



EFLUA

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

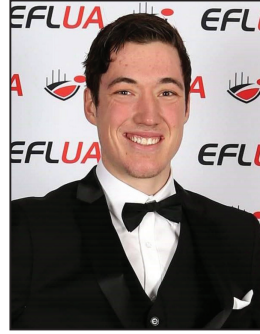
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



PRESIDENT
Dean O'Neill



VICE PRESIDENT
Maurice de Vincentis



SECRETARY
Dylan Fulton



TREASURER
Mark Corrie



SOCIAL SECRETARY
Nathan Macdonald

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Brad Pulley

David Parker

Greg Alford

Damien Sully

Monique Shaw

William Caldwell

Jason Gillow

Jamie Beattie

Jason Hermann

Flynn Addicott

Leeroy Breeden

PRESIDENTS REPORT



Hi Everyone,

Wow what a year 2020 turned out to be!!!!

Cast our minds back to our first official pre season training session at our new venue on Lewis Road. New faces, old faces, all keen to get underway. We welcomed our new Head of Umpiring - Peter Carey into the fold and were excited to hear his plans for the group. We learnt that it was 'Cheese' and come and have a 'Selfie with Cheese' to help him get to know everyone.

We were again under the guidance of our fitness Guru - Mal Cree and were looking forward to a solid pre season. Well maybe not!!!!

The numbers were good especially the new umpiring group. Coach Clarkey was excited with the prospects of his up and coming group with the assistance from Graeme Meredith and Nathan Macdonald. All signs pointed towards a great year.

Then BANG!!! This thing called COVID hit us like a freight train. Practice matches were cancelled in week one and things started to look a lot different. Meetings after meetings were held across the league. With governing bodies, league bodies and participating clubs. The door was still ajar for a period of time, however we all came to realise pretty

quickly that this virus was bigger than anyone imagined. So with all that Season 2020 was cancelled.

Never have we experienced such a pandemic and hopefully we will never again in our lifetimes.

Whilst the season didn't get off the ground the committee was still working behind the scenes. The new normal, Zoom meetings, were held regularly so we could keep on top of everything. Our sponsorship co-ordinator Jason Gillow did a terrific job in obtaining new sponsors in a tough period. Toyota Good for Footy Raffle also raised \$750 that went straight into our coffers. This leaves us in a healthy position heading into next year.

Many of you will know that we will be getting our rooms at Springfield Hall upgraded. As you are reading this hopefully that won't be too far away. I have seen all the plans and can't wait to see this completed. It will be a fantastic edition.

I would like to thank all outgoing committee members in particular, Dylan Fulton and David Woolley. Both have given 5 years of their time to serving on the committee in various roles. The hard work and dedication will be sorely missed. We now welcome in the new committee for 2021 and look forward to getting the season underway. In a COVID normal way.

Looking forward to seeing you all again for season 2021.

Dean O'Neill
EFLUA President

SOCIAL SECRETARYS REPORT



It is with great pleasure that I present the social secretary report for 2020 to all EFLUA valued members, with the wish that circumstances were not as they were. 2020 for most if not all would be a year to forget – the summer bush fires, then the deadly worldwide Corona virus pandemic, the abandonment of the EFL season and stage 3 and 4 restrictions which included curfews and social distancing rules, forcing changes to the way we communicate and ultimately the way we continue to live.

I would like to firstly thank the efforts of outgoing social secretary Timothy Phillips for his amazing achievements in the role over the past few years. His contribution has no doubt forced positive change in the way social events are held and from a member perspective, the increase of member engagement is credit to his efforts of creating an inviting social calendar. I take this opportunity to also thank all outgoing committee members from 2019 for their hard work and efforts. 2020 fast approached and having put my hand up to take on the role of Social Secretary, my first objective was to make sure I had a committed team to help plan and create a new and exciting social calendar. The 2020 social committee was formed in late 2019 with Jason Gillow, Craig Babatsikos and Damien Sully.

Excitement was building as February 2020 arrived which marked the first session of preseason at our new venue, Lewis Park. For the social committee the ground work had

already been done, with a proactive approach, the social calendar was presented to the committee and signed off early, which was a great relief I tell you! It was not long into the preseason that our first social event, The Yarra Valley Races was on our doorstep. Having this event in February, we were very pleased to see 20 members and their partners attend in glorious sunny weather. It was a great success with much thanks to the Yarra Valley Racing Club for their hospitality in amongst the great scenery of the Yarra Valley Ranges and beautiful wineries. The package deal that we obtained was very inviting for members which included private bus transport to and from the racetrack, ticket admission, racebook, complimentary beverage and a 2 course meal for a pineapple \$50, unreal value. Thank you to all members who attended and supported the event. Special thanks to Damien Sully for organising the bus transport, Jason Gillow for his sneaky ticketing reshuffle causing more drinks to flow for members throughout the day and the icon Greg Alford, who provided some serious tips on course with an almighty salute in the last, Go Rolling Moss! I would hope that in the future this event could become a permanent fixture on our social calendar.

It was not long thereafter that the Corona virus took over which halted any further social events. Regrettably, we advised all members that all future EFLUA social events were immediately cancelled for season 2020.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the 2020 committee for their efforts in a very challenging year. Having been involved in the committee meetings, members can be reassured that you have a focused and committed team who lead the way for positive change and you can have confidence in their decisions. I thank all members, both on the executive and general committees for their great mentoring and assistance with special thanks to our President Dean O'Neill for his leadership and friendship. To Damien Sully, Jason Gillow and Craig Babatsikos, the support I received from you guys was very much appreciated and I thank you for the positive

energy you showed, the banter we shared and although we will never know how much joy and fulfillment our social calendar would have brought our members, we left no stone unturned. The Social Committee is a fantastic reflection on the quality of people we have in our association, helping our club strive to build its membership base and to make sure whether a member has just joined or is a long standing member, that their experience is a positive one. We also play a pivotal role with the retention of our umpires by promoting inclusiveness and equal opportunity, our social events will continue to uphold these values.

Unfortunately, I have decided to step down from the committee to focus on my umpire coaching role and to balance my personal commitments. I am disappointed that we were unable to finish the work we set out to achieve in 2020. Finally, on behalf of the social committee, I would like to thank our valued members for their involvement and commitment to our association during this difficult season. Let the mantra of one team one club live on as we put behind this year and focus on the positives with a spring in our step as we approach the return of EFNL footy in 2021. All the best to you all, be kind to each other and stay safe.

Nathan Macdonald
EFLUA President

