

# St Peters Football Club

## AGM 2025



Annual General Meeting Report

Date: November 26th 2025

Location: Julie Cooper Pavillion, Centenary Park

Prepared by St Peters Football Club Committee

## 1. Acknowledgement of Country

St Peters Football Club acknowledges the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet, train and play. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging, and recognise their continued connection to land, water, and community.

## 2. President's Report Mandy O'Connor

The 2025 season was another proud chapter in the story of St Peters Football Club. While the year brought its share of challenges — tighter grading, a slight dip in girls' registrations, and continued pressure on facilities — it also delivered incredible achievements, stronger connections, and a clear direction for the years ahead.

With 417 registered players and 22 teams in the SMJFL, our focus remained firmly child-centered. We continued to create an environment where young people make friends, grow in confidence, and enjoy the wellbeing benefits of community sport. Our merges with Murrumbeena, St Paul's McKinnon, and Bentleigh strengthened participation opportunities and ensured every child could take the field each week.

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### Season Highlights

#### Women & Girls Community Football Charter

St Peters Football Club is proud to now be a signatory to the Women and Girls Community Football Charter. This commitment reflects our dedication to creating a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive environment for female players, coaches, umpires, volunteers, and supporters. Being part of the Charter means we are actively working to increase participation, strengthen pathways, improve visibility, and ensure that women and girls have every opportunity to thrive in our game—both on and off the field.

#### Teams

22 teams fielded across mixed, girls and boys competitions.

8 finals teams, 5 grand finalists, 3 premierships:

U12 Mixed Div 5 – Norsworthy

U13 Girls Div 2 Reserves – Corin

U14 Div 5 – Griffins

#### Volunteers

Strong volunteer engagement and a thriving community off the field.

Successful club events including Sports Night, Drag Queen Bingo, Mother's Day Afternoon Tea and Life Members Night. Not to mention Anchor nights, jumper presentations and end of season presentations.

#### Game Day

Operationally, our football and operations teams ensured our programs and game-day delivery ran smoothly. Financially, the club remains stable and strong thanks to careful budgeting and generous sponsorship.

#### Uniforms

After some issues with our league appointed uniform supplier we 'soft launched' our new reversible club guernsey. Trudee Simpson did a power of work to make this happen and I look forward to seeing this on most of the players in the club in 2026.

Looking ahead to 2026, we are committed to strengthening our girls' program, supporting returning U17.5 players, enhancing Auskick pathways, maintaining high child-safety standards, and advocating for fairer grading and improved facilities.

It has been an honour to serve as President for a second year. Thank you to our volunteers, sponsors, committee, coaches, families, players and the East Bentleigh community.

A special thank you to Narelle Warren, who finishes her role as Club Secretary after three years of dedicated service; her support has been invaluable. We also warmly thank Matt Baxter, who concludes his involvement with the club; his generosity, guidance, and wealth of knowledge have greatly benefited St Peters. Additionally, heartfelt thanks to Sharon Terkelsen for finishing her role as Club Administrator, providing exceptional administrative support. We warmly welcome back Louise James as she takes on the position of Club Administrator.

Mandy O'Connor  
President – St Peters Football Club

## 3. Executive Reports

### Secretary's Report – Narelle Warren

2025 was a year of strong governance and community connection.

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#### Operational Summary

- Regular committee meetings held throughout the season, all with recorded minutes and actions.
  - Continued compliance with SMJFL and AFL Victoria governance requirements.
  - Streamlined registration processes, supported by registrar Amanda Phillips.
  - Clear communication with families through Heja, newsletters, and social media.
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#### Participation Summary

417 registered players – a 0.48% increase on 2024.

Girls participation: 129 players (-5.15%).

Boys participation: 288 players (+3.23%).

The club successfully delivered major events, strengthened partnerships, and maintained high administrative standards.

As I finish my time as Club Secretary, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the entire St Peters community. It has been a privilege to serve in this role over the past three years. I'm grateful for the support, collaboration, and kindness shown by our committee, volunteers, families, and players. St Peters is a special club because of the people who give so much of themselves, and I'm proud to have been part of it. I look forward to cheering on the club from the sidelines and watching it continue to thrive. Thank you for the opportunity and the memories.

Narelle Warren

Secretary – St Peters Football Club

### Treasurer's Report – Katherine Harrigan

I am pleased to present the financial statements for the year ending 30 September 2025. Appendix D

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#### Financial Summary

Registrations increased from \$63,976 to \$79,675.

Strong performance from canteen and Anchor sales, however canteen revenue slightly impacted due to the St Peters & St Paul's dads game being held at St Paul's and only one week of finals.

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#### Key Investments in 2025

- New reversible guernseys – \$9,425 & new merge team guernseys – \$2,855.25
- Table tennis table – \$900 & Tackle bags \$700
- St Peters branded marquee – \$1,500
- Senior team events (3 teams) – \$6,782

The club remains financially stable and well-positioned to return to profit in coming seasons. It has been a pleasure to serve as Treasurer.

Katherine Harrigan,

## Football Operations & Coaching Report – Dan Mann (VP Football) & Ross Flegeltaub (VP Operations)

2025 saw strong growth, improved coaching standards, and excellent support for all teams. Our Team Managers, led by Liz Dimopoulos provided coaches and families with outstanding support. Peter Smith stepped into the role of Development & Pathways during the season and we look forward to working with Pete in 2026.

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### Key Focus Areas

- Pre season and skills training available to all players
  - Supporting 22 teams across all age groups.
  - Strengthening coaching accreditation and development.
  - Ensuring every player experienced fairness, inclusion, and quality coaching.
  - Quality equipment provided to all teams.
  - Access to grounds for training and games is fair and equitable.
- See appendix C for full list of teams, coaches and team managers

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### Competitive Outcomes

- 22 competitive teams
- 8 finals teams
- 5 grand finals
- 3 premierships

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### Age Group Coordinators

Thank you to each of our Age Group Coordinators for your leadership, communication, and unwavering support throughout the season. Your work behind the scenes keeps our teams running smoothly and our families connected. We appreciate everything you do.  
See appendix B for full list of Age Group Co-Ordinators

### Girls Football Report - Rory Bracken

Girls football remains a vital and growing part of our club.

A special thank you to Rory Bracken for his support and guidance in helping us achieve signatory status to the Women and Girls Community Football Charter. His commitment and advocacy played an important role in strengthening our vision for an inclusive future at St Peters.

#### 2025 Snapshot

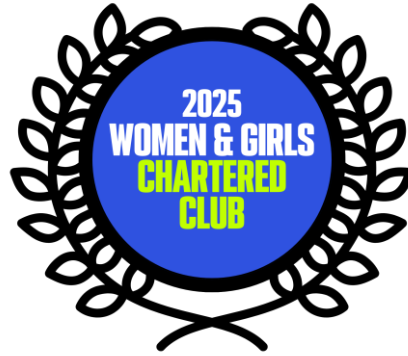
- 129 girls registered (31% of total participation)
- Slight decline attributed to age-group shifts but strong retention in middle years
- Successful U13 Girls premiership
- Expanding coaching expertise in girls age groups

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#### 2026 Focus

- Strengthen recruitment in non modified ages

- Girls focused pre season programs
- Continue to advocate for fairer grading and fixturing
- Development of female coaches



## 4. Other Committee reports

### Auskick & Junior Development Report

Our Auskick program continues to be a crucial entry point into junior football. Brett McMerrin worked hard building connections between the Auskick community and our club which will only strengthen in the coming years.

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#### Program Highlights

- Strong participant numbers and excellent volunteer support.
- Strong interaction from St Peters to build the relationship including BBQ's and canteen
- Ongoing focus on fun, skills and confidence-building.

### Volunteers & Community

Volunteers are the heart of St Peters.

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#### 2025 Community Highlights

- Anchor Nights, Mother's Day Afternoon Tea, Drag Queen Bingo, Sports Night, Backwards Draw.
  - Life Members Night welcoming Trudee Simpson, Jamie Rundle and Mandy O'Connor.
  - Canteen led by Andrea Donald continued its reputation as the best in the SMJFL amongst players, spectators and the dogs of East Bentleigh
  - Ground operations expertly managed by Eboni Crawford.
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#### Club Awards

Eddie Griffin Award: Dan Mann

Bill Rodrigues Award: Steve James (inaugural recipient)

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#### Final Year Player Awards

Wardlaw Family Award: Abby MacLachlan

Beveridge Family Award: Sebastian Noutsis & Matt Logan

## Sponsorship

Sponsorship continues to be a vital part of our financial stability and Steve Stafford did a wonderful job connecting and communicating with our valued sponsors.

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### 2025 Highlights

- Strong support from local businesses.
- Funding allocated to equipment, events, uniforms, and player development.

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We thank all sponsors and encourage members to support the businesses that support our club.

## Child Safety & Wellbeing –

Child safety remains central to our operations, and Melissa Crawford managed both Child Safety and incidents professionally and with care and compassion.

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### Key Achievements

- Compliance with Child Safe Standards.
- All trainers accredited through Colmed Medics.
- Red Medical provided high-quality match-day support.
- Clear processes for managing wellbeing and incident reports.

Our commitment remains unwavering: every child safe, supported, and heard.

## 5. Strategic Priorities for 2026

In line with our 2025 strategic plan and our gender equity plan the following are club priorities in 2026

- Strengthen girls 'participation across all age groups.
- Support returning U17.5 & U18 players and transition pathways.
- Continue advocacy for fairer grading and improved facilities.
- Introduce tiered registration fees reflecting competition level.
- Enhance volunteer support, training and recognition.
- Continued investment in long-term club infrastructure.

See you in season 2026 as we celebrate 70 years of St Peters local footy legends!

Go Petes!

## 6. Appendices

### A. 2025 Committee & Non Committee roles

Committee Role	Name
President	Mandy O'Connor
Secretary	Narelle Warren
VP Football	Dan Mann
VP Operations	Ross Flegeltaub
Treasurer	Katherine Harrigan
Outgoing Exec	Matthew Baxter
Girls Footy	Rory Bracken
Registrar	Amanda Phillips
Footy Development / Pathways	Pete Smith
Team Manager Coordinator	Liz Dimopolous
Apparel Coordinator	Trudee Simpson
Child Safety Officer	Melissa Crawford
Incident Officer	Melissa Crawford
Modified Rules Coordinator	Brett McMerrin

Non Committee Role	Name
Life Member Liaison	Steve James
Sponsorship	Steve Stafford
Club Administrator	Sharon Terkelson
Canteen Manager	Andrea Donald
Ground Manager	Eboni Crawford

**B. 2025 Age Group Co-ordinators**

<b>Age group</b>	<b>Coordinator name</b>
U8–U10 Mixed	Brett McMerrin
U10–U13 Girls	Adam McDowell
U11 Mixed	Brett McMerrin
U12 Mixed	Amanda Phillips
U13 Mixed	Ross Flegeltaub
U14 Mixed	Amanda Phillips
U15 Girls & U18 Girls	Rory Bracken
U15 Boys	Anthony Downes
U17.5 Boys	Brett Howe

## C. 2025 Team Officials – Coaches, Asst Coaches & Team Managers

<b>Team</b>	<b>Coach</b>	<b>Assistant Coach</b>	<b>Team Manager</b>
<b>U8 Walker</b>	Troy Walker	Paul Cicceralla	Jarrod Wicks
<b>U8 Quinn</b>	Ashley Quinn	Huss Kiki	Petra Siska
<b>U9 Barry</b>	Chris Barry	Clint Jones	Merv
<b>U10 O’Leary</b>	Sean O’Leary	Lucas Hall	Darren Eyckens
<b>U10 Recupero</b>	Joe Recupero	Imogen Bracken	Kellie Suttie
<b>U11 Girls Red</b>	Eliza Sharpe & Tess Baxter	Sophie James /	Matt Baxter
<b>U11 Guengerich</b>	Damien Guengerich	Hamish McLauchlan	Dan Aherne McInteer
<b>U12 Norsworthy</b>	Ben Norsworthy	Daniel Stasiak	Michelle Knight
<b>U13 Corin</b>	Ben Corin	Stephen Stafford	Deb Howe
<b>U13 Arik</b>	Fatih Arik	Scott Le Clerc	Nik Lal
<b>U13 Smith</b>	Pete Smith	Simon Kearney	Simone Liechtenstein
<b>U14 Lions</b>	Shane Corben	Alistair Carrie	Amanda & Damien Phillips
<b>U14 Griffins</b>	Rob Pica & Heath Thompson	Tom Scanlon	Stephanie Cash
<b>U15 Birtles</b>	David Birtles	Danny Mikhael	Ali Dind
<b>U15 Burmeister</b>	Dan Burmeister	Paul Smith	Natalie Varales
<b>U15 Horsley</b>	Mark Horsley	Dean Crawford	Paula Hawkins
<b>U16 Lions</b>	Ben McKinstry	Nick Virgos	Julie Montgomery
<b>U16 Griffins</b>	Tristan Jowett	Michael Duffy	Debbie Hatswell
<b>U17.5 Smith</b>	Pete Smith	Dan Richardson	Rachel Joyce
<b>U17.5 D’Zilva</b>	Matt D’Zilva	Brett Howe	Kellie Zoghbi & Sharon Terkelson
<b>U18 McLachlan</b>	Rowan McLachlan	Jamie Rundle	Matt Baxter
<b>U18 Sim</b>	Stuart Sim	Cath Knights	Sarah Morrissey

