

## 2017 AUTC Annual Report

AUTC has enjoyed another year of steady growth, with a good influx of new players to balance out the players that have moved on or aren't as involved with the club any more. From a management perspective, the past year has also seen a revisiting of some old policies as well as work to develop new policies to improve club governance. The main point of this work, thus far, has been an update of the clubs' constitution, but there is still more work to be done overall. The year has had other highlights though, with club members being selected as state representatives, the club enjoying some on field success, and social events being as popular as ever. Of course, all of this is thanks to the club committee who devote many hours to keeping things running.

### 2016/17 Committee:

President: Lachlan McAllister

Vice President: Jordan Blanco

Secretary: Joanna Richards

Treasurer: Stephen Daenke

General Committee: Katie Richards, April Zimmermann, Tom Lee, Mel Ralph, Josh Larder, Charles Green, Rebecca Hogan, Jarred Earl

Below is a comparison of some of the key participation and success indicators for the club.

	Number of Members	Number of Summer Teams	Number of Autumn Teams	Number of Winter Teams	Number of Waite Entries (Inc. AUTC)	SUG Placing	AUG Placing
2016	108	3 (2015/2016)	6	6MX/1M/2W	38 (2016/2017)	4th	18 (2015)
2017	85	5 (2016/17)	6	5MX/1M/1W	30 (2016/17)	3rd	9 (2016)

Overall member numbers have dropped fairly significantly this year, however the team numbers haven't followed. This could be due to people in 2017 attending trainings without becoming members – a concern for insurance purposes – or more people that join in summer sticking around to play in teams throughout the year. The total count for 2017 is also a 'to date' count, so this number will hopefully grow when people purchase memberships to play for AUTC over summer.

At City Touch, we have maintained a strong presence in the autumn competition so we're still doing well at recruiting in the early stages of the year. A slight drop in numbers over winter, however still a strong showing from AUTC. There wasn't as large of a push for the single sex teams this year, however still managing to fill one of each is a good result.

## Waite 2016 / 2017

As always, we enjoyed a fantastic season out at Waite. Jo, Bec, and Katie did a fantastic job of running the competition 'solo' for the first time, and put great measures in place (including a succession plan) to ensure that Waite continues to thrive for the years to come. There has still been no set date for the Waite masterplan upgrade which would see improvements to the clubrooms, playing surface and lighting, but we hope that it won't impact on one of our seasons, and instead we'll be able to expand timeslots under the new lighting.

Unfortunately the total number of entries dropped by almost 25% from the previous year, however the number of AUTC teams increased so it's pleasing to have more people playing through the summer season to improve their skills.

We also had a new addition of Zhi from Physio Friend at Unley, who came out every week to offer his Physio services. This was a fantastic addition to the competition as many people were able to receive immediate treatment for injuries or advice on any niggles. Zhi also offered a discount to AUTC members who visit his clinic. Many thanks to Zhi for being such a great help out at Waite and we look forward to having him back again this summer!

We ran the BBQ throughout the season which was a great success thanks to our fantastic volunteers, and also saw us raise a little bit of money. At the end of the season, we decided to up the ante and cook yiros, which we would sell for a higher price and donate proceeds to charity. The committee decided that a donation to Courage for Cody would be appropriate, and ended up donating \$1200, part of which was an additional donation from the Club.

## University Games

Over the past 12 months, AUTC has enjoyed better results than usual, including a rare automatic qualification for AUG! In 2016, AUG was held over in Perth, where the distance proved too much for many and the overall competition numbers were well down on the previous year (Gold Coast). With a team assembled at the last minute, it took a little while to gel and find our feet, however under the guidance of coach Mark Jones the team found a rhythm and ended the week with 3 wins in a row. This elevated us to 9<sup>th</sup> position which, it wasn't discovered until April this year, meant we had qualified for this year's AUG for the first time in a very long time.

SUG 2017 was a great result for the club, finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> for our best result in recent memory. The club was successful in recruiting 3 high level players to the team, and this had a great benefit in providing all players with support and a great demonstration of skill. A

special thanks to coach Owen Teakle for all his hard work, and for committing to stay with the team through to AUG 2017.

#### Events – Pub Golf, Pub Crawl, Quiz Night, EOS Dinner, Blues Awards

As always, our off field events are a huge success. The new addition of Pub Golf at the start of the summer season was a huge hit, and is sure to become a regular event. Pub Crawl ran far more smoothly as we opted for a much simpler shirt design to allow people to bust out their creative flair! Quiz Night was smaller than usual however the atmosphere was still great and was a very fun night. EOS dinner feels many moons ago, with the next just around the corner, however it continues to be a great night of recognition for members of the club.

Blues awards in 2016 saw many AUTC members up on stage, with Alex Schreier being awarded a half blue, and many more receiving club letters. The night is fast approaching again so it would be great to see more AUTC members being recognised!

#### Training and Coaching

We have enjoyed a strong turn out at all trainings this year, with new people often joining in to give it a go, and being welcomed by the current members which is fantastic to see. There was a small decline in the refereeing and coaching training compared to the previous year, however hopefully we can build on that again to help multi skill our members.

#### Summary and What's Next

Overall it was another exciting year for the club, with the new addition of Honour Boards and club management work helping to cement the clubs' status, and hopefully provide a good base for it to build off of in the future!