



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

01 Jan 2021 – 31 Dec 2021

A summary of key matters from the year

Membership

2021 was Toowong Football Club's Centenary Year. The Club celebrated by highlighting our members, past and present. The Club introduced Phoenix Honours, which is awarded to members once they have played (or coached) 100 games - 91 members were honoured in 2021. End of season events returned, and three new life members were proudly announced:

- Peter Muir,
- Brendon Boss, and
- Marcus Middendorp

The impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic, and the necessary public health response, continued to be felt through 2021. Despite this, our membership numbers rebounded following the challenges of 2020, with a massive 578 playing members (up from 524 the previous year). Our 2021 summer membership was the largest ever, with 549 playing members (up from 361 in 2020).

Across the entire playing season, this equates to 1024 unique members in 2021 (including volunteers and team officials), which is an outstanding achievement, and testament to the work done by our committee, team officials and governing body to deliver the season.

We continued moving towards our target of fielding girls teams from Under 8 through to Under 16, with nine teams from U8 to U15. Our female membership for the winter season was 209, 36% of the total (and even higher percentage for the Mini Roos and Juniors at 42%).

Financially the Club remains in a secure position and therefore able to consistently fund investment in the facilities and operation of the Club.

I wish to thank all players and supporters for their involvement with Toowong Football Club in 2021. I also wish to acknowledge the valuable contribution of all Club volunteers – coaches, managers, ground officials and of course the Club Committee – thank you to all of you.

Our Club Person of the Year for 2021 was Andrew Newman. Andrew has been an amazing contributor to the Club as a coach for a few years (taking the U10 White in 2021), and lent his time and energy to co-ordinating the miniroos girls this year. Andrew's enthusiasm, patience and dedication are admirable

The Club also introduced a new perpetual award for the Club Community Team of the Year (named the Muir Shield after life member Pete Muir) that celebrates a team's contribution to the Club in a volunteer capacity. Our Women's City 2 team were recognised for contributing around the Club with weekly tasks, and were instrumental with pre-season setup, Centenary celebrations, working bees & organising Summer 6s.

Facilities

In 2021 the Club completed and officially opened our multi-use changing facility at Dunmore Park. The project allowed the delivery of two new female-friendly and fully accessible changing facilities.

Minor projects were undertaken to replace our full-size goals and to improve and consolidate our storage facilities to ensure these vital pieces of equipment are well-maintained and protected from misuse.

Partnerships

Our sponsors help us to provide a fantastic community space for locals to enjoy football, and the ability to support our teams and coaches in the way we believe is necessary. We ask that our members support them in turn.

Sponsors in 2021 included:

- Veto
- Priceline
- Ziggy Bale Realty
- My Finance Network
- Performance Physio
- General Painting & Decorating
- Place Paddington
- Arrivederci Pizzeria
- Stony Creek Campers
- Morgans

Team performance

Season 2021 continued to present difficulties, with COVID-related delays due to March, June, July and August lockdowns, and a split with our governing bodies (Football Qld and Football Brisbane) affecting playing rounds. The season was extended several weeks, and competition administration was passed over to Football Qld mid-season.

Our Brisbane Premier League (BPL) Men's team faced a challenging season, with several top team players moving on in 2021, and a lot of our 2020 reserve team players stepping up. We finished in 7th place in a very competitive season, with our BPL Reserves team finishing second in their competition, and also placing as runners up in the grand final.

The Club farewelled Laurie Di Felice, BPL Head Coach, who finished up after this season to head back to his home club AC Carina to take up a coaching opportunity in 2022. Laurie has spent six seasons at the club and was instrumental in the promotion of our top men's team from Capital 3 all the way up to the Brisbane Premier League.

Our Capital Women continued to build on their positive 2020 season, with coaches Emilio Raffaele and Renato Raffaele continuing into their second season and retaining numerous key players. Our Capital team narrowly missed finals football (finishing the year in sixth place), and the Reserves team finished in fourth place and were also runners up in the grand final. The 2021 season was also notable for cementing a player pathway through the Club for our female players, with our U15 girls and City Women teams providing players for the squad in both a permanent and fill-in capacity.

Finances

See Audited Accounts and Treasurer Report

2021 Committee

President	Will Vandenberg
Secretary	Becky Ashelford
Treasurer	Tim Kotrlik
Projects Director	Pete Muir
Senior Women's Rep	Penny Channon
Senior Men's Rep	Joel Ingram
Partnerships	Helen Gibson
Masters Coordinator	Mark Stones
Miniroos Coordinator	Andrew Newman and Allan Lupig
Juniors Coordinator	Matt Gore
Media Coordinator	Courtney Green
Director of Coaching	Cail Turp
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