

Hi & Welcome to our AGM.

This past season here at Orange Touch has been a positive season compared to the year before when we had so many environmental situations impact our 2019-20 season.

This season again we started with some new ideas & existing ideas that we had the previous year however unfortunately didn't get to follow through with them. This season we did move forward with some of those ideas.

This season seen the implementation of our Struddys Super Series which I enjoyed thoroughly as did many of our players. This catered for all levels of touch & age groups plus improved many players skills & the ability to fit into a team with strangers. I am excited again this year for SS & as anything it will involve & improve over the years.

I want to thank Joel for his commitment to the SS as I know it was something he had been wanting to do for a few years. Joel also involves the coaches in ideas & decisions which will help this series move forward bigger & better.

We also this year got to move forward with our GF day. I know that there was some hesitancy with some our Touch community about us holding this event on weekend & having to play in more than one division. However, with Tracee's great skills in manipulating the draw I believe the day went smoothly. I know for some people that played 3 games they initially were concerned by this however by the end of the day they agreed it was ok. As anything there will be things we can add or improve on for next GF but I think all in all the idea of doing the Saturday is great. Fingers crossed we can have good weather & get our jumping castle etc there for the kids.

Our representative season went better this season seeing all our tournaments go through. Yes still with restrictions however just something we need to adjust too in these times.

I want to thank all our Coaches, managers, parents & players for making the rep season what it was. With a huge contingency of players as we have, we need everyone to be on board & doing the right thing for the better good of the sport & Orange Thunder.

A big thankyou to Wayne Hill for all his work in making this happening. Wayne not only had to coach his own side, watch his kids play & be a dad, he also had to contend with all the policies, procedures & expectations that had been put in place for these tournaments to go ahead. I know Wayne sometimes had to make some hard phone calls to people that were not following these rules or called me to make those calls which I was happy to do. It all comes back down to our values & expectations when we walk out there & represent Orange Thunder. We are a small part of the greater touch football community of Australia we want our best faces on when we go out in public.

Thanks Wayne from me for all your hard work last season even down to giving wrist bands out. There is so much preparation that goes with getting the kids to the tournaments throughout the whole rep season here at home & at tournaments. If any of us can help for the upcoming season or you have ideas to make your role or the next person that takes on this role easy, we would love to hear them.

The introduction of our MPO has been a great help. I want to thank Scott Maunder for bringing his expertise & ideas to Orange Touch. Scott has been a valuable member of our committee since we opened the new position. We have been in talks with Scott to implement some new things this year which I am very excited about too.

Thankyou Tracee Honeyman for all your hard work. I am sure you all would understand how much work goes into this position. Tracee has to contend with so many different people all the time & not

all of them happy this on top of her workload as Admin. I am sure we could count on one hand how many people contact Tracee just to thank her for what she does. However, Tracee still does all she can to help EVERYONE in ALL situations.

Thank you to Jo Banks for all you do on our money front. You have evolved out Treasurer's job to be an easier task than what it has had been in previous years. The implementations of the new programmes will make it easier for someone new to step in when the time comes.

Thank you to Michelle Prestwidge for being there as our VP. You bring some amazing ideas & initiatives to the table. I am excited now to be working with your girls that have been around touch since the day they were born.

Thank you to Charlie Sutcliffe you have been amazing this season plus your side kick & daughter Saige. I want to thank many of the young committee members that have stepped up helped in the canteen this season. I just love seeing kids build relationships & that's exactly what was happening here, building stronger bonds which these kids will take with them through their adult lives.

Charlie your work was tireless you have brought so much more than just a canteen to us. Thank you

Thank you to Joel Beggell for all that you have ever brought to Orange touch. I know you do all you do for the love of this amazing sport as you don't have the ties of children that play like most of us do. You are always on the ball with new initiatives in representative field, local comp & within our committee. You have worked so much to build our presence on & off social media. Joel is also a big one for starting new group chats not sure how many Joel would have running but I know he initiates most of them. I know for the upcoming season you have chosen to put your focus in other areas. I want to wish you the best of luck & thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you have done. I know you are still there if any one of us have a question.

Lastly but for most I want to thank my wonderful committee as a whole. Without you guys 2500 people would not be able to enjoy playing touch football. This season seen us still having to work with COVID in so many ways from signing in & people leaving the grounds. This didn't always go as planned as I always say "we are dealing with Human beings" & we all have our view of how things should be & what we want to do. You guys did what needed to be done to keep everyone safe.

We are more than a touch association we are a bigger family outside our own families. You just have to sit back & watch our kids to know what we have built. It's because we have somewhere for people to come have fun, exercise, connect & socialise. This is more important now as we have seen this taken away from so many people now given our position with COVID. Connection is what human beings need & Touch football is what we all have in common & has brought us together.

Good luck to all the new committee that will be elected tonight. May you all bring forth your new ideas & keep growing this association.

We look forward to & welcome all new ideas & new committee members into our Touch Football community.

Thanks

Cathy Goodlock

President Orange Touch Assoc