

## 2019 AGM PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to personally thank the Executive of Vice President Mark Quartermain and Secretary Sharyn Hagget who have been invaluable to the President and the Committee in the season gone. Mark did put in his resignation to the club in January aligned with his sons moving towards the refereeing field, but he did give us great service during his time at the club. Sharyn has been willingly supported by Malcolm Lyon moving into the secretarial role for the first time and must be congratulated and thanked for undertaking this role. General executive and officer roles have been completed excellently via Francene Mullaney as Registration Officer and Glenn Millar in his long-standing Treasury role. Andrew Dinning has been a most significant asset to the club in many ways, including engineering expertise, chasing issues with the CoB and the fine tuning and completeness of work within the Game Day Subcommittee.

Match Day Subcommittee, Fund Raising Subcommittee and the Coaching Subcommittee have all been excellent in their duties fulfilled for the club. It has made the Committee's job so much easier with functioning workers in these important areas. The work provided by sub-committees to the club has been most invaluable and is to be thanked.

Financially the club is well placed having a surplus in the range of \$50,000. This position has given us a strong bargaining position; to the extent of \$20,000 being earmarked for the COB future planned refurbishment by the Russell Square Users Group of hall, kitchen, north facing balcony and internal structures - a major redevelopment of our facilities. The State Government has also now funded the proposed lighting for the northern pitches and this should be in place before the darker nights ahead.

Unfortunately, one negative must be highlighted. Speaking on behalf of the Committee I must add a warning about negative and inaccurate use of social media and associated discussions that have often proved to be false and potentially defamatory. Most of these conversations were aimed at undermining the positions of coaches and people carrying out crucial roles within the club. All are volunteers who offer their labour and time for the betterment of North United and deserve respect. There are appropriate ways of raising issues to Committee, but unofficial comment threatens the fabric and cohesiveness of the very club that we all belong to and which supports us in the sport of soccer. Much of the material that the Committee became aware of did not represent fact.

I ask you to build up the club and not bring it down.

The 2019 season is imminent and coaching roles have been declared with players joining into the pre-season with senior teams preparing over an appropriate lead in time since January. The weather has hardened up our Russell Square playing areas so the start of the season will see further contingencies required – hopefully Morshead Park will allow games to be played for all Association clubs as needed. We wish all officials and players the best of fortune for the season and eagerly await them running onto the pitch in the vertical black and white.

Tony Beggs President BNUSC