



BALLARAT
NORTH UNITED SC

2021 AGM BNUSC President's Report

2020 annus horribilis was a tough one for all involved in sport and no different here at North United and our soccer club. The senior men started well with two wins in the FA Cup but when the season was imminent in March, it all shut down and other than a short ray of hope for some junior teams over a 4 week period, there was no soccer played.

Despite the issues, the Committee continued to oversee potential starts and compliance issues in an attempt to be able to restart the season, but all to no avail. Hence, the club and a number of unfortunate players lost money due to the poor management of FV and their lack of financial support to rank and file clubs within Victoria. Our BDSA tried to limit the damage but many individuals have been short changed.

I must thank our Treasurer Glenn Miller and Registration Officer Francine Mullaney for going far and beyond what would be expected of their normal roles during the year. They have helped keep the club solvent during 2020 despite our financial burdens and commitments to Russell Square refurbishments, the latter being \$20,000 to this building.

Positives from the year do include the completion of the developments in the soccer facilities here at Russell Square with lighting and refurbishments finally happening to improve the overall dynamics of the experience which this facility will offer into the future. Added to that are the purchases of new gear for club players via sponsorships thankfully received and specifically through Rebel Sport. The club is in good hands and while we have had a number of changes in personnel on the Committee during the season, there has remained a smooth functioning of the club in all areas.

The constitution limits executive roles to a six-year period and I believe that this year will complete my involvement as President of this fine club North United. Hence, you the players and supporters of the club are asked to consider how you could support the club and players into the future – specifically by volunteering in the many aspects required and especially give thought to Committee positions which are definitely rewarding and very necessary roles within the soccer club. We are operating on very limited volunteer support at the moment and if you or associates of the club are available – someone able to help on training day in the storeroom is urgently needed.

Tony Beggs President

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