



## **PRESIDENTS REPORT 2025**

As President of the Kellyville Kolts Soccer Club, I am proud to reflect on a period of exceptional growth, community strength, and strategic focus. Ewe have seen our membership base grow from 1,165 players in 2018 to over 2,210 by 2025, 687 Female members, 178 coaches and 193 managers and 42 Committee Members. These are not just numbers—it is a testament to the dedication of our volunteers, the enthusiasm of our players, and the trust the Hills Football community places in our club.

Between 2022 and 2025, we have seen female participation increase by 48%, with female year-on-year retention peaking at an impressive 72% in 2023–2024. These numbers are not incidental; they reflect sustained efforts to provide pathways, support, and visibility for all players—regardless of age or gender. Our MiniRoos program remains one of the strongest in the area, and we continue to pioneer inclusive football initiatives including Special Needs programs, Female only development programs and Under 7 and 8 in house player development programs.

We plan to continue to build on our legacy with new, data-driven focus areas—digital communication, wellness and mental health, environmental sustainability, and alumni engagement. We are evolving not just as a football club but as a community focused institution. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Coaches, Age Coordinators, Committee members, parents, sponsors, and above all, the players who breathe the Red and Black life into this club week after week. We have always focused on continued Coach education with over 20 C Diploma Coaches and former NSL and A league Coach, Alex Tobin. In 2026 we also will have 3 B License Coaches and will be encouraging all Coaches to undertake at least the Foundations of Football Course. This will bring greater numbers of formally qualified Coaches helping us improve our development programs for our players under the watchful eye of our Football Committee and Technical Director, Alex Tobin.

Another remarkable achievement in 2025 was the club's outstanding performance in finals football. This season We had 43 finalist, 21 grand finalist, 12 minor premiers and 5 teams made it to champions of champions, demonstrating depth and strength across the club. Most notably were the female teams, a milestone that showcases the club's growing female participation and the success of our targeted development programs.

The 2025 Prattent Cup was held on Saturday, 28 June at the Bernie Mullane Sports Complex, continuing our proud tradition of combining competitive football with strong community spirit.

This year, the event took on special significance as the club rallied behind the O'Brien family, supporting young Teddy and his siblings following the tragic passing of their father Michael, who was due to coach Teddy's team.

Through the support of players, families, and friends, the club set and achieved a \$20,000 fundraising goal, aided by a major raffle with over \$11,000 in prizes and a vibrant community turnout.

This year's Prattent Cup demonstrated that the Kolts' strength lies not only on the field but in its ability to mobilise compassion, generosity, and pride in our community. We look forward to continuing this legacy in future seasons.

As we approach our 50<sup>th</sup> year in 2027 we step into a new strategic cycle, continuing to build on our success and improving areas of strategic focus such as delivering grassroots football that is fair, inclusive, sustainable and above all else Fun to be a part of. We have recently invested \$150k to have the landscaping and drainage upgraded around Field 1 during the off season. Hopefully no more slippery muddy puddles in 2026.

I look forward to being the President of this magnificent club for a further 2 years and firmly believe that the Kellyville Kolts is the best Football club in the world.

**Bob Harrold, President, Kellyville Kolts Soccer Club**