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## **St Georges Basin Football Club – President’s Report 2023**

### **David Farrow (Delivered 14/10/23)**

Hello and Welcome!

My name is David Farrow and I am the proud President of St Georges Basin Football Club. It has been a long time since we have been able to gather in this way, with weather hampering efforts to celebrate last year and COVID having affected things over the 2020 and 2021 seasons.

I would like to thank you all for attending today after what has been another excellent season for our football club. Many thanks to those responsible for organising today, particularly Rachel Turnbull, who is unfortunately unable to attend today as she is on football duty elsewhere. I would like to thank all of the Directors here at the Club – Paul Cubbo, Courtney Buddle, Jackie De Vries and Rachel Turnbull, and all of those involved in the committee including Donna Walker, Nyree McIntyre, Jeff Brown, Sarah De Vries, Robyn Glasson, James Gallemore, Piet Zuydervliet and Tamara Lee for their work this year and for their tireless efforts in support of St Georges Basin football. Their ongoing dedication to the club and efforts ensure that this club remains the best club in the Shoalhaven!

I would also like to thank our sponsors. Remember that every cent donated by these organisations and companies goes towards making this club better – purchasing equipment and providing support for players and coaches, indeed everyone who is involved with St Georges Basin football club.

These sponsors are:

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- Bill Stahlhut at St Georges Basin Physio
- Kelly’s Metal Roofing
- Shell’s Café – who are here in attendance today so please support their business by grabbing a coffee or a dessert.

Please remember that the AGM is on Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> of October at 10am and nominations for a director’s position are due by October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please see me or any of the other Directors if you wish to help out at this great club and to make this club even better!

This year the club fielded 32 teams in SFA competitions. We had 14 non-competition teams (from Under 6s through to Under 9s), 9 Junior Competition Teams (from Under 10s through to Under 14s) and 9 Men’s and





Women's Senior Competition Teams. Total registrations saw an increase on 2022 with 379 registrations, 134 of which were for senior players.

These numbers, backing up from a large number of registrations over the last few years, just go to show we are going from strength to strength and are at a club which is the envy of the Shoalhaven!

We saw 8 teams go on to play finals football (4 Junior and 4 Senior) and secured one grand final victory – one of our hugely talented U12 girls teams, the Basin Dragons Red team, with an excellent 2-1 victory! Congratulations to their coach Dale Russell and the whole team!

Our seniors saw 3 men's teams (1sts, 2nds and 3-Red) make it to the week before the grand final but fall agonisingly short under the astute guidance of James Gallemore and Ash Hale. Our Basin women had success with the Basin Over-30s Red team suffering a narrow 1-0 loss in the finals. Many thanks to all of our senior coaches this season – Robyn Glasson, Sarah De Vries, Rachel Turnbull, Renee Brown, James Gallemore, Ash Hale, Jeff Brown and Pete Watts.

An enormous thank you to all our coaches and managers for their hard work this year – your efforts are greatly appreciated, and we are already looking for coaches for the 2024 season – if you want to get involved, we can support you and would love to hear from you! Please come and find me, or any of the other committee members and we will talk you through the process.

Finally a massive thank you to YOU – our players, coaches, parents siblings, husbands, wives, photographers, spectators and supporters, indeed anyone involved with St Georges Basin Football Club. You are the people that make this club the best club in the Shoalhaven!

So, if you can kick a ball, run the line, mark a line, make hot chips, coach or manage a team, or help an any capacity at all, we want to hear from you!

I'm already looking forward to next season - onward and upward in 2024 – go Basin!

