

Brunswick Junior Football Club

2010 Annual Report

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1st ANNUAL REPORT

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On behalf of the President and Committee, I present for the consideration and approval of the members, the Annual Report, including the Financial Report, for the year ended 30 September 2010, of the Brunswick Junior Football Club Incorporated.

Helen Gatford

HON. SECRETARY

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1. PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

1.1 History

The formation of the BJFC was considered necessary by the senior club, North Old Boys St.Patricks College at a Committee meeting in mid June 2007.

For the parents of the BJFC I have outlined this history of the “senior” club so as to appreciate the reasons why this initiative was taken.

North Old Boys was formed in 1963 as a football path for old collegians from St Josephs College North Melbourne (Junior Campus was Pascoe Vale) to play football. It was a very successful football club making its way from E grade in 1963 (VAFA) through to A Grade by 1968 The club remained in A Grade for 25 years in succession and played its home games at Brens Oval, opposite the Melbourne Zoo throughout this period.

In 1992 with the collapse of the Brunswick Football Club, which played within the Victoria Football Association (VFA), the opportunity to relocate to the Gillon Oval was an opportunity to be taken. NOB’s relocated to the Gillon Oval in mid season.

With the rise in both junior and district football a decline in numbers from St Josephs College became apparent throughout the late part of the 1990’s. With many junior players at the College establishing their allegiances with the local clubs, in their respective suburbs, such as Pascoe Vale, Coburg, Brunswick and the like. Player recruitment from the mid 1980’s relied on the “tertiary sector” with many players coming from the surrounding accommodation colleges such as Don Bosco and the like. The transient nature of the players saw most staying throughout their tertiary years and then returning to their place of residence or being lost to overseas travel.

By 2005 an alliance with St.Patrick’s College Ballarat was formed, which is also a “Christian Brothers College” identical to St.Josephs. The purpose of this alliance was to produce an outlet for students from St.Patricks to play football for their “school club” when students were relocated to Melbourne through either works or for tertiary studies. St.Patricks College has a very strong football culture and is second to Assumption College at Kilmore in the number of students who have gone onto to play

AFL football. As of 2009 some 95 students have gone from this College to play with the 16 sides side within the AFL competition.

The supply of students from St.Patricks was also seen as a way of bolstering the U19 team, which was always problematic in attracting numbers to play throughout the 1990's and early 2000. The relocation of students however to the City is contingent on students gaining tertiary entry, and parents with the finance and resources to accommodate their sons within the metropolitan area.

Hence the reason for this initiative to commence a junior football club was to take a long term view and harness some of the players at Brunswick AusKick. The strategy is to develop the junior club each year with a New Year level and leading through to NOBSPC U18/19 level.

From the Yarra Junior Football League perspective, the rules of the league require the club to grow to provide all age groups through to Colts (combine U16/17). I have no doubt we can achieve this goal over the next decade.

In terms of the jumper design and colors, the jumper using a stylized gryphon was designed by student Mark Mazzone at St.Josephs College as a rugby jumper for the school in 2008. The colors were changed to reflect the NOBSPC jumper of purple, green (St.Pats) and blue. The Gryphon of St Josephs in the modern form was considered to be more appealing to younger players and as such the "Brunswick Dragons" was born.

1.2 *Season 2010*

A shaky start saw 8 parents/players at registration night in late February, with this number increasing to 12, three (3) weeks later. It was at this point, with the season commencement looming that I needed to make a commitment to the parents that this Club was going to be formed. The ordering of \$1000 worth of jumpers, socks and shorts was a "big call", but confirmed to the parents that we were serious about this initiative. Many thanks to the parents involved who made numerous phone calls during this intervening period, such as Paul Sinclair, Craig Mott, Jerome Walsh and others.

The BJFC took to the field with 16 players against Richmond on April 11 and won its first game! A remarkable effort for 16 boys at an U10 level who 2 weeks prior had not played a game of football. The team won 4 games for the year and their enthusiasm is second to none with their attitude more attune to playing well, being competitive and not at all concerned about winning or losing.

The YJFL grade sides after 4 games, so the competition is very even and had we won 3 more games would be played off in the finals. With about a third of the side being eligible for U10 in 2011, the difference between the top and bottom sides was size, with the top sides being even in height (140cm) and weight (30-40kg). Although smaller in both height and weight our tactic was to tackle sides out of the contest and the players loved every minute of the game, with tackle counts being taken for every quarter.

1.3 *Training & match day*

In terms of team selection a match committee was formed by round 3, which selected the side for each week. Players were thrown around into different positions, with respect to their skill, height and knowledge, which enabled most players to have played in most positions throughout the season.

The match committee also nominated persons to contribute to match day duties, (umpire official, goal, scoreboard, water etc) which adds up to some 8 positions for each week. The team selection and match day duties are emailed to all parents on the Thursday prior to the game, which ensures an efficient operation for all match days.

I used to write match reports for NOBSPC Club 18 over 2006-07, when I coached this side. It was an effective way of communicating to the players on Monday mornings of the weekend's results. This method was used again and as a means of communicating to both all parents and players of who played well, best players, goal kicker etc not to mention the commentary on the actual game. This became a sort after article on Monday mornings and was a great way for players and parents to relive the Sunday experience. Parents of the players also took up this role, with a number of reports being prepared by Craig Mott, Helen Gatford and Anthony Sabatino during the year.

Training was undertaken on Wednesday nights (5.30 to 6.30pm) and quickly all parents became involved and by round 4 we had meals being made available to all players and parents after training! Many thanks here go to Joan O'Sullivan for organizing a roster and for all ladies (Lyn Bonny, Franki McGuire, Helen Gatford, Jen Hocking, Alison Beswick, Jacqui Kilkenny, Marci Faith, Nicky Rob, Michelle Van Gerrevink, Stacey Ryan, Carol Slaveiro, Jane O'Donnell) and parents alike to prepare a meal to bring on a Wednesday night.

Joan's organization and roster was extended to match day canteen duties, where the BJFC ran the canteen for the 2 hours from 10.00 am onwards. Many thanks to Rob Middleton for his expertise on manning the coffee machine and the flawless cappuccino delivered over the counter on a Sunday morning. The canteen supplies were purchased by NOBSPC and the money taken was split 30/60 to the BJFC. BJFC parents also assisted on the social games (TOTE HOTEL) held at the Gillon Oval and again the takings were divided between the clubs.

To the dads, they all contributed throughout the season in assisting with training and we now all appreciate the role our primary school teachers have in teaching our sons: it can be difficult!

By round 6, the Club had office bearers and policies being developed for the future of the Club.

In terms of total numbers by the final round 21 players had registered with the Club and these players come from the surrounding seven (7) local primary schools. You could not have wished for a more positive, generous and caring group of people to be involved with a sporting club.

1.4 *Best & Fairest*

The Best and Fairest vote count was held in August at the club rooms and attended by over 60 parents, siblings and grandparents, with a Brownlow style presentation for the last 5 rounds being conducted.

Award winners were:

- Best & Fairest - Daniel Mott (36)
- Runner Up B&F - Will Bonny McKenzie (30)
- Coaches Trophy – Aden Van Gerrevink
- Most Determined – Finnian Eaton
- Goal Kicking – Francis Evans (18 goals)



All players received a medal for their contribution throughout season 2010.

In terms of the YJF League Best & Fairest the votes were:

Surname	Given	Votes
Eaton	Finnian	9
Mott	Daniel	7
Bonney-McKenzie	William	5
Evans	Francis	5
Ludeman	Jack	3
Mott	William	3
Egan	Lennox	1
Sabatino	Jack	1
Sinclair	Max	1
Van gerrevink	Aden	1
Walsh	Jonas	1

1.5 *NOBSPC Involvement*

In terms of assistance financial support from NOBSPC was given through the payment of wages for the trainer (Charlotte Blake) and match umpire at home games (Matthew Hibbert) while \$400 was spent on equipment. This cost was very modest. Players from the senior club also assisted when I was unavailable on Wednesday nights and there ability to fill in (usually at short notice) was invaluable.

1.6 *Memberships*

Payment of memberships was \$160 per player with a discount (70%) on a second child was levied with parents also paying a deposit on the jumper.

1.7 *Support staff*

Parents provided the support for the operation of this club and quickly filled the following positions:

- Assistant Coach – Paul Sinclair
- Team Managers – Jerome Walsh & Ray McKenzie
- Time Keepers – Robin Slaviero, Dave Ryan, David Pizzey
- Goal Umpires – Craig Mott, Anthony Sabatino, David Pizzey, Robin Slaviero

- Scoreboard – Laura Donati, Anthony Sabatino, Michele Van Gerrevink;
- Runner – Brendan Jones,
- Boundary Umpire – Jen Hocking
- Match reports – Helen Gatford, Anthony Sabatino, Craig Mott

All of these people made large contributions in terms of time, organization and management to ensure that each player and the side enjoyed a “seamless transition” in attending training and game days. The Club is indeed fortunate that these people offered their time without reward.

1.8 *Gillon Oval*

The redevelopment of the surrounds to the Oval finally commenced in May, with the removal of the earthen mounds/terraces, security fencing that surrounded the oval. New works included the redevelopment of the car park, new playground, and installation of a 4th cricket net and landscaping.

The scoreboard was removed also, however the Council failed to order a new one in time, with the whole season completed with a temporary (read door & nails) one located above the social club rooms. Rain impacted on the final sealing of the car park, with this only being completed in August, with members having to put up with muddy surrounds for some months.

Moreland City Council has informed us that the scoreboard has been ordered, whilst final tenders are being determined for the installation of new lights. The current lights do not comply with the Australian Standards and these will be replaced prior to season 2011.

The ground at present is being resown for season 2011 and the Brunswick Cricket Club is not playing on the Oval until January to allow for the reseedling to be established.

1.9 *Telstra Grant*

The Club has been fortunate to obtain a \$1000 grant in sporting equipment, which includes training aids, such as a junior tackle bag, steps, cones and balls for use in 2011.

2 Coaches Report

Our first year was very successful given that we took children who had never played football before in a team environment, who had not trained for specific skills and yet went onto win 4 games. Some narrow losses also occurred and the boys were competitive throughout the year.

Training was never made compulsory but all players attended 90% of most sessions. Training occurred on Wednesday nights from 5.30 to 6.30 pm. The ground was able to be used prior to the Masters (>40 & >47) training and this format will be continued for next year. With the provision of meals after training this initiative, made the training nights a lot easier for both players and parents to cope afterwards, given the extended hours.

In terms of training the YJFL has a special rule that players cannot kick the ball off the ground, so the skill of learning to pick up the ball off the ground was honed throughout the year.

In terms of tackling, the use of tackle bags in training to improve this skill was very popular with the players. This skill was developed given that as a side we were smaller, but our speed made it possible for us to apply pressure on opposition teams through tackling to gain possession. Opposition teams remarked how hard we tackled and this skill will be continued to be part of the training regime for 2011.

In terms of team selection the Selection Committee did an excellent job of selecting players for each game, with players being rotated through different positions to gain experience. This assists in player development and gives the team flexibility in making changes either throughout the game or in response to player availability.

In terms of skill level I was very impressed with how as junior players they could “carry the ball” not afraid to bounce the ball, play on and even baulk. Not all players have the same skill level, nor would it be expected that the side would all have the same skill level. Different bodies, heights, weights and perception skills (hand eye co-ordination) combine to give a side different strengths and weaknesses. For season 2011 we will start to practice on the non-preferred side for both kicking and handball, as the earlier this skill is developed the better.

Finally the players all enjoyed playing the game and losses did not lessen their enthusiasm throughout the year. I am sure they all had a positive experience in their first year as football players in a team environment.

For next year it is expected that we will have probably 20-30 players each night with both U10 and U11 for season 2011.

Trevor Ludeman
COACH BJFC U10

3. Treasurer's Report

A bank account in the name of **Brunswick Junior Football Club** was opened on 16th March 2010 at the National Australia Bank, Camberwell.

The financial period for the BJFC is dated from 1st October to 30th September the following year (12 months).

The attached reports are for the period:
16th March 2010 to 30th September 2010.

A brief breakdown of activities for the season is shown below:

<i>Account</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Cost/Expense</i>	<i>Balance</i>
Memberships	3453		3453
Wednesday Night Meal takings	2446	1119	1327
Presentation Night	554	738	(184)
Canteen Earnings	1657		1657
Yarra League Playing expenses - Umpires		200	(200)
Equipment, Footballs, Apparel, Supplies		378	(378)
Apparel Purchases		1080	(1080)
Bank fees, permits, licenses, player insurances		812	(812)
Trophies & medals		268	(268)
Totals	8110	4595	3515

In terms of the above costs, it must be noted that:

Apparel – Jumper Deposit of \$776

This amount is required to be set aside for the return of any Club Jumper no longer required by a player. The jumper will need to be in good condition as it will be passed onto another player. A refund of \$35 per jumper will be issued based on (jumpers purchased in) 2010 prices. Any new jumpers purchased in future may reflect a different value and the deposit amount will be determined then.

The purpose of the Jumper Deposit was to ensure that the Club retains the jumpers which would eliminate the re-ordering of new jumper sets each year. Only one refund has been paid, whilst most parents have elected to keep the jumpers for next year.

If parents wish to purchase and pay full price for a new jumper then no deposit refund will apply. This amount is in addition to Membership fees.

Expenses for the Season paid for by NOBSPC included:

- Yarra Junior Football League – Affiliation Fee - \$330
- Yarra Umpire Services – Round 1 to 5 - \$165
- Sundry food/beverage purchases for BBQ's - \$98
- Equipment, Footballs, Kit Bags, Drink Bottles - \$480
- BJFC Web site creation - \$120

Other Services:

- Trainers and home game Umpires - These costs are approx \$40 per game for the trainer (\$17 per hour) and a home game umpire cost is \$38 per game.
- BJFC did not contribute financially to any of the Grounds/Pavilion utility charges such as Rent, Electricity, Gas and Water for Season 2010.

Overall

Balance Sheet – There are no outstanding Debtors or Creditors to date and the bank balance at 30th September 2010 was \$3978.22. Current bank balance as 26th October 2010 is \$3914.62

Investment of Bank funds – after enquiries from the bank, the minimum amount required for a 'term deposit' is \$5000; therefore no funds have been invested. I requested the Bank to change the account structure to a 'no monthly account fee' account with a 20c charge per 'over the counter' transaction as I mainly use internet banking.

Please see attached Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for year end 30th September, 2010.

Wendy Canobie,
Treasurer, BJFC
26th October, 2010

4. Office Bearers 2010

EXECUTIVE

President	Trevor Ludeman
Vice President	Jerome Walsh
Secretary	Helen Gatford
Treasurer	Wendy Canobie

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ray McKenzie, Jen Hocking, David Pizzey, Paul Sinclair, David Aldenhoven.

FOOTBALL OFFICIALS

Coach	Trevor Ludeman
Assistant Coaches	Paul Sinclair
Chairman of Selectors	Ray McKenzie
Team Manager	Jerome Walsh
Club Director	David Pizzey
Canteen Manager	Joan O'Sullivan
Trainer	Charlotte Blake
Club Umpire	Matthew Hibbert
Captain	Rotated each week

5. Games played and B&F Votes

#	Name	Surname	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	TOTAL	Games
1	Daniel	Mott	5				3	2		3			6	6	2	4	2	3	36	15
2	Zac	Aldenhoven												2					2	11
3	Eamon	Pizzey																	0	15
4	Jonas	Walsh				1					4	3							8	15
5	Will	Bonny McKenzie		4				6		6		4	2			3	3	2	30	15
6	Francis	Evans		2		1	1							2				3	9	14
7	Sebastian	Eaton																	0	12
8	Clarrie	Kilkenny Jones	3		6							3						3	15	15
9	Gabby	Esson																	0	4
10	Oskar	Rausa																	0	2
11	Lennox	Egan													2		2		4	10
12	Jack	Middleton																	0	15
13	Aden	Van Gerrevink	1				5	2			6				2				16	14
14	Finnian	Eaton					2	1						1	6				10	13
15	Ziggy	Ryan	1								1								2	15
16	William	Khourri								1			1	1		1			4	8
17	Max	Sinclair									1	2						1	4	15
18	William	Mott			4	6	1						2				2		15	14
19	Daniel	Vithoulkas															3		3	6
20	Joshua	Slaviero						1											1	11
21	Jack	Ludeman	2		2	4				2						4			14	15
24	Jack	Sabatino		6									1						7	15