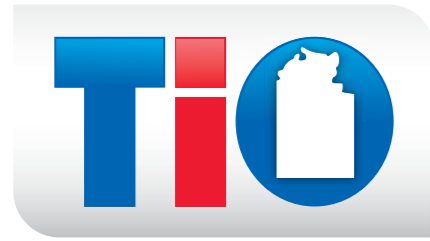




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CHAIRMAN'S / CEO REPORT

ROSS COBURN - CHAIRMAN
TONY FRAWLEY - CEO



PHOTO: Northern Territory Under 18
Girl's Kickstart Team, winners of the
inaugural championship in Melbourne.

YOUNG NT AFL PLAYERS HAVE EXCITING PLAYER PATHWAYS AND FACILITIES

Finally, with the advent of the Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre, young Territorian AFL players can live at home, study and work in the Northern Territory (NT) with access to first class facilities and programs. There is now no need to relocate interstate as it is all here in the NT with the Talent Pathway, the extraordinary opportunities in the AFL National Underage Programs and the revamped North Eastern Australian Football League (NEAFL).

The last two years has seen a focus and consolidation on building the game in remote Northern Territory (now a total of 7,000 participants) but at the same time making sure Community Football, Game Development and Talent are funded and resourced from a strong Commercial

Operations Department. We should never lose sight of all stakeholders in our game and never underestimate the value of partnership. We leverage our relationship with our corporate partners in a professional way and the most pleasing fact is that we have been able to deliver a product for them to remain long term and enduring partners. TIO, Carlton United Breweries, Southern Cross Television, Aboriginal Benefit Account, Coca-Cola Amatil, Andrew Barcroft the Good Guys and Officeworks are testament to this.

Whilst our code is flourishing at all levels we cannot become complacent as other sports and entertainments are desperate to capture our market share. The introduction of the multicultural strategies, AFL 9's and the expansion of female football has helped keep AFL ahead of the game and here in the Northern Territory our special remote projects are doing the same. With an increased focus on AFL in schools we have

increased our participation enormously. If we don't innovate, we will stagnate and we must continually adapt to change particularly in the social media space.

Whilst the AFL 'family' is a huge beast and industry, AFL Northern Territory continues to follow that rapid growth as we all head for 1,000,000 national AFL participants in our great game by 2016. Highlights and areas of growth by AFLNT in 2013 were:

8% participation growth – 30,000 participants

Community Club Football – our community club football is the cornerstone of the game and its substantial infrastructure is supported by the contribution of many hundreds of volunteers. Volunteers are critical to the growth of the game as they determine the quality of the club environment and culture and hence the experience of players and their families. The growth of our affiliations,

especially Central Australia has also been a large focus. The best example of a selfless volunteer was when Calvin Dean from Central Australia was recognised as an AFLNT Hall of Fame Inductee last November for his 40 years of service, a true legend and well deserved honour.

NORTHERN TERRITORY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Growing this community league and building club capacity including the establishment of new clubs or divisions will be critical for the NTFL's long term growth and prosperity. The appointment of the full time Club Development Managers is critical to building and improving club capacity and structures and AFL appointed an NTFL Operations Manager to work closely with the CDM's and clubs to enhance this important program. We are continually challenged with our umpiring numbers and particularly retaining them. We provided a new full time resource and part-time resources to help the Umpiring Manager in this critical area. On any given NTFL round we have to fill 218 umpiring spots for 42 matches. The Redtails again participated in an eight game trial and this concept will now be thoroughly reviewed.

TALENT PATHWAY



Over 125 players were exposed to our under 16 and under 18 programs. NTThunder in the NEAFL continues to give young Territorians the opportunity to play State League Football. The NEAFL has been restructured for next season and the standard of competition will rise with less teams playing.

During our Executive Conference held on Groote Eylandt we focused on our talent pathway which resulted in the formation of a new squad, 'The Michael Long Cup' where 350 under 14 players from all parts of the Northern Territory came together for a weekend selection carnival. There were 33 different communities represented with 16 communities having a player selected in the country and city

squads. It will be interesting to follow the fortunes of these boys as they will be the first squad to align with the new Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre.

A high priority was the additional investment that went into the under 18 match program to play more games before and after the National series in the TAC Cup to further give our players a better chance of national selection.

REMOTE PROJECTS

Since last report another three remote projects have been established and currently we have an expression of interest from the Borroloola Community for a project based there. This will take us up to ten projects.

FUNDING

Continued funding partnerships with Australian and Northern Territory Governments. Both levels of Government continue to support our programs and our push into remote NT. We look forward to a new agreement between the AFL, Melbourne Football Club and the Northern Territory Government for a new AFL Premiership and NAB Cup Match program for the Northern Territory. The scheduling of the historic Premiership Match on Saturday 31st May 2014 between Melbourne and Port Adelaide at TIO Traeger Park, Alice Springs, is an enormous boost for Central Australian football.

MICHAEL LONG LEARNING & LEADERSHIP CENTRE

The Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre Building Steering Committee have continued to provide valuable advice leading up to the construction phase and now our attention turns to the development of the program and fundraising campaign for the operation of the centre. It is a

huge challenge but it is the most exciting and complex concept AFLNT has ever undertaken and there will be much organisation, consultation and planning to make sure it is a 'cutting edge' facility and a program for future generations.

PEOPLE AND CULTURE

Our aim is to attract, develop and retain quality people at AFLNT and develop a high performance culture in line with our values. AFL Human Resources through Brad Reid (QLD based) and the newly appointed HR Officer for AFLNT, Jenny Elliott, continue to provide an excellent level of service to the 58 full time and many part time employees at AFLNT. It is interesting to note that 50% of our total staff are now based outside Darwin.

FINANCE

As we continue to strive to grow new sources of revenue, the current market place is tough and we have been able to increase our revenue once again and post a \$20K profit in a very tough economic climate.

THANK YOU

To Ross Coburn and the AFLNT Board, thanks for your advice, guidance and wise counsel. To our wonderful full time staff led by our over achieving Executive, I ask much of our leadership team and they respond in a professional and positive way and I am certain this fact is the reason we achieve so much. To the AFL National Staff in Melbourne, all the Club and League officials in NT, our players, coaches, umpires and volunteers – it is a privilege to serve this passionate AFL stronghold which is the Northern Territory. **(PHOTO) Left: Young gun recruits (L-R) Neil Veve, Sam Godden and Jack Musgrove are an integral part of future talent in the NT. (BELOW) Dartist impression of MLLLC.**



AFL Northern Territory Strategy 2014				
Community Football	Talent	Game Development	Remote Projects	Commercial Operations
Competition (structure/performance)	Deliver competitive team performances in the TAC Cup competition	Create a meaningful first AFL experience	Improved relevant coach and umpire education for remote indigenous Territorians	Raise the necessary funds to allow successful execution of Strategic Plan
New NTFL teams	Deliver competitive team performances at the under 16 and under 18 National Championships	Ensure that the participation pathway flows effectively	Improved league governance and club development practices	Assist NTFL Clubs with their commercial operations and fundraising endeavours
Increased customer focus	Achieve at least two invitees to National Draft Combine each year	Create stronger links between NTFL Clubs and community participation programs	Improved policies and procedures particularly around health and safety	Continue to commercialise AFL games
Coach Education / Development	Achieve at least two invitees to AFL State Screening sessions each year	Growing the female participation base in order to feed more talent programs	Improved local indigenous employment outcomes	Source funding for AFLNT remote projects and continue to improve AFLNT Government relations department
Volunteer development, training and recruitment	Achieve at least one Level 1 AIS/AFL scholarship inductee each year	Create meaningful volunteer opportunities and develop volunteers at a grassroots level	Increased female participation	Assist AFL Central Australia to secure project funding and increase suite of CAFL sponsors
Umpire development	Achieve at least one Level 2 AIS/AFL scholarship inductee each year	Complete the social football pathway	Development of school based curriculum activities and how this links into the Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre	Source and secure ongoing operational funding for Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre
Women's football involvement (philosophy and foundation)	Achieve at least one player drafted to the AFL including rookie listings	Developing green shirt umpiring opportunities through school and community programs	Remote expansion - new projects - Borroloola and Millingimbi? Additional resources?	Position AFLNT as the most effective user of digital marketing and media in the NT
Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre relationship development	Implement talent programs and partnerships that achieve early identification and development of athletes	Develop strong relationships with local stakeholders	Renew Department of Social Services funded projects - Wadeye and Galiwinku	Produce all digital media content in house
Increased participation opportunities	Continue to develop, educate and retain local coaches at an elite level	Growing the multicultural participation base in order to feed more talent programs	Improved promotion and education to key partners of Remote Projects	Place a strong emphasis on developing staff to enable them to progress their careers in the AFL industry
Increased multicultural opportunities	Strengthen the extended pathway at under 14 and under 15 level		Increased talent opportunities for remote players	

Michael Long

LEARNING & LEADERSHIP CENTRE

INNOVATION

EDUCATION

INSPIRATION

The Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre project evolved rapidly in 2013 with construction due to commence in December 2013. Providing key life changing programs the centre will offer children from remote communities the opportunity to be exposed to health and education programs along with development and assistance with career planning and leadership development. AFL Northern Territory is extremely grateful for the ongoing support and guidance provided by the project partners. The centre has been funded with \$7.5 million from the Regional Development Australia Fund, \$1.5 million from the AFL, \$3.5 million from the Aboriginal Benefit Account and \$2.5m from the Northern Territory Government. (PHOTO) Artist impressions of the new Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre to be housed at TIO Stadium.



FUNDING PARTNERS



PROGRAM PARTNERS





The mission of AFL Northern Territory is to grow and improve the AFL community through great infrastructure, quality environments, employment and education. This can only be achieved through the recruitment, development and retention of high quality staff. The retention of staff continues to be an issue at AFLNT and we need to constantly improve our procedures and make this a company that people wish to work for long term.

AFLNT is also focused on providing a clear career pathway for all staff both internally and externally in the broader football and sports industry. AFLNT is considered the employer of choice in NT sport and the organisation remains committed to providing a safe, productive and diverse workplace where staff feel valued and know of their importance to the organisation and its aims and objectives.

We continue to work closely with the AFL's Human Resource Department and get constant advice and invaluable guidance from them. The ongoing support provided by Brad Reid and Chloe Jenkins allows AFLNT to operate efficiently in the HR space. We remain incredibly grateful for their assistance and consider ourselves fortunate to be able to regularly tap into their expertise.

AFLNT HR SNAPSHOT

• As of November 2013, AFLNT (including NTFC) have 50 staff, both full time and part time, including 3 trainees.

• From November 2012 to November 2013 we have seen the recruitment of 23 staff, including full time and part time staff with 15 staff leaving the organisation of their own volition, which is an improvement on last year's turnover of staff

• 86% of our staff are male, a figure we aspire to reduce as we actively seek to promote a more diverse workplace

• 55% of staff are Generation Y (1980-1994)

• 39% of our staff have been with AFLNT for 12 months or less, 48 % 1-5 years; with 2% having been here for over 15 years. These figures indicate that like most NT businesses retention of staff is an issue however AFLNT has improved retention rates in the past two years.

HIGHLIGHTS AND MILESTONES

• All NTFL Premier League Clubs now have a Club Development Manager in place

• Jenny Elliott reached 10 years of service in November 2013

• AFLNT stalwart Kevin Bruce will reach 10 years of service in April 2014

• Anthony Venes attended the Mt Eliza Senior Leadership program in Melbourne in February. The program was a three and a half day residential business program that covers leadership, marketing, financial management, brand management, strategy and negotiation skills

• AFLNT is committed to the professional development of its staff. Whilst AFLNT aims to source the right candidate for every role there are excellent opportunities for promotion and professional development within the organisation as reflected by staff members being promoted into new roles in the past 12 months –

- o Stephen Nugent
Chief Operating Officer
- o Anthony Venes
General Manager Strategic Development
- o Adam Moedt
Game Development Manager
- o Jodie Brown
Acting Administration & Events Manager
- o Darryl Griffiths
Football Operations Manager
- o Jenny Elliott - HR Officer
- o Dave Kennedy - Regional Development Manager Palmerston
- o Tavis Perry
Remote Talent & Education Manager
- o Michael Barfoot
Facility/Historian Co-ordinator.

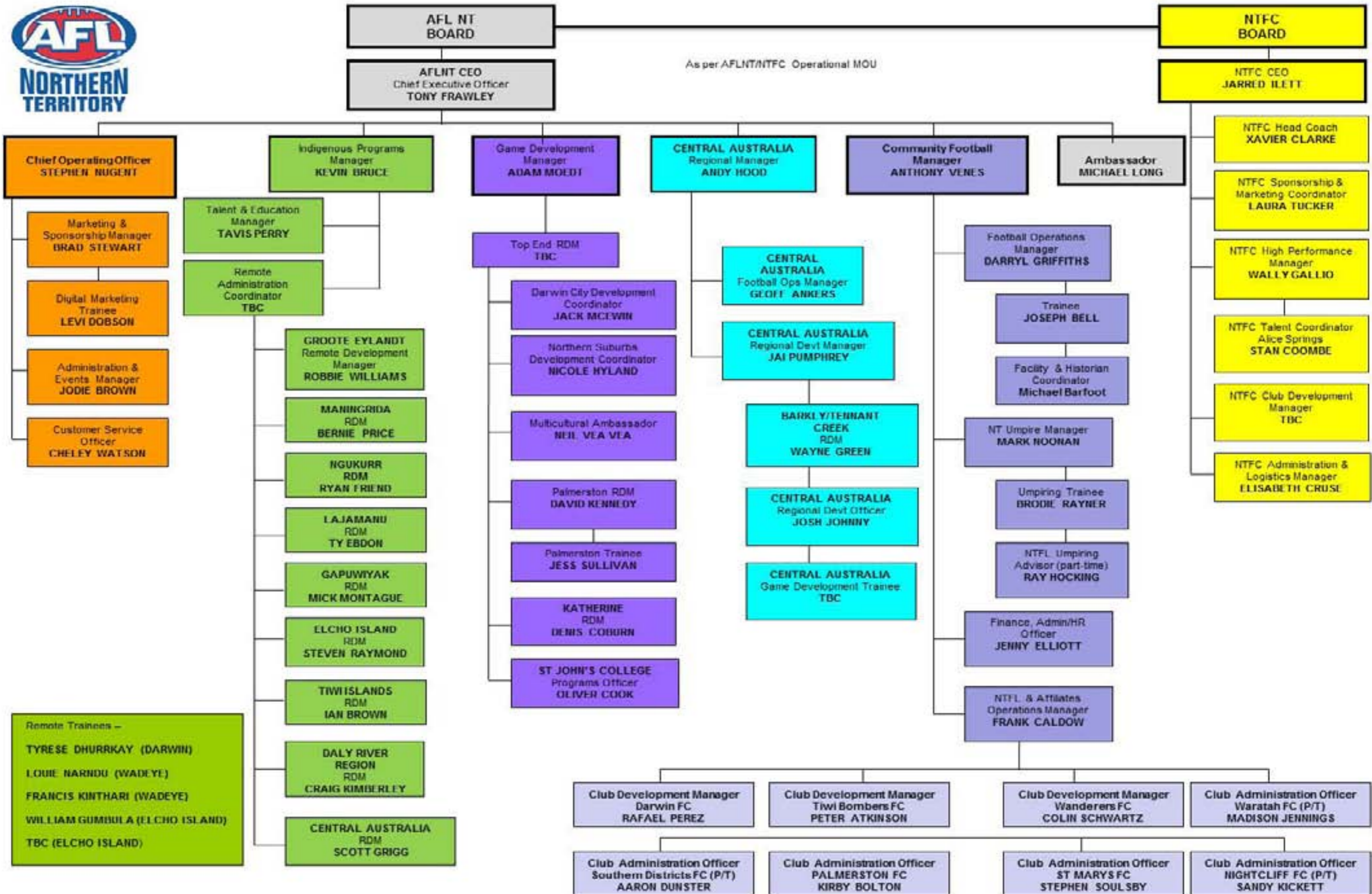


PHOTO: Melbourne Demons & Brisbane Lions players going hard for the ball during their match at TIO Stadium, Darwin.

HUMAN RESOURCES

JENNY ELLIOTT

AFLNT ORGANISATIONAL CHART





COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS REPORT

STEPHEN NUGENT

PHOTO: Officeworks Stuart Park Store Manager, Brad McConnel, and 2012-13 Nichols Medalist Shane Tipuamantimirri from the Tiwi Bombers Football Club

AFL Northern Territory's continued success across all business units is directly attributable to the crucial support we receive from all our valued corporate partners, government partners, media partners, signage holders, corporate box clients and our members.

CORPORATE PARTNERS

TIO continue to support AFL in the Northern Territory as naming rights partner of the Northern Territory Football League and they also assumed naming rights of TIO Traeger Park in Alice Springs and the Central Australia Football League. Christine Thiel continues to be a strong advocate of AFL programs in the NT and has developed and implemented many community safety programs via TIO's sponsorship of AFLNT.

AFLNT's enduring partnership with Carlton United Breweries (Fosters) continues to be one of the strongest partnerships in Territory sport. AFLNT also benefits from an exceptional commercial relationship with Coca Cola Amatil which goes beyond the boundaries of TIO Stadium and into the remote communities of the NT.

BHP Billiton/GEMCO continues to support AFLNT's Groote Eylandt Football Project which is going from strength to strength. ENI are a valued partner of the Wadeye Project and each community is directly benefitting from the strong partnerships AFLNT has developed with each corporate supporter.

Defence Force Recruiting have signed a new deal with AFLNT that will see AFL and DFR combine to reach out to the Indigenous population as well as a key partnership with Central Australia's Annual Easter Carnival.

The Department of Social Services (previously known as FaHCSIA) continued to provide core funding for ongoing delivery of remote football services in Wadeye and Galiwinku.

Officeworks continue to show their support for one of our key programs, NT Thunder Juniors and also continue to support the Nichols Medal. Officeworks are working with AFLNT on engagement plans with AFLNT's key Game Development programs.

The team at Kennards Hire continued their support from 2013 and have renewed for 2014 supporting our key AFL events and being AFLNT's Preferred Primary Equipment Hire Company.

2013 also saw continued support from valued long time supporters of football in the NT, the team at Rydges – Darwin Airport Resort led by Justin Boydell who

is supportive of all AFLNT programs.

Thank you also to Andrew Barcroft of 'The Good Guys' for his ongoing support of the NTFL Umpires Association and Steve Lemmers of Patties food for his assistance with increasing Patties level of support throughout the NT once again in 2013.

MEDIA PARTNERS

The excellent partnership between AFLNT and the ABC continues with the broadcast of NTFL games proving to be as popular as ever. NTFL games continue to be broadcast in the primetime slot on Saturday afternoons hosted by the indefatigable Charlie King.

Nadine Jones and her team at Southern Cross Television once again supported football in the NT across many levels. Southern Cross television are active in the community and place a strong focus on promoting AFLNT programs and projects to ensure that viewers are fully informed of the growth of AFL football in the NT.

The radio coverage for AFLNT continues with extensive support from 105.7 ABC local radio broadcasts of the NTFL. Our commercial radio partners Hot100 and Mix1049 with the support of Mark Johnson continues to provide valuable commercial airtime for promotion of key major events.

The excellent partnership between AFLNT and the NT News grew in 2013 with a number of exciting promotions and competitions run in the lead up to the NTFL Grand Final and both Toyota AFL Premiership

PHOTO: West Coast's Josh Kennedy lines up the goals at Traeger Park in 2013 NAB Cup



PHOTO: Port Adelaide's Chad Wingard in action at TIO Stadium during the 2014 Toyota AFL Premiership Match against the Bulldogs.

Matches held at TIO Stadium. Grey Morris and his team continue to provide blanket coverage of all things football in the NT.

MAJOR EVENTS

February of 2013 saw the return of the AFL Indigenous All Stars Match to Traeger Park in Alice Springs. A successful event which was



PHOTO: Territorian Cyril Rioli taking part in the Super Clinic held at TIO Traeger Park, Alice Springs during the Indigenous All Stars Camp

streamed live online via www.youtube.com/aflnorthernterritory with over 80,000 viewers tuning in over the course of the evening. 2013 saw two financially successful AFL Toyota AFL Premiership Matches played at

TIO stadium with the commercial aspects of both games developed and managed by AFLNT. Coles were again on board as match day presenting partner for both games. We thank Coles for their support

of the AFL games in the NT. Coles are a wonderful example of a proactive and community minded corporate partner with a genuine interest in promoting the game.

The 2012/13 Officeworks Nichols was once again held SKYCITY Casino and was a truly marvellous night enjoyed by all. The event itself was managed exceptionally well by AFLNT Events Manager Jodie Brown.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

AFLNT once again issued apparel supply licenses to the following companies: Cricket and Football Shop Darwin, JS Sports, SportCentre and Peter Hargreaves Sports Agencies Pty Ltd. Licensees pay a license fee and rebate on sales to AFLNT. The system has now been rolled out across the Northern Territory to provide greater brand control and supportive pricing for all our leagues and clubs across the NT.

Community partner of AFLNT, *beyondblue*: the national depression initiative, delivered a host of key depression awareness messages to participants at football events Territory wide in 2012/13.

AFLNT Game Development continues its key work in the important Multicultural space.

DIGITAL MARKETING AND PROMOTION

In 2013 AFLNT continued to develop its online and digital marketing plan which now sees a consolidated effort across all departments to promote and develop the work that is being done right across the Northern Territory. Some key highlights in the digital space in 2013 include:

- Employment of permanent part-time Digital Marketing Trainee to manage AFLNT Digital Activations
- Continued streaming via AFLNTv! of NTFL Matches across the NT
- AFLNTv! received rights to stream the NAB Cup and AFL Indigenous All Stars from Alice Springs.
- Indigenous All Stars engaging over 80,000 viewers across the country with 63,000 post event views.
- Facebook Likes on AFLNT Facebook page now exceeds 5400
- Over 950 @AFLNT Twitter followers

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

AFLNT developed numerous new key relationships in 2013 in particular a new relationship with Catholic Care NT and North Australia Aboriginal Family Violence Legal Service (NAAFVLS) promoting key Anti-Domestic Violence messages both via key stadium advertising and engagement activities that will stretch into 2014.

Murray MacAllister at NT Link has been instrumental in his support of AFLNT across our key operations in Darwin and Alice Springs.

AFLNT has continued its longstanding relationship with SKYCITY Darwin with a new partnership extending for another three years thanks to the ongoing support of Brad Morgan and his team can now hold all key functions and events at SKYCITY Darwin's new Beachfront Pavilion.

PHOTO: Children from Borroloola Community displaying TIO Road Safety shirts during a visit to the Borroloola Show in 2013



FOOTBALL OPERATIONS REPORT

ANTHONY VENES



PHOTO: 2013 AFLNT Umpiring
Academy Members who umpired
the School Sport NT Under 15
Trials in Palmerston .

The Northern Territory sporting public in our major centres and remote regions have continued to show their support for the game through increased participation numbers, continued growth in attendance figures, sport specific education programs and volunteerism. As a result Australian Football across the NT continues to be the preference as the number one sporting code in the NT as it progresses further in both the major centres and out in our fascinating remote regions.

TIO NTFL

In the Top End, the Northern Territory Football League (NTFL) continues to look at ways of evolving its senior competitions of Premier League, Division One, Division Two and Women's to provide opportunity for Territorians to participate in our great game. The door remains open for the introduction of new clubs and teams as a result of the progressive new tiered structure and it is hoped that with development opportunities in business currently in our regional climate there is the chance of seeing teams representing Inpex, McMahons, Conoco Philips and JKC in additional specifically configured competitions in the near future, thus enabling us so to satisfy the Australian Football needs of the Territory public.

The competitions continue to grow with the introduction of new teams and through the aid of trial periods. It was great to see the Central Australian Redtails and their excellent on field results, plus the Wadeye Magic and their continued attempts to become a full time team. The addition of Tracy Village into the Women's competition is sign that there are opportunities for those that want to take it on. The introduction of the under 12 competition into the junior program saw an additional 240 participants joining the NTFL. The Friday night junior concept has instantly become a family evening at TIO with an average of 1100 visitors coming to the venue for the program each week. The under 14's competition was expected to take a hit from the introduction of the under 12's however this was not to be, with the competition remaining stable in terms of team numbers. The under 16's need to be a focus area for the Community Football Department, as a competition where there is identified drop off in participation numbers. The Youth Girls competition is getting off the ground and starting to get the runs on the board and will continue to need guidance and support in the short term for it to develop further. The introduction of the U18.5's saw a notable drop off in the number of forfeits and short numbers matches being played, which was positive note, the stage for this competition will be the need to include a divisional level of competition.

Congratulations go out to all of the Premiers for 2012/13 TIO NTFL Season

Premier League winners:

St Marys Football Club

Division One winners:

Waratah Football Club

Division Two winners:

University Football Club

(inaugural win)

U18 Winners:

Big River Hawks Football Club

(inaugural win)

Women's competition:

Waratah Football Club

U16 Hickman:

Nightcliff Football Club

U16 Leverage:

St Marys Football Club

Youth Girls:

St Marys Football Club

U14 Gundersen:

Southern Districts Football Club

U14 Lew Fatt:

Darwin Football Club

U12 Atkinson (1):

St Marys Football Club

U12 Atkinson (2):

Waratah Football Club

Overall the entire competition in 2012/13 was memorable both on and off the field. All clubs continued to work hard to improve themselves and this was evident in the on field success in all grades. Congratulations to all volunteers of the eighteen TIO NTFL Clubs, from Club Presidents through to the boot strappers, without whose efforts and contributions the fortunes of your beloved club would not have been realised. Volunteers are the life blood of any football club and your contribution has allowed your club to continue to grow and prosper. This is also especially evident for the clubs who

didn't see success on the last day of the season, the work and contributions that you put into your club needs to also be recognised as it takes more than a premiership winning team to create a successful competition.

After the first 6 rounds, Shane Tipuamantimirri (Tiwi Bombers) and Christopher Dunne (Wanderers) lead the Nichols Medal count on 11 and 9 votes respectively. By round 15 the two still lead the field (on 17 and 14 votes), however Southern Districts' Tom Gleeson (13 votes) was starting to make up ground. The last two rounds kept everyone on the edge of their seats as Christopher Dunne polled well in 16 to draw level, however Shane Tipuamantimirri finished off the season well to win the medal with 20 votes. Christopher Dunne held onto 2nd place ahead of Tom Gleeson in 3rd place.

The Chaney Medal for best on ground in the Premier League Grand Final went to Willie Rioli of St Marys. The Dennis Dunn Trophy was won by Damien Cupido of Southern Districts who went close to breaking Dennis Dunn's record for the number of goals kicked in a single season with 136 majors.

Congratulations to other award winners;

Mitch Lee Medal (Div 1):

William Johnson

(Banks Football Club)

Lancaster Medal (Div 2):

Andrew Davidson

(University Football Club)

Abala Medal (U18):

Jake Farrell

(Big River Hawks Football Club)

Coca Cola Medal (Women's):

Alanah Kelly

(Nightcliff Football Club)

Hickman Medal (U16):

Lachlan McKenzie

(Nightcliff Football Club)

Leverence Medal (U16):

Denny Musgrove

(St Marys Football Club)

Gundersen Medal (U14):

Ryan Mu

(Nightcliff Football Club)

Lew Fatt Medal (U14):

Leslie Maroney

(Darwin Buffaloes Football Club)

Atkinson Medal (U12 - 2):

Joel Jeffery

(Palmerston Magpies Football Club)

Atkinson Medal (U12 - 2):

Joezay Talbot

(Palmerston Magpies Football Club)

The 2013/14 TIO NTFL season saw the introduction of the Player Points System into the Premier League competition. The concept replaced the transfer fee system,

encourages clubs to develop local talent, recognises Thunder contracted players, promotes the return of delisted AFL players and encourages clubs to recruit Tier One players from the major interstate competition. St Marys have commenced the season undefeated and look very much in control. Wanderers are looking to be the only team that may be able to defeat St Marys after some impressive wins of late. The middle of the table is compacted with teams that are looking to consolidate a spot in the 5. The Redtails completed a second trial of 8 matches (7 in Darwin) they played at the urban grounds, had to deal with Qantas removing one of their scheduled flights and only managed one win. It was a hard trial and one that was certainly testing.

AFL delisted players continued to make the trip north, and it was good to see Jarred

Brennan and Richard Tambling back playing with Southern Districts Football Club again. David Mensch showed some form with Buffaloes, Mark Blake for St Marys, Cameron Cloke continues to have run with the Palmerston Magpies, Daniel Motlop still putting on a show for Wanderers and Liam Jurrah teamed up with his old Melbourne teammate, Austin Wonaemerri, at the Tiwi Bombers, and Mathew Campbell for the Redtails was another high performer back.

Even more pleasing is the number of underage players making their mark on the competition, a few examples at each of the clubs are, Brandon Parfitt and Lachlan McKenzie for Nightcliff, Michael Hagan and Jalen Clarke with the Buffaloes, Zane Carter and Marcus Hamilton for Southern Districts, Leroy Larsen and Nicholas Yarrin with St Marys. Tobias Hunkin, William Hetherington

PHOTOS: (LEFT) Action from 2013 CAFL Womens Grand Final (BELOW) Federal's celebrate after winning the Central Australia Football League's Premier League Grand Final.



and Alastair Darcy at Waratah, Brett Totham and Joel Seden for Wanderers, while Riley Hogan, Keidan Holt-Tubbs, Nathan Hartley and Callan

Wilson have been regulars at the Magpies and Tiwi Bombers have blooded Kenny and Gary Puruntatameri, Adrian Mungatopi, Adam Tipungwuti, Jerome Tipuamantamirri and Chris Warlipinni among others. Our affiliated leagues continue to provide an important social outlet for their local communities by giving those communities a vehicle to display their prodigious football talent whilst unifying the community.

AFL CENTRAL AUSTRALIA (AFLCA)

Run by the AFLNT, and managed locally in Alice Springs by a dedicated staff ably led by Andy Hood and with the support of a local Advisory Panel. The AFLCA continues to be a vital component of the football structure in the Northern Territory in addition to underpinning football development in the red centre whilst continuing its tradition of hosting

AFL matches in addition to the introduction of NT Thunder matches to the football schedule at Traeger Park. A successful finals series resulted in a win to Federals in the Premier League, knocking off Pioneers.

AFL BARKLY

AFL Barkly ran with a 10 team senior competition which included newcomers the Arparra Suns, which resulted in a 5 team final series involving Spitfires, Eagles, Ti Tree, YDU and Ali Curung, who eventually made it through to the Grand Final from 5th spot. The BAFL Grand Final was a close match, however Eagles were too strong in the end running out winners, and getting their 6th Premiership 15.21.111 over Ali Curung 14.7.91. Best on Ground honours went to Tommy Gillett, while the Patrons Medal (B&F) went to Lyndon Clegg (Eastern Davenport Storm). Nicholas Corbett (YDU) was voted the best under 18 player in the competition while Warrick Miller (Ali Curung) won the Leading Goal Kicker.

AFL KATHERINE

AFL in Katherine, continues to provide an avenue for local residents, the 9 team senior Big River Football League competition, operated with a twist as Ngukurr and Lajamanu both played match ration with 7 games each under a match ratio to try and reduce the travel issues. The competition is a mixture of community (5) and town

PHOTO: Umpires in Action during the TIO NTFL Season

teams (4), with most matches being played at Nitmiluk Oval (show grounds), Tindal, Barunga, Jilkminggan and Ngukurr. The top five for the 2013 season was made up of Eastside, Arnhem Crows, Katherine Camels, Ngukurr and Beswick, with Eastside 10.14.74 defeating Ngukurr 8.11.59 in the Grand Final despite a big attacking last quarter by Ngukurr. The Morris Medal for BOG in GF went to Brian Coleman-Broome from Eastside. The Doug Kelly Medal for the competition Best and Fairest award, went to Josh Blitner, who polled 26 votes and William Kossack won the Leading Goal Kicker with 46 majors. The BRFL commenced the under 16 Boys and Girls competitions in late 2012, which saw 5 teams compete in the boys and 4 teams in the girls. The boys Grand Final saw Arnhem Crows 14.9.93 defeat Eastside Blues 8.5.53, with Shane Martin winning the Best of Ground award for Arnhem Crows. For the girls Katherine Blue 6.4.40 defeated Jilkminggan 5.6.36 in a very even contest.

AFL GOVE

AFL Gove held another exciting Grand Final which was replay of the 2012 match between Gopu and Nguykal. Unlike 2012

however where Gopu took the honours, Nguykal took out the 2013 Premiership in great style with a 10.16.76 to 9.6.60 win and in doing so stopped Gopu from getting the "threepeat".

UMPIRING - MARK NOONAN

This year was all about consolidation in the NT Umpiring Department. We welcomed a new Umpiring Trainee, Brodie Rayner, to fill the void left after the departure of Kristian Whitaker, our former Umpiring Development Officer. We have continued to deliver on the majority of our NT Umpiring objectives with the help of the NTFL Umpiring Advisor, Regional Umpiring Coordinators, AFLNT Regional Development Managers and our Umpiring Trainee.

GREEN SHIRT MENTORING PROGRAM

This year, we maintained the number of first year Green Shirt Umpires for the NT Thunder Juniors Competition during the dry season. Most of the under 12's competitions in Darwin, Palmerston and the rural areas had two Junior Field Umpires per match and we worked hard to encourage these



PHOTO: The School Sport NT Umpires from U15 Championships.

umpires to move up into the NTFL ranks during the wet season and consider the AFLNT Umpiring Development Pathway.

The number of Green Shirt Umpires in Katherine and Alice Springs has continued to grow due to the dedication and support of the great mentors from their respective Senior Umpiring panels.

The end of season Green Shirt Graduations coincided very well with the Grand Finals Appointment evenings in Alice Springs and Katherine. Green Shirt Umpires received a National Certificate, but due to national budget cuts, they unfortunately did not receive a graduation gift this year.

The national budget cuts have affected the Umpiring Department further, causing the AFLNT to foot the cost of the 2013 AFL Green Shirt Umpire Grand Final prize. The NT winner was Jingjo Brown from Alice Springs Juniors who was lucky to be presented with this once in a lifetime opportunity to umpire a NAB Auskick Grid Game prior to the Hawthorn vs. Fremantle Grand Final. He also participated in the AFL Grand Final Parade on the Friday before the game.

Next year our aim is to continue to improve the numbers of people becoming Green Shirt Umpires and really promote the idea that anyone, no matter what age, can

become a first year Green Shirt Umpire in the Northern Territory.

UMPIRING ACADEMY

In 2013 the AFLNT Junior Umpiring Academy had numerous opportunities to impress for selection into many different junior representation spots. We saw a large introduction of 21 new junior umpires from across the Territory added to the 2013 list, demonstrating their desire to learn and improve in their chosen umpiring disciplines.

From our 2012 list, we saw 5 umpires move into local senior panels, 10 move interstate with family, 6 concentrated on their rep playing, 6 just wanting to umpire the NTFL season only and 7 umpires have retired from umpiring for now. We send all those umpires who have left the Academy our best wishes and hope they will return to umpiring in the not too distant future.

It is pleasing to see how many new friendships and networks have developed between the city and regional Junior Umpires. This was really evident at the two School Sport NT (SSNT) Australian Rules Football events during the dry season. During our first 'live-in' program in Palmerston, we had our first Junior Umpire from Gove, Matati Mununggintj join us. Junior Umpires had the opportunity to

develop new friendships during the 3-day SSNT under 12 Championships and learn more fundamental skills of field umpiring, leadership and goal setting.

The SSNT under 15 development trials were held over 2 days in Palmerston during late May. This would have to be the best "live-in" Academy camp to date, as the camp coincided with the AFL premiership point game between Western Bulldogs and Port Adelaide in Darwin. The junior field, boundary and goal umpires were mesmerised on the Friday night when the National Umpiring Development Manager Adam Davis brought down 3 AFL Umpires (Brendan Hosking - Field, Jonathan Creasey - Boundary & Chris Appleton - Goal) to talk about their experiences and pass on coaching tips over dinner. Two of the Academy Umpires were given the chance to be AFL ball stewards for the match on the Saturday night, whilst the other Junior Umpires observed the game and took notes so they could ask the AFL Umpires questions after the game.

The junior umpires performed brilliantly and continued to fine tune their umpiring skills on field and off field. Hopefully they will remember what they have learned and move up their local ranks in the near future. A big thank you must go to the local coaches, Andrew Hurwood and Kieth Pratt, who gave up their valuable time over the two days to





PHOTO: An umpire from AFLNT remote Project in Ngukurr holds the ball aloft to start the game

help observe and pass on coaching tips to the junior academy umpires.

We continued to have strong representation of Northern Territory Umpires in many different national events throughout 2013. These events are discussed below.

NATIONAL SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIAN RULES CARNIVAL

The National School Sport Australian Rules Carnival was held in Darwin in mid August for the first time since 2006. Being the host State/ Territory we had our top 5 selected NT Junior Academy Umpires attend the event. These umpires were:
 Field: Samuel Ferguson (Palmerston/Rural)
 Field: Jamieson Galbraith (Darwin)
 Field: Samuel Nippress (Alice Springs)
 Boundary: Makhosini Khumalo (Alice Springs)
 Goal: Shaun Ostler (Darwin)

One of the bonuses for the NT hosting the Carnival was that we were able to use our up-and-coming NT Junior Academy Umpires to help fill spots on the Boundary or Goal and give them a taste of what they would have to work on in the coming months/ years to reach national level.

An extra mention must go to Samuel Ferguson and Shaun Ostler who become the first Northern Territory school umpires in over 15 years to umpire the u15 Grand Final between South Australia and Western Australia.

NORTHERN STATES UNDER 14 CUP

Gavin McHugh was selected to represent NT Field Umpires at the 2013 Northern States u14 Cup. This event was held in Western Sydney over 3 days in mid September.

AFL FEMALE CHAMPIONSHIPS

In 2013 Sheryle Schmode represented the NT as a field umpire at the AFL under 18 Youth Girls Championships in Shepparton, Vic. Beckie Taylor also represented the NT as a boundary umpire at the AFL Women's National Championships in Cairns, QLD.

AFL NAB NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

In May, the NT supplied a full complement of home-based umpires for Round 1 of the under 18 AFL NAB National Championship match between the Northern Territory and Victoria Country in Darwin. Six Northern Territory umpires were selected for the Championship 'live-in' experiences across Australia. Jeff Mann (Field), Jeff Gambrell (Boundary) and Joanne Wood (Goals) attended the under 18 'live-in' experience in Melbourne for Round 4 and 5. Jay Gilden (Field), James Inglis (Boundary) and Melissa Thiele (Goals) flew the NT flag whilst attending the under 16 'live-

in' experience in Western Sydney. From all coaching reports, all umpires learned many new skills and techniques during their experiences interstate.

NORTH EASTERN AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Some of our very dedicated umpires made up our 2013 NEAFL NT based Umpiring Panel. This group was lead by AIS/AFL scholarship holder Jeff Mann in the field and he was joined by rookie field umpire Jay Gilden. Hayden Kelly lead the boundary umpires and he was joined by Mathew Collins, Jeff Gambrell, Hayden Clark and James Inglis. Melissa Thiele and Joanne Wood goal umpired the majority of the Darwin based NEAFL games. They were supported by Kieth Pratt and Jim Thiele when they were away on National representative duties. We must also thank four of our Alice Springs umpires of Grant Butler, Martin Borgas, Andrew Davis and Gavin McGargill for their Goal and Boundary Umpiring of Thunder matches in the Red Centre.

AFLNT UMPIRING DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATIONAL PROGRAMS

We conducted 20 Basic Umpiring Courses (BUC) around the Northern Territory and had 203 people complete the basic level 0 introduction course. One of the most exciting tours of the year was the week-long East Arnhem BUC tour in early May. BUC's were conducted in Galiwinku, Gapuwiyak, Gove and Groote Eylandt and as a result, many of the participants have now started umpiring in their local leagues.

The 2013 AFL Umpires Road-Show was conducted in the Katherine Region in March with the help AFL Field Umpire Shane Stewart and AFL Boundary Umpire Tim Morrison. We had an action-packed tour organised conducting numerous umpiring clinics in schools in Katherine and in Beswick and Burunga. Some of the highlights of the tour included the number of local people coming to participate in the "Katherine Umpires Come & Try Umpiring Night" which helped kick start their recruitment campaign for the 2013 Big Rivers Football League. As a result of this evening, the Katherine Umpires recruited over 12 new umpires and Shane and Tim handed out signed AFL Uniforms to many of the new and existing umpires.

We had numerous NT umpiring coaches participate in the national AFL Umpire Coach PD programs through-out 2013. Jared Collins our 2012/13 NTFL Umpiring Advisor was selected to represent the NT at the 2013 National Coaching Conference in early February in Melbourne.

The 2012-13 NTFL season saw many changes with the introduction of new under 12 competition and extra teams added to existing grades. We now host 43 official NTFL matches across 9 different grades every weekend. Jared Collins continued on as the NTFL Umpiring Advisor for another season and took on the huge responsibility of managing umpiring appointments for the expanding competition. This was especially difficult during the start of the season when the Central Australian Redtails and Banks trialed in the Premier League.

The NTFL Umpires put in a lot of work before the start of the season to develop the "Group Environment". The aim was to create a better, more supportive training and match day environment. An example of this was how the Umpiring group supported Beckie Taylor after she put the "game first" and withdrew from her Grand Final appointment because she had not fully recovered from an injury.

There is definitely no questioning the ongoing commitment and dedication of the NTFL Umpires. With 742 official matches during the 2012-13 NTFL season, they managed to fill 91% of games with only 66 matches using Club Volunteer Umpires. This is still one of the highest umpiring allocations in Australia and most field and goal umpires doubled up and did more than one game each weekend to ensure the NTFL matches had qualified umpires.

Listed below are some of our Major Achievements for the 2012/13 NTFL season:

- The "Come & Try Umpiring Evening" was held in late August and helped us recruit 34 new umpires (including 24 Junior Green Shirt Umpires) into the NTFL ranks.
 - Round 11 was the "Umpiring is Everyone's Business" Round which provided us with some great media coverage.
 - A new record of 24 debutants in Premier League matches was set, 5 more than last NTFL season (11 Field, 8 Boundary & 5 Goal).
 - Members of the AFLNT Junior Umpiring Academy continued to move through the NTFL ranks with another 7 making League debuts, 3 more than last season.
 - 6 umpires made their Premier League Finals debut.
 - Darren Witham set a new goal umpiring record with his 9th consecutive League Grand Final. He was joined by 17 year old Shaun Ostler goal umpiring his 1st League Grand Final. Simon Walker officiated in his 6th league grand final joined by myself (4th) and Katherine's Ayden Rickman's (2nd). Michael Simpson umpired his 21st League Grand Final, Hayden Kelly (3rd), Hayden Clark (2nd) and Jeff Gambrell (1st) were on the boundary.
- We continued to conduct our Prison

Reintegration Boundary Umpiring Program and had six inmates coming out each weekend to umpire lower-grade NTFL matches.

SPONSORSHIP AND SUPPORT

We would again like to thank our major AFLNT Umpiring sponsors Andrew Barcroft "The Good Guys" and The NT Cricket and Football Shop along with clothing giant Kombat for their continued support this season. We are extremely grateful for the ongoing support by these three companies as it assists the AFLNT Umpiring Department immensely in subsidising NTFL umpire uniforms, flying-up interstate Field Umpires each NTFL season and helping our AFLNT Junior Umpiring Academy during the dry season. AFLNT would also like to thank AFL Umpiring Development for their continued support throughout the year in supplying AFL Umpires for promotional visits.

The following people also need to be thanked for their ongoing support to NT Umpiring in 2013:

- Jeff Gieschen – National Umpiring Manager
- Adam Davis – National Umpiring Development Manager
- Jared Collins – 2012/13 NTFL Umpiring Advisor and NTFL Field Umpires Coach
- Andrew Hurwood – NTFL Boundary Umpires Head Coach
- Kieth Pratt – NTFL Goal Umpires Head Coach
- Joanne Leyshon – AFLNT Umpiring Head Sports Trainer
- Jacob Andreae – AFLNT Umpiring Fitness Coach

I would also like to thank all of our NT Affiliated Leagues Umpiring Co-ordinators, NTFL Assistant Umpiring Coaches, Sports Trainers and Brodie Rayner our AFLNT Umpiring Trainee. The biggest thanks must be given to the Umpires and their families who give up their time every weekend to ensure we have qualified Umpires for each match.

In 2014, we hope to improve NT umpiring with our new action plan. This plan will coincide with the new National Umpiring Development Plan and we will continue to endeavour improving the match day environment across the whole of the Northern Territory in order to assist in recruiting and retaining umpires in the future.

GAME DEVELOPMENT REPORT

ADAM MOEDT



PHOTO: NT kids get a lesson from AFLNT Umpiring Department during a road trip in 2013.

In 2013 AFLNT has continued its participation growth with 10% on top of the 29% that was achieved in 2012. Game Development staff have worked vigorously across the Northern Territory (NT) to expose over 30,000 participants to the game. These participants have accessed the game through a number of different ways including; Auskick, club football, AFL 9s as well as School Programs. The ability for Game Development staff to develop engaging programs that have met the needs of their regions has led to the continued growth of football in the territory.

URBAN & RURAL PROJECTS

Under the management of Rob Elliott, AFLNT's Game Development staff based in Darwin, Palmerston & Rural, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs have travelled far and wide to deliver programs such as NAB AFL Auskick, Officeworks Thunder Juniors, Youth Girls, AFL 9s and School Programs in addition to the many club and community football leagues.

The ongoing expansion of the AFL footprint across the NT can be attributed to our staff's ability to engage, educate and support our vast network of AFL Schools' ambassadors and volunteers, to deliver effective and sustainable programs.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our Regional Development Manager's (RDM), Junior Development Officer's (JDO) and trainees and thank them for their outstanding contributions over the last 12 months. They should take a great deal of satisfaction from the outstanding growth outcomes that have occurred in 2013.



PHOTO: Players from West Arnhem and East Arnhem compete for the ball in the inaugural U14 Long Cup

AUSKICK

A major challenge always facing the Game Development team is transitioning participants from school programs across to community and club participation. The staff across the Territory worked very hard to develop interest in our community programs through countless school programs and visits to school. After the success of these programs it was fantastic to see these participations flow into Auskick. The development of the Auskick program led to very impressive retention figures in 2013. It was also fantastic to see all Northern Territory Football League clubs get behind Auskick. The improvement from 1 NTFL club running an Auskick in 2012 to 8 in 2013 will continue to help build stronger links between NTFL clubs and the community.

DARWIN & PALMERSTON REGION

During 2013 the Darwin & Palmerston region staff had a changing of the guard with Rob Elliott and Kenrick Tyrrell both moving on to new challenges interstate. Adam Moedt and Dave Kennedy both filled these roles respectively. Nicky Hyland was also installed as a JDO while Jess Sullivan replaced Nicky as our Game Development trainee. The enthusiasm and passion within this group is extremely evident and are a pleasure to work with.



PHOTO: NT Auskicker of the Year, Leon Zammit, presenting Hawthorn's Cyril Rioli with his 2013 AFL Premiership Medal

Thunder Juniors in the Top End faced its own challenges with a lowering of the age groups in order to work in with the newly created NTFL under 12's competition. With all changes there were some teething issues however the programs continued to grow and develop over the year. The success of the Thunder Juniors program can also be seen in the number of participants successfully making the transition to NTFL clubs with most clubs fielding two under 12 teams in season 2013/14.

Katherine and Tennant Creek Thunder Juniors had a consolidating year. Both regions have taken significant steps forward in term of the professionalism of their programs. With steady participation and great volunteer participation the future looks bright for Thunder Juniors in Katherine and Tennant Creek.

In Alice Springs Thunder Juniors had another fantastic year. The strategy of lowering the age group from under 11's, 13's and 15's to under 10's, 12's and 14's provided local Central Australia Football League clubs with a great number of participants available for under 17's. This also provided a closer link to Auskick and ensured that the transition between Auskick and Thunder Juniors wasn't an intimidating one.

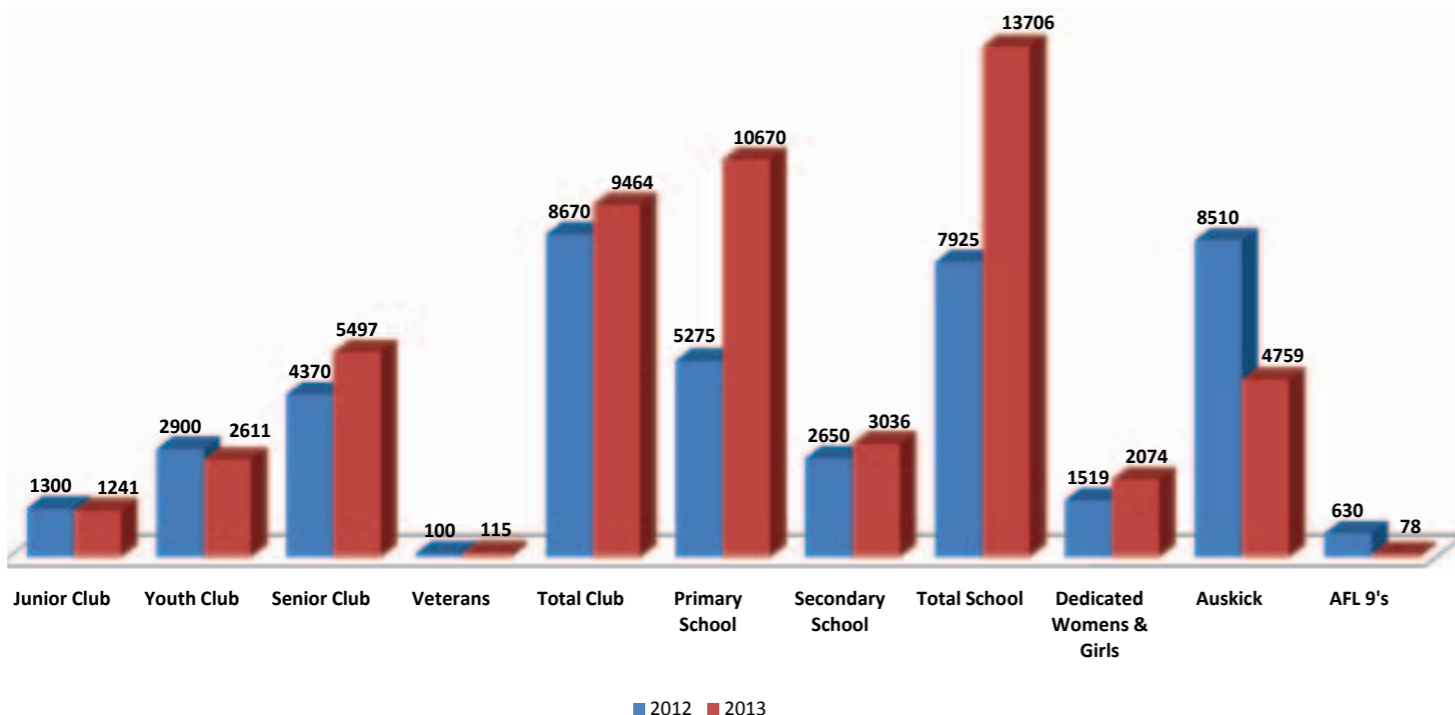
AFL 9S

AFL 9s in Darwin has found its place in the jam-packed football calendar. The April season allowed those who couldn't play NTFL anymore to still be able to participate in a format of the game. The picturesque sunsets at Fannie Bay Turf Club set the backdrop for participants to have fun and get fit with their friends. With 6 teams participating the season was a success with everyone who participated having an outstanding experience.

YOUTH GIRLS & FEMALE PROGRAMS

Another area of significant growth in 2013 was Female programs. In addition to sizeable increases in female numbers throughout school based programs, dedicated girls and females' activities continued to grow.

Community and club competitions flourished across urban, regional and remote locations of the NT. Additionally, programs such as the Youth Girls Cup, RYCO Cup and Pink Power Challenge continue to strengthen the pathway opportunities for girls and young women.



THUNDER JUNIORS

Another highlight of Auskick in 2013 was the two AFL games played at TIO Stadium and the NAB Cup game at Treager Park. These games provide an opportunity for over 150 Auskickers to create memories that will last a lifetime. One of these Auskickers from Nightcliff Football Club Auskick Centre was Leon Zammit. Leon was also the NT Auskicker of the year and won a trip to Melbourne for the AFL Grand Final. Leon had the time of his life and got to play out on the 'G' on Grand Final day as well as present the premiership medal to his hero and fellow Territorian Cyril Rioli.

The program that provides the link between Auskick and community club football continued to move forward in leaps and bounds in 2013. Thunder Juniors across Darwin, Palmerton, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs continues to provide participants with a fantastic first football club experience. This experience ensures that participants do not have to take the giant leap from Auskick to community club football until they are fully ready.



A major highlight of the year for female football in the NT was the staging of the Ryco Cup at TIO Stadium and TIO Traeger Park. Fourteen teams and over 200 girls from right across the Territory participated in the Under 16 event. The skills on display showed how far girls' football has advanced in recent years and how bright the future is for female footy in the NT.

In the Top End the Pink Power Challenge had record participants with 18 teams participating in a fantastic day. It is really a highlight of the NT football calendar. The feedback from this event in 2013 was outstanding and has provided over 200 girls with a incredible football experience.

MULTICULTURAL

2013 was a year of consolidation for AFLNT's Multicultural Projects. In 2012 a lot of new programs were undertaken and in 2013 it was very important to ensure that these programs didn't go backwards. It was very pleasing to see these programs not only occurred again in 2013 but did continue to make a huge impact in the lives of multicultural Territorians.

AFLNT's partnership with SERCO and the Asylum Seeker Detention Centres which are located in the Top End continued to develop in 2013. AFLNT Game Development staff ran sessions at Wickham Point and Darwin Airport Lodge which were mainly focused

on helping Asylum Seekers learning why AFL is so important in Australian culture. These sessions provide Asylum Seekers with the tools they need to assimilate into the AFL culture with confidence.

Another major milestone was African Boys Leadership Academy participation in the Unity Cup which was held in Melbourne. The weekend was a great reward for those participants who had put a lot of time and effort into the project in 2012/13. The opportunity to mix it with the best multicultural footballers from all over the country provided the academy with a great point of reference for their own football.

AFL SCHOOLS PROGRAMS

In 2013 the biggest area of growth was the school programs. The Power NT Primary Schools Challenge, Cracka Cup, RYCO Cup and Northern States Cup all led to the increase in participation across the NT. The schools eagerness to participate in the programs mentioned is a testament to the relationships that have been built between Game Development staff and the AFL School Ambassadors at the schools. The AFL School Ambassadors are often our first point of contact with schools and provide our staff with the unique opportunity to see everyone student in the region. Through the development of this relationship we saw continual increases in Dream Team competition, AFL quiz and other online activity.

Congratulations again go to Dripstone Middle School who won the right to represent NT at the Northern States Cup for a third year running. The event was held in Sydney and Dripstone held their own against the other teams from Qld and NSW and ended up finishing runners up. Further mention should be made to Tim Francis (Mackillop Catholic College) & Ryan Martin (Batchelor Area School) for winning the AFLNT School Ambassador of the Year awards.

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

AFL has continued to flourish in Central Australia during 2013 under the guidance of Jai Pumphrey, Josh Johnny and Richard McGuire. During 2013 the Central Australian team produced some amazing outcomes for the local community. The Indigenous All Stars camp that was held at TIO Traeger Park was a huge success. The community engagement that was achieved during that camp was unbelievable and shows the quality of the work the Central Australia team put into this event.

Another highlight of the year in Central Australia was the continued development of

the the Outback Tigers Program that is run in partnership with the Richmond Football Club. The program has been well received throughout the Central Australian Region with in excess of 25 schools engaged.

BARKLY REGION

The Barkly Region was very well served in 2013 by Wayne Green. Wayne has shown great passion for the development of football in the Barkly Region and has covered every piece of asphalt in the region to expose football to as many communities as possible. The development of the communities surrounding Tennant Creek has been a highlight of 2013. From running Healthy Lifestyle Carnivals in Borroloola to facilitating competitions at Ali Curung, Wayne has developed some fantastic relationships across the region.

Another highlight of the Barkly region was the super clinic run by the Melbourne Football Club in Tennant Creek. This was a huge effort by the Melbourne Football Club as they were based in Darwin and made the trek to Tennant Creek which was greatly appreciated by the region. Wayne's continues to work hard on junior development which is underpinned by the Thunder Juniors, Auskick and schools programs.

KATHERINE

The Katherine Region continues to grow and develop with Denis Coburn's passion driving the region forward. Community participation programs such as Auskick and Thunder Juniors were very well supported by both participants and volunteers alike, this bodes well for the region in the future. School programs in town and neighbouring communities have again been integral to growing the game.

The Big Rivers League Senior and Junior competitions and the Big Rivers Hawks under 18's participation in the NTFL have again provided a pathway for the immense talent from within the Region. The Big River Hawks season in the NTFL culminated in a premiership which was a fantastic reward for all the hard work and effort put in to making the program a success.

Katherine's partnership with the Hawthorn Football Club was again strengthen in 2013. The Hawks visited Katherine in February and then again in November with the premiership cup. Assistant Coach Luke Beveridge, current players Cyril Rioli, Jed Anderson and 2008 Premiership player Chance Bateman led the group who visited

Bulman, Beswick and the town of Katherine itself, promoting positive messages to kids about healthy life choices. Also in 2013 a group of children from Bulman got the opportunity to participate in a Half Time game at the MCG on a visit to Melbourne.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE AFL SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

The St. John's College AFL School of Excellence took further steps forward in 2013 in expanding its footprint across the

NT. The St. John's College AFL School of Excellence which is a joint venture between AFLNT and St John's to use the popularity of AFL to support and educate students in the areas of cooperation,

PHOTO: (LEFT) North Melbourne's Majak Daw holds the ball aloft the NT African boys academy during an Australia Post Multicultural Program in Melbourne. (BELOW) Caitlin Armstrong in action during the 2013 Youth Girls Kickstart Championships in Melbourne



PHOTO: An NAB AFL Auskicker runs across the red dirt in Lajamannu approximately 900km south of Darwin.

REMOTE PROJECTS REPORT

KEVIN BRUCE



The Remote Department of AFL Northern Territory continued to achieve outstanding results during 2013.

AFLNT Remote Projects are now established in nine remote locations right across the Northern Territory (NT) where a full time Regional Development Manager (RDM) is living and working in the following communities; Wadeye, Galiwinku, Groote Eylandt, Gapuwiyak, Maningrida, Lajamanu, Ngukurr, Hermannsburg and the Tiwi Islands. These RDMs have also included nearby communities as part of their regional program and in total Remote Projects are servicing 25 indigenous remote communities across the NT.

These programs use football as a vehicle to address social issues and improve community cohesion through the creation of employment, education and training opportunities as well as promoting health, fitness and wellbeing benefits which are attained through active participation in organised sport.



AFLNT Remote Projects have had outstanding results in employment and engagement of local indigenous trainees in all remote projects. Twenty trainees have assisted to build capacity to AFLNT Remote Projects where by the ultimate aim is to have local staff deliver the programs in each community. These results are captured below: Participation in 2013 has grown 44% and now has over 10,000 participants participat-

GROOTE EYLANDT	SPONSOR ORGANISATION	LEVEL
Shannon Jaragba	Miwatj Health	Part Time
Brenton Bading	Job Shop	Part Time
Daryl Jentian	Job Shop	Part Time
Mick Jentian	Job Shop	Part Time
GALIWINKU	SPONSOR ORGANISATION	LEVEL
William Gumbula	Indigenous Sport & Recreation Program	Permanent Part Time
Tyresse Dhurkey	Indigenous Sport & Recreation Program	Permanent Part Time
WADEYE	SPONSOR ORGANISATION	LEVEL
Lou Narndu	Indigenous Sport & Recreation Program	Permanent Part Time
Francis Kinthari	Indigenous Sport & Recreation Program	Permanent Part Time
HERMANSBURG	SPONSOR ORGANISATION	LEVEL
Aaron Sharpe	Ntaria School	Part Time
Baydon Ngalkin	Ntaria School	Part Time
Mathew Mocketarinja	Ntaria School	Part Time
Lofty Katakarinja	Ntaria School	Part Time
LAJAMANU	SPONSOR ORGANISATION	LEVEL
Travis Penn	Mt Theo Outreach Program	Casual
Ralph Dixon	Mt Theo Outreach Program	Casual
MANINGRIDA	SPONSOR ORGANISATION	LEVEL
Gerard Watson	West Arnhem Shire	Full Time
GAPUWIYAK	SPONSOR ORGANISATION	LEVEL
Ziggy Fatnowna	Miwatj Health	Full Time
NGUKURR	SPONSOR ORGANISATION	LEVEL
Dwayne Rogers	Ngukurr Football League	Casual
Davin Hall	Ngukurr Football League	Casual
Owen Turner	West Arnhem Shire	Part Time
TIWI ISLANDS	SPONSOR ORGANISATION	LEVEL
Shane Tipuamantamerri	Tiwi College	Full Time

ing in a six week or greater competition as per the table below. Most pleasing has been the establishment of a number of female leagues which are increasingly becoming the sport of choice for female participants in remote indigenous communities.

LEFT PHOTO: Children from Maningrida playing footy on the beach.

Remote Project	Auskick	Club	Schools	Female	Total
Wadeye	180	207	180	0	567
Maningrida	300	356	1152	110	1918
Tiwi Islands	80	409	275	292	1053
Gapuwiyak	245	380	615	40	1280
Groote Eylandt	70	271	401	43	785
Lajamanu	220	382	250	125	977
Galiwinku	212	486	490	112	1300
Ngukurr	50	340	590	30	1010
Hermannsburg	230	470	450	20	1170
Total					10,063

Other key achievements for 2013 include;

MICHAEL LONG CUP

Seven under 14 representative sides from outside of Darwin came in to compete against the 7 Northern Territory Football League under 14 sides in a 2-day event. In total, 32 communities had representation in this event, which is the most expansive in AFL NT history.

GIRL'S KICKSTART

The AFL held its inaugural Female Indigenous Kickstart Carnival in Melbourne and the NT side was crowned National champs. From the side, nine were selected in the National Girl's Boomerangs squad.

AFL RESERVES

Remote players Aaron Sharpe, Matt Mocketarinja, Jasper Wheeler & Alan Dixon had the opportunity to represent the Sydney Swans Reserves in a North Eastern Australian Football League match against NT Thunder. All players acquitted themselves well during the match. Groote players Shannon Jaragba & Brenton Bading represented Gold Coast Suns Reserves against NT Thunder as well, with both players performing well.

BAYDON NGALKIN

Hermannsburg player Baydon Ngalkin had a stellar year, winning best on ground accolades at the Footy Means Business program • Ngukurr player, Jake Farrell and Galiwinku player, Lochlan Dhurrkay, both playing

ness MCG curtain raiser match, playing 10 games with NT Thunder and being invited to the AFL Draft Combine.

REMOTE UNDER 12'S SIDE

Due to NT hosting the School Sports Championships, the remote department was able to include a remote u12's representative

NTFL Premier League & nominated for the Rising star award.

side. Coached by Gapuwiyak RDM, Mick Montague, the side was extremely well supported and even got exposure on the Marngrook Footy Show.

THUNDER CUP

(PHOTO): Baydon Ngalkin with Nicky Winmar during Indigenous Round at the MCG

Six remote sides had the opportunity to play representative football against the NT Thunder reserves side. Typically, sides would play 9-a-side matches against other communities and then combine to play against



Thunder reserves. Ngukurr were the eventual premiers of this event.

OTHER KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2013 INCLUDE:

- Fantastic staff retention
- Four junior players from Galiwinku spent a week with GWS Giants.
- The Hermannsburg project now being based in Alice Springs and servicing more communities
- Wadeye Magic competing in the TIFL for the first time and will host home matches in early 2014.
- Lajamanu player, Corey Raymond, selected in the National Boomerangs side.
- Maningrida player, Hezekiah Lawrence, playing 6 senior games for NT Thunder
- Galiwinku player, Ralph Dhamarrandji representing the state under 16 side at the National Championships
- Ngukurr player, Jake Farrell, representing the state under 18 side at the National Championships
- The establishment of the Daly River Region junior competition
- Nine players selected in the national 'Footy Means Business' program
- Ngukurr player, Jake Farrell, and Galiwinku player, Lochlan Dhurrkay, both playing NTFL Premier League and nominated for the Rising Star Award.

Acknowledgement of the success of these results must go to the hard working and resilient staff who continue to grow our game in remote Northern Territory.

I would also like to acknowledge all of our Government and Corporate funding partners across all nine remote projects. Your support is truly appreciated!

AFL REMOTE PROJECTS SUMMARY REPORTS

Wadeye – includes, Peppiminarti, Palumpa and Daly River

Craig Kimberley left at the end of 2012 and was initially replaced by Tim Stewart and then Kevin Ford. Finding work not as inspiring back home, Craig then made the move back to Wadeye in May. In that time he has some fantastic programs going at the school, as well as running a very successful Daly River region junior carnival, which included Peppiminarti and Palumpa. Wadeye Magic played against the NT Thunder Reserves as well as in the Thunder Cup and opted to play in the Tiwi Island Football League as opposed to the NTFL competition. This was done so the capacity was available for them to play home games in Wadeye. Currently they sit 6th on the ladder. Essendon Football Club visited the community on two occasions and continue to work closely with the schools and AFL programs while the two indigenous trainees Louie Narndu and Francis Kinthari have continued to grow and develop in their second year of employment.

Groote Eylandt – Angurugu, Umbakumba, Alyangula and Bickerton Island

Through the establishment of the Groote Eylandt Football and Employment

Program a number of employment and educational outcomes were achieved in 2013. Successful school programs have been developed in Angurugu and Umbakumba schools while the senior competition has been inconsistent this year due to a number of cultural and high extreme levels of incarceration of males aged 16 to 30. Robbie Williams replaced Shawn Ford in mid 2013 and had already developed a strong rapport with the schools whilst working as a Sport & Rec Officer in Angurugu. Players from Groote Eylandt had the opportunity to compete in AFL reserves matches, the Thunder Cup, Ryco Cup and Gove carnivals and are looking at hosting some events in the future. There is strong link with the Geelong Cats Football Club and run a host of programs with them. Indigenous Programs Manager Kevin Bruce is also based on Groote Eylandt.

Galiwinku

Tayo Cafarella relocated to Ecuador at the end of November and Steve Raymond was appointed as his replacement. Football is a way in Galiwinku and successful leagues are now established across seniors, under 13s, under 16s & women's. All the teams that competed in these leagues had local umpires, coaches and committee representatives. The Galiwinku Giants representative side won the senior carnival in Gove and were runners-up in the under 15 carnival. Their link with Greater Western Sydney Giants Football Club is strengthening and 4 talented players got the opportunity to spend a week with the football

club in Sydney throughout the year. Trainee William Gumbula is a shining light and has developed incredibly well over 2013.

Maningrida - includes Ramingining

Bernie Price has continued in his role at Maningrida and his participation rates are outstanding. Maningrida has a 10 team senior competition which is the largest for a remote community in the Northern Territory. Youth women's matches, junior matches and a school academy are other key program activities for this project. Maningrida also participated in the Thunder Cup and a raft of talent carnivals, including in Darwin, Katherine & Gove. Hezekiah Lawrence represented NT Thunder seniors, paving the way for more talented players in the region.

Hermannsburg - includes Areyonga and Wallace Rockhole

Frank Caldow was promoted to the Football Operations Department and was replaced by former Maningrida RDM & Wanderers Club Development Manager, Scott Grigg. In a restructure of this role, Scott is now located in Alice Springs and services a number of Central Australian communities such as Hermannsburg, Areyonga, Santa Teresa and Papunya. His focus has been on club development and establishing junior competitions, as well as running a myriad of schools programs. Baydon Ngalkin's successful season has been a highlight across the whole of NT and it is hoped if he has another good year with NT Thunder he'll earn a spot on an AFL list in 2014.

Ngukurr – includes Numbulwar

Ryan Friend continued in his role as RDM in Ngukurr and the Ngukurr football community had a very successful year with the

Ngukurr Bulldogs winning the Thunder Cup, Barunga Festival & coming runner-up in the Big Rivers Football League. Jake Farrell won the NTFL under 18 league medal and represented the state, while Cedric Robertson won best on ground honours in the NTFL under 18 Grand Final as well as a Thunder Cup match, and a host of players made representative teams from the junior ranks. On top of this, the senior league was a major highlight, with the Kangaroos winning the premiership over red-hot favourites, the Demons. Ryan continues to run daily programs in the school and holds female matches when he can.

Gapuwiyak – includes Yirrkala

Mick Montague oversaw the successful acquisition of the Gapuwiyak Bulls Football Club into the Gove Football League. Playing weekly matches proved to be an issue but one that was overcome and the Bulls had an outstanding season playing finals in their first year back in the competition. The local senior league also completed a successful season with the Bombers defeating the Lakers in the Grand Final. Women's football is expanding in Gapuwiyak with regular matches being played throughout the season but the highlight is the school's program which is run where 'No school, no play' is strictly enforced and adhered to and the teachers become actively involved in assisting with junior matches at the end of each week.

Lajamanu – includes Kalkarindji

Ty Ebdon continued in his role and is the first RDM to organise a girl's junior competition. Female football is actually incredibly popular in Lajamanu, with a raft of players participating in local programs. The senior

Kiwinji League had exceptional outcomes, with teams from neighbouring community Kalkarindji competing, and actually winning the premiership. Corey Raymond & Sheldon James made the NT Kickstart side, with Corey excelling, being picked in the National Boomerangs squad, while Sheldon has another year at the championships. Travis Penn is a local helper who has been of great assistance to Ty, is fantastic with the kids and is a very reliable worker.

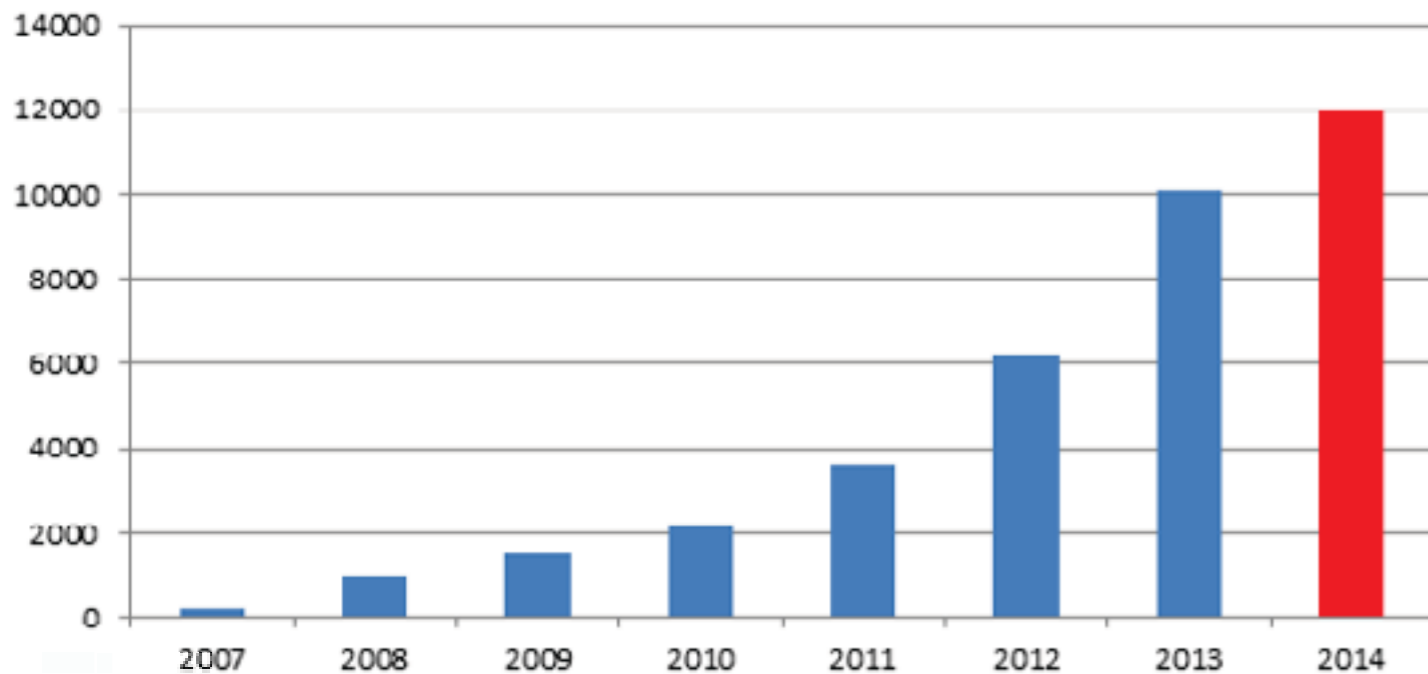
Tiwi Islands – Pikatamoor, Garden Point, Snake Bay and Nguu, AFL School of Excellence – Tiwi College

Ian Brown again oversaw the Tiwi College program and the successful running of the Tiwi Islands Football League (TIFL). This program is slightly different from the other eight projects where the key objective is to deliver a football Academy for the Tiwi College which aims to attract and engage male and female participants at this school. Shane Tipuamantamerri (Male Academy Manager and Tiwi Bombers Captain) and Natasha Bennett (Female Academy Manager) work along side Ian to deliver regular football trainings, matches and camps at the school. Former AFL player, Austin Wonaeamirri, is also employed at the college as a teacher's assistant and is heavily involved in the football program. The Imalu Tigers won the TIFL Grand Final this year and the addition of the Wadeye Magic Football Club this year has seen interest in the competition grow yet again.

PHOTO: Teams from the East Arnhem Football Carnival - from left, Groote Eylandt, Galiwinku, Maningrida, Yirrkala, Gapuwiyak and Ski Beach

GRAPH: Outlines the incredible growth of remote projects during 2013 and the potential growth in 2014.

Remote Projects Participation / Growth





NT THUNDER REPORT

JARRED ILETT

2013 presented a year of challenges with the departure of experienced personnel, major injuries to key position players, financial challenges and an ambitious effort to provide as many opportunities for Territory players far and wide all impacting our 2013 campaign. The obstacles of distance were felt more this year with an unprecedented 34% of the senior playing group based outside of Darwin.

Despite the above challenges we continue to support, develop and achieve significant milestones across all core objectives and age groups. Below highlights a summary of achievements and challenges across the senior program and State Academy programs in 2013.

It is the belief in the club, the concept and the results that continue to drive our people at NT Thunder. Lessons learned through a tough year have made us wiser and more determined to tackle 2014.

PHOTOS: (BELOW) A photo from the NT Thunder Membership Promotion TV Shoot. (BELOW L-R) (L) Shannon Rioli and Patrick Heenan guard the McDonalds Footballs during the McDonalds SuperClinic in 2013. (Middle) Under 18 players in action during selection trials at TIO stadium. (R) NT Thunder visit Yirrkala/Gove in 2013.



Achievements/Highlights	Disappointments/Challenges
Most opportunities ever provided - 136 players across 15 different locations (seniors, under 18s, under 16s & under 15s)	No draftees from the Northern Territory
Extension of the talent pathway to include under 14s and under 15s as part of an early identification strategy	Not making finals and lowest ladder position (7th) in the history of the club
Seven State Representatives: Seniors - C. Ilett (c), B. Vassal, C. Dunne Under 22s - B. Rioli, S. Rioli, P. Heenan, J. Lockwood	Funding cuts - DEEWR (\$100K), Australian Sports Commission (\$130K) and sponsorship (\$70K)
69 indigenous players - opportunities across all grades to play at a higher level whilst staying in the Northern Territory (51%)	34% of the playing group based outside of Darwin
Draft Combine - E. Wasley-Black and D. Cox State Screening - B. Ngalkin, and W. Rioli	Home record - Darwin 3/8, Alice Springs 2/3 Total - 5 wins from 11 home games
AIS/AFL Academy inductees - M. Hagan & N. Cockatoo. Both selected from performances as National Underage Championships, Nakia upgraded to Level 2 after being Level 1 in 2013.	Losses - Round 1 vs Broadbeach, 100th Game vs South Port (Gold Coast), Round 20 vs Redland (Alice Springs), Round 22 vs Aspley
Community Events - Pacific Aluminium Gove trip, McDonalds Super Clinic Darwin and Thunder Cup Reserves game in Katherine	State Academy players leaving the program due to high expectations
Coach Education continues to grow with an increase of 48% of coaches attending courses and completing all requirements to Level 1. Level 2 Coaches continued to attend two courses held in Alice Springs and Darwin with 15 completing the accreditation	Access to talented athletes during traditional pre-season phase of training. Managing players compared to developing players
AFL State Academy continued growth with seven major components delivered to some 80 players in the Northern Territory	Down grading of AFL Program at NTIS level due to funding criteria
NTIS Program continues to deliver high quality physical and mental preparation to national identified athletes. Highest number involved for some years having 11 athletes in program	

AFLNT FINANCIALS



PHOTO:
The Mt Franklin Healthy Lifestyle Carnival
participants from Lajamanu with former
Gold Coast Sun Liam Patrick

STATEMENTS OF PROFIT AND LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2013

	Note	Consolidated		Company	
		2013 \$	2012 \$	2013 \$	2012 \$
Revenue	2	10,603,957	8,827,393	9,425,474	7,304,969
Expenses					
Cost of goods sold		473,173	424,536	450,591	399,229
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		1,038,510	38,124	1,029,332	26,876
Employee expenses	3(b)	4,390,561	4,283,596	3,832,448	3,604,066
Travel expenses		969,918	759,326	463,360	215,840
Football operations expenses		1,956,507	1,756,231	1,671,859	1,307,480
Game development expenses		942,298	779,237	942,298	779,237
Administration expenses		417,249	373,504	518,628	463,177
Other expenses from operating activities		395,536	399,304	496,915	488,976
Net Profit/(Loss)		<u>20,205</u>	<u>13,535</u>	<u>20,043</u>	<u>20,088</u>
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>20,205</u>	<u>13,535</u>	<u>20,043</u>	<u>20,088</u>

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2013

	Note	Consolidated		Company	
		2013 \$	2012 \$	2013 \$	2012 \$
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	5	5,381,803	354,732	5,375,327	287,877
Trade and other receivables	6	449,899	1,733,135	418,783	1,526,345
Inventories		41,860	33,137	41,860	33,137
Total current assets		5,873,562	2,121,004	5,835,970	1,847,359
Plant and equipment	7	54,895	72,088	39,404	47,420
Total non-current assets		54,895	72,088	39,404	47,420
Total assets		5,928,457	2,193,092	5,875,374	1,894,779
Liabilities					
Trade and other payables	8	353,784	449,700	322,369	387,183
Deferred income	9	4,672,737	892,856	4,657,676	686,401
Provisions	10	257,752	243,506	256,546	217,315
Total current liabilities		5,284,273	1,586,062	5,236,591	1,290,899
Provisions	10	51,274	34,325	45,401	30,542
Total non-current liabilities		51,274	34,325	45,401	30,542
Total liabilities		5,335,547	1,620,387	5,281,992	1,321,441
Net assets		592,910	572,705	593,382	573,338
Equity					
Issued capital	12	-	-	-	-
Retained earnings	11	592,910	572,705	593,382	573,338
Total equity		592,910	572,705	593,382	573,338

ROSS COBURN



Diploma Australian Institute of Company Directors(FAICD)
 CEO - St Johns Ambulance (NT)
 Executive Management - 15 years
 Company Directors/Secretary - 14 years
 Board Membership (various) - 23 years
 Auskick Coach - 7 years
 Member Australian Certified Accounts (CPA)
 2011 AIM Not for Profit Manager of the Year NT & SA

ANDREW DILLON



Director AFL SportsReady
 Director Champion Data Holdings Pty Ltd
 Bachelor of Commerce & Bachelor of Laws
 Former in-house Counsel of Village Roadshow Limited
 AFL General Counsel
 AFL GM Legal, Integrity and Compliance

ANDREW GRAY



NT Real Estate and Business Agent
 WA Real Estate and Business Agent
 Rural Finance Manager NT & Kimberley WA
 Inaugural Director Northern Territory Football Club
 Founding Committee member AFLNT Hall of Fame
 Katherine NTFA premierships player 84/85
 Katherine NTFL premierships player 85/86, 86/87
 Katherine & District Football League 89-95

EDWARD (TED) LIDDY



Player of 272 NTFL games (St Marys Football Club)
 NTFL Premiership Player 13 times
 Played with Morningside FC (QLD) & West Adelaide FC (SA)
 Coach of St Marys Football Club (2 seasons)
 Life member of St Marys Football Club & NTFL
 Won Club Best & Fairest award in QAFL and NTFL
 Approx 25 years service as an Aviation Fire Fighter with Airservices Australia
 AFLNT Inaugural Hall of Fame inductee

STEPHEN (STEVE) CRIDDLE



Professional Program Management (Stevens Institute of Technology USA)
 GM ICT Industry Professional
 Graduate Certificate of Management
 Industrial Relations (AIM)
 Senior Technical Advisor Consultant (Saudi Arabia)
 Coach Federals Football Club CAFL 1980
 Founding member of the Northern Territory PINTS Football Club
 Former AFLNT Tribunal Commissioner

SEAN BOWDEN



Bachelor of Laws (with Honours)
 Partner, Bowden McCormack Lawyers & Advisers
 Former player, Richmond FC, Port Melbourne FC, Rovers FC (Alice Springs)
 VFA Representative Player 1994,1995
 Premiership Coach, Rovers FC 1996

MARK CROSSIN



Masters of Business Administration
 Graduate Diploma of Business Management
 Innovation
 Diploma of Teaching
 Fellow of Australian Institute of Management
 Former Senior Industrial Advocate, Australia Council of Trade Unions
 Chairman Group Training NT,
 Director Group Training Australia,
 Director Arts Training Australia
 Former President Darwin Football Club and Gove Australian Football League

BENJAMIN HALLIWELL



Bachelor of Economics
 Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and Investment
 Fellow Financial Services Institute of Australia
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