

# **SOUTH COOGEE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

***“Oh when the Saints...”***

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2021**



Established 1972

# Executive Summary

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Here is the 2021 Annual Report for South Coogee Junior Football Club Inc.

South Coogee had a great year in many key areas both on field and off. The club is in a great financial position, strong numbers in male & female footballers with key improvement projects in the next few years.

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. Thank you to the modified teams that contributed to setting up this season. The club needs more volunteers on the committee and other key areas to ensure the club continues to run smoothly. This was the first season in 25 years where we had no Vice President which made my job even more difficult

Another concern for the club and junior football in general over season 2021 was the behaviour of parents at games. The umpire abuse from spectators and the actions of volunteers was well below what is acceptable for junior sport. This will need to be a key focus for next season to ensure the club creates a positive reputation with the WAFC, the community we live in and throughout the Fremantle district.

2021 was a season of bouncing back from the Covid affected 2020 season. We received excellent funding from the office of the State member of the South Metropolitan electorate which allowed the club to purchase new Auskick jumpers for next season and new goal post pads.

The club had healthy numbers across all age groups with strong numbers in Auskick providing excellent sustainability for the future. The club continued grow the All-Female teams to five in 2021 with our inaugural Y11/12 girls team. Girl's football is fastest growing are of football and with the assistance of the City of Cockburn we upgraded the bathrooms in the change rooms to be more suitable for girl's teams.

South Coogee JFC had another great year on field with a premiership flag and two other teams reaching grand finals in the youth competitions. 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, Rogers Cup Girls and development academy players this season.

There will be an increase in costs from the WAFC but due to the strong financial position of the club registration fees will not be increased in 2022. SCJFC registrations fees continue to be below average in the South Fremantle district.

The club continued in 2021 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. I was awarded South Fremantle District 2021 Volunteer of the Year.

On behalf of the committee, I present this Annual Report, providing a record of the performance of the club for the 2021 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.

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

**EDUCATION OF PLAYERS** – We invited "In Between the Ears" to the club to talk about concussion and mental health management in football. Chris Luff & Brendon Verrier talked about their experiences from concussion while playing football and how important it is to manage concussion while considering the mental health impacts of on field incidents. This was attended by the Y11/12 players and a handful of coaches.

**SUPPORTING UMPIRES** – South Coogee JFC has several players and former players taking up junior football umpiring. Many have carried on to umpire at higher levels such as Amateur football, development games, academy games and PSA football. The high standard of umpires who started as SCJFC footballers was noted by the number of these umpires who were acknowledged with the important role of umpiring grand finals.

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 but unfortunately the club had poor season in 2021 related to off field behaviour.

SCJFC E-POINTS NOT AWARDED					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Modified	2	0	0	0	0
Youth	11	16	15	6	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>



### Recommendations

- 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.
- Continue 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.



## Guiding Principle 2 – Maximising Participation

The club had another strong year with Auskick registrations at 135 Auskick registrations for 2021.

In his first year, as Auskick Coordinator Shaun McCormack worked with the Auskick parent volunteers to make a fun and exciting Auskick season for the young boys & girls of our club.



With no Junior Vice President or Vice President the management of the modified teams was left to the Modified Registrar, Charissa Shepherd. All year groups had very healthy numbers.

The club managed to create three Year3 teams from the strong numbers of Auskick 2020. We maintained 2 teams in Year4, a strong Year5 team and 3 teams in Year6. The club did to not only maintain a Year5/6 girls team but the strength of the number of girls in that group is great for the future of girls footy. 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. Our modified Team managers did a great job in managing volunteers and organizing the players.

The number of youth teams grew to eleven under the management of Andrew Geddes as youth registrar.

**Year 7** – The Y7 White team coached by Craig Smith and managed by Chloe Smith had a great start to the season and were very competitive, challenging eventual premiers Mundijong and beating all other sides. They missed the finals but had a great year.

**Y7/8 Girls** – The Y7/8 Girls team coached by Brad Mazzuchelli and managed by Sue & Graham Bailey had a great year playing in the red division. There were some ups and downs through the season with new girls joining the club but the girls managed make the finals which was a great effort.

**Year 8** – Both our Y8 teams participated in the very competitive Year 8 Green division, with both teams showed their best was good enough but lacked consistency through the season. The White team coached by Cory Ciccarone and managed by Emma Wade-Geddes had many injuries which affected and relied on some Year7 players to field a team. Coach Dave Earney with management help from Katy Earle had the Red team started the season well but just missed the finals. The Red team had some very good games which looks great for next year.

**Year 9** – Coach Garry Bickley with management help from Paige Sweeney looked after the Year 9 Blue team in the Fremantle conference Red division. They had a very up and down year and when they played good team footy they were more than competitive against the best teams.

**Year 10** – Our Y10 team competed in the Fremantle conference Red division jointly coached by Josh Seldon and Dave Plunkett with management from Shayne Hampel. The Y10 Boys had a very good year and finished the regular season undefeated on top of the ladder. Winning the second semifinal they went straight to the grand final and got the job done against Bullcreek. Well done boys, **2021 Premiers!**

**Y9/10 Girls** – Our Y9/10 Girls White team had a very good and made it to the preliminary final of the red division, jointly coached by Katelyn Guy and Tess Hosking and managed by Bec Kennington. They entered preliminary against eventual premiers Piara Waters and had their chances but will need to wait until next season to go one better. The Y9/10 Girls Red team coached by Michael Robinson with management from Sharon Parr had an injury impacted season in the blue division and did not make the finals although being very competitive against the best teams.

**Y11/12 Girls** – With the growth in our girl's numbers we fielded our inaugural Y11/12 girls' team, the team jointly coached by Zac & Beau McCormack and managed by Allison Loo. The girls played great footy through the season and made the grand final. They met Willetton at the big dance, a team they hadn't beaten in the season and unfortunately they couldn't change the trend in the grand final. Well done on a great season girls.



**Year 11/12** – Our Y11/12 Red team played in the Fremantle Conference White division and were coached by Tony Walters with management from Maria Beradis. The team had another great of development and finished the season on top of the ladder. Unfortunately, they were not able to win either of their finals to make it into the grand final but will look to 2022 for success.

Our Y11/12 White team played in the Fremantle Conference Blue division and were coached by Clint Bloomfield with management from Kylie David. They had a slow start to the season and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> to make the finals. They played well in the finals and after a nail biting preliminary final they made their way to the grand final but went down against Jandakot. We done boys, a good way to finish off your junior footy.

Registration numbers over the past three years.

2021 members were up to 552 including 453 boys and 99 girls

	PP	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Total
2021	46	52	37	51	38	25	75	38	50	37	42	34	27	552
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

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**

Crystal Joshua	Connor Rice	Nicholas Ricci
Simon Anderson	Johnson Tailor	Noah Abdullah
Liam Burnby-Zagari	Maniah Wanihi	Jericho Ward
Jay Cooper	Coby Barnes	Josie Mickel
Isaac Morgan	Izaiah Allen	Elizabeth Walley
Bailey Seldon	Joel Badger	Samuel Walters
Gavin Williams	Oliver Prelevich	Tyson Kelly
Kobi Totten	Tiago Florenca	Octavia Champion
Corey Trichett	Darcy Kaczmarczyk	Coco Hanly
Nathan Adcock	Alec Degennaro	Indiana Cuffe-Cain
Lochlainn Varian	Luca Promalli	Shelby Quigley
Lilly Mulholland	Meika Rose	Amber McCormack
Okah Stacey	Brock Mitchell	Adam Svilicich
Kane Diver	Will Shea	Aaron Ricciardi
Blake Hicks	Isaac Shepherd	

### **100 Games**

Elih Watts	Jack Anderson	Blake Turner
Nicholas Campo	Samuel Elezovich	Alfie Beasley
Thomas Ricci	Jacob Allard	Josh Taylor-Thorpe
Tyson Elward	Ethan Clark	Alex Spezzacatena
Bailey Collison	Bryce Grey	Zac Jones
Kye Seldon	Hamish Cooper	

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

James De Boni – Life Member	Jay David – Life Member
Josh Carradus – Life Member	Charlie Campo
Dylan Novak – Life Member	Ryan Parr
Brandon Shepherd – Life Member	Joel Baskerville
Xavier Matier – Life Member	

### **150 Games**

James Fiannaca	Luke Bloomfield
Noah Scata	Marlon David



## 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 2021 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. Cockburn Community Environment – With the support of the Ability Centre the club introduced Containers for Change bins at Santich Park to improve recycling while raising some funds for the club.



### Jumper Sponsors

Western Fleet Services  
iKad Engineering  
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Sicuso Dance Studio  
Prime Civil



### Silver Sponsors

Discovery Parks  
Beyond Bank



### Club Supporters

Armando Sports  
Game Day Guardian



### 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 made it to their third consecutive WAFL League Grand Final team with many former SCJFC players and AFL draft hopeful Jesse Motlop. The Reserves team had a good year, just missing finals. Former South Coogee player, Matt Ward was awarded best & fairest for the South Fremantle Reserves team this year.

### Colts & Youth Girls level

- Current SCJFC player, Brendon Shepherd and Tyson Piazzola both played games for South Fremantle Colts this season along with many past SCJFC players. Dylan Novak, Josh Taylor-Thorpe & Tyson Kelly were colts listed and will hope to debut for the Bulldogs next season.

- South Fremantle youth girls were successful in the Rogers Cup competition in reaching the grand final. The team included many SCJFC girls through the season, well done to Mia Whitelaw, Caitlin Arnoldi, Noa McNaughton, Jayde Musika, ReeAnn O'Neil, Monique Narkle, Ele Pinna, Sienna Proctor, Sienna Simunovich, Pippa Sideris and Molly O'Hehir.

Noa McNaughton was awarded the best & fairest at South Fremantle and the B&F in the WALFW Rogers Cup competition.

### District Level

This year the Fremantle conference best & fairest awards and club volunteer awards night was another great night for South Coogee JFC. The club had three players attend the awards night.

From our Year 10 team Kindrael Hooker, Tyson Kelly from our Y11/12 Red team and Tahleah Pascov of our Y11/12 Girls team were all presented with B&F awards.



Our president Brad Mazzuchelli was acknowledged as the South Fremantle District 2021 Volunteer of the Year.



## Guiding Principle 5 – High Quality Facilities and Equipment

The focus of equipment and facilities spending in 2021 was around ensuring all coaches had the equipment required to effectively and safely train their players. We aim to have one ball for every player so training sessions include maximum touches for all kids. Investing in assets that will improve the player and coach experience will lead to a better club for all.

Strategies included:

1. Additional Interchange shelters.
2. New goal post pads.
3. New Auskick jumpers purchased, ready for 2022 season.
4. 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.
5. The whiteboard in the away changeroom was replaced thanks again to the kind donation from Discovery Parks
6. The City of Cockburn completed the renovations of the changerooms to be suitable for Female football.

The WAFC made comment on how well the club canteen is run and managed, this was another positive note about our canteen along with the numerous comments from visiting teams.

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

- 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 has approval from the city of Cockburn, this was postponed in 2021 due to lack of volunteers to assist with this
- All equipment should be branded with a club asset number and recorded on a master asset register, this was commenced and will need to be continued





## 2021 Life Members

In 2021 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. Roxanne Evans was presented with life membership at the 2021 Gala night.

Roxanne joined the committee in 2013 as merchandise manager and continued in that role for 6 years. Roxanne improved the management of the club merchandise and made changes with suppliers to benefit the kids and parents of the club.

In 2019 Roxanne wanted to use her experience from her job to improve the canteen, she took on the role of canteen manager. Roxanne has made many changes at the club which has raised valuable funds for the club and its members and increased the profile of the South Coogee footy club. Every week, someone comments on how fantastic the canteen is.

After only one year in managing the canteen Roxanne achieved the award of “Canteen of the Year” in the South Fremantle district.

Roxanne works extremely hard to make the canteen successful and gives up many hours for the club.



## Closing Summary

Season 2021 saw a return to healthy numbers after the 2020 Covid affected season, not only through the growth in girl's numbers but also in the modified football players. Both these important areas of football are a good indication that the club is in a strong position for the future.

Please think about how you can help the club as we kick off the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the South Coogee Junior Football Club.

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

## Committee 2021

President	Brad Mazzuchelli
Secretary	Darren Shepley
Treasurer	Danielle Rudolph
Registrar	Andrew Geddes Charissa Shepherd
Auskick Coordinator	Shaun McCormack
All Girls Coordinator	Sharon Parr
Coaching Coordinator	Brad Mazzuchelli
Canteen Manager	Roxanne Evans
Property Manager	Tristan McLachlan
Merchandise	Joni Gephart
Medical Coordinator	Tania Ciccarone
Sponsorship Coordinator	Darren Shepley
Website Coordinator	Brad Mazzuchelli
General Committee	Cory Ciccarone Patricia Shepley Jo Mazzuchelli



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