

Chairman's Report, 19 October 2017



In years to come I believe 2017 will prove something of a landmark year. Not only did we win five premierships; two in netball (A3 & B7), two in football (Div 7 and Div 7 Res) and one in cricket (Div 1), but also junior football including Auskick was established, women's footy and cricket started and we submitted a very worthy bid for long term use and development of Park 21W.

All these activities and outcomes are important to ensure our ongoing capacity to provide a great community environment for people of all ages and backgrounds to participate in sport and other events.

Behind the scenes your Board continues to meet monthly with a formal agenda and minutes (thanks Luke), additionally your Club is supported by three hard-working sports committees and four functional committees. As stated last year, to get the most from our structure, regular meetings and communication, actions and deadlines are critical to ensure tasks are shared and completed.

Every week hundreds of people participate in dozens of sporting teams including players, coaches, umpires, timekeepers, trainers, runners, BBQ'ers, cooks, servers and officials. Here's a few of the many unpaid volunteers that regularly contribute: Josh Waldhuter, Dale Reichstein, Frank Raponi, Kate Plew, Jay Reed, Lisa Rowlands, Mark Materne, Geoff Brereton, Tim Liebelt, Wayne Gladigau, Jen Steer, Matt and Janine Weiss and of course, 2016 Clubperson of the Year, Shane Munchenberg.

Incredibly, some volunteers have given more than 20 years of service in various roles. On behalf of the Club, thanks to all of you and to the many others, for your energy and service.

With junior footy also a special thanks to Simon Rodger and Matt Bradley for their efforts in getting this important initiative off the ground.

On the track (or court) a few special mentions to those who were awarded Association medals: Tammy Foster – A1 Netball B&F, Jayne Paterson – A2 Netball B&F, Joel Clarke – Div 7R Football B&F, Cale Matthews – Div 7R Football Most Goals and Ben Whyte Div 1 Cricket Batting Trophy.

Financially we had another strong year with diligent treasurers, well organised and well supported major fund-raisers, raffles, BBQs and generous sponsors including new major sponsor The Cathedral Hotel. Strong finances allow us to grow and provide options for the future.

On behalf of ALSC, I also acknowledge our hard working and stable Board; Simon Rodger, Jayne Paterson, Trevor Jenke, Luke Groom. Steve Temme, Chris Konig and Imogen Gray, plus Presidents Megan Goss, Caleb Hoklas, Martin Jongeneel and Jeremy Borgas. As a Club we are grateful for the commitment of these people and thankful that most are keen to continue their involvement.

Looking forward, A-grade cricket joins the turf competition in B1, in men's footy we won't be satisfied with recent success and will strive to play at a higher level, netball will have upgraded courts and the opportunity to field juniors, Women's footy and cricket will become established, plus we will have more junior footy teams and a larger AusKick competition.

If, as we hope, Adelaide Lutheran is selected as the long-term lease holder for Park 21W, 2018 will be very busy off the field too. We'll work with the City of Adelaide to develop new clubrooms, parking and drop-off options, better playing surfaces, landscaping and additional field lighting.

These initiatives will require better organisation and more people. Delegation, coordination and communication will be key. Growing and change is never easy, but there's no other way to ensure we remain sustainable and viable over the long term. I have no doubt we'll be a stronger more resilient club in 2018. Go Dogs!

Tim Stollznaw
Chairman.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Stollznaw', written over a white background.