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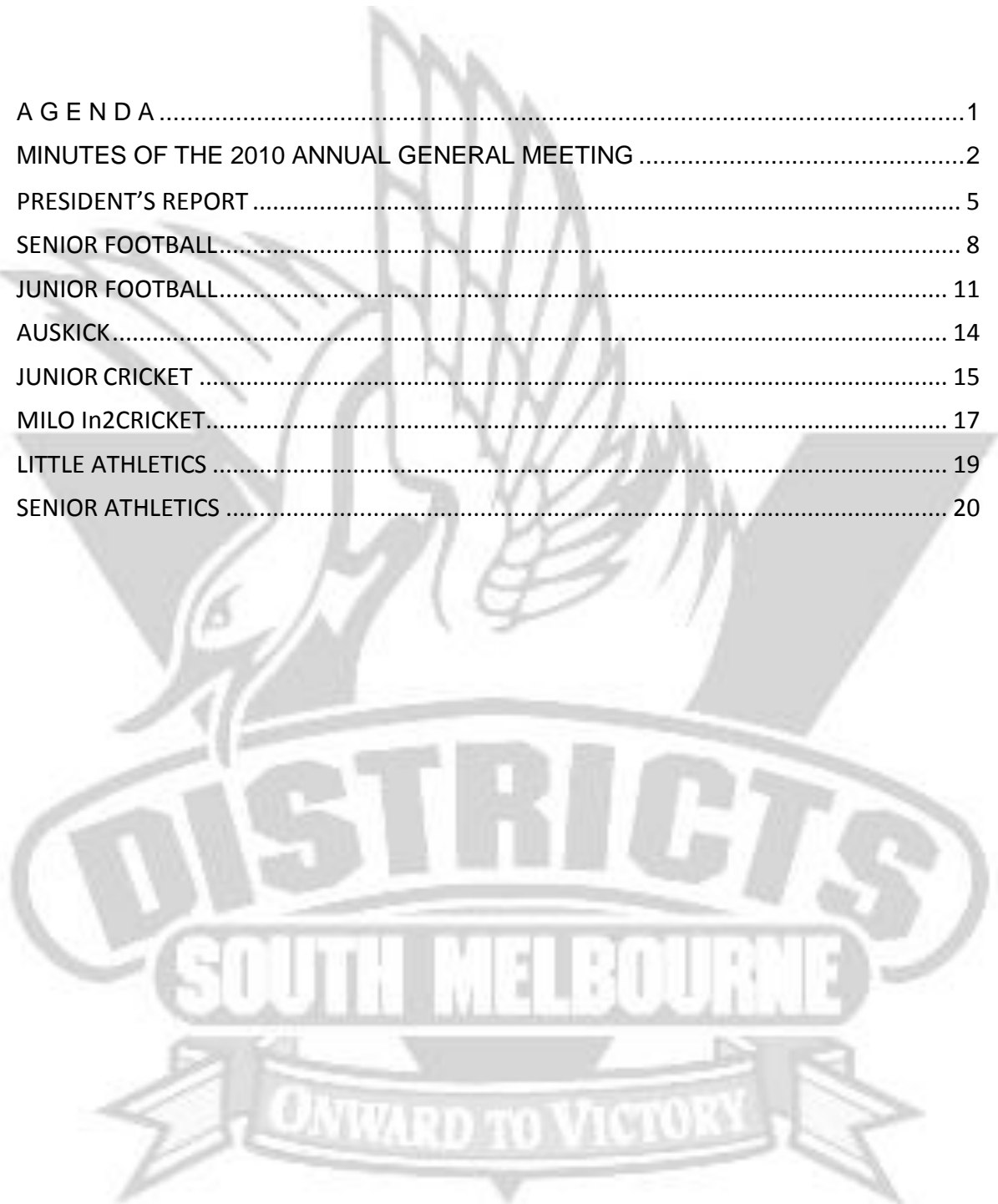
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South Melbourne District Sports Club Inc.
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South Melbourne District Sports Club Inc.
Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of South Melbourne District Sports Club Inc. is to be held at the Club Rooms, Clarke Shields Pavilion on Monday, 21st November, 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of last year's AGM
4. Reports

- President	Noel Jones
- Treasurer	Maureen McGee
- Auskick	Bruce Plant
- Junior Football	John Holdsworth
- Senior Football	Tony Pilimon
- Milo In2Cricket	Alister McDonald
- Junior Cricket	Paul Garry
- Little Athletics	Tim Allen
- Senior Athletics	Stuart Nicol
5. Committee

Nominations for four committee vacancies will be presented. If more than four nominations have been received, a ballot will be held at the AGM.
6. Sub-Committee Nominees

Representatives nominated by the Sub-Committees for each sporting activity will be presented.
7. Amendment to Constitution - Life Memberships

Clause 7 (e) reads...

The Committee may appoint up to two Members in any year as Life Members. Eligibility for Life Membership shall be:

 - *any Playing Member who has played 150 senior games;*
 - *any Member who has given 10 years service to the Club;*
 - *any other Member who has given exceptional service to the Club.*

ADD:

Nominations for Life Membership must be submitted in writing by a Nominator and Secunder to the Committee 14 days prior to the last Committee meeting that is held prior to the Annual General Meeting.
8. General Business
9. Closure

MINUTES OF THE 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH MELBOURNE DISTRICT SPORTS CLUB INC

HELD AT THE CLUB ROOMS

ON MONDAY 15TH NOVEMBER, 2010 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT

Noel Jones, President
Maureen McGee, Treasurer
Terry McGee, Tony Pilimon, Ben Morgan, Reg Jones – Senior Football
David Morgan, David Gustin – Junior Football
Scott Carter, Bruce Plant – Auskick
Paul Garry – Cricket
Alister McDonald – Milo Cricket & Senior Football
Colin Crawford – Senior Football & Senior Athletics
Stuart Nicol - Senior Athletics
Robyn May – Little Athletics
Hugo Armstrong – Fundraising

APOLOGIES

Darren Olney-Fraser – Vice President,
Kerry Boulton – Secretary
John Holdsworth – Junior Football
Ash Humphrey – Sports Liaison
Chris Kavenagh - Grants
Steve Monaghan - Little Aths
David Walker - Milo Cricket

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 2009 AGM

Moved: Hugo Armstrong Seconded: Stuart Nicol.

REPORTS

President's Report

Noel Jones presented the President's Report
Moved that the Report be accepted Terry McGee Seconded: Tony Pilimon

Senior Football Report

Due to prior commitments of Ross Mitchell, Tony Pilimon presented the Senior Football Report.

Moved that the Report be accepted Ben Morgan Seconded: Colin Crawford

Junior Football Report

David Gustin presented the Junior Football Report.
Moved that the Report be accepted Tony Pilimon Seconded Robyn May

Auskick

Bruce Plant presented the Auskick Report.
Moved that the Report be accepted Stuart Nicol Seconded: Robyn May

Cricket

Paul Garry presented the Cricket Report.
Moved that the Report be accepted Alister McDonald Seconded: David Gustin

Milo Cricket

Alister McDonald presented the Milo Cricket Report
Moved that the Report be accepted Paul Garry

Seconded: Terry McGee

Little Athletics

Robyn May presented the Little Athletics Report.
Moved that the Report be accepted Stuart Nicol

Seconded: Scott Carter

Senior Athletics

Stuart Nicol presented the Senior Athletics Report.
Moved that the Report be accepted Colin Crawford

Seconded: Robyn May

Financial Report

Terry McGee presented the Financial Report.
Moved that the Report be accepted Hugo Armstrong

Seconded: Stuart Nicol

Copies of all reports were distributed to members and are attached to these minutes.

Special thanks to Con Kokoras, Doco Tax who acted as Honorary Auditor.

Noel commented on how important it was to hear what was happening with all sports – not only the achievements on the field but how parents were participating.

Copies of the Annual Reports would be sent to all interested parties such as Parks Victoria, City of Port Phillip, Sponsors, the AFL, etc.

COMMITTEE

Four nominations had been received for Committee positions; namely, Noel Jones, Darren Olney-Fraser, Kerry Boulton and Maureen McGee. As no other nominations were received, the above members were duly elected.

Sports' Representatives:

Auskick	Bruce Plant
Junior Football	John Holdsworth
Senior Football	Tony Pilimon
Milo Cricket	Alister McDonald
Cricket	Paul Garry
Little Athletics	Steve Monaghan
Senior Athletics	Stuart Nicol

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

No nominations for Life Membership had been received.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Junior Soccer

- A great response had been received to an Expression of Interest relating to junior soccer.
- Discussions had been held with the South Melbourne Women's Soccer Club
- They have junior girls teams
- We will have teams for 5 years old to under 11 years' girls

- After U11 they will transfer to Women's Soccer
- We cannot acquire a full sized soccer facility at the moment
- There will also be junior boys' teams moving to a senior body

Sports Liaison Co-ordinator

- Ash Humphrey, a former junior and senior footballer had accepted the position.
- He has a degree in Sports Management and is studying law
- He requires information from all the different sports
- He needs to know what each sport is doing, what programs they are running, brochures, etc.
- He will visit schools and other sporting bodies promoting SMDSC.

Grants

- Chris Kavenagh has accepted the role of Grants Co-ordinator
- All sports to list what they need and send it to him
- He will apply for a Grant to cover the cost of the History Book

Pavilion Development

- There is a hold up because of objections from residents
- Parks Vic made some modifications and said they would not do any more
- Residents may go to VCAT but Parks feel they won't be successful
- Parks Vic, Albert Park did not fully understand the process of going out to tender
- Their Quantity Surveyor costed the project at about \$1.3m. compared with out costing of \$900K.
- We have had to scale back the project to such a stage that the Quantity Surveyor appointed by the Government will agree that it can be completed for the money we have.
- The new Quantity Surveyor's report looks like it will come in on budget
- We should then be able to go to tender quickly
- Parks Vic agreed to contribute an extra \$150K which brings their contribution to \$400K
- We are now funded to \$1,050K
- Hopefully works will commence in March 2011 and unfortunately will run through the football season
- Building time will be six months
- A donation of \$20K had been received from Leighton Contractors. This was organised by Joan Bulpit (ex senior football parent).

Fundraising

- Hugo spoke about the Fundraising program
- Approx. \$96K had been raised through the first stage aimed at Patrons
- The next stage will be a direct appeal to all members to "buy a brick" or put their name on a Supporting Wall.
- There will be a mail out to all Club Members and also to the broader community by a mail drop between Fitzroy Street and Williamstown Road.
- People running the different sports need to tell their members to support this project

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the 2011 Annual General Meeting of the Club. It has been a successful yet frustrating year in some ways due to the lack of progress on the redevelopment of the pavilion. On field there have been some wonderful achievements and off field the Club administration has continued to improve with great support from Club volunteers.

The demographics of the area have changed over the past decade and with it there are so many more families. Sport is a major factor in providing a healthy lifestyle and our Club can be proud of the way it has gone about giving opportunity to children, youth and seniors. The numbers in the various sports continue to grow and with the commencement recently of a small soccer squad, we now have eight sports. The reports from the sports will include details of success during the year and, with our strong administration, provides the reason why we are the premier junior sports Club in the City of Port Phillip.

Six Committee meetings were held during the year with all the sports represented. As shown in the Treasurer's report which will follow, the Club is in a strong financial position with each sport contributing to the running of the Club.

The redevelopment of the old South Melbourne football ground into a state of the art athletic track and soccer ground has given Senior Athletics and Little Aths the opportunity to relocate there. This is great boost for the Club and thanks go to all who helped lobby the Government and Parks Vic, especially Robyn May and Tim Allen. Several of our athletes are competing on the state, national and world stage gaining greater recognition for our Club.

Our sports continue to support the disadvantaged members of the community and our participation incentive ensures that no one is turned away.

CLUB CENTENARY

2012 will see the Club 100 years old and Rob Grogan is now writing a history of the Club which will be available in time for the celebrations

SPONSORS

Hocking Stuart has decided to end their sponsorship of the Club after more than ten years involvement and we are seeking a new major sponsor.

Albert Park Indoor Sport (Mike Tinsley) has continued significant support for senior football.

Contributing sponsorships form a very important part of the various sports income and recognition is given to those who donate to the individual sports.

GRANTS

Christopher Kavenagh has done a magnificent job as Grants Coordinator and has been searching far and wide for opportunities. There are currently grant applications pending to the value of \$46,429. In 2011 we received \$10,000 from the City of Port Phillip Community Grants scheme.

DATABASE

Yvonne Hartley has now taken over running the data base which has grown to about 2000, for which we thank her. She spends a great deal of time updating as each sport starts its new year.

NEWSLETTERS

Once again Janette Sofronidis has most capably edited and distributed the Committee of Management newsletters on a regular basis.

SPORTS LIAISON COORDINATOR

Ash Humphrey has developed the role and has promoted the Club through local schools and youth organisations and we will continue to offer support to them.

Three of our junior boys joined in the State Government After School's program requiring them to attend a training program, following which they were appointed to run After School's Sports programs at local schools. This is a wonderful opportunity for the boys to gain coaching and teaching skills whilst representing the Club in the community. One of the boys, Patrick Garschagen, who has been a member of junior cricket since he was about 5 was recently diagnosed with Leukaemia and has been undergoing treatment. He is responding well and has a very positive outlook and we wish him well.

WEB SITE

It is now operating very efficiently with most sports updating their data regularly. Paul Gleeson has been most helpful as it refined. Adam Clarke from Strategic Data has been hosting our web site since it was established and we thank him for the ongoing support.

CLUB LIVERY

Christine McKenzie and Rina Aitken from Thatworks have again given of their time and used their wonderful creative talent to prepare artwork for information and promotional brochures we require in various sports, including the cover page for the Centenary of the Club history book.

GROUNDS AND FACILITIES

We appreciate the excellent working relationship with Parks Victoria and the City of Port Phillip. Andrew Kelly and Alannah Gottschalk from PV have a lot of contact with us and they do their utmost to provide good facilities and resolve any issues that arise.

MEMBER SUPPORT

Reg Jones has been involved with Districts for 37 years and his role as Facilities Manager is vital to the smooth working of the Club rooms, especially the social rooms. Earlier in the year he was awarded the VAFA Certificate of Merit for 2011.

Many thanks go to parents and friends who help out in administrative and coaching roles and without whom the Club could not function. We are fortunate that there are so many dedicated people within the Club who are prepared to offer their time and expertise to create, maintain and run a sports Club that would be the envy of many.

COMMITTEE

The culture and organisation of a Club is driven by the administration and again we have been fortunate to have a dedicated committee comprising the Executive of Maureen McGee, Kerry Boulton (Holdsworth) and Darren Olney-Fraser and the representatives from each of the sports, Stuart Nicol, Tim Allen, Robyn May, Bruce Plant, John Holdsworth, Tony Pilimon, Alister McDonald and Paul Garry, together with those who deputised for them at meetings. Each person gives a lot to the Club and we are thankful that the Club has such wonderful management expertise on hand.

PAVILION REDEVELOPMENT

It has been a most frustrating year and we seem to be no further advanced than when I reported at the last AGM. The project has been held up for a variety of reasons: Community liaison, the cost estimate coming in above the funding in place and the need to refer the project to Parks Victoria Commercial Services Department. We have worked through all the issues and the scale of the project has been reduced. Parks Vic are reviewing the details and we hope that by the time the AGM is held that we will be in a position to go out to tender. There was no further fundraising done during the year and we are grateful to the donors and the institutions that have given grants for their patience and continued support.

CONCLUSION

Mixing within the South Melbourne and district community it is very gratifying to hear so many favourable comments about and realise the high esteem in which our Club is held. As we move into our Centenary year we can be proud of our past work and look forward with great anticipation to seeing the Club provide wonderful sporting opportunities within the community.

NOEL JONES
SMDSC PRESIDENT



SENIOR FOOTBALL

The 2011 season was one of consolidation with multiple changes on committee, coaching staff and also out on the playing field. The senior team played in Division 2 and finished with 6 wins with quite a number of close losses leaving us with no chance of making the finals late in the year. Our reserves also managed 6 wins for the season.

There were 19 new players that signed up over the course of the year, many young working professionals and students presently living in the local community. We thank Senior Coach Paul Lindgren for the passion and dedication that he brought to the job and also Reserves coach Daniel McBrearty, who was in his first coaching position.

Congratulations to Sebastian Mahoney on winning the JJ King Trophy for Best & Fairest and the LJ Nash trophy for runner up went to Stuart Taylor. The J Williams trophy went to Sam Atherton for Reserves B&F, Shaun Raymond being the runner up. Ben Morgan was awarded the Kidd Family Award for outstanding services to the Club. Daniel Smith was presented the Gus Heffernan award for most courageous by Francis Romano. The J Doyle award for Best Clubman went to newcomer Ryan Chirgwin. Congratulations also Adam Ray, Andrew Hannan on their 150th games and Elliot Costello for his 100th game. Well done to all.

From a development perspective, we were pleased to engage the services of Swans Legend, former player and coach and 1970 Brownlow Medallist, Peter Bedford, as Director of Coaching. Peter was prepared to throw in his hand to assist as many as he could, whether it was assisting a junior coach, taking training drills for various groups or to taking a player (junior or senior) for one on one instruction on technique. We are delighted that Peter will continue on in 2012.

We were also thankful for Paul Madden (our 2010 Reserves coach) for coaching the Under 16 side (our first team at this age group for some years). The team battled hard and were given the opportunity to train with the senior team on numerous occasions throughout the year. The team's effort was rewarded with a spot in the final 4 and fought that final out to the very end, eventually going down by 6 goals. We are confident that with Paul's ongoing leadership in 2012, together with a number of older recruits, that the team will enjoy further success. Well done boys!!

Whilst on development, we congratulate Rory Benson on his selection in the VAFA State U18 squad which took on the NZ U21 squad and won both their games. Rory is still eligible to play with the U17s in 2012, and played the most part of this year with the senior team. Well done Rory and we look forward to seeing you further develop in 2012.

From a committee perspective, we were again well served by Maureen & Tex McGee as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Alister McDonald joined the senior committee as Vice President and worked tirelessly at overseeing the Club's football operations. Elliot Costello, D'Arcy Butler and Joe Hocking continued on in general committee roles and we were joined throughout the year by new committee members, Finn Teirnan, Dave Robson and Toby Parish. I thank you for your contribution throughout the year and look forward to building a stronger Club in 2012. Thanks also to "The Bloodman" for your informative match and event reporting throughout the year on the website, we look forward to your reports in 2012 with great anticipation! This is a great way for all members to keep up to date with what is happening around the Club.

Socially, we were once again fortunate to have had the dedication of Sandra Cheevers who assisted in running the lunches throughout the year and to Mrs Mac for organising the dinners throughout the year of a Thursday night. Also Garry Simm for running some of the evening functions and putting together posters to promote these. Josh Lambert and Jono Byrt... thanks to you as well for putting up your hand to assist with the major function this year, A Night at the Races function. The event raised around \$35,000 and was led by the Junior Club this year, thanks especially to the Chantrells and Kerry Boulton for leading the way. And, as always, the Club is indebted to Reg and Peter Jones for their continuing and tireless assistance whenever asked.

Without our donors and sponsors we would certainly struggle to cover our costs and we were fortunate to have the ongoing support of major sponsor Hocking Stuart Albert Park and to Albert Park Indoor Sports. Both businesses have been long term sponsors of our Club. It is disappointing that Hocking Stuart have advised they are unable to continue their sponsorship.

This year we welcomed the Bay & Bridge Hotel in Port Melbourne as a new sponsor and enjoyed a number of functions there during the year. Thanks also to Barry Morton for his ongoing support as well as to Christine McKenzie at Thatworks for handling our advertising and promotional needs. Retravisation South Melbourne, Ralphs Meats South Melbourne Market and Brumby's Albert Park for providing their support and products. Dimattina's Restaurants for their awards throughout the year once again, thanks. We urge all our members to support these businesses where you have the opportunity to do so.

To our Centurion members, we have grown to over 30 now and we are looking to build this to 100 in our centenary year this year. We are especially keen to engage with as many past players and coaching staff to join this group in 2012. If you are running into someone who we should approach, please ask them!

South Melbourne Districts is very proud to be celebrating its 100th year in 2012.

Throughout the year we will reflect on the contributions made by many devoted South Melbourne people that made our great Club what it is today. There are a number of events planned to help celebrate the year and we have already had some people volunteer their time for next year to bring ideas into reality. If you are interested in helping with the mid-season ball or are able to contribute by way of auction items or raffle prizes, please contact Sandra Cheevers.

Dr Rob Grogan has been working on the history of the Club and his book will be published during the year. Thanks to members of the History Book Sub-Committee, Rob & Jill Grogan, Colin Crawford, Maureen & Terry McGee for their input to the book. Ben Morgan has been busy behind the scenes putting together games played going back as far as the records would take us as well as the scores for the seniors and reserves to be published on our website to help our past players to reminisce.

The Hall of Fame Committee has been working on finalising its nominations and we expect to present the inductees at this year's ball. Details surrounding the Hall of Fame can be found on the website.

We will soon produce a 2012 commemorative training jumper which you will be able to purchase from our website. You will be able to include whatever you wish on the reverse of the jumper including preferred jumper number and name or nickname or for past players you might consider including your history and awards won with the Club.

The Senior Leadership Group has set a goal for 2012 which leaves no doubt as to its intentions, they plan to win the Division 2 Premiership and have laid out detailed plans on how they will achieve this. If you are a player thinking about joining us, now is the time. Pre-season commenced on Monday 7th November and will continue on Monday and Wednesday until mid-December.

We are pleased to welcome a new look coaching team in 2012 led by incoming senior coach Anthony Quon who has had extensive and relevant coaching experience with Hampton Rovers, a Premier B Club who like us are a District Club with a large junior football presence. He will be joined by assistant coaches Marty Costello, Jaye Macumber and Matt Hoffman. Josh Lambert joins as Conditioning & Rehabilitation Coach.

Both the player leadership group and the new coaching team have a keen interest in junior development and are willing and able to assist our junior football teams throughout the season in various capacities. I will be working with the junior football operations team to find the best use of their time.

TONY PILIMON
SENIOR FOOTBALL PRESIDENT



JUNIOR FOOTBALL

2011 has been a most successful year for the junior footy Club. Once again, the selfless input by so many people - not all of whom are parents of current junior players, attributed to this success. Not only did numbers increase markedly, but many new policies were implemented for the future well being of the Club.

NUMBERS

Pleasingly, numbers increased from 257 in the previous year to 334 in 2011. This helped and was instrumental in the junior Club successfully fielding both U15 and U16 teams this year.

It is anticipated that, as has been planned over recent years, the Club will be able to field an U17s side next year in line with our hopes of building a strong pathway to the seniors. We again thank Tony Pilimon and Ash Humphrey for their efforts in assisting us with these plans.

RESULTS

As is usual, results were mixed this year with 4 teams making the finals. However, in light of the Club's goal of providing a safe and enjoyable team environment, the year, by this standard, has been a huge success.

Congratulations to the following players who were nominated in the top seven in their divisions for an MSJFL Best & Fairest Award and to everyone for their efforts and involvement in the Club.

Eden Disipio (3 rd)	U16s
Sam Kelly (Equal 3 rd)	U15s
Harry Witts	U14s
Mitchell Clarke	U13s
Isabel Huntington - Winner	U12 Red
Chan Hargraves - Winner	U12 White
James Vergos - Winner	U11 Red
Zac Plafadelis (3 rd)	U11 Red
Sam Connock	U11 White
Aaron Gedey	U11 White

Special congratulations Isabel Huntington, Chan Hargraves and James Vergos who won the Best & Fairest Award in their Division – a tremendous effort.

ADMINISTRATION

Thanks again to Kerry Boulton for her efforts with registrations and organisation of team jumpers and merchandise.

Once again, our thanks to Janette Sofronidis and her successor, Terry Hargreaves, for producing the weekly eNews, which is the best and most cost-effective manner in which we are able to communicate.

David Gustin (Gus) undertook, with the Committee, a review of the registration and selection procedures. This was well received by the Committee and should preclude any of the problems encountered at the start of the season from occurring again.

A compulsory meeting was held at the beginning of the year for all Team Managers, which provided the basis of allocation of various ongoing functions and administrative tasks to spread the workload each year. Some of these tasks were taken on during 2011 but the majority will be implemented by the year levels from 2012.

Many thanks to Gus and also to Carmel Benson, Kerry Boulton and Jane Strangward for their contribution to documenting and implementing these policies and procedures.

FUNDRAISING

This year's function, "A Night at the Races", was a huge success with a record \$35,000 being raised.

A huge vote of thanks to Kari & John Chantrell, Kerry Boulton and all connected with the night, including those who generously sponsored the event. A special thanks to everyone for supporting the night with such great gusto!

PEOPLE

The community once again shone in their support for the Club with parents, volunteers and children all contributing to make 2011 a great year.

I would particularly like to acknowledge the efforts of our coaches and team managers:

U9 Red	Richard Amos Davie Moeller	Scott Murphy
U9 White	Heath Middleton Ben Kelly	Prue and Kevin Lowther
U9 Gold	Bruce Plant Glen Makin Mike James	Lisa Wood (Makin)
U10 Red	Carlo Musco	Pat O'Mahoney
U10 White	Gary Dean Scott Carter	Jervis Ward
U11 Red	Greg Gorozidis	Angelo Plafadelis
U11 White	Tim Miller Matt Connock	Stuart Keam
U12 White	Peter Capp Andrew White	Jennifer Comerford
U12 Red	Clint Hinchin David Trainor	Anton Wilson
U13	Brendan Maloney	Ross Wilson
U14	Andy Witts Gary March	Andrew Tilly
U15	Tom Kelly Craig Taylor	John Durie
U16	Paul Madden	Andrea Cardwell

Thanks also to the Committee:

David Gustin	Carmel Benson
Jane Strangward	John Chantrell
Mark Naughton	Bruce Plant
Kerry Boulton (SMDSC)	Pete Capp (co-opted occasionally!)

Special mention must be made of:

- Peter Bedford – our Director of Coaching
- Carmel Benson – our absolutely tireless Secretary
- Mike Morris – our Ground Manager
- Kerry Boulton – our mentor
- Maree Johnson & Donna Paxton – chief sustenance providers
- Carmel Benson, Mary-Anne Nunan & Marisa Maloney – Presentation Day organisers and to Renaie Hudson for printing the booklets & flyers and Karen Mitchell for organising raffle prizes.

MSJFL MATTERS

In 2011 I was able to attend various MSJFL meetings. It should be noted that, after a challenge from the Southern Football League to amalgamate, the MSJFL remained independent following a spill of the committee and a subsequent restructure under a new board.

The new board took on all governmental issues and have introduced a comprehensive plan for the League. In my opinion, as the board is represented by two administrators, I believe that it may not be as democratic as in the past. The next 2-3 years will be interesting.

Pleasingly, the Club was not involved in any reportable incidents.

COMMITTEE

My thanks once again to the committee for their ongoing efforts in keeping the Club running as smoothly as it does.

Special thanks to the football sub-committee, headed up by Gus, for their efforts and implementation of the Young Bloods junior pathway program, which has been a great success in its inaugural year.

SUMMARY

In summary, a great year for the Juniors with numbers for the new year looking promising. The flow through from Auskick and the demographics of the area assure us of a good future. The advent of the Albert Park High School should also benefit the Club if properly cultivated.

I would like to record our thanks to all of our sponsors for their valuable contribution to the Club.

Finally, the Club is in good hands and the feedback within the community is very positive.

We look forward to the Centenary Year with great anticipation.

JOHN HOLDSWORTH
JUNIOR FOOTBALL PRESIDENT

AUSKICK

2011 SEASON

Another exciting and innovative season of Auskick with over 300 members joining us for 14 weeks of fun!

New initiatives for 2011 included:

- Girls Squad which averaged between 6-12 girls of all ages participating
- 'Big Kick Community Program' sponsoring 12 underprivileged local kids with uniforms, football boots, back pack and free membership
- Friday night special events including new drills, giant inflatable commando course, free pizza and refreshments in the club rooms

Our Junior Coaching Program (boys Grade 5+) grew to 8 participants with plans for a mentor and additional junior coaches in 2012.

Six new senior coaches passed the AFL Level 1 coaching course, which augurs well for junior football development in the coming years.

Huge numbers in the Kinder and Prep groups will see a split in these groups in 2012 to cope with the overwhelming popularity.

Our boys participated under lights at the MCG on Saturday, 9th April in the Richmond v Hawthorn game. A great thrill for our kids and parents!

NEW STRUCTURE FOR 2012

- Key Coordinator for 2012 will be Warren Voss, with the outgoing Coordinator available as mentor.
- Incoming Coordinator will be Dave Wolf.
- Kinder and Prep squads will have junior footy coaches with a mentor.
- Junior Squad will be organised as Big Kick.

A big thank you to our kids, coaches, volunteers and parents who enjoyed the key value of Auskick every week - FUN!

Bruce Plant
SMD Auskick Co Coordinator

JUNIOR CRICKET

2010/2011 SEASON

South Melbourne Districts (SMD) fielded a total of 11 teams in the 2010/2011 season including a record number of seven U12 teams.

Our most successful teams were the U14As and U16As, which finished fourth and second respectively in their divisions, each qualifying for the end-of-season finals. Both teams tasted victory in their Qualifying finals and reached the Grand Final, but sadly both fell agonisingly short of lifting the coveted champions' trophies.

With the season concluded, we farewelled several U16 players who were awarded souvenir stumps to remind them of their days spent representing SMD, wearing the "baggy red". We said goodbye to Christian Boffa, Jeremy Anderson, Rupert Alstergren, Thomas Kittson, Harry Christie and Matthew Mandile and wish them great success with their cricketing careers.

Matthew Mandile was awarded the John Scholes Medal, which recognises the Under 16s or Under 14s player who is judged to have contributed most to his team's cause in a Finals campaign.

This particular trophy is awarded in memory of John Scholes, (5 January 1950 – 14 July 2003) who was an Australian first-class cricketer and coach. He also played 30 games of Australian rules football for North Melbourne Football Club between 1967 and 1971 scoring 35 goals as a rover before a knee injury cut short his football career.

Scholes was a successful junior cricketer, captaining the Victorian Under-15s to victory in the Sydney carnival. He once scored 100 runs and took 10 wickets in a game, becoming the first ever Australian schoolboy to do so.

In the 1968–69 season he made his debut for Victoria, aged just 18. He was appointed Victoria's youngest ever Captain at the time when 21 years of age, by the end of his 62 game career, the right-hander made 3201 runs at 30.78. He continued to play Victorian district-level cricket and surpassed Jack Ryder's record of 338 matches as well as his tally of 12,667 runs.

Scholes became coach of Victoria and led them to victory in the 1998/99 Mercantile Mutual Cup. He was also a Victorian selector for a time.

Nicknamed affectionately as "Barrel" he was well respected by the Australian sporting community.

The player of the Victorian Cricket Association Premier final is now awarded the "John Scholes Medal".

Congratulations Matthew.

Two of our players won end-of-season awards as the best in their grade in the CMCA competition. Those honoured were Ben Richards, who won the CMCA "U12A Batting

Average" Award (Ben was not dismissed once all season!) and Charlie Dean, who was awarded the CMCA "U12 Aggregate Runs" Award. Congratulations to Ben and Charlie on such fine achievements.

In addition, many others played representative cricket at various levels and we hope these lads will continue to flourish in their cricketing endeavours.

AFFILIATION WITH MIDDLE PARK CRICKET CLUB (MPCC)

During the winter break the junior Club sealed a formal affiliation with MPCC that provides an exciting pathway for our junior cricketers into senior cricket.

We are thrilled to have joined forces with MPCC, a senior Club with a long and distinguished history.

The tangible support given to SMD from the MPCC members includes financial sponsorship and coaching of our U16 teams.

2011/2012 SEASON

We have nine teams participating this season, with the numbers of U12 teams dropping by two. In addition, we fell one or two players short of being able to field four U14 teams, which was a disappointment since the three teams we do have are a little overdone for numbers. Next season we will set a registration deadline in an effort to encourage players to register early and not leave things to the last moment.

SMD strives to provide a high class training program and extra coaches have been hired this season to help our players develop. Allen Hart has performed a fantastic job in recruiting many new and energetic young coaches to fill the void left with the off-season retirement of our senior coach for many seasons, Jim Hiotis. This season, our senior coach is Sean Sturrock, who currently plays for the Melbourne Cricket Club.

JUNIOR CRICKET COMMITTEE

I would like to acknowledge the unstinting efforts of many people around the junior cricket Club without whom we simply would not function. This contribution made by team managers and coaches is critical to fielding successful teams, and it is pleasing to see many new faces running this season's teams.

In particular, I would like to express sincere thanks to the members of our small but enthusiastic committee, each of whom devote countless hours to the running of the Club:

Sharon Mullis - Secretary

Allen Hart - Coaching Coordinator and everything else

Mark Sheppard - Registration and Database guru

David Petch - Equipment manager

Andrew White - Grounds/Key duties

Notwithstanding the efforts put in by these folk and other volunteers around the Club, we are in desperate need of more parents stepping forward to assist this small team and I will be writing to all members of the SMD cricketing community asking for their increased support.

PAUL GARRY
JUNIOR CRICKET PRESIDENT

MILO In2CRICKET

2010/11 SEASON

The summer season of 2010/2011 was a challenging one for the SMDSC MILO in2CRICKET program, with roughly half of the sessions cancelled due to inclement weather. Thanks to the indefatigable enthusiasm of the kids there was still some cricket to be enjoyed.

For the first time in a number of years, there were some sessions held into the New Year and while the weather remained unstable, at least there was a feeling of some sort of season completed. The main objective of the program is for kids to have fun, along with their parents, and this was indeed achieved for those that attended.

A lack of direct engagement with schools and the broader community by me, combined with the moving on of a large number of the stalwart cricketing families, resulted in a relatively small enrolment number for the season. This was disappointing after such a strong season and beautiful sunny mornings a year earlier. David Walker provided co-ordination for the Saturday sessions, with strong support from Kerry Boulton, Mark Homberg and Dan Pearce. Noel Jones also provided support with recruiting more parents into the program.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

The single biggest challenge over my three years of involvement with the MILO in2CRICKET program has been to adequately engage enough parents into the program, even with Noel's assistance. As we demonstrated in 2009/2010, we are able to field enough kids and coaches to ensure an enjoyable entry and progression through their initial cricketing education, as long as we have the full support of families in the area.

LOCATION

We moved the MILO in2CRICKET program back to Oval 9 and next to our clubrooms, and also with a junior cricket game happening on Oval 11. I believe that this was a positive move and serves to bring our Club community a little closer together. Additionally, with the purchase of a reasonable quality Nespresso coffee machine, providing a limited canteen and with the barbeque sizzling away each week, we are able to support a more social atmosphere.

These efforts have also allowed us to raise enough funds to engage a qualified coach once again for the Grade 2s.

2011/12 SEASON

Looking forward to 2011/2012, John Chantrell has taken the reins as Co-ordinator and Lachie Gooley returns as Head Coach / Grade 2 Coach. John's son will be moving on to Junior Cricket in 2012 and his main objective, apart from coordinating the weekly sessions, is to recruit a Coordinator for next season (and hopefully two or three seasons) from this year's current parent cohort.

There will be no washouts this season because of a fabulous indoor net facility established for Junior Cricket in Shed 5 at the Pit Buildings. This facility will not be used on Saturday mornings by Junior Cricket and so is available for our MILO in2CRICKET program if raining. One special Friday evening session took place in the net facility prior to the Melbourne Cup weekend and was a huge success – despite the pouring rain, which washed out the junior cricket match.

We have had good numbers enrolled (61) and participating thus far, so a promising season is under way.

We are consistent in our requests for parents to become involved, at least for the one and a half hours each Saturday. As long as a strong core group can share the running of the program and continue to invite new parents to join them, the program should prosper and grow. With the Ash Humphrey involved in the Community Sports Liaison role provided by the Club, interaction with local schools should also increase.

My thanks go to Paul Garry for taking on the initiation of the program for the 2011/2012 season at late notice, allowing me to move on and focus on other Club commitments.

I would also like to pass on a very special "Thank You!" to Kerry Boulton. Anyone that has had any involvement on a committee with SMDSC will already know about Kerry and the amount of time she puts into the Club for 12 months of every year. In my case, Kerry supported me heavily in my first days as Co-ordinator and has remained the backbone of the MILO in2CRICKET program throughout my three seasons (and I suspect for many before that).

Alister McDonald
MILO in2CRICKET Program Coordinator



LITTLE ATHLETICS

SEASON 2010/11

Season 2010/2011 saw us finally farewelling Oval 1 after a very disappointing season where we were washed out and heat interrupted more than we were able to compete it seems. Despite this we had a record number of kids compete at Regionals and six were successful in getting through to State Championships - a fantastic effort. We finished the season with around 220 registered little athletes.

SEASON 2011/2012

2011/2012 has started well for the club, with our first season on the new, world class, Lakeside Oval Stadium commencing on 16 October. Following an active campaign by the Committee, supported by many parents who wrote emails to State MP's and the Premier, we were given access to the new track for our Sunday competitions as per a negotiated schedule (we are allowed to book the track when it is not in use by another booking).

The charge is by way of an MSAC card - costing \$30 - for all Little Athletes. We have included this charge in our season registration fees and in looking at other nearby Little Athletics Clubs, concluded we were charging similar fees, if not cheaper in some cases, which is a very good deal given our new facility.

Our Season will comprise 13 events, including 2 Thursdays and 1 Friday twilight meets, and two free "come and try" weeks in October, with the season concluding at the end of February 2012.

The boost for the Club is enormous, and despite not being able to offer U6 (usually around 60 kids) our numbers are similar to last year at close to 200. We also regularly have 20 - 30 children attending Wednesday training and a good number competing for the Senior Athletics Club as dual registered athletes.

This a real win for the sport of track and field and in the near future we will start to see Little Athletes progress into senior competition, which has been our long term aim.

The move to new premises has brought massive challenges for the committee, not only must we learn to deal with MSAC, try to find somewhere to store our equipment, manage a growing competition and parent roster, it seems each thing we get on top of presents a new layer of challenges.

The committee deserves many thanks for their tireless input, incredible cohesion and good humour under often difficult circumstances. We could not have come this far without them and everyone has taken up their individual roles with enthusiasm.

We are also extremely grateful to our energetic coach, Srinu Mandava and to the Senior Athletics Club who have given us great support this season.

We also want to acknowledge the financial assistance of SMDSC in enabling us to purchase new communications equipment, which has been a fantastic asset at the new facility.

ROBYN MAY AND TIM ALLEN

SOUTH MELBOURNE DISTRICT LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB CO-PRESIDENTS

SENIOR ATHLETICS

The Senior Athletics Club is going through a vibrant period of growth and that in itself represents challenges to all levels.

Firstly, to handle the extra administration requirements three new Committee members have come on board. This has added to the depth of talent and has also helped share the work load. More importantly it has meant the culture of the Club is being passed onto younger members.

The extra members have meant we have been able to enter many more teams in many more divisions. The other key issue is that the teams have all achieved great results where, for example, for the first time in the Club's history both our senior men's & women's teams will be competing in 1st division next year.

Another highlight has been the inclusion of athletes from the Little Athletic division of South Districts. Here, during the summer and winter events, an increasing number of junior athletes have experienced the vast range of competition on offer and have seen what is available once they make the transition from junior to senior ranks. The final event on the winter calendar saw the girl's team (fewer than 14 girls) come second in an inter-club relay around the Botanic Gardens.

Three of our Club's members were chosen to compete for Australia overseas during the year. Bronwyn Humphrys & Kate Seibold-Crosbie competed in the World Mountain Race in Albania. Next Kirsten Bull & Bronwyn Humphrys went on to compete in the Commonwealth Ultra Trails Championship in Wales.

The new Lakeside Oval athletic sport ground at Albert Park is the key development and opportunity going into next year. This sports track and with all its facilities will offer great facilities for competition and training for all members of the Club. Further it will be a focal point into the future for our Club and should also contribute to attract a new wave of members.

The Melbourne Marathon saw many of the Club members competing with Wondwosen Geleta coming 4th. In the half marathon Rueben Kosgei came 2nd. The Club had 45 volunteers on the day helping organise the event. This was a huge organizational effort by the Club, particularly for Ivor Carter, the Club Secretary. The funds raised by this will go towards supporting Club members' travel costs when competing.

The Club is made up of so many parts that make it work; that the commitment of the Committee and members to get it to what it is today staggers me. Like every such Club we have to look to the future and ensure we do what is needed to maintain the passion and the culture. From what I see at the moment the future is exciting.

STUART NICOL
SOUTH MELBOURNE ATHLETICS CLUB PRESIDENT