



PRESIDENTS REPORT 2022

01 Jan 2022 – 31 Dec 2022

Membership

After weathering the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic for the prior two seasons, we were hit with a different challenge to start the year with major flooding impacting Toowong FC and many of our members. With our facilities flooded in late February, we were forced to cancel our pre-season Information Day and delay the start of the season. Our membership saw a slight dip, with 547 playing members (down from 578 the previous year). However our 2022 summer membership continued to grow, with the largest ever cohort - 552 playing members (up from 549 in 2021).

Across the entire playing season, this equated to 988 unique members in 2022 (including volunteers and team officials), which is an outstanding achievement, and testament to the work done by our committee and team officials to deliver the season.

We continued working towards our target of fielding girls teams from Under 8 through to Under 16, with 12 teams across this age range in 2022. Our female membership for the winter season hit 219, or 40% of the total (and even higher percentage for the Miniroos and Juniors at 51%, the first time we've had a majority of female players in this age group!).

Financially the Club remains in a secure position and therefore able to consistently fund investment in the facilities and operation of the Club. This is an outstanding accomplishment given the potential financial impact of the flooding. We were pleased to be able to offer returning members a discount (\$25 per member) on 2022 registration. This was only possible because of the prudent management of expenses during 2020 & 2021.

I wish to thank all players and supporters for their involvement with Toowong Football Club in 2022. 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 2022 was Stephen Lindsay, whose flexibility and commitment to the Club this season is to be admired. Stephen was a major force in the post-flood cleanup at the Club, and after starting the season as our FQPL3 Men's U23 coach, further stepped up to provide stewardship of our premier men's team, competing in FQPL3, after competing work commitments unfortunately caused the incumbent to stand down from the role mid-season. We were sad to see Stephen leave at the end of the season to take up a great opportunity in FQPL2 at Grange Thistle, but wish him the very best for his future endeavours.

The Club named the Men's Over 35 Div 5 as Club Community Team of the Year. This team is one of the most consistently community-minded, with multiple committee members in the current playing cohort, and even more coaches originating from this

team. They're the heart of the club, and always looking out for our best interests and for tangible ways to contribute.

Special mention must be made of Becky Ashelford who was recognised as the FQ Female Football Week Volunteer of the Year for 2022. This recognition was well-earned and deserved given the massive contributions that she continues to make to the sustenance and development of our Club and the wider football community.

We were thrilled to welcome two genuine football VIPs to Dunmore Park in 2022. Thanks to all involved in helping prepare the club for an afternoon hosting Sam Kerr & Clare Polkinghorne. There were so many wide smiles and we are very grateful to have had this opportunity a year out from the World Cup.

Facilities

In 2022 we were forced by the flooding to focus exclusively on getting our field and facilities back online and ready for players to resume football activities. Within just over two weeks of flood waters subsiding, we were able to recommence training for all members, and had games back at Dunmore from 25 March. This would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of our committee, members who volunteered their time, neighbours and football family who showed up to pitch in. We will always be grateful to the hard working helpers from Julian Simmonds MP, UQFC and The Gap FC for contributing to our Working Bee on 5 March.

Works to repair the clubhouse and field, and to replace destroyed equipment were extensive. This included emergency electrical and plumbing work to replace switchboards, distribution boards, field lighting controls, toilets, LPG gas systems and hot water units. A significant amount of the internal fittings and equipment at the Club at the time of flooding was destroyed, including major items like our lawnmower, and all canteen kitchen equipment. Grants from Federal, State and Local Governments, as well as flood-related funding from private organisations, meant that we have been able to focus our energy on recovery without ongoing anxiety about how we would fund this work.

Looking ahead, an additional \$85,000 is to be received in 2023 through the Community and Recreational Assets Recovery and Resilience Program to assist with recovery of playing surface and ancillary facilities and equipment which is to be completed in 2023/2024 with works on our canteen to ensure resilience for future flooding events.

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 2022 included:

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Team performance

Despite the incredible challenges it presented, the Club was able to pull together and deliver a full season in 2022 – possibly one of our most successful both on and off the field, with two premierships, FIVE grand final victories and 11 out of 18 of our competitive teams making finals.

Premiership teams - FQPL3 Metro U23 Men's, O45 Div 2 Men's

Championship teams (grand final victories) - FQPL3 Metro U23 Men's, Women's Metro 4, Men's Metro 4, U14 Div 3, O45 Div 2 Men's

Finances

See Audited Accounts and Treasurer Report

2022 Committee

President	Will Vandenberg
Secretary	Becky Ashelford
Treasurer	Tim Kotrlik
Projects Director	Pete Muir
Senior Women's Rep	Makayla Major
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