

Ryde Eastwood Hawks Touch Football Association Incorporated



President's

Report

This was my eighth term as President of Ryde Eastwood Hawks Touch and following the 2020 AGM we gained new Board member Chris Hopper who due to work commitments moved from the Rep Committee and joined current Board members Mark Lindsay – Financials, a big thank you, Paul Wines, Bill Calleja, Doug Vail, and Ron Ryan. We were very happy that Ron White continued to be our Patron.

[Season 2020-2021](#)

JUNIORS: The board went outside with Cheyne Harrison's team, looking to grow our junior program, The Club thought we may get around 30 kids. We ended up with 80 kids and had to send a few away. This is for the club's future and we certainly will be going down this avenue again. A big thanks to all our volunteers, Ron White on the BBQ, The Meat Boutique at Midway Shops (Adam Cooper) and the initiative shown by Paul Wines to promote this exercise. We also had help from Mel Cooper, Rachel Quinn and a few Rep players. The children all received a club singlet and this can be used in future years when they start playing in the competition proper.

Our Junior Competition caters for boys and girls from the ages of 8 to 16. We again were fortunate enough to have Martin Mulcare to place children looking for a team into sides. This is a job that calls for a whole host of skills and we are very lucky to have a person of Martin's ability to fulfil the role.

SENIORS: Paul Wines expertise in securing the maximum total amount of teams and with the help of Mark Lindsay, in the restructuring one third of the way through the comp to make sure most teams enjoy an equal opportunity each week.

This brought the games to being a lot closer and the standard of play was outstanding.

With the introduction of an extra time slot meant and the introduction of lighting gave us some scope for playing later and we took advantage of this during the season and in the finals series.

The board has a meeting coming up with Ryde Council and it looks like we will lose fields again this coming summer.

WINTER COMP:

The club were forced to run their winter comp in 2020 to qualify our rep players even though the board decided not to go ahead. Due to COVID, We ran it for the minimum 6 weeks. I am happy to report that this was well received and again, if not for the tireless efforts of Paul Wines our club secretary this competition would not have got off the ground.

[Referees](#)

A big thankyou to the permanent referees that we have at the park. They do an awesome job under sometimes trying circumstances. The standard of the refereeing is certainly improving as the referees get more experience. To get this experience we need to retain our referees and it is much easier to retain referees if they are enjoying their experience.

We were again able to have almost all games refereed without needing to call on duty referees. However, having duty referees available for the rare times they are required is essential. Thanks to those that had to perform duty refereeing. The attendance when teams were requested to provide duty referees was excellent.

Referee allocation and support was handled with expertise by Doug Vail, Bill Calleja and Pat Branley. To be able to arrange referees for the number of games that we have going at the one time is a magnificent effort.

[Partnerships](#)

List of Sponsors, (See attached) – Special Mention to Conti Strata who came of board this year

With great support and collaboration with all our sponsor partners, we were able to support our members by providing:

- **Subsidised levies for all Rep Teams**
- **Christmas BBQ for all our Junior Competition**
- **Christmas Drinks and Nibblies for our Senior Competition**
- **End of Season and Grand Final Wrap up Drinks and Nibblies**
- **JSC Presentation afternoon at Ryde Eastwood Leagues**

[Rep Team Committee Review](#)

JUNIORS:

Junior State Cup

We had 10 teams with 2 x Development squads

The Rep Team Committee held a registration and sizing of uniforms at Morrison Bay Park on a Monday evening. Again, the club collected roughly 80-90% of fees for JSC on this one day.

DK's Monster raffle was also a winner by reducing the impost on the parents of players in the JSC a raffle was organised with players retaining 100% of any raffle money that they collected. A raffle like this would not be possible without support from sponsors who provided the prizes (Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust, Angelo's on the Bay, Wests Tigers, Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club, and others if I have missed them). Sincere thanks to David Kelly who was instrumental in putting this promotion together.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE JUNIOR STATE CUP WAS WASHED OUT FROM SATURDAY MORNING

We must thank our Coaches and Managers of our Rep Teams – a job well done

Thank you to Millie Tyson and Melinda Kelly who did a wonderful job organising the accommodation for the Junior State Cup. (This is a very tough job to keep everyone happy)

JSC Presentation

Recently we held for the second time a post JSC presentation at Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club. David Kelly, Sheree Donkin, Tonia Amy, Alisse Sheerin, Chris Hopper, Matt Vail/Doug Vail and MC Ron Ryan were all instrumental in making the day run very smoothly. The presentation set the bar at a high level and we will need to work hard to keep the high level of consistency for future presentations. Well done to all.

SENIORS: The club entered 5 x teams in the Vawdon Cup - Men's Open Premier League, Men's Div 3 and Girls Div 2, Girls & Boys Youth. We also entered 3 x teams at Senior State Cup at Port Macquarie. Girls opens Div 3, Men's Opens 1 & 2 competitions. The Men's Open 1 Team competed quite well.

Also sincere thanks to all members of the Rep Team Committee for their great efforts
The committee consisted of Dave Kelly, Tonia Amy, Alisse Sheerin, Pat Batiste, David Quirk, Sheree Donkin, Pat Branley and Chris Hopper sits in on the meeting as board member.

Head of our Rep Committee Dave Kelly, not only helped organise the gear with his daughter Jordan but kept current sponsors involved to help with the Junior Rep program. They are Ryde Eastwood Football Club, ANJ Containers, Region Professionals, Pure Plumbing, Fridgcorp Building Technologies and Prestige Joinery.

The efforts of the Board continue to amaze. Thank you to Paul Wines (The club would not be in this position if it wasn't for Paul's efforts), Mark Lindsay, Bill Calleja, Ron Ryan, Chris Hopper and Doug Vail for the contribution you make.

In conclusion, please be aware that the members of your Board are both individually and as a team dedicated to representing the best interest of our membership.

Andrew Goggin

President