



Between the Goals

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2009 WHAT A SEASON

2009 saw the Caboolture Lions compete in the AFLBJ competition with 153 players comprising 8 Junior and 3 Youth teams. All the teams had a great year with some great friendships made and footy skills improved. This year also saw the introduction of our Auskick Program for 5 to 7 year olds. This program is run in conjunction with AFLQ and this year was a great success with 22 kids participating. All our youth teams had a great season and it was great to see them all competing in the finals. Our Under 14 team made the Semi Finals, the Under 16s made it through to the Preliminary Final whilst the Under 12s made it all the way to the Grand Final. We were, unfortunately beaten on the day by Kedron by a mere 10 points. Congratulations and well done to all the players, coaches, managers and all the parent helpers from all at the club, Great Effort !!!

This year also saw a first for the Caboolture Lions Junior football club. A player from each of our respective youth teams was invited to attend the AFLBJ Umpire Best and Fairest Awards Night. The players were Under 12s Charlie Driffield, Under 14 Lachlan Johnson and Under 16 Rhys Nickalls. All three players placed runner up in their respective divisions. This was an excellent achievement as it was Lachlan's and Rhys's first year of AFL Club football. Congratulations boys !



VOLUNTEERS

How great was it to see so many more parents getting in and helping out in the canteen this year. This allowed the Committee members who quite often miss their own children's games, due to club commitments, to actually get out and watch their children play. It's not just the players who were the only ones to forge new friendships, so we hope that the parents of all our teams got to know each other much better throughout the season.



Thanks to everyone who helped out this year including on the field (umpires, coaches, managers, runners, water carriers, goal umpires), off the field (washing jerseys, supplying oranges), in the canteen (training nights, game days, meal night) and on those special occasions (presentations) making the club a fun place to play football. **THANK YOU.**

MAJOR CHANGES

During this year the Caboolture Lions were shown the proposed plan by the Council for the relocation of our club to new premises, proposed to be built next to the Caboolture Aquatic centre. At this stage the council is proposing to have us in by the beginning of the 2012 season. This will be subject to external funding. In the Council 2009/2010 budget \$400,000 has been allocated to finalise the master plan (club rooms, buildings, playing fields etc.) for the sports precinct



As this is such a long and complicated process, it means the delegates from our Committee will be attending all the Council's Planning and Steering Committee meetings so our club has a say in all the developments. Our next report to you will be at the beginning of our 2010 season (around April/May). We hope to have lots more to tell you about what's happening then.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM is to be held on Saturday 28th November at 1pm. This is the forum to review the past year, to be advised of the club's current position and help forge a plan for our future direction. If you want to know more about how the club is run or have any ideas that will make the club stronger this is the time to have your voice heard. If there is an issue that you want formally addressed please email this to the secretary for inclusion on the agenda.



All committee positions will be declared vacant and nomination forms for these positions can be found on the website and are also included with this newsletter.

If you are unsure whether you want to be on the committee because you are not sure if you have the time or knowledge, please don't let that stop you from coming to the AGM and finding out what actually goes on. Remember that the more general committee members we have, the better it is for our club and the committee. Hope to see as many of you as possible at the AGM.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD



Dennis Long has won an award at an AFLQ Awards night held recently. He was presented with the "Volunteer of the Year" Award for the Northern Region. We all know how much time and effort that Dennis has put into our club, not only this year, but also in past years. This year Dennis took on the role of Auskick Co-ordinator, as well as Under 18s coach. This was not where Dennis's job stopped. He was also

Trainer/Strapper for the Seniors and Reserves teams, as well as being quite heavily involved with the youth teams, always volunteering his time to help out where he was needed. At our recent Club presentations, Dennis was also awarded Club Person of the year for the Senior and Junior Clubs. This is the first time one person has won this award for both clubs. This highlights a great effort. On behalf of all the committee, players and parents, we congratulate Dennis on winning a well deserved award.



SPONSORSHIP

Over the off season and pre-season, the committee will again be looking for sponsorship for our club. If anyone knows of a business or a person who would like to support our great club, please contact the committee by phoning Michael Brannigan on 0414 549 611 or email secretary@caboolturelions.com. The committee will then contact them and outline the details of any sponsorship. All the help the committee can get on this issue would be greatly appreciated.



THANKS

We have come to the end of another footy season and it is only with the help of Sponsors, Parents, Grandparents, extended Families, Friends, Players, Committee members and Volunteers that 2009 has been a successful year. Thanks to you all!

Let's hope that 2010 will be a year of even more participation and involvement, making the Caboolture Lions Junior AFC a club to be reckoned with !!!!



GO LIONS !!!!

