



FLAGSTAFF HILL FOOTBALL CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT

2020 SEASON



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2020 was my second year as President of this mighty club. And it has been said a lot already this year that 2020 has been a challenging, difficult, tough year (and it is not over yet!) But challenges aren't necessarily always a bad thing. They allow us to reflect, learn, change, innovate and grow. As a club, we can make improvements in 2021, knowing the areas we need to most focus on. Challenges highlight to us those things that we should be most grateful for; our sense of community, our friendships, and our love of football.

And ultimately our 2020 achievements and our subsequent success are the sweeter for it. This report may be about listing our most important achievements both on and off the field and recapping our year 2020. But here's our most important achievement

EVERY TEAM PLAYED FOOTBALL IN 2020 AND WE ALL GOT TO WATCH

Where plenty of leagues and sports across Australia and the world could not – We did! And when it was time to come back with loads of changes and restrictions – we were ready, and in typical Flaggy Fashion, we lead the way.

Our achievements in 2020 were many – this is in no small way as a result of all of the hard work and countless hours put in by the committee and all of our wonderful volunteers.

Achievements

On-Field

All scheduled teams from AusKick through to Seniors played and participated in 2020
 11 teams competed for Premiership points including two teams in SANFL Juniors
 9 teams made the finals.

We won 4 Grand Finals

Under 17.5 Boys

B Grade Men

A-Grade Women

and our A-Grade Men won their 5th consecutive A-Grade Flag

PRESIDENTS REPORT CONTINUED

Off Field

In a tough year to host events or even presentations, we still found a way.

We staggered presentations at the club.

We used a great sponsor = Flagstaff Hotel.

Culminating in a memorable celebration on Grand Final night and 3 fantastic end of season presentation events at the Flagstaff Hotel.

Falcon Pledge

A massive thank you to all of those members, who in a challenging and uncertain financial climate made the decision to donate possible refunds of their fees back to the club. An excellent and very appreciated gesture, which highlights the commitment our loyal members have to our club.

Sponsors

In a year that was difficult to recruit new Sponsors, our existing sponsors became even more critical. All of them played a crucial role in ensuring the club survived through 2020 and beyond. We thank you for your continued support, and I urge all of our members and supporter to first think of our great sponsors when looking for a particular goods or service. A special mention to our new sponsors in 2020, Prevent Physiotherapy, Stu's Barber Shop, Karrara Pizza, Bickfords and Toyota.

Senior Players

A decision was made by the SANFL in the middle of the year that any player payments were to be scrapped for 2020. At many clubs, this meant that players left the game to seek work on Saturday but not here. Our players all love this club and what it means to play with their mates so jumped all in regardless. That sportsmanship, mateship and loyalty are why we are considered one of the top 10 clubs in South Australia. Boys, on behalf of the club - we thank you all.

Coaches

Thank you to all of our 21 Head Coaches, their assistants and support teams. We thank you for all of the work you did in difficult circumstances to make 2020 possible without a complaint. You all embraced the necessary changes and rules required to make training possible, and you did it in the most organised and professional manner. Congratulations on all of the wins and thanks for helping your teams understand and learn from the losses. And for the work, you have done in developing our young men and women not only in great footballers but also great Flaggy citizens as well.

A special mention to Russell who was completely new to the club this year and who took on the role of looking after the senior group throughout the preseason as the B-Grade Coach and then took over as A-Grade Coach and went through the season undefeated.... Well done. And of course thanks to all of the families of the coaches for supporting them throughout the year and allowing them to do what they all do so well.

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Football Directors

Our Football Directors for 2020

Senior Football Director - Donny Aldridge

Junior Football Director - Bill Kelsey

Women's Football Director - Kate Williams

Sub-Junior Football Director - Bec Couldwell

These 4 have done a fantastic job in a difficult 2020 - they did a lot of additional work that is usually not required and undertook their roles in an organised and professional manner.

Trainers

On Saturday the 19th of September 2020 (Grand Final Day) our Head Trainer Meg Patterson received 3 well-deserved premierships medals. Meg stepped up this year to take on the role of Head Trainer and created an outstanding team of trainers which enables us to do what we do. She would cover all day Saturday, be back again on Sundays and travel a great distance to do this. Well done, Meg. Thank you to all of her wonderful team Pete, Kelly, Ryan, Vanetta, Amanda, Sam, Colin, Tracy and Nikki.

Committee

I would like to especially thank the clubs General Committee this year - without them this year was not possible. We faced it all this year (even when we thought surely, there can't be anything else) and they have stepped up all year and consistently delivered sage advice, knowledge and passion for the club. There have been Zoom Meetings, late-night meetings, difficult conversations, urgent emails and decisions and every time we all came together with the common goal of playing football and doing what was best for our club. Special mention to Grant, Jules, Mel and Bill - your support and guidance has been invaluable.

Merchandise

Our merchandise Star, Melissa Brennan, continued on from where she left off last year. But as well as selling large amounts of merchandise she has also had to deal with Covid delays, manufacturer errors and she did it all with a smile on her face. She spent an incredible amount of hours not only at the club but also running around hand delivering items so that our members and supporters would have the gear to play in but also gear to be Flaggy proud in.

Volunteers

As everyone is well aware, Football Clubs (any clubs really) can't exist without the hard work of our volunteers. And for the countless hours you all put in, I am genuinely grateful. Thank you to everyone that puts up their hand to help out when is a job to be done.

I would especially like to thank the "Old Farts" who every week get the oval organised, set up at the crack of dawn and pack away again when the light is fading. They clean and cook during the week as well as countless other jobs around the club. They are always there doing the jobs we take for granted.

PRESIDENTS REPORT CONTINUED

Community Centre Redevelopment

After a couple of years of hard grind with not much happening at all. Finally this year there appears to be some movement. As you would have seen the temporary fences are up, old cricket nets have been removed, and there are 2 new playgrounds being installed. These elements are crucial, as once complete work on the new change rooms can begin. If all goes to plan the new changerooms will be ready to go in 2021. Once they are complete work will be able to commence on the refurbishment of the centre itself. While I am still cautious as this has been such a long process, at present, we are closer than we have been before, so fingers crossed we are on track.

You've Been Amazing

As some people have made the decision to step down from the committee - it is time for us to say a massive thanks for all of the great work they have done.

- Thanks to Mel Haslam, who took on the role of Chairperson in 2020 after moving on from the Sub-Junior role. She, along with Michael, has dedicated a significant amount of time and energy to the club, and we are ever so grateful.
- Thanks to Ben, who took on the role of Social Director in 2020 - unfortunately for Ben COVID-19 squashed most of his plans. Ben has been such a valuable member of our committee, his knowledge invaluable and he is the first to put his hand for any job be it videographer, COVID Marshall, bar hand, team manager and so much more. We wish him well with Soccer and know that he won't be a stranger.
- Perhaps the biggest hole being left however is one that will be left by a great club man Donny Aldridge. After 9 years of giving so much to our club will be having a much-deserved break. Donny's contribution to the club is very hard to measure. He took on the roles of Football Directors, Assistant Coaches but he does so much of the work behind the scenes to ensure the club runs smoothly.

To all of you - Thank you so much for all of your hard work and commitment, in this season and previous seasons. Enjoy the opportunity to sit back, relax and watch some footy as valued members and supporters.

Life Members

2020 saw the induction of 3 new life members to our club.

2 current players - Angas Fisher and Craig Langcake who both had achieved milestones during the year of 200 Senior Games.

And of course Craig McMaster for his years of support to our club as a volunteer.

Well done and Congratulations to all 3 of you.

PRESIDENTS REPORT CONTINUED

Goals for 2021

- Secure new Senior & Junior Football Directors
- Transition Juniors back into the age groups of Under 14's, Under 16's and Under 18's to bring us into line with other leagues and the SANFL.
- Play a full uneventful season
- All Junior and Senior teams to make finals
- Equal the SFL record of 6 consecutive A-Grade Premierships
- Update the Club Constitution
- Establishment of the club's inaugural Reconciliation Action Plan
- Have as many Social Functions as possible and pack them out.
- Facilitate and enjoy the newly built changerooms
- Facilitate the refurbishment of the Community Centre

Thank You

Thank you to each of our members for allowing me to represent this outstanding club on your behalf. It is both an honour and a privilege.

This year more than any other has meant that there are a couple of personal thanks I would like to make that I haven't already above.

- Firstly, thanks to everyone that sent messages of support, gave me an ear or a shoulder this year.
- to Brett Charlesworth for remaining my mentor and for your constant guidance,
- to Grant and Lindy for their continuous support and knowledge and for reminding me it couldn't get any worse.
- to Craig, Stu, Matt, Adrian, Smithy, Jodi, Sonia, Cath, Mel, Flip, Natsy, Shannon and Deb
- to Bill for everything you have helped me with and time you have given up,
- to the old farts for everything you do for me (I am working on that new anniversary date)
- to all of the families of our coaches and volunteers who understand (or tolerate) the time given up, constant meetings and phone calls,
- to everyone that puts their hand up when tapped on the shoulder
- to Pete and Cath C for all of your support and help (and wine)
- to Leigh & DK, your help at the most crucial of times cannot be understated along with Michael S, Sam T and Kirky,
- to Donny and Sam, Thanks to you both (Sam those jobs might finally get done).
- to Leith M for our Sunday mornings,
- to Russell and Lily for jumping all in again.
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and lastly (but certainly not least) to my family.

Neil Williams
Club President



TREASURER'S REPORT

The Flagstaff Hill Football Club started the 2020 season with a balance of \$14,178.04, and ended the year with \$70,554.21.

Those who attended last year's AGM would have heard that another \$15,000 was due to come through during the break between seasons (mainly Sponsorship), so those two figures could theoretically be adjusted to about \$30,000 for 2019 and \$55,000 for 2020. We are currently expecting one last Invoice for about \$7,000 for Merchandise, so the 2020 figure could be further adjusted down to around \$48,000.

So how did we end up in a stronger financial position after such a horrifying year? There were many reasons.

The SANFL

The SANFL did everything possible to keep the game going. Its information was constant, it was relevant and authoritative. It advised on everything football, as well as everything else to keep football running - venue numbers, food processing, alcohol, COVID Marshalls etc. The list was endless, and without that SANFL's lead role, no-one would have played in 2020. It even arranged hand-sanitiser from Bickford's, for every club in the State.

The Southern Football League

The SFL made it all possible. It gave clubs all the information at the right time, drew up innovative programs within days of the season getting the go-ahead, and answered every question asked of it. It live-streamed finals and Presentation Nights when crowds were limited. The SFL heavily reduced its Affiliation Fees for the clubs, but also ensured sufficient returns on Finals to safeguard its financial security. It also did a lot of work behind the scenes with the Council and SAPOL to ensure the season ran smoothly.

Flagstaff Hill Football Club

The Club was always on top of protocols and procedures. We spent an amazing amount of time setting up before practices and games and ensuring everything was in accordance with the current rules/procedures. We had all the financial information on what would/wouldn't transpire with/without Player Payments, Umpires Fees, Affiliation

TREASURERS REPORT CONTINUED

Fees, Insurance Costs, Social Events etc.

It was a challenging year which some clubs found too hard. Most clubs wouldn't have done half as much work as we did. We were always in control of our season.

Our Players

The SANFL announced early that there would be no player payments to anyone throughout South Australia. Players at some clubs chose to not play, and many country clubs lost players. As a result, a number of country leagues were unable to continue.

At Flagstaff Hill, every A Grade player accepted that ruling without question. How great is that? We went on to win five Southern Football League premierships in a row.

Our Sponsors

Obviously some were unable to continue in 2020, whilst others were still involved despite a downturn in revenue. Some advised they would be unable to contribute this year, but hoped to do so again in 2021. We really do need to go out of our way to support all these great people and great companies - now more than ever.

Our Committee/Officials

Everyone just jumped in. On game days, Team Officials took on extra tasks and on other occasions, rosters were thrown out and the Committee ran the Canteen/BBQ all day. We have always had great volunteers, and that showed out again last season.

Everyone at the Club

With the shortened season, players and parents were informed that Subscriptions would be halved in most categories. A number of Subs had already been paid in full, and everyone was advised that refunds were available, or if desired, the difference could be pledged to the Club. The response was overwhelming with about \$4,000 initially pledged. Further amounts are currently held as a number of others are evaluating their decision. Some will no doubt be feeling the effects of the Coronavirus for some time to come, and might still need a refund. It's there if they do.

The Season

Despite only having four Home games, the average Gate takings were higher than the past few years, which then translated into good Canteen and BBQ figures.

In summary, we could say that Game Days were as good as any other year, but we missed our Saturday/Sunday Presentations and our Social Events.

The end result of the shortened 2020 season is that the Club remains in a strong financial position after a very difficult year.

Grant McAvaney
Treasurer

2020 CLUB AWARD WINNERS



FHFC Life Member Inductee
Angus Fisher - 74th Member
Craig Langcake - 75th Member
Craig McMaster - 76th Member

FHFC Brett Charlesworth Award - Senior Club Person of the Year
Neil Williams

FHFC Junior Club Person of the Year
Edwin Conway



A photograph of four men in red football jerseys celebrating. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. The man on the far right is holding a large silver trophy. They are standing outdoors on a grassy field under a cloudy sky. A white text box is overlaid on the left side of the image.

SENIOR FOOTBALL REPORT

Despite a bumpy start, by the beginning of February we had a new A-Grade Coach, Russell Veenvliet and new B-Grade Coach, Leigh O'Malley with Wade Stone continuing on to coach the C-Grade. We had players returning and a number of 17.5 made the jump to Seniors meaning we had strong Senior numbers and we were looking forward to a full season.

COVID-19 put a stop to this pretty quickly and there was a great deal of uncertainty about if we would play any season at all. But it was a credit to the coaches and players the way they continued singularly and in small groups to ensure they were fit and ready to play if and when we could. The season finally began in July 2020 with 9 rounds and then finals.

Our C Grade unfortunately missed the finals series in 2020. But we would like to thank Wade, Paul Ats and Leith Mitchell for all of their work. They work with an ever changing side depending on the needs of our A & B's and have to recruit players regularly. C-Grade is a great stepping stone for our Juniors into Seniors and we would also like to thank Wade for his work in this area. Thank you to all the players that helped Wade and our C Grade during the year.

Our B Grade, reversed their story from last year and had a considerable influx of players. Completing the season undefeated (with a draw at the end) they made their way into the finals with a strong, talented squad and despite close games, the rest as they say is history. Congrats and well done to Leigh, his team and all of the players - you all did an outstanding job.

The A Grade entered the season looking for 5 Premierships in a row. Despite the rocky start to their season they never looked challenged. From week to week they got on with the job, ticked the boxes and displayed their elite workmanship, talent and team spirit. They sailed through undefeated and confirmed "they were the king of the Southern Football League" to quote Gordon Armstrong. Congratulations and Thanks to Rusty, Dion, Donny, John and the entire team. Cannot wait to see what you can do in 2021.

We now have 4 players David Kearsley, Daniel Butcher, Brad Kirk, and Mitch Fazekas in a very special club that have been a part of all 5 A Grade Premierships.



A-GRADE COACH'S REPORT

In November 2019 I looked at the year ahead with great excitement and anticipation.

I was announced as the B grade coach and was beginning to sink my teeth into contacting the players, all things were going smoothly however 3 weeks later we had a spanner thrown into the works and the club had parted ways with the A grade coach which left us 3 weeks away from starting pre-season with no A grade coach and a B grade coach that was new to the group. To the playing group and leadership groups credit, we all got together and kicked off on January 6th without a hiccup.

While the club extensively looked for a replacement A grade coach, the leaders and I kept the playing group focused on the job at hand and concentrating on our core business (football). It was eventually decided that I would take on the A grade coaching role as the season drew closer to starting and we shortly after, named Leigh O'Malley as the replacement B grade coach. Coaching group set, we could go about our business knowing who was who, and also knowing that we had not missed a beat even after the late coaching appointments.

Pre-season was drawing to a close and we were a week away from playing our first trial game when, yet another obstacle was thrown at us in the way of COVID-19. This shut everything down, we couldn't train, we couldn't gather in groups, we couldn't socialise. What we had taken for granted since we were kids had been taken away from us, and there was no certainty that we would play any football at all in 2020. To the playing groups credit, they kept themselves fit and we had the mindset that if the season does get up, then we will be the best prepared team to hit the ground running when it did.

A-GRADE COACHES REPORT CONT....

We resumed training in mid-May albeit in groups of 10 and in separate sections of the oval but the players were fantastic at adhering to the rules thus giving us every chance of playing. There was still no clear ruling on whether or not we would play competitive football in 2020, and this took its toll on some players which meant motivation was low at times and engagement was a day to day battle. We moved from groups of 10 to 20 and a week later we had a trial game V's Blackwood at Blackwood. They knocked us off by a couple of goals as that game we were undermanned with a few senior players sitting the game out.

Finally, we got to round 1, Reynella at Reynella. We won that day with a solid second half and built into our year as group from there getting better each week and the rest is history from there. We ended the year with a 67pt average winning margin and took out the Grand Final by 66 points to be 'Undefeated 2020 Premiers' and take home our 5 th premiership in a row.

I would like to thank Dion Hibberd (Senior Assistant), Donny Aldridge (Assistant), Michael Haslam (The best runner in SA), John Veenvliet (Team Manger), the playing group for accepting me and last but not least Neil Williams (President).

It is an understatement to say this was a weird year and one like we have never seen before and will probably not see again in my lifetime, but the falcon spirit shone through all the adversity, and we got what we came for. Lets stay 'Falcon Strong' and bring on 2021

2020 Stats:

34 Players Played A Grade Football
5 Players made their A Grade Debut
0 Games Lost
All boxes Ticked
5 th Premiership in a row

Russell Veenvliet
A-Grade Coach



B-GRADE COACH'S REPORT

From struggling for players in 2019, we had a large influx of players into the senior group for 2020, with 10 players making their B Grade debut through the season, including new players from the club, many juniors making the step up, plus several players returning after time away from the club or off from footy all together. Overall, 45 different players pulled on the guernsey for the 2's in 2020.

With this in mind, there was very rarely any stability from week to week, only 4 played all 10 B Grade games, so the fact we went through undefeated is a massive achievement and a credit to all that played. A key to this was every player buying in to our values of CRP and Selflessness, underpinned by our behaviours and attitudes of being structured, intense, disciplined and respect. I'm sure the blokes that played most weeks would have been sick of hearing this pregame, but it really did show out, especially in games like Cove where we piled on 46 scoring shots but no one ever got 'hungry' and we stuck to the structures all day. And it showed out when we did not follow them too, just watch the second quarter of the GF to see what a lack of discipline can do!

To highlight our selflessness through the year, we had 33 individual goal kickers. The B grade is always an interesting competition, with many non-competitive games, and this year was no different. However, despite our player turnover each week we were able to get the job done against the lower sides and then to our benefit, we hit our strongest opposition at the end of the season, and we then coincidentally played them again in our 2 finals. That come from behind draw at Noarlunga was a big wakeup call and I believe one that lead us to greater things in the coming weeks. The subsequent last second win in the Semi Final and come from behind win in the Grand Final are days we will never forget. There were many thank you's on Presentation Night but again I would like to acknowledge the work of Pete, Marcus and Tim through the year in the coaching and managing roles, and for the support of Neil and Russ in my first year as coach.

B-GRADE COACHES REPORT CONT....

And finally, I do want to make mention of, and thank, the 11 guys again that were not selected in the Grand Final team. Each and every single one of them played an important part in us getting to where we did and the result we achieved. Every player took it on the chin and was there to support the team at South Adelaide and attended Presentation Night. That shows that they are made of the right stuff and will have plenty senior footy ahead of them in their future at FHFC.

And that as a club should give us motivation and belief that we can do this all again next year, the year after, and so on. On top of the 11 mentioned above, we won two senior flags without Mark, Leith and Norm who all went down with knee injuries through the season, and our U/17's, who lost players themselves through the year, were premiers and we will see 4 to 5 step up into seniors next year.

We must not stop striving to be better and with all of the players involved, there will be continued pressure on spots in the A's and I would hope that we can field a far stronger and fuller side in the C's next year, as the more pressure there is, the better we will be as a club – and that should be a very scary thought for all of our opposition.

Leigh O'Malley
B-Grade Coach

2020 SENIOR MEN'S TROPHY WINNERS

A-Grade Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

David Kearlsey

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Brad Kirk

Most Consistent

Andrew Shearer

Best Team Man

Max Renfrey

Most Improved

Christopher Buersch

Rising Star

Daniel Nash

B-Grade Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Matthew Caire

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Blaise Tomkins

Best Team Man

Huw Channing

Most Consistent

Michael Comley

Coaches Award

Moustafa Baltagie

Grant McAvaney Club First Award

Angus Fisher

C-Grade Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Jake Bunworth

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Ali Baltagie

Most Consistent

Bradley Jenke

Best Team Man

Andrew Johnson

Coaches Award

Baxter Knuckey





WOMEN'S FOOTBALL DIRECTOR REPORT

2020 again was a very successful season for the Flagstaff Hill Football Club womens program.

The growth of Women Football in the Southern Football League led to many changes in 2020 - all teams now played on a full oval with a full squad. And whilst this wasn't always matched by the other teams I am sure as the league grows so will participation in all of the other clubs.

After the retirement of Peter Cavouras, the club appointed Andrew Brockhurst to the role of Senior Coach. He came to the club with a 3 year plan to grow on what had previously been done and develop the girls with a strong focus on fitness and skills.

The Skills component began early with a 6 week Skill Builders program that began in November 2019. With over 20 Juniors and Seniors out each week, Brocky, Luke, Anthony, Hogs, Cav and Dean ran them through the basics to instill muscle memory.

With a short break over Christmas the pre-season then kicked off in earnest late January with a proposed season start of late April 2020. And as you would have already read that didn't happen. But the coaches kept the girls motivated during the break so they were more than ready to go when the season finally did begin.

Under 14 Girls

Anthony Field coached the U14 Girls team again in 2019. He had a large squad of 28 girls with vastly different levels of experience. Anthony, Mark, Dave and Narelle guided these girls brilliantly. From the early tough games they went from strength to strength to winning the must win final game to make the finals series.

Unfortunately they lost their first semi final but the improvement they demonstrated and the way they had all come together as a team was a credit to Anthony and his support team. Based on that level of improvement already it will be exciting to watch as these girls develop further into our next footy superstars.

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL DIRECTOR REPORT

Under 17 Girls

2020 saw the age gap increase at the SFL to 3 years giving us now an Under 17 team which was again coached by Luke Beenham, supported to Ross Watson, Mark Chapman and Emily Williams as Team Manager.

This team did an outstanding job for the entire season considering the size of the group, the long injury list and other factors. Finishing 3rd on the ladder they went on to win their first final only losing to Christies Beach in the Preliminary Final.

Thanks also goes out to the large number of Under 14's who played a part in their season helping out and often playing two games. As well as thanks to the Under 17's who grabbed the opportunity to play some A-Grade Womens games as well. We are looking forward to a normal length, injury free season for this group in 2021 and are so excited to see what Luke and the girls can achieve.

A-Grade Women

What Andrew and his team of Dean Renfrey, Michael Hegarty, Pete Cavouras, Cath Cavouras, Chelsea Farr and Sandra Lowe achieved with this group was monumental and inspiring to watch. They continued to develop on what had been established by Pete in the previous year and took it to another level.

Numbers weren't always strong and we were certainly affected by COVID - players not wanting to continue, clearance dates not being extended and the SANFL Womens season having a longer impact but the team persevered. They stuck together, bought into Brockys plan and the results speak for themselves.

After two early losses they steamed through the rest of season to finish 2nd on the Ladder and knock off Christies Beach (flag favourites) in the first semi and straight into the Grand Final.

From the outside looking in on Grand Final Day this was a well drilled, fit, close knit team that had a plan and direction and knew exactly how to execute it. And it showed on the field. Any minor nerves quickly dissolved as they battled hard against Reynella (and some gusty winds) to take the lead early and maintain it through to the final siren. It was never in doubt!

Congratulations to the entire squad. So many people contributed to this premiership from Deb Osmond (and what she established initially and wanted to achieve) to Pete and Cath C and then to Brocky and his vision and belief, his assistants, Sandra and her lucky jumper (that she wore every week despite the rising temperatures), Vee and Sam who were outstanding in their care of the girls, and of course every single player that took to the field all season. Every person was a cog in this Premiership.

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL DIRECTOR REPORT

Thanks to our trainers Ryan, Vanetta, Amanda and Sam who were there for these teams all season.

Thanks to all of the parents and partners who step up every week to take on the volunteer jobs so our women and girls can play.

Thanks to Sandra, Narelle, Emily, Brocky, Luke and Anthony who all helped me through my first season as Womens Football Director. You made my job easy but also so enjoyable. I couldn't have done it without all of your guidance and support. Thanks to Deb, Donny and Bill for all of your help.

And lastly, for those of you that will not be playing, helping or coaching at Flaggy's in 2021 we wish you the best of luck in whatever your next adventure is and we thank you for your outstanding contribution to the Flaggy Story. The Girls Footy story!

#playlikeagirl

Kate Williams

Womens Football Director.

2020 WOMEN'S & GIRLS TROPHY WINNERS

Open Womens Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Alana Baker

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Soriah Moon

Most Consistent

Carli Morton

Best Team Women

Hannah Griffin

Most Improved

Jenna Andrews

Rising Star

Shay'Lee Dayman

Under 17 Girls

Best & Fairest

Ebony Scanlan

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Jasmin Partridge

Most Consistent

Melissa Anderson

Best Team Player

Sienna Chapman

Emerging Talent

Abbie Butler

Under 14 Girls

Best & Fairest

Emma Comley

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Kaitlyn Aldridge

Most Consistent

Cascia Smailes

Leadership Award

Gabby Baker

Rising Star

Sienna Aldridge





JUNIOR FOOTBALL DIRECTOR

2020, what a year! A year that started like any other. With success in maintaining strong squads across the age groups; providing further opportunity to play teams in the SANFL Juniors on Sundays while supporting our primary league, the SFL, with 13s, 15s and 17.5s on a Saturday.

Pre-season started and we had great numbers to the Family Fun Day to register players. Coaches, new and old were gearing themselves up for trial games leading into the season proper and then... Well, we all know what happened next.

Fast forward to the end of June and start of July and we were back into the swing of things, albeit in a way that we had never experienced football before.

The commitment of all involved, club officials, coaches, support staff, volunteers and especially parents and players meant that we could have a season and the lads got to play footy.

The year ended successfully with three of the five teams playing finals football. The SFL 15s and SANFL 16.5s missing out at the penultimate game and our 17.5s taking the chocolates, beating the arch nemesis - Happy Valley in the Granny.

SFL UNDER 13s

Steve Hibbert joined the Junior Football Coaching ranks as the U13s Coach. Steve was ably assisted by two more new faces to the Junior ranks, Peter Robjohns and Jarrad Smedley. Another new face, Serena Macalister was the team manager.

The transition from sub juniors to juniors and competitive football is always a big jump and this year it was made even bigger with the events that unfolded. Steve and his team did a fantastic job in galvanising the group and bringing everyone along for the ride. Due to numbers, there was also plenty of opportunity for under 12s to experience life in Saturday football and everyone that was given a chance took it with both hands.

U13 PLAYER ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to Darcy Bielby and Daniel Scutchings who finished in the top ten of the SFL Association Best and Fairest.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL DIRECTOR REPORT CONT...

SANFL UNDER 15s

Due to the fantastic numbers and the make-up of the squad, the club entered an under 15s team in both the SFL and SANFL competitions. Paul Hollands returned as head coach but this year he took on both teams. He was supported by Andrew Marker, Wade Stone and Richard Roberts as assistant coaches. Thea Hollands continued her ongoing support as the team manager for the SFL team. Shane Lees took on the role as a first-time team manager for the SANFL team and long-time supporters of Paul, Peter Newall and Michael Galliford donned the fluoros.

Paul had mixed results across the year in both leagues but came sooo close in the Preliminary Final in the SFL competition, being right in the mix at 3/4 time but unfortunately not getting over the line, beaten by eventual premiers – Reynella. As was the case last year, the SANFL side had to travel to all ends of the state to play in Division 3, but that did not stop them from turning out every week and competing in what is a great development league.

U15 PLAYER ACHIEVEMENTS

A number of players made the top 10 in the SANFL Best and Fairest Association medal (Division 3). Congratulations to;

- Samuel Burbridge
- Benjamin Jeffries
- Connor Johns
- Lachlan MacNab
- Zachary Mayr and
- Lachlan Sorella

The team also featured in SFL Association Best and Fairest with Cooper Newall coming third.

Cooper, Samuel and Connor also made the WAFC Development Squad.

Patrick McAvaney made the GFC Development Squad and Riley Stone, Ryan Young and Matthew Pearce made the SFL Under 15 Academy Team.

UNDER 16.5s

This year Craig Bunworth, having stepped out of the under 13s, joined the under 16.5s as the head coach. Max O'Brien joined him as the team manager, Matthew Brennan was the ground marshall, Colin Russell was on first aid and Bill Kelsey the runner.

The 16.5s started and finished the year in Division 3 and had a mixed bag. Their best game for the year (against Hectorville) followed their worst game of the year (against Seaton). The heart of the team was evident though and was on display in last home game (away at Seaton). Having to beat Seaton to play finals and having been beaten by them earlier in the year, the boys ground it out and kicked the winning goal after the siren (thanks Tommy Esser). The boys had a red-hot crack in the final, but again fell just short of eventual premiers – Athelstone.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL DIRECTOR REPORT CONT...

U16.5 PLAYER ACHIEVEMENTS

Once more, the club featured in the Association Best and Fairest Count with four players in the top 10. Congratulations to;

- Adam Bunworth (equal 3 rd)
- Ahmad Baltagie
- Jackson Williams and
- Jacob Comley

UNDER 17.5s

Coach Marty Clifton was back, and this year was about going one further. Last year the team finished runners up to Happy Valley. This year was going to be different. Marty had the same crew back with Craig Bunworth and Dave Smith as assistants, Simon Foord the Team Manager and Stuart Knuckey the Runner.

There was one addition though, the A grade women's head coach, Andrew Brockhurst provided his 60 years of experience in football and life as an assistant coach.

The 17.5s had a strong and consistent year finishing undefeated minor premiers. The challenge in the first final presented as Happy Valley, with a depleted team. This was the first loss but provided the focus and drive for the rest of the finals.

They followed that game up with a win over Reynella in the Preliminary Final, which gave them another crack at Happy Valley in the 'big one'. Having started slowly, the team dug deep and had realised a six-goal lead late in the last 1/4. This was whittled away to under two goals by the end, but the premiership was won.

U17.5 PLAYER ACHIEVEMENTS

The team was well represented at SANFL under 18 level with Aiden Grayson at SAFC, Blake Aldridge, Saleh Baltagie and Ben Burbridge at WAFC and Adam Bunworth making the WAFC under 16 squad only to have that cut short by the Rona Virus.

Saleh Baltagie and Tyson Dyer featured in the SFL Association Best and Fairest, both making the top three. Saleh second and Tyson equal 3rd

This year has been a difficult year, but a year that we as a club have stood tall and grown. The dedicated people in the club are the heart and soul, and the help and support from families involved is what makes it work.

Through adversity comes opportunity. We have been challenged as a club in 2020. We have learnt there is more to life than football, but football and community spirit help us in life. This club has that spirit and will continue to build a culture of inclusion, diversity, and respect for all. I will be handing over the JFD reigns in 2021 but will be around the place. See you next year.

Bill Kelsey

JUNIOR FOOTBALL DIRECTOR

2020 JUNIOR TROPHY WINNERS

Under 17.5 Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Aiden Grayson

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Tristan Smith

Best Team Man

Trent Brockhurst

Most Consistent

Jacob Comley

Players Player

Saleh Baltagie

Flaggy Rising Star

Ahmad Baltagie

Under 16.5 Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Adam Bunworth

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Jabob Mayr

Most Consistent

Riley Newall

Most Dependable

Ahmad Baltagie

Most Improved

Jordan Richman

Most Determined

Joshua Faziell

Under 15 Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Riley Stone

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Sam Burbridge

Most Consistent

Cooper Newall

Best Team Man

Jackson Costello

Most Improved

Ethan Johnson

Coaches Award

Benjamin Jeffries



2020 JUNIOR TROPHY WINNERS

Under 15 SANFL Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Sam Burbridge

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Tom Crosby

Most Consistent

Kieran Smith

Best Team Man

Benjamin Jeffries

Most Improved

Alaa Baltagie

Coaches Award

Jett Carlier

Under 13 Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Daniel Scutchings

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Darcy Bielby

Coaches Award

Jacob Ladbrook

Best Team Man

Dary Bielby

Most Improved

Edwin Conway

Most Determined

Callan Coats





SUB JUNIOR DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Family Fun day saw us register many new faces and once we looked over teams we were still a few numbers short but hoped we would gain some numbers once the season started. When it came to team nominations, we had 3 under 8 teams, 4 under 10 teams and 3 under 12 teams, which was one less team than last year.

After our start was delayed due to COVID-19, we had weeks of will the season start will it not we finally got a shortened season which started in June for 9 weeks (usually the subbie season goes for 12). The first training session was one that I hope we don't have to do ever again, where we were temperature checking every child that came into the ground before their training session, what made it worthwhile, all those happy smiling faces!

We did lose a few kids in the weeks coming into the season with everything that had been going on , but this did mean we had to move a few children around teams after the first round, a big thank you to those families that I had to move. Our 9 rounds went by very quickly, with a few teams unfortunately having a bye which gave them only 8 games for the season. I thank parents for their patience this season as there were many new rules and watching your child play this season looked quite different from previous seasons.

As the carnivals were all cancelled, and we were left with wanting a way to finish the season. It was decided we would try and run a Falcon's mini carnival with all under 8's, 10's and 12's playing each team in their age group. It turned out to be a wonderful way to finish the season and was great to again see all those happy smiling faces when handing out the trophies at the end of it.

Thank you for to everyone for their support in my first season as Sub-Junior Coordinator, it has been great to have Mel around to ask questions when I've needed her. Unfortunately, I had to call on her for a bit more than I had planned this season and all I can say is thank you Mel! A big thank you also to Michael Haslam who came out every Sunday morning to set up ovals. Thank you to Trudi and Edwin Conway for looking after the canteen every Friday night. Thank you to all our parents and caregivers for all those BBQ and canteen shifts on Friday nights and Sunday's. Thank you also to all our coaches and assistant coaches for giving up their time each week and to all their helpers, the team managers, game day coordinators, runners and medical officers, we wouldn't be out there each week without you all.
See you all in 2021!

Bec Couldwell
SUB-JUNIOR FOOTBALL DIRECTOR

FHFC CLUB HISTORY

- 1963** Club started as Brighton Methodist Football Club
- 1967** 1st Premiership - A1 Res EJ Thomas Memorial Trophy
- 1974** A Grade Premiership Div 2
- 1975** Moved from Mitchell Park to Mawson High School
- 1977** Changed name to Brighton Tigers, omitting 'Methodist'
- 1978** Changed from Uniting Church to Glenelg South Football Association
- 1979** Changed name and incorporated as the Flagstaff Hill Football Club
- 1981** First year on Flagstaff Oval
Clubrooms opened by Mayor Geoff Simpson
- 1982** First year with 3 sides
- 1983** Introduction of U16's side
- 1984** Introduction of U18's side
- 1985** Changed Associations to Southern Football League
Changed uniforms to Red & Blue (Norwood)
Introduction of U14s side
A & B Grade sides both Undefeated Premiers
Highest Score A Grade - 65.30 to 2.0, an Australian record
- 1986** Promoted to A1 Division - finishing 6th
C Grade Premiers
- 1987** A Grade missed out on Grand Final by 6 pts in only their 2nd year in Div 1
- 1991** Introduction of U13's side
- 1994** Changed from 'Bushpigs' to 'Falcons'
- 1995** Clubroom Expansion and Renovations
- 1996** Clubrooms Re-opened
- 1998** Introduction of Under 11's and Under 9's teams (Modified Rules)
- 1999** Introduction of Under 13's team (Modified Rules)



FHFC CLUB HISTORY

- 2000** First Junior Premiership (Under 14's)
- 2003** Under 14's - Undefeated Premiers Div 1
- 2004** Under 14's - Premiers Div 1 - Back to Back
- 2005** New Oval lights unveiled.
- 2006** New Oval Drainage System Completed
U18s played in Grand Final - runners up
Upgrade to home change rooms by players and club supporters
- 2007** First ever U16s Premiership
C Grade Premiers – 1st Senior Premiership in 21 years
Year 6/7 team won Sub-Juniors Lightning Carnival
Audio Visual System installed - initiated through FHFC grant and sponsorship
- 2008** U14s Premiership
Past Player Adam Cooney won AFL Brownlow Medal playing for Western Bulldogs
- 2009** Wade Stone breaks the FHFC record for most number of Senior Games played for the Club
U14s & U16s Sunday Teams introduced for the first time
Both teams played in finals
U18s played in Grand Final - runners up
Gym constructed for use by club members through donations and grant payment
- 2010** Gym and Strengthening Centre officially opened for use by Club members
U14s played in Grand Final - runners up
U16s Premiership



FHFC CLUB HISTORY

- 2011** Awarded SFL Champion Club of the Year
U16s Premiership
All 5 Saturday teams played in Preliminary Finals
- 2012** Erection of new AFL standard goal posts
All 8 teams made finals, 5 of which made the Preliminary Finals
U18s Premiership
U16s miss out on Premiership by just 2 points
B Grade played in Grand Final - runners up
- 2013** 5 Saturday teams made the Finals - Won 2 out of a possible 3
Sub-Junior Carnivals
U18s Premiership back-to-back
B Grade Premiership
- 2014** 7 teams made the Finals
Wade Stone played his 400th game
B Grade played in Grand Final – runners up
- 2015** 5 Saturday teams made the Finals
3 Sunday teams made the Finals - 2 teams played in Grand Finals
U14s won Premiership
- 2016** EVERY team made the Finals
Sunday U14s Premiership
C Grade Premiership
U14s Premiership
A Grade Premiership – the 1st Div 1 win for the As
SFL Champion Club of the Year
Most successful year to date
- 2017** First Womens team for FHFC
Sunday U15s Premiership
Women’s Open grade win inaugural premiership
U15s Premiership
A Grade Premiership - back to back
SFL Champion Club of the Year - back to back
- 2018** C Grade Premiership
U15s Premiership
B Grade Premiership
A Grade Premiership – 3 in a row
SFL Champion Club of the Year – 3rd consecutive year



FHFC CLUB HISTORY

2019

New Electronic Scoreboard Erected
Fielded 3 teams in SFLW for first time
Under 14 SANFL Division 4 Premiership
Under 16's Girls SFLW Premiership
Under 13's Premiership - Undefeated Season
A-Grade Premiership - 4-Peat
SFL Champion Club of the Year - 4th consecutive year

2020

New Opposition Coaches Box Erected
COVID-19 Affected Season - Adjusted to 9 Rounds + Finals (start July 20)
Under 17.5 SFL Premiership
B-Grade SFL Premiership - Undefeated Season
A-Grade SFLW Premiership
A-Grade SFL Premiership - 5 Peat - Undefeated Season



FHFC LIFE MEMBERS

J Browne
P Browne
G Davison
D Degenhardt
C Dewar
K Dohring
G Drechsler
B Ellery
W Ellery
N Farrell
R Farrell
D Heard
D Hooper
B Jaehne
V Jaehne
P Jaehne
T Mace
D Miles
C Monks
D Size
P McMaster
D Kearsley
M Fuss
D Butcher
A Fisher

G Noakes
K Noakes
D Nuttman
R Pavlovich
C Podzuweit
M Podzuweit
K Priest
B Rowe
D Rowe
P Stacey
D Stewart
S Pavlovich
G Kearsley
S Horrocks
A Heatley
N Fishpool
R Hunter
G Haese
J Rumbelow
D Crisa
M Lendrum
D Osmond
P McGuire
R Mitchell
C Langcake

GM Fletcher
K Stone
M Fisher
W Stone
C Bradley
G McAvaney
L Ellison
DA Smith
S Murfitt
T Taylor
M Haslam
L Evers
S Dempsey
J Robshaw
B Charlesworth
P Petrov
J Strout
S Abbott
C Burfitt
L O'Malley
K Abbott
T O'Malley
M Green
J Harrington
C McMaster



FHFC GAMES RECORDS

Most Seasons Played

WADE STONE	33
DARRYL ROWE	30
DOUG DEGENHARDT	24
PAUL PETROV	22
LEIGH O'MALLEY	22
SAUL ABBOTT	22
ANDREW EATLEY	21
NEIL FISHPOOL	21
DAVID SMITH	21
JEFF BROWNE	20

Most Senior Games

WADE STONE	468
DARRYL ROWE	336
DOUG DEGENHARDT	326
ANDREW HEATLEY	319
DANIEL CRISA	307
PAUL PETROV	304
LEIGH O'MALLEY	302
SAUL ABBOTT	295
CRAIG BRADLEY	268
JEFF BROWNE	268

Most Combined Senior & Junior Games

WADE STONE	495
LEIGH O'MALLEY	370
DAVID KEARSLEY	345
DARRYL ROWE	336
ANDREW HEATLEY	333
SAUL ABBOTT	327
DOUG DEGENHARDT	326
MATTHEW LENDRUM	322
JAMES ROBshaw	316
ANGAS FISHER	314

ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBERS

M Fletcher (SFL)

DA Smith (SFL)

C Bradley (SFL)

W Stone (SFL)

D Kearsley (SFL)

P McMaster (SFL)

S Gater (SFL)

S Dempsey (SFL)



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