



2021 AGM MINUTES APPENDIX A - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land that the Raptors play on, the Wurundjeri People. We pay respect to elders, past, present and emerging.

This year was another extraordinary year. After not playing any football in 2020, we were all looking forward to finally getting out and playing again. Unfortunately Covid would again raise its ugly head and throw many curve balls at us. A massive thank you to all Players, Parents, Families, Volunteers and Supporters for sticking by the club in what at times seemed like an impossible task.

The touch crew were able to organise and get a season together over the summer months. A big thank you to CJ Williams and Tim Baird for once again steering the ship and making sure we had another successful season. New formats saw the club offer two divisions this year. We look forward to seeing how touch football develops over the coming years.

Rugby League was a much tougher course to navigate this year. Several circuit breaker stoppages and eventually a lockdown that caused the season to stop. This meant we were only able to complete about 60% of the season. Due to the lack of games completed, and the extension of lockdown's, no finals were played and the season was abandoned. Rather unfortunate for our Senior men's team as they were in third place when they went into lockdown. Positive signs though for our future development.

It would be easy to dwell on what we didn't get or what didn't happen this year, but instead we should be celebrating what we were able to achieve. Some highlights for the year included:

- Official opening of our brand new change room facilities
- A full touch football season
- Masters Tournament
- Positive growth in membership for Seniors
- Storm in you club with Brandon Smith and Ryan Papenhuazen
- Renovation of the existing club room and kitchen
- New football posts (To be installed into Mod Pitch once lockdown lifts)
- New Merchandise distributed to members
- Maintain membership numbers in our Junior grades
- Increase in Female participation
- Bunnings BBQ fundraiser

These positives can only happen with the dedication and support of a strong network. Thankfully this year we had a great team working tirelessly behind the scenes. We even had volunteers in positions that we haven't had for a few years. A huge thank you again to everyone that volunteered and helped keep us on the paddock this year.

We look forward to next season and hope that as the climate changes we can once again get together as a club and play the game we all love, Rugby League.

Trent Ousley
President

