



2002 ANNUAL REPORT

OCTOBER 2002

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes of 2001 AGM
3. Committee Report
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5. Financial Report
6. Election of Committee / Office Bearers
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2.0 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the AGM held on 31st October 2001 to be confirmed.

3.0 COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Report

I take pleasure in presenting the 2002 Annual Report on behalf of the NHJFC Committee.

Season Highlights

Presentation Day for all teams at Antarctic Centre
Premier's Commendation and
National Club Development Award

Close to 200 players took the field in nine sides – from Auskick to Under 15.

Whilst the weather was kinder to us this year, the STJFL still has a bit of fine tuning to do in respect to the roster.

The Committee is determined to ensure that the League strikes a more balanced roster (in terms of venues, teams played, game times etc.) for season 2003.

We finished the Season in a strong financial position due again largely to the success of a number of fund-raising activities.

The Committee continues to hold the view that it should set at least a balanced budget, but in years when a surplus is achieved, is committed to using these funds to invest in the future of the Club and for the benefit of current families.

In season 2002 this took the form of equipment purchases and a very special Presentation Day at the Antarctic Centre.

Future Committees should not feel obliged to do exactly what we did this year.

Every year is different and the Club Committee must base its decisions on the experience of any given season.

2002 COMMITTEE

President	Sonny Azzopardi
Vice President	Shane Bowden
Treasurer	Michael Bomford
Committee	Simon Kingswell
	John Gibb
	Rob Hudson
	Steve Jewell
	Rob Newitt
	Dean Panton

Coaching

The Club has been very lucky to have had a core of very able and committed coaches. This group is the backbone of the Club.

Having the right people in coaching positions frees the Committee up to concentrate on other areas.

Coaching a junior football team can be an extremely rewarding experience. It is a four month commitment and one that more parents should consider seriously.

Our thanks this year to Mark Sibley (Under 8) for stepping up to the plate and taking on a role he definitely hadn't been considering at the beginning of the season.

Our thanks must go also to Steve Brookes and Jane Lewis who leave us this year after a wonderful period with the club.

Steve was innovative in his coaching and greatly admired for this enthusiasm and fellowship.

The Committee is indebted to Steve and Jane for twice taking on two teams in the one age group – particularly in a year when the roster has been very 'unkind'.

We wish Steve and Jane well in their new venture and express our heartfelt thanks for their contribution to the club.

Thanks also to the many parents and supporters who took on roles as team and game officials throughout the season.

2002 COACHES

Auskick	Ricky McCulloch
Under 8	Mark Sibley
Under 9	Steve Brookes (Peter Fisher and Grant Huxley)
Under 10	Simon Kingswell
Under 11	Peter Crosswell
Under 12	John Gibb (Steve Absolom)
Under 13	Mark Devine
Under 14	Larry Davie
Under 15	Steve Jewell

Recruitment

Whilst we fielded nine sides in Season 2002, recruiting was again difficult for at least two of the teams.

As we said last year, the challenge is there for all of us involved in the administration and coaching of football to also become proficient 'marketers' in the face of growing competition from other sports.

Fundraising

The club enjoyed another terrific year largely as a result of the generosity of a small number of parents and supporters.

Our thanks go to Shane Bowden and his family for operating the 'snackervan' at both junior and youth games.

Thanks also to John Gibb and his band of helpers at the NHFC kiosk during senior games.

Thanks to Rob Newitt for the very successful monthly Quiz Nights and finally to Peter Crosswell and George Goss for their work on the club's Fundraising Committee.

A final word of appreciation to all of those local small businesses which have generously contributed to club activities throughout the year.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

George Goss
Peter Crosswell
Shane Bowden
Steve Brookes
Sonny Azzopardi
Rob Newitt
John Gibb

Senior Club

The Club has enjoyed a close working relationship with the North Hobart Football Club throughout the season.

Senior club Chairman, Paul Curtain, and his Board have been very supportive of junior football.

The fact that two of the NHJFC Committee are also members of the NHFC Board has been very beneficial to both clubs.

Our thanks to the Seniors for assistance across a broad range of areas including coaching clinics, fundraising, event organization, equipment and joint functions.

Our connection with the Senior Club enriches the experience of football for junior players.

STJFL

The League does a very good job to co-ordinate a large competition based almost completely on volunteer help.

Jim Horne and his Board have the mammoth task of reconciling a large number of competing interests including its affiliated clubs, the SFL, AFL Tasmania and sponsors.

It is the view of this Committee that the League must focus more on the interests of parents, players and junior clubs.

Unless we can devise rosters that are more balanced and better suited to the lifestyles of players and their families, then junior football is at risk in a society where there are many more activities available to young Tasmanians.

4.0 TEAM REPORTS

Auskick Team Report 2002

The highlight of the year for many North Hobart Auskickers was the journey to North Hobart to play a series of matches prior to the Tassie Devils game.

Not only were our players, parent and friends happy with the event the Tassie Devils saw inspiration in the resounding victory song that echoed across the North Hobart oval from 5 and 6 year old footballers. Not sure that we won, not that it matters, but the fun of the participation and the enjoyment and at times the determination that reflected across the faces of all that participated was a highlight for the Auskick Coordinator as well.

We were again pretty lucky with the weather and even on the wettest day I went to John Turnbull thinking, not many will turn up and if they do I'll recommend they go back home. As it turned out we had over half of the regular contingent and enthusiasm of the children takes over and we all got a bit wet, but still the spirit of enjoyment shone through.

As it happens, you run into many of the parents, at school, or at other events and comments like, he hasn't put the footy down, he has worn out the footy, wants to learn how to kick left next year or won't it be great to see them in under eights. This shows that the Auskickers of today will be the future of tomorrows junior and senior football clubs. There appears to be many aspiring AFL players and I wish them all the success.

I thank the Committee and many parents who helped me out and hope to see everyone back in 2003.

RickyMcCulloch
Season 2002 Auskick Team Coach

Under 8 Team Report 2002

After a slow start to the season, we enjoyed a very successful season both on and off the field.

A number of very enjoyable team functions were held during the season.

Mark Sibley
Season 2002 Under 8 Team Coach

Under 9 Team Report 2002

Despite an unkind roster, our two under 9 sides had a successful season.

Players enjoyed themselves and learned valuable skills.

My thanks in particular go to Peter Fisher and Grant Huxley who effectively took over the teams once the season had commenced.

Steve Brookes
Season 2002 Under 9 Team Coach

Under 10 Team Report 2002

This year the NHJFC u9's gained 3 new players. This gave us 21 very keen players for the season.

This season saw the skill level and confidence of the players improve beyond my expectations.

I believe this was due to the players ability to apply the following:-

Teamwork and Friendship:

The teamwork and friendship this team showed in this age group was second to none. No matter what the state of the game, whether a goal was scored or a mistake made, the players had a great ability to run over to their mates and give a pat on the back and offer a word of encouragement.

This led to their playing great team football this season. The other reason I believe the team improved so much was their ability to go out and just have fun which I believe is the most important skill in junior sport.

Highlights of the Season:

This year there were many highlights both on and off the field. The weekend team camp at the Springvale Hostel, New Town was a great success. We had many activities which included our visit to North Hobart Oval, lots of junk food and very little sleep. We also had a visit from ex NHJFC and now senior player Andrew Cox. On the Sunday we had to play Brighton. The boys really extended themselves as they had very little sleep. Eventually they went down by 2 goals which is not important in its self but its how they battled on which impressed us all. Thank you to the parents who helped make the weekend a success, the NHFC's Paul Curtain, John Gibb and Greg Grubb and the staff at Springvale Hostel for their hospitality.

Our successful year would not have been possible without the help and support from all our parents, our Team Manager Leanne Darley, and Assistant Coach Granston Carr.

My biggest thank you is to the 21 players who represented the NHJFC u10's this season. Your attitude and desire to play the game as it should be played often in difficult circumstances make this team what it is. Thank you one and all and I look forward to seeing every one return in season 2003.

Simon Kingswell
Season 2002 Under 10 Team Coach

Under 11 Team Report 2002

The 2002 season was most enjoyable, the weather being kinder than the previous year with the roster seeming to finish very quickly following the school holiday break. We had 5 departures from last season and welcomed new players Simon Batges, Trent Manzone, Toby Maughan, Chris Vince and Ashley Webber. Trent played 8 games before his family moved to Queensland and we wish him well with his future footballing endeavours. A team of 19 completed the remainder of the season.

The boys were involved in a very competitive roster and as a coach there is always the challenge of balancing the needs of individual boys to that of team success. Players were given the opportunity of experiencing different positions throughout the season. Training days were generally well attended with skill sessions continuing to be an important component. There was also an endeavour to vary the drills in an effort to keep the sessions interesting and enjoyable.

Some of the years highlights were:

- 2 trips to North Hobart consisting of a Ronald McDonald Day and a half time match against Kingston U11's which proved very successful.
- Attendance by North Hobart Senior players at training during kickathon day.
- Game against Clarence 28/7 which was professionally videoed and as it turned out the boys displayed some of their best teamwork of the year. The boys won the game which was also good for video sales.
- Mitchell Broughton and Jayden Charlton playing their 50th game for the club.

The season would not have been the success it was without the help and support of all the parents. Special thanks to Rodney Williams (Assistant Coach), Jill Gill (Team Manager), Kath Parker (Goal Umpire) and Christine Hansson (Medical Attendant).

The support from all the U11 parents for the kickathon and various raffles was greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to the committee for the efforts in putting together such a professional presentation day at the Antarctic Centre - U11's had a most enjoyable time.

In conclusion I would like to say that it has been very rewarding to see the boys progressing further in their football development. Each year becomes more challenging and hopefully the boys can continue to gain enjoyment from their football.

We look forward to seeing you again next year.

Peter Crosswell
Season 2002 Under 11 Team Coach

Under 12 Team Report 2002

The 2002 season has been another enjoyable 6 months of football for the NHJFC u12's.

We had all 23 players from the 2001 u11's register and welcomed the following players.

Aaron Grubb and Mykal Wiltshire from the 2001 u12's, Zach Mastrocola from the 1999 under 9's, Jack Morton from the 1996 u8's and Nathan Hardy.

This gave us a playing list of 28 players.

As coaches we once again continued with the more challenging football drills at training.

We were fortunate to have Kane Richter (Tassie Devils and NHFC) and James Chapman (NHFC) take the team for one of our training sessions. Their explanation and demonstration of football drills certainly had everyone's attention.

Once again the boys willingness to learn and experience these football drills at training contributed to the further improvement in the football skills of all the boys in the team. Our usual Sunday training was disrupted this year with the higher number of Sunday matches. The trade off was we only had one bye.

It was also pleasing to see the boys play such unselfish team football in their last roster match against Lindisfarne. This enabled the last 4 of our players who hadn't kicked a goal this season to do so.

Congratulations to our 50 game players, Aaron Hall, Timothy Lewinski, Samuel Moore, Sam Paino, Michael Panton, Luke Phillips, Jack Young, Aaron Grubb and our 25 game players, James Alberry, Troy Arlotte, James Gorniak and Mykal Wiltshire. Congratulations to Ben Mitchell for his 66 consecutive games.

Once again our season would not have been the success it was without the help and support of all our parents.

Especially David Moore as goal umpire, Dean Panton as Team Manager and Rob Newitt first aid.

Thankyou to Lukas Paino our team runner and Jonathon Hall as relief team runner.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again highlight the contribution of our assistant coaches Steve Absolom, John Paino and when available Rob Smith. Together we maintained our view that we are here to develop the football skill and knowledge of our players to the best of their ability, as a team and as individuals without expecting or demanding them to do the impossible.

I have enjoyed the opportunity allowed to me to be involved in the football and social development of this fine group of footballers since 1997.

Next season we face a new challenge that youth football will provide to us all.

Steve Absolom, John Paino, Rob Smith and I, look forward to seeing the boys take up that challenge next year.

If your *heart beats true*.....we want you!

John Gibb
Season 2002 Under 12 Team Coach

Under 13 Team Report 2002

Thanks to players and parents for persevering through a very difficult season.

The Club will need to concentrate on recruitment in season 2003 to ensure that teams have adequate numbers to take the field and be competitive.

Mark Devine
Season 2002 Under 13 Team Coach

Under 14 Team Report 2002

The U/14 team began the season with a mixture of existing North Hobart players and a number of new players who either hadn't played competitive football before or who came from other Clubs in the junior league.

As with previous seasons having sufficient numbers was a problem and the team played most games with only seventeen to eighteen players.

In the first half of the season the team managed only one win, however the draw was difficult in that we played all the top teams from 2001 during this time.

The boys began to combine well together as the season progressed and in the second half of the season won five of the last six games, culminating in gaining seventh place on the ladder.

Unfortunately in a game marred by terrible weather conditions at the T.C.A. we were beaten in the 1st Elimination Final by Sandy Bay.

It was a credit to all the boy's character, ability and confidence that they battled through the difficult first part of the season to finish with a credible result of six wins from fourteen games.

When the boys performed well it was due always to great team efforts and at some stage or another each and every one contributed to the on field successes.

Trophies were awarded to the following players for special achievements:-

Leading Goalkicker: Dillon Davie

Most Improved: Jacob Cole

Most Valuable: Colin Garland

Thank you to all concerned for their assistance throughout the season.

Larry Davie
Season 2002 Under 14 Team Coach

Under 15 Team Report 2002

Following a good pre-season, the team had set themselves high expectations of reaching the finals. We had obtained the valuable services of John Hall, John Adams and Chris Watson from Claremont, who fitted well into the team.

Once the season was underway, the team moulded into a well oiled machine. In many games we were very competitive and in winning positions, however a lack of fitness proved to be a major factor, with a number of games slipping from our grasp.

After playing in the finals in seasons 2000 and 2001, we only managed to finish the season in 6th position – unfortunately the league decided to only have a final five.

The team finished the season on a high, not having defeated a team in the five, the boys came out and defeated Sandy Bay by 40 points at Queenborough, which left the Bay wondering what was in store for them the following week – the commencement of the finals.

During the season, the team had the opportunity to be coached by Brent Williams, a North Hobart Senior player and New Town High teacher, and Dale Hall, a former Hobart, Glenorchy and Sandy Bay player.

The team is indebted to these guys for the time and assistance they offered.

The season finale was our presentation and Best and Fairest count, at the Antarctic Centre.

A special thanks to the North Hobart Junior Football Club Committee and Management of the Antarctic Centre for a tremendous venue.

The Kevin Arnott Medal for the Best and Fairest was won by co-captain, Andrew Palmer, with runner up being first year player, Ryan Oakley. Most Consistent was won by Michael Fisher; Most Improved by Trent Jewell and Kane Hendy. Best First Year Player went to Mark Cooper. Encouragement Awards went to John Adams and Daniel Paternoster.

A special presentation was made to Miels Grice who was leaving the team, as his family was moving to the north-west coast. Miels has been with the club for about eight years, and the team wished him the very best.

Miels along with John Delaney were presented with 75 Game Awards.

With many of the boys staying back in season 2003, the team has a very good chance of playing in the finals, after the experiences gained in season 2002.

Steve Jewell
Season 2002 Under 15 Team Coach

5.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

6.0 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE / OFFICE BEARERS

Election of Office Bearers

The Club is administered by a Committee of up to 11 persons.

Office Bearers include the President, two Vice-Presidents, a Public Officer / Secretary and a Treasurer.

The meeting needs to elect new Committee members; Committee members hold office for a two year term (i.e. for Seasons 2002 and 2003).

Office Bearers to be elected at AGM from newly-appointed Committee members.

7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS