

MULLUMBIMBY GIANTS FOOTBALL CLUB

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2005

I would like to thank everybody for the opportunity and honour of being President for the past 12 months, a job made that much easier because of the great committee that is the **Mullumbimby Giants**.

So many times you hear of country football Clubs struggling to keep alive let alone have the strength in numbers that we have. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the continued success of our club. Every one of you deserve the recognition which I know you do not expect.

I need to say that my job was all the easier due to the foundations set in previous years especially by Glen. Much of what was achieved this year was a result of the work by Glen and his Committee of 2 years. The challenge now is to continue building on the foundation and see continued success as a club.

I am sure my successor will see the club continue in a positive direction and see us continue to be recognised within the Northern Rivers as being very professional and successful.

Additionally it is important to recognise the huge band of volunteers that willingly commit their time and energy in assisting the operation of the Giants. For fear of forgetting someone I don't intend to name each and every individual you know who you are and on behalf of the Committee I offer our greatest thanks. From ground work to canteen to jumper washing your volunteer hours are priceless.

A special thankyou to Mark & Lisa Russell for their ongoing support in the design and continual upgrading of the Giants web site. If you haven't already I can only suggest you have a look. I doubt very much if any country football club could boast such a comprehensive web site. Mark was also involved in the new direction jointly taken by the Giants and Leagues Club in radio advertising. Sponsorship of the Radio 97 talkback sessions hopefully will lead to more exposure for both clubs and perhaps increased sponsorship.

Mark is also continuing the development of a relationship with the Parramatta club and it is hoped that coaching and training staff may be able to spend a learning week with Parramatta early in the new year.

And to our large base of sponsors, your support is once again greatly appreciated. It is not an easy financial task to operate three grades in a football club and your contributions go a long way to ensuring we remain viable.

Unfortunately home crowds were substantially down this year which obviously impacted on gate takings and subsequently trade figures for the Leagues Club. This in turn impacted on the return to the Giants as per the arrangement between the 2 Clubs. Despite this it is pleasing to report that all players have been paid monies owed and the Giants are in a reasonably healthy state for the commencement of the 2006 season.

While commenting on the Leagues club the relationship with our committee continued to be strong throughout the season. I would like to extend to Terry Nelson and the Board a thankyou for their continued support. While we are two distinct clubs it is imperative that we both continue to work together in harmony to ensure the continuance of the Giants and Leagues Club.

To my fellow coaches, congratulations on season 2005. While the results did not reach the pinnacle of a premiership we should be proud of the results achieved. Particularly to Dave Latta who coached a side which some said would struggle after losing so many players from the premiership side of the previous season. How wrong they were.

David has been instrumental in bringing new initiatives to our club and I am able to report that he is not to be lost but will continue in a role as assistant to brother Paul in season 2006.

Lastly but not least I wish to recognise the great bunch of players that represented our club this season. Having first hand involvement with the 35 or so Reggies I know the club is in good stead for the coming seasons. Thankyou especially to those players that were always willing to volunteer for gate duties, working bees etc

See you in early 2006.

Earlier I referred to my successor. A new employment direction means that I cannot commit to the Presidency however I can assure whoever that I will continue to offer my support wherever I can and certainly continue my involvement with the Committee.

GO THE GIANTS

Steve Butler
President