

***ST BERNARDS
OLD COLLEGIANS
FOOTBALL CLUB***



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**NOTICE OF 51ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY OCTOBER 29TH
7.00PM
ST. BERNARDS COLLEGE PAVILION**

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of 2012 Annual General Meeting
3. Presentation of Annual Report
 - Presidents Report
 - Financial Report
 - Juniors Report
4. Election of Office Bearers
5. General Business

Apologies and nominations to Michelle Denahy 0407 366 795 /
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**only financial members as at 30th September shall have voting rights under the constitution.*

Board of Directors – Officer Bearers

Chairman / President	Patrick Crabb
Secretary	Michelle Denahy
Director of Finance	Ken Graham
Director of Football	Craig Connelly
School Liaison	John Hughes
Administration	John Raffle
Delegates:	
VAFA	Patrick Crabb
WRFL	Andrew Vinecombe

Directors: Terry Bentick, Luke Baird, John Raffle & Vinnie McGuire

LIFE MEMBERS

B. Amott	L. Arnold <i>(Deceased)</i>	M. Arnold
P. Atkinson <i>(Deceased)</i>	M. Beyer	Mrs O. Carey
V. Carey <i>(Deceased)</i>	Rev. Br. A. Collopy <i>(Deceased)</i>	P. Considine
P. Daffy	T. Davis	J. Denahy
R. Doran	Mrs B. Doran	L. Gollant
Mrs M. Gollant	R. Hancox	I. Harvey
P. Hogan	J.G Hughes	M. Iannazzo
J. Kent <i>(Deceased)</i>	R. King	P. Kirby
T. Lancaster	Mrs. M. Looker	N.Loughlin <i>(Deceased)</i>
G. Mahoney	G.F. Mitchell <i>(Deceased)</i>	G.P Mitchell
F. Monaghan	A. Nathan	P. Nathan <i>(Deceased)</i>
P. O'Dea	J.G. Overman	P. C. Overman
M. Overman	P. Pearson	M. Perrett
J. Perrett	P. Rackham	J. Radcliffe
J. Raffle	G. Scarborough	D.F.Smith <i>(Deceased)</i>
J. Taylor	K. Tobin <i>(Deceased)</i>	G. Tobin
R. Tormey	J. Tyrrell <i>(Deceased)</i>	R. Vallence

BEREAVEMENTS

The Board and Memembers of St Bernard's Old Collegians Football Club offer their condolences to the families and friends of the following members of our community who have passed away.

- Keith Craven:** Past board member, patron, best clubman winner. Uncle to Matthew, Luke, Jason & Seth Gollant.
- Frank McKeon:** Father of past player Steve McKeon.
- Margot Bretherton:** Mother of past player Michael Bretherton.
- Peter DeLuca:** Past player, past board member.
- Denis Santamaria:** Past player, 1975 A grade premiership member.
- Margaret & John Tyler:** Parents of past player, past board member Kevin.
- Noreen Dalmau:** Mother of past players Michael, Paul (also past board member) & Mark. Grandmother of Kyle.
- Tony Hilbert:** Past player.
- Frank McGuire:** Father of past player, current board member, best clubman Vinnie and Grandfather of Connor.
- Neil Loughlin:** Past board member, best clubman father of past player Ben.
- Peter Wright** Father of current player Jake, and great friend to many at SBOCFC
- Dr Tony Capes** Former Bulldogs President, father of former players Anthony and Paul, grandfather of present players Ed and Charlie Connelly

Requiescat in pace

**OF 50TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
24TH OCTOBER 2012
7.30P.M
ST BERNARDS COLLEGE PAVILION**

Meeting opened

7:15pm

Opening address

Pat Crabb Introduced our catch phrase for 2013 "Take the Next Step!"

Apologies: Mel Beyer, Paul Dalmau, Olive Carey, Keith Craven, Gloria Craven, Mercia Gollant, Veronica Moloney & Chris Davis

Proxy Forms Lodged

49 Members that have lodged proxy forms:

Terry Bentick, Adam Bentick, Raylene Bentick, Ivana Crabb, Daniel Byrne, Jesse Manunzio, Liam Wilkinson, Luke Madden, Shaun Clarke, Andrew Van Meel, Jacob Bevanda, Peter Wood, Alexander Singelton, Andrew Merrington, Americo Michael Bevanda, Brendan George, Michael Stapleton, Ian Jowett, Anthony Capes, Charlie Connelly, Susan Connelly, Dean Bergin, John Saundry, David McAllister, David Peter Blunt, Peter O'Dea, Gerard Hughes, Anthony Purcell, Damien McLaughlin, Chris Guice, Richard Pierse, Matthew Gollant, Tim Tickner, Richard Brown, Glen Thorogood, Phil Smith, Andrew Caterall, Garry Read, Michael Iannazzo, Jon McKenna, Phillip Grimsey, Dominic Legudi, Andrew Gardiner, Brett Coverdale, Christopher Hoban and Paul O'Brien.

Minutes of 2011 AGM

AGM Report.

Moved to accept minutes Bernie Commerford and seconded by Matt Mulkearns

President's report

Presented by Pat Crabb.

Moved to accept by Peter Hogan and seconded by Terry Davis

Secretary Report

Presented by Doriana Cooper.

Moved to accept by John Raffle and seconded by Peter Hogan

Finance

Presented by Luke Gollant.

Moved to accept by Ian Wheeler and seconded by Ray King

Footy Director's Report

Presented by Craig Connelly.

Moved to accept by Peter Hogan and seconded by Terry Davis

Junior's Report

Presented by Andrew Vinecombe.

Moved to accept by Dorian Cooper and seconded by Paul Garth

Life Membership

There were no nomination for Life Members this year.

Election Of Office Bearers

Pat Crabb and the board vacates their positions.

Paul Madden takes over the chair.

Nomination for President: Pat Crabb Nominated by Craig Connelly and seconded by John Hughes

Accepted

Nomination for School

Representative: John Hughes nominated by official letter from the school

Accepted

Nomination for Junior

Representative: Andrew Vinecombe nominated by Junior Sub-Committee

Accepted

Nomination for Player Rep: Luke Baird nominated by Pat Crabb and seconded by Craig Connelly

Accepted

Nomination for Treasurer : Ken Graham- Nominated by Luke Gollant and seconded by John Hughes

Accepted

Nomination for

Football Director: Craig Connelly nominated by Vinnie McGuire and seconded by John Raffle

Accepted

Nomination for Secretary: Michelle Denahy nominated by Vinnie McGuire and seconded by Bernie Commerford.

Accepted

Nomination for

Football Director: Terry Bentick nominated by John Hughes and seconded by Craig Connelly

Accepted

Nomination for

Football Director: John Raffle nominated by Pat Crabb and seconded by Vinnie McGuire

Accepted

Nomination for

Football Director: Vinnie McGuire nominated by Craig Connelly and seconded by John Hughes

Accepted

General Business

- Cath McAllister's thank-you letter was read out at the meeting.
- John Hughes thanked Doriana for her contribution to the Junior and Senior Football club over the past years.
- Will the club be able to continue paying 'out of pocket expenses' for injuries occurred throughout the future seasons???
- Condition of the grounds - can the school ground keepers assist in maintaining better grounds.
- Dartfish - this cost increased over the year.
- Memberships have been up in 2012 (approx 40-50 extra members) and some of these people have also become sponsors.
- Proxy Votes - Feeling that these over road the people present at the AGM.
- Acknowledged and thanked the board and community of helpers at St Bernard's.
- Matt Mulkearns spoke about the anniversary book for our 50th celebration.
- Matt gave a detail account of how this book came about and what it entailed.
- Launch will be in April 2013.
- Ron Hancox notice of AGM was late in informing people who did not have emails and website.
- Andrew Videcombe noted that the 2011 AGM minutes did not have nominations, proposers and seconders listed.
- Water tank usage for the ovals was questioned by. Peter Hogan responded on behave of the school.
- Peter also commented on the way the committee had organised the list of Members and Life Members at the start of the night.
- Mick Overman - Thanked all the people present tonight and to their extended families for the love and genuine support shown the Overman family after the passing of Harry this year. The wake was greatly appreciated and the medal for the Best and Fairest under 19 team was greatly appreciated.

- John Raffle asked about pre-season and the Colts, to which Shane Denahy responded. Craig spoke about the Senior teams pre-season.
- Mick Perrett asked for J Daffey's name to be removed from the Life Members list as it was a misprint.
- Keith Craven unwell and requires our thoughts, prayers and support.

Meeting Closed: 8:45pm

PRESIDENTS REPORT - SEASON 2013: "FOREVER STRONG"

Our big 50th Anniversary year was certainly a vibrant and strong celebration of the club's proud history. Highlights off field included our five star book "Forever Strong" edited superbly by Best Clubman Matt Mulkearn's. Plus our 720 strong "50th Anniversary Celebration Ball", where the Team of the Half Century was announced and a proud No1 ticket holder Michael Perrett reflected on many great memories. On field we consolidated solidly in a very even and competitive Premier Division and in a positive sign for the future, we again made the Preliminary Final in U/19 Premier.

Our aim continues to be: "TO GROW AND STRENGTHEN THE CLUB". To pursue this aim our key focus remains **Player Development** and **Communicating and Engaging** with the St Bernard's and wider community.

Football Development: the Football Academy expanded again in both numbers and coaching involvement. While across the 7 seniors team we now have 15 coaches helping develop our players into the best they can be. This focus has led to improved individual & team performance, and also in multiple players being called up to TAC, VFL and VAFA rep teams for training squads and games.

Communication & Engagement: The St Bernard's community is vast as shown by the schools 10,000 household (approx. 40,000 people) mailing list and we continue to expand communication to this audience. Active use of social media is a key part of our strategy and we are making good gains on multiple channels.

Twitter: followers of club twitter are up 250% to 230 followers.

Facebook: club Facebook friends up 14% to 800 + a new u18 & u/19 page with 110 friends.

Website: hits on stbernardsfc.com.au are up 7% to 8,500 per month.

The community is responding as game day attendance and lunch numbers are also up approximately 20%. In addition we have posted improvements in membership, sponsorship and fund raising. This also included the establishment of the "SBOCFC Women's Network", led by the industrious Angela McGuire and her talented ladies committee, working closely with diligent Secretary Michelle Denahy. A well-deserved thank you to this vital support group, the women of the club continue to provide a power of valuable assistance.

From Auskick through to the 20 teams in the club, each weekend almost 650 players run out for/at St Bernard's. Of course this huge logistical exercise, with the very dedicated John Raffle at the hub, only happens through the hard work of literally hundreds of volunteers through the senior & junior programs. Special thanks to Andrew Vinnecombe and his tireless Junior Committee, while enthusiastic Football Director Craig Connelly continues to work on and improve all aspects of our football program.

Thank you's: Impossible to name everyone so an overall thanks to all Coaches, Assistant & Development coaches, forward scouts, team managers, runners, game day officials, water boys and importantly our Ian Wheeler organized training services team and experienced Football Ops Manager Paul Garth.

Thanks to our astute and hardworking club committee, including amongst others already mentioned: Ken Graham, John Hughes, Vinnie McGuire, Luke Baird and Terry Bentick. They have kept this very large operation on the rails and going forward. On a personal note I have found their support, good humor and wise counsel invaluable.

In addition we would like to thank all those in other operational roles, including catering Manager Veronica Moloney & the Moloney family Kiosk, Grant Cooper & Mick Moloney behind the bar and

Simon/Kirsty and their BBQ Bloke catering team. Also thanks Thursday drinks men Peter Riley, Bernie Russell along with all the ladies who provide the delicious Thursday night player dinners.

A big thank you to the playing group, proudly lead by co-captains Adam Bentick/Tom Caven and vice captains Nick Cooke/Jacob Bevanda. The ramped up football development program is very challenging and demanding, as we search to maximize everyone's ability. The players have responded well to a heavy workload, dug deep and given their best and shown great improvement in 2013.

Special thanks to Principal Tony Paatsch, Chairman Peter Hogan and their staff at the school who have greatly assisted the clubs endeavors. Congratulations to the school team coached by Simon Atkins, on another year of strong development. The strengthening of the club-school relationship continues to deliver more benefits to both parties, and we look forward to this developing further in 2014 and beyond.

Thank you to our Sponsors and Key Suppliers whose contributions are vital. We now have 35 community based companies listed on the club website who provide critical financial and services support. They are generously led by major sponsors Strathmore Community Branch – Bendigo Bank, Moonee Ponds Club and platinum partner John Fawkner Hospital. We do ask you all to refer to the club website stbernardsfc.com.au and support those that consistently support our club.

The Future: In high level VAFA competition the future is always challenging and tough, however for our club it's also very exciting. Strong Junior Club and U/18 & U/19 groups are coming through into a club which we think has reinforced its foundations during our big 50th year. If we all continue to work harder and smarter on and off the field, we can build on these foundations and reach higher in all aspects of our clubs operations.

Go Bernard's ! : Thanks and Regards Patrick Crabb

SECRETARY'S REPORT

What a learning experience this year has been on so many levels!

I would like to thank the committee, players, members, for a very warm welcome and walking me through my first football season as secretary. It has been a massive year for SBOCFC and just goes to show what can be achieved when everyone works as a team.

My sincere thanks go to Angela and Vinnie McGuire, their continual assistance in their respective roles has made my duties a great deal easier to manage.

Thursday Night Mums once again were generous with their time to serve the Unders and Seniors. It was great having Mary Byrne come along and help out on numerous occasions and at late notice..... Thanks Mary. Not only did these mums assist with meals, they more often than not also supplied afternoon tea for home games. Veronica Moloney was at the helm every Thursday steering the ship, and her quick eye watching those who tried to come back for 3rd helpings. Thank you Ronnie for your support, never ending help, and guiding hand.

A review of the roster system is a goal for next season.

Trevor Lancaster retired as Time Keeper after 21 years. This is an outstanding effort. Week in week out, home and away games, rain, hail, or sun, Trevor got himself to the games. We were spoiled

having Trevor as Time Keeper for so many years. His position is finding difficult to fill. Thank you Trevor for your contribution to SBOCFC.

I note Andrew Brebner's report encouraging senior players to get involved with the Auskick kids and Junior football teams, and hope to see this happening in 2014.

It was also wonderful to see young Matty Gavin run out at a couple of home games as mascot and water boy. Matt was as proud as 'punch'. It delivers a strong message of bond through the many teams at SBOCFC.

St Bernard's College has been delightful and most helpful all season. Any query I had, Mirella Luca would assist straight away. The relationship between the school and club is important and I look forward to working with Mirella again in 2014.

Sophie Arnold's outstanding contribution to "For Ever Strong" needs to be noted and applauded. The amount of time and hard work Sophie committed to this wonderful book was remarkable. Sophie and her family have been involved with the club since it began. To have a 2nd generation family member assist in this history making project speaks volumes about the club culture.

The 50th Anniversary Ball..... WOW what an experience it was to be on the subcommittee. To work alongside Kate Horne and the rest of subcommittee was a pleasure and a huge learning curve. The committee wanted it to be a 1st class event, to show thanks and recognition to previous and current players, members, volunteers and supporters of SBOCFC. Walking into the venue on the night, seeing it set up before guests arrived took my breath away. A wonderful night was had by all.

Congratulations to all the players, coaching, support staff and fellow committee members on this 2013 season.

Michelle Denahy

TREASURES REPORT

This year has in Financial terms been a very successful year for the Football Club, principally driven by events centring on our 50th Anniversary – more precisely the launch of "Forever Strong", a great book that chronicles the first 50 years of the clubs history, and of course the very successful 50th Anniversary Ball.

However these weren't the only reasons for our better performance over last year albeit we still recorded a very small loss excluding the Book's profit. All revenue streams were reviewed and improvements made to maximise revenue growth. Prices were increased for lunches/canteen/bar, there was a big push to get subs in early, there was a huge emphasis on attracting new sponsors to the club and finally nothing was "sold" on credit. Our result could have been much stronger except for some prior year adjustments that won't occur next year.

Revenue was up 42%, driven by the publishing of the 50th Anniversary Book (\$72K) and a bigger than normal Annual Ball to celebrate our 50th Anniversary (\$119K). Excluding these 2 items revenue was still up 7%.

Expenditure was up on F12 by 28%, driven by the 50th anniversary Book (\$34K) and the larger than normal ball (\$105K). Excluding these events costs were up 4%.

Overall the club made a profit of \$35K compared to a loss of \$25K in F12. Excluding the 50th Anniversary Book, the club recorded a minor trading loss of \$3K. This was a good result given we wore a number of expenses related to prior periods (\$12K). The underlying result from normal business trading was a profit of circa \$10K.

I would like to thank the following people for their efforts this year.

- Luke Gollant, for the support and guidance he has given me in this my first year as Treasurer.
- Luke and his Operations team of John Raffle, Veronica Moloney, Grant Cooper, and Mick Moloney for ensuring this place runs as smoothly as it does.
- Peter Riley and Veronica Moloney and their respective teams for the great work in providing fantastic dinners on Thursday nights.

I would like recognise all those involved in the running of our major events this year, events such as the launch of the 50th Anniversary Book, the Ladies lunches, the Gary Mac lunch, Legend's day etc. In no particular order I would like to recognise the following people for their efforts in co-ordinating and running these events (apologises if I have forgotten anyone) – thank you to Matt Mulkearns and his team on the successful launch of “Forever Strong”, Vinnie and Angela McGuire (Ladies Lunch and Legends Day), Michelle Denahy and Pat Crabb (for being involved in EVERYTHING!!!), Kate Horne and the Ball committee for a fantastically run event, Craig Connelly and John Hughes for a very successful \$10K Raffle.

This year we had a great success rate in not only collecting subs, but also getting them in early (when we needed the cash). Special thanks here go to Craig Connelly for the fantastic job he did in getting player sponsors and getting all players on board to be “Paid Up and Passionate” (including the Warriors).

We had a number of new sponsors and members get on board this year. This didn't just happen it was built on the back of some great work by Terry Bentick, Vinnie McGuire and Pat Crabb who continually sought out new opportunities.

Finally I would like to recognise both the Diamond Dogs Coterie Group and the Junior Football Club for their contributions. The Diamond Dogs helped out in a number of ways donating money for the 50th Anniversary Book, sponsoring a number of our key players, paying our ground rental obligations to the school as well as paying for a new coach's box. The juniors similarly contributed to the coach's box, sponsored a couple of players, and helped out with the new lights that went in. It is also important to recognise the fact that the juniors allow us to keep all receipts from the Sunday Canteen and Bar operations.

Ken Graham

Director of Football – Season 2013

Season 2013 was an unprecedented season of football for St. Bernard's Old Collegians Football Club, both on-field and off-field. Our senior teams second season back in Premier division saw the playing group succeed in staying up, despite the tumult of a mid-season change in senior coach, an array of early season recruits not actually playing much senior football for a host of reasons, and the significant off-field focus around an incredibly successful array of 50th anniversary celebrations and events.

The appointment of Tom Caven and Adam Bentick as co-captains for season 2013 was an enormous success, with both players demonstrating great leadership qualities throughout the course of the season, as well as both players finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively in the club senior best & fairest. Nic Cooke and Jacob Bevanda were excellent lieutenant's to both Tom and Adam, and justified the committee's belief that in these 4 young men, we had selected some excellent candidates capable of leading the St. Bernard's senior club for many years.

Congratulations to each of Tom, Adam, Nic and Jacob.

Tom Sullivan bolted home in the second half of season 2013 to claim his first ever senior club Best and Fairest award; testimony to Tom's football skills and the benefit of a solid pre-season and an injury-free run for the first time in a couple of seasons. Congratulations Tom. Daniel Riley was a worthy winner of the Reserves side Best and Fairest, reminding us all of the quality young players we have ready to step up and develop into excellent senior footballers in season 2014 and

beyond. Paul Rahill was a popular winner of the thirds side Best and Fairest award, and young Tom Russell clearly signalled to all of his U19 Premier team mates that he is ready to play senior football in season 2014 with his Best and Fairest win for 19 Premier. Also to be congratulated are the other first XVIII award winners, Simon Caven (Most Determined), Jacob Forder (Most Disciplined), Tom Gleeson (Most Improved) and Nathan Kazuro (Best 1st year player), as well as every award winner in our six other senior club teams.

I would like to thank all of the coaching staff for their efforts during season 2014. In particular, Nick Mitchell was asked to step in as caretaker coach after round 11, and did a magnificent job for the last 7 rounds of the season. Nick was tasked with the responsibility of galvanising a playing group impacted by the decision to remove the senior coach mid-year, focus on improving key aspects of training, pre-game and "in game" coaching, get the best out of the playing group whilst ensuring the environment remained "fun and upbeat", as well as energising the other senior and reserve coaches to continue to pitch in for the remainder of the 2013 season. With the assistance of Peter Wood and Simon Atkins in particular, I thought Nick handled this role with aplomb. I personally, and the Committee, owe Nick a great debt as his efforts, along with the on-field performance of the players, helped ensure St. Bernard's OCFC would be playing Premier division in season 2014.

Despite the difficult decision to remove Chris Tankard as senior coach, I must acknowledge Chris efforts as senior coach, particularly his input into the planning and preparation before each game. Whilst the committee clearly felt a pressing need to replace Chris, I do acknowledge his contribution to the football club during his tenure as senior coach.

In any given season, it is essential that we objectively seek to appraise our performance as a football department across a number of key areas. The following section seeks to summarise my assessment of the football department performance in season 2014.

I believe the five success stories for the football department in season 2013, aside from the success of the seniors remaining in Premier division for season 2014, were, in no particular order:

1. The manner in which Damien Sullivan, Peter Wood and Michael Stapleton successfully coached the reserves team to be a genuine development team, focused on improving the depth of genuine 1sts players available to the senior coach in season 2013 as well as into the future.
2. The high quality off-field trainer, physiotherapy and myotherapy set-up that was so well coordinated by the club's head trainer, Ian Wheeler, and so well executed by the league of trainers who assist the playing group mid-week and on game day right throughout the pre-season and in-season programs; including the club's important sponsor, Physiohealth. James Tamouridis, as conditioning coach for the senior group, should also bear some of the recognition here as I believe our general fitness and lack of significant soft tissue injuries both reflected very well on James efforts throughout the year.
3. The U19 Premier team making the preliminary final again in what is a very high quality competition, as well as the manner in which the coaching and support staff successfully managed the 91 registered players in our three "unders" teams – U19 Premier, U19 North and U18 sides respectively.
4. The dramatic improvement in the % of our 200+ registered senior players who were partly or fully financial, compared to previous years. We were not at 100% though – and this should be our goal every year.
5. Planning and implementation of our pre-season training and practice match programme, including the pre-season camp, as well as resourcing the playing and coaching group with quality equipment for use during pre-season as well as in-season.

Areas where we can continue to improve as we commence our planning and preparations for the 2014 season include:

1. Better resourcing of EVERY side, and in particular the 2nds and 3rds, with adequate game day support for the entire season so that the coaches are free to coach their respective sides, comforted in the knowledge that the football department is adequately catering to

every support needed to give every senior St. Bernard's player a fantastic game day experience.

2. Structuring team selection so that any 4ths (or warriors) team is a genuine 4ths team, 100% supportive of the 3rds team in terms of playing personnel in particular. Whilst I commend the warriors team of season 2013 for being "financial" for the first time in some years, the reality for the 3rds again in season 2013 was that they were our 4th best resourced team in terms of playing personnel. Such a situation cannot be allowed to continue. This is an issue I will be addressing specifically with the committee when planning for season 2014.
3. Use of forward scouts – was handled much better under Nick Mitchell's guidance and did improve to a level that I felt was satisfactory. In Terry Davis, Paul Kavanagh and Damien McLaughlin we are lucky to have some of the best forward scouts in the VAFA, and we need to continue to ensure their intelligence is used effectively when planning for our opponent in the coming week as well as on match day.
4. Better co-ordination and management of senior player injuries, particularly from a rehab, reporting and weekly management perspective is something for us to continue to improve on. I am particularly focused on the appropriate implementation of the excellent input being provided by our physios.

In addition to the above, John Raffle has asked that the football sub-committee in future include several non-committee members who are experienced football people to act as independent members of the football sub-committee. The idea here is to broaden the input of knowledge, ideas and review by people active within the club and capable of assisting to improve the manner in which we provide the football environment for all players. I will be seeking to implement this suggestion as soon as practicable after the Annual General Meeting. It is a privilege to act as football director of this great club, and, if I am re-appointed to committee for season 2014, will look forward to continuing in this role for another season.

Craig Connelly
Football Director

PREMIER RESERVES

St Bernard's reserve team this year was viewed as a development type squad, in that we played as many 20 -23 year olds as possible, sometimes at the expense of some older more experienced players.

The object was to get senior and reserve grade game time into as many young players as possible with a view to the future.

The side performed well with 9-9 win/loss ratio.

We were in contention for finals at different stages of the season, but were unable to beat any of the top four sides during the home and away games. This inability to beat sides in the four was mainly due to our inexperience. I feel that next year we may push for a finals birth if our player retention rates are strong and that a new batch of five or six players from the U19 Premier side is developed through this team.

We suffered some setbacks during the year, with some good players going overseas and some injuries, which happens at all clubs.

We also lost our senior assistant to the senior group midway through the season.

One area for improvement off the field is that we constantly struggled for a runner, a boundary umpire and waterboy's. Off field support cannot be underestimated at this level, the frustration impacts coaches and players alike.

Damien Sullivan

THIRDS

The year started out for the 3rd 18 on a very positive note with a good win by fifteen goals. However, it soon became apparent that our team would struggle to be a competitive force amongst this year's A Grade 3rd 18 teams.

Our team struggled for numerous reasons, but the main reason was the lack of players to choose from who trained regularly. We did have a core group committed to training, however with injuries, travel plans, as well as a reluctance of some players to play up from other teams, we continually faced difficulties in fielding a full side for most of the year.

To the senior players I say a big thank you for making the year a very enjoyable one for everyone. Thank you to our captain, Paul Rahille, to Justin Evans and to Luke Baird. You have all been a great support to me over many years. Thank you also to Will Kingston, our social secretary, and to Damien Ryan who, despite carrying injuries all year, gave great leadership and helped to make our team a happy and united one.

I would like to thank the helpers who contributed to the smooth running of our team each and every week.

- Laura, our trainer
- David, Will and Tom McAllister, who did anything that was required and who have helped me enormously for many years
- Andrew Maher, who helped as a runner and with manning the magnet board
- Damian Sullivan and Peter Wood, who assisted with the training of our side throughout the season and who helped to make our football the enjoyable game it is meant to be
- To all the coaches and assistants, especially Nick and Axe, thank you
- To the Committee, I appreciate your time and effort in helping to make our club such a terrific place to be around
- To the wives and girlfriends of our players and coaches, thank you for your support

Lastly, I would like to thank Kevin Jones, who did as much work in coaching and organising the team each week as I did, and who worked tirelessly throughout the season for us to improve. Kev you have been a great friend and a great help not only this year but for many years. Thank you.

Thanks for the memories!

Mono

CLUB XV111

The paid up & proud Warriors after a few fund raisers took to the field. In round one against Oakleigh & and 40 point victory was the order of The day. Our round two encounter was a big disappointment as Prahran Assumption forfeited on the Day. Chris Mitchell made his debut against Monash in round 3 bagging 9 goals in a great victory for the team. De La Salle was our next opponent at home & we saluted again In a fierce battle Round 5 was a thumping win against Fitzroy & the side remained undefeated & sitting second on the ladder.

Our first defeat came at the hands of Old Geelong who outplayed us on the day were injury & fatigue started to creep in. Our next big test in round 7 was against Old Xavier who gave us a bit of a reality check in their 48 point victory.

Round 8 saw Prahran Assumption turn up to play but were well beaten by a very determined St Bernard's outfit on the day. Round 9 saw a wash out at the pit as we had to share the points with Monash. Round 10 was once again very tight game against De La Salle where we were just 3 points down at the last break. Unfortunately they kicked away & won by 33 points. We were still clinging to second by a thread.

Both round's 11 & 12 were forfeits as Oakleigh & Fitzroy could not field sides. The round 13 clash against Old Geelong on one of the most freezing days ever and saw us take the points & qualify for finals. Our loss in the final two rounds was full of merit and we had done enough to take our place against DE La Salle in the first semi. Ben Hogan's 300th was a remarkable day Against Xavier at Punt Road Oval were finally Ben took the field fully fit.

Our 13 point win in the first semi was a great effort as they threw all they had at us & we did enough to hold on & win in a real physical contest. Prahran Assumption was our next big game in the preliminary final. We were one win each for the season & a big game was assured. Again we saluted by 27 points & were in a real good position to take on Xavier in the Grand Final after showing some great form in the lead up games.

Grand finals are hard to make let alone win & we were handed out one of biggest hidings for the year going down by 123 points. We just had no answer to the well drilled Xavier side.

Overall the season was a massive success & the players all want to stay around & have another crack next year. We have a few recruits in mind which will bolster our strength as a side.

I would like to thank the following volunteers for their help during the year

Deb Marinier	Team manager
Brian Moon	Assistant coach
Anthony Bishop	Runner
Matthew Catterall	Boundary
Jonathon Carey	Goal umpire
Ian Wheeler	Supplying trainers all year
Michael Brogden	Field umpire
Paul Garth	Football operations
John Raffle	Property steward

I would like to congratulate like to congratulate all trophy winners for this season.

Mel Beyer (coach)

UNDER 19 PREMIER

The year in review....

Returning to the Snakepit after a few years away, it was amazing the support and encouragement received from all within the club. The early part of the pre-season was all about getting to know the guys and establishing the trust and confidence from not only the playing group but also the coaching staff we had put together for the year ahead.

Our season started not exactly as we had hoped with a 30 points loss to the previous year's Premiers in De La Salle away. That loss to De LaSalle really gave us a kick and opened our eyes to what we should be striving for each week. Thankfully our first win came the following week in round 2 vs University Blues through and we quickly established a pattern of play that we were to strive for each week. Our pressure around the ball became a critical component to our game each week and by mid-year we were able to turn our season at 6 wins and 3 losses.

Round 10 saw a loss to De LaSalle at home and again taught us the importance of being up each week no matter who you play. After the loss our Round 11 scheduled match away vs the unbeaten Old Xaverians wasn't ideal but we approached this match with confidence and belief in what our best game can bring. The boys truly lifted to the standard required against the top team and as we had showed in round 5 vs Old Xaverians, we can compete with any side and we dominated the match in every quarter to eventually run out 7 goals winners and inflict Old Xaverians first loss for the year. This was a fantastic reward for their effort and commitment to pressure on the opposition. The boys showed this wasn't a fluke by beating the second placed team St Bedes/Mentone the following week in round 13 in trying and wet conditions at home.

By the end of round 18 we finished 4th on the ladder and therefore were scheduled to play St Kevin's in the first final. A fantastic second half from the boys saw us win a very hard fought match and promote us to a Preliminary final vs St Bedes/Mentone. The following week in the preliminary final the boys prepared really well but unfortunately we never were able to get our game in any order on the day and gave St Bedes/Mentone too much time and space with the ball through the first half. By game end we unfortunately went down by 8 goals.

Our season reflected well for us against all the top teams and to make the preliminary final was an extremely positive result for all the boys and their effort throughout the year. Sadly left us with a feeling of missed opportunity in that we didn't achieve the outcomes on that particular day that we worked towards. A massive positive for us was that we played 49 different individual players through the Prems team in 2013 of which many will move up to Senior level next year and hopefully continue to hold the club in very good shape in years to come.

We had enormous support all season from the club, the supporters and all the parents. In closing the most pleasing fact for me was not only working with all the players (approx.. 90 players) in the Unders teams but also working with 3 fantastic coaching groups - Under 18's (Craig Connelly and Shane Denahy), the Norths (Trevor Doody and Rohan Vahland) and the Prems (Serge Romano, Peter Scarpino, John Dickson & Peter Holland). Finally I would like to thank all the players, the coaches and support teams for making the season extremely enjoyable with lots of fun times throughout the year.

Best wishes

Rocky Iannello

UNDER 19 NORTH

The Under 19 North team started the season with a flyer, smashing Old Paradians by 200 points down at the Snake Pit. With 20 of our boys scoring at least 1 goal during the game, it was a great reward for all of our hard work during the preseason and a fantastic start to our season.

However, the next week, everything came to a screaming halt, with a 7 goal loss to St.Marys Salesian, who ultimately went on the win the premiership. Our boys went from being 200 point movie stars to learning first hand, one of our key messages for the season – you win football by working hard. Our DI (Desired Indicators) system was all about understanding how hard each player was working and us collectively, as a team. A lesson that will hopefully help all the boys in years to come, especially those moving into seniors.

We finished the season with 10 wins and 7 losses, which wasn't quite enough to sneak into the finals (5th – 2 games out of the 4). Given all the teams we played against this season in the North Division were the first U19 team for each of their respective clubs, our boys can hold their heads high with the way they represented St.Bernards each week against good opposition. I also want to make special mention of our leadership group, led by Claude Issa and vice captains Sean O'Keeffe and Harrison Firth, who lead every week on the training track and on game day.

Two games in particular, that I would like to mention include our first crunch against Therry Penola in Round 11 at the Snake Pit. Therry were in 4th position and we were in 5th. We were 5 goals down at half-time and the boys then came out in the 3rd quarter and put on 8 goals, eventually winning the game by 5 goals. A true glimpse of how good we could play when everyone was switched on. The second game was when we played St.Marys in Round 9 for the second time. Our team was at full strength and we showed in heavy conditions that we were just as committed as the team who went on the win premiership. We lost the game by 2 points but had our chances in the dying minutes, which really showed us that on our day, we were as good as any team running around this season.

Congratulations to all our award winners, especially our Best and Fairest Winner, James Ford who had a terrific year across half-back, runners up Michael Farrant and Liam McIntyre our Most Consistent, Chris Tormey – Most Determined, Michael Dillon – Most Disciplined and Tom Riley our Most Improved who played the last couple of home & away games in the U19 Prens.

As a coach, I could not have wished for a better group of players. The squad was made up of some great characters, personalities and house-cats, which made the season very rewarding. More importantly, it was great to spend some time and build friendships with a group of high quality young men, who will no doubt experience success on and off the field in years to come.

From a support perspective, I was blessed with the level of support I received this season. Firstly, my assistant coach Rohan Vahland was sensational, every training session and every game. Thank you Rohan. Coaching U19 football would have been a very tough gig without you this season. I was also very fortunate to have the opportunity to learn from Rocky Iannello who is a great asset for the club. Training would also have been boring without the enthusiasm and dedication of Shane Denahy. Another fantastic asset for the St.Bernards FC.

Also a special thanks to Team Manager Peter O'Sullivan, who fronted up most weeks even though his son Tim had decided to work (aka party) overseas for most of the season! Ged Whelan also

covered for Peter on occasions. Thanks Ged. Our runner, Gerard Dillon also provided fantastic support and I'd get in trouble for not thanking our beautiful time-keepers, Janine Turville and Karen Doody. Finally a big thank you to our boundary umpire Tom Hedley who turned up every week, even when his bothers were not playing in the team.

Finally, to the St Bernard's Old Collegian Football Club, led by Patrick Crabb and Craig Connelly, thank you for the opportunity to be involved with U18s and U19s this season. It was an experience that I enjoyed immensely. Thank you and all the best for the season ahead.

Trevor Doody

UNDER 18'S

The highlight of the Under 18's season this year was the last 3 games against the 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams. The fact that the boys were able to defeat Werribee (2nd team) and Williamstown (3rd team) by 9 and 11 goals respectively, and then push the undefeated Kew to within 5 points demonstrated clearly how much every boy had developed individually and as a team throughout the course of the year. The quality of football they played in these last 3 rounds was a pleasure to observe.

With an influx of new players as a result of the Football Academy as well as more school students venturing down the hill to play with their mates, the U18's were blessed with solid numbers during the course of the year. This made selection difficult at times, particularly towards the end of the year as we experienced some long term injured players coming available at the same time as school commitments started to decline for some boys.

As a group, the U18's were very well led on-field by the leaders selected by the players, Ed Connelly (Captain) and Will Isaacs and Adam Mulkearns (co-vice captains). In addition, the role played by many of the boys who were challenged to be on-field leaders themselves ensured we had many players supporting the coaching staff with a strong on-field voice, strong off-field behaviour and a fantastic approach to training during the week.

I would like to thank Shane Denahy for his unbelievable efforts training the group every week, assisting on game day as assistant coach, and then spending countless hours discussing players, team structures, training drills and selection quandaries throughout the course of the year. Shane was the brains and brawn behind the improvement we all saw in this U18 group over the course of season 2013.

Tony Isaacs was an amazing team manager, very capably handling a lot of game day issues, successfully engaging the parent group to assist mid-week and on game day, and generally handling many roles that ensured my life as game day coach ran very smoothly indeed. Thank you Tony.

Greg Hughes was a wonderful support as runner for the year, very happily running many messages out to the boys as well as pro-actively assisting with instructions that benefited the boys' development throughout the season. Thanks Greg.

Coaching is something I genuinely enjoy. When a coach has the support of the three people mentioned above, the strong support of coaches Rocky Ianello, Serge Romano, Trevor Doody and Rohan Vahland, and a fantastic parent group that is happy to carry the load of a variety of game day responsibilities, then my coaching experience is that much better. Add in to that mix the quality of young men who I had the pleasure to coach this year, all of whom clearly developed as footballers and as young men, and I can only be excited by the prospect of many of these boys playing many more years and many more games in a St. Bernard's jumper.

Here's hoping all of the U18's of season 2013 come back to play in season 2014. I will watch with much excitement as this group of talented footballers develops further and continues to play great football at St. Bernard's.

Craig Connelly

JUNIORS REPORT

In 2013 St.Bernards OCFC Juniors had 297 registered players fielding 13 teams. We welcomed a new team of Under 9 footballers predominantly from our Auskick program and local primary schools. The trend over the last few years is to begin playing at team level as early as possible rather than remain at Auskick. The prospect of an EDFL Under 8 competition beginning may also encourage children and parents to begin at a team environment. Our club has encouraged children to begin at Grade 3 at 8 years old however we are already playing some Grade 2 boys that are 7 and this may become the new starting point of our juniors. At a recent junior forum the committee held, the club emphasis was on "fun, fun, fun" until at least Under 11 level. I hope our junior program can to continue with this philosophy rather than "win, win, win". The club also welcomed many new families at other age levels and in addition new coaches. I thank all our coaches for their time and effort in educating, coaching and mentoring boys from 7 to 17 during 2013.

Seven out of our 10 teams eligible to finals participated in them in 2013. No premierships but that's a good KPI for a junior football club that's not all about winning. The committee had a clear view at the beginning of the season to avoid teams being uncompetitive. We made some difficult decisions early in the year with abandoning the Under 15 to strengthen the Under 16C team. This resulted in them playing in the Grand Final after many years of being a team who seemed always to play out of their division and had huge scores kicked against them. I was pleased they had an opportunity to have such a successful and enjoyable year. Likewise the strong group of Under 13 boys rotated to Under 14 and vice versa when possible to field a competitive Under 14C team. I thanks the players, parents and the coaches for their support of club decision. The committee spend many hours debating decisions and it can at times be robust discussion, however the interest of the club, teams and then players should be the basis of the direction taken. As usual it is hard to please all, and that is understandable. St.Bernards may not fit all parents and children's ambitions or requirements. As a club and committee we accept that, and we should continue to make decisions based on the club philosophy now in its 50th year, fielding 13 junior teams and 7 senior teams making it one of the biggest in the state. We are after all an Amateur club developing Amateur players to play in the VAFA. The Amateur ethos being "Family Football". That's what this club is about. We certainly aim to improve players as they go through their age groups with a pathway and support to play good senior football, but it isn't one for drafting or to

be the next Chris Judd. The club had strong representation at interleague level across all age groups and 7 boys finished in the top 5 of the competition Best & Fairest in the WRFL. Congratulations to them and all our players on their performances during 2013.

Well done to the Senior Committee and their support staff on the celebration of our 50th year. I thank Pat Crabb for his support and constant communication throughout an eventful year. Again, sometimes some robust discussions but always in the clubs best interest.

Football Victoria released a paper called "Future Directions for the North and Western Regions". This is of obvious interest to our club playing in the WRFL but located in the heart of the EDFL. Although discussions have been held with both leagues on this, as it currently stands the EDFL constitution prevents St.Bernards applying to join the EDFL due to the seniors playing in the VAFA. The continual development of the WRFL is certainly becoming a concern to our existing and prospective parents and players at St.Bernards. If Football Victoria decides on the zoning of clubs and leagues, a decision of where we play our junior football may come from them over the upcoming years, unless the EDFL constitution changes and the members have an option of change.

Finally, and this being my final year as President after 3 years and on committee for 6, I would like to thank a few people. All the current and previous junior committee members, coaches and the heartbeat of football teams, the Team Managers. Those that take up a position on match day to allow the boys to play. Thanks for being involved in your sons football. In particular to Phil Grech, Tony Comito who have completed many years on the junior committee and now leave for Amateur football. Already both are great servants of this club. Darren Attard was there when I started and is continuing. Darren has a great footy brain which I hope this club gets the benefit of in coming years, however his major role in sponsorship with Phil has kept the juniors in a very strong financial position for many years. Anna Moloney and John Delaqua for their financial control of the club. An onerous task you've performed admirably. Michael Hooper for his energy and ability to recruit parents to fill roles. Michael Foley, who took up the properties challenge. A year in the job and he already has an apprentice for 2015! Our subcommittee parents who helped with functions and Sunday Roasts. Our outgoing Football Operations Manager Paul Devan who would not be out of place at the highest level. Thanks Paul for the support, direction and dedication to St.Bernards OCFC Juniors. It has been a lot of things a lot of the time, but importantly it's been fun....most of the time. Finally. To Megan, my wife. Thank you, for you. I'm back!

Andrew Vinecombe

AUSKICK REPORT

Key Statistics

The 2013 St Bernard's Auskick Season saw registration levels drop from 155 in 2012 to 137 kids this year.

The breakdown of participation was as follows:

Level Participation #	Difference from 2012
Kinder 19	+ 2
Prep 31	-21
Grade 1 51	+10
Grade 2 28	- 3
Grade 3+ 8	- 6
Total 137	-18

The age groups were managed by four (4) lead coaches and well supported by ten (10) assistants with always plenty of willing parents.

Season Summary & Highlights

Our season commenced on the 20th April with our registration day followed by our first football session on 27th April. A total of 12 sessions were held throughout the year.

Some of the highlights of our year included:

The completion of the Level 1 Coaches Accreditation Course by two new parents.

- Participation of 24 kids from our program in the Auskick Grid Games before the Essendon v Melbourne game at the MCG on 6th April.
- Participation of a further 9 kids in the halftime Auskick Game during the same match.
- Kardz 4 Kidz Day on 18th May.
- Essendon Flying Squad Visit on 25th May.
- North Melbourne's Drew Petrie visit on 20th July.
- Parents v Kids & Presentation Day on 3rd August.

I would like to thank the St. Bernard's Junior Football Club for providing funds to purchase the Auskick Trophies which were presented to the kids at the conclusion of the season.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Junior Football Club's Director of Football Paul Dervan for speaking on behalf of the club on our presentation day.

Key Actions

In 2014, I would again encourage the committees, both Junior and Senior, to work with the Auskick Co-ordinator to arrange the following:

- Senior Player participation at 1 or 2 sessions to assist in running drills.
- 2 x half time games at selected St Bernard's home games.
- More information throughout the season regarding the kid's future progression to the Junior club.

New Auskick Co-ordinator for 2014

I am very happy to announce that Damian Bellino will be the new Auskick co-ordinator from 2014. Damian has been a very successful Head Coach in our Prep & Kinder groups over the past 2 years. Damian is an old boy of the college and will do a fantastic job. I am sure the club will get behind Damian in 2014 and provide him all the support he needs.

Conclusion

I hope the 2014 season will once again be a successful year with participation numbers once again exceeding 150. We need to continue to encourage new parents to get involved in this wonderful program at all levels before their children hopefully move onto club football at the conclusion of their Auskick experience.

As this is my last year as Auskick Co-ordinator I would like to thank all those people who have assisted me over the past 4 years. I have had wonderful support from coaches and parents alike that are only too willing to help out, thus making it an enjoyable and fruitful experience for the kids.

We look forward to seeing both new and old faces again in 2014.

Andrew Brebner
St. Bernard's Auskick Co-ordinator

**1st XVIII PREMIER DIVISION GAMES RESULT
SEASON : 2013**

Rnd	Match Details		Posn	Rnd	Match Details		Posn
1	St Bernards	Uni Blacks	6th	10	Beaumaris	St Bernards	8th
	9 . 15 : 69	10 . 12 : 72			11 . 13 : 79	8 . 20 : 68	
2	Old Scotch	St Bernards	5th	11	St Bernards	Collegians	8th
	14 . 12 : 96	16 . 20 : 116			13 . 8 : 86	12 . 13 : 85	
3	St Bernards	Beaumaris	7th	12	Old Carey	St Bernards	8th
	11 . 14 : 80	16 . 10 : 106			6 . 10 : 46	17 . 13 : 115	
4	Collegians	St Bernards	8th	13	St Bernards	Old Scotch	6th
	21 . 12 : 138	13 . 13 : 91			8 . 15 : 63	5 . 7 : 37	
5	St Bernards	Old Carey	6th	14	Old Xaverians	St Bernards	7th
	20 . 12 : 132	11 . 5 : 71			10 . 18 : 78	8 . 7 : 55	
6	St Bedes	St Bernards	8th	15	St Bernards	St Bedes	7th
	19 . 13 : 127	10 . 13 : 73			6 . 14 : 50	13 . 13 : 91	
7	St Bernards	Old Xaverians	8th	16	Uni Blacks	St Bernards	7th
	14 . 11 : 95	16 . 15 : 111			8 . 5 : 53	8 . 12 : 60	
8	St Bernards	De La Salle	8th	17	De La Salle	St Bernards	8th
	9 . 9 : 63	6 . 17 : 53			12 . 15 : 87	10 . 6 : 66	
9	Uni Blues	St Bernards	8th	18	St Bernards	Uni Blues	*7th
	13 . 9 : 87	7 . 8 : 50			16 . 12 : 108	15 . 18 : 108	

Games played : 18	Win : 7	Draw : 1	Loss : 11	Position : 7th	* Position at the end of season
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BEST & FAIREST OLD COLLEGIANS ASSOCIATION AWARD GUS MITCHELL MEDAL	RUNNER-UP BEST & FAIREST PETER NATHAN FAMILY AWARD	MOST DISCIPLINED COACH AWARD PAUL DAFFEY AWARD
TOM SULLIVAN	TOM CAVEN	JAKE FORDER
MOST IMPROVED KIRBY & VALLENCE AWARD	MOST DETERMINED JACK HARVEY FAMILY AWARD	MOST CONSISTENT PERRETT FAMILY AWARD
TOM GLEESON	SIMON CAVEN	ADAM BENTICK
	BEST FIRST YEAR PLAYER DES & MARY SMITH FAMILY AWARD	
	NATHAN KAZURO	

**RESERVE XVIII PREMIER DIVISION GAMES RESULTS
SEASON : 2013**

Rnd	Match Details		Posn		Rnd	Match Details		Posn
1	St Bernards	Uni Blacks	8th		10	Beaumaris	St Bernards	7th
	10 . 7 : 67	13 . 9 : 87		7 . 5 : 47		11 . 15 : 81		
2	Old Scotch	St Bernards	9th		11	St Bernards	Collegians	7th
	10 . 8 : 68	5 . 8 : 38		9 . 14 : 68		5 . 10 : 40		
3	St Bernards	Beaumaris	8th		12	Old Carey	St Bernards	6th
	10 . 9 : 69	6 . 5 : 41		7 . 2 : 44		14 . 8 : 92		
4	Collegians	St Bernards	7th		13	St Bernards	Old Scotch	7th
	10 . 5 : 65	10 . 8 : 68		7 . 5 : 47		8 . 5 : 53		
5	St Bernards	Old Carey	4th		14	Old Xaverians	St Bernards	7th
	16 . 15 : 111	3 . 7 : 25		9 . 5 : 59		7 . 10 : 52		
6	St Bedes	St Bernards	4th		15	St Bernards	St Bedes	7th
	6 . 7 : 43	12 . 9 : 81		17 . 11 : 113		9 . 4 : 58		
7	St Bernards	Old Xaverians	6th		16	Uni Blacks	St Bernards	7th
	8 . 8 : 56	17 . 11 : 113		15 . 10 : 100		4 . 6 : 30		
8	St Bernards	De La Salle	7th		17	De La Salle	St Bernards	7th
	5 . 4 : 34	11 . 6 : 72		11 . 17 : 83		5 . 8 : 38		
9	Uni Blues	St Bernards	7th		18	St Bernards	Uni Blues	*6th
	9 . 6 : 60	3 . 7 : 25		12 . 13 : 85		8 . 4 : 52		

Games played : 18	Win : 9	Draw : 0	Loss : 9	Position : 6th	* Position at the end of season
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BEST & FAIREST MAHONEY FAMILY AWARD	RUNNER-UP BEST & FAIREST QUINN-DILLON FAMILY AWARD	MOST DETERMINED PAUL 'DUTCHY' HOLLAND TROPHY
DANIEL RILEY	CALEB FORDER	JESSE MANUNZIO
MOST IMPROVED AWARD	MOST DISCIPLINED COACH AWARD	MOST CONSISTENT AWARD
OWEN McINTYRE	BRAD COOPER	STEVE MITCHELL

**3RD XVIII PREMIER DIVISION GAMES RESULTS
SEASON : 2013**

Rnd	Match Details		Posn	Rnd	Match Details		Posn
1	St Bernards	Old Carey	1st	10	St Bernards	Uni Blues	7th
	19.21:135	5.6:36			6.4:40	20.14:134	
2	Old Scotch	St Bernards	3rd	11	De La Salle	St Bernards	7th
	8.9:57	8.6:54			12.10:82	7.6:48	
3	Collegians	St Bernards	5th	12	Old Carey	St Bernards	7th
	13.8:88	3.9:27			7.7:49	18.7:115	
4	St Bernards	Uni Blues	6th	13	St Bernards	Uni Blacks	7th
	6.5:41	26.21:177			1.3:9	5:12:42	
5	St Bernards	De La Salle	7th	14	Old Xaverians	St Bernards	7th
	0.7:7	19.16:130			19.24:138	4.1:25	
6	Uni Blacks	St Bernards	7th	15	St Bernards	Collegians	7th
	7.16:58	7.5:47			Washed out - Draw		
7	St Bernards	Old Xaverians	7th	16	Old Scotch	St Bernards	7th
	6.14:50	25.11:161			5.6:36	9.13:67	
8	St Bernards	Old Scotch	7th	17	Uni Blues	St Bernards	7th
	6.12:48	11.10:76			21.12:138	6.4:40	
9	Collegians	St Bernards	7th	18	St Bernards	De La Salle	7th
	16.13:109	4.9:33			14.14:98	5.6:36	

Games played : 17	Win : 4	Draw : 1	Loss : 13	Position : 7th	* Position at the end of season
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BEST & FAIREST AWARD	RUNNER-UP BEST & FAIREST	MOST DETERMINED AWARD
PAUL RAHILL	MATT McCANN	TOM ISAACS
MOST IMPROVED AWARD	MOST DISCIPLINED COACH AWARD	MOST CONSISTENT AWARD
LACHLAN NEAL	JARROD BYE	JUSTIN EVANS

**CLUB XVIII DIVISION : 1 GAMES RESULTS
SEASON : 2013**

Rnd	Match Details		Posn	Rnd	Match Details		Posn
1	Oakleigh	St Bernards	2nd	9	St Bernards	Monash Blues	2nd
	6 . 8 : 44	12 . 12 : 84			Washed out - Draw		
2	St Bernards	Prahran-Ass	2nd	10	De La Salle	St Bernards	2nd
	14 . 12 : 96	3 . 5 : 23			13 . 16 : 94	9 . 7 : 61	
3	Monash Blues	St Bernards	1st	11	St Bernards		2nd
	Walkover				Bye		
4	St Bernards	De La Salle	2nd	12	St Bernards	Fitzroy	2nd
	14 . 16 : 100	9 . 8 : 62			Walkover		
5	Fitzroy	St Bernards	2nd	13	Old Geelong	St Bernards	2nd
	4 . 16 : 40	23 . 11 : 149			5 . 5 : 35	13 . 8 : 86	
6	St Bernards	Old Geelong	2nd	14	St Bernards	Prahran-Ass	3rd
	9 . 7 : 61	13 . 17 : 95			8 . 7 : 55	14 . 5 : 89	
7	St Bernards	Old Xaverians	2nd	15	Old Xaverians	St Bernards	*3rd
	7 . 13 : 55	16 . 13 : 109			16 . 12 : 108	11 . 3 : 69	
8	Prahran-Ass	St Bernards	2nd				
	5 . 13 : 43	9 . 10 : 64					
1st Semi-Final	St Bernards	De La Salle		Preliminary Final	Prahran-Assum	St Bernards	
	11 . 12 : 78	9 . 11 : 65			5 . 11 : 41	10 . 8 : 68	

Grand Final	Old Xaverians	St Bernards
	25 . 9 : 159	5 . 6 : 36

Games played : 11	Win : 6	Draw : 1	Bye : 1	Walkover : 2	Loss : 5	*Position season end
Finals played : 3	Win : 2	Loss : 1	# Grand Finalists ... Runners-up.			
Games played : 14	Win : 8	Draw : 1	Bye : 1	Walkover : 2	Loss : 6	# Position : 2nd

GLENN SCARBOROUGH BEST & FAIREST AWARD	RUNNER-UP BEST & FAIREST AWARD	MOST DISCIPLINED COACH AWARD
CHRIS MITCHELL	DAMIEN HURLEY	ANDREW GURRISI
LEADING GOALKICKER AWARD	MOST DETERMINED AWARD	MOST CONSISTENT AWARD
CHRIS MITCHELL	MATT TRIM	JESSE CREASEY
	BEST-in-FINALS AWARD	
	DAMIEN HURLEY	

**UNDER : 19 PREMIER DIVISION GAMES RESULTS
SEASON : 2013**

Rnd	Match Details		Posn	Rnd	Match Details		Posn
1	De La Salle	St Bernards	6th	10	St Bernards	De La Salle	4th
	13 . 17 : 95	9 . 11 : 65			10 . 11 : 71	13 . 10 : 88	
2	St Bernards	Beaumaris	5th	11	Old Xaverians	St Bernards	4th
	10 . 9 : 69	6 . 10 : 46			7 . 9 : 51	13 . 6 : 84	
3	Uni Blues	St Bernards	5th	12	Old Brighton	St Bernards	4th
	12 . 8 : 80	13 . 14 : 92			5 . 8 : 38	15 . 18 : 108	
4	St Bernards	Old Brighton	5th	13	St Bernards	St Bedes	4th
	29 . 19 : 175	5 . 9 : 39			7 . 7 : 49	4 . 7 : 31	
5	St Bernards	Old Xaverians	5th	14	St Bernards	Old Scotch	4th
	10 . 7 : 67	10 . 12 : 72			8 . 11 : 59	9 . 7 : 61	
6	St Bedes	St Bernards	5th	15	Beaumaris	St Bernards	4th
	13 . 13 : 91	7 . 8 : 50			10 . 10 : 70	14 . 14 : 98	
7	St Bernards	Old Melb.	5th	16	Old Melb.	St Bernards	4th
	15 . 8 : 98	13 . 9 : 87			11 . 7 : 73	10 . 13 : 73	
8	Old Scotch	St Bernards	4th	17	St Bernards	Uni Blues	4th
	9 . 10 : 64	17 . 17 : 119			22 . 8 : 140	9 . 10 : 64	
9#	St Bernards	St Kevins	4th	18	St Kevins	St Bernards	*4th
	5 . 10 : 40	4 . 10 : 34			12 . 13 : 85	11 . 6 : 72	
# Match played at Walter Street Oval, Ascot Vale – Ovals unsuitable due to flooding							
1st Semi-Final	St Kevins	St Bernards		Preliminary Final	St Bedes	St Bernards	
	8 . 13 : 61	10 . 15 : 75			18 . 11 : 119	10 . 11 : 71	

Games played : 18	Win : 11	Draw : 1	Loss : 6	*Position season end
Finals played : 2	Win : 1	Loss : 1	# Preliminary Finalists	
Games played : 20	Win : 12	Draw : 1	Loss : 7	# Position : 3rd

HARRY OVERMAN MEDAL BEST & FAIREST AWARD TOM RUSSELL	RUNNER-UP BEST & FAIREST AWARD DARREN COLACO	MOST DISCIPLINED COACH AWARD SAM WOODS
MOST IMPROVED AWARD TOM SAUNDRY	MOST DETERMINED AWARD KIERAN O'CONNOR	MOST CONSISTENT AWARD NICHOLAS BURGIN
	BEST-in-FINALS AWARD CHRIS PEART	

UNDER : 19 NORTH SECTION GAMES RESULTS

SEASON : 2013

Rnd	Match Details		Posn	Rnd	Match Details		Posn
1	St Bernards	Old Paradians	1st	10	St Bernards	Old Haileybury	5th
	31 . 34 : 220	3 . 4 : 22			31 . 27 : 213	1 . 0 : 6	
2	Salesian	St Bernards	3rd	11	St Bernards	Therry Penola	5th
	16 . 16 : 112	10 . 9 : 69			15 . 13 : 103	11 . 6 : 72	
3	TherryPenola	St Bernards	3rd	12	La Trobe Uni	St Bernards	5th
	5 . 11 : 41	11 . 8 : 74			6 . 6 : 42	12 . 16 : 88	
4	St Bernards	Ivanhoe	5th	13	MHSOB	St Bernards	4th
	7 . 7 : 49	17 . 18 : 120			2 . 1 : 13	22 . 18 : 150	
5	St Bernards	La Trobe Uni	5th	14	Ivanhoe	St Bernards	5th
	20 . 15 : 135	7 . 5 : 47			6 . 15 : 51	6 . 7 : 43	
6	St Bernards	MHSOB	5th	15	St Bernards	Old Ivanhoe	5th
	17 . 15 : 117	4 . 3 : 27			6 . 9 : 45	11 . 12 : 78	
7	Old Westborne	St Bernards	4th	16	Salesian	St Bernards	5th
	6 . 2 : 38	21 . 11 : 137			21 . 12 : 138	9 . 8 : 62	
8	Old Ivanhoe	St Bernards	5th	17	Old Paradians	St Bernards	5th
	9 . 15 : 69	7 . 4 : 46			4 . 2 : 26	15 . 12 : 102	
9#	St Bernards	Salesian	5th	18	St Bernards	Old Westborne	*5th
# Match played at Walter Street Oval, Ascot Vale – St Bernards oval unsuitable due to flooding.							

Games played : 17	Win : 10	Forfeit : 1	Loss : 7	*Position season end
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HUGHES BROTHERS BEST & FAIREST AWARD JAMES FORD	RUNNER-UP BEST & FAIREST AWARD MICHAEL FARRANT	MOST DISCIPLINED COACH AWARD MICHAEL DILLON
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MOST IMPROVED AWARD TOM RILEY	MOST DETERMINED AWARD CHRIS TORMEY	MOST CONSISTENT AWARD LIAM McINTYRE
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**UNDER : 18 SECTION GAMES RESULTS
SEASON : 2013**

Rnd	Match Details		Posn	Rnd	Match Details		Posn
1	Point Cook	St Bernards	4th	10	St Bernards	Point Cook	5th
	5 . 4 : 34	5 . 7 : 37			14 . 5 : 89	12 . 8 : 80	
2	St Bernards	UHS-VU AFC	2nd	11	UHS-VU AFC	St Bernards	5th
	10 . 9 : 69	3 . 7 : 25			2 . 2 : 14	19 . 12 : 126	
3	St Bernards	Richmond Cent	3rd	12	St Bernards		5th
	7 . 13 : 55	11 . 8 : 74			BYE		
4	St Bernards		2nd	13	Richmond Cent	St Bernards	5th
	BYE				3 . 5 : 23	10 . 14 : 74	
5	Salesians	St Bernards	3rd	14	Collegians	St Bernards	5th
	14 . 8 : 92	11 . 10 : 76			2 . 5 : 17	7 . 11 : 53	
6	St Bernards	Collegians	2nd	15	St Bernards	Salesian	5th
	11 . 10 : 76	8 . 6 : 54			18 . 11 : 119	5 . 4 : 34	
7	Kew AFC	St Bernards	5th	16	St Bernards	Kew AFC	5th
	11 . 8 : 74	8 . 10 : 58			9 . 8 : 62	10 . 7 : 67	
8	St Bernards	W'town CYMS	5th	17	W'town CYMS	St Bernards	5th
	7 . 13 : 55	8 . 5 : 53			6 . 4 : 40	15 . 12 : 102	
9	Werribee Dists	St Bernards	5th	18	St Bernards	Werribee Dist	*5th
	10 . 6 : 66	5 . 13 : 43			16 . 15 : 111	9 . 5 : 59	

Games played : 18	Win : 9	Bye : 2	Loss : 7	*Position season end
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BEST & FAIREST AWARD	RUNNER-UP BEST & FAIREST AWARD	MOST DISCIPLINED COACH AWARD
CHRIS HUGHES	BEN HEDLEY	DANIEL PARKES

MOST IMPROVED AWARD	MOST DETERMINED AWARD	MOST CONSISTENT AWARD
EDYN SIBBALD	NICK LARKINS	MITCHELL HUGHES

VAFA – UNDER : 18 SECTION LEADING GOALKICKER
JEREMY SULLIVAN

GARY McALLISTER AWARD MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR (ACADEMY MEMBER)
MAX JAGGARD

ST BERNARDS OLD COLLEGIANS FOOTBALL CLUB
SUMMARY OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS
SEASON 2013

BEST CLUBMAN MATTHEW MULKEARNS

1st XVIII	Reserves	3rd XVIII	Club XVIII	U/19 Prem'	U/19 North	U / 18
BEST & FAIREST						
TOM SULLIVAN	DAN RILEY	PAUL RAHILL	CHRIS MITCHELL	TOM RUSSELL	JAMES FORD	CHRIS HUGHES
RUNNER - UP						
TOM CAVEN	CALEB FORDER	MATT McCANN	DAMIEN HURLEY	DARREN COLACO	MICHAEL FARRENT	BEN HEDLEY
MOST CONSISTENT						
ADAM BENTICK	STEVE MITCHELL	JUSTIN EVANS	JESSE CREASEY	NICHOLAS BURGIN	LIAM McINTYRE	MITCHELL HUGHES
MOST DETERMINED						
SIMON CAVEN	JESSE MANUNZIO	TOM ISAACS	MATT TRIM	KIERAN O'CONNOR	CHRIS TORMEY	NICK LARKINS
MOST IMPROVED						
TOM GLEESON	OWEN McINTYRE	LACHLAN NEAL		TOM SAUNDRY	TOM RILEY	EDYN SIBBALD
MOST DISCIPLINED ... COACH AWARD						
JAKE FORDER	BRAD COOPER	JARROD BYE	ANDREW GURRISI	SAM WOODS	MICHAEL DILLON	DANIEL PARKES
BEST in FINALS						
			DAMIEN HURLEY	CHRIS PEART		

LEADING GOALKICKER

	CHRIS MITCHELL		VAF A - UNDER 18 SECT. JEREMY SULLIVAN
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BEST FIRST YEAR ... 1st XVIII
NATHAN KAZURO

MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR
MAX JAGGARD

PLAYERS ACHIEVEMENTS - MILESTONES

300 GAMES	200 GAMES	150 GAMES	100 GAMES	100 GAMES	100 GAMES
BEN HOGAN	PAUL HOLLAND	RYAN SCHRODER	JESSE MANUNZIO	MARTIN BYRNE	MICHAEL SULLIVAN

VAF A REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

UNDER : 23	INTERNATIONAL RULES	SENIOR XVIII
SIMON CAVEN Vs SAAFL	'Tour of Ireland' ADAM BENTICK	ADAM BENTICK Vs VCFL

SIMON MADDEN AWARD
'be your best'
MATTHEW GAVIN

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BALL

Alongside the "Forever Strong" book the 50th Anniversary Celebration Ball was the highlight of a historic year of celebrations. Peninsular Room at Docklands was the spectacular venue and through the tireless work of the organising committee: Michelle Denahy, Matt Mulkearns, John Hughes and Event Organiser Kate Horne some 720 people celebrated in truly first class style.

A centerpiece of the evening was the naming of the Team of the Half Century. A selection committee of wise heads including: Ray King, John Hughes, Michael Perrett, Terry Davis, and Mick Iannazzo firstly each named a team of the decade. These 5 teams were announced at a succession of home game lunches in the buildup to the ball, and the teams sparked vigorous and friendly debate round the club, as to which decade was strongest and who was unlucky to miss out.

On the evening of the ball #1 ticket holder and club legend Michael Perrett reminisced about the great times and people in our colourful club history. Then first captain Geoff Tobin assisted by team of the half century captain Greg Wade announced the team.

A star studded lineup emerged comprising players from every decade, most were present to accept their award while family members stood in where players were away or in some cases sadly had passed away.

Club sponsor Nelson Alexander's Milo Rasinac & Jon McKenna auctioned off a framed team jumper, where after competitive bidding school chairman Peter Hogan emerged the proud new owner. A second framed jumper now sits proudly in the pavilion above the bar, thanks to a donation from the College.

The night continued on with the youngsters turn to dominate proceedings. Hot stage band Plastique rocked the house, the dance floor was packed and everyone got into the spirit of a truly memorable evening.

Festivities continued on through the night and in the blink of an eye it was the final song, however the room remained filled with happy and talkative club people that could have partied on seemingly forever.

In the end what a great evening we had, to celebrate 50 years of football and friendship at St Bernard's Football Club.

TEAM OF THE HALF CENTURY

B: D Byrne (dvc). T Caven. B Amott

HB: J Madden. P Rackham. P Aughton

C: J Doolan. L Gollant (vc). M Drennan

HF: N Mitchell. M Mahoney. B Angel

F: **B** Jordan. T Harvey. A O'Brien

Rucks: W Carey. G Wade (**c**). D Burgin

Int: J Gollant. G McAllister. B Mahoney. R King.

P Hannerbery. P Smith

Coaches: G F Mitchell.

P Nicolson -asst. G Foulds - asst

HOME GAME & CHARITY LUNCHESES

Home game lunches continue to grow in size and stature with average lunch attendance this year up 20% to 120, while two lunches attracted over 200 people.

Regular events like the Veterans Challenge Cup in Anzac week, how now been joined by the Gary McAllister Shield Lunch plus blockbuster lunches for : Mother's Day, Ladies Charity Lunch and the newly formed final round Graduation Lunch, for players and parents of u/16 to u/19 players.

The club aims to provide an environment where our players can maximise their playing potential, and also be positive members of the broader community. The club itself also aims to be a positive community contributor. To this end we held two charity lunches this year. Gary McAllister Shield Day also featured fund raising for injured soldier Liam Haven's, Soldier On Fund & Guide Dogs Victoria. Later in the year the Ladies Networks annual charity lunch featured the Cathy Freeman Foundation fund for Indigenous Education. Young Liam Haven blinded by a roadside bomb in Iraq was truly inspirational, with his plans for a 500km charity walk, while Cathy Freeman's campaign to help underprivileged children on Palm Island showed she is champion both on and off the running track. The club along with some generous individual donors raised a total of \$11,000 for charities this year, and we look forward to this sort of community activity continuing on for many years to come.

Special thanks to all involved with our lunch/event program, caterers and sponsors Simon & Kirsty from the BBQ Bloke and in particular Secretary Michelle Denahy and Angela McGuire who leads the Ladies Network, who provide the drive and assistance to stage these large special lunches & events.

50th Anniversary Book Report – “Forever Strong”

One of the highlights of the year was the Matt Mulkearns managed football club book. A very worthy 2013 Best Clubman Matt, took the idea of a book nearly four years ago, through development, theme and content all the way through to collating, editing, publication, sales and promotion. This also included the heavy lifting sourcing sponsorships at both a corporate and family level, to ensure the book was not only a cultural, but also a financial success.

Matt Mulkearns vision of the clubs story being told by club people in their own words was a brilliant one. The result was page after page of not just historical record but of authors love for the club, leading to the reader's experience of the book, being truly engaging and entertaining. Not surprisingly over 600 copies have been sold and we urge anyone yet to secure copy for themselves or their family, to get one before they sell out !.

The project was timed to perfection and launched early in the year. Alongside the “Team of the Half Century” and the “50th Anniversary Celebration Ball” the book made this historic year a celebration in true St Bernard's Football Club spirit and style.

Critical in a project of this magnitude, which ultimately has 350 pages and over 600 images, was the tremendous support provided by a number of key people and groups in the club.

Editing of the highest professional standard was provided by the tireless Sophie Arnold. Without a hint of question or complaint, Sophie dedicated countless hours of work moulding the vast amount of information collected into a cohesive, well presented and vibrant history of the club.

Over 90 contributing authors were co-ordinated by a team of determined leaders including Michael Perrett, Mick Iannazzo, Terry Davis, Ray King, David McAllister and Ben Hogan. Additional material and photos were sourced by John Raffle, Paul Garth and Ben Hogan. Book sales efforts were enhanced by the engagement of Eleanor Currie as Sales Executive, Eleanor left no stone or function unturned, to promote and sell books and she has done an outstanding job.

The list of thankyou's simply can't be contained in this short report, however key supporters and sponsors of the project included : St Bernard's Old Collegians Association, Diamond Dogs Coterie Group, St Bernard's Junior Football Club, Tobin Brothers and St Bernard's College. We encourage you to look inside the front cover for the full list of all the generous companies, families and individuals that helped financially or made contributions to the book. In true St Bernard's spirit when a call was made for support, the club and school community rallied and delivered on multiple levels.

Overall a dedicated book project team lead by club dynamo Matt Mulkearns, delivered a first class publication that we are all very proud to be associated with. Copies of the book will no doubt be handed down through future generations, as the book is a faithful and colourful record of what makes the club special, and why we shall always be "Forever Strong".

Patrick Crabb on behalf of the Committee.

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