Spotlight on Amateur Manager Bill Byrne

Here we ask Bill a few football related questions to understand a little about himself, his past and his thoughts on the future ....

Q1 - So Bill, how long have you been in Football Management?

A – "Since 1984, I was a player manager for 7 years then moved into team management, I have managed teams from Amateur div 4 up to State League div 1"

Q2 - What would you say your best moment in management has been and why?

"There were Two"

A1. "Leading Harbord to the Saturday Premier League championship in Sydney in 1997 and winning the League coach of the year medal"

A2. "Founding Joondalup United in 1999 and coaching them to 2 straight promotions"

Q3 - What position did you play as a footballer?

A – "I played as a striker for most of my career with a brief stint in the semi pro leagues. My best season saw me score 31 goals"

"Later in my career I had a successful period as a center back"

Q4 - What Club do you support and why?

A – "Man Utd, My dad and grandfather too. I have supported them all my life"

Q5 - Before joining Yanchep United FC, what was your view of the Club?

A – "I came down a few times to watch in 2016 as my son ion law Dean was playing. I thought the Club was well organised but were a bit erratic on the pitch"

Q6 - How do you see the 2018 season developing with the Amateurs?

A – "Preseason will be the time for recruitment of players to add more quality to the squad. A solid structure will be instilled in the Players. We will bring in a good playing discipline and play aggressive attacking football at a high intensity. This will require a big effort all season"

Q7 - Is there a player we should be excited about in 2018, one to watch?

A – "Ian Cookland is one you should keep an eye on this season"

Q8 - What will be the biggest challenge in 2018?

A – "The club and its members will become to understand that football success requires a period of change which will lead to some hard decisions and this may not be embraced or understood by all"

Q9 - Any other thoughts?

A – "I strongly believe 2018 is going to be an exciting year for YUFC"