



THE UNSUNG HERO OF THE GOLDEN GROVE FOOTBALL CLUB - GARY SCOTT

The Kookaburras were founded in 1975 and initially catered for junior footy. Limited facilities at start up meant the Club hired Greenwith Community Hall for its canteen facilities and evening presentations. A fruitful two years led to senior football, commencing in 1997.

Golden Grove's football had growth and improvement year on year, with numerous finals appearances, a Premiership in 2001 and a Grand Final appearance in 2004.

In 2004, the Club was able to move to new facilities at Harpers Field, named after two local brothers who lost their lives in the First World War.

Dedicated committee members past and present have fought hard for funding, and worked hard in developing the site and facilities over many years. The present day sees the Club boast two full sized ovals, floodlights, a fully fitted gym, fencing and netting, a canteen and kitchen, electronic scoreboard, viewing platforms and a verandah. Junior footy and the Club's development program has remained strong from the outset. The Club fields an incredible 32 sides, with 600 plus children playing.

The Club nominated Junior Football Director, Gary Scott as its "Unsung Hero" this year.

Club President, Kate Grandey had this to say about Gary.

'Gary Scott is our current Junior Football Director taking on the role just after the COVID-19 restrictions hit. Gary has shown extraordinary commitment, most particularly when the restrictions started to lift and we were finally able to re-commence football training.

With assistance from his junior sub-committee & our Senior Football Director, Gary took on board the Return to Play requirements to manage the logistics of 39 teams.

Initially training in groups of 10, he spent hours setting up training schedules and then cones & bunting every day to segregate oval space and manage the changeover of groups to ensure everyone got a fair go. With restrictions changing almost weekly, he was able to adapt quickly to ensure a smooth transition to bigger training groups & then finally to playing.

If Gary didn't take on this role, we would have needed 2 or 3 others to do what he has done over these tough times. He exudes positivity, which rubs off on everyone he meets, and he has pretty much lived at the Club over our shortened season."

The Club is looking to the future with positivity and inclusiveness of the local community. This is only possible with the generosity of time and effort from volunteers like Gary Scott: Golden Grove Football Club's "Unsung Hero".

