



BALLARAT  
NORTH UNITED SC

## **BNUSC President's Report**

The effect of Covid-19 has been felt by the BNUSC soccer club in two main areas. Player numbers are down by around 33% and financially we are not in the same shape as we normally are, the latter due to the cancellation of social events and the associated decrease in subscriptions due to the downturn of player numbers. Despite this, the club can look forward to longevity and success due to the base of good finances and the history of enthusiastic player involvement.

In 2021 we fielded teams in Mini Roos, under 13,14,15 and 17 competitive Juniors and Senior Men, Reserves and Women competitions. All teams were coached well and all, but one, would have qualified to compete in the BDSA Finals competitions.

We have not utilised the new facilities to any extent but had planned to move all our social events to the new rooms. Noteworthy, was the planning involved in temporary carpeting for these events via one of our key sponsors Choices Flooring, who were to line the floor prior to our events. We are looking forward to this potential with future events, and the plans of our social committee.

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 in the end. 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 over the previous two years.

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 did prepare a support package to registrations in 2021, which was just another extra mile that they walked for the players.

Also, the continual confidence offered by David Mullaney has been a great help to me in the role of President over the last couple of years, and I also realised an increased attendance to the needs of the club via other members of the 2021 Committee. Before finishing with the club, I take this opportunity to thank other Committee members that I have been involved with over the last 6 years. Lucy Quartermain, Malcolm Lyons, Andrew Dinning and Mark Quartermain were all great volunteers for the club and left the club all the better for their involvement.

The constitution limits executive roles to a six-year period and hence this year will complete my involvement as President of this fine club North United. As I noted last year, there is a very limited volunteer support at the moment (partially due to covid pressures), but also symptomatic of the current age and time priorities - especially of parents. However, this club is right now crying out for more from all present and involved in the club to fill some of these necessary routines. Especially important is someone offering their time as a secretary, a role needed to make us a compliant club.

Tony Beggs President 17/03/2022