

HAMPTON ROVERS AMATEUR FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED NOTICE OF 91st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

You are hereby advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Hampton Rovers Amateur Football Club Inc will be held via Zoom videoconference on **Monday 23 November 2020**. Attendance recording will open at 6:45pm, with the meeting commencing at **7:00 pm**.

Persons entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting are those members who are **financial members of HRAFC as at 30 September 2020**. That is, you have paid your 2020 membership subscription.

Due to the meeting being held virtually, members who wish to attend the AGM must **pre-register by 5pm, 19 November 2020**. [Click here to pre-register](#). The link to the videoconference will be provided following the close of registrations.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
3. Correspondence
4. President's Annual Report (Senior & Junior)
5. Treasurer's Report and Auditor's Report
6. Election of Office Bearers. That being the Chairperson plus Senior & Junior Committees.
7. Election of Office Bearers Nomination Forms are required to be completed and returned to the Secretary no later than 5pm on 16 November, either by mail to PO Box 134 Hampton 3188 or email to secretary@hamptonrovers.com.au
8. Members wishing to discuss any Business at the meeting must submit their request in writing/email to be received by the Secretary by 5pm on 9 November 2020.
9. Appointment of Auditor

A copy of the 2020 Annual Report will be uploaded onto the club website prior to the Annual General Meeting

Treasurer's Report - 2020

This year has seen unprecedented challenges for sporting clubs both financially and delivering their purpose in the community. We navigated the Covid-19 crisis not knowing from one week to the next whether our season was going to go ahead.

Our players registered to play, and we pushed on hoping the season would get off the ground. The Board had to make some early decisions, mostly imposed by Victoria's restrictions, not to operate our canteen, bar and home game lunches, all major income streams for the Club. Then the blows kept coming – first the VAFA cancelled the Seniors season, then the SMJFL and AFL cancelled Juniors and Auskick seasons four days out from the first round.

At this point we went into survival mode to ensure the Club would come out of 2020 financially intact. I was fortunate to have the Seniors Treasurer, Megan McCartney, working with me throughout this season. Although it wasn't a normal season for Treasurers, it had its challenges and it was great to have Megan's support making key financial decisions as well as having a laugh and venting our frustration of being in lockdown.

The Boards aim was to end the season in a breakeven position and we made decisions to deliver that including refunding 80% of all Junior registrations (approximately \$110k), retaining 20% to cover already incurred costs related to pre-season and mobilising the season proper. The Seniors made similar decisions and started running weekly on-line raffles to raise required funds.

We also had great support from our Seniors members donating their club memberships (approx. \$7k), our sponsors continuing to support us (approx. \$24k), continued support from the Roverians (\$2k) and donations from Junior parents (approx. \$2k). The juniors also ran a successful merchandise/uniform sale prior to the cancellation of the season thanks to Marcus Nolan, Jeanette Boyd-Turner and Sarah-Jane Clarkson.

After expenses of \$95,283, the club reported a small profit of \$2,393. This leaves the Club in a very sound financial position ready to start the 2021 season, including our term deposit thanks to the generous donation by Peter Streets estate back in 2015. Note that as the Clubs income was under \$250K we are not required to undertake an independent audit of the Financial Statements in 2020.

This will be my last year as Juniors Treasurer and will be handing over the reins at the AGM. I would like to thank the Junior and Senior Committees and the Board for their support in implementing initiatives at the Club that set us up for ongoing financial success to ensure we can continue to invest in delivering our purpose of fostering and furthering football and providing social connections in our community. I would also like to thank the many volunteers who donate their time as without them we would not have a Club.

Kate Robb

Board and Juniors Treasurer

Hampton Rovers Senior Presidents Report 2020

In a year of such negativity and disappointment I would like to highlight the positive aspects of season 2020.

We welcomed Nathan Bonney, a new appointment as strength and conditioning coach and saw the return of 2 experienced players in Josh McPherson and Nathan Smith and we remained undefeated!

Pre season training was exceptional with great buy in from our players, congratulations to our coaching group.

We were and will be in 2021, enthusiastic, confident, very fit and committed.

Off field was were an enormous amount of work had to be undertaken and I will be eternally grateful to our Junior committee headed by Rohan Bardwell, the amount of work Alisdair Smyth undertook as our COVID 19 Safety Officer was simply outstanding.

Our treasurers Kate Robb and Megan McCartney provided us with detailed reports on a regular basis to ensure we could navigate a way to somehow end up in the black...thank you ladies

The Senior committee and players contributed tirelessly, Cam Voss was inundated this year updating the website for grand final replays, podcast's, raffles, newsletters to keep everyone in Roverland connected.

Players instigated the podcasts and Thursday night raffles, which provided such important funds and gave us all the chance to be a winner. Ausfine Foods donated the Porterhouse ...again... and we are extremely grateful and for all those who purchased some tickets and were lucky enough to have their name called out. A big thank you and congratulations.

To our wonderful sponsors it is a huge thank you for your commitment to our club and I implore everyone to support them. Our major sponsor Buxton have been with us through thick and thin and if you have any property dealings at all, please rush into their Sandringham office, telling them you are from Roverland.

Our loyal members and supporters please take a bow. Your generous financial support during a season that wasn't and in trying times was exceptional.

We had no hesitation in re appointing our coaching group for 2021 with the one exception of Sam Care who did not want to go on again.

On another positive note we are back in discussions with the council in regards to renovations to the Wright/Scarlett pavilion at Boss James.

Bring on 2021 and I cannot wait to welcome you all back to the Boss

Gary Nash

Senior President

Hampton Rovers Juniors President's Report – Season 2020

I was privileged to be nominated and voted in as the Juniors President for 2020, taking over from the previous President, Jason Nicholl.

As a member of the Rovers Committee and Board for a few years, I didn't underestimate the work that needed to be done to continue building a strong, community-focused football club. By the end of January, our registrations were showing us that we were set for another great year of children keen to play with the Hampton Rovers. We were on target of another 500+ kids signing up to play.

Unfortunately, as news spread quickly of the global COVID-19 pandemic, we needed to reconsider our plans and put the health and safety of our players, our volunteers and our broader community front and centre. On 14 March 2020, we cancelled all training and pre-season activities, and started working actively on our contingency plans.

Despite the setback, the SMJFL and Rovers community focused on staying active, enthusiastic and optimistic. We weren't losing hope. But we needed to ensure that we did everything possible to reduce the risk to our players, as well as ensuring that we were abiding by the Government's restrictions.

Alisdair Smyth, Operations Manager, took on the role of COVID Safety Officer. By the middle of June he had completed Return to Training and Play protocol briefings with all Team Managers, coaches, volunteers and parents (around 500 people) to ensure we were ready to go when the green light was given to start our already delayed season.

However, it was not to be. Despite getting in a few training sessions and our players ready to have their first game, the Victorian Government's harder lockdown meant that our season was done.

We then focused on keeping our players engaged. Fit, healthy and to keep those essential footy skills up. There were training videos, competitions and tips to keep the #RoversPassion alive. Whenever I was out around Hampton, and I saw a Hampton Rovers hoodie, I knew that we remained a strong footy community.

Now, as we head towards 2020's close, there is hope that there is a 4-week alternative competition from the middle of November with the SMJFL. Interest levels have been high in such a mini competition; a testament to the energy and enthusiasm of all of our players.

There is no doubt that COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the local community. However, what it has highlighted to me is the importance of community sport to enable connection and health. They say you don't fully appreciate what you have until you lose it. That was certainly the case with junior football and sport in general this year.

As we look to 2021, the Hampton Rovers Juniors Committee has commenced planning for what will be a much needed 2021 season. We are optimistic that we are over the worst and the 2021 season will be stronger than ever.

I would like to extend my genuine thanks all of our sponsors who have continued to support the Club, even though they too were going through rough times. Please remember to support your local businesses and our sponsors.

My thanks also go to our committee members for their support and tireless efforts to try get a season up and running, and keep our playing community connected.

A special thanks to Gavin Sharp, Secretary, who retires from the Junior Committee this year as his sons' head into our seniors football program. Gavin has made a massive contribution to our club over many years and his expertise will be sadly missed.

Thanks also to Kate Robb, Treasurer, Alisdair Smyth, Operations Manager (and one of four finalists as 2020 SMJFL administrator), Paul Carrigan, Head of Football and Lara Tascone, Social Coordinator. And a final thanks to our parents and players – this won't be a year that we forget!

Stay safe, Go Rovers

Rohan Bardwell
Junior President