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## MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL CLUB, INC.

### ANNUAL REPORT - SEASON 2016

**(Incorporating Financial Report for the  
year ended 31 October 2016)**



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**MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL CLUB INC.**

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## COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members submit the financial report of Melbourne University Football Club Inc. for the financial year ended 31 October 2016.

### **Committee Members**

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

### **MUFC**

Andrew Donald – President  
Andrew Henderson – General Secretary (resigned during the year)  
Stephen Longley – Treasurer and Public Officer  
Laura Kane, President, MUWFC  
Nick Carah – Chairman, Blacks  
Joseph Sturrock – Chairman, Blues  
John Carmody (Immediate Past President)  
Simon Costello  
Robert Hanna  
Bridget Barker  
Sonja Hood (resigned during the year)  
Karina Russo (resigned during the year)  
Ashley Bye (appointed in place of Karina Russo)  
Shona McInnes (appointed in place of Sonja Hood)  
Peter Huntington (appointed in place of Shona McInnes)

### **Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were the provision of sporting and recreational services, including the trading of club merchandise.

### **Significant Changes**

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

### **Operating Result**

The profit/(loss) from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to \$(29,576) (2015: \$5,742)

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Donald', is written over a dotted line.

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**Andrew Donald**

President

Dated: 27 March 2017



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2016

The MUFC is an incorporated association, is an affiliated club of the Melbourne University Sports Association, operates under the auspices of Melbourne University Sport within the University of Melbourne and proudly wears the colours of the University's sporting teams: black and royal blue.

The Club (which was formed in 1859 and only six years after the establishment of the University) is an Australian Rules football club engaged in competitive sport, has participated in the Victorian Football League (now the Australian Football League), and, in 2016, participated in the Victorian Amateur Football Association, the Victorian Football League, the Victorian Women's Football League and the Essendon & District Football League. The affairs of the Club are regulated by the Rules of the MUFC. A Board of Management (of twelve and, by convention, four from each of the MUWFC, Blues and Blacks) is responsible for the management of the affairs of the Club.

Working in close collaboration with and greatly assisted by Melbourne University Sport, the MUFC sets the agenda for Australian Rules football at the University. In that regard, I thank Tim Lee, Rod Warnecke, Alex Affleck and the crew at MUS for enabling football to flourish at the University.

For the best part of one hundred years, the Club has been represented in men's football by University Blacks and University Blues, sometimes quarrelling but always brothers in the Pavilion one standing to the equal of the other regardless of the grade or division in which they play.

For twenty years, the University has been represented in women's football by the Melbourne University Women's Football Club which since 2015 has existed as a standing committee of the Club.

For almost forty years, the Club was represented with distinction by University Reds now Fitzroy.

For the purpose of remembrance and in appreciation of all the men and women of the University who served Australia in wartime and as a whole of football club event, on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2016, Blues and Blacks played each other for premiership points in an ANZAC Commemorative Match at the University Oval.

The MUFC has a long history of engaging players from the city, the country, interstate students, graduates and (happening more often) international students seeking to experience our unique game. We provide an important opportunity for students from the country or city to integrate into the life of the University of Melbourne.

The MUFC provides an opportunity for all levels of skills and enthusiasm to combine athletic endeavour with study or post-university work. The connections players make at MUFC extend into career advancement well past his or her playing days.

An undoubted highlight of the 2016 season occurred on 24<sup>th</sup> July when the Melbourne University Girls Aussie Rules Squad celebrated their twentieth year. In the Ernie Cropley Pavilion, a fine exhibition revealed how in a short period of time such a rich history had evolved and a vibrant and cohesive football club established. That club, now known as the Melbourne University Women's Football Club, is a benchmark club in women's football.

That which should have happened years ago was finally achieved when our women's and men's clubs united to advance the cause of football at the University of Melbourne. That unity has been a marvellous success and will ensure that football prospers in the Pavilion and on the University Oval for years to come.

In 2016, the MUWFC fielded three adult and two youth girls teams (Under 18 and Under 15) in the Victorian Football League Women's League (Seniors), the VWFL (Reserves and Third XVIII) and (with our Youth Girls) in the EDFL. The Seniors had a wonderful year capped off by a splendid performance in the Grand Final (played before about 5,000 people at the Coburg City Oval) narrowly going down to Darebin, who were deserving premiers and who paid our girls a great compliment by saying that they "were made to work for it". The Reserves also made the Grand Final but were runners-up and the Third XVIII proved that football is as much about participation and enjoyment as about winning. A highlight of the season was the superb performance of our Under Eighteen Youth Girls in winning the premiership against Sunbury and going back-to-back which was a cause of great satisfaction for the Board. Our Under 15 Youth Girls also had a solid season.

In season 2016, the MUFC through the Blacks and the Blues formed one fifth of Premier A Division of the VAFA. Whilst Blues and Blacks are fierce rivals, in recent years co-operation and co-ordination between the two tribes over ground and asset management together with scheduling of games has resulted in great success for both teams. Blacks and Blues continue to have a strong presence (on and off the field) at the top end of the VAFA competition.

In 2016, Blues fielded three senior teams (Seniors, Reserves and Third XVIII) and an Under 19 team. I congratulate Blues' Seniors on making the finals (and finishing with the double chance) and the "Blues Twos" on a marvellous premiership. Off the field, Blues Business Breakfast (held at the RACV Club) was a well-attended success as was their Women in Footy Luncheon held at the Pavilion together with other activities during the season. Overall, Blues can regard the 2016 season as satisfactory.

In 2016, Blacks fielded three senior teams (Seniors, Reserves and Third XVIII (known as the Phoenix)) and an Under 19 team. I congratulate Blacks' Seniors on making the finals. Off the field, Blacks' AFL Season Launching Breakfast (held in the ANZ Pavilion) was also a well-attended success as were their many activities during the season. As with Blues, overall Blacks can regard season 2016 as satisfactory.

It is a credit to the MUFC that all three senior grade teams made the finals. The performance of the adult MUFC teams was as follows:

MUWFC	VFL	Women's	Runners-Up
Blues	VAFA	Premier A	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Blacks	VAFA	Premier A	4 <sup>th</sup>
MUWFC	VWFL	Premier Division	Runners-Up
Blues	VAFA	Premier A Reserves	Premiers
Blacks	VAFA	Premier A Reserves	6 <sup>th</sup>
MUWFC	VWFL	Division 3	7 <sup>th</sup>
Blacks	VAFA	Premier Thirds	5 <sup>th</sup>
Blues	VAFA	Premier Thirds	8 <sup>th</sup>
Blacks	VAFA	Premier Under 19	7 <sup>th</sup>
Blues	VAFA	Premier Under 19	8 <sup>th</sup>

The MUFC has a constant source of young talented footballers from its Under 18 and Under 19's teams. Congratulations and thanks to Bridget Barker (MUWFC), Beau Harris (Blacks) and Jeff Scotland (Blues) for their management, coaching and guidance of the Under 18 and Under 19 players who represent the MUFC. The role of coach of Under 18 and Under 19 University teams is a difficult one and Bridget, Beau and Jeff did a great job and provided textbook role models for our young footballers.

I congratulate all our players who played representative football in 2016. Hugh Vickers-Willis (Blues), Jeremy Mugavin (Blues), Matthew Blair (Blues), Adam Pitt (Blacks) and Jordan Quaile (Blacks) played representative football for the Victorian Amateur Football Association. Alicia Eva, Madeline Keryk, Kaitlyn Ashmore, Nicola Stevens, Nicole Hildebrand, Emma Kearney, Ellie Blackburn, Cecilia McIntosh, Brooke Lochland and Alicia Janz for selection in the AFL Exhibition Match between Melbourne and Western Bulldogs, the forerunner of the AFLW League into which 17 MUWFC footballers were drafted more than any other club. It is a great achievement for each of these players to represent their competition at the highest level.

I congratulate Bede Mahon and Lochie Dornauf for their selection in the VAFA Team of the Year.

I thank the senior captains, Ellie Blackburn (MUWFC), Hugh Vickers-Willis (Blues) and Bede Mahon (Blacks) for their strong on and off-field leadership. The MUFC is indeed fortunate to have leaders of the calibre of the Ellie, Hugh and Bede.

The MUFC congratulates all award winners for 2016, the major of which were:

Blacks:	Cordner Medal	Hugh Curnow
	Brendan Keilar Medal	Bede Mahon
Blues:	Best and Fairest:	Will Cuningham
	Chris Brown Trophy	Jeff Scotland
MUWFC:	Best and Fairest	Emma Kearney
	Mary Cenacci Award	Stephanie Kierce

In March and April, 2016 in a round of G8 matches, Melbourne University played men's intervarsity matches against the University of Adelaide (in Adelaide), Monash University (at Monash's Clayton campus) and Australian National University. I thank Melbourne University Sport, in particular Tom Lutwyche, for their and his efforts in organising and managing our teams and also our coaches (Andrew Jago and John Kanis) for coaching in difficult circumstances. Intersivity football is an essential part of Melbourne University football and we look forward to competition with other G8 Universities for years to come.

In November, 2016, the Board resolved unanimously (and happily so) to accept the nomination of each of Lucas van Kempen (Blacks (immediate past chairman)), Tom Girdwood (Blues) and Neil Barker (MUWFC) as life members of the MUFC. Each is the epitome of the selfless official and mentor. Over many years, each has devoted countless hours more often than not at inconvenient times for the purpose of advancing the lives of players and young officials and of the cause of the MUFC. The core beliefs of leadership, responsibility, contribution, cohesion and teamwork (whilst making the MUFC a happy and supportive place in which to be involved with football) that each has imbued into the lives of many are the core beliefs of this football club and its three great tribes.

It was, of course, a given that those whose significant efforts in establishing and advancing women's football resulting in their recognition as life members of the MUGARS/MUWFC were automatically recorded as life members of the Melbourne University Football Club. I acknowledge the contribution of Jess Egan, Kate Francis, Penelope Green, Chyloe Kurdas, Bronwyn Mcgorlick and Lucinda Puls to the life, times and prosperity of football at the University of Melbourne.

I thank the committees of the MUWFC, Blues and Blacks for their hard work during the year. The day to day operations of the respective teams take a great deal of effort and dedication. The respective committees have performed their tasks very well. In particular I thank Laura Kane (MUWFC President), Nick Carah (Blacks' Chairman) and Joseph Sturrock (Blues' Chairman) for their active participation in co-operative co-ordination to achieve the best for the MUWFC, Blacks and Blues. I especially thank Joseph as he has stepped down as Blues' Chairman. It is not an overstatement to say that his contribution to Melbourne University football has been and continues to be remarkable. I also thank the Operations Managers at the MUWFC (Christie Williams), Blues (David Phefley) and Blacks (Rod McLean) whose significant efforts kept the wheels of University football turning.

As a sporting team which has participated in Carlton and Parkville district since 1859, the MUFC is developing a policy of greater engagement with not only with the University (particularly its Medical School with which we have a strong historical connection) but with our local community. We have had involvement with the Carlton Junior Football Club and we hope to affirm and build on that involvement this year. We would love to see local residents attend our matches as part of their Saturday or Sunday afternoon stroll or recreation. As one would expect of teams which play at the high level of our men's and women's senior teams, the footy is very watchable and the environment most pleasant.

Our plan is to be a contributor and to be seen to be a contributor to the life, times and prosperity of our local community and also to promote diversity and inclusion not only within our ranks but within our community. In recent years, the MUFC has had a number of initiatives highlighting diversity and inclusion, including the much publicised Blacks v Collegians "Gay That's Okay" Day. Blacks and Blues each support charities which exist to support contemporary issues such as street violence, depression and anxiety in young people (which is obviously highly relevant to our cohort) and the MUWFC is a triumph of diversity and inclusion. In that regard, as a University club and, in that sense, a club of privilege, we actively inculcate our players and young officials with the ideal of leadership in all aspects of community endeavour, to encourage contribution for the social good and to understand that with privilege comes responsibility.

Finally, I thank the members of the Board for their work, advice and wisdom over the last year. In particular I express my gratitude to Andrew Henderson for his assistance as General Secretary and Stephen Longley for his unheralded and thorough work as Treasurer and Public Officer. Very few people know just how valuable Stephen's contribution is to the affairs of this club.

Football is flying at the University of Melbourne: a high level of performance, high participation rates, terrific morale, well-organised clubs, strong with our coaching, medical and operational activities and solvent. Our current success (which we certainly do not take for granted) has been achieved through the (very) hard and effective work of many capable people. May it continue...

The Board regards it as a privilege to be charged with the responsibility for the overall management and operation of the Melbourne University Football Club.

**Andrew Donald**

President

Melbourne University Football Club

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**INCOME STATEMENT**

**For the year ended 31 October 2016**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Income</b>	2	393,156	419,627
Employee Expenses		160,237	153,137
Sporting Equipment		23,370	18,824
Merchandise		19,510	29,184
Affiliation Fees		44,428	51,895
Canteen, Bar & Functions		46,840	34,055
Health Expenses		44,378	35,047
Administration Expenses		11,694	9,959
Other expenses from continuing activities		72,276	81,784
		<u>422,732</u>	<u>413,885</u>
<b>Net Profit/(Loss)</b>		<u><b>(29,576)</b></u>	<u><b>5,742</b></u>

The above Income Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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**BALANCE SHEET**

**As at 31 October 2016**

	Notes	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	188,433	208,247
Debtors	4	14,680	21,174
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>203,113</b>	<b>229,421</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>203,113</b>	<b>229,421</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Other Payables	5	23,500	19,512
Net liability to ATO		225	945
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>23,725</b>	<b>20,457</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>23,725</b>	<b>20,457</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>179,388</b>	<b>208,964</b>
<b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>			
Opening Retained Profits		208,964	203,222
Current Year Profit/(Loss)		(29,576)	5,742
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS</b>		<b>179,388</b>	<b>208,964</b>

The above Balance Sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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**STATEMENT OF RECOGNISED INCOME AND EXPENSE**  
**For the year ended 31 October 2016**

	Notes	2016 \$	2015 \$
Total equity at the beginning of the financial year		208,964	203,222
Profit/(Loss) for the year		(29,576)	5,742
Total equity at the end of the financial year		<u>179,388</u>	<u>208,964</u>

The above Statement of Recognised Income and Expenditure should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
For the year ended 31 October 2016**

	<i>Notes</i>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
		\$	\$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST)		402,641	398,632
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		(461,411)	(461,261)
Other Income received		38,955	44,754
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	6	<u>(19,814)</u>	<u>(17,875)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
		-	-
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayment of loans		-	-
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held</b>			
		(19,814)	(17,875)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		<u>208,247</u>	<u>226,122</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year</b>	3	<u><b>188,433</b></u>	<u><b>208,247</b></u>

The above cash flow statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**31 October 2016**

**1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Victoria. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Victoria and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements

AASB 107: Cash Flow Statements

AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

AASB 110: Events after the Balance Sheet Date

AASB 116: Property, Plant and Equipment

AASB 117: Leases

AASB 118: Revenue

AASB 1031: Materiality

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

**(a) Revenue recognition**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Amounts disclosed as trade revenue are net of any returns or trade allowances.

**(b) Inventory**

Inventories purchased for sale in the current year, including merchandise and sporting equipment, are expensed as acquired. Inventories expected to be carried and sold over future years, such as books, are capitalised as acquired.

**(c) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash includes cash on hand, money market deposits which have a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition, which are readily convertible to cash on hand and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

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**(d) GST**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included with other receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

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**31 October 2016**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>2. REVENUE</b>		
From Continuing Activities:		
Sale/(Loss) on Merchandise	(1,249)	(4,443)
Donations and Fundraisers	93,923	100,340
Bar, Canteen and Functions	59,118	69,268
Sponsorships & Memberships	120,787	142,068
Affiliation Fees and Membership	81,623	67,640
Other Revenue	38,955	44,754
Total Revenue	<u>393,156</u>	<u>419,627</u>
<b>3. CURRENT ASSETS – Cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Cash at bank and on hand	188,433	208,247
	<u>188,433</u>	<u>208,247</u>
<b>4. CURRENT ASSETS - Debtors</b>		
Accounts Receivables	14,680	21,174
	<u>14,680</u>	<u>21,174</u>
<b>5. CURRENT LIABILITIES – Other payables</b>		
Accrued expenditure	18,500	14,512
Other payables	5,000	5,000
Total Other Payables	<u>23,500</u>	<u>19,512</u>

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For the year ended 31 October 2016

**6. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT AFTER INCOME TAX TO NET CASH IN FLOW  
FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Operating profit/(loss) after income tax	(29,576)	5,742
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	6,494	(18,174)
Increase/(Decrease) in GST payables	(720)	(522)
Increase/(Decrease) in Accruals and payables	3,988	(4,921)
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>	<b><u>(19,814)</u></b>	<b><u>(17,875)</u></b>

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We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Melbourne University Football Club, which comprises of the balance sheet as at 31 October 2016, the income statement, statement of recognised income and expense, and cash flow statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

*Committee members' Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The Committee Members of the entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1, is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Victoria and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

The Committee member's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Committee members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

*Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Committee members, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

### *Independence*

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

### *Basis for Qualified Opinion*

Cash donations, fundraising events and social functions and are a significant source of revenue for the Melbourne University Football Club. The Melbourne University Football Club has determined that it is impracticable to establish control over the collection of these sources of revenue prior to entry into its financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding revenue from this source was limited, our audit procedures with respect to identified sources of voluntary revenue had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion whether these sources of voluntary revenue the Melbourne University Football Club obtained are complete.

### *Qualified Opinion*

In our opinion, except for the possible effects on the financial report of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Melbourne University Football Club, as of 31 October 2016, and its financial performance, and its cash flows, for the year then ended, in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

### *Basis of Accounting*

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting responsibilities under the Associations Incorporation Act Victoria. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



**RSM AUSTRALIA PARTNERS**



**J S CROALL**  
Partner

Melbourne  
28 March 2017

## Melbourne University Women's Football Club Season Review



### Introduction

2016 saw the Melbourne University Women's Football Club become both the biggest and best women's club in the country (and therefore, world!).

We recorded 159 registered players across six divisions of the club, serviced three Auskick centres, took home a Youth Girls premiership and had 16 VFL Women's players drafted to AFL clubs.

It was a team effort to say the least and below I would like to thank the following people both personally, and on behalf of the wider Melbourne University Football Club Board of management.

### Committee

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the hard working and passionate people that made up our committee this year including Vice Presidents Karina Russo, Jane Wieselmann, Ashley Bye (current), Junior President Bridget Barker, Secretary Lou Caluzzi, Treasurer Jess Egan, Operations Christie Williams, Merchandise Jaclyn Pearson, Sponsorship Kathryn Chatelier, Communication Maddie Rawson and Social and Events Louise Stephenson and Sian Wilson. Your efforts over the past 12 months have developed this club from community to elite and for that I sincerely thank you.

### Melbourne University Football Club

This year our relations with the MUFC continued to strengthen. In March, the MUFC (Blues and Blacks) moved a motion to recognise the MUWFC as a member club. On 20 October we will vote to dissolve the MUWFC incorporated, as we know it, and formalise the process to become the third official and female arm of the MUFC. This process is important for the future direction of our club both in terms of governance and on field success.

### 20-year anniversary

On 24 July the Pavilion at Main Oval was host to over 200 past and present players, club people, family and friends to celebrate our club and its history since its inception in 1996. A wall of photo memories, memorabilia, trophies and awards were reminisced over a cup of tea and cake as people took their own personal trips down memory lane. Our VFL Women's recorded a big win out on a muddy Main Oval against Geelong to top off a wonderful day celebrating our clubs rich history.

## **Team and results**

On 18 September 4,000 spectators turned out to Piranha Park in Coburg to see our VFL Women's fall short by 2 kicks to powerhouse Darebin in the inaugural VFL Women's Grand Final. The week prior our VWFL Premier Division unfortunately fell short to an in-form Deer Park out at Highgate Reserve, Craigieburn in the preliminary finals. Division 3 worked hard all year but fell short of a finals appearance.

Whilst our Junior President will certainly give congratulations to the achievements of our junior Mugar, I will take the time to congratulate Bridget Barker and her team on their second under 18's premiership. The introduction of an under 15's side proved to foster the development and inclusion of an incredibly diverse group of girls, supported by our fantastic under 12's who continued to grow in numbers and supporters. We thank the Flemington Junior Football Club for their partnership with our under 12's and are excited to formalise this partnership (including the transfer of our under 15's) through a memorandum of understanding in 2017.

Emma Kearney and Caitlin Honey spent countless hours developing our next crop of champions through North Melbourne and Northcote Auskicks respectively, and should equally be thanked for their efforts.

## **Coaches**

Andrew Jago entered his second year as Head Coach at the club and should be recognised and congratulated for the passion and enthusiasm he committed to the role again this year. Our VFL Women's were the beneficiaries of another year of Andrew's development-focused coaching style, and improved to go one better in finals. We look forward to welcoming Andrew back in 2017 to take it another step further and bring home the silverware.

The efforts of our extended coaching panel are also recognised and congratulated by the committee including, Justin Witcher, Andrew Calleja, Leah Caluzzi, David Webb, Bridget Barker, Neil Barker, Amanda Lazzari, Clark Mitchell, Shannon Cogan and Mary Edmonds.

## **Stakeholders**

They weren't joking when they said it takes an army. To that end, I thank and we appreciate the efforts and support of all our stakeholders (including our wonderful supporters!).

Thank you to our major jumper sponsor for the last two years, Hockingstuart (now Jellis Craig) and minor sponsors Clinicalase, The Leveson, Errol Street Physio and SOSRehydrate. Combined they supported the club both financially and through their services with unwavering commitment and enthusiasm.

Our community partnership with the North Melbourne Football Club went from strength to strength this year, putting pen to paper on a further 5-year deal. This will see the MUWFC have use of the Arden Street facilities (oval, theatre, gym etc.) and The Huddle for training and preparation. Further to this, MUWFC head coach Andrew Jago spent a day with the NMFC coaching staff for individual development. This continued partnership is fantastic for the success and future of our football club.

On a personal note, I was appointed as Manager of Women's Football and Talent Pathways at NMFC with duties including the management of the MUWFC partnership. I am excited for a long and prosperous partnership with NMFC.

## **AFLW**

2020 came early and this year the AFL announced a fast tracked AFL Women's National competition. Knowing the black and blue would feature heavily in this competition, we were blown away to have 16 players drafted (1 marquee, 3 priority selections, 1 category B rookie and 11 draftees) to 6 of the 8 AFL Women's clubs. Credit for this achievement should not only rest with the efforts of the players, but coaching staff (with special mention to Andrew Jago), a hard working committee and the involvement of NMFC providing elite facilities to prepare out of. 16 players was the highest number of any club in the country and a proud moment for me as President of the club.

Congratulations to the following players and good luck on their inaugural season at their respective club:

Marquee player – Ellie Blackburn, WB

Priority players – Emma Kearney WB, Kaitlyn Ashmore BRIS, Louise Stephenson GWS

Category B Rookie – Catherine Phillips MELB

NAB Draft – #6 Nicola Stevens COLL, #9 Deanna Berry MELB, #18 Nicole Hildebrand BRIS, #30 Gabriella Pound CARL, #53 Brooke Lochland WB, #54 Alicia Eva COLL, #60 Bailey Hunt WB, #76 Lauren Spark WB, #105 Jessica Anderson MELB, #115 Madeline Keryk CARL, #123 Cecilia McIntosh COLL

## **Award winners**

On 21 September we celebrated the on field success of our senior playing group and took the opportunity to thank those that supported us in season 2016. We also recognised the efforts of our best club person with the Mary Cenacchi Award, an award named after a founder of our wonderful club.

Congratulations the following players on their individual awards:

## **VFL Women's**

Best and Fairest – Emma Kearney

Runner Up – Ellie Blackburn

Player of the Finals – Nicola Stevens

Leading Goal Kicker – Jessica Anderson, Emma Kearney

Most Improved – Hannah Ibrahim

Coaches Award – Brooke Lochland

Players' Player – Gabriella Pound

## **VWFL Premier Division**

Best and Fairest – Isabel Huntington

Runner Up – Alexandra Saundry

Player of the Finals – Amy Arundel

Leading Goal Kicker – Ruby Ground

Most Improved – Caitlin Honey

Coaches Award – Ruby Grounds

Players' Player – Alexandra Saundry

### **VWFL Division 3**

Best and Fairest – Kelsie Piscoferi

Runner Up – Kobi van Rossum, Bronwen Allix

Leading Goal Kicker – Kelsie Piscoferi

Most Improved – Romy Evert

Coaches Award – Kelsie Piscoferi

Players' Player – Kobi van Rossum

### **Club Awards**

Best First Year Player – Jessica Anderson

Mary Cenacchi Best Club Person – Stephanie Keirce

### **2017**

Next year our committee will focus on external relations with both MUFC and Melbourne University Sport.

We will focus heavily on good governance and structure and aim to further cement our title as both the biggest and best women's football club in the country.

Thank you to all involved in the club this year. I personally appreciate the effort and passion of those around me, and look forward to an even better 2017.

### **Laura Kane**

President

Melbourne University Women's Football Club

## University Blacks Football Club Season Review



Season 2016 was another tough one for the University Blacks Football Club. With all 4 teams playing in the highly competitive Premier Division of the VAFA, there were no easy games. Only the Senior team finished in the top four, with 11 wins for the season. They played the eventual Premiers, Old Xaverians, in the First Semi-Final. After leading at the main break and still holding a 9 point advantage at three-quarter time, they were overrun in the final quarter, going down by 15 points in a hard fought match. The Reserve team finished in sixth position with 8 wins while the Thirds, with 10 wins, finished in fifth spot, missing out on the final four on percentage only.

As was the case in 2015, the Under 19 team struggled to win games in Premier Division. Their only two wins were against University Blues but they lost 12 games by over 50 points and, although having 44 registered players, they had to forfeit twice through lack of numbers.

A total of 143 players represented the Club in 2016. The Seniors played 35 players, the Reserves 62, the Thirds 55 and the Under 19s 44. New registrations for the year totalled 74, while 80 players from season 2015 did not play for Blacks in 2016. Of the 74 new registrations, 38 were Senior players and 36 were Under 19 players.

The Seniors played 10 new players in 2016. The standouts were Tyrone Bean (14 games), Brendan Dess (17 games) and Lochie Dornauf (18 games), while Jacob Gardiner (17 games), Harry Lahy (13 games) and Thomas Sharp (15 games) all returned to Blacks after missing last season. At the same time, there were some major losses from 2015, including Lachlan Devine (10 games in 2015), Huw Lacey (17 games), Lewis O'Brien (11 games), Peter O'Rourke (15 games), Adam Pattison (8 games), Simon Thomas (9 games) and Andrew Willingham (6 games).

As mentioned, the senior team used just 35 players for the season. Nick Batten, Hugh Curnow, Angus Locke, Jordan Quaille, Charlie Richardson, Alistair Robbins and Joshua Steadman played in all 19 games, while Lochie Dornauf and Bede Mahon missed just the one game. It was a lot different in the Reserve team, where 62 players were used during the season, with Scott Myers the only player to play in all 18 games. On the other hand, 17 players played just the one game while another 11 players played just two or three games for the season. With the Thirds, 55 players were used, with only 2 players, Braden Poole and Lincoln Smith playing every game.

Hugh Curnow won the Senior Best & Fairest Award, with Bede Mahon as Runner-Up. The other Best & Fairest winners were Peter Aitken in the Reserves, Alex Hayward in the Thirds and Harry Stannard in the Under 19's.

Lucas van Kempen was awarded Life Membership of the University Blacks Football Club in recognition of his great contribution to Blacks over many years, firstly as a player, then as Club Captain and finally as President.

Two players reached their 100 Games Milestones during the season, namely Bede Mahon and Charlie Richardson. Both players have served Blacks with distinction and it is worth noting their many achievements during their time at the Club.

**Bede Mahon** joined Blacks as an Under 19 player in 2008 and won the U19 B & F award that year. He returned to Blacks in 2012, after playing country football for 2 years and won his first Senior Best & Fairest Award and was a member of the B Grade Premiership side. He took over the Club Captaincy in 2013, winning the Brendan Keilar Award and was Vice-Captain of the VAFA side that toured Ireland. In 2014, Bede captained Blacks to an A Grade Premiership where he won the J. F. 'Jock' Nelson Best on Ground Award. He also won his second Senior Best & Fairest Award and his second Brendan Keilar Medal. This season, he captained the VAFA Representative team, was Runner-Up in the Senior Best & Fairest Award and took out his third Brendan Keilar Award.

**Charlie Richardson** came to Blacks from Pennant Hills in NSW in 2010 and won the Senior Best & Fairest Award that year. He was also selected to play Representative Football for the VAFA. In 2012, he was a member of Blacks B Grade Premiership side, winning the R.I.Cordner Medal for Best on Ground in the Grand Final. He also won the VAFA B Grade Best and Fairest Award, together with the Brendan Keilar Award. He unfortunately missed the 2014 season when Blacks won their first A Grade Premiership since 1974.

Go Blacks!

**Nick Carah**

Chairman

University Blacks Football Club

# University Blacks Football Club

## 2016 Football Awards

### UNDER 19 AWARDS

Best & Fairest:	Harry STANNARD
Runner-up Best & Fairest:	Mitchell TREVASKIS
Most Valuable Player:	Edward KING
Rising Star:	Jake EDWARDS

### THIRDS AWARDS

Best & Fairest:	Alex HAYWARD
Runner-up Best & Fairest:	William MURRAY & Jordan TUNBRIDGE
Coach's Award:	Henry ROBINSON
Rising Phoenix Award:	Braden POOLE
Leading Goalkicker:	Benjamin FARROW (27 goals)

### RESERVES AWARDS

Best & Fairest: (Austin Edwards Perpetual Trophy)	Peter AITKEN
Runner-up Best & Fairest:	Christopher DUCK
Most Consistent	Harry ALLEN
Coach's Award:	Zach HARRIS
Leading Goalkicker:	Morgan NOONAN (27 goals)

## **SENIOR AWARDS**

Best & Fairest: (Cordner Medal)	Hugh CURNOW
Runner-up Best & Fairest:	Bede MAHON
Rising Star Award	Brent SHEAHAN
Coach's Award:	Joshua STEADMAN
Leading Goalkicker:	Lochie DORNAUF (43 goals)

## **GAMES MILESTONES AWARDS**

**100 GAMES**                      Bede MAHON                      Charlie RICHARDSON

### **50 GAMES (Acknowledgement only)**

Alex HAYWARD	Robert HUMANN	Lachlan HUNTINGTON
Cameron McNEIL	Jack MULLER	Jordan QUAILE
Alastair ROBBINS	Thomas SHARP	Brent SHEAHAN
Jim WILSON		

## **VAFA REPRESENTATIVES**

**(Acknowledgement only)**

**SENIORS BIG V:**                      Jordan QUAILE

## **VAFA PREMIER TEAM OF THE YEAR**

**(Acknowledgement only)**

Bede MAHON (Captain)	Lochy DORNAUF	Adam PITT
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## **LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Lucas van KEMPEN

## **BRENDAN KEILAR AWARD**

**(Keilar Medal)**

Bede MAHON

## **BEST CLUBMAN AWARD**

**(A M Smith Perpetual Trophy)**

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# FINALS MATCHES 2016

## SENIORS

### FIRST SEMI-FINAL

**University Blacks v Old Xaverians at Elsternwick Park,  
Sunday 4 September 2016**

**Team:** Harry Allen, Nicholas Batten, Tyrone Bean, Thomas Chalkley, Hugh Curnow, Lochie Dornauf, Angus Drysdale, Jacob Gardiner, Simon Hogan, Lachlan Huntington, Tyson Kruse, Harrie Lahy, Angus Locke, Bede Mahon (c), Matthew O'Brien, Adam Pitt, Jordan Quaile, Charlie Richardson, Alistair Robbins, Thomas Sharp, Brent Sheahan, Joshua Steadman

**Old Xaverians:** 2.3 6.4 10.8 14.9.93

**Uni Blacks:** 5.2 8.7 11.11 11.12.78

**Goal Kickers:** M O'Brien 3, N Batten 2, H Curnow 2, L Dornauf 2, J Quaile 2

**Best Players:** H Curnow, M O'Brien, J Steadman, B Sheahan, H Allen,  
L Huntington





**UNIVERSITY BLACKS FOOTBALL CLUB**

**ALL PLAYER STATS 2016**

	Name	Date of Birth	Total Games at 2015	Games 2016				Total Games 2016	All Games Total	Goals 2016				B & F Votes 2016			
				Sen	Res	Thirds	U19			Sen	Res	Thirds	U19	Sen	Res	Thirds	U19
59	Zach HARRIS	13.09.1995	28		14	3		17	45		4					1	
60	Alex HAYWARD	20.06.1988	45		1	16		17	62			4				39	
61	William HAYWARD	28.06.1996	12		3	7		10	22			1					
62	Jack HEELEY	04.07.1982	167		1	14		15	182		1	22				26	
63	Sean HEINER-HENNESSY	28.04.1997	0				9	9	9				2				25
64	Nicholas HILDEBRANDT	28.03.1987	10		16			16	26		5						
65	Simon HOGAN	16.08.1988	33	16				16	49	1							
66	Thomas HOLLIS	14.03.1987	10			2		2	12						2		
67	Alexander HORTON	09.09.1994	11		4			4	15		1						
68	Ryley HOWARD-SCALES	29.07.1996	0			1	15	16	16				2				9
69	Timothy HOWIE	15.08.1987	83		13	1		14	97								
70	Robert HUMANN	09.08.1988	47	2	5			7	54		2						
71	Lachlan HUNTINGTON	03.06.1993	37	12	7			19	56	11	9						
72	Liam JESS	12.09.1996	0				2	2	2								
73	Damien KELLY	18.06.1988	41		6	1		7	48		1						
74	Alexander KILLALEA	12.05.1992	0		12	2		14	14		1						
75	Joshua KIMPTON	24.06.1996	12		17			17	29		8						
76	Edward KING	03.02.1997	0				9	9	9				7				66
77	Harry KING	04.03.1995	29	8	8			16	45		1						
78	Tyson KRUSE	10.07.1989	18	12				12	30	7							
79	Benjamin KULCZYCKI	22.11.1987	0			1		1	1								
80	Harrie LAHY	15.05.1992	58	13				13	71	4							
81	Nicholas LAMENS	23.03.1997	0				1	1	1								
82	Samuel LANE	11.06.1987	96			2		2	98			1					
83	Simon LEWIS	28.08.1981	63		15			15	78								
84	Angus LOCKE	17.04.1994	57	19				19	76	9							
85	Lachlan McDONALD	16.07.1996	14		1		14	15	29		2		3				38
86	Bede MAHON	05.09.1989	95	18				18	113	8							
87	Samuel McKENZIE	17.09.1996	16			1	16	17	33				8				30



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				Sen	Res	Thirds	U19			Sen	Res	Thirds	U19	Sen	Res	Thirds	U19	
117	Jesse ROBILIARD	11.07.1996	0		1		10	11	11								16	
118	Henry ROBINSON	20.07.1987	27			14		14	41			5				19		
119	Caolan ROHLEDER	25.07.1996	0				4	4	4									
120	Ryan SACK	15.02.1996	0		6	6		12	12		4	11				14		
121	Benjamin SALIBA	05.01.1992	19		1			1	20									
122	Marcus SEVIOR	01.03.1994	0		9			9	9		2							
123	Thomas SHARP	25.09.1992	41	15	1			16	57	18	8							
124	Brent SHEAHAN	21.04.1994	41	15				15	56	1								
125	Toby SHEAHAN	12.10.1996	19	1	15		1	17	36		3						2	
126	Brandon SMITH	02.10.1992	0			1		1	1									
127	Lincoln SMITH	08.05.1992	8			17		17	25			5				25		
128	Ryan SOUSSA	13.11.1993	0		1	10		11	11			2						
129	Andrew SPINKS	25.05.1989	14			10		10	24							3		
130	Luke STACEY	11.06.1997	0				1	1	1									
131	Jamieson STACKPOLE	18.02.1997	0				9	9	9									
132	Harry STANNARD	26.03.1997	0		1		15	16	16				1				87	
133	Joshua STEADMAN	22.01.1992	67	19				19	86	4								
134	Lewis STEERE	31.01.1994	12		17			17	29		2							
135	Marco STRATHDEE	29.10.1997	0				14	14	14				3				1	
136	Jack TOSSOL	02.12.1994	7		1	12		13	20							1		
137	Mitchell TREVASKIS	22.08.1997	0	1	2		10	13	13		1		3				72	
138	Jordan TUNBRIDGE	16.06.1990	0		1	14		15	15			2				28		
139	Jacob VRACA	10.08.1996	0				11	11	11				2				12	
140	John VRODOS	02.02.1995	14	1	1			2	16	1	3							
141	Jeremy WILSON	21.04.1997	0				6	6	6									
142	Jim WILSON	13.10.1993	32		7	9		16	48		3	12				5		
143	Jake WOOD	17.03.1997	0				12	12	12								6	
	<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>418</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>367</b>				<b>207</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>672</b>
	<b>TOTAL PLAYERS</b>			<b>35</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>44</b>				<b>27</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>27</b>			<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>



## University Blues Football Club Season Review



As I look back on the past 12 months at the Uni Blues, and indeed as I do every year, I always come back to the central question – was the season a success? This question inevitably leads me to think: what does success actually mean and how do we know if we've been successful?

Like many sporting clubs, success is typically measured on where you finished on the ladder. Fair enough, this is one of the fundamentals for fielding teams each week – we want to win. And in that regard we had mixed success in 2016: we celebrated the highs of another premiership from the mighty Blues Twos; after sitting top of the table in the seniors for the majority of the year and daring to dream of a seniors flag, we once again got pipped in the preliminary final. Meanwhile, our feeder teams in the thirds and unders faced a tough year but still managed to achieve some positives throughout the year.

When I then circle back to why our club exists and whether we were successful, I return to our mission “*Committed to success, bonded by our community*” and I know without a doubt we enjoyed tremendous success, as the Uni Blues community is one of the strongest you will find in any sporting environment.

Our community is built on the dedication of our volunteers, supporters, members, parents, sponsors and players (current and past). It's a unique community that is genuinely bonded and from which we field teams year on year providing long lasting friendships, deep passion and meaningful purpose.

Throughout the year I have received many compliments about the Blues and the way we conduct ourselves. Of course we want on field success, but the way we conduct and perform off the field in representing our club is something of which we can all feel very proud. On that note, I would like to thank our legion of dedicated volunteers who are the lifeblood of the club and offer their time so generously. To all those who have helped out in one way or another, be it as a once off or on a regular basis – your efforts are greatly appreciated and while it has been said countless times over the years, I feel the need to repeat it: when helping out at the Blues you get more out of it than you put in. The Club is always looking for its members and supporters to help out so if you have some spare time in 2017, I would encourage you to come down the Uni Main and lend your support.

I would like to note the following key points from the season.

### **On Field**

After steering the Blues to a Premier B Premiership in 2014 and two third placings in Premier Section in the past two years, our senior coach Quinton Gleeson is stepping down from his role. As a footy club we are in a much better position at the end of Quinton's stint as Senior Coach than at the start. Quinton has worked tirelessly from the moment he was appointed in 2013 with one goal in

mind, that being to leave the Club a better place than when he took on the role. I am comfortable in saying that he has achieved exactly that and helped position the Blues to be a strong unit well into the future. Quinton's influence on the playing group extends beyond the efforts on field as he is one that actively embraces the Club's belief that the Blues is more than just a club for young men to play football – it is a club for young men to grow and develop in all areas of their life while playing a good standard of football. Whilst we are disappointed to lose Quinton's services as Senior Coach, we are excited to welcome James Walker to the position for season 2017.

We also say farewell from a coaching point of view to Unders Coach Jeff Scotland who, after four years at the helm of the Blues Under 19s, has decided to step away from coaching in the short term. The Blues have a lot to thank Jeff for as he has guided our Under 19s - one of the toughest if not the toughest jobs out our Club - through arguably the most difficult time in the Unders' history as we finished on the bottom of the ladder with only one win in 2016. However, the fact we did not have to forfeit one game for the whole year, even during the notoriously challenging uni holiday period, was testament to the hard work Jeff put in and the respect in which he is held by the playing group. We thank Jeff for his commitment and passion over the past four years and hope to see him involved in the Club in some capacity in 2017.

The highlight of the year was the premiership by the Mighty Blues Twos. Captained by Club legend Tom Girdwood and with new coach Jason Bek at the helm, the twos went one better than 2015, winning yet another Reserves Premiership for the Club. The Mighty Blues Twos overcame some late season stutters to get it right when it mattered most, playing their two best games of the season in the Preliminary and Grand Finals. Congratulations and thank you to Jason who fitted in perfectly to the Blues in 2016 and helped the boys develop their football from day one. Jason was ably assisted by former Premiership Coach, Bob Girdwood, whose help, as always, was appreciated by all.

Like the Unders the Thirds experienced a tough season finishing eighth. The many injuries during the middle of the season to the Senior and Reserves sides, hit the Thirds hard, however our Thirds are a resilient team who fought out every game to the end. A big thank you to coach Jason Evans and all the Thirds players for everything that they gave to the Club during the year.

## **Uni Oval**

The state of our oval has been a hot topic around the Club, the University and the competition as a whole for many years. However, never has there been a more controversial year in regard to the oval than what we faced in 2016 culminating in being forced by the VAFA to move our crucial round 17 clash against Old Xaverians three days out from the game. Unfortunately, this incident will go down as one of the more disappointing episodes that I have been a part of during my time as player and official of the Blues. While I will not use this space to recount the events that led to this decision to be made by the VAFA, I would like the Blues Community to know that since the decision we have, along with great help from the University Blacks and the Melbourne University Football Club (MUFC), pursued the VAFA on the reasons behind the forced move and have pressed for answers on what that decision means for future games at the Uni as well as any other grounds which may be deemed "unfit" for play.

Whilst I still do not have the answers that I believe are warranted, we have received a commitment from the VAFA that it will respond to our questions and request that a transparent and consistent process be applied in relation to any games that may be relocated in the future as a result of any ground being deemed unfit for play.

I would like to thank Andrew Donald, President of MUFC, and Nick Carah, President of University Blacks, for their unwavering support and commitment during a very strenuous time for our Club.

## **Social events and fundraising**

The Blues social calendar is always a busy affair and 2016 was no exception.

The highlight and marquee event remains the Blues Ball, which raised a significant amount for the Club. Thank you to our hosts Jeremy and Jamie Mugavin, and to all who supported our major fundraiser for the year.

The Blues Business Breakfast continues to grow and establish itself as a popular and strategic function. Emma Welsh from Emma and Tom's Life Juice was a much enjoyed speaker while James Dunn again did a superb job hosting the event.

The Pavvy played host to two supporter lunches during the year, with the Women in Football and the 1996 Reserves Premiership reunion seeing over 150 of the Blues Community enjoy the comfortable surroundings of our wonderful Pavilion.

Rebecca Maddern was a fantastic guest speaker for the Women in Football lunch and Mel Jones equally so in her role as host for the afternoon. The lunch, held just after the announcement of the eight AFL women's teams was attended by a number of Melbourne Uni Women's footballers including President Laura Kane and Western Bulldog 'priority player' Emma Kearney.

The 1996 Reserves Premiership reunion saw many of the 1996 team return to the Pavvy - many for the first time since the refurbishment - to tell tall tales of how good they all were 20 years ago. Thanks to Premiership coach Barry Neivandt for organizing the reunion.

## **Sponsors, donors and members**

As costs associated with running an amateur football club continue to rise, the importance and value of our sponsors also increases and, quite simply, we would struggle to survive without the generosity of this group. Our sponsors and donors are mentioned individually within the body of this report and I thank them all for their ongoing support and commitment.

Thank you to the Uni Blues members, not only for your financial contribution but for your support at games and in other areas of the Club. It was great to see so many old and new faces throughout the year and we hope that this support continues to grow as we look to solidify our position as one of the VAFA's Premier Clubs.

As this is my final report as President of the Melbourne University Blues Football Club, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the many people that have assisted me during this time. The support and advice received has helped me no end. I have enjoyed many aspects of the Presidency over the years not least of all meeting many of the player's parents and reconnecting with many past players.

Thanks once again for all the help that I have received and I look forward to sharing a beer in the Pavvy in the future while reminding you all of what is the best travel magazine in Australia

Go Blues!

**Joseph Sturrock**

Chairman

University Blues Football Club

## University Blues Office Bearers and Club Awards 2016

President	Joseph Sturrock
Vice President	Tom Hutchins
Club Secretary	Stephen Meade
Commercial/Finance	Andrew Wilson
Finance	Piers Flanagan
Player Management	Chris Reid
Football Director	John Kanis
Football Operations	David Phefley
	Jack Heinz
	Henry Weddell

### Other Committee:

Treasurer	Bernie Angel
Recruiting	Tim Rourke

### Sponsors

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Get Lost Magazine	Four Square Construction Management
Grin Creative	The Clyde Hotel

### Donors

Peter Brukner	Diana Tapsall
Tony & Karin Heinz	Rod Hager
Warwick & Tom Hutchins	John & Dianne Carmody
Hayden & Sally Torney	Helen & David Phefley
John & Sue North	
Tony McInerney	Blues 25 & Blue Bloods

**Club Support Staff:**

Social Functions	Jack Townley
Match Day Social	Tom Girdwood/Al Evans (Bar Manager), Tony Heinz (Match-day Pavilion), Helen Phefley, Karin Heinz, Mary Donaldson, Bronwyn Nice (Afternoon tea)
Player Recruiting/Welfare	Justin Quill, Chris Reid,
Football Manager	David Phefley, Edgar Guerrero
Team Managers	Michael Robin and Tony McInerney (Senior), Gerry Westmore and John Carmody (Reserves), Josh Tinner (Thirds), Bernie Angel (Unders)
Support Staff	Frank Benjamin, Julian Mitchell, Jim Hayes plus many other volunteers

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**Coaching Staff**

Seniors	Quinton Gleeson, Ben McKinley, Christian Neeson
Reserves	Jason Bek, Bob Girdwood
Thirds	Jason Evans
Under 19s	Jeff Scotland, James Cameron

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**Medical Staff**

Doctor	Liam West, Michael Steinbeck; Jacob Jewson; Tony Heinz
Physiotherapists	Johanna Cross; Mick Girdwood; Simon Lumb; Kara Giannone; Zuzana Machotka
Physio Assistants	Lizzy Carty, Keith Cheung; Regan Connell; Tim Gibbins; Sarah Parkinson; Brandan Smith; Arthur Too, Fiona Yeaman
Trainer	Ray Scanlon

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**MUFC Board**

John Carmody, Andrew Donald, Steve Longley, Joseph Sturrock, Nick Carah, Simon Costello, Andrew Henderson, Laura Kane, Ashley Bye, Bridget Barker, Shona McInnes/Peter Huntington and Rob Hanna

**Seniors**

Senior Captain	Hugh Vickers-Willis
Senior Best & Fairest	Will Cuningham
Senior Runner-up Best & Fairest	Patrick Hayes
Alan Salter Award	Angus Nice
Jack Coventry Defensive Award	Marc James
Best First Year Player	Connor Lappin
Senior Best in Finals	Dan Batarilo & Tom Quinn
Runner	Justin Quill
Interchange Steward	Tony McInerney

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**Reserves**

Reserves Captain	Tom Girdwood
Reserves Best & Fairest	Dirk Heinz
Reserves Runner-up B & F	Tom Girdwood
Reserves Coach's Award	Charles Fry
Reserves Best in Finals	James Carr
Reserves Runner	Tom Lanyon/Tim Blakey
Reserves Goal Umpire	John Carmody, Jim Hayes
Interchange Steward	Michael Robin

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**Thirds**

Thirds Captain	Chris Pyke/Will Van de Pol
Thirds Best & Fairest	Hamish Seller
Thirds Runner-up B & F	Chris Pyke
Thirds Coach's Award	Sam Briggs

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**Under 19's**

U19 Captain	George Osti
U19 Best & Fairest	Matthew Blair
U19 Runner-up B & F	Travis Scotland
U19 Coach's Award	Brett Scotland
U19 Goal Umpire	Bernie Angel

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**Club Awards**

Chris Brown Trophy – Best Clubman	Jeff Scotland
Ted McNamara Trophy – Best Team Player	Jamie Mugavin
MUFC Life Membership	Tom Girdwood

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**VAFAs Representatives**

VAFAs – Senior (Vic Country)	Hugh Vickers-Willis, Jeremy Mugavin
VAFAs – Under 19 (Vic Country)	Matthew Blair

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**Games Milestone – 2016**

**200 Games:** Dirk Heinz

**100 Games:** Will Cunningham; Edward Long, Will Dan de Pol

**50 Games:** Angus Adams, Sam Briggs, George Chisholm, David Cumming, Jack Curnow, Ryan Eade, Angus Ford, Jamie Mugavin, Andy Wettenhall, Cameron Williams, Jack Wood

### 2016 Senior Best & Fairest

Votes		Player	Games Played
56	1	Will Cuningham	20
41	2	Patrick Hayes	18
39	Eq 3	Marc James	20
39	Eq 3	George Cameron	15
39	Eq 3	Jeremy Mugavin	18
38	6	Connor Lappin	17
33	7	Hugh Vickers-Willis	16
30	8	Clayton Hinkley	14
24	Eq 9	Joel Moloney	17
24	Eq 9	Tom Quinn	19

### 2016 Reserves Best & Fairest

Votes		Player	Games Played
47	1	Dirk Heinz	15
43	2	Tom Girdwood	21
30	3	James Carr	15
27	4	Sam Smith	15
25	5	Will Hartnell	14
22	Eq 6	Jack Wood	17
22	Eq 6	Rich Langham	13
21	8	Louis Wardle	11
19	9	Ed Ratcliffe	17
18	Eq 10	David Withers	20
18	Eq 10	Paddy Gardiner	11

### 2016 Premier Thirds Best & Fairest

Votes		Player	Games Played
24	1	Hamish Seller	12
23	2	Chris Pyke	10
21	3	Jared Crawford	12
20	4	Jack Heinz	6
19	5	Harry Sullivan	13
18	Eq 6	Will Van de Pol	15
18	Eq 6	Al Evans	6
17	Eq 8	Angus Adams	14
17	Eq 8	Sam Briggs	14
16	10	Tyson Deane	11

### 2016 Under 19 Best & Fairest

Votes		Player	Games Played
43	1	Matthew Blair	16
41	2	Travis Scotland	18
36	3	Henry Bennett	13
25	4	Brett Scotland	18
21	5	George Osti	10
19	6	Luke Bell	12
18	Eq 7	Tom Wilson	14
18	Eq 7	Jack Sheridan	10
17	9	Al Saunders	16
16	Eq 10	Will Lawrence	17
16	Eq 10	Ed Warmsley	15

## 2016 VAFA Woodrow Medal

Votes	Player	Votes	Player
15	Jeremy Mugavin	11	Marshall Rippon
10	Marc James	6	Will Cuningham
4	Cameron Williams	3	Thomas MacKenzie
3	Ryan Eade	3	Dale Hinkley
3	Paul Bunn	3	Clayton Hinkley
3	George Cameron	2	Pete Summers
2	Patrick Hayes	1	Hugh Vickers-Willis

## University Blues Players 2016

	Sen	Res	3rds	U19
Adams, Angus	0	4	14	0
Anders, Sam	0	0	0	1
Auld, Troy	0	1	6	0
Baker, Dominic	0	0	0	10
Barlow, Nicholas	0	0	0	8
Barr, Cameron	0	0	0	17
Batarilo, Andrew	0	7	1	0
Batarilo, Daniel	14	3	0	0
Batarilo, Thomas	12	2	0	0
Bell, Luke	0	0	0	12
Bennett, Henry	0	0	0	13
Binns, Alec	0	0	0	17
Blair, Matthew	0	0	0	16
Blakey, William	5	8	1	0
Bowman, Liam	0	0	0	5
Brambley, Isaac	0	2	5	0
Briggs, Sam	0	4	14	0
Browning, James	0	0	0	15
Bunn, Paul	9	2	0	0
Burn-Francis, Timothy	0	0	4	0
Buttolph, Nicholas	0	0	17	1
Cameron, George	15	0	0	0
Carr, James	4	15	0	0
Carter, Gordon	0	0	5	0
Catalano, Joshua	0	0	0	15
Chisholm, George	0	11	2	0
Chomley, Bernie	0	0	11	0

	Sen	Res	3rds	U19
Chrimes, MacKenzie	0	0	0	13
Clements, Sam	0	0	1	12
Condon, Edward	0	0	11	0
Connell, Samuel	0	0	9	0
Connell, Regan	0	0	7	0
Coughlin, Alexander	0	0	0	6
Crawford, Jared	0	4	12	0
Cumming, David	11	6	0	0
Cunningham, William	20	0	0	0
Curnow, George	0	2	0	0
Curnow, Jack	0	1	12	0
Deane, Tyson	0	5	11	1
Dhaliwal, Inderpreet	0	0	13	0
Eade, Ryan	8	0	0	0
Egan, Luke	0	0	1	10
Evans, Alastair	0	3	6	0
Fairbairn, Rory	0	5	0	0
Fang, Julian	0	0	5	0
Flanagan, Piers	13	0	0	0
Flanagan, Simeon	0	0	1	14
Foott, Tom	0	0	1	0
Ford, Angus	10	3	0	0
Francis, Nicholas	0	0	0	11
Fry, Charles	0	21	0	0
Gardiner, Patrick	3	11	0	0
Garrick, Lachlan	0	0	14	0
Geappen, Tim	8	0	0	0

	Sen	Res	3rds	U19
George, Davis	0	0	0	1
Gill, Samuel	0	0	6	0
Girdwood, Thomas	0	21	0	0
Goodear, Sam	0	0	0	1
Gordon, Justin	0	0	0	2
Hanlon, Nicholas	0	0	0	12
Hannemann, Thomas	0	0	5	0
Hart, Matthew	3	10	0	0
Hartnell, William	0	14	0	0
Hayes, Patrick	18	0	0	0
Heinz, Dirk	5	15	0	0
Heinz, Jack	0	2	6	0
Higgins, Declan	0	0	1	0
Hinkley, Clayton	14	0	0	0
Hinkley, Dale	9	0	0	0
Hodge, Tom	0	0	1	0
Hosking, Tim	0	1	14	3
James, Marc	20	0	0	0
Jess, Jacob	0	8	2	0
Jongebloed, Benjamin	0	7	3	0
Keach, Edward	0	0	0	6
Kelly, Maxwell	0	1	0	0
Koroneos, James	0	6	0	0
Langham, Richard	0	13	0	0
Langley, William	0	17	1	0
Lappin, Connor	17	3	0	0
Lawrence, William	0	0	0	17
Long, Edward	0	20	1	0
MacKenzie, Thomas	17	0	0	0

	Sen	Res	3rds	U19
Macky, Randal	0	0	4	0
May, William	0	0	8	0
McCoy, Luke	0	1	7	0
McFarlane, Will	0	1	0	0
McMahon, Riley	18	1	0	0
Mikelsons, Andre	0	0	0	3
Moloney, Joel	17	0	0	0
Mugavin, Jeremy	18	0	0	0
Mugavin, Jamie	8	13	0	0
Nagle, Thomas	0	0	4	0
Nice, Angus	19	0	0	0
Nielsen, Samuel	0	0	0	1
Osti, George	0	0	0	10
Parry, David	0	0	9	0
Preece, Taylor	0	14	0	0
Pritchard, Michael	0	13	5	0
Pyke, Christopher	0	0	10	0
Quinn, Tom	19	0	0	0
Ratcliffe, Edward	0	17	0	0
Reid, Ben	0	0	0	6
Richardson, Nicholas	0	0	0	5
Rippon, Marshall	17	0	0	0
Robinson , Benjamin	0	0	0	1
Sambevski, Nathan	0	4	6	0
Saunders, Alastair	0	0	0	16
Saunders, Sebastian	0	0	0	16
Scotland, Brett	0	0	0	18
Scotland, Travis	0	1	0	18
Seller, Hamish	0	6	12	0

	Sen	Res	3rds	U19
Sheridan, Jack	0	0	0	10
Silvestro, Thomas	3	1	1	0
Simson, William	0	0	11	3
Smith, Sam	4	15	0	0
Smith, Bart	0	0	0	6
Steel, Jack	0	0	1	0
Steinfort, Hugo	0	7	1	0
Steinfort, Maximilian	0	0	12	0
Stewart, Lachlan	0	12	1	0
Stewart, Frazer	0	0	4	0
Sullivan, Harrison	0	1	13	0
Summers, Peter	10	0	0	0
Taylor, Jeremy	10	0	0	0
Telford, Samuel	0	0	0	4
Thomson, Zack	3	13	0	0
Tiller, Caleb	6	0	0	0
Townley, Jack	9	0	0	0
Tyndall, Jarrod	0	0	1	12
Van De Pol, William	0	0	15	0
Van De Pol, Daniel	7	11	0	0
Vickers-Willis, Hugh	16	0	0	0
Vickers-Willis, Tim	1	4	1	0
Walder, Liam	0	1	15	0
Walmsley, Edward	0	0	1	17
Walsh, Sam	0	0	6	0
Wardle, Louis	0	11	2	0
Welleman, Thomas	0	6	3	0
Wettenhall, Andrew	0	13	1	0
Williams, Cameron	15	0	0	0

	Sen	Res	3rds	U19
Wilson, Thomas	0	0	0	14
Withers, David	0	20	0	0
Wood, Jack	3	17	0	0
Wood, Alexander	0	0	9	0
Zawertailo, Eli	0	0	0	1

	Sen	Res	3rd	U19	Total
Players used	41	59	62	44	146