



**2011**

# **Annual Report**

*University Blues  
VAFA A Section*



# UNIVERSITY BLUES ANNUAL REPORT 2011

A Season without premiership flag at all and the only consolation we can take is that all our Premier Division senior teams saw finals action.

Blues have notoriety for their inability to perform early in the season, but this year the senior team took it to a whole new level. The mood after the crushing by Collegians in the second round was desolate, and the effort to come from 0 – 4 after the fourth round to make the final four says a great deal for the potential as well as the character of the senior group.

The Blues Two's fell short in their unique "Back to back to back to back" attempt but had a fine year anyway. Most importantly they continued to provide depth for the seniors and to provide a suitable quality of game to nurture the many young and talented players making their transition from junior to senior football.

The "Tertiary Team" were the pride of the fleet this season, showing enormous camaraderie and character to make it through to the Grand Final. Many thanks to the legendary Bob Girdwood for stepping up to coach the Thirds at the last moment and for the job he did integrating the Unders kids and developing the whole unit so well. It is quite obvious that this team held a special place in the heart of the President.

The "Under 19's" didn't make the finals and probably under achieved. This team is the life blood of the Uni Blues and the Club really needs to lift its level of attention and its support for this division.

The Club is about the players and the teams, but it can only succeed with a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes.

All of the Office Bearers, Board Members, delegates, sponsors, coaches support staff, award winners and VAFA representatives are comprehensively mentioned in the body of this report. I want to thank and congratulate every single person mentioned for their contribution to the ongoing success of the University Blues as a football club.

Whilst everyone has contributed so generously in 2011, I wish to single out a few for my special personal thanks.

Again, Dave Phefley tops the list. As I have said many times, Dave takes on a work load you would generally associate with a full time paid administrator and every part of what he takes on is seen through to the last detail. Dave, you are a marvel.

Last year I nominated Neil Turner of the "recruit of the year" – and he was no one year wonder. He is a great support to Dave and to the coaching staff and he has a wonderful dedication to the welfare of the players.

Fortunately, it seems we have another recruit of the year in Tony Simmonds following in Neil's footsteps.

Congratulations to Joe Sturrock for his nomination to the highest honour afforded by M.U.F.C. – Life Membership. Joe was a star player with dual Best and Fairest awards but has always continued to support the Club in coaching and committee roles and it was a very worthy honour.

The Blue Bloods continued in development under the leadership of Andrew Henderson. Their networking and mentoring role is vital to the Club and I commend it to further growth.

Special thanks to John Carmody for his personal support for myself and his wider support of the Club.

The Blues community congratulate John on his elevation to the County Court Bench, but we thank him for his willingness to represent us in the capacity of President of the M.U.F.C. He is a passionate pursuer of better sporting facilities at the University Oval and in terms of the Football Club that is so desperately needed.

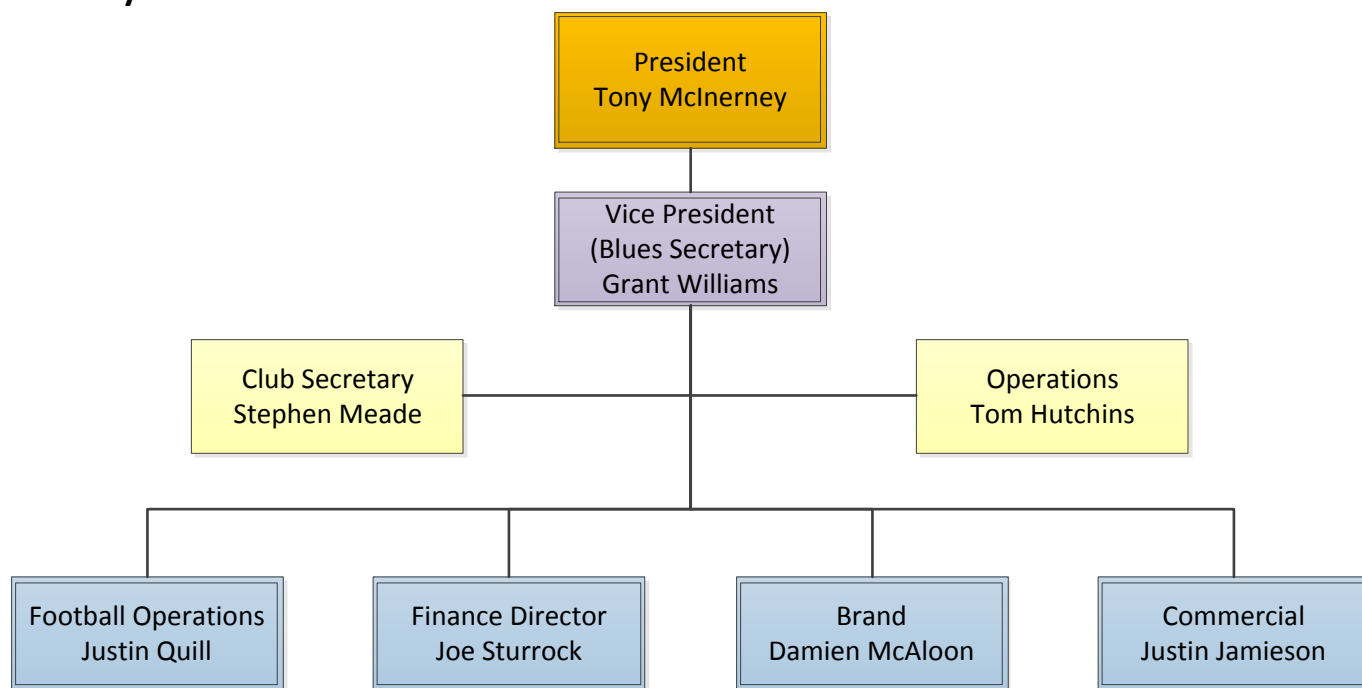
We walk such a fine line, but again we managed to negotiate the financial year successfully. The Annual Ball and Auction Night was financially as well as socially successful and we are grateful to Tom Hutchins, Emily Wadham, Matt Torney and their team and to all the generous auction item donors. This night, along with the generous donations of the North, Torney, Heinz, Hutchins, Brukner and Carmody families are our financial lifeline.

I have left my final thank you to our outgoing Senior Coach John Kanis. The spontaneity of the accolade to JK after his final game at Elsternwick Park, and the warmth of his farewell at the Presentation Night say more about the Clubs feeling for him than I can express here. Well done and thanks and we know that you will never be far away from your Blues.

So to everyone who contributed in 2011 by personal effort and financially I again thank you and look forward to a continuation in 2011. The future under our exciting new coaching team looks very bright.

*Tony McInerney*  
PRESIDENT  
UNIVERSITY BLUES

## University Blues Office Bearers and Club Awards 2011



### Other Committee:

VAFA Delegate / MUFC Rep / Club Tribunal Advocate  
Treasurer

Bob Girdwood  
Bernie Angel

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John Carmody  
John & Sue North  
Rodger Davies & Shona MacInnes  
Tony & Karin Heinz  
Chris Thomas  
Tony McInerney

**Club Support Staff:**

Football Manager	David Phefley
Brand/Communications	Liam Quin, and John Wood
Social Functions	James Van de Pol, Matt Torney, Hugh Vickers-Willis & Ben McConnell
Match Day Social	Tom Girdwood (Bar Manager), Tony Heinz (Match day Pavilion), Ellie Watts (Canteen), Karin Heinz & Sally Torney (Afternoon tea)
Commercial/Finance	Simon Gilbertson (apparel/merchandise), Bennett Merriman (player subs);
Player Recruiting/Welfare	Justin Quill, Quinton Gleeson & Matt Torney
Past Players	Andrew Henderson

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**Medical Staff**

Doctors	Drew Slimmon, Tony Heinz, Bec Young
Physiotherapists	Ashleigh Joyce & Natalie Collins
Physio Assistants	Genevieve Edye; Sandy Reynolds, Chennelle Mendoza and Jennifer Wood
Trainer	Ray Scanlon

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**MUFC Board**

John Carmody, Andrew Donald, Steve Longley, Justin Gray, Tony McInerney (represented by Bob Girdwood), Simon Costello, Stephen Meade, and Rob Hanna

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## Club Awards

Chris Brown Trophy – Best Clubman	David Phefley
Ted McNamara Trophy – Best Team Player	Liam Quin
MUFC Life Membership Nomination	Joe Sturrock

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## Seniors

Senior Captain	Matthew Torney
Senior Best & Fairest	Jack Watts
Senior Runner-up Best & Fairest	Charles Shaw
Best First Year Player	Rich Langham
Senior Coach's Award	Tom Maddocks
Leading Goal kicker	Jack Watts
Senior Coaches	John Kanis, Fergus Watts, Chris Reid, James Hayter
Matchday Manager	Michael Robin
Assistant Matchday Manager	John Carmody
Interchange Steward	Neil Turner
Senior Timekeeper	Frank Benjamin, David Phefley

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## Reserves

Reserves Captain	Ben Millard/Al Lyon
Reserves Best & Fairest	Ben Millard
Reserves Runner-up B & F	Albert Weddell
Reserves Coach's Award	Jack Maxwell
Reserves Coaches	Chris Baumgartner, Tim Wilmott, John Carmody
Reserves Goal Kicking	Will Hartnell
Reserves Team Manager	Gerry Westmore
Reserves Goal Umpire	Neil Turner
Interchange Steward	Neil Turner
Reserves Timekeeper	Dave Phefley, Julian Mitchell
Reserves Boundary Umpire	Various

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## Under 19's

U19 Captain	Henry Hanlon
U19 Best & Fairest	Will Cunningham
U19 Runner-up B & F	Tom Ruggles
U19 Coach's Award	Daniel Zambon
U19 Goal Kicking	Sandon James
U19 Coaches	Matt Embling, Alan Salter
U19 Team Manager	Bernie Angel
U19 Runner	Luke Gatti
U19 Timekeeper	Frank Henagan
U19 Goal Umpire	Bernie Angel
U19 Matchday support	Michael Ruggles

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## Thirds

Thirds Captain	Liam Quin/David Marshall
Thirds Best & Fairest	David Marshall
Thirds Runner-up B & F	Will Robinson
Thirds Coach's Award	Dan Gumley
Thirds Goal Kicking	Andrew Walsh
Thirds Coach	Bob Girdwood
Thirds Team Manager	Tony McInerney
Thirds Goal Umpire	Tony McInerney, Chris McInerney
Thirds Boundary Umpire	Chris McInerney, Various

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## VAFAs

VAFAs Rep Team (Ireland)	Matthew Torney (Captain)
VAFAs Rep Team - Senior	Al Austin, Matthew Torney, Jack Watts
VAFAs U23 Rep Team	Al Austin, Jeremy Mugavin & Charles Shaw

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## 2011 VAFAs Woodrow Medal Voting

Votes	Player
17 (Equal 3rd)	Jack Watts
9	Charles Shaw
6	Matthew Torney
5	Mark Paterson
4	Jeremy Mugavin
3	Ben McConnell
3	Bennett Merriman
3	Matthew Kilpin
2	James Van De Pol
2	Michael Monteith
2	Patrick Hayes
1	Samuel Chadwick

## 2010 University Blues Senior Best & Fairest Results

Votes		Player	Games Played
57	1	Jack Watts	19
51	2	Charles Shaw	19
33	Eq 3	Ben McConnell	13
33	Eq 3	Matthew Torney	18
25	Eq 5	Al Austin	18
25	Eq 5	Jeremy Mugavin	16
23	Eq 7	John Meagher	19
23	Eq 7	Rich Langham	17
23	Eq 7	Mark Paterson	19
12	10	Michael Monteith	14

## 2010 University Blues Reserves Best & Fairest Results

Votes		Player	Games Played
40	1	Ben Millard	17
34	2	Albert Weddell	13
22	3	Quinton Gleeson	10
21	4	Tom Maddocks	15
19	5	Tom Girdwood	15
18	Eq 6	Tim O'Hare	14
18	Eq 6	Jack Maxwell	20
17	8	Jack Heinz	17
16	9	Will Hartnell	18
14	10	Tom Calvert	9

## 2009 University Blues Thirds Best & Fairest Results

Votes		Player	Games Played
41	1	David Marshall	13
38	2	Will Robinson	13
26	3	Dan Gumley	16
25	4	Nick Macrae	10
23	Eq 5.	Jason Clifford	11
23	Eq 5.	Frank Mooney	12
23	Eq 5.	Chris Pyke	10
22	8	Will Van de Pol	14
16	9	Daniel Parkinson	10
15	10	Mitch Pickering	16

## 2009 University Blues Under 19 Best & Fairest Results

Votes		Player	Games Played
45	1	Will Cunningham	16
37	2	Tom Ruggles	17
31	3	Sam Driscoll	16
24	Eq 4	Sandon James	15
24	Eq 4	Daniel Zambon	17
23	6	Ed McMullin	17
19	Eq 7	Henry Hanlon	16
19	Eq 7	John O'Brien	17
15	9	Danny Aukema	16
14	10	Riley McMahon	4

## University Blues Players 2011

Player	Sen	Res	3rd	U19
Allen, Maxim	0	6	10	0
Anderson, Nathan	2	1	0	0
Aukema, Danny	0	0	0	16
Austin, Alastair	18	0	0	0
Barton, Damien	0	10	7	0
Baumgartner, Chris	0	1	0	0
Bean, Tyrone	1	2	0	0
Bradley, Cameron	0	0	4	0
Bradley, Fintan	0	0	4	0
Brady, David	2	4	0	0
Brooke, Jesse	0	0	3	0
Brown, Matthew	0	0	2	6
Bryce, Shaun	4	8	0	0
Butler, Llewyn	6	9	1	0
Caldow, Sam	0	0	3	2
Calvert, Thomas	0	9	3	0
Carmody, Daniel	0	0	6	0
Chadwick, Samuel	17	2	0	0
Christensen, Andrew	0	15	0	0
Clifford, Jason	0	1	11	0
Crawford, Jared	0	0	13	0
Cunningham, William	0	0	0	16
Curran, Seamus	0	0	12	0
Dalton, Sam	0	0	0	16
Davies, Oscar	0	0	2	1
De Fegely, Andrew	0	0	1	4

Player	Sen	Res	3rd	U19
Decrespigny, George	0	0	2	0
Driscoll, Samuel	0	0	0	16
Driscoll, Andrew	0	0	6	3
Dugdale, Alastair	0	0	3	6
Eastman, Jack	0	15	0	0
Edwards, Jared	0	0	7	0
Gilbertson, Simon	0	0	1	0
Girdwood, Thomas	2	15	0	0
Girdwood, William	0	5	7	0
Gleeson, Quinton	3	10	1	0
Gregory, David	2	7	0	0
Gumley, Daniel	0	1	16	0
Hammond, Charles	0	0	1	0
Hanlon, Henry	0	0	0	16
Hardie-Grant, Nicholas	0	14	0	0
Harris, Aaron	0	0	7	0
Hartnell, William	2	18	0	0
Hayes, Patrick	17	0	0	0
Heinz, Dirk	0	7	0	0
Heinz, Jack	0	17	2	0
Hunt, Tim	1	0	0	0
James, Sandon	0	0	1	15
Jones, Bede	0	0	2	0
Keating, Nicholas	0	0	0	15
Kennedy, Rory	0	11	8	0
Kershaw, Jack	0	0	4	11

Player	Sen	Res	3rd	U19
Key, Ryan	0	0	4	0
Kilpin, Matthew	17	1	0	0
Kus, James	0	0	3	0
Lade, Oliver	0	0	4	0
Laidlaw, Brant	3	9	0	0
Langham, Richard	17	0	0	2
Long, Edward	0	0	0	13
Lowcock, Andrew	19	0	0	0
Lyon, Alexander	2	15	0	0
MacRae, Nicholas	0	2	10	0
Maddocks, Tristan	0	5	5	0
Maddocks, Thomas	5	15	0	0
Maguire, Jason	0	17	0	0
Marshall, David	0	2	13	0
Marshall, Peter	0	0	4	0
Maxwell, Jack	0	20	0	0
McArthur, James	0	0	11	0
McCann, Lachlan	0	0	0	13
McConnell, Ben	13	2	0	0
McDonald, Hayden	13	6	0	0
McLachlan, William	0	0	4	0
McLeod, Mark	10	1	0	0
McMahon, Riley	11	0	0	4
McMullin, Edward	0	0	0	17
Meagher, John	19	0	0	0
Merriman, Bennett	12	7	0	0
Michell, Lachlan	0	11	0	6
Millard, Benjamin	3	17	0	0
Mithen, Patrick	0	0	6	13
Monteith, Michael	14	2	0	0
Mooney, Frank	0	4	12	0
Mugavin, Jeremy	16	0	0	0
Mugavin, Jamie	0	0	0	6
Murfett, Tom	0	0	4	5
Nice, Angus	7	11	0	0
O'Brien, John	0	0	0	17
OHare, Tim	4	14	0	0
Paez, Henry	0	0	4	7
Parkinson, Daniel	0	0	10	0
Paterson, Mark	19	0	0	0
Perkins, Jake	0	1	0	0
Peters, Ben	3	4	0	0
Pickering, Mitchell	0	0	16	0

Player	Sen	Res	3rd	U19
Pollard, Timothy	0	0	1	0
Poulton, Jesse	0	0	5	0
Pyke, Christopher	0	4	10	0
Quail, Richard	0	0	10	0
Quin, Liam	0	4	8	0
Roache, Sam	16	2	0	0
Robinson, William	0	2	13	0
Rodan, Benjamin	0	0	5	0
Ross, Alex	0	0	0	12
Ruggles, Tom	0	0	1	17
Ruggles, Patrick	0	0	0	10
Russo, Robbie	0	0	11	4
Shaw, Charles	19	0	0	0
Simmons, Tony	0	0	4	0
Smith, Angus	0	0	0	17
Smith, Patrick	8	5	0	0
Spalding, Connor	0	0	1	9
Spring, Huw	0	0	2	0
Steinbach, Michael	11	7	0	0
Stevens, Tim	0	0	3	0
Terrill, Adam	0	0	3	0
Thompson, Ryan	0	0	7	0
Torney, Matthew	18	0	0	0
Toulmin, Sam	16	3	0	0
Townley, Jack	0	5	0	0
Tucker, Matthew	0	0	1	0
Turner, Joseph	0	0	0	8
Van De Pol, James	17	2	0	0
Van De Pol, William	0	4	14	0
VanDePol, Daniel	0	0	0	12
Vickers-Willis, Hugh	3	9	0	0
Visser, John	0	0	0	12
Walsh, Andrew	0	0	15	0
Wardle, Louis	0	0	7	7
Watts, Jack	19	0	0	0
Weddell, Albert	7	13	0	0
Westmore, James	0	0	8	0
Whitehead, Oliver	0	0	1	12
Willersdorf, Samuel	0	0	0	2
Wilson, Ralph	0	1	7	0
Withers, David	0	12	1	0
Wood, John	0	10	1	0
Zambon, Daniel	0	0	0	17