training Tops. (A big thankyou to Burglar Liquid Waste, Capital Mutual Insurance Brokers & Hi-Way Driving School) & the Digital Timeclock (thankyou to Burglar Liquid Waste)

**David Bailey**

## Player Sponsorship – Stephen Margetts

We attempted to implement an Individual Player Sponsorship program however due to COVID-19 and a lack of uptake it was decided to shelve it and not proceed.

**Stephen Margetts**

## Coach Co-Ordinator Jnrs Report

This Year 2020 there were 7 Coaching positions to be filled, all but one of our 2020 coaches had held a coaching position in the previous season.

Michael Di polo stepped up from U10s assistant to U10s coach  
Steve Meagher stepping up from U12s assistant to U12s coach  
Chris Priest moving from 2 years of U12s to U14 Red with Wayne Mason as Assistant coach  
David Forsyth took on the U14 Blue with Dean Tustin as assistant coach  
Steve MacPherson moved up from U14 Blue to U16 Red with Greg Dyer as assistant  
Michael Ricardo continued on as U16 Blue coach with Chris Schwabe as assistant  
David Craig to move to the U18s.

It was great to have all positions filled before the start of pre-season.

Preseason was at Diamond Creek East Primary School with Diamond Hills closed for maintenance. On the return to Plenty Park we were forced to spread training over 4 nights due to COVID-19 restrictions which would sadly see the season cancelled.

For 2020 we received 8 applications for Junior Coaching positions. All became a coach and one an assistant coach. I was really happy with the response we received.

One of the biggest hurdles was trying to accommodate training times for all teams as all coaches worked full time. This can be hard to attract coaches as they are busy with their own work commitments. The next hurdle was spreading the coaching times over the week. It was working as best as it could when we were notified by the NFNL that Season 2020 had come to an end due to COVID-19.

It was really disappointing as the committee, coaches and players had really embraced the year but it was on the cards.

After the season came to an early close I notified all current Coaches and Assistant coaches and asked if they were interested in Coaching again for 2021. Response has been good.

**Michael Ricardo**

## Coaches Reports

### Under 10 – Michael DiPaolo

No Submission

**Michael DiPaolo**

### Under 12 – Stephen Meagher

No submission

**Stephen Meagher**

### Under 14 Red – Chris Priest

No submission

**Chris Priest - Under 14 Red Coach**

## Under 14 Blue – David Forsyth

U14 Blue 2020 – The Season that Wasn't ??:

Not much to report really other than training related info.

Pre-season: We started the pre-season about 3 maybe 4 weeks early with our group. I had organized with the local running club (Diamond Creek Runners) to allow the girls down to their Tuesday night sessions to establish a fitness base prior to the official start of the club's pre-season. The sessions were optional, but we still had around 12 to 14 girls at each evening. The sessions were tough, but all the girls did a great job to get through at their own pace.

This could potentially be a great thing for DCWFC to carry through into future pre-season training. DCR are locals who are community minded & I'm sure would be up for some kind of collaboration if the DCWFC thought it to be of benefit.

Once we all got fit the season came to a standstill with our first round of isolation, but up until this point I think the girls did a great job of getting to training & having a go. When we recommenced, it was again good to see good numbers at training & the enthusiasm was most definitely there from all involved. The last week & a half we had a couple of intra club hit outs which was great.

A big thanks to everyone at the club for giving me a chance to pass on some knowledge, I had a great time.

**David Forsyth**

## Under 16 Red – Stephen MacPherson

What do you say about a season that was? After winning the premiership the previous year there was a lot of excitement at the prospect of playing as bottom age under 16's. There were a number of girls who were invited to the Carlton Football Club's talent program and the Northern Knights talent pathway. It was reward for effort for those girls chosen to start their journey to playing at the highest level they can.

And then COVID-19 changed everything. One day we were preparing for a normal football season and the next we were unsure what the season would look like. No one could have foreseen what was to happen next as day by day and week by week the situation changed. Training resumed with names being taken, no more than 20 players, no contact, social distancing, hand and football sanitiser.

While the major sporting bodies were looking less likely to play the junior competitions were seen as more likely. The NFNL announced that an 8-week season would go ahead right up until round 1 before being forced to call the season off. It was clear that the risk that the virus presented, and the increasing spread would make running any competition impossible.

There is no doubt that there were a lot of very disappointed young ladies who were unable to socialise and develop their football talents. On a positive note, things will return to a new normal. Football will be played again and I'm sure we will all appreciate it more when it does. I hope that it has provided the opportunity for families to reconnect and for everyone to appreciate the simple things. One of those simple things is just kicking the ball in the park.

Good luck to everyone on their individual journeys. I have appreciated being a small part of it and I am only a device away if ever you need some support or assistance.

**Stephen MacPherson**

## Under 16 Blue – Michael Ricardo

No submission

**Michael Ricardo**

## Under 18 – Dave Craig

Captain: Elly Gooley  
Vice-Captain: Grace Wake  
Dep Vice Capt: Imogen Hammond & Kayley Reid

(Elected by the Team)

Team Manager: Karyn Tait  
Joint Coach: Laura Frazer  
Asst Coaches: Bryan Coghlan  
Lauren Durante  
Runner: Pete Gooley  
Medics: Nic Bullard  
Boundary Umpire: Kirsty Lamb  
Goal Umpire: Peter Tait  
Photographer: Bev McCartney

Best & Fairest	1 <sup>st</sup>	n/a
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	n/a
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	n/a
Coaches Award	n/a	
Most Improved	n/a	
Most Determined		n/a
Most Consistent		n/a
Knights Representatives		Grace Wake
Cannons Representative		Kayley Reid

The 2020 Season review, or should we say the Season that wasn't.  
Pre-season training in Feb was good but was soon halted in March due to the Covid 19 lockdown.  
Recommended training in June only to be shut down again in July by Lockdown 2.0.  
The young ladies had been training well and were really keen to get out playing.  
We welcomed April & Paige Thompson into the team and the Club.

Well we are now finished for the year so we can start planning for 2021.  
There should be plenty of girls on the list to stay next year and be joined by this year's U16B.  
Lastly, we would like to thank the ladies for their commitment, their parents for their support, the Club Committee for all their hard work in these trying times and to Karyn & All our Team helpers for their effort and support.

Go Creekers

**Dave Craig & Laura Frazer**

## Seniors – Col Wallington

Hi all,

What a year.....

Our preseason was a strong one, we really put our heads down every training session and worked really hard at getting better every week, skills were again looked after with specialist coaching with Dave from kick 2 advantage.

Our numbers were very solid and again we were going to be fielding 2 teams.

We had some great recruits come to the club this year with Molly Cronin, Bridgette Grey, Amanda Nearly, Hannah Novalija and Meagan Godwill.

We also had a few returning players in  
Keely Fitzgerald, Hannah Nowak,  
Grace Dicker, Nicole Hales and  
Chelsea Picone.

We were able to play 1 preseason practice match against Airport West and that was a solid hit out with them, showing heaps of promise to the season that awaited us, but left us in the dark.

In a way this virus will help a lot of players recover from niggling injuries and get them fresh for season 2021.

Thank you to all that has helped the senior group up until we stopped and thank you to the coaching staff that contributed every week.

Hopefully footy is back in 2021.

Thanks again

**Col Wallington**

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