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Rupertswood
Football & Netball Club

Rupo's History

In 1984 the Rupertswood F.C. had its humble beginnings when a single under 16 team was accepted into the RDJFL and known simply as Salesian. The team was coached by Steve Nash, and was comprised mainly of boarding students at Salesian College. In 1985 the club also fielded an under 14 team and formalised its club structure, with Barry Quigley being the first President.

The club continued with mixed success, until 1991 when both the under 14's and 16's were premiers in the "B" division of the RDJFL, with Steve Nash being coach of the successful Under 16 team.

In 1992 the club was formally known as the Rupertswood Football Club. With the changes occurring at Salesian College the demands of the RDJFL and the Sunbury community growing rapidly it became increasingly obvious that the club needed to expand. As a result, in 1993 the club supported three additional teams, with an under 10 and under 12 team being fielded in the RDJFL and an under 18 team in the RDFL. Further expansion occurred in 1994, with the addition of an under 13 team, then in 1995, the club fielded 9 teams; being from under 9 through to under 18.

The club owes its growth to several key factors; the administration, the coaches, a firm belief in the ethos that the club is founded on, and the supportive club members.

Following a survey of Club Members, a report by a working party and a general meeting, Rupertswood Football Club decided to form a senior (open age) team in year 2000. The Club was successful in its application to join the prestigious Victoria Amateur Football Association for its senior and under 19 teams for season 2000. As a consequence of this decision the club withdrew its U18 team from the RDFL but continued to field eight teams from U9 to U16 level in the RDJFL. The club's First 18 successfully competed in the VAFA's Club XV111 section in its inaugural season and took out the premiership.

Since the inception of our senior division, depending on the needs and structure of our players coming through from our junior division, the club has also been represented by either 1 or 2 U19 teams and currently field and U18 team to fill the role of transition from junior to senior footy.

In 2010, the club were proud to provide the opportunity for players with an intellectual disability to play footy in the F.I.D.A. (Federated Integration Development Association) competition.

We now field a seasonal average of 14 junior teams from Under 9 through to Under 16 in our Junior Division. In 2010, the club formally "adopted" the Rupo Auskick clinic as part of our Junior Division.

At the conclusion of 2012 season, the committee of the club voted to transfer its Senior Division from the VAFA to the RDFNL for the 2013 season.

As part of the transfer to the RDFNL, the club welcomed the sport of netball and the name of the club officially changed to "Rupertswood Football and Netball Club".