

Belnorth FC President's Report 2022

Thank you to every Belnorth FC member, player, parent, volunteer, coach, manager, referee, game leader and supporter for making 2022 another successful year at the club.

Presentation Days and Club Awards

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at the two presentation day events held for the first time since COVID-19 on September 17th this year. It was great to celebrate the achievements of players, coaches, managers, volunteers, referees and game leaders at the presentations. Over the day, we handed out over 600 trophies, medals and plaques to members of our 115 teams!

The Junior presentation day was an opportunity to recognise the hard work of all our junior players, game leaders, referees, and volunteers. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day a success, especially the volunteers who helped set up, hand out pizza and sell raffle tickets.

It was also great to celebrate the achievements of our senior players, coaches and volunteers at the Senior Presentation night event. Special thanks to the organising committee for making it a great night!

My congratulations 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, and it was a pleasure to present some of these awards in person.

Junior Female Player

Isabella Howie

Junior Male Player

Angus Jaensch

Junior Coach of the Year

Chara Sbirakos

Miniroos Coach

Richard Pietrukowski

Competitive Coach

Thomas Rolke

Senior Women's Player

Melanie Lloyd

Senior Men's Player

Sean Moran

Senior Coach

Glenn Smith

Henk Thijssens Golden Whistle

Ben Dugard

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Jacqui Weinhardt

Volunteer of the Year

Lisa McLaren

Club Person of the Year
(Junior Player)

Aj Schiavello

Club Person of the Year
(Senior Player)

Georgina Williams

Club Person of the Year
(Volunteer)

Chris and Jen Watkins

Premiers and Champions

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

U12 Div 2 Girls Strikers

U14 Div 2 Girls Otters

This is a fantastic achievement and demonstrates your hard work and consistency across the season!

This year it was also exciting to have four senior teams make their grand final and have two teams bring home the trophy! Congratulations to the MLM Over 35 Div 2 and the MLM Over 45 for their wins! And a special mention to our MLM Over 55s and SLW Div 3 Teams, who came so close.

Kanga Cup

Belnorth has a long and proud history of competing in the Kanga Cup as the only club to participate in each iteration of the competition. It was fantastic to celebrate 30 years of the Cup in 2022, with nine U9 to U12 teams participating!

Well done to all players involved! I hope you had a fantastic time representing Belnorth at the competition.

- U9 Open Shield Lamborghiniis

- U9 Open Shield Mustangs
- U9 Open Shield Strikers
- U10 Open Plate Lightning
- U10 Female Plate Wildcats
- U11 Open Plate Barracudas
- U11 Open Plate Warriors
- U12 Open Cup Pumas
- U12 Open Cup Taipans

Congratulations to the U10 Male Lightning and U10 Female Wildcats who all made it to the grand final and the U9 Lamborghini's who came away with the U9 Male Shield!

Australia Cup

For the second year in a row, the State League Men Div 1 team represented Belnorth in the Australia Cup (previously known as the FFA Cup). The Cup is Australia's national knockout cup competition and is open to every club across the country to enter, hoping to win the cup!

The Belnorth team did us proud this year, again winning their Round 3 game against UC Stars and progressing. Unfortunately, they couldn't overcome the O'Connor Knights in Round 4 and were ultimately knocked out of the competition.

Nonetheless, it was such a pleasure to watch Belnorth again take the stage playing in Australia's biggest cup competition. Thank you to the team for making us proud and the Belnorth Community for supporting them. Bring on 2023!

Future of the Club

During my term as President, I am proud to have led a Belnorth Committee that is participation-focused, compassionate and financially prudent. The work of successive committees over many years has meant that Belnorth is in an excellent financial position but, unfortunately, lacks a clear vision and a long-term plan.

Because volunteers are so hard to come by, committee members put every second of their time to spare into the basics of running the club – making sure there are enough balls, jerseys and (junior) referees, the bills are paid, the fields marked etc. There is little time to think strategically about the opportunities and threats faced by the club.

The survey of members undertaken this year helps us identify how our members see Belnorth and what they want, but there is a gap between knowing this information and being able to action it.

I would encourage anyone reading this to consider how they can support the committee to ensure that not just the immediate, but the long term needs of the club are considered and actioned.

Belnorth Committee

I would like to put on record my sincere appreciation for the members of the Belnorth Committee, all of whom often do invisible work that keeps the wheels turning at the club. Thank you to **Kim Bennett, Ben Muir, Mohammad Rahimi, Ron Batt, Kat Newman, Jane McInally, Ruth Parker, Craig Tozer** and **Graeme Farrugia** for everything you do for the club.

On a more personal note, I have decided not to seek re-election on Committee for the coming term. I joined the Committee in 2018 as the Small Sided Game Registrar, and after four years in three roles, I can no longer commit the time needed to serve the club. Belnorth is a wonderful club and community with so much potential, limited only by the number of people who put up their hands to help.

Finally, I would like to wish all the Belnorth Community a safe and happy Christmas.

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President

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