

On behalf of the NCFA I would like to thank Dr. Hirst for firstly attending and chairing this evening's AGM including the College's enthusiasm, professionalism and support of our boys who choose to play football at Newington College and the parents who support them.

In turn I would like to thank all the Newington College support staff who administer, coach, train and medical or other in their efforts to support football. In particular, the tireless organisational efforts of Adam Hellyer, Brian Dene and Graham Potter are greatly appreciated.

The NCFA has had another successful year in supporting school football and the Newington Community.

Firstly, I would like to thank one of the extremely active members of the NCFA of the past six years who will be taking a two year break until the next child arrives. Chris Tsioulos, on behalf of the members of the NCFA I would like to take this opportunity to again thank you for all your time, effort and enthusiasm and hard work and feel privileged to have worked alongside you this year in striving for the best for all the young men of Newington Football. We know you will be only a phone call away if advice is needed and will be missed.

Secondly, to Anne Tanner who has been a dedicated volunteer to Newington Football and P& F causes over the years. A big thank-you for everything you have done. I have heard of your heavy workload between the P&F, NCFA and work and very few could have achieved what you have done. We are fortunate to have your presence including your valued advice for one more year before you depart your active presence at Newington College.

Thirdly, Margaret Bellos. I call her "supermum". Margaret has worked above and beyond the call of duty this year ensuring the NCFA remained organised and all duties completed particularly the ordering of and operation of the BBQ and the Entertainment Book. Thank-you Margaret for all your efforts.

In addition I would like to thank Mr Steve Stojcevski, Mr Wayne Cox, Mr Zeljko Bedic, Mrs Maria Ganis Mr Paul Macarounis and quite a number of additional parents who popped onto the BBQ and our other special events at short notice for all their support and assistance this year,

To all the people who have given their time to help, support and actively generate support for all matters football at Newington. I thank-you.

In terms of what the NCFA set out to achieve this year:

- we attended a number of other support group functions in order to foster a spirit of co-operation,
- we bought completely new BBQ equipment which was operated this year by the NCFA Executive,
- we spent a record amount on skills coaching and development of all the boys in all grades at the secondary school,

- we paid for a record number of trophies due to the record number of undefeated teams,
- we contributed a financial reimbursement to the parents of boys who were selected to represent the CIS and Australian Schoolboys.
- We paid for the referee mentor, a first for Newington.
- It was also the first time we advertised NCFAs sponsors in the winter football programme.
- A successful fundraiser of the Entertainment Book and the mail out of football letters to Year 7 parents to join and assist the NCFAs.
- A very successful Annual Dinner with a record number of 185 attendees.
- With all the additional unexpected expenditure we managed to bring the closing balance close to last year's figures.

To achieve this success I take you back to our website and quote the following:

**The Newington College Football Association (NCFAs) works to promote the welfare of the great game of football at Newington, the personal development and enjoyment of all the boys and the fellowship of all its members. The NCFAs supports the school in any way possible, to ensure that the boys are provided with the highest calibre coaching and equipment.**

**The NCFAs makes generous donations each year to support football at Newington. This is only possible due to the hard work of many and the generosity of all who attend NCFAs events.**

**So please get involved in any small way you can and show your support. All are welcome to join.**

### **How:**

1. by assisting, donating and participating in our fund raising events such as the Big Day Out, Back to Newington Day and NCFAs Annual Dinner. As well as the Saturday morning BBQ, sponsoring in the Newington College Winter Football Programme and purchasing an Entertainment Book.

This allows us to provide the boys such items as balls, water bottles, jerseys, training equipment, hi tech software, specialised coaching, referee mentor, awards, trophies and subsidising players who make representative squads and anything else which will help our boys enjoy their time at Newington whilst playing football.

Thank-you all for 2009 and may we all be healthy to assist Newington College and the boys enjoy football in 2010, a FIFA World Cup year.