

# **SOUTH COOGEE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

***“Oh when the Saints...”***

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2020**



Established 1972

# Executive Summary

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Here is the 2020 Annual Report for South Coogee Junior Football Club Inc.

The Covid pandemic has had an impact on junior football participation this year and an impact on the ability to generate revenue at all levels of the game, South Coogee JFC was not immune from this impact. Thanks to our strong governance and financial management as a club we have had a relatively successful year which will help us for the coming seasons.

The return to training and return to play Covid protocols from the AFL, WAFC, State & local Government seemed onerous but without out these we would not have had a season of junior football in 2020. It created a lot of additional work for the committee and I would like to acknowledge the contribution of those who helped in getting football back on at South Coogee JFC.

2020 was year focused on providing coaches and players with the best equipment possible to ensure our volunteer coaches have the right tools to develop the players and the kids of South Coogee JFC have the best experience with junior football. The club purchased new equipment and will continue to look at the needs of coaches and players.

The Canteen at Santich Park has a great reputation and provides a great source of income for the club, this is due to the great work of our canteen manager Roxanne Evans with support from Patricia Shepley.

With a continued focus on improving the culture of the club our positive reputation with the WAFC, the community we live in and throughout the Fremantle district was maintained. Our promotion of AFL indigenous round and female football are examples of how we are proactively promoting football.

The biggest concern the club has immediately and for the future is the lack of volunteers, there are not enough parents willing to help for as little as 30 minutes a week so kids can play football. The hard work is left to a handful while others watch people set up, pack up and do the jobs that need to be done in a community football club.

The club had healthy numbers across all age groups with extremely strong numbers in Auskick providing excellent sustainability for the future. The club grew the All-Female teams to four in 2020 with female participation growing from 7 in 2016 to 77 in 2020. With continued dedication to girl's football we will grow the number of teams in the All-Female competitions.

South Coogee JFC had another great year on field with a premiership flag and a runner-up flag in the Covid19 modified finals series for each youth competition. Continued development of players in younger age groups through positive connected coaches will lead to future success. South Coogee continued to provide South Fremantle with Colts players, Youth Girls and development academy players this season.

The club continued in 2020 to adhere to its Guiding Principles:

1. A Safe and Positive Environment
2. Maximising Participation
3. Community Engagement
4. Developing Talent Pathways
5. High Quality Facilities and Equipment

A huge thanks to all the volunteers that help make the South Coogee JFC operate, thank you to the committee for all their hard work resulting in a fantastic season. Being awarded South Fremantle District 2020 Club of the Year was a great reward.

On behalf of the committee, I present this Annual Report, providing a record of the performance of the club for the 2020 season, as well as recommendations for the future.

Brad Mazzuchelli  
President



## Guiding Principle1 – A safe and positive environment

Providing a safe and positive environment promotes an image to the community that South Coogee JFC is the No.1 place for children to play & enjoy football in the western corridor of the South Fremantle District.

Providing a safe environment in season 2020 was different to normal but the club stepped up to the challenge that Covid19 threw at us. The development and management of Covid Safety management plans by the club enabled a safe return to training and to games. Once again the club received great feedback from the WAFC, with regards to how we managed the 12 grand finals held at Santich Park.

The club continued to maintain our 'Working With Children Check' register, recording all WWC Checks of those required to hold a WWC card.

We continued to encourage SCJFC players to consider the umpiring pathway during their time in junior football. One of our Y11 players, Ben Cutri was awarded the 'Golden Whistle' for best junior umpire in the South Fremantle district.

We continued to train our new first aid volunteers with Senior First Aid to ensure each team has the adequate support during games.

The culture of the club is measured in many ways, one point of feedback is the number of E-Points not awarded to the club for player, team officials and parent behaviour. The trend has been positive over recent years and this is an indicator that the club culture is improving.

SCJFC E-POINTS NOT AWARDED				
	2017	2018	2019	2020
Modified	2	0	0	0
Youth	11	16	15	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>



### Recommendations

- Due to the lack of parent volunteers it is recommended that the club hire a groundskeeper who will be responsible for overseeing the set up & pack up of ovals on each weekend, maintaining the marking of the modified ovals and canteen maintenance activities.
- Continued training of first aid volunteers with consideration of sports strapping volunteers to be engaged for the Y10 – Y12 groups, most likely via university volunteers.
- Restart youth player education sessions next season to teach kids more than just footy skills.
- Continued communication on what is acceptable from spectators in promoting a positive game day environment
- Complete the components to apply for Gold Level Quality Club, this was postponed due to COVID19



## Guiding Principle 2 – Maximising Participation

The Covid19 lockdown had a significant impact on Auskick numbers although, after the return to play registrations continued and we had 135 Auskick registrations for 2020.

In his fifth year, as Auskick Coordinator Darren Shepley worked with a team of Auskick volunteers to make a fun and exciting Auskick season for all and pass on his knowledge and experience to others to take the reins in the future.

Our modified teams were well managed by our Vice President Darren Shepley with support from Jo Mazzuchelli as the Modified Registrar. All year groups had very healthy numbers although Covid19 did cause some players to have a break from football.



The club was successful in creating a Y5/6 girls team and managed to maintain 3 teams in Y5 and 2 teams in the Y3 along with a Y4 & Y6 team. The quality of the coaches and team managers was excellent, with zero E points not awarded for the season in these age groups. Coaching for development and player retention was encouraged and embraced by all modified coaches. With some new team managers stepping into these roles there was a need to transfer knowledge to new volunteers.

The number of youth teams was maintained at ten under the management of Vice President Darren Shepley supported by Jo Mazzuchelli & Tony Walters as youth registrars.

**Year 7** – Both our Y7 teams participated in the very competitive Year 7 West division, with both teams showing significant development through the season. With two derbies finishing in with one win each showed the balance is right. The White team coached by Cory Ciccarone and managed by Emma Wade-Geddes positive start to the season, injuries affected them mid-season and the missed finals. Coach Dave Earney with management help from Katy Earle had the Red team start without a win from the first four games. They went into the South Coogee derby as underdogs and got their first win, they also had several injuries and although battled well they had a tough year.

**Y7/8 Girls** – The Y7/8 Girls team coached by Nathan Gallagher and managed by Kylie Gallagher had a great year competing in the red division. There were some ups and downs through the season with new girls joining the club and the girls managed to finish a respectable fifth in the competition

**Year 8** – Our Year 8 White team coached by DJ Young and managed by Bek Burns had a very good year in the Fremantle conference green division finishing second on the ladder after 10 rounds and then played off in the grand final. Unfortunately, they couldn't repeat the result of round 10 and went down to Fremantle on the big day. Coach Garry Bickley with management help from Paige Sweeney looked after the Year 8 Blue team in the Fremantle conference white division. They had a very good year finishing fourth and with some great games including a round 9 win against eventual runner up East Fremantle.

**Year 9** – Our Y9 team competed in the Fremantle conference Red division coached by Josh Seldon and managed by Ange Radanovich. The Y9 Boys had a tough year in a competition dominated by Armadale & Mundijong, they had some very good results in some close games and finished in fourth

**Y9/10 Girls** – With the growth in our girl's numbers we could field two Y9/10 girl's teams, our white team coached by Zac McCormack and managed by Leah Arndt & Amanda McCormack played in the Fremantle conference Blue division. The girls played some good footy through the season and will form our first Y11/12 girls team in 2021.

Our Y9/10 Girls Red team had a very good year finishing minor premiers in the Red division, coached by Craig McNaughton and managed by Sharon Parr. They entered the grand final against Canning Vale knowing it would be a close match. In what was said to be the best grand final of the day our girls kicked a winning goal with less than a minute to go in the game. This was a great effort from a group that included many first-year footy players and girls who were new to the club



**Year10** – Our Y10 White played in the Fremantle Conference Red division and were coached by Tony Walters with management from Michelle Zuvela. They were competitive and finished the season with good team development and momentum for the next season.

**Year 11/12** – Our Y11/12 team played in the Fremantle Conference Blue division and were coached by Clint Bloomfield with management from Kylie David. They were competitive in a very strong division they finished a credible third. The future looks very bright for this group and will look forward to kicking off the 2021 season.

Registration numbers over the past three years.

2020 numbers include 412 boys and 77 girls

	PP	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Total
2020	35	49	52	35	22	68	26	42	54	37	37	30	2	489
2019	46	57	57	42	60	38	42	47	37	63	50	7	21	567
2018	39	37	44	59	43	43	63	60	47	51	24	28	27	565

There were many milestones achieved this season, highlighting the fact that South Coogee has had a success in attracting players and retaining them for many years.

### **50 Games**

Luke Bellini	Tristan Every	Bailey Hartley
Caleb Ciccarone	Stefan Rasic	Tayte Smith
Ben Ierino	Elliott Webb	Xander Thelan
Karim Madarevic	Samuel Costins	Chace Vanderhoek
Ethan Curtis	Carlos Dowsett	
Michael Burgess	Joshua Forgione	

### **100 Games**

Riley Plunkett	Hunter Taylor	James Zuvela
Ethan Rigoli	Justin Tomas	John Tamariki
Dylan Murray	Archie Ivancich	Tyler Piazzola
Nicholas Cutri	Thomas Novak	Jake Cooke
Jack Prelevich	Hayden Randall	
Nicholas De Bari	Joe Coyle	

### **130 Games (Playing Life Member if all at SCJFC)**

James Fiannaca – Life Member	Riley Kinner – Life Member
Noah Scata – Life Member	Luke Bloomfield

### **Recommendations**

- It is recommended that the promotion of the All-Girls competition continues with the club aiming for a team in each of All-Girls competitions of Y3/4, Y5/6, Y7/8, Y9/10 and Y11/12 in season 2021.
- Focus on skills development in the Y3-Y6 groups over game structure
- Need to develop a team allocation policy to manage the number of players in teams and number of teams



## Guiding Principle 3 – Community Engagement

This season the club has continued key partnerships between the footy club and the local community.

### 1. City of Cockburn

An excellent relationship between the club and Council has been maintained with open communication channels. The council assisted the club in preparation and running of the Fremantle Conference Grand finals held at Santich Park. The club worked with the council in applying for a state grant to upgrade Santich Park change rooms to Uni-Sex ready for girls footy.



### 2. Cockburn Little Athletics Club

The club needs to continue to work closely with the Cockburn little athletics centre with the upcoming Santich Park upgrade works.

### 3. Cockburn Amateur Football Clubs



In 2020 we had a few of our current Y11/12 players represent Cockburn Lakes Warriors in the colts team and many past players continue their football at a number of local amateur clubs. Strong relationships with amateur clubs will benefit SCJFC players in creating pathways for a smoother transition to football opportunities beyond junior football.



4. Sponsors – The club sponsorship continued to create value for the club and with promotion of our sponsors, the club gave something back to our valued sponsors. Looking after our sponsor is important for longer term relationships.

5. Giving back to the community – Thanks to the generous donation from former sponsors GLC Residential, we have a Community External Defibrillator unit installed at Santich Park.



### Jumper Sponsors

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### Club Supporters

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SMS Group Services



### Recommendations

- Engaging with the Cockburn council to provide support for community events such as cleaning up at the Coogee beach events to raise the SCJFC community profile.
- The relationship with Santich Park co-tenant Cockburn Little Athletics needs continued work for mutual benefits.
- Forming relationships with local amateur football clubs is key to making sure kids play football for as long as possible. Cockburn Lakes Warriors & Cockburn Cobras are two key clubs in our region.



## Guiding Principle 4 – Developing talent pathways

South Coogee Junior Football Club continued to produce talented footballers at all levels, both past and present.

### South Fremantle League and Reserves teams

- South Fremantle were successful in 2020, winning the League Grand Final in their 120<sup>th</sup> year. The winning team included many former SCJFC players, there were also several former South Coogee boys in the South Fremantle Reserves team this year.

### WAFLW

SCJFC Life Member and successful 2019 All Girls coach Beau McCormack was appointed the coach of South Fremantle's inaugural WAFL Women's league team.

### Colts & Youth Girls level

- Current SCJFC players, Brendon Shepherd, Jake Cooke and Jermaine Pickett all played games for South Fremantle Colts this season all performing extremely well, along with many past players  
- South Fremantle youth girls were successful in the Rogers Cup competition in taking home the premiership. This team included six SCJFC girls through the season, congratulations to Mia Whitelaw, Caitlin Arnoldi, Alexi Brooker, ReeAnn O'Neil, Sienna Simunovich and Molly O'Hehir

### District Level

This year the Fremantle conference best & fairest awards event was combined with the club volunteer awards night. This was a great night for South Coogee JFC, we had four players invited to attend as they were in the top two places in their respective competitions.

The invitees are, from our Year 8 White team Nicholas Campo, Elih Watts from our Year 8 Blue team, our successful Y9/10 Red All Girls team's Noa McNaughton and Pippa Sideris from our Y9/10 White All Girls Team.

Nicholas Campo, Noa McNaughton & Pippa Sideris were all presented with B&F awards while Elih Watts was Runner Up B&F for his division.



SCJFC player and South Fremantle umpire was awarded the golden whistle for best umpire in the South Fremantle District.

South Coogee JFC was acknowledged as the South Fremantle District 2020 Club of the Year.



## Guiding Principle 5 – High Quality Facilities and Equipment

The focus of equipment and facilities spending in 2020 was around ensuring all coaches had the equipment required to effectively and safely train their players. Coach development was a focus for 2020 along with renewing ageing assets and refreshing equipment. Investing in assets that will improve the player and coach experience will lead to a better club for all.

Strategies included:

1. Along with additional footballs to ensure kids get more touches at training the club purchased many grip footballs for skill development, additional bump bags for contact training drills and new coach whiteboards to assist with rotations for our Y3-Y6 coaches.
2. Including the sponsored jumpers, the club purchased 11 sets of team jumpers to ensure our players represented the club proudly.
3. Ground marking was again out-sourced to Allsports Linemarking which ensured we had high quality lines on both our ovals and the time burden was not placed on club volunteers.
4. The whiteboard in the home changeroom was replaced thanks to the kind donation from Discovery Parks
5. The City of Cockburn was engaged to look at renovating the changerooms to be suitable for Female football. In conjunction with CLAC the club met with CoC Mayor, Logan Howlett and Fremantle MP Josh Wilson.



(From L-R) Josh Wilson, Mikayla Hicks, David Pye (CLAC), Logan Howlett, Imogen Mazzuchelli, Brad Mazzuchelli

Thanks to work of Garry Bickley the equipment trailer was modified to carry the interchange shelters, reducing the load on our volunteers who set up and pack up for youth games.

Our fantastic Canteen, managed by Roxanne Evans with assistance from Patricia Shepley was acknowledged by the South Fremantle District as the best canteen in the district with a trophy at the annual awards night.

The club needs to continue to look after the club property, saving money on unnecessary maintenance increases costs which means registration fees will need to be raised.

### Recommendations

- It is recommended the two-year engagement with Winning Edge is replaced by utilizing experienced coaches at the club. This will be better financially
- The Club room should display the premiership flags and look to replace and add to the photos of those former South Coogee players that joined AFL teams. This will need approval from the city of Cockburn, this was postponed in 2020 due to the financial impact of COVID19
- All equipment should be branded with a club asset number and recorded on a master asset register





## 2020 Life Members

In 2020 South Coogee Junior Football Club added a new life members to the honour role of those who have contributed significantly to the development of the club over many years. Brad Mazzuchelli was presented with life membership pins at the 2020 Gala night. Below is a summary of his contribution to the club over many years.

Brad has always helped at the club since his eldest son started Auskick in 2007, he would always help set up the fields and put his hand up for any role. This continued as he took on the role of assistant coach from 2010 through to 2018.

Brad was asked to help with the original Quality Club certification in 2014 and joined the committee.

In 2016 Brad wanted to help in a greater way and took on the position of Vice President, after 2 years he accepted the challenge of the role as President, he has been club president from 2018 – 2020.

Brad commits countless hours to the club so kids can enjoy playing football and wants South Coogee JFC to be the best it can be. In his time as Vice President & President Brad has achieved the following.

- Lead the renewal of the Constitution to be compliant with the Act in 2017 - 2019
- Re-certified the club as an AFL Quality club in 2019
- Created Club Code of Conducts for Coach, Team Manager, Parents and Players
- Promoted Girls football from the creation of the inaugural all girls team in 2018 and growing this to four all girl's teams in 2020

Brad helps every team at the club in volunteer roles from first aid to match day official.

Brad works closely with the WAFC to ensure the club has a very good relationship with the commission and with other clubs in the Fremantle area.



## Closing Summary

Season 2020 was a season like never before and for a number of weeks it looked like we may not play any junior football at all. Thanks to the hard work a many people in WA, the WAFC and our local community we were extremely grateful we could provide the opportunity to the girls and boys of South Coogee JFC to play this year.

Many clubs struggled with the financial impact of a shortened season and we were not immune to the challenges we faced. We had good governance and financial management which meant we will continue to be a successful club in the South Fremantle community.

To receive the 2020 South Fremantle Club of the Year award was acknowledgement that as a club we have a positive culture and we are doing a great job.

Thank you to the committee for their hard work this season.

## Committee 2020

President	Brad Mazzuchelli
Vice President	Darren Shepley
Secretary	Craig McNaughton
Treasurer	Mick Mickle
Registrar	Tony Walters Jo Mazzuchelli
Auskick Coordinator	Darren Shepley
All Girls Coordinator	Craig McNaughton
Coaching Coordinator	Garry Bickley
Canteen Manager	Roxanne Evans
Property Manager	Tristan McLachlan
Merchandise	Gloria De Bari
Medical Coordinator	Jodi Hampel
Sponsorship Coordinator	Brad Mazzuchelli
Website Coordinator	Brad Mazzuchelli



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