# 2015 Annual Report
# Subiaco District Football Development Council (DFDC)

# MEMBERS

**District Football Development Council (DFDC)**
Cindy Dunham (Chair)*
Gavin Oliphant (Competition Director)*
Peter Capes (WAFL Representative)*
Rosemary Goodin (Registrar)
Isaac Babcevich (Umpire's Manager)
Cory Lake (District Coach Coordinator)
Brad Hearn (Senior Community Football Representative)*
Mike Lasscock (Schools Representative)
Shane Fraser (Local Government Representative)
Tiah Haynes (Female Football Representative)
Peter Quinlan (Secretary)
Paul Beckers (Treasurer)
Andrew Ridley (Community Development Manager – Executive Officer)

** Executive Members*

**Subiaco Junior Football League**
**Junior Competition Committee**
Gavin Oliphant (Competition Director)
Ray Buscall (Assistant Competition Director)
Rosemary Goodin (Registrar)
Isaac Babcevich (Umpire's Manager)
Peter Quinlan (Secretary)
Rohan Blee/Daniel Vidovich (Development Officer - Executive Officer)

**Northern Conference Tribunal**
Sue Williams (Secretary)
Rob Goodin

**Little League Manager**
Kevin Hill

**Life Members**
2010 Rob Goodin
2012 Wayne Morling
Kevin Hill
2013 Rosemary Goodin
2014 Luke Sanders

**STAFF**

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| **Community Development Manager** | Andrew Ridley |
| **District Operations Manager** | Matt McNally |
| **Development Officer** | Rohan Blee/Daniel Vidovich |
| **Community Development Coordinator** | Bella Ndayikeze |
| **Sports Trainee - AFL Sports Ready** | Jesse Tippett |

**AFFILIATE CLUBS**

**SUBIACO JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

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| Balga Junior Football Club | President – Gwenda Willmott |
| Carine Junior Football Club | President – Damon Lonnie |
| Karrinyup Junior Football Club | President – John Mottolini |
| Kingsley Junior Football Club | President – Mark Savigni |
| Kingsway Junior Football Club | President – Ian Brotherton |
| Sorrento Duncraig Junior Football Club | President – Greg Miles |
| Warwick Greenwood Junior Football Club | President – Lincoln Rollo |

**WA AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

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| Hamersley Carine Amateur Football Club | President – Bevan Dagg |
| Kingsley Amateur Football Club | President – Tim McKimmie |
| Kingsway Amateur Football Club | President – Rob Steel |
| Nollamara Amateur Football Club | President – Brad Flindell |
| Osborne Park Amateur Football Club | President – Nathan Barnett |
| Stirling Amateur Football Club | President – Andrew Rottigni |

**METROPOLITAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

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| Warwick Greenwood Football Club | President – Peter Mullins |

**WA WOMENS FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

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| Coastal Titans Football Club | President - Sarah Michell |

**AFL MASTERS WA**

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| Kingsway Amateur Football Club | President – Rob Steel |
| Nollamara Amateur Football Club | President – Brad Flindell |

**WA FOOTBALL LEAGUE (WAFL)**

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| Subiaco Football Club | President - Mark Lawrence |

# DISTRICT CHAIR

**Cindy Dunham**

Following on the back of a successful year in 2014 the momentum has certainly been maintained in 2015 with continued successes on and off the field. The year has not been without significant change but the District Football Development Council has rallied together to ensure that this has not impacted on the delivery of professional and successful programs in 2015.

The West Australian Football Commission made a decision to restructure its support staff for the Districts and the Subiaco District became a member of the Metro North Region in conjunction with the Claremont and West Perth Districts. These changes are designed to create better competitions for junior football, align best practice and minimise duplication. During the changes to the process we said farewell to Matt Lamb and during the season we also said goodbye to Rohan Blee both of whom made a significant contribution to our District during their service and leave behind great programs and structure that we have been able to continue on with.

On a brighter note 2015 saw the Subiaco District welcome to the team Andrew Ridley, Matt McNally, Daniel Vidovich, Jesse Tippet and Bella Ndayikeze. Andrew and Matt have a strong history within the District model as employees of the Football Commission and that has certainly helped us with the transition. Daniel has a strong football background and is passionate about the sport and participation so combined with Jesse who joined us to provide strength to our school engagement program we have continued to see participation growth in particular in Auskick and School Football Programs.

Whilst a change in the team of such a significant nature could have unsettled the group it is with great pride that I can report that the District Football Development Council really rallied to bring the new team together and continue on the excellent work that they have for many years provided behind the scenes to ensure that Subiaco District continues to maintain quality football opportunities.

We have had many successes this year and with the support of the Subiaco Board have seen greater exposure to Subiaco Football Club for our young aspiring senior football players and their clubs. The District was active in the Subiaco Football Club Family Football Day and we saw a great number of junior members come along with their club to participate and watch the senior competition.

The need for the Subiaco Football Club and the Subiaco District to engage Multicultural and Aboriginal communities has never been greater. In 2015 the district has developed the North East Corridor Engagement Strategy targeting the suburbs of Balga, Girrawheen, Koondoola, Marangaroo, Mirrabooka, Nollamara and Westminster; suburbs with populations that identify as both Multicultural (49%) and Aboriginal (3%). The program aims

to develop strong community partnerships and to secure resources to generate significant community benefits, providing a positive football participation pathway.

The Subiaco District with support from Tiah Haynes and Antony Grover launched the Moorditj and Djooking Lions programs engaging local boys and girls with the District fielding teams for the Nicky Winmar and Kirby Bentley Cups.

The Edmund Rice Lions is a flagship program for newly arrived young people to engage in leadership and community while getting involved in AFL Football. Managed by Bella Ndayikeze the program's success is a testament to the passion of the Edmund Rice Centre, a partnership which we look forward to expanding in 2016. Bella Ndayikeze has taken on the role of Community Engagement Coordinator for Metro North (Subiaco, Claremont and West Perth Districts). Bella is employed three days a week, with one day based at the Edmund Rice Centre running the Edmund Rice Lions program, one day with the Subiaco District and one day with the West Perth District. In addition to her Edmund Rice Lions projects Bella has currently established school relationships with Koondoola, Waddington, Majella, Warripendi, Osborne Park and Girrawheen SHS.

In 2015 our clubs, both Junior and Senior celebrated success both on and off the field. Although club Premierships and Volunteer Awards are recognised through this report special mention must go to Kingsway Junior Football Club the Lions District 2015 Junior Club of the Year and to Hammersley Carine Amateur Football Club the Lions District 2015 Senior Club of the Year.

It would be remiss of me not to the mention the ongoing success of our Woman's Football League team the Coastal Titans who took out their 6th premiership in 10 years when they beat the Swans in the 2015 Women's League Grand Final. Congratulations to the team.
In addition to taking out the Premiership I would also like to congratulate the Coastal Titans on the following:

- Eleven player representatives and two coaches within the first state open women's team that beat Victoria.
- One coach and seven players represent either Bulldogs or Melbourne in the AFL this year. This includes the number 1 draft pick.
- Kiara Bowers collected her fourth WAWFL league best and fairest.

The importance of quality coaches on the retention of players is critical and it gives me pleasure to advise the importance of the coach education portfolio to district business is rising in 2016. In 2015 87 new level 1 coaches were accredited and an additional 8 level 2 coaches trained to become football leaders. The Subiaco Football Club and District are to announce the launch of the Subiaco Lions Coach Academy in 2016 and we look forward to releasing information in coming weeks.

I can't go into detail of the amount of people who contribute to the success of our District Football Development Council as the numbers are so great. I would like to particularly thank the Executive group and the Junior Competition Committee who give up a huge amount of

personal time to support football, without you all these young people would not be able to enjoy the quality competitions and the great game we all love.

I look forward to working with you all in the 2016 season to continue to grow our game!!!

# SUBIACO JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

**Gavin Oliphant – Competition Director**

We come to the end of another successful season in the Subiaco District. However successful football seasons don't just happen, and whilst there were a number of challenges along the way, the success is a result of hard work by a lot of dedicated volunteers.

I would therefore like to start by thanking all the junior clubs, their Presidents, Executives and Delegates for working with the Junior Competition Committee to provide an outstanding junior competition for all our players.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Kingsway JFC, Carine JFC, Karrinyup JFC and the Warwick Greenwood JFC for supporting the JCC and hosting the Finals at their grounds.

Big thanks must also go to our committed umpiring group, without we would not have a competition. To Isaac and all the umpires another job well done in what was a rewarding season.

To our District staff thank you for your tireless work and support throughout the year. Your efforts in growing this great game within the Subiaco District are testament to your dedication and hard work.

The District is blessed to have a Registrar of the calibre of Rosemary Goodin. Thank you for the outstanding work you do within the Subiaco District and to Ray Buscall for your efforts and support, thanks Ray.

A big thank you to Peter Capes and the Subiaco Football Club for your increased and strengthened support of the junior competition.

I would like to congratulate all award winners and Premiers especially our Champion Club Winners Kingsway JFC.

I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and all the best for the New Year. Enjoy your break during the off season and I look forward to seeing you all back refreshed and raring to go in 2016.

# UMPIRING

**Isaac Babcevich – Umpires Manager**

The junior football competition is the bedrock of grassroots footy in our community. It is where many of our local community's youth are afforded the opportunity to be involved in our great game. It also provides a great environment for developing umpires to start their journey.

Whether an umpire wishes to progress through talent pathways into the senior leagues, or if they simply want to keep fit and stay involved in football, junior umpiring provides that opportunity. This year the Lions District Umpires Association has provided the opportunity for many new umpires to involve themselves in the game, while also continuing to provide a great community for those umpires returning for another season. At least twenty new umpires took up the challenge this season, which is a tremendous amount of umpires for the district. Geographically, our district is one of the smallest, so to have a large influx of first year umpires is great for retention in the seasons to come. The Sorrento-Duncraig Junior Football Club was instrumental in promoting umpiring in their club, with twelve new umpires from their Year 8 age groups donning the uniform and whistle this year. This number is unprecedented, and is a testament to a changing culture that embraces umpiring as an integral and rewarding part of the game.

The Association's success is dependent on the quality of our coaches. We have had the privilege of retaining experienced umpire coaches for our umpires. Brayden Pollard returned as the Modified Rules Coach this season, we are fortunate to have a WAFL Academy umpire able to support and teach our new umpires the ropes. Brayden's knowledge and ability was a great asset to the team and while he will be sorely missed as a full-time member of the squad next year, I'm sure his ties to his association will see him return on occasion in some way or form.

In the Open Rules (Youth) Umpiring department, I am indebted to Alex Pannell. He was more professional and assertive than I could have asked for in his role. Like Brayden, Alex comes from an experienced umpiring background, and it was great for him to persevere in setting an ethos espousing high standards for the group.

The job of both our umpire coaches in not an enviable one, as it comes with commitment week in and week out, trying to appoint umpires across our district on match day, on-top of having to train the group to a skill level that allows them to be able to adjudicate the intricate rules of the game. To all the senior umpires who assisted in some way or form during the season to make Brayden and Alex's jobs a bit easier, the association sends its appreciation to you.

I would also like to acknowledge the West Perth Umpiring group, who this season have jumped on board to integrate the two umpiring cohorts together. Given the nature of the Northern Conference, it seemed prudent that both umpire managers from their respective

districts found a way to create consistency across the board. Cohesion was a main focus, and thanks to Rhys Mola, who is West Perth's Umpires Manager, we were able to bring the umpiring squads together on multiple occasions during the season. The two districts conducted joint training sessions, giving us the chance to experience how our neighbour operated while also sharing the knowledge we have as umpires. Another initiative undertaken was a shared umpire practice between districts. This saw an umpire from the Subiaco District umpire with a partner from the West Perth District in a two-umpire system nearly every round during the home and away season. This initiative allowed for our umpires to develop a better relationship with their colleagues from their neighbouring district which was a great practice leading into the finals series. I sincerely hope we can continue this cooperation between districts, as it was a great success this year.

The Association relies on partnerships with all stakeholders in the Lions District. First and foremost the relationship we foster with our fellow junior football clubs is most important. There has been great mutual respect between our association and the hierarchy of each club's executive – working with club presidents this year has been an enjoyable and fruitful process. There has been feedback from our members, that the match day environment provided for the umpires has for the most part been welcoming and safe. I understand the monumental effort it takes to continually provide a safe game-day environment, and I hope that the Lions District can continue to live up to the high benchmark we have set and continue to achieve it in the future.

A huge thank you is also needed to be given to the Warwick Greenwood Junior Football Club, who allow the umpires to use their Ellersdale Reserve facilities throughout the season. The ability to have a 'home' as an umpiring group is essential to our success. It provides us with a space to train, develop and learn as umpires. We would be lost without their generosity, allowing us to also use their barbecue amenities and also providing us with space to store our training equipment. Also we appreciate the Sorrento-Duncraig Junior Football Club's generosity in allowing us to base ourselves at Seacrest during a Sunday – converting their umpire room into a post-mortem debrief area for our coaches week-in, week-out, after and long day of umpiring was much appreciated.

The Junior Competition Council for the Lions District were always on hand if I needed assistance during a weekend, they were incredibly supportive of the umpires. Thanks must go in particular to Gavin Oliphant, Ray Buscall and Rosemary Goodin for being there for our group.

To the staff from the West Australian Football Commission, your time and support is appreciated. It has been fantastic to have Dean Margetts directly involved in developing our junior umpire groups around the metropolitan area. His consistent and open communication with the umpire managers has been important in our Association's success – especially providing us with resources we need throughout the year, and the fact that he understands what it is like to be an umpire has held us in great stead. Thanks also must go to Andrew Ridley, Matt McNally, Rohan Blee and Daniel Vidovich for their support as well this year. Your interests in serving to protect and then further the game of Aussie Rules in

the Northern Conference has been encouraging. I hope the Northern Conference continues to serve the interests of their respective umpire associations, understanding the value of having strong, capable and independent umpiring squads.

The sponsorship of Chris Biddle and his business Westwide Roofing has been great for the financial security of our Association. To be a part of his wide breadth of community involvement has been a great honour for our Association and our members will continue to benefit from his contributions for many years to come. And finally a special thanks must go to the club executive; Richard Powell, our inaugural Life Member was always on hand to assist when he could. Lizette Parker continued to provide her skills to the graphic side of our group with the newsletter design and publications while Christian Cutrona served as my right hand man and was a great assistant with his coordination of umpire uniforms and registrations fees throughout the season.

It has been a challenging but rewarding experience to be Umpire Manager for the Lions District in the 2015 Season. My final thanks has to be to the umpires for their commitment this season and I look forward to another successful year for the team.

# 2015 DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

## Fairest & Best Vote Count Award Winners

**Northern Conference**

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| Y8 Maroon Runner Up | Kane Foley | Sorrento Duncraig |
| Y8 Blue Runner Up | Riley Fissioli | Kingsway Rockets |
| Y9 Maroon Runner Up | Thomas Medhat | Sorrento Duncraig |
| Y9 Blue Runner Up | Terry Coyne | Carine Cats |
| Y10 Maroon Fairest & Best Winner | Wil Hickmott | Sorrento Duncraig |
| Y10 Blue Runner Up | Jack Mayo | Carine Cats |
| Y10 Blue Fairest & Best Winner | Jacob Nock | Kingsley Cats |
| Y11 Maroon Fairest & Best | Thor Lennox | North Beach/Carine |
| Y12 Fairest & Best | Daniel Ryan | Sorrento Duncraig |

**WA Amateur Football League**

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| B Grade League | Aaron Sweet | Stirling |
| C1 League | Andrew Fisher | Kingsley |
| C1 Reserves | Payden Gerick | Kingsley |
| D2 Reserves | Ben Cruz | Hamersley Carine |
| E2 League | Luke Nimmett | Kingsway |
| Drew Banfield Colts | Matthew Jackson | Kingsway |

**WA Women's Football League**

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| League | Kiara Bowers | Coastal Titans |

LIONS DISTRICT
"Growing our Great Game"

## 2015 District Premiers

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| **Subiaco JFL** | Year 7 | Kingsway Teal |
| **Northern Conference** | Year 10 Maroon | Kingsway Rockets |
| | Year 12 | Kingsway Rockets |
| **WA Amateur Football League** | B Grade League | Hamersley Carine |
| | C2 Grade League | Nollamara |
| | C4 Grade League | Nollamara |
| **Metro Footy League** | League | Warwick Greenwood |
| **WA Women's Football League** | League | Coastal Titans |

## 2015 Award Winners

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| Sunday Times Volunteer of the Year | Jamie Wynne |
| Auskick Coach of the Year | Paul O'Shea |
| Modifieds Coach of the Year | Jarrod McCauley |
| Youth Coach of the Year | Alan Thomas |
| Female Coach of the Year | Michelle Sewell |
| Senior Community Coach of the Year | Tim Hall |
| Umpire of the Year | Chris Spencer |
| Junior Club of the Year | Kingsway Rockets |
| Senior Club of the Year | Hamersley Carine |

# LITTLE LEAGUE 2015

Kevin (Hilly) Hill – 100% Subi

Great to see our League team in the Grand Final again this year and winning back-to-back Grand Finals! This allowed our Little League players, to again play in the Grand Final and this time, being able to get up on stage and present medallions to each of their team mates. This is such a great experience for an 11-year old child and a memory that will never be forgotten. In seven years' time, it could be them receiving such a medallion.

Again, Little League had a bumper year topped off with taking out the Alex Panton cup for winning during the finals. This achievement would not be possible without the assistance of a team of people who work at the forefront of our Club and those who work behind the scenes. The junior players who arrive at a WAFL game are always 'winners' when they don their boots and Subiaco gear and take part in a team effort.

This year 11-year old players were given the opportunity to play at the Little League level due to changes to the 12-year old schedule whereby they play finals footy themselves. There were eight WAFL clubs represented during our home games and a ninth club, Kalgoorlie, who visited for one weekend. We also had four clubs that participated at AFL games, with Esperance being one of them. Yet again, we would have fielded at least 440 junior players across the season, coming from a vast range of cultures and backgrounds. Such memory making times for all and great for Aussie Rules Footy!

Our thanks again must go to the League Coach, Schoey, and players for allowing the Little League players into the senior changerooms to witness the day's preparation. We truly appreciate your time and the experience you afford us, Schoey. And we also appreciate the players' interactions with the Little Leaguers. There's always a joke or two shared and a great camaraderie felt. Thanks too, must go to the Assistant Coaches for taking the junior players under their wings and allowing them to listen in to the plans of the day.

What would we do without Tanya? She is such an inspiration and always so willing to address the junior players, giving up her lunch-break each time. We welcomed Sarah to address the kids at times when Tanya was busy. A very BIG thanks from me and all LL players to both of you.
This year saw a change of guard in the property room and it was great to see Alby and Mick were only too accommodating to speak to the kids and give them a bit of an insight about the Club and the volunteers' amount of service given.

We had the privilege of listening to Luke Sanders who spoke with us regarding the administration side of running a football club. Thanks for your time, Luke.

And to our D.Os, Rohan and Daniel, for keeping me on the ball, thanks guys.

Yet again, thanks to Ron and Fritz for your input of knowledge and to Arthur for your timekeeping.
And to our number one ticket holder, Justin Langer, thanks for always putting your hand up to address the Little Leaguers. (And yes Justin, they do know who you are!)

In this, my 20th year as Little League Manager, I was very humbled to receive a big pat on the back in the form of Life Membership of the Subiaco Football Club. I would like to thank all supporters, directors, support staff and especially all players who have been so encouraging and helpful over the time. It's a great privilege to be part of this amazing Club.

I hope all the above get behind Little League next year and assist whoever may be filling in for me. I am lucky enough to be taking the year off to travel Australia with my wife.
Again, thank you all.

# CLUB REPORTS

**Balga Junior Football Club**

Balga started with good numbers at the beginning of the year.

Our Year 4 team improved in their team morale and game attendances and showed skill improvement as the year progressed. Our Year 6 team showed some great talent and was very competitive. It is encouraging to see the large number of girls within the team who developed some great skills. Our Year 8's struggled with numbers but showed guts and determination, they tried their hardest on the field which is fantastic to see.

Auskick experienced some changes this year with the introduction of a one hour training session on Thursday's with our other club teams and a one hour game on Saturday mornings. Parents & children seemed to enjoy this.

Balga had some awesome photographers this year (sports in focus). The end product was fantastic and we look forward to improved sales in 2016.

Special thanks to the hard working volunteers who keep our club going.

**Carine Junior Football Club**

The Carine Junior Football Club has experienced another positive year with growth in participation at most levels.

It was wonderful to see so many Auskickers this year as our numbers grew to 275 (up almost 7% on 2014) with an additional 6 teams when compared to the previous year. Open and Modified numbers combined were 301 (287 in 2014) and all up participation this year saw an "all-time high" of 576 players (an increase of 9% when compared to 2014) which was incredibly pleasing.

Our Year 11 and Year 12 teams were light on this season and both age levels combined with the North Beach Junior Football Club to form two very formidable teams. Our thanks are extended to North Beach who worked closely with our club to ensure the season was a very positive one for our players.

Our Year 8 Cougars made it through to the preliminary final, our Year 11 boys made the semi-final and our Year 12 team made it through to the preliminary final. The highlight however was no doubt our Year 10 team who managed to win the premiership, the club's first in a number of years. My congratulations go to not only our player group but also to the coaching and volunteer team led by Coach Alan Thomas.

Our Modified teams represented our club proudly and give us heart that there are so many good young men coming through our club. The future looks very bright.

Three Carine coaches were nominated for coaching awards at this year's Subiaco District Awards: Alan Thomas Year 10 - (Open Rules Coach of the Year), Michelle Sewell Year 1 – Oncillas (Female Coach of the Year) and Andrew Grant Year 1 – Sandcats (Auskick Coach of the Year). Both Michelle and Alan were successful in their respective categories and I congratulate them on winning these prestigious awards. We are fortunate to have so many enthusiastic and skilled parents within our club.

We are delighted to advise that the City of Stirling will be embarking on a major refurbishment of the Carine Reserve facilities. Some $3M will be invested in significant improvements to change rooms, storage and shared facilities such as function rooms, bars and canteens allowing the club to provide a more comfortable amenity for players and parents.

We were delighted to have so many hardworking volunteers again this year at all levels. As time becomes more precious due the pressures of work and life in general the hours dedicated to clubs such as ours by parents becomes more and more valuable.

I would like to acknowledge Phil Cousins who has been the "backbone" of our committee for some 20 years. Phil has had sons go through the club and now grandsons and we are very fortunate to have had Phil's guidance for so long. At the recently held AGM it was resolved to name our Volunteer of the Year Award "The Phil Cousins Award" in recognition of Phi's contribution.

We would also like to acknowledge the corporate support we have received this year through our many wonderful sponsors including Major Sponsor Winning Appliances. A full list of our valuable sponsors can be found on our club website at www.carinefooty.com.au.

In closing 2015 has been a very successful year for the Carine Junior Football Club and we would like to thank and acknowledge the Subiaco District and the WAFC for their support this season.

**Coastal Titans Football Club**

It was a bittersweet end to 2014 for the Titans. While the Reserves side had won their second premiership (the first being in 2008) the League side had fallen agonisingly short. Work needed to be done.

Coaches for the 2015 season were appointed early; Martine Pearman again taking the reins of the League side with assistants Robert Steele, Robert Kennedy and Melissa Robertson; Lauren Stammers coaching the Reserves side with assistants Andrew Vawser and Jay Hockley; and Tiah Haynes appointed as the inaugural Youth Girls coach. Preseason started not long after that with running, strength, conditioning and injury prevention being key focuses early on. Plenty of new faces, experienced and fresh to the game, arrived at the club, further strengthening those retained from previous seasons.

It seemed not long afterwards that the 2015 WAWFL season arrived. Strong starts from both teams saw them each end the first five rounds with 5 wins 0 losses. Round 6, however, became a turning point. The Titans League side prevailed by one point over Swan Districts at Medibank under lights, while the Reserves side lost to South Fremantle the following day. More work needed to be done.

From that point, under the guidance of their coaching staff, both teams worked tirelessly to regain the intensity they had shown earlier in the season. The Reserves side would go on to lose two more games and finish second on the ladder as strong finals contenders. The League side went on to remain undefeated for the season and secure the minor premiership.

External to the WAWFL season the Titans were well represented at both state and national level. 11 Titans players were part of the Western Australian Women's Open side, who historically beat Victoria for the first time. While 7 Titans were drafted to participate in the two AFL Women's Exhibition Games for the Melbourne Demons and the Western Bulldogs. For the second year in a row the Number #1 Draft Pick came from the Titans - this year ruck Emma King taking the honours. Our League Coach Martine Pearman was again influential as an assistant coach for both the WA State Open Side and the Melbourne Women's Football Team.

Our Youth Girls side started slowly but gained numbers and momentum as the season progressed, eventually culminating in a much celebrated win against Coolbinia Ellenbrook. Despite missing finals, Youth Girls showed lots of promise and will be exciting Titans players in years to come. Youth Girl Mackenzie Doric was rewarded with an All-Australian selection at the Under 16s National Championships- watch this space!

Come finals time both League and Reserves sides were ready to play relentless Titans footy, in the quest for redemption and the 2015 flags.

Unfortunately the Reserves team fell one game short of a Grand Final appearance, losing in a hard-fought Preliminary Final. In a season disrupted by so many byes the Reserves produced some amazing team football, and definitely left the field with their heads held high.

For the league team it was a happier ending. A loss to reigning Premiers Swan Districts in the 2nd Semi Final was just the awakening they needed. The girls bounced back to win impressively against Peel in the Preliminary Final, dominating the game from the first bounce and putting on a brilliant display of hard and relentless team footy until the final siren. The win placed the League team into their 12th consecutive Grand Final, having not missed once since our inception in 2004.

The League Grand Final was a tightly fought battle for the first half, with Titans only narrowly ahead at both the first quarter and half time breaks. From there however, Titans

took control of the game and never looked back. Our relentless attack on the ball and defensive pressure saw us kick enough goals to cement the victory and put the grand final well out of Swans reach. A motivated team performance with the League girls claiming the flag with a convincing 24 point win.

**Hamersley Carine Amateur Football Club** *(No report or photo supplied)*

**Karrinyup Junior Football Club**

The Karrinyup JFC Saints started their recruitment in the off season by attending some schools in their catchment area and conducting AFL skills sessions. Those schools who participated welcomed the sessions and the kids who participated endured the warmer days after school on the lead up to Registration Day.

The commencement of the season was all "go" with the planning of many events to ensure the Clubs leadership was educated in the game of Football and the families of the Club enjoyed their experience within the football fraternity. The Club organised many events such as;

- Specialist coach training sessions which were well received and strategies implemented throughout the season resulting in better planning and focused training sessions.
- Auskickers were treated to an initiative by National Australia Bank which invited them to eat, drink and stay for the Magic Man entertainer after a 'Friday Night' of football.
- Fundraising initiatives for Breast Cancer Network Australia and our Team Development Trip.
- Finally, our Volunteers 'All you can eat Pizza' night to wind up the season for all of our hard working parents.

In 2015, the Karrinyup JFC was unable to field a team of Open footballers and very disappointed to see some of our loyal families leave the club. We endeavoured to remain truly focussed on the development of each individuals football career by working with other club in the District to ensure our members were going to be looked after.

Karrinyup JFC has recently implemented strategies to ensure the club continues to grow and our members and their families are encompassed by providing the 'family orientated' personal service we pride ourselves on.

The Club acknowledges our Volunteers who are our backbone to our success and we continue to support them in our future endeavours as we look forward to some major changes in 2016.

**Kingsley Amateur Football Club** *(No report or photo supplied)*
**Kingsley Junior Football Club** *(No report or photo supplied)*

**Kingsway Amateur Football Club**

The 2015 season was one of disappointment and on the other hand one of excitement for years to come.

Disappointment is in losing our E2 Grand Final, but considering we went up a grade that in hindsight is a well done. Our Colts going down in the 1st Semi-final was also disappointing & our reigning Premiers in the Integrated also lost in the finals.

EXCITEMENT is that we maintained our position in B Grade after being promoted from our outstanding season in 2014, where we as a club won all 5 PREMIERSHIPS. So the future looks bright & exciting considering the average age for the club is 21/22 years of age.

We were a little stiff losing 5 games by 3 points or less, if we won a couple of those we could have finished very close to the finals, but that is how football rolls.

Our club consists of League, Reserves & Colts (B Grade), E2, an integrated team which is for people of all ages with a disability and 2 AFL Masters teams who play every second week representing the club.

The uninitiated Masters football has the following age groups: Supers 35 - 40 Years, Masters 40 - 45 Years, Seniors 45 - 50, & Super Seniors 50+.

We have currently Supers & Masters at the club, so if there is player 33+ wanting to have a kick come on down to training on Wednesday nights at 6pm - any ability will be able to get a run as the
AFL Masters saying is "JUST FOR KICKS.

Off the field we have had a few functions & fundraising activities. We have had Pink day for the ladies & we have had Beyond Blue day; Beyond Blue focuses on raising the awareness & understanding in the community on the impact of anxiety and depression.

The club could not have delivered this season without the hard work & support of the Committee, Players, and Supporters & Sponsors.

While 2015 has been a success for the Club, we as a whole are looking towards 2016 which I believe will provide us with bigger challenges & more lofty goals.

We will be looking to have an increased and more diversified presence within our local community and a desire to continue to grow & develop our players, supporter base, corporate partnership levels and a drive on field for ongoing success for a promotion into A Grade.

**Kingsway Junior Football Club**

The Kingsway Junior Football Club had a very successful on field and off field season during 2015, culminating in the club achieving Champion Club of the Year for the Subiaco district. This was the second time in the club's existence, replicating the achievement recognised in 2011. A record number of players registered with the club this year, which meant we were able to field teams in all grades of competition from our most junior Auskick players, right the way through to our Year 12 team. Strong numbers expected next year will ensure the club remains able to maximise the opportunity of creating a strong team and club culture as well as a positive environment for local kids and parents to involve themselves within.

Our on field success was evidenced by 5 of our 8 teams playing for premiership points finishing in finals contention, namely our Year 7's Teal, Year 8's Teal, Year 10's, Year 11's and graduating Year 12's sides. 4 of these went on to play in Grand Final's, with our Year 7's, 10's and 12's achieving the ultimate accolade in bringing home a premiership flag to the club. Well done to all concerned. We represented Subiaco on many occasions through half time games and Auskick demos, had a number of players push into the Subiaco Colts program as well as good representation at development squads. There were many individual achievements through overall games played, club games played, district votes and state representation. Congratulations to all players and teams pulling on the teal, black and white jumper for 2015.

A strong year on field was backed by a very successful off field performance by all coaches, managers and support staff for each team, as well as a very well organised and operating Executive and wider club committee group. A tireless work ethic from the committee formed the basis of the club's efficient management for both the off season and playing weeks and was complimentary to the success we experienced on field. Thank you to all members involved with the Kingsway JFC for season 2015 – we will look to build on the achievements of this year and use it as the basis for another thriving year in 2016.

**Nollamara Amateur Football Club** *(No report or photo supplied)*
**Osborne Park Amateur Football Club** *(No report or photo supplied)*

**Stirling Amateur Football Club**

The Stirling Amateur Football Club approached the 2015 season with high expectations, but finished well below the standard that it was capable of producing. After a successful season in 2014, which saw the Club reach the grand final and earn promotion back to B-Grade, the Club's aim was to reach the finals and make an attempt at continuing its long and successful history.

The season started well, with a hard fought victory over eventual grand finalists, Scarborough. However, the results fell away badly after that point, with the Club losing 10 of the next 11 games to place it in a battle to avoid relegation. At the end of the season, the gap proved too great, and the Club finished the season in 9th position on the ladder, resulting in relegation back to C Grade for 2016. The Club finished two games behind 8th

placed Kingsway, but lost three games by less a goal or less, which could have made the difference between survival and relegation.

It would be easy to use the loss of experienced players or the horror run of injuries as an excuse for the Club's lack of on-field success. However, the mark of any great club is what it does when faced with adversity. In this regard, the Club is determined to make amends and have a successful season in 2016.

Notable points of interest and highlights for the 2015 season were as follows:

- The Club field three senior sides, with 87 players wearing the Saints guernsey in 2015.
- 44 players played in the Club's League side, with an average age of 25 years 5 months.
- 12 players made their League debut for the Saints in 2015.
- Aaron Sweet won the WAAFL B-Grade Fairest & Best Medal (despite the Club winning just 3 out of 18 games) and the Club's Fairest & Best trophy.
- Matt Cocker won the Club's Reserves Fairest & Best trophy
- Two players reached the 150-game milestone (Ben Mollett and Paul O'Neill), with a further five players reached the 100-game milestone (Scott Anderson, Sam Day, Luke Grassi, Joel Julian and Troy Mellidis).
- Life Membership was awarded to two long-serving members – Joel Edwards and Paul Giamov.

Off the field, the Club continued its community participation by staging its second annual Ladies Day fundraiser, with all players representing the cause by wearing pink socks on the day. The Club's social rooms also received a much needed upgrade thanks to the City of Stirling, which provided the opportunity for all of the Club's premiership pennants to be displayed proudly once again.

The Club would like to acknowledge the efforts of its committee, coaching staff, support staff, members and sponsors for their hard work, commitment and ongoing support in 2015, and look forward to their continued support next season.

Season 2016 will provide the Club with a number of major challenges, including the continued development and growth in playing numbers (with the re-introduction of a Colts team being a priority), an increase in sponsorship, and closer ties with junior feeder clubs in the area.

Details of all of the Club's fixtures, results, functions and historical information can be found on the Club's website, www.stirlingsaints.com.

**Sorrento Duncraig Junior Football Club**

It's been another successful year for Sorrento Duncraig. We often don't take time to recognise our achievements but as I reflect on the season just gone, we do have a lot to cheer about. Just getting teams onto the field is an achievement in itself, but this year we have continued to grow and as such this task gets harder and harder.

This year we fielded over 1,020 players across 54 teams, 30 in Auskick and 24 in Modified and Youth. The strength of our Auskick program is particularly pleasing as this represents the long term future of our club. We also had three teams play-off in Grand Finals which shows we have high quality players and coaches. Congratulations to our Year 7 Hawks, Year 9 Hawks and Year 10 Dolphins for reaching the most important game of the year. It wasn't to be this year, but the Club is still very proud of your achievements and I hope you can go one better in 2016.

It is important to recognise the significant changes in our Executive Committee this season. We started the year with a new Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Auskick Coordinator, Modifieds Coordinator and Sponsorship Coordinator, arguably some of the most important roles in our football club. Yet the transition has been seemless. Full credit to Mike Celenza, Mike Szczesny, Michelle Richards, Andie Fagan, Brendan Lynch and Tom Ryan for their professionalism and ensuring that our Club continued on its path without a hitch. To the rest of our Executive Committee, Dave Beaman, Peter Quinlan, Stu Page, John Reynolds, Brian Farrell, Dennis Dijkhuizen and Mark Lawler, thank you for your continued efforts, without you things would rapidly grind to a halt. We also welcomed new Committee Members Brendan Rossiter, Donna Connolly, and Ben Keevers who joined returning members Peter Grickage, Paul Hodgson, Mem Kingham, Bernie Spark, Chris Foley and Cory Lake.

I'd like to make a special mention to the "Friends of Sorrento Duncraig Junior Football Club", the unsung heroes who run our canteen, week in – week out. The canteen is a significant contributor to our fundraising and the new team headed by Silvana Lawler have done a fantastic job this year.

A special thank you also to our sponsors. Without you our club could not provide the first class equipment and gear to put our teams on the park each week, while also keeping our registration costs down. Please support our sponsors when you can so that they can help support our Club.

The Social Committee headed up by Scott McRae did a fantastic job hosting "Casino Royale" at the Craigie Leisure Centre. It was a great night for the punters with many fortunes made and in my case lost (thankfully it was only play money!). Thanks to the many committee members who helped make the night a successful fundraiser for the Club.

Which leads into one of our biggest developments in 2015 - the installation of new lights at Seacrest West. Together with a Federal grant, the Club and City of Joondalup were able to contribute funds to install the new lights for the start of the 2015 season. This provided an

immediate benefit to our training facilities, but next year we will also investigate utilising the new lights for fixturing of night games during the season. Seacrest Park is a fantastic facility and the envy of our neighbours and opposing codes. What will be our next major project? Watch this space!

The Club is proud to have two Best and Fairest winners in the Northern Conference Competition this year. Will Hickmott won in the Year 10 Maroon Competition and Daniel Ryan won in the Year 12 competition. We also had two Runners-up in Kane Foley in the Year 8 Maroon competition and Thomas Medhat in the Year 9 Maroon Competition. Current Year 11 player, Jack Beverley took out the Subiaco Colts Best and Fairest with a record number of votes. Not bad for an under-age player! And a number of our past players helped Subiaco win back to back Premierships this year. Well done!

The Subiaco District Awards also demonstrated the depth of coaching talent at our club. Congratulations go to Paul O'Shea for winning the Auskick Coach of the Year Award. The Club also acknowledges Auskick Coach Chris Robson, Year 6 Lions Coach, Greg McIntosh, and Year 9 Hawks Coach Cory Lake who were also nominated in their respective age categories.

While it is great to recognise individual successes, our focus is on providing the best game day environment we possibly can to all our members. To meet this challenge, the Club began a process to achieve the Swiss Gold Quality Club Accreditation which recognises a number of steps to achieving excellence in club administration. The Club expects to achieve this goal during the 2016 season.

I think you will agree it's been another big year! Enjoy the summer break and I look forward to seeing you for another season of footy next year.

**Warwick Greenwood Junior Football Club**

The Warwick Greenwood Junior Football Club has in season 2015 built on from last season's very successful year where we achieved Gold accreditation in the Quality Club Program and won the Champion Club of the Year for the second year in a row in the Subiaco District. With the player base remaining steady this year but again managing to field a Year 11 and 12 sides, this is a credit to the Coaches and the administration of the WGJFC. It is a clear indication that Warwick Greenwood is more and more becoming a club of choice in the Subiaco District Competition.

Auskick numbers were steady this season. The Program Co-ordinator Marcus McArthur continues to run a great program offering outstanding leadership and support to the many volunteer mums and dads who get involved each and every Saturday morning. The great numbers in this grass roots program continues to flow into our modified teams with strong numbers anticipated in these teams in future seasons and beyond.

In a massive bonus for the club Marcus was also named the Auskick Volunteer of the Year in WA.
Team numbers have been stable for the last four years which is an indictment of how the club is going. We have one team in each pathway age / year level and this is ultimately the clubs primary goal. As a club we firmly believed we should be fielding at least one team in every age level of the pathway, and steps continue to be taken in order to achieve this outcome.

So in closing it is evident that the club continues to head in the right direction. Their needs to be a continued push to empower our volunteers to take ownership of a role and build history of it by owning it for a period of time. Volunteers have an enormous impact on the health and well-being of communities worldwide and clubs like ours.

Whilst the club is clearly on the rise, there remains many areas of opportunity where we need to continue to develop and improve.

**Warwick Greenwood Football Club**

2015 proved to be a very successful season for the Warwick Greenwood Bulls making the Grand Final of the Metro Football League and coming home with our first division one premiership. It was a very satisfying victory for the bulls having tasting defeat in the Grand Final in 2014 it was time to make amends. The game ebbed and flowed throughout and the Baldivis Brumbies were very worthy competitors.

Our division one Captain Chris Walker took out the Metro Football League Best and Fairest medal followed closely by another Bulls player in Travis Murphy who won the medal in 2014.

The committee has continued to make steady progress in our efforts to provide the best opportunity for current players and managing the needs of our members. Membership numbers have been steady for 2015 and the club managed to field two competitive senior teams finishing 1st and 5th respectively with both teams making finals.

2016 will bring new opportunities for the Warwick Greenwood Bulls. A relocation from Penistone Park in Greenwood to Percy Doyle Reserve in Duncraig will allow for increased participation across Saturdays and Sundays in the future and it is our goal to align with a junior club to facilitate a pathway for local junior players.

Overall a rewarding year for the Warwick Greenwood Bulls and we thank all of our major sponsor the Greenwood Hotel and our coaches, volunteers and players who have made a contribution to our successes. We look forward to continuing to build a strong and successful club and defending our premiership in 2016.