

## **Presidents Speech at Senior Prizegiving.**

Special mention to Fred / Doreen / Helen Moverley for their services this year.

Executive Committee:

Kevin Prosser –

Mr Organiser quietly in the background Registrations / results / Photos / affinity with youth of Club and coaching The Smurfs.. Probably won't mind if I said something of an Ian Paton when it comes to history and AFF regulations, and has a witty sense of humour to boot.

Man of reason, great adjudicator and always has an opinion worth listening to.

Maurag Maunder

Our girl from Aberdeen, another one who has taken on tasks – most of which she would never have anticipated – this year roles have included women's Club Captain – Football Committee and Debt Collecting and I have to congratulate her on doing her roles really well and she is always great to work with as she clearly enjoys all to do with Football.

Annette Putze

New to Committee, quickly got involved, clear with her thoughts about the way things should be done and direct – worthy attributes – primarily responsible for instigating our many funding applications and has proven particularly successful in identifying suitable trusts – whilst most were successful maintained her bright disposition when some failed - success valued at in excess of \$100,000 –. The committee was very fortunate indeed that Annette came along this year as so much do we need new people and to have Annette with so many abilities and skills coupled with such enthusiasm has been a benefit to you all.

Always willing to help out – a mark of all those on this committee

Helen Lynch

Secretary of Club, involved in minutes – registrations – fines – transfers to and from – Web Site / Club Hub / 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary / Prize-giving - a REAL long list. She has been

wonderful to work with, brilliant sense of humor – mind you, you would need it to put up with the issues Helen has to deal with.

The tasks Helen has undertaken is just a snapshot of some of the complex issues she faces and she has coped brilliantly with everything thrown at her. Somehow she manages to rise above everything maintains that great smile.

Just remember we have in excess of 750 registered players at this Club so this will give you some idea of the huge task that Helen has undertaken.

Sara Hill

Treasurer

Pretty significant turnover in this Club, and as everyone should know there's not a lot of money in Football so it's not easy balancing the books and she has slapped us around a few times for making some wrong decisions and keeps everyone in line to ensure we spend money where it should be spent. She is not backwards about coming forward with what should have happened – all Committee members can testify to that.

Sara has a monumental task in maintaining a control over the operations of this Club thousands of transactions all of which need to be isolated and cornered off against fees / bar turnover / Tournaments / fines etc etc.

Our turnover would be about quarter of a million now, but before you go thinking we have loads of money – we don't – whatever profits are all is ploughed back into producing Footballers and Facilities – and Sara input as to our abilities to spend are invaluable.

Bruce McGrath

Absolute legend in this Club, I do not know how this Club would have survived let alone made the progress we have made over the last few years without Bruce. He has

committed so many hours to tasks to this Club its actually embarrassing. ( A little dink at finding more volunteers!!!)

His love for this Club is second to no-one and his passion for making us an ever better Club is undiminished even after all that he has done. His work with the Football Committee in raising the bar in all aspects should be motivation to us all – he will point to his team – correctly – but a lot of it is down to Bruce. He was the prime mover in getting people like Brain Derby to this Club, actions that will have an everlasting effect on our footballing development.

Club Semi retirement beckons for Bruce – a well deserved rest from all that he has been doing and you would wonder what he is going to do with his time – perhaps a bit more Golf – certainly more time with his family but you know he will always be involved somehow.

Peter Cooper

Here is a man with Pride A Plenty. Heart on his sleeve stuff.

Taken on all sorts of work this year – seldom did anything get organised that Peter did not say – I'm happy to help out – I'll be there. Member of Football Committee and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary organiser amongst an impressive list.

Two of the roles Peter took on – Club Captain and First Team Manager are about as big in importance and profile as positions in this Club get. Peter has already acknowledged that the ability to undertake these 2 roles was going to be difficult and at times nearly impossible – but he has risen above it all and performed wonderfully.

I am quite sure Dave and the guys in the First Team squad will agree with me when I say he handled the Managers task with maturity and passion and has proven to be a leader – rare qualities indeed.

You have all had the opportunity to hear him speak on Thursdays and Saturdays and you will have noticed the Pride with which he talks – the passion is obvious and the belief in this Club is rock solid, and it has been an absolute pleasure to watch Pete develop his public speaking and communication skills this year – I don't know who coined the phrase Pride in Papakura – might have been Phil Parker – but there would be few who would not agree Peter is this personified.

I am proud to announce this Years Presidents trophy to...Peter Cooper.