Presidents Report 2022

On Behalf of Caboolture Touch I am pleased to present the presidents report for 2022.

Thank you to all our members for their involvement and contribution to our club this past year.

Looking back on the year we achieved so much together, I am feeling grateful for all our volunteers, referees, players, and parents.

This term started with finishing off season 2 2021 with our clubs 40th Birthday Grand Final day we successfully celebrated 40 years of CTA with a massive all club juniors and seniors’ grand final day. Closing field 1 for our VIP tent who were all club legends, life members and special guests.

The 40-year plaque was created with the names of all serving life members presidents and excellence in touch recipients.

Our 40-year grand final day was a tremendous success and was only achieved through the efforts of our volunteers far too many to name but thank you all.

2022 was the most challenging periods for us. Only through the hard work and dedication of the committee, volunteers, and staff did we continue to provide a high quality, TFA affiliated competition for all our valued members.

Biggest impacts were the new build and the council planned field drainage upgrade we so desperately needed.

The impact of these two events have certainly caused us to do things differently in 2022.

The fact we have just played 2 seasons of seniors and 1 extended season of juniors with timelines and facilities available is a massive achievement for our volunteers and night-time casual employee.

The construction of the new building has created Major issues that affected our running from week to week. From the loss of lights for a period to power being off every other week to bunker power loss’s it has been issue after issue Tony McClintock, Charisma and our friends at Rugby have been our shining lights who got us through these issues.

Weather has also had a major impact on our first season for juniors and seniors alike.

We lost many rounds which our members decided the best way to make up for.

BOSL school touch was planned for, all the hard work and perpetrations were done for them to bring their 65 teams to our club only for it to cancelled do you the ongoing weekly rain events that kept our fields closed. We are planning to host this competition again in 2023.

Our club celebrated our first ever indigenous uniforms. Our junior representative uniform presentation day was described by Karley Banks as being one of the most thoughtful heartfelt presentations she has seen. Each child’s gear received was presented wonderfully with a card describing the meaning of the art. Our special guest Mitch Derrossi providing and inspirational interview with Karley for all our juniors.

Referee’s

Caboolture Touch has some of the highest ranked referees in Queensland. We are very thankful for their commitment and loyalty to their club through this testing year. Every competition night they are there from early in the evening until the end it’s a long night. Kerrie identified this and started providing snacks for them from her own pocket to show our appreciation to them. Our referees understood what this year was about, and they have stuck true to us.

Senior Competitions

Caboolture touch has had a successful 2022 Senior year with Tuesday’s mixed competition 42 teams for season 1 and Thursday’s nights 32 teams.

This year we were forced to do things a little differently than previous years largely due to the new building and the planned council closures of our fields shortening our year significantly. Season 1 was also impacted by rain events with field closures we missed a large portion of games.

Our competition casual Charisma did an exceptional job in difficult working conditions. Her inclusion to our team certainly took a lot of the pressure off the volunteers. Her efforts and the commitment and assistance from some our men’s teams she created a fantastic opportunity for Sunshine support care to field a team every week and have a game in our competition. Concluding in a grand final with Phat Tradies. A heartfelt thank you to all our participating teams.

Juniors (Monday night)

Our Monday night junior competition is all about providing Participation, Development and Pathways for players coaches and referees. We had 34 teams and over 400 juniors participate in our junior competition.

Setting up our junior teams is an extensive process and takes several weeks and many hours of volunteer work to do.

We must accommodate every individual request and do our best to even out teams and incorporate those requests at the same time. During this time, we consult senior rep coaches and experienced members of the club. It’s an extremely difficult task but we are always ready, and our juniors play games from week 1 which is a great achievement.

Our juniors were affected by weather a shortened year and the new build.

With permission from Sunny coast and Qld Touch, it was decided to hold 1 junior season for the whole year. This removed our ability to adjust teams after season 1.

Sometimes teams need adjusting and this is the best time to do it. We had 1 or 2 teams that needed adjusting, this is a stressful thing to try and do asking junior players to move teams to help other teams sometimes players just want to be with their friends and their team.

Some kids may not be in winning teams but if they become great teammates, learn to deal with adversity and develop resilience then their experience was a success.

Our juniors have had access to our Monday night junior skills development program lead by Karley Banks. We are committed to providing them every opportunity to be successful.

Kerrie our junior Coordinator would like to thank all our Monday night coaches, referee’s, volunteer’s, players and especially Parents we were overwhelmed with so many thanking the club.

Senior Representative

Our seniors sadly after all the preparation and work for Senior state cup 2021 it was to the disappointment of us all was cancelled due to poor weather.

Juniors Representative

Our juniors’ representative players participated in the rising stars program set up by Karley Banks. Caboolture were set to for Junior state cup 2022 in Hervey Bay but again to the disappointment of us all it was cancelled due to poor weather.

All the preparations by our staff, coaches, players, committee, and volunteers need to be acknowledged. There is so much involved in organising this event.

Thanks to our referee team who were set to assist our junior teams compete.

Special thank you to charisma who worked extremely hard on insuring we were prepared for the event.

Caboolture touch is lucky to have a high number of qualified coaching staff to support our junior players.

Women in touch

Women in touch continues to provide a free program that runs on Sunday’s. Women in touch is a supportive program for women of all ages and is a great opportunity to learn the game and extra skills. The program is sponsored by Subaru who provides all participants with a shirt and morning tea.

All Abilities

Caboolture touch is proud to support the six week All Abilities program.

Our club is committed to providing opportunity for all to participate in our sport and grow this program.

I proposed and the committee approved the creation of the new position of inclusion member for our committee. This is an exciting role to keep our club focused on improving our commitment to inclusion in sport.

Caboolture Sports Club

Caboolture Sports Club provides our club with fantastic support. We welcome on board our new day admin Tara Waaka who will provide valuable support to our club. I would like to Thank Charisma for all her hard dedicated work in running our competitions and all the preparations for Junior State cup 2022, junior uniforms club, representative and support to coaches/managers.

I would like to thank Robyn for her assistance to our club. We would like to thank Kelvin Patch for all his year’s services to our club and welcome Danny Finch the new CEO we look forward to working with him.

Volunteers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who make that extra effort for the club. These people give their time and ask for nothing in return. Junior & Senior Sate Cup, Monday Night Juniors, Academy Training, North Harbour Sausage sizzle and many more events and promotional activities are simply not possible without volunteers.

Our volunteer appreciation day was a great day with our top two awards Coach of the year Chris Fox and Volunteer of the Year Kerrie Kerr.

Thank you to our families who volunteered to help us produce a promotional video for a new indigenous playing gear. Especially Hayley Kerr for producing and editing the video for social media.

I want to thank all the coaches and managers for their valuable time and effort.

Committee

I would like to thank our committee who have proven to be a strong dedicated team.

We knew this year would be the most challenging and we needed to stick together, stay strong and see it through.

I would like to thank Stephen for all his hard work as secretary, he and I share a common vision for how our club can succeed.

I want to thank Sue Hogg for stepping up as Treasurer and for her time volunteering over the past 12 months.

Thank you to Jennarose and Catherine for their time on our committee.

Thank you to Lisa Harris our long serving treasurer. I for one certainly appreciated her commitment to our club. Lisa is a life member she volunteered her time managing coaching assisting the club in any way she could tracking budgets keeping us on track. Turning up to seniors with a report on team’s financial status commandeering me and sometimes others to go around the fields to remind teams of fees. She still manages the Scorpion A grade men’s team we work together with players to provide a pathway for our older juniors.

For me working hard together assisting each other in any way we can is what builds that comradery.

All our members thank her for dedication to the club.

Your committee members:

President Herb Kerr

Vice President Tony McClintock

Treasurer Lisa Harris/Sue Hogg

Secretary Stephen Brand

Sports Club Representative Dave McGuiness

Coaching Technical Director Catherine Sargent

Junior Coordinator Kerrie Kerr

Referee Technical Director Anthony Smith

Members Representative Jennarose Werahiko

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