



DUBBO TOUCH ASSOCIATION INC.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 30th March 2023

What a year it's been, 2022 saw competitions resume to normal after two years of disruption due to Covid 19.

Some of the great things that happened in 2022 include;

1. The staging of NSWTA Junior State Cup Northern Conference in Dubbo in February 23! What an event. The largest sporting carnival ever held in Dubbo (187 teams). Congratulations to Dubbo Regional Council and Dubbo Touch for a truly remarkable event. The injection into the local economy, the excitement around town for the weekend and the great touch played by our teams was unbelievable. The event could not have gone any better, thank you to Nic and the subcommittee, Tracey and Council and all the DTA volunteers who helped on the weekend. With Dubbo Regional Council, we will be tendering for the next three years and with such a successful carnival in Dubbo, we would have to be favourites for the carnival to return.
2. 85 teams in Junior Competitions, well done Heidi and all your helpers, it's only going to get bigger.
3. The Struddy's Safari Womens Series grew to six teams this summer in two 6 week competitions before and after Christmas. Well done Millie and your helpers, getting more women playing touch in a relaxed atmosphere is the way to go.
4. Many of our Referee's achieved great things with upgrades, grand finals allocations in Rep Carnivals and supporting our Junior and Senior Rep teams as well as local. Thanks to Matt and Jackie for your efforts in a big year.
5. Sunday night Mixed Grand Finals for the first time.

Sponsors;

The 'Westside Hotel' has been our major sponsor for nine years now and we look forward to continuing this partnership into the future. It's great to have a sponsor who is happy to support the club long term and we should try to support the Westside whenever we can.

A big thank you to our Junior sponsors, 'Jokers Ink', 'Peppercorn Child Care Centre', 'Logo Pogo', 'Bourke Street Butchery', 'McCut Tiling Service', 'On the move', 'Spuds Skips' and our Referee's sponsor, 'Forever Electrical'. We really appreciate your support allowing us to provide better experiences for our junior players, their families and Referees who play a critical role in all our activities.

Juniors;

The Junior Comp goes from strength to strength with a massive 85 teams (most ever again!) in competitions from U7 to U15's. Well done Heidi and committee who continue to run a great competition. More time slots will provide opportunity to expand the competitions even further.

Junior Rep teams;

We had excellent representation at all junior events including Don Green Western Junior Championships in Mudgee in November, Central Coast Mini's, Pete Wilson Memorial Championships at Nelson Bay early February, Mini's on the Central Coast and most importantly the Northern Conference of Junior State Cup Northern Conference held in Dubbo.

Thank you to our Referee's who continue to support our Junior Rep Teams at these Carnivals.

Our junior Rep teams continue to develop and improve year after year, due to the commitment of Tracey W, Emma F and the individual coaches and Managers of the teams. The commitment to



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training is first class leading into the tournaments and the results this year are our best ever. Look out Orange!

Senior Competitions;

We had 45 Mixed teams (slightly down), 24 Men's teams (same as last year) and 6 teams in the new Womens Safari Series on Friday night battling it out in our summer competitions. Thanks to Rick, Garns, Burt, Dan and others for running the Comps so well.

Senior Rep teams;

A Men's 40's team attended Hornets Regional Champs, Open and 50 Men's went to Country Champs and Open Men, State Cup. All teams were very competitive.

I thought I'd reflect on the 20 years I have been President of Dubbo Touch.

It's been a great experience and I have really enjoyed working with so many fantastic people across Dubbo Touch over that time.

Some of the highlights;

1. Committee numbers have increased, with many members staying on the committee for many years. The more people on the committee, the more you can do and the more there is to do.
2. Players and team numbers have increased significantly, especially in Juniors.
3. The Club has become financially secure allowing funds to be injected back into the club and into improved facilities.
4. Committee members staying on the committee for a number of years providing a solid foundation for growth. Encouraging friends and family to join the Committee.
5. The construction of the Club House in 2012 and paying it off in 2022.
6. The lighting of six fields on John McGrath Oval after DRC/DTA received a State Govt Grant (\$680K), \$20K from DRSC and \$120K from DTA
The lights will go up hopefully by the end of June this year which should translate to more Winter teams (two time slots rather than four, avoiding the dreaded last time slot) and flexibility in timing for competitions and games in summer for Juniors & Seniors.

There has been change;

1. Introduction of Sportingpulse and Mysideline electronic registration systems from paper registrations and registration nights, registering teams, players and eliminating collection of cash. What a difference the electronic systems have made to administering competitions.
2. Introduction of Eftpos at the Club House Canteen and casual players reducing reliance of taking cash at the grounds.

It's truly been a very satisfying experience, I'll still be involved in the Club and look forward to the next chapter in the Clubs history.

Neil Webster

President
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