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Congratulations

Under 18s Premiers 2014

2014 Board of Directors

ROLE	GIVEN NAME	FAMILY NAME	RE-ELECTION	RETIRING
President	Alan	Given	✓	
Vice-President	Rod	Gardiner		✓
Administrator	Annette	McLaren	✓	
Chief Financial Officer (CFO)	Jenny	Walshe		✓
Junior Administrator	Lorey	Bentley	✓	
Director	Jessica	Allan		✓
Director	Paul	Cairns		✓
Director	Patrick	Hinds		✓
Director	Lindsay	Howarth		✓?
Director	Chris	Murphy	✓	
Director	Len	Murphy	✓	
Director	Aaron	Tyndall		✓
Director	Tony	Walshe	✓	
Director	Jim	Xydias	✓	

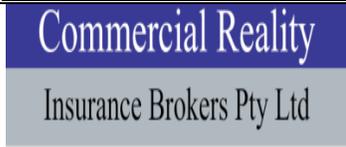
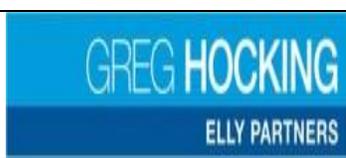
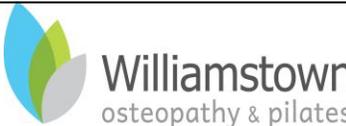


Life Members

GIVEN NAME	FAMILY NAME	DECEASED	GIVEN NAME	FAMILY NAME	DECEASED
Charlie	Stephens	*	Terry	Fogarty	
Mick	Cahill	*	Les	Hinds	*
Jim	Burke	*	Garry	Hughes	
Lyle	Tandy	*	Eileen	Hinds	
Jack	Sutton	*	John	Knight	
Neil	McPherson	*	Don	Chapman	
William	Couch	*	Harold	Wakeling	*
William	Ross	*	Celie	Wakeling	*
Vic	Armour	*	Patricia	Richards	
Alf	Barnes	*	Michael	Hinds	
Len	Rowley	*	Glenn	Smith	
Ray	McKerracher		Gavin	Langlands	
Ken	Howarth	*	Patrick	Hinds	
Eddie	Thomas	*	Les	Goding	
Roy	Picone		Gail	Knight	
Nancy	Tandy	*	Jason	Lane	
Mary	Couch	*	Graham	Mayberry	
Ian	McDonald	*	Joan	Murphy	
Jim	Cairns		Lindsay	Howarth	
Ed	Short		Alan	Mackey	
Don	Schmidt	*	Scott	Stafford	
Ken	Livermore	*	Bill	Bond	
Nev	Smith		Maryanne	Fino	
Royce	Hewitt	*	Stephen	Jamieson	
Eric	Lucas	*	Evan	Rowe	
Henry	Lynch	*	Tony	Walshe	
Brian	Orchard	*	Maureen	Warren	
Len	Murphy		Mitch	Beattie	*
Keith	Richards	*	Jeff	Bunting	
Shirley	Lynch	*	Peter	Hinds	
Alan	Raymer				

2014 Key Corporate Partners

– Major Sponsors

ORGANISATION	GIVEN NAME	FAMILY NAME	NEW IN 2014	LOGO
ATR Automotive	Travis	Rae		
Commercial Reality	Tony	Walshe		
Conquest Sports Converse	Ken	Biddick		
Epic Management Systems	Rod	Gardiner		
Greg Hocking Elly Partners	Wayne	Elly		
JC Carpentry	Jason	Cloke		
Metrans Transport	Luke	Searle		
Williamstown Osteopathy & Health Services	Clifford	Butler	✓ <i>T Walshe</i>	



– Gold Sponsors

ORGANISATION	GIVEN NAME	FAMILY NAME	NEW IN 2014
Hyde Street Hotel	Loren	Smith	✓ <i>L Murphy</i>
Mclver Contractors	Steve	Mclver	

– Silver Sponsors

ORGANISATION	GIVEN NAME	FAMILY NAME	NEW IN 2014
A & B Interiors	Tony	Boyd	
Hi Mark Press	Michelle	Langlands	
L Macciocca Consulting	Leanne	Given	✓ <i>A Given</i>
Mona Castle Hotel	Gary	Clough	
Rangedale Drainage	Gary	McLean	✓ <i>A Given</i>
Spottiswoode Hotel	Val	Bigolin	✓ <i>A Given</i>
Squires Loft (Williamstown)	Troy	Cox	✓ <i>R Gardiner</i>
Williamstown Football Club	Brendan	Curry	✓ <i>L Murphy</i>



President's Report: Alan Given

1. As always, another challenging year but as they say, things that come easy in life are not worth having, it's those things we work hard for that brings the most reward. The continued success in making senior finals, having a majority of juniors play in those finals and seeing our kids go on to play VFL and AFL football is all based around the hard work of the clubs volunteers. We may be a club that many dislike, but at the same time they respect us. It certainly makes me proud to be President/sponsor and member of this great Club as that respect extends to the highest offices at the WRFL and the greater football community.
2. Unfortunately, those challenges have extended to the clubs finances, with the Club recording its worst result in the time I have been here. First I would like to make it clear that the result may have been a lot worse if not for the dedication and hard work of our retiring CFO Jenny Walshe. Reduced junior and senior numbers which has a follow on effect on canteen, merchandise, bar and special events revenue all had an effect on the bottom line. Jenny along with other board members have looked at cutting unnecessary spending and being as efficient as possible over the past couple of years. To maintain the Club in its current position, as a premier division one Football Club we need to raise more revenue, effectively raising the prices we charge for everything. This will include membership, bar, canteen, Kitchen and sponsorship.
 - a. Our long serving trainer, Guru didn't reapply for his position over the off season. This provided the club a great opportunity and challenge to find a replacement and to re invigorate the training department. We are very thankful to Jim Xydias for stepping up and managing the transition, a very worthy Club person of the Year recipient.
 - b. Congratulations to second year coach, Matt Dean and his assistant Trevor Carr and team manager Glenn Davis on a very successful season with the U18's bringing home the Division 1, U18's premiership. Fifteen of those players head into open age next season, with most having already committed to play for Spotswood next season. We look forward to the senior coaches working with them to develop them further and hopefully we will see them again in a senior Division 1 premiership team.
 - c. A special mention for our senior, first year coaching panel, in Tom Langlands and Grant Smith. As with all senior coaches that have been appointed since Luke Theodore in 2007, Tom and Grant had big shoes to fill. Tom made it clear from the start that 2014 was not the continuation of previous years, but a new beginning. A modest target was set at the start of the season to make top three. It's a credit to the players and coaching staff that the club made its 8th grand final in succession.
 - d. Junior numbers for 2014 fell and it was necessary to have one of our sides amalgamate with another team. We were pleased that our kids got a run but feedback from the Spotswood coach would suggest that we don't go down that path in future.
 - e. Friday nights, which had been very popular social haven for juniors and their parents in previous years were a bit of a disaster. This was not helped by teams that have previously trained on Friday nights, changing to other nights. The failure of Friday nights is very evident in the financials for 2014
 - f. The lack of teams and the amalgamated team contributed significantly to the downturn in canteen revenue for the year, along with a lack of volunteers which has resulted in the Club having to pay people to help Joan Murphy out.



- g. The Club has in the last month, advertised for some one to take over responsibility for running the Thursday and special functions kitchen. Hopefully if we can find a suitable person, the canteen and kitchen will be split with Joan continuing to run the canteen. I think everyone would agree that Joan has done a tremendous job over a great many years running both. There is no doubt she was keen to continue doing both roles but she needs to spend more time on herself and with family.
- h. For the first time, since I have been at the club and for as long back as most can remember, no junior sides participated in finals in 2014. Lack of numbers and incorrect grading's were a significant contributor to this and the Club has already begun to address these issues for 2015.
- i. The work behind the scenes performed by the Board of Directors is very much appreciated without whom, we wouldn't have a club. A very heartfelt thankyou to all the 2014 board members and with great disappointment announce the retirement of a number of them. Jessica Allan, Jenny Walshe and Pat Hinds.
- j. A huge personal thankyou to three of the most important woman in my life, my wife Leanne and the two club administrators, Annette McLaren and Lorey Bentley. They all make my job easier and that much more enjoyable.
- k. For the three years I have been President, Chris Murphy has performed the role of bar manager as well as board member, husband, father and running his own business. Chris used to fulfil this role when he was President, something I would never have had the time to do in addition to all the other tasks required of the role. I hope everyone appreciates the effort involved as I do.
- l. At the start of this season we were lucky enough to secure the services of Tony Schibeci who was appointed to the role of Junior Coaching Coordinator. This has been a very important appointment as well as a very successful one and it is pleasing that Tony has agreed to continue in this role for next season. Work has already been done with ads placed, applicant's screened and interviewed where appropriate, and a number of coaching appointments announced.
- m. Towards the end of the season the JWG (Junior Working Group) was wound up. In its place the Board has created a new subcommittee, "Junior Development" with expressions of interest called for, received and a number of meetings already having been held. We are already seeing some great ideas being proposed for next season.
- n. A big shout out to all the volunteers that contributed throughout the season. We handed out 62 AFL Volunteer recognition certificates for the year which gives a bit of an indication of the effort required to run a successful football club. Even more volunteers for next season would be great. There is also a vacancy for a volunteer's coordinator to be filled. This is a very important role, and a very rewarding one.
- o. Speaking of volunteers, no Presidents report would be complete without making special mention of Len Murphy and his huge contribution to the club. His tireless effort in running the Coterie group, the work involved in managing the senior list with Tony Walshe and his willingness to be a sounding board to me and many others, drawing upon his many years of experience is invaluable. I only hope he is around for many more years to come.
- p. The JS Coterie, in its second year has also made its presence known and I would like to thank Gavin Bentley for helping establish it in 2013 along with Phil Buck and wish him and the rest of the coterie group, another successful season in 2015.
- q. Football operations including List management and being a mentor to the senior coaches continues to be the cornerstone of Tony Walshe's extensive contribution to this Club. On a personal note Tony continues to be wealth of information and the voice of reason that I so often seek out. Not only couldn't I, but neither would I continue to put my hand up to be President if I didn't have Tony's wealth of experience and football knowledge to draw upon.



3. There is certainly a mix of good news and bad news stories outlined above. On the whole I am very confident in the clubs (you, the members) ability to build on the positives and to drive improvement in the areas we need to work on. There has been a steady program of continuous improvement which must continue. What worked yesterday may not be relevant tomorrow. One thing that has differentiated us from other clubs is our willingness to try new things, being innovative and working hard.
4. More than ever, Spotswood Football Club needs its members to be active within the club. For too long now, the people singled out in this report have been the backbone of the club and to say they are getting a little fatigued would be a huge understatement. None of these members are about to walk out but what a sad situation if that's what it took for others to contribute more. For those that don't have the time, please look at recruiting others that may have the time.

Administrator's Report - Annette McLaren

5. Firstly congratulations to Matt Dean and the under 18s on their Premiership. What a year these boys have had and to see 2 of the boys feature in the top 5 of the league B & F Bryce Williams and James Beilby. To all those associated with the 18s, well done.
6. Congratulations also to Tom Langlands in his first year as coach and taking us to an 8th consecutive Senior Grand Final. Unfortunately our Reserves struggled this year, however Pete and his support staff continued to remain upbeat.
7. Thankyou to all Coaches, Team Managers, Trainers and Support staff who worked tirelessly week in week out, without them we don't take the field. We appreciate the work of our volunteers who are vital to our ongoing success
8. There were several individual awards received and congratulations to
 - a. WRFL 300 Game Life Membership Lindsay Howarth
 - b. Best Club Person Jim Xydias
9. Outgoing Board Members – What a job Jenny Walshe has done as CFO for the club, Jenny will be stepping down in this role and will continue in her various other roles, Website and Functions.
10. Jessica Allan also stepping down this year, Jessica assists in the canteen and kitchen every week, along with various other roles around the club and a huge thankyou to these two ladies who we know will continue to take on various roles around the club
11. To Pat Hinds, Paul Cairns and Aaron Tyndall thankyou for your contribution to the board. To the Board of Directors – thankyou to each and every one of you for your valuable contribution to the club
12. A special mention to the following, who do a lot of work that often gets un - noticed, we thankyou them all for their enormous contribution to the club.
 - a. Canteen/Friday Nights – Joan Murphy
 - b. Thursday Night Crew – Joan Murphy, Jessica Allan, Gayle Patak, Debbie Hodges
 - c. Functions – Jenny Walshe
 - d. Website/Social Media – Jenny Walshe
 - e. Football preparation – Seniors/Juniors – Butch Knight



- f. Washing— Butch and Gayle Knight washed the seniors and reserves match day jumpers each week and to Joan Murphy who washes the training jumpers (in her spare time) –an enormous task
 - g. Bar – Chris Murphy
 - h. Timekeeping Stephen Jamieson
 - i. Communications/Sponsorship – Tony Walshe
 - j. Database Coordinator – Janine Mitchell
 - k. Supporters Group – Spud Murphy
 - l. Junior Administrator - Lorey Bentley
 - m. Junior Coaches Co-ordinator – Tony Schibeci
13. In closing I would like to thank Alan Given for his ongoing support and professionalism. Alan appreciates and thanks everyone for their work, I would like to personally thank you for your contribution to the club.
14. Go Woodsmen

Chief Financial Officer's Report – Jenny Walshe

15. It has been another hard working year for all board members & unfortunately again this year has not been a favourable as we would like both on & off the field with the exception of the Under 18s Premiership.
16. We are now fully aware of the GST component in items purchased & sold & figures are starting to pan out accordingly.
17. Both bar & canteen have been down considerably this year which we would put down to junior teams not training at the grounds on a Friday night & also with a team made up from two clubs which means we only get a home match every four weeks. Also, due to lack of volunteers, we now have to pay people to work in the canteen which is very disappointing.
18. We are very fortunate to now have two Coterie Groups going – Senior & Junior – however these still do not pay for day to day running expenses associated with the club which are becoming larger & larger each year.
19. Sponsorship was again down this year although we have introduced Senior Player Sponsors. We still need to find better ways to create money for the club if we want to update jumpers, equipment etc.
20. It would be so nice to have football nets & an electronic scoreboard but with the funds as they are, they are in a very very distant future.
21. I would like to point out though our very dedicated Major Sponsors & those other Sponsors that support us year after year. Without these Sponsors, that want very little re turn, things would be a lot bleaker than what we really are.
22. The merchandising holding stock is \$12K as compared to last year of \$19K. We have nearly finished the holding of so many jackets ordered approx. 5 years ago.
23. We also need to realize that we don't work with a bank overdraft & when times get tough, we rely on The Supporters Group to loan us trading capital. This is done during the year & most times we



are able to pay this debt off at the end of the year. This year, unfortunately, we were unable to do this so it starts next year with a debt of \$16k already over our heads.

24. We have still had very good revenue raisers:
 - a. Ladies Day is getting bigger & bigger –
 - b. Junior Committee Event – is still going strong
 - c. Mid-Season Cocktail Party – getting great numbers
 - d. Mr Spotswood – always a great revenue raiser.
25. But we did have a number of events that did not do so well however they did not run at a loss
26. Again, I have handed in my resignation but this time have found someone to take the role on.
27. Please people, if you want to give back to the community, look no further than your own Football club. We are always desperate for helpers & you don't need to be on The Board or a committee to help out from time to time.
28. Thank you to Alan, Annette, Chris, Spud & the rest of the Board for making my time as CFO so enjoyable. I look forward now to just organizing Social events & updating social media.
29. I thank Tony & our boys for giving me the time & support to do this role & I experienced a very big high this year watching both my boys play for the first time together ever & in the Spotswood senior team (with a win).
30. I wish Tom, Grant & all other coaches (some not appointed yet) all the best & let's see if we can crack it in 2015
31. Go Woodsmen

Supporter's Group Report – Len 'Spud' Murphy

32. Another year of the seniors playing in a Grand Final (eight in a row). This broke our own record of seven in the WRFL. It has been an outstanding effort considering we are up against the money team and this makes it very hard to be competitive. The guys did well.
33. **To each of the Coterie Group members.** Thanks very much for your contributions. There were 40 members this year down from 41 last year. It is critical that we retain all of the current members and look out for others to contribute. We had a couple of great luncheons this year and I look forward to all members being part of the group again in 2015.
34. **Thanks to the following for their contribution to the club.**
 - a. Alan Given for his role as President. Alan does a lot of "behind the scene work" and puts many hours of work into the club. He is a great asset to the club.
 - b. Annette for once again doing a great job as our Administrator and also assisting in many other tasks at the Club. Annette does a lot of work unnoticed by many at the club. We would be lost without Annette. Thanks Annette.
 - c. Jenny Walshe for her role as chief financial officer & also the role of events coordinator. Jenny is stepping down from the CFO's job but will continue with organizing our events. We will miss Jenny as she puts a lot of effort into whatever she takes on.



- d. Tommy Langlands took on the seniors coaching position this year and had an excellent year. Tommy always leads from the front. Tommy has introduced a higher / tougher level at training and it can only help improve our players' fitness. Some don't like it, bad luck. He agrees that coaching is a hard task and I'm sure the experience he gained this year will benefit him and the club in years to come. Great effort Tommy.
 - e. Thanks to Grant Smith for his role as side line coach for Tommy. Smithy had a close working relationship with Tommy and knew exactly what was required with rotations. They are a great combination and I'm looking forward to this combination continuing for some time. Thanks also to Frank Pocervina as team manager and Luke Fitzgerald for being the senior runner.
 - f. Thanks to Reserves coaching group led by Peter Lazzaro, Glenn Wilson & Simon O'Brien for the work they put into the Reserves team. It wasn't the best of seasons for the reserves but I'm hoping that we can get a few more players to help out next year. Well done considering the numbers that we had.
 - g. Last year the under 18s struggled for numbers at the start of the year, yet still ended up finishing 3rd. Their coach, Matty Dean was excited about the players' progress and told us at the end of the season that he wanted to coach them this year. What a good decision, we had a few extra players turn up and the side was taking shape. The win over the unbeaten Werribee side at home in round 17 showed the boys could take on anyone. The next week Matty gave about 8 players a rest against Hoppers and we were beaten by 54 pts. The next three games were fantastic. They beat Hoppers by 22pts, Werribee by 26pts and Werribee by 22pts in the Grand Final. Well done Matty and the boys. I'd also like to thank Trevor Carr for the work he put in when Matty was required at work. Thanks also to Sconna, George, Rod, Craig and Brad.
 - h. Thankyou to Lorey Bentley for again taking on the role of Junior Administrator at the club. Lorey is at the club every Friday night, helps out on Saturdays and at the club early on Sundays for the whole day. Lorey's work takes a lot of pressure off Annette as Club administrator.
 - i. Thanks to everyone on the committee, club members, junior coaches, selectors, trainers, managers, timekeepers, runners, players and all the other helpers around the club.
 - j. Tony Walshe for his help in running the \$100 Raffle. Tony loves this day and makes it a lot of fun for all that attends. Everyone has a great day. He loves seeing my numbers come out!!!
 - k. Chris Murphy took on the role of Bar Manager again. This is a very important role at the club and Chris has done an excellent job making sure we get our stock at the right price.
 - l. Thank you to Joan, Jessica, Gail, Annette & Deb Hodges for preparing and serving meals on each Thursday night. Also, thanks to all the ladies who helped out in the kitchen or canteen during the year. Another who helps Joan is Gary Howell, he stacks the fridges each Thursday night and helps with preparing rolls on Saturday and Sunday.
 - m. Jeff Bunting for doing the 1st goal each week and recording all player payments.
 - n. Bill Bond & Brendan Curry for arranging the Spotswood / Williamstown golf day.
 - o. Tony Walshe, Tommy Langlands and Grant Smith for getting the current players signed up and for recruiting new players. This is a very time consuming job and it didn't worry these guys. They just went about it in a professional manner.
35. Congratulations to Jimmy Xydias for being voted Best Club person for 2014. Jimmy is our Head Trainer and does an enormous amount of work at the club. Well-deserved Jimmy.
36. Congratulations to Lindsay Howarth on being awarded Life Membership of the WRFL for playing over 300 senior / reserves games for the club.
37. Bring on 2015



Canteen Report – Joan Murphy, Canteen Manager

38. I would like to thank Aimee Murphy, Riley Cairns and Madelyn Murphy for helping in the canteen all day on a Saturday home game, it helped me tremendously. Thanks to Jess Allan, Gail Patak and Deb Hodges for all their help on a Thursday night. Also thanks to the junior parents for assisting in the canteen and kitchen on Sunday and Friday nights.
39. We are very lucky to have great Administrators in Annette McLaren and Lorey Bentley. Annette would come early on Saturday morning with Jess and make up rolls and wraps and if I needed help on a Sunday Lorey would come into the canteen and help out. Also thanks to Gary Howell for stacking the fridge each Thursday night and for cutting up all the rolls on a Saturday and Sunday. I really appreciated it.
40. I would also like to thank Gayle Knight, Maureen Warren and Loretta Fielder for helping this year, all I have to do is ask and they are there.
41. Looking forward to next Year, bring it on

Senior Coach's Report – Tom Langlands

42. To play off in a Grand Final is a great achievement. The landscape of the 2014 season almost had us pencilled in for a return bout against Deer Park before the season started. With the ebb and flow of any season it was still very satisfying to make the grand final, our eighth in a row. The side we played on the day, was far superior. However, more proud of our boys, I could not be.
43. TRAINING: I have found this to be the greatest challenge of the year. Numbers on the training track have never been strong and this makes development, enjoyment and variety quite a challenge. I do hope that with the inclusion of several new measures that this problem can be rectified for next season. Having said that I would like to thank Grant, Helmet and Laz for their unwavering support week in, week out for the entirety of the season.
44. GAME DAY: The introduction of a hands-on, sideline coach in Grant Smith has worked very well. Reviews of players post season have also reflected this sentiment. It was a decision made with much caution and made with fall-back strategies. It is very pleasing to see this work and something that can be built upon in the coming season. Overall I thought our attitude and commitment on game-day, except for 1-2 games was terrific. I would like to thank Frank Porcivina for his efforts as Team Manager and all of the water boys that helped out throughout the year.
45. OFF-FIELD: It was disappointing to start the season with a player raffle that did not meet expectations. This did put pressure on reserves players and did get under the skin of many players. This will need to be rectified for next season.
The player function, also ran by the players, was a failure. I know that we had 60 people turn up, but this is poor numbers compared to what has happened in the past and compared to what may happen with a concerted effort. Mr Spotswood was a huge success. The meals on Thursday nights, as always were a success. Presentation night was a strange one. I feel it is great to get the season completed early, but I think there was a definite hangover from the Grand Final weekend. The more disappointing thing was the number of missing players. This needs to be addressed for next season.



46. OVERALL: When I first took up the coaching role I had no idea it would be as time consuming, challenging or as rewarding. I get so much satisfaction on a Saturday when we get to sing the club song after a win, and funny enough, so much desire to improve when we have a loss. I think our playing group can be very proud with their efforts, we stuck together and battled an enormous enemy.
Many challenges will be faced in the coming months in preparation for next season and many lessons that have been learnt this year, will go into a bigger and better beast that will be the Spotswood Football Club in 2015.
47. I have to thank Gary Howell for his Thursday night insights and hard work on Saturdays, Lindsay Howarth for always offering his services to the players, Alex for her hard work not only during the week, but on Saturdays as well. Asani for coming on when we needed him. His comedic relief was always much appreciated. And of course, the players would be nowhere without Jimmy Xydias.
48. I would like to thank the board, the coterie and the administration for providing an environment for young men to come and enjoy the sport they love, who are encouraged to embrace this great club and where mateship and brotherhood rule supreme.

Reserves Coach's Report – Peter Lazzaro

49. The reserves start to the season was really good with a 96 point win over Port Colts away and then a 2 point loss to the current Premiers Altona; it seemed like we were travelling reasonably well and had reason to believe some success was a big possibility for the season. Unfortunately we only won 6 more games for the year, finishing 7th on the ladder.
For various reasons we started to lose players (season ending & weekly injuries, work commitments etc) and it was difficult at times to field a side. It's hard to believe we actually played 63 different players for the season, however almost every week struggled to get a side on the park.
50. Similar to last season we only had a core group of about 10-12 players that attending training regularly and were available to play on a weekly basis, obviously made it impossible to maintain any consistency either game day or during the week.
I would like to thank the on field leaders of the side, Capt. Vinnie Smart (also won the B&F for the 3rd year in a row), Vice Capt. Matt Paton (outstanding commitment).
I would like to thank and congratulate Tom Langlands & Grant Smith for their support and making the grand final yet again.
51. Also a great effort by Matty Dean and his boys to win the under 18 grand final ; well-done guys.
52. To everyone involved with the reserves, Glenn Wilson, Simon O'Brien, Deb Hodges, Paul McGarity and the trainers Alex & Jimmy thanks for your awesome efforts.
53. To the committee and the support staff of the club thank you for the year, we didn't achieve the success in the reserves we were after but it certainly is great to be involved at Spotswood. With the talent base we have and the younger players coming through, I'm sure success is just around the corner for the reserve side.



Under 18's Coach's Report – Matt Dean

54. It is with great pleasure I write this report as a premiership coach of our under 18 team.
55. None of this would have been possible of course without a number of factors
56. Number 1, the dedication and determination of the players to push themselves and get the best out of themselves to achieve what I knew was achievable from day 1 which was that elusive flag. look forward to watching these boys becoming good senior players and being a part of our next senior flag.
57. Number 2, the support staff I had this year, most importantly my assistant Trevor Carr, who was fantastic in every way imaginable and our success would not have been possible without him. My great mate Brad Mayberry who gave up his time to be our runner and another assistant coach. Our trainers and water boys, George Jaksic, Craig Hardeman, Rod Williams, Mike Daley, Team Manager Glenn Davis and the various other parents who filled roles throughout the year.
58. And lastly thankyou to our great club for giving me the opportunity to coach, I have got as much out of it as I hope the boys have got out of me. Thankyou to Tony Walshe for his ongoing support and friendship. And thankyou to Len and Joan, Alan and Annette and the rest of the committee for the amazing work which makes this club so great and the envy of others.
59. In closing a huge thankyou to our Sponsor Rangedale Drainage.

Junior Coaches Coordinator's Report – Tony Schibeci

60. Renowned American writer William Arthur Ward once said that "A mediocre teacher tells, the good teacher explains, the superior teacher demonstrates and the great teachers inspire."
61. To some, season 2014 may be considered a disappointing year for the Spotswood Football club junior teams.
62. No team made the finals. Two of our sides had to merge with other clubs to form teams in both under 12 and also under 14's. And numbers were low throughout all age groups.
63. But for those that feel this maybe the case please consider the following
 - a. Auskick numbers at Spotswood are up 20% on last year
 - b. 30 children were rotated through the under 10's this year
 - c. The merging of the 12c's and 14c's with West and North Footscray respectively allowed our kids to play football and remain under the Spotswood banner heading into next year.
 - d. I believe the situation with our under 14's team and their incorrect grading has also given the club a better understanding of the works of the League through its junior competition and will put us in better stead when entering teams in their correct
64. 2014 was my first year as the junior coaching co-ordinator and what an introduction.



65. We fielded team in the u10, 12C, 14C, 14A, 16C, 16A and as mentioned while the results were not as flattering as we would have liked, I do believe we have laid the foundations for the years ahead to bring our junior teams back to their former glory.
66. With 53 kids attending our Auskick clinics this year, including three girls, each session was held with the traditional enthusiasm that you would expect and with our Auskickers playing on both the MCG and Etihad this season as well as half time in two of our home games, Expect to see these youngsters strutting in the under 9's in the next 2-3 years
67. I would like to thank our coaching staff for 2014 who did continue to inspire our young teams to play the best football they could.
68. U10's - Rohan Stafford - Rohan's ability to talk to the children and not down at them is an amazing gift. Rohan had 30 children on his list this year and worked out a system with his parents and children to give 5 children a bye each week and ensure that all boys who played got a minimum of 3 quarters each game
69. U12 C's - Phil Buck - As a result of only having 6 players for our U11 side this year we were fortunate enough to form a U12C team with West Footscray and played under the team name of the Spotty Roosters. Thank you Phil for your patience and consideration of our children through the process and also your acceptance of the children from West Footscray under your care.
70. U12 A's Matt Mansfield and Peter Raines - This team finished 6th on the ladder with 5 wins. Matt and Peter thank you both for the work you did with these boys for the past 4 years and we wish you both in your future endeavours
71. U14C's - Kyle Baker - Kyle was appointed coach of this side but due to lack of numbers was asked to step into an assistant coaching role when the team merged with Nth Footscray.. This move was an excellent learning situation for Kyle and we wish him all the best for his football in the future as a player and coach
72. U14A's - Travis Wheeler - Travis could not have had a tougher season as a coach but held his head up high and helped his players get through a very tough year with a lot of dignity. Travis was faced with pressure from all areas of the field, Parents, Players, Club and league and dealt with all in an extremely appropriate manner. The 14A's lost all but one game for the year and what a win that was against Point Cook. Thanks also must go to Western Bulldogs coach Brendan McCartney taking the team in a training session and inspiring our boys to their great victory. Congratulations also to Travis for his nomination in the Western Region AFCA coach of the year awards.
73. U16's Squad - Darren Kane, Shane Drage and Tony Dimkovski - Our under 16's this year trained together and then split up on a Sunday into their respective A's and C's squad. The C's finished with 3 wins while the A's finished with 2 wins for the year. Once again lack of numbers saw both sides suffer throughout the year with School footy, Western Jets and injuries forcing the club to forfeit one of our games. Thanks to all three gentlemen for their work with the future of our club and on the back of the Under 18 premiership win, we look forward to seeing our older boys step up into their first year of senior football.
74. As mentioned earlier, this is very much a transition period for the clubs junior sides. But a transition that is being embraced by club, coaches and players alike.



75. Good luck to all our coaches in season 2015 and please remember that while we will be judged externally by our wins and losses, internally the number of kids that come back next year and their determination to succeed is a mark of your success as a coach

Junior Administrator's Report – Lorey Bently

76. In 2014, there were approximately 55 children participating in Auskick clinics on a Saturday morning and seven junior teams playing in the WRFL on a Sunday.
77. Disappointingly this year, Spotswood were required to merge two of their teams; the under 11s with West Footscray and the second Under 14 side with North Footscray. While there were many positives to be made from these mergers, the impact on canteen and kitchen sales was quite evident, having two less teams playing at home on a Sunday and less players training on a Friday night.
78. The JS Coterie group again contributed to the junior program through giving each registered child a football bag with their name embroidered on it. Thanks to the group and to the sponsors for these. Thanks also to The Hyde Street Hotel who came on board to support the juniors this year.
79. The Junior Working Group is looking towards a new direction next year with new members becoming involved. The group has been rebranded the 'Junior Development Group' and it is currently forming subcommittees to oversee various parts of the football club including football and player development, fundraising and events, and recruitment and promotion.
80. **2014 coaches** were:
- Under 10: Rohan Stafford
 - Under 12 C: Phil Buck
 - Under 12 B: Matt Mansfield and Peter Rains
 - Under 14s: Travis Wheeler and Kyle Baker
 - Under 16s: Darren Kane and Shane Drage
81. **Best and Fairest winners** were:
- Under 12: Benjamin Mansfield (Mitch Beattie Shield)
 - Under 14 A: Ethan Bentley
 - Under 16 A: Tyron Bennett
 - Under 16 C: Christian Petropoulos
82. **Representing Spotswood at the WRFL B and F awards in 2014** were:
- Ethan Bentley Under 13 Interleague Best Player
 - Tyron Bennett Under 16A Equal 3rd place
83. I would like to say a special thanks to all of the board of directors, all of the sponsors, all the tireless volunteers, all the parents and all of the players for participating in this great game. I would like to congratulate the under 18 team on their premiership in 2014. Lastly, I would like to wish everyone well over the summer and would love to see everyone back in 2015.



Under 14A's Coach's Report – Travis Wheeler

84. I always say that junior footy is all about learning, growing and improving and with this in mind, although season 2014 was an extremely tough one at times, the growth and improvement that our players showed throughout the season was something to be extremely proud of.
85. To give an indication of how tough the season was for our players, our first 5 rounds saw us score goals and be competitive in only 2 games. With the league unwilling to assist in re-grading, it was up to the players to decide the plan of attack for the remainder of the season. They could have been forgiven for dropping their heads and throwing in the towel. What they decided to do, however, was to work hard at improving their game as individuals and as a team.
86. It didn't result in a landslide of wins, but this was not our goal. Our goal was a huge improvement and it showed in our performance and it showed on the scoreboard. There were between 70-122 point differences the second and third time we played each team. We were better in the way we defended and smarter in the way we attacked. There were many comments from opposition coaches, supporters and players on the spirit and improvement shown by our players.
87. The highlight of the season was a week in which we were visited by Bulldogs coach Brendan McCartney. "Macca" spent an hour and a half with the Under 14A's, taking them through some drills and telling stories of a young Geelong side he was involved in during the early 2000's in which a young skinny Ablett, Bartel and Scarlett used to get belted around by the opposition and get beaten most weeks. What we now know about those players is great evidence that if you work hard and stick at it, footy and life will turn around for you. The match following Macca's visit, the players could not be stopped. They achieved all goals that we set for the team and for each individual. The result was our only win for the season by 2 points against Point Cook. A great way to celebrate the hard work completed by the boys and a great reward for all of the parents and supporters too!
88. They were led all year by Ethan Bentley and Jack Butler, who both showed their skill and experience each weekend. An amazing find for us this year was Elijah Andrews, who within his first year of footy, turned into a great Centre Half Back and finished second in the club best and fairest. Bottom age players such as James, Charlie, Beau and Nick will all have great years next year having played against bigger and better opponents most weeks.
89. Thanks to those parents who assisted every week and enabled our team to get on the field. Special thanks goes to our amazing Team Manager Juli Bestwick and to our runner and assistant coach Mark Holden.
90. I pleaded with the players on presentation night to please stick with footy. It was a tough year and there were things outside of our control that contributed to this. But sometimes in footy and in life, you get thrown in these tough situations and it's all about what you do next that counts. So I hope all of our players come back next year and have another crack at it and again show the growth and improvement that we know is within them.
91. Thanks for the season.



Under 10's Coach's Report – Rohan Stafford

92. What a successful year we have had in the under 10's this year. As my first year of coaching I was extremely grateful for the support I received from my team manager Sharon Schwartz, my assistant Rod Orchard, the club and the parents of the children. We had 29 children registered, who worked hard, listened and were dedicated to their team. As we had so many boys we introduced a rotation system so all the boys had a week off and had a fair time on the ground. The boys skills as well as mine increased every week and we saw great improvements in the boys abilities. The boys enjoyed their time, had fun and we hope they all return next season. It was my extreme pleasure coaching this group of kids and I look forward to coaching next year.

Club Song

We're a mighty team at Spotswood
We're the mighty fighting Woods

We love our Club and we play to win
Riding the bumps with a grin *At Spotswood*

Come what may you'll see us fighting
Teamwork is the thing that counts

All for one and one for all
That's how we play at Spotswood

We are the mighty fighting Woods