

Belnorth

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date	Sunday 5th December 2021
Time	17:05 hours
Location	Video conference via Zoom

1. Welcome

Ben Muir was nominated as chair and welcomed the members to the 2021 AGM, thanking them for their attendance.

2. Meeting Opened

The Annual General Meeting was opened at 17:05 hours.

3. Attendance

Attendees: Jason Faul, Ruth Parker, Kayannie Denigan, Mohammad Rahimi, Samantha Venables, Martyn Ruddy, Linda Rad, Amir Rad, Ben Muir, Esperance Anderson, Matthew Willington, Kat Newman and Teresa Meisel-Dennis

Apologies: Frank Catanzariti.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes from 2020 AGM was tabled – proposed acceptance, accepted by Jason Faul, seconded by Kayannie Denigan.

5. Vice President's Report (Kayannie Denigan)

Covid-19

2021 has been another challenging year for the Belnorth Community and the Canberra region. Yet again our season was impacted by the challenges of Covid-19. Canberra going into lockdown in August, unfortunately, meant that for another year teams were unable to play a whole season. Capital Football, with feedback from clubs and participants, decided to end the season and award premierships to competitive teams on the basis of points per match ratio. While I know that the footballing community were disappointed to end the season early, I hope this means everyone will be excited to begin the 2022 season!

Participation

This year we had almost 1200 players pulling on the gold and blue of Belnorth. This was 555 U5-U9s, 409 U10-U18s and 234 Seniors. These players were supported by hundreds of parents, coaches and managers, referees and game leaders and volunteers. Thank you to the Belnorth Community for your ongoing commitment to the club.

This year 10 Belnorth teams were due to compete in the 2021 Kanga Cup. Belnorth has a long and proud history of competing in the Cup as the only club to participate in each

iteration of the competition. Unfortunately, the Kanga Cup was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions and other factors. The Cup will be back for 30th birthday celebrations in 2022 and I hope Belnorth will continue to have a large presence.

Congratulations to two Belnorth teams who participated in the Capital Football Women's Pre-season tournament. This is a yearly tournament and a great way for our women's teams to prepare for the upcoming season.

Premiers and Club Awards

Congratulations to the four Belnorth teams who were awarded Premierships in their Divisions:

U12 Div 2 Girls

U12 Div 3 Girls

U13 Div 3 Open

U16 Div 2 Girls

Two Belnorth players also won the Capital Football Golden Boot for the most goals scored in their division: **Tony Binetti**, Masters Men Div 3 and **David Field**, Community League Men Div 6. Congratulations!

My congratulations too to the winners of the junior and senior club awards. These awards are a great way to recognise the work of our players, coaches, referees and volunteers.

Junior Female Player

Sophie Shaddock

Junior Coach

Shawn Jones

Senior Women's Player

Helene Blackwell

Junior Male Player

Carter Fitzpatrick

Senior Coach

Tom Hobson

Senior Men's Player

Cristal King

Henk's Golden Whistle (Game Leader of the Year)

Alexis Cofinas

Henk's Golden Whistle (Referee of the Year)

Sarah Walker

Senior Club Person

Thomas Bielenberg

FFA Cup

A highlight of this season for me was the participation of Belnorth in the FFA Cup. The Cup is the preeminent football cup competition in Australia, open to all men's teams to vie for glory. This year Belnorth was represented by Belnorth 4 who played in State League Men's Division 1. The team beat an NPL2 outfit, the Canberra White Eagles, to progress to the Preliminary Round 4 where they ultimately lost out to the NPL team Belconnen United. It was such a pleasure to watch Belnorth playing in Australia's biggest cup competition. Thank you to the team for doing us proud and all the Belnorth Community for turning out to support them.

Technical Team

This year Belnorth engaged **Jimmy Kanaridis** into the role of Technical Director. Jimmy, with the assistance of **Jason Faul**, developed and ran the technical program for the 2021 season, focusing on developing coaches and supporting players. The Technical Team conducted the grading for U10-U18s, ran pre and post-season programs, group training sessions, goalkeeper training and organised the delivery of accredited coaching courses. My thanks to the Technical Team for their hard work over the 2021 season and I would like to wish Jimmy all the best for his new role in 2022.

Belnorth Committee

On a more personal note, I would like to thank all the members of the Belnorth Committee for their tireless efforts to keep the club running. Without them, the club would not be able to operate. Thank you to **Teresa Meisel-Dennis, Kat Newman, Frank Catanzariti, Esperance Anderson** and **Mohammad Rahimi** for taking on the challenging roles of Registrar and Treasurer and for working hard to deliver for the Belnorth Community. Thank you too to **Anthony 'Meggsie' Goddard, Trystan Moffit, Lisa Murphy** and **Kristian 'Pockets' Aggett** for their contributions to the committee over the course of the past year. And my special thanks to **Ben Muir**, the club Secretary, who has worked above and beyond the expectations of this role to meet the needs of the Belnorth Community.

Belnorth is one of the largest clubs in Canberra but frequently struggles to fill committee positions. Most positions are filled by senior players or those who have previously played for the club. Without new volunteers, the running of the club continues to fall to the same small group of committed volunteers. These committee members cannot be expected to continue to shoulder the burden of managing the club alone when so many benefit from their work.

On that note, I would ask everyone reading this to consider joining the committee. There are nine positions that need to be filled at the AGM due to casual vacancies or the end of the current holder's term. These roles would suit a variety of skills and time commitments. Please contact me if you would like to discuss any of these roles. If you are unable to take on a committee role, there may be a special project that you assist on, like auditing equipment, fundraising or writing grant applications.

Finally, I would like to wish all the Belnorth Community a safe and happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

6. Technical Director's Report (Jimmy Kanaridis)

It has been an absolute pleasure serving as Belnorth's club's Technical Director for 2021.

As the Technical Director, I wanted to create a sustainable program that supports coaches whilst developing the future of talented football players.

We commenced our program with player development, introducing a six-week pre-season skill acquisition program catering to 140 players across different age groups and introducing them to the GIG model (Game, Intervention, Game). During this program, players were taught the four core skills first touch, 1v1, running the ball, and striking the ball. This model taught players a core skill then asked them to play a game to see if they could showcase the skill they had just learnt.

Not long after grading was completed, we introduced Monday and Tuesday group team sessions. Coaches involved in this program were supplied with training session plans and supported by the technical team. This program aimed to give the coaches the support and development opportunities to develop the club's players.

Wednesday nights, Jason Faul, the clubs Assistant Technical Director introduced a goalkeeping program for all Belnorth keepers. Jason provided technical goalkeeping sessions for 15 aspiring goalkeepers. It was such a delight to see talented players specialising in this position.

The technical team ran several coaches courses in conjunction with Capital Football during the season, including grassroots, skill training, game training, and goalkeeping. Each coach who participated in these courses received a certificate of competence from Football Australia.

Due to COVID-19, I could not acknowledge four coaches who persistently provided their players with a learning environment where their team performed consistently at a high level. The Coach of the Month Awards for 2021 was Alison Currey (May), Nick Moyle (June), David Ballie (July) and Michael Stachow (August).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every coach who assisted in our program, with special mention to Jason Faul, who tirelessly sacrificed his time to develop not only the coaches but players as well. His new nickname is football 24.

I would also like to thank the executive for supporting the program and wish the club every success in the future.

7. Treasurer's Report (Mohammad Rahimi)

I was elected to the Belnorth Committee as Treasurer in December 2020 and took over from Martyn who was very kind to give me a comprehensive handover.

Just like last year, this year has been challenging for Belnorth due to the continuation of ongoing uncertainties caused by COVID-19. Despite all the challenges, however, the Belnorth Football Club remains in a strong financial position.

As Treasurer my goal was to maintain the current financial position, review all financial matters with the committee and reach the end of the financial year in a positive position.

A copy of the audited Financial Report for the year ended 31 October 2021 is attached to this report and will also be available on the Club's AGM webpage for the information of

members. In the Auditor's opinion, the financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Club as at 31 October 2021 and its financial performance for the year.

Significant financial considerations and outcomes are discussed below.

Operating Result

Though the financial statements show a profit of \$14,770, the true position is a small operating loss of \$2,824 as two major invoices were received post-closing the books for the financial year. (Trophies \$14,936 and Grounds hire \$2,658). This result is largely attributable to the reduction in net receipts from player registrations in 2021 in comparison to the pre-pandemic years. Another factor attributing to this is the purchase of storage containers and new jerseys that were not budgeted for. This year's position is very similar to the previous financial year ended 31 October 2020, where Belnorth reported an operating profit of \$1,292. However, this year's position is vastly different in comparison to the pre-pandemic as expected where the club recorded a profit of \$103,355 in 2019, \$49,618 in 2018 and \$48,446 in 2017.

Net Assets

As of 31 October 2021, Belnorth's net assets amounted to \$523,091, including term deposits totalling \$340,000. The corresponding net asset values in 2020 and 2019 were \$508,322 and \$507,029.

Player Registration Fees

The 2021 Winter Season was cut short due to COVID-19 restrictions and was of a shorter than usual duration. As this was towards the end of the season, it did not have a major impact on registration revenue as we had fewer refund requests than last year.

The 2021 edition of the Belnorth Football Club Summer Football Junior and Senior 6-a-side competitions, which only commenced on November 5, has again proved to be an excellent source of income for the Club. The corresponding 2020 competitions generated a positive cash flow, allowing us to forecast a similar result this year.

Ground Hire

Grounds hire fee to continue to be our biggest expenditure item with \$86,205. The club acknowledges the need to monitor this more closely for any possible savings. It is recommended the future Grounds Manager monitor all bookings weekly and amends where required to reduce costs.

Technical Director

The club appointed a TD for this year to develop, nurture players and coach development through sound program design and development. \$20,000 was allocated to this program and due to its success, a similar amount is expected to be allocated next year.

Other Expenses

To cater for the club's storage requirements, containers costing \$14,460 were purchased. This year was also the refresh cycle of the player jerseys, this cost \$30,000.

Looking ahead

While the budget for 2022 is still to be finalised, I have full confidence that the next Committee will be able to deliver a strong financial report in 12 months' time.

Acknowledgements

I wish to acknowledge the support of all Committee members over the past year.

I wish the Club and Committee members all the best for 2022.

8. Election of members to the Executive Committee

Ben Muir confirmed there were 4 pre-nominations for vacant executive positions prior to the meeting.

Position	Pre-Nominee
President	Kayannie Denigan
Treasurer	Linda Rad (withdrew at the meeting)
Treasurer	Mohammad Rahimi
Seniors Registrar	Ruth Parker

Committee discussed the vacant committee roles and nominations as listed below:

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
President	Kayannie Denigan	Ben Muir	Kat Newman
Vice President	Vacant		
Treasurer	Mohammad Rahimi	Ben Muir	Kayannie Denigan
Rooball Registrar	Kat Newman	Ben Muir	Jason Faul
Competitive Registrar	Vacant		
Grounds & Fixtures Officer	Vacant		
Operations Officer	Vacant		
Seniors Registrar	Ruth Parker	Kayannie Denigan	Ben Muir
Minis Registrar	Teresa Meisel-Dennis (caretaker)	Ben Muir	Kayannie Denigan

As per 18(b) of the Belnorth Constitution, all nominations were successful due to only one nomination per position.

Position	Elected Nominee
President (casual)	Kayannie Denigan
Vice President	Vacant
Treasurer (2-year term)	Mohammad Rahimi
Rooball Registrar (2-year term)	Kat Newman
Competitive Registrar	Vacant
Grounds & Fixtures Officer	Vacant
Operations Officer	Vacant
Seniors Registrar (casual)	Ruth Parker
Minis Registrar (casual/caretaker)	Teresa Meisel-Dennis

9. Other Business

Equipment servicing and management

Jason Faul brought up the issue of servicing and managing the club's equipment. A role that is ideally coordinated by a Grounds and Fixtures Manager along with an Operations Manager. Unfortunately, at this time, we don't have either. Regardless, identifying individuals who have a working knowledge, i.e. Tradespeople, who can perform tasks and direct mere mortal members in working bees. It was agreed it should be a priority.

10. Meeting Closed

The AGM was declared closed at 17:35 hours