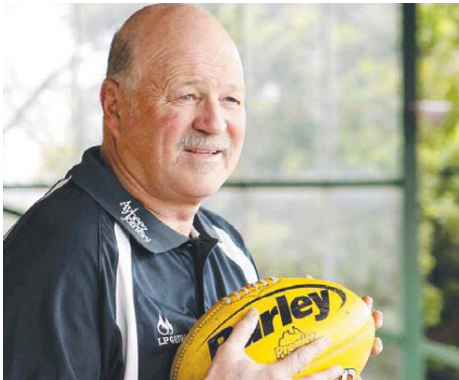




First Impressions

Director of Coaching



Having got very close but never getting the better of CYs in their 2014 premiership season as an opposition coach, from afar I continued to monitor CYs progression through the grades, wondering what was their point of difference as a community football club when compared to others that I had been involved with over a forty year coaching journey.

With my inside knowledge limited to connections with Mathew Montebello - who isn't in some way connected to Monty? and watching the all- star 4ths team last year, although I thought my time in football was done, it is with great excitement I now take on the director of coaching role for season 2022.

Coaching football and cricket in the west over this journey I have experienced first-hand the real connection people in the west have with their local sporting club, and despite their respective club's level of success, how those in the west become "rusted on members" forming lifetime friendships along the way within their community club.

In the recent times CYs have been a beacon of sustained success and are now competing at the highest community club level of football in the west, in amongst a number of clubs attempting to buy their way to success.

"Sustained success does not happen by accident it is something you sincerely plan for and then take full advantage of every opportunity you create for yourself."

This statement to me sums up where CYs, for in my short time at the club I now have a better insight of how the pathway from Willy junior football club through to the multiple playing options at Under 19 and senior level has underpinned what has occurred over the last decade.

With a changing of the guard, committee and coaching wise, this pathway has never been more important and I see as part of my role to "value add" to what has proven to be a very successful program.

Working with all coaches across the program, borrowing from the Justin Langer mantra of coaching but hoping for a better end result, my role will be in many ways to "comfort the troubled and challenge the comfortable".

A sounding board for all coaches across the club, sourcing coaching resources on request, expanding individual coaches' knowledge and delivery in what is already acknowledged as an innovative coaching pathway will be my main focus in 2022.

After two COVID affected seasons I cannot wait to see what season 2022 brings.

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Director Of Coaching