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THE NEST END OF SEASON 2023

And just like that, the season for 2023 is over! And what a year it has been! Our Men's Reserve team won their first title, so congratulations to Brandtly Mulholland and all the boys involved in the matchday squads throughout the year. Finishing the season with 18 wins in 22 games, the most goals scored and the least amount of goals conceded, it was an extremely strong end to the season and a tremendous achievement for our club. Our Seniors had a very successful season, finishing in a strong 5th position in a very competitive league. Our Women's team had a strong first season under coach Gordon Charteris. Our Old Boys were fighting for a top spot, before injury struck the team. And the Development Squad finished 4th after an intense finish to the season, including multiple matches against an undefeated Brighton. Our Juniors have also been as strong as ever, with massive turnouts and numbers throughout the year!

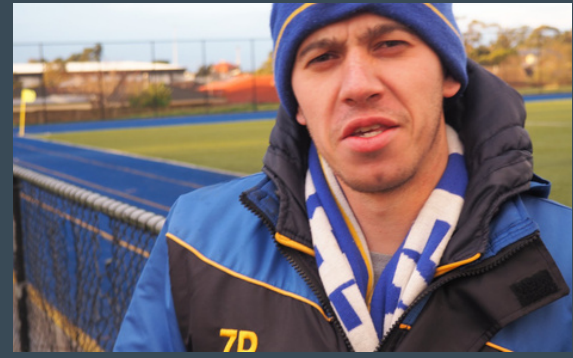
Outside of the football, we've had another great year for our club turnouts at functions and events. A big thank you to Haley Wilson and all those involved for organising these events! They are what make this club the best on the peninsula!

Moving forward, the club is expanding into other forms of media, mainly a brand new podcast! Watch this space and keep an eye open for more news later! The newsletter will also be taking a brief hiatus whilst the off-season continues. As always, please reach out at calebanderson734@gmail.com for any newsletter suggestions for the future! Lastly, a big thank you to all our sponsors this year. This club would not be anywhere near as successful without your involvement! If you would like more information regarding our club sponsors, you can find that information further in the newsletter. Enjoy this yearly recap and we look forward to seeing you all for an exciting 2024 Eagles!

Caleb Anderson

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

To all Members and Supporters of the Somerville Eagles Soccer Club, Season 2023 has wrapped up with a wonderful presentation night at Functions by the Bay, a great effort and thanks to Natalia and Event Styling for the display, Haley Wilson for organising and the committee for preparing the presentations and running of the night.



I'll start with the exciting news of the appointment of Mark Lerner as Senior Coach for 2024, along with his support staff Chris Munns, Adam Moss, Brandt Mulholland and Michael Nicholson. This is by far the most exciting group of coaches assembled for our program, not only for their strengths in organisation and communication but the Junior roles Mark, Chris and Adam hold, we feel these appointments will only strengthen the connection between the senior and junior sides of the club, with the Senior players benefiting from this coaching team moving forward.

I'd also like to thank the coaches for 2023, we appreciate the time and effort put in to our programs. A Huge congratulations to Brandt Mulholland and the Reserves for winning the League, making it all four of our respective senior mens team having won a title since 2019.

I'd like to thank all of our sponsors for the support this year, Barry Evans Lifting, The Flooring Lab, Woodards Peninsula, La Lupa, AC Carpentry, Peak Performance, Elevation Sports, Pump Up Fitness, Tempo Insurance and Somerville Hotel. Thanks to our many great volunteers, but in particular Craig Dawson, Brandon McDonnell, Calen Anderson, Haley Wilson, Conor McFall, Jordan Lunt, Paul Robinson, Pat and Rhonda Lee, Shanon Eager, Aaron Dawson, Clare Garrow, Sarah Grainger, Brandt Mulholland, Joel Wade and Michael Nicholson - you all know what you did for the club this year and it is always above and beyond!

Next year we look forward to VEO for match filming and highlights, New Portables at Barber for training, a NEW GROUND! For matches, improvements to our existing venues - we will keep listening to our members feedback and try our best to improve.

We will continue to provide newsletter updates, player stats, greater social media exposure and celebrate milestones together - thank you for 2023 everyone!

See you in 2024

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Zach Peddersen

President



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VICE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

From Vice President Craig Bozelle



Welcome everyone, thanks for coming... hope you're all having a good night.

I've said this to a couple people that this is my favourite event of the year. It's a celebration of the club to finish off the season and talk crap and drink with friends, but mainly because it's one of the only times you all see me not wearing sommie clothes.

One of my main roles, for me personally, is to help create a club and an environment where everyone is welcomed and no one is segregated.... Even Brando. In all honesty, I take the piss with him quite a bit, but most would know, he is a very close friend of mine and he's helped me in many ways this year and I thoroughly thank him from the bottom of my heart... now he's away in Canada and won't be here that... so stuff you brando.

Moving on... Part of that environment I'm helping to provide, is one where our juniors are incorporated into our seniors. The difficulty we have as a club, and I know this will shock most of you, but it's our facilities.... So to try and galvanise a club that plays at 3 different venues, can be a struggle. But for me, my pride this year doesn't come from the higher than expected finish for our senior men, it doesn't come from the resses winning the league... my pride is looking out the window of the club rooms and seeing so many junior faces. Now, most of you may not notice or know who these people are, but I do. The influx of support we have had this year from our juniors, parents and kids alike, is absolutely massive. Our sidelines for home games have been filled with junior support and that's what makes me proud. Then we have those bloody idiots behind the goals each week talking absolute shit to every opposition keeper.

Those said idiots, most will know, are my boys & they love it. To my despise all I hear at training for the first 15 minutes is, how good was McFall's free kick, did you see Timmy's scissor etc etc.... its enough to make me want to spew...

In all seriousness though, I, along with Pedd and a few others have been working towards these moments for years. These are the things that make clubs great. And what makes me even prouder is, these boys come up to you and you could easily not give them the time of day... what you all do. That's my pride, that's our club, that's our culture.

On the same page, the junior girls and parents would constantly comment to me on how much our senior women impressed them. From when they did sessions together or just even a simple hi and bye from senior to junior... it meant the world to them.

So I just wanted to thank everyone in this room who took the moment to say hi or to say bye to a junior player. You probably don't realise the impact and the influence you all have on these kids...but I do, cos I don't bloody hear the end of it from them. haha

VICE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

From Vice President Craig Bozelle



Many thanks go out to the following people that have helped either myself or helped at junior level at some point.

Brando for helping my team with training and just generally being a great help around the club.
Zach & Mcfall who I relied upon quite a lot for refereeing my boys.

Lunty and Nick for helping out with junior refereeing when we were short.

Haley for all her help with events and general shit that I would ask her to do.

Clare Garrow for the great photos she does for the club.

Mick for all his help in the canteen, been huge this year mate.

Craig Dawson for his usual ridiculous help he provides the club year in and year out.

Shannon Eager for helping each week in the canteen, cannot thank her enough.

And lastly, big thanks to anyone who did anything to help me this year. It is very much appreciated.

One club, one culture.

Craig Bozelle - 7 October 2023

Vice President

PLAYER PROFILE: AMELIA

Team: Under 13 Girls

Position: Striker

Favourite food/drink: Chicken Burgers

What team do you support: The Matildas

Best playing memory: My first goal scored against Caufield

Favourite player (Famous or at Sommie): Ellie Carpenter

If you could have a superpower who would it be: Flight



JUNIORS REPORT

From Vice President Craig Bozelle



Presentation night was a great success thanks to you all. Thank you to anyone who helped in any capacity. These things don't just happen without help, so much appreciation from me. With that done, this concludes our 2023 season. Another great season with plenty of new faces, record numbers and success on and off the field. This year we took another step forward as a club and purchased a lot of high value items. Most would have noticed the 2 new sets of goals at the High School along with the Goals cage which was totally funded by the club using your junior fees. These 3 important items came to a total of \$20k and we are very proud we can provide these for our juniors as most would know the PVC ones do struggle at times. Next year we hope to purchase another set of smaller goals and be totally rid of the PVC forever. New lights were installed at Barber Reserve as well and they were a much needed addition for those dark miserable nights in winter.

Improvements to come.... The committee have been working tirelessly with the council to continue improvements to our facilities. Over the summer there will be new Portable Rooms being installed at Barber that will provide parents and on lookers a warmer area to sit, as well as more storage for our training equipment. A new ground maintenance program has been derived by the council in the hope to have our surfaces last the whole season. In saying that, Barber held up really well this year considering we had all 17 teams training on there, plus junior & senior teams playing there as well. There are plans to improve the Tyabb facilities also, so hopefully news on that will be shared shortly.

This year saw the clubs' first Kangaroos team and along with the record Wallabies teams we had, it shows the development our club is providing to our players is of a very high standard. We may not have the facilities of surrounding clubs, but our development of our players is second to none. Proof of that is the record Melbourne Victory Pre-Academy players we have from our club, which is more than any other club on the peninsula. This all comes down to our wonderful coaches who are all volunteers. I can confidently say we have some of the best coaches in the area and our results confirm that.

We have a mini roos 6 week program starting in November targeting new players to game, so spread the word on that. We will hold another program in February as well, which will lead into our season. Registrations will open around the start of Feb as usual, training in march and the regular season post Easter, so plan ahead haha.

Finally, I want to say a massive thankyou to all the coaches and TM's. Without your volunteered help and support, community clubs just can't operate. I hope to see you all again next year in your current roles as you've all done an amazing job. To big thanks to the following: Chris Munns, Jane Elizabeth, Andrew & Izzy Petrie, Anthony Edgar, Meika Henderson, Warren & Maryann Filippini, Mark & Liz Larner, Mitch Ross, Kieran Durray, Kylie Jns, Matthew Stancic, Clare Garrow, Tony Caruana, Heather Morrison, Adam Moss, Tayte Lee and finally a massive thankyou to all our parents and players for making this club great.

Cheers all, until next year, Go Eagles

SENIOR MENS AWARDS 2023



Senior Men's Coaches
Player of the Year:
Marcus Anastasiou

Senior Men's Players
Player of the Year:
Nick Simmons



Senior Men's Coaches
Award: Jake Meggs

SENIOR WOMEN'S AWARDS 2023



Senior Women's Coaches
Player of the Year:
Charlize Culwick

Senior Women's Players
Player of the Year:
Chloe Swannell



Senior Women's Coaches
Award: Olivia Osorio &
Sara Osorio

RESERVES AWARDS 2023



Reserves Coaches
Player of the Year:
Jakob Gurney

Reserves Player's
Player of the Year:
Jakob Gurney



Reserves Coaches
Award: Jordan Lunt

OLD BOYS AWARDS 2023



Old Boys Coaches
Player of the Year:
Sam Brick

Old Boys Players
Player of the Year:
Tapiwa Muduwa



Old Boys Coaches
Award: Adam McLaren

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD AWARDS 2023



Dev Squad Coaches
Player of the Year:
Aidan Morris

Dev Squad Players
Player of the Year:
Devlin Lee



Dev Squad Coaches
Award: Brandon
McDonnell

PRESENTATION AWARDS 2023



Most Improved Male & Female Players: Tom Hennessy & Jaime Lyall

U21's Player of the Year: Ben Schmidt



Golden Boot: Jakob Gurney & Xavier Apela

PRESENTATION AWARDS 2023



Clubman of the Year:
Michael Nicholson

President's Award:
The Lee Family



PRESENTATION AWARDS 2023



Golden Glove Winner: Nick Bucello

One award absent from presentation night that was awarded by our President Zach Peddersen at a later date was the Golden Glove Award. Nick Bucello has won the award for his heroics in goal this season for our senior boys! Congratulations Booch!

PLAYER PROFILE: TOBY



Team: Under 12 Boys

Position: Centre Back/ Centre Defence Midfield

Favourite food/drink: Cheeseburger & Coke

What team do you support: Australia

Best playing memory: My first win

Favourite player (Famous or at Sommie): Harry Soutar

If you could have a superpower who would it be: Teleportation

PATRICK LEE



SAM BEADLE



DEVLIN LEE



CALEB ANDERSON



ADAM MCLAREN



EAGLES COACHING IN 2024

Going into 2024 Mark Lerner will be the Somerville Eagles' Senior coach. Mark will be joined by Chris Munns and Adam Moss as Senior assistants. Brandtly Mulholland will continue in his role as Reserves coach, assisting Mark, Chris and Adam in the senior squad with Michael Nicholson also continuing in his club wide Goal Keeper role.

Mitch G. Furness and Peak Performance round out our coaching team, with Peak focusing on our high performance and physio support, we are really pleased to be working with them after an encouraging start to the partnership in 2023.

The Womens team will be coached going forward by Marty Carson, bringing with him a wealth of experience and knowledge along with his passion will be a great asset for our women to have success moving forward.



SEASON 2024

Preseason is so close with the Mens starting on December 5th and the Womens having already started on November 21st, if you know anyone who may be interested in joining The Nest get them down to preseason! All skill levels welcome!



NEW PLAYERS WANTED

2024 Womens State 4 South

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

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