



President's Report 2021

I'm delighted to bring you my report on the 2021 season and summarise the achievements, current status and some elements of the future.

In general, 2021 (as was 2020) has been a season where we have been grateful to administer a full season despite the challenges of another year of Covid. The disruption brought by Covid in 2021 has again required a number of you to show patience and resolve. I'm trusting that those who played and those who coached and spectated have enjoyed the time that we have been afforded.

In the senior ranks, the highlight of the season has to be the final of the Canale Cup. The cup run was a great success and the team fell just short of glory on the big day, losing 2-1 to ACE.

2021 was a bumper year in terms of the number of senior teams at Moggill, with a total of 7 senior teams and 4 masters teams. The Mens Capital squad had a solid year with a very respectable mid table finish; the Reserves team proudly finishing with the best defensive record in the league. With the relatively young squad and the development pathways offered by the City 3 setup it feels like there is a real potential for progression in the near term and the future.

The stand out story in the Junior ranks was the U13s achieving the league title and being crowned Premiers. Well done boys and girls!

The U12 Girls had a strong season. Unfortunately their status on the ladder was affected by administration failures that meant they missed out on playing in the top half 'Cup' competition. This unfairly affected their final ladder position. We know that you're future champions girls – we're looking forward to seeing you in the U13s! These girls are now the leading light in the gender balance effort as the girls who were U16 in 2020 (also U14 GF winners in 2018!) transitioned into the womens squad in 2021.

As always there is work to be done to improve the gender balance. I'm trusting that we can keep the U10s and U12s going into next year and beyond. It's important to me and the incoming committee that we try and build on this somehow and grow participation of girls at our club. Any support or ideas that may assist in this space would be welcome.

One highlight worth mentioning is Layla Fulton winning the Toby East award. Being part of the premiership winning U13 team, Layla is clearly held in high regard by her peers and coaches.

Competition success across the junior ranks is perhaps a little diminished compared to other seasons. This is due in part to the greater focus on player development rather than an emphasis on winning games. There are some great examples of players exhibiting clear and noticeable improvement in football skills over the course of one or two seasons because of this philosophy and the good work of you Coaches.

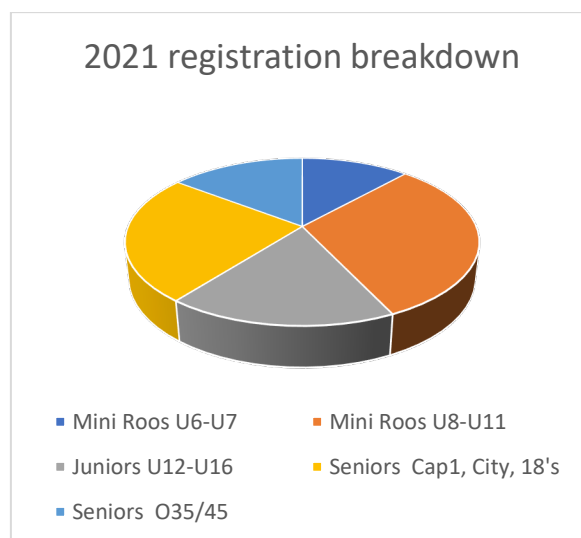
The level of participation in 2021 has seen a significant downturn in the junior ranks. This is concerning as we would like to maintain a consistent influx of younger players to support future 'divisional' and komodo juniors and longer term the senior teams. The trend may be due to Covid,

but there's a suggestion it could be due to a perception of the value offering in the community. One recommendation to the incoming committee in 2022 is to work hard on marketing and optimising take-up in the miniroos. Combining the U6 and U7s was a good idea in 2021 given the numbers, and it made for a well rounded draw (8 teams). But combining these ages should not be the default position and I'd like to see some efforts to restore singular age draws in 2022.

Season review

Our membership profile in 2021 (with reference to 2019)

		2019	2021
Mini Roos	U6-U7	88	57
Mini Roos	U8-U11	175	151
Juniors	U12-U16	111	86
Seniors	Cap1, City, 18's	112	120
Masters	O35/45	58	71
	Total	544	485



Financial health

At the start of the year, the outlook was not great as the forecast was one of a likely deficit and possible insolvency. Right at the moment, however, the financial position is better than was hoped. We are in the black, with some bills yet to be settled. Confidence is high that we will have a small surplus after all the debts for the year are settled.

This outcome has a lot to do with the response of some of you to the message of concern at the start of the season. There has been an unprecedented (in my time) effort in fund raising activity (eg: bingo, Friday night raffles). Thanks to all of you who responded to the call to arms in this regard.

Junior teams – Summary

Age	Boys / Mixed	Girls	Komodo	Total
U6 / U7	8			8
U8	7			7
U9	2		1	3
U10	2	1	1	4
U11	1		1	2
U12	2	1		3
U13	1			1
U14	1			1
U15				
U16	1			1

Competition outcomes

Juniors

The highlights of 2021 in terms of achievement are:

- U13 div 2 Premiers

Coaches Dave Ember and Guy Stewart continued their stewardship of this high achieving team, and the team claimed the league title with a few games to go. Well done!

We held a couple of Friday night “Magic rounds” for U6/7 on the Friday at start of the winter holiday (25/6/21) and the final round and presentation evening on 17 September. I think they were a great success and I’ll be recommending we repeat this in 2022, and consider extending to other age groups.

Junior Coaches

I don’t know all of you, but I’d like to thank **all** the coaches personally who donated their time and skill. Without you volunteering, literally hundreds of juniors would not be enjoying the game at Moggill FC. I will single out a number of coaches from the senior playing ranks who have chosen to get involved in junior coaching - Jordi Morgan (U10 Roar), Niall Walsh (U10 Pheonix), Jamie Wilkinson and Ethan Mortell (U8 Victory Gold). This is really important to us in providing a connection between the junior and senior sections. Thank you for your efforts.

Academy

Not to be outdone by Covid, it has been pleasing to see the MFC Academy training again kick off in 2021. 45 players across 4 age groups were invited to take part in specific training sessions with five sessions before Christmas followed by another four in February.

Led by C license coaches Lewie Bruce and Shane Brotherton, the Academy concept is one of development as opposed to elite football. Both coaches are thrilled with the efforts the selected players are putting in and the great attitudes demonstrated at the sessions

With the learnings from these sessions they will be able to contribute back into their teams with skills but also gain an understanding in how we want to be playing the game in their future development.

We hope to showcase some of this development at the upcoming Suzy Connor Fundraising Day and some potential carnivals in 2022.

Senior teams

A summary of the competition outcomes

- Capital 1 1st team 6th (11 team comp)
- Capital 1 Reserves 6th (11 team comp)
- Womens City League 1 7th (10 team comp)
- City League 3 8th (10 team comp)
- City League 5 10th (10 team comp)
- City League 6 6th (10 team comp)
- City League 8 5th (8 team comp)
- Womens City League Cup Round of 32
- City League Cup Round of 64
- Canale Cup Finalists

2021 was a bumper year in terms of the number of senior teams at Moggill, with a total of 7 senior teams and 4 masters teams.

The highlight of the season has to be the final of the Canale Cup. The team showed that they have the quality to challenge the best in Brisbane. Whilst they fell just short of glory, losing 2-1 to ACE, the team they were up against were the unbeaten winners of the Brisbane Premier League. The event itself was a joy to attend. Moggill FC supporters were there in their 100s – I estimate that we outnumbered the opposition fans by 10 to 1 – we certainly won the battle on the terraces. I was enormously proud to be a Moggill FC supporter that day and I know that many of you felt the same way. I know that the players really felt and appreciated that support.

The Capital squad had a solid year with a very respectable mid table finish for both teams. With a relatively young squad and a feeling that some of the losses and draws could easily be converted to wins it feels like there's a strong foundation for building success in 2022 and beyond.

The Women's team started off pretty strong but suffered a mid season slump which yielded a drop to bottom of the table mid season. The team pulled together, however, and toughed it out to finish a respectable 5th on the table.

The Mens City League teams had a mixed year if it is to be measured on the league positions. Both City 3 and 5 finished lower than they probably deserved – with many results being edged against their favour. I see, however, the spirit is good and I'm hopeful that the rosters will remain

unchanged in 2022. It's really important to us, and the Head coaches that City 3 squad be maintained as a development forum for potential Capital squad players. I look forward to seeing Frazer working with Graham and Shane in this regard.

City 6 continues to exhibit the Moggill spirit of loyalty and camaraderie that it always has. For those who don't know, this team was conceived in a year (2017) when there were no City teams and in that year they made the Grand Final. Thank you to Jarrod and Angela once again for this inception and for your excellent ongoing support of this team.

City 8 was an interesting project that had its origins in many things, including a 'lads and dads' ethos. The squad was challenged by the player movement rules and quite often found itself short. Despite this the team managed a respectable mid table finish. We're hoping that if the roster does not support a repeat in 2022, that the players who are left can merge into and bolster the other City team squads.

Over 35/45s

2021 was an unprecedented year for Masters football in terms of squad numbers. 4 teams were fielded in the QMF competitions in the O35 div 1/2, O35 div 4 and O45 division 1 and 2.

There were no significant achievements for any of the teams, but the strength of the spirit was evident post-match (on the deck) and post-season at the Sunny Coast Supa Oldies tournament.

Personal thanks are offered once again to O35 Club Captain Andy 'Marv' Byrne for holding the fort in 2021. Andy has now completed 3 terms in this role and the search for a replacement goes on. His efforts in this role, and in general assistance around the club brought Andy the Club Person of the year award in 2021. Congratulations Andy. Now find a successor!

Awards

A selection of the awards and recognitions given at our Senior and Junior ceremonies this year:

Club Person of the Year

A long standing tradition of recognising someone who has gone the extra mile in a volunteer role

Andy Byrne

Service Award

Recognising exemplary effort or achievement of one of our coaches

Graham McGonigal

Smithopolous Award

Awarded in the honour of former President George Smith for services to the club

Mick Rawle

Toby East Award

A memorial award in honour of Toby East - former MFC player. To recognise an U13 player who shows the attributes that Toby had such as good talent, fair play, great attitude and respected by their teammates and coaches

Layla Fulton

Scott Guyett Award

Aka the Breakthrough Talent Award

Scott Guyett is a former MFC junior who went on to have a professional career as a player and on the coaching team at Crystal Palace and is still working in football today.

This award recognises a player who shows a great level of talent lives their football and also has a great attitude.

Charlie Harrold

Goal of the Season 2021

Awarded by Football Brisbane. This is the best goal out of the entire Capital and City league FB catchment in SEQ. Quite an accolade to have!!

Matt White

Competition Administration

As some of you may be aware, Football Queensland (FQ) have taken the lead on refreshing the league structure. Part way through the 2021 season FQ assumed the responsibility for administering the competitions that were managed by Football Brisbane. The change was probably not noticeable to many of you, but at the administration level, the change was significant.

The general idea is to streamline the pyramid structure, and to remove the tier occupied by Football Brisbane. If you interested in reviewing the strategy that informed the development there's some good further reading at [FQs "Future of Football 2020+"](#)

The competition structure of football in 2022 is described in full at [2022 FQ league structures](#)

In summary our Capital 1 mens squad will be entered into FQPL 4 and the Womens team will play in Metro 1. City league is simply rebadged as Metro – eg: City League 3 becomes Metro 3.

Football Brisbane still exists and they have offered a competition alternative to the FQ structure. All clubs in the FB catchment were invited to consider joining. We decided to simply go with FQ - Moggill FC will not be participating in any of FBs competitions in 2022. We'll be keeping an eye on how this parallel structure pans out and whether there's any benefit to participating in the future.

Summer Football...

...is in full swing. Many thanks for Jared Bunch, Scott Maynard and Mark Ferrari and the other willing helpers for making this a success.

Coach education

In the last couple of years, partly due to Covid, we have not been active in providing training opportunities for our coaches. This is something that I'd recommend some focus on in 2022. It does need someone to organise and lead the engagement of coaches onto training courses.

In general the established vision is to engage in the [FFA's Community Courses pathway](#) to strive for the following status:

- **All** Mini-roo coaches educated in the Grassroots Certificate course.
- **All** Komodo coaches educated in the Skills Training Certificate course.
- Junior coaches to be educated in the Game Training Certificate course.
- Senior coaches to be educated in the Senior Coaching Certificate course.

Not only that, if any coaches want to progress further on the Advanced Pathway (C, B and A licence) we will support it.

MFC Constitution

In 2019 the football club constitution was reviewed and updated with some assistance from specialist advisors CPR Group.

The revised version was tabled at the 2019 AGM and accepted for adoption. Unfortunately the revised Constitution was not, and has not to date, been properly lodged with the Office of Fair Trading (OFT). So we are still technically operating under the c. 2011 version of the constitution.

Whilst this is somewhat embarrassing, it's not hurting us in any particular way, but I do want to move to get the revised constitution (and its worthy content) adopted. It was tempting to simply table the current draft at this year's AGM to refresh the membership's acceptance (the 2019 acceptance has now lapsed under the OFT rules). But I have taken advice that a) given the time that has elapsed, and b) that the Incorporated Associations Act has been recently updated, it would be wise to spend a little time conducting another review before we move (again) to adopt.

Bellbowrie Sports and Community Club (BSCC)

Those of you who patronise the sports club will have seen some steady progress over the last 12 months.

Since the appointment of new Venue Manager, Jay Stopford, in November 2020 the relationship between the football club and the sports club has gone through some steady progression. Jay has been key in offering mutually beneficial functions (eg: Junior 'Magic' rounds, Senior presentation) and fund raising opportunities (eg: Wednesday night bingo). This has got a lot to do with Jay's nature and the direction given to him by the BSCC Board but also the initiative and enthusiasm exhibited by those of you who have approached Jay and offered your ideas and support. I encourage this relationship building and patronage of the facilities to continue.

The BSRC AGM took place on 12 October. Mark Ersser and Tony Stegeman both stood down from their Board positions. On behalf of the Football Club I'd like to thank Mark and Tony for their many years of loyalty and service. Mark served for 10 years as President; and Tony well ... he's been at the club since ~~Neah~~ Shane was a boy. It's a delight to witness Zac (Tony's grandson) continuing the Stegeman legacy at MFC. Thank you Tony and the Stegeman family for your unwavering commitment to supporting the football and sporting communities in our great suburb. We wish you all the best. If any of you members have any memories or reflections of Tony and Lorraine's involvement you'd like to share via our website's [history](#) page please do get in touch.

We now have some new members on the incoming BSCC Board. Chris Watson has joined as a Board member, and Kelvin Hastie (Whitey) has taken the Chair. Please feel free to get to know and congratulate both and offer your support when you get the chance.

Maintaining and growing a relationship with the Sports Club is key to optimising development outcomes in the future. We're in exciting times, in terms of council, state and federal focus on providing community facilities. It's up to us, collectively, to encourage their effort and funding in our direction. I'm confident with the incoming BSCC Board and the incoming MFC Committee that this collaboration will be evident and that significant growth and development can be achieved.

Volunteers

As always I'd like to acknowledge that the club does not and cannot function without the assistance and participation of volunteers. Thank you to all the coaches, managers, ground officials, line markers etc. that helped out in 2021.

Moving forward I, and the incoming committee, are very keen to appoint suitable candidates to some of the key roles. We've already made some great progress with the Webmaster and the Sponsorship Manager. We'll be inviting people shortly to step forward via an online expression of interest. Keep an eye out on the [volunteer page](#) for further info.

Field booking system

As part of the agreed improvements to operations at the Sports Club, a booking system is being established to provide a method for managing field access at the multisport facility. One of the benefits of the system will be better coordination of maintenance activity. An online system is planned to make the process simple and easy. Most of you won't need to use the system, as the club Secretary will manage the far majority of bookings. But it's important to be aware a) that the system exists, and b) fields for Football Club activity need to be booked in advance of the planned use.

Please get in touch with the Secretary if you have any queries (or if you want to make a booking).

Field access fees

As reported previously, the fees levied for use of the fields is now being done on a per hour basis. Historically the sports club recovered costs via a per-member annual flat fee (\$40 in 2019) whereas now the fee is linked to which fields and how much they are used. This has been promoted following prior consultation and has been supported by the Football Club. It is to be reflected in the user agreement with rates for each field being clearly outlined. Affiliated clubs (of which MFC is one) are offered discounted rates. Non affiliated clubs currently pay for example \$50 per hour for field 1 – we pay \$40.

The reason for the change is so that the Sports Club recovers the appropriate revenue to support proper maintenance of the fields. Does this cost us more? Yes it does. The transition period that meant the usage fees have been capped up until this year is now complete, and in 2022 we will be liable to pay the fees as per the usage and the applied rates. In 2021 the fees were tethered to, or rather capped at, a per-member rate of \$55. In 2022 it's hard to say what the actual costs will be, but my estimation is that the fee will approximate to an extra \$10-\$20 per player. So, it's important for us to maintain a diligence in managing our finances and encouraging efficient use of the fields.

Sponsorship

We've had a little refresh of focus on our sponsorship framework against the back drop of our current financial health. Mark Whyte became involved in the conversation in this space when he engaged the club to provide a sign for his company. I'm delighted to report that Mark has turned personal frustration into positive action and has accepted the role of Sponsorship Manager.

He has made some significant gains already in securing agreements for the 2022 season. Our marquee sponsor 4069 Real Estate has been confirmed for 2022 and BIC Services has been brought on as a second Elite sponsor. The income from sponsorship has already exceeded \$10k – with more expected. To build on this success, I've challenged Mark to 'think outside the box' and look at opportunities to capture investment partners that go beyond the current framework. If there are any members out there that already work in this space, or if you have any ideas about engaging potential benefactors, please get in touch.

Website

Some of you will have noticed that the website has experienced a well overdue overhaul. I'm hoping that those who have tried it have liked what you have found. If you have any suggestions please send them to our webmaster!

I'd like to offer thanks to Marnie Kemp (current BSCC Secretary) for her excellent work in developing the new website. We now have a website whose content is self managed (as opposed to being managed via the host). In addition, we have a fabulous new Webmaster in Scott Maynard. Scott was key in identifying and switching to the new host, and has kindly accepted the role in managing the website.

The Future

As ever the future is exciting. Back in 2018 I drafted a 5 year Plan. The incoming committee is motivated to review the plan against the outcomes and generate a renewed strategic plan that builds on the current position.

One of the pillars of this strategy renewal is to simply make football available and attractive to all in our community. In other words, to bring back to Moggill those players who are choosing to leave the suburb to play their football.

A focus on Junior development will continue via the Academy concept to support the transition from miniroos to U13s and to encourage opportunities of higher levels (FQPL) of football.

Another pillar of the strategy is to seek an improvement in the gender balance. I'm sure the incoming committee would welcome any initiatives that are designed to grow the number of girls and ladies who enjoy football at Moggill. If you have any ideas, don't be shy.

Financial well-being is something that should remain in focus in 2022. There's been some excellent diligence in 2021 in looking after the accounts, debt recovery and fund raising. This needs to continue.

The incoming committee needs to continue the good work in developing and maintaining a productive relationship with the sports club. The relationship is a symbiotic one, but it needs effort on both sides to optimise the outcomes. Progression over the last 12 months is visible and encouraging. It's important to keep this going.

The incoming committee is already showing a sense of cohesion and shared vision that gives me cause to look forward to the outcomes next year. I encourage you all to contribute to the delivery of our objectives and to join us when we reflect on the achievement in 2022 and beyond.

Joe Percy

Moggill FC President

