



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

To the Players, Supporters and Parents of the 2017 SWQ Thunder FC,

Another exciting year is almost completed and I wish to thank you all for your support of this great club. We have fielded strong teams in the NPL, WNPL, Juniors and SAP and are one of the very few clubs to have this kind of representation in the most elite football program in Queensland. I am very proud to have taken on the Chairman role of Thunder and am keen to build on the great work that Mr Jon Haynes and the board of directors have done thus far. On behalf of Thunder I want to thank you Jon and outgoing board member Mr Peter Munster for your monumental efforts, volunteering your services to this passionate club.

Next year is a year of many exciting challenges – not least of all will be the inclusion of the new era of players coming into the club and playing the full-time SAP program instead of the local community competition. We need to build our players of the future from the get-go in a strong, professional and elite SAP program. Our facilities will be upgraded at Captain Cook with new day and night training fields required for this program. We have also focussed our attention on securing highly experienced coaches to play a critical role in providing the core skills for these players to succeed in our NPL competition.

The Junior program is also gathering momentum with a number of our boys and girls junior teams achieving great success in the 2017 NPL competition. Additionally we have had several of our players participate at Queensland and Australian championships. Congratulations to all the players that achieved representative honours this year, playing elite football for this club and representative teams. This is a sign of a club that is building towards something special. I also wanted to mention how impressed I have been with the improvement and skill development with our juniors this year. I have attended many games and have seen a vast improvement in the club from the start to the back-half of the season. Whilst winning feels nice, this is the real reason that we are all part of this club – to be the best that you can be!

Finally to the Senior teams, thank you on providing some wonderful moments this year. Whilst we are still striving for consistency, I believe that we are well on the way to being a powerhouse in the NPL. Teams now come up the hill respecting the style of football we can deliver. I know a few teams were blown away with our best performances this year in the men's and women's competition! As we come into the world of promotion and relegation I know that we have a great opportunity to create a long lasting culture of success for SWQ Thunder. This won't come unless we

all buy into the Thunder culture and bring positivism, professionalism, and a team centred approach that works and trains hard for each other. We have a vision to win the NPL within the next five years and for this to happen we need to support each other implicitly. The club is committed to providing world class coaches, great players and new training facilities for the whole club (including additional fields and club high performance facilities) at Captain Cook. We want the very best for this club and we want to produce the very best players in all of our teams to make our vision reality.

Thanks everyone for your commitment this year whether it be playing on the field, coaching our teams, managing our teams, running the gate, setting up the fields, sponsoring our teams, scheduling games, keeping our players sane or supplying and cleaning jerseys. Every bit counts and the board is certainly appreciative of your help to keep this machine going! All the best for the end of season games – please use this time wisely to get yourself prepared for the upcoming trials and the new 2018 season.

Yours Sincerely,

Wade Eiser
Chairman
South West Queensland Thunder FC

