



Flagstaff Hill Football Club

Annual Report 2023

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



In season 2023 we celebrated our club's 60th birthday, from its humble beginnings in 1963 as a one team club down on the plains, to the powerhouse it has become today.

Onfield it was a massive season. We had seven out of nine teams play finals. Six teams progressed to the final dance, with two, the A and B Grade men claiming the Holy Grail. Between these two teams, 35 consecutive games without a loss. Congratulations to Zane, GT, Footy Director Pete W, their support crews and players on achieving the ultimate success.

And to Stoney and Hogs and their staff and players for piloting our C Grade and A Grade women to grand finals. Four senior teams, four grand finals. A fantastic result.

Off field we had an enormous year as well. It was brilliant to see the return of the Falconians and Falconettes, The Flaggy Ball, Ladies Day and Sponsors Day. Thank you to Kelsey, Tanisha, Liz, Kellie, Bec and Mel and others who played a part in all of that success.

And it was wonderful to see such an enormous turnout for Past Players and Life Members Day. Something we can continue to build on heading forward.

During the course of the season, I have received so much encouragement and support from many people.

I have said it before, but every president is only as good as their VP. And I have an absolute gem, thanks for all your kindness, dedication and support Bec.

To our beloved Treas, Grant, your support not just on financial matters but everything else football, has been enormous and greatly appreciated. And to Nat as club secretary, and so much more, thank you for wise counsel and support.

And to the Queen of Merch, Mel B. Thank you for your tireless commitment to such a massive responsibility. You are always on the front foot with new ideas, and willing to work around other people's circumstances, always with a big smile on your face. Thank you.

And to every other member of the club's management committee, thank you so much for your valuable and selfless contributions.

To all our players, coaches, assistants, football directors, team managers, runners, hydration personnel, timekeepers, catering support crews, raffle sellers, thank you. To all the mums, dads, carers, grandparents and extended families who lent a helping hand, thank you.

PRESIDENTS REPORT CONTINUED

And to Darrell, Sam P, Catherine, Leigh and Shannon and Sammy T for leading the charge on our thriving subbies and junior programs, the massive Auskick clinics and our new Tiny Tots program. Well done.

And of course a special thanks to our club trainers, headed by Colin and supported by Emma, Kelsey, Steve, David and Tristine. Each weekend your contribution is unparalleled, starting at first light, and at the end of the day you are always the last to pack up and head for home.

To our set up and pull down crew, Scotty, Kears Snr, Cav, Timmy O, thank you for all your unheralded contributions.

To all our generous sponsors, a massive thank you. It takes mega \$\$ to run a club like ours, and your generous support is never taken for granted.

Congratulations to all 2023 trophy and award winners, especially the recipient of the Brett Charlesworth Senior Club Person of the Year Award, Leigh O'Malley, and our Junior recipient Declan Couldwell, and to the players who reached significant playing milestones this season.

Congratulations to SFL medalists Emily Brockhurst and Matt Caire, and also to all the players and coaching and support staff who represented our League and Region this season, well done.

And to our newest Life Members #80 and #81 and #82, Huw Channing, Sam Smith and Graham Tomkins, congratulations. It is the ultimate honour, and as with all our Life Members, very much deserved. Thank you all for the enormous commitment and contribution you have made to our club over many years.

Sadly, we said a final farewell to Life Member and club patron Bob Farrell earlier this year. Many of you knew and loved Bob. He was one of the founding fathers of our club. Thankfully his memory and enormous legacy will linger in perpetuity in many different ways.

A lot of good people are genuinely invested in our great club. We are a united club, and have rightly earned an enviable reputation as a destination club, not just in our League, but in sporting circles far beyond.

We are all shareholders in an inclusive and welcoming environment, run by dedicated and committed volunteers. Thanks everyone who helped out in any way this season, whether it be onfield, off field or, in so many cases, a combination of both.

As wonderful and as successful as this year was, let's all work together to make next year even better. We can all look forward to Season 2024 with great optimism. Bring it on.

David Heard
President

VICE - PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Just like that another season is over! This year we wanted to bring back our social memberships and on top of the list was the Flaggie ball.

Another project for season 2023 was to bring in a program for our youngest Falcon's. After discussions with Kevin Beard from the SFL (thank you Kevin) we were given some help in how the program is run at other clubs. Tiny Tots then came to life. A massive thank you to Sam Tharaldsen, for your activity planning, but for then taking these session each week, he did leave me in charge for a couple which was fun! Thank you to our families that joined season 2023 Tiny Tots, as a parent Friday nights aren't always easy and the weather wasn't always kind. I look forward to planning this for season 2024.

The Flaggie ball. What a night! It was great to get dressed up and have a fun relaxing night before the busy end to the season to celebrate the club's 60th birthday. A big thank you to the social committee; Kelsey, Liz and Tanisha who were there all day setting up not to mention the days before and to Kellie and Pete for their hep, but especially to Pete for creating our FHFC letters. These will be part of the club for a long time thanks Pete!

To Grant our beloved Treasurer and to his left hand woman Lindy thank you for all you do. There are many, many hours behind the the scenes buying stock, bringing stock into the club, collecting more stock, when we think we've stocked up we have another massive Saturday or Sunday and have to start again! All I can say is thank goodness chips are easy to find again!

A big thank you to our scone queen Nat! Without your help every Saturday home game I don't think I would make an entire season. You just have the timing each week. You are the support we all need so thank you!

To our parent, care givers, players, officials thank you. The smooth running of our canteen and bbq every week helps us all immensely. The hours you help us each season helps us keep the money we raise in these areas in our club, thank you!

To Billy who worked the gate all season and to Carol who ran coffee on a Saturday for us. Thank you it was great to have two people that did these jobs all season so that was one less thing we had to think about.

Finally to my support team, Dave it's been fun and a pleasure as always. To my family that put up with me hanging at football all winter thank you. I have loved watching my eldest jump in and help all season and look forward to the other two coming on board next year with both of them moving to junior football as well. It is something I enjoy and when you have a club as great as ours it's easy to do this week in week out.

Bec Couldwell
Vice President

TREASURER'S REPORT



The 2023 season was our first full season in the refurbished Clubrooms, and we have finished the year in another satisfactory financial position.

There was an excitement about the year from Day One, and that showed right across the Balance Sheet.

We expanded to two Auskick sessions, we re-introduced Falconian and Falconette supporter groups, and we started a Tiny Tots program. There seemed to be people everywhere!

We had increased Gate Takings, which in turn saw increased takings on the BBQ and Canteen, and in Coffee sales.

Merchandise and Sponsorship were both fantastic, and we reintroduced a Player Sponsorship category, which saw us bring in a total of \$45,000 through the two Sponsorship categories. Our Social Functions were many and varied, and always enjoyable.

On the Expenditure side, the price of just about everything we buy, went up, but we got through as usual.

The Centre's introduction of Meals also brought more people to the Club and further contributed to a rewarding year.

Bring on 2024.

Grant McAvaney
Treasurer

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2023

EXPENDITURE

RECEIPTS

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>		<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Players, Coaches	50179.41	60233.20	64506.92	Balance B/F	70554.21	59767.85	73158.38
Player Awards	8160.00	9335.00	9600.00	Subscriptions	60182.50	68387.00	64019.00
Umpires	19643.53	20602.00	24085.70	Falconians			1100.00
Trainers	4520.00	5604.00	10561.00	Falconettes			975.00
Coaches/Trainers Course	2761.00	675.00	275.00	Auskick	115.44	42.56	315.00
Medical	6861.22	4133.32	4717.92	Tiny Tots			800.00
Oval Hire	1006.50	1402.50	1848.00	Gate Takings	6291.80	10051.15	11574.65
Affiliation Fees	10165.00	10095.00	11201.00	Canteen Surplus	23740.70	24884.97	28042.87
Guernseys	4386.00	2193.65	12280.00	Sat BBQ	3258.27		
Equipment	6487.93	12191.22	22961.63	Fri/Sun BBQ	6806.91		
Match Day Filming		300.00		Fri/Sat/Sun BBQ		8364.96	10153.55
Maintenance	1280.41	2377.16	3730.98	Barista Coffee	3965.73	3215.57	4946.46
Trophies	4036.70	3911.30	4289.80	Bar		2439.43	
Sub Junior Trophies	1828.40	1928.85	1400.00	Meals	666.60	677.70	250.00
Premiership T Shirts	2248.40	798.30	1556.20	Sponsorship	15555.00	33995.00	38851.00
Reconciliation Round			6170.28	Player Sponsorship			6150.00
Memorials			427.00	Reconciliation Round		222.00	
GST	8661.00	9684.00	9609.00	Merchandise	7024.27	5366.85	8851.47
Insurance	8144.88	8586.32	7399.96	Raffles	1339.00		1726.00
Bank Fees			15.00	Crows Raffle			194.00
Sports TG Fees	2102.43			Toyota Raffle		562.23	541.74
PlayHQ Fees		961.73	1078.18	Entertainment AppsBoo	126.00	80.00	25.00
EFTPOS Fees	1115.23	1381.20	1541.19	Donations	3628.32	160.00	295.03
Licenses		97.00	99.00	Thurs Meal Donations	1243.40	799.00	2612.64
Fines	150.00		275.00	Grants	3300.00	23650.00	3800.00
Scoreboard Project		2893.00		Interest	0.22		
Coaches Box							
Team Expenses	1031.95	1816.10	672.45	<u>Social Events</u>			
Finals Scoreboard			20.00	<u>Presentations</u>			
Grand Final Expenses	365.75	170.30	728.43				

Players, Coaches	2411.36	4077.85	74.55	Bank Fees	0.71		
Trainers	364.00	455.00	500.00	Security Costs	742.50	817.96	
Trophies				Canteen Stock		10.50	235.30
Sub Junior Trophies		19.20					
DVD's							
Grand Final Expenses							
Subscriptions	1031.00		8046.87				
Equipment	320.00						
Internet		100.00					
Premiership Polos/Tees							
Merchandise	470.00	704.00					
Vouchers	22.00						
Balance on Hand	59767.85	73158.38	30194.01				
TOTAL	229422.43	257879.72	272001.48	TOTAL	229422.43	257879.72	272001.48

<i>Subscriptions</i>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Total Received	71057.50	68387.00	74944.00
Paid to FCC	10875.00	8046.87	10925.00
Net Subscriptions	60182.50	60340.13	64019.00

<i>Canteen</i>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Takings	34895.70	36462.10	47140.16
Cost	11155.00	11577.13	19097.29
Profit	23740.70	24884.97	28042.87
	68.0%	68.2%	59.5%

<i>Sat BBQ</i>	<u>2021</u>
Takings	6712.00
Cost	3453.73
Profit	3258.27
	48.5%

<i>Fri/Sun BBQ</i>	<u>2021</u>
Takings	12907.00
Cost	6100.09
Profit	6806.91
	52.7%

<i>Fri/Sat/Sun BBQ</i>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Takings	19090.60	21239.50
Cost	10725.64	11085.95
Profit	8364.96	10153.55
	43.8%	47.8%

2023 CLUB AWARD WINNERS



FHFC Life Member Inductee

Sam Smith - 80th Member

Huw Channing - 81st Member

Graham Tomkins - 82nd Member

FHFC Brett Charlesworth Award - Senior Club Person of the Year

Leigh O'Malley

FHFC Junior Club Person of the Year

Declan Couldwell



SENIOR FOOTBALL REPORT



Season 2023 was certainly a Year to remember, amazing recruitments, more young Falcons making their Senior debuts & multiple Premierships. After a disappointing end to 2022 we got on the front foot early seeking to recruit a new A Grade Coach, A Grade assistant & top up our playing list as we looked to reset & learn from 2022.

I would like to thank Graham Tomkins & Donny Aldridge for their experience, passion & desire as they led the way with recruitment. We spent quite a lot of time together which was fully justified in the end with our success in 2023. I would also like to thank our Leadership Team Sam Tharaldsen & Bray Heyward-Ferors for the Professional Presentation they put together & presented numerous times during our recruitment drive. We received amazing feedback & it certainly was a major factor in our successful recruiting process.

Regarding 2023 recruitment a quick summary:

New A Grade Coach – Zane Kirkwood

New A Grade Assistant Coach – Steve Meyer

New A Grade Players – Sam Jacobs, Josh Rossman, Cam Blake

Returning Flagstaff Hill Players – Reece Milsom, Brendan Hillier, Nick Bailey & Zak Cavouras

Unless you've been hiding under a rock somewhere I'm pleased to report All Senior Men's Teams played in Grand Finals in Season 2023 with 2 Premierships out of a possible 3.

Senior Men's Football Results Summary

A Grade – minor round Top Spot (Undefeated), won 18/18 games for the season –
2023 SFL Men's A Grade Premiers

B Grade – minor round Top Spot (1 loss Round 1), won 17/18 games for the season –
2023 SFL Men's B Grade Premiers

C Grade – minor round 2nd place, end of season result 2nd – GF loss to Reynella

A Grade

A Grade enjoying an Undefeated Season under 1st time Coach Zane Kirkwood. Zane has been a breath of fresh air to the Club & we are extremely fortunate to have a person of his calibre & experience leading the way. Zane was more than ably assisted by Donny Aldridge & new Assistant Steve Meyer forming a highly experienced & knowledgeable A Grade Coaching Group.

SENIOR FOOTBALL DIRECTOR CONTINUE

We started the season against last year's Premiers & after losing Sauce Jacobs after the 1st ruck tap the boys battled hard & fought their way to a solid 1st up win. This set the tone for the year as we had key players missing at different times however the depth of our Senior Playing Group was evident as we enjoyed an undefeated Season & set the standard for the SFL. We were pushed by the Opposition at times & this included the 2nd Semi Final vs Noarlunga which was squared away with approx. 5 mins to go, the boys dug deep & kicked the last 2 goals to proceed to the GF.

The Grand Final was played in almost perfect conditions & the boys ran out in the GF traditional away white jumper. Wary of what Noarlunga had shown in the 2nd Semi the boys were up for it & welcomed back Sammy T for his 1st A Grade game of the year. It was evident from our 2nd goal of the game that the boys were not looking to repeat the 2nd Semi Final performance & every quarter the margin increased & we ran out comfortable winners by 59 pts to secure our 7th A Grade Flag in the past 8 Seasons. Congratulations to the Coaching Group, Matt B the Team Manager & everyone who was involved with A Grade.

I would like to congratulate all Players that pulled on an A Grade jumper in 2023, unfortunately players missed out on GF selection however don't be disheartened by that, 2024 presents new opportunities as we aim to go back-to-back. Finally, congratulation to Brad Kirk on a solid season & winning the Club B & F again.

B Grade

After a busy off Season with Club recruitment Graham Tomkins (GT) was keen to improve on Season 2022 & this saw a couple of players return to the Club due to his influence. Once again it was a challenging year for GT, Cav & Stoney as they constantly juggled what players were available as they were in & out of A/B Grade on a regular basis plus players pushing for selection from C Grade.

The season started off with a narrow 7-point loss to Reynella however this was the only negative for the year as they then proceed to win the next 15 games straight with an average winning margin of 76 Pts & 6 wins in excess of 100 pts! This showed the depth of our Senior squad as players were in & out of A & C Grade with Team selections never easy on a Thursday night. After a solid minor round the boys entered the finals full of confidence & took on a strong Reynella side in the 2nd Semi, despite appalling accuracy in front of goals they got home comfortably by 27 pts to reach the GF.

The GF produced a surprise opponent in Happy Valley who had finished 4th needing to win their final Minor round game to ensure finals qualification. It was a close 1st half then our boys settled & kicked away in the 2nd half to win by 49 pts & get GT his 1st Senior Premiership as a Coach. Congratulations to the Coaching Group, Wally the Team Manager & everyone involved with B Grade.

SENIOR FOOTBALL DIRECTOR CONTINUE

Congratulations to everyone that played in B Grade during the season & commiserations to those that missed out on selection in the GF, special mention to Matt Caire for winning the SFL Medal for B Grade B & F & also taking out B & F at the Club awards, a great season Matt.

C Grade

I am going to repeat myself from last year & state “What can I say about C Grade that doesn’t involve Wade Stone & Dan Crisa”. Once again, these 2 guys are the heart & soul of C Grade along with Assistants Saleh Baltagie Snr & Leith The Legend Mitchell Snr, we wouldn’t have a C Grade without these 4 dedicated Individuals, they are the reason we continue to be strong & consistent in Sunday A Grade.

It was a mixed year for C Grade as we had a staggering amount of players thru the Grade with some playing all season or just 1 game eg D Butcher (8 goals). We had some highs & some lows finishing 2nd at the end of the minor round with 11 wins & 5 loses. We started the finals against Minor Premiers Reynella & unfortunately went down by 26 pts after a very strong start, this resulted in having to face old foes Morphett Vale & not knowing what they would bring. They brought aggression unfortunately however the boys stepped up & crushed them in the 2nd half running out comfortable 53 pt winners & setting up a rematch against Reynella.

The GF was played at SAFC for a change & despite enjoying the larger oval to play on we faded after a solid 1st half & once again went down by 26 pts. Congratulations to everyone involved during the season, I can’t stress the importance of this Grade for our Club. It’s a great stepping stone into Senior Football & also a good hit out for those returning from injury & needing to be managed during their recovery. I don’t think Wade & Dan are finished with C Grade yet & lets get that Flag in Season 2024.

Season 2023 was challenging, frustrating at times but ultimately rewarding & I would like to thank everyone that helped me with the role for my 2nd year. I also was fortunate to be involved with A Grade on match days crunching stats/ numbers for the Coaching Group which I thoroughly enjoyed & I will certainly treasure my Premiership Medal on GF day & being part of a successful Season.

I have been extremely fortunate to be involved with an amazing Group of Coaches, Team Managers, Leaders, Trainers, Volunteers and the Old Farts plus the support of the Executive Committee as we set out to achieve our goals in 2023. I would like to thank you all, we are a successful Club on & off the field because of the hours dedicated by individuals & their love for our Club.

The 1 thing I will take away from this Season is an important point from A Grade Coach Zane who stressed this every week & that’s “**have fun**”. We did have fun & we had success, can’t ask for much more.

Get on board for Season 2024.

Cheers

Pete Wright

FHFC Men’s Football Director.

2023 SENIOR MEN'S TROPHY WINNERS

A-Grade Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Brad Kirk

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Sam Jacobs

Rising Star

Aiden Grayson

Best Finals Player

Nathan Beenham

Best Team Man

David Kearsley

Coaches Trophy

Brayden Heyward-Ferors

B-Grade Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Matthew Caire

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Blaise Tomkins

Best Team Man

Jake Bunworth

Emerging Talent

Mason Carney

Coaches Award

Josh Faizal

Players Player "Pride"

Darcy Kelsey

Grant McAvaney Club First Award

Huw Channing

C-Grade Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Dan Crisa

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Ben Hawkins

Most Consistent

Todd Alexander

Best Team Man

Bailey Richman

Coaches Award

James Hackett

Rising Star

Cameron Nuske



2023 WOMEN'S & GIRLS TROPHY WINNERS

A-Grade Women's Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Emily Brockhurst

Chloe Meyers

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Brooke Watson

Best Team Player

Kelsey Rodman

Rising Star

Emma Hodgson

Most Improved

Amelia Morriss

Under 17 Girls

Best & Fairest

Liz Johnson

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Alyssa Marlow

Most Versatile

Sienna Aldridge

Most Dependable

Kaitlyn Aldridge

Rising Talent

Summer Goddard

Most Consistent

Ava Knuckey

Under 14 Girls

Best & Fairest

Kayla Jamison

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Sophie Hodgson

Most Consistent

Emma Jeffries

Best First Year Player

Aliya Pedrick

Most Improved

Tayha Shillingsworth

Coaches Award

Alicia Rundell



TRAINERS REPORT



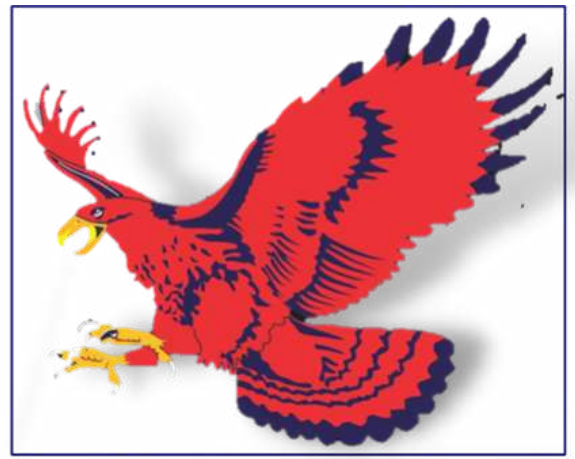
Another busy, interesting and challenging year. With the relocation of the trainers room to the old away room we have been able to set up and operate more efficiently and help more players at the same time to get them on the track quicker. We are looking to improve the facilities in the trainers room this year with the floor and walls already been painted and new strapping benches on the way soon.

This year we had myself as Head Trainer and A grade Women, Emma as 2IC and u/14 girls trainer with Kelsey continuing with us on Saturdays. Steve was with us for the first half of the year. Dave and Chris looking after the u/17 girls this year. We had Tristine (Tris) joining us this year taking on C grade on Sundays who was a welcome addition to our team. We are hoping to have a couple of new people join our team next season and are also trying to gain the services of a physio to help us out. As always we are looking for people to join the trainers team for 2024.

Looking forward to successful season in 2024.

Colin Russell
Head Trainer FHFC

JUNIOR FOOTBALL REPORT



Our preseason started in January with high hopes of a successful season. The U17.5's under Craig Bumworth started training with the seniors down at Seacombe Gardens. We had a squad of 32 players but as usual a number played for South and West each week which reduced the numbers available. Most of those players qualified for finals except for 3, unfortunately for us. These 3 players played most of the season with West. Bunga moulded the team extremely well to finish 2nd after the minor round. They played the finals extremely well to just be defeated in the Grand Final. This was Bunga's final time coaching the juniors as he will be continuing on with the senior groups. Well done. A special thanks to Bunga for all your years of service with our juniors and I am sure you will be an asset in the senior grades.

U15's started the season with the same problem as last season with 32 players. Just not enough to have 2 teams. Michael Haslam took charge this season and with rotating out 10 players each week found it hard to get consistency with the team. The players tried hard all season to finish off in 6th place. We saw some great improvements from a lot of the players as the season went on. Well done.

U13's under Mark Lemmey started the season with 26 players. Mark moulded the players into a well drilled team and finished in 3rd place. The team was helped out from players in the U12's when they were short, and you would not know they were U12's unless you saw the yellow arm band. All of them were as good as the older players in the team. The team played off in the Grand Final to go down to a very good side being Reynella. We have a bright future going forward in 2024 and beyond with so many U13's coming up next season to put our club in a strong position. Well done.

I would like to thank all coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, trainers, runners, goal umpires, boundary umpires and water runners. Also, a special big thank you to the parents that bring their sons out to practice and games, helping in the canteen and BBQ. Thank you as without you we would not have club.

Darrell Graham
Junior Football Director

2023 JUNIOR TROPHY WINNERS

Under 17.5 Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Brodie Sisson

Runner Up Best & Fairest

James Keating

Rising Talent

Lachlan Ellis

Most Determined

Jack Chaplin

Best Team Man

Riley Stone

Flaggy Spirit Award

Ben Hudson

Under 15 Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Tyce Lush

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Mitchell Clifton

Most Courageous

Cohen Carlier

Most Consistent

Isaac Quigley

Coaches Award

Walker Minnie

Rising Star

Steven Conway

Under 13 Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Connor Cutting

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Jake Slattery

Goal Kicking Award

Callum Athey

Best Team Man

Kojo Antwi

Most Courageous

Macklin Brook

Coaches Award

Joel Quigley



AUSKICK REPORT



2023 saw a change in day, time and co-ordinator for our Auskick program. Before reflecting on the year, it is important that we acknowledge and thank Leith Mitchell for all of the work he did in the role as our co-ordinator over the past few years, and thank the Williams family for the support they provided; their efforts laid strong foundations for our program and its success in 2023. Thank You Leith, Neil, Jacko and Lanie.

We made the decision to move from a Sunday morning to a Friday evening, after trialling it for two weeks in 2022, and the only way to describe the result is as a resounding success.

Our first term, Term 2, saw 58 kids register and participate for the 8 week program. Whilst we knew what numbers to expect on our first night, we did not fully comprehend what trying to keep that many kids engaged for an hour would take. With the initial teething out of the way, we got into a groove and ran a well organised program each week. Focusing on the basic skills of football; holding the ears, pointing the nose and kicking the chin of the ball when kicking, scooping the ice-cream when handballing, big bear hugs with our elbows tucked in for chest marks, big W's for our overhead marks and kicking sausage rolls, with the biggest focus being our number 1 rule each week....having FUN.

Given the success of running two terms in 2022, we repeated this in 2023 and could not imagine what this would bring. An amazing 80 kids registered for Term 3, 26 of them returning for a second round after being with us in Term 2. Unbeknownst to us, the SANFL ran a footy clinic at Craighburn Primary School at the start of Term 3 and promoted our program, which saw a huge influx in registrations. Other factors included being the only clinic in the West Adelaide zone, outside of the clinic at Westies, that ran in Term 3, and positive word of mouth during Term 2 also saw families leave clinics close by and choose to stay with us into Term 3 (i.e. we did not count their registrations in Term 2).

Our focus was again the same in Term 3, living the club values of junior development and having fun, and as the subbies season came to an end, we were provided with the opportunity to use more oval space and introduce the kids to play mini games of football each week as part of the rotation of stations. This was a hit with the kids and given the age demographic, should have many ready to move into Subbies next year. On that, we will be sure to reach out to all of the families with kids eligible for subbies in 2024 and provide them with all of the necessary information and invite them to continue their footy journey on the next step in the Falcon pathway.

AUSKICK REPORT CONTINUE

Managing this many kids, aged between 5 and 12, is not easy, let alone keeping them engaged for 60 minutes, and could not have been done without the help of many. In Term 2, special thanks needs to go to David Kearsley, Stu Whitelaw and Adam Carey, all of whom had kids participating in the program but were willing to forego spending time with their own kids to man stations each week and provide their knowledge and enthusiasm to the masses; Thank You Gents. Kears backed his efforts up again in Term 3, so another thanks to him, and to Connor too for sharing his Dad. Outside of these individuals, it is as important that we call out all of our players who helped over different weeks; we had U/15's, U/17's, senior women and men all attend, often multiple times to allow us to set up multiple stations each week. Multiple stations meant that the kids could get a variety of activities in and not have to wait too long in line to do them. Not only does this assistance from our players give the kids an immediate benefit, but is a great reflection on our club and will no doubt have many families seeing ours as the club they want to be at in the future. Thanks also needs to go to Charlie Kitto from the SANFL who helped with the behind the scenes administration, attending trainings to help on stations and drop off additional equipment when our participant numbers got away from us.

Without the aim of self-promotion, I will admit that I was recognised with an award at the recent SANFL Volunteer Awards Night, being named the Auskick Co-ordinator of the Year for the West Adelaide zone. The reason I call this out, is that as per the above, this was truly a club effort to build the program to what it was and everyone that participated, be it every week or for one week, should be very proud of what was achieved. Our senior premierships have been built on our junior programs and this should see the next wave of Falcon stars come through. Well Done and Thank You to all!

Leigh O'Malley
Auskick Co-ordinator

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

2021

New Changerooms built and officially opened in July 2021
Wade Stone played his 500th club games
COVID-19 Affected Season - 2 weeks missed due to lockdown etc.
10 out of 11 teams played in finals
A-Grade SFLW Premiership - Back to Back
A-Grade SFL Premiership - 6 Peat - Undefeated Season

2022

First Under 11's girls team
Inaugural First Nations guernsey
Renovation of Clubrooms opening in July 2022
Celebrating the club's 60th Anniversary
Under 12 red winners of Alan Griffin Lightning Carnival Shield
Sienna Aldridge and Melissa Andreson win SFL Best and Fairest
A-Grade SFLW Premiership - 3 in a row

2023

Inaugural Tiny Tots program
Record Auskick registrations
Six teams in the grand final
Emily Brockhurst and Matt Caire win SFL Best and Fairest
Sam Jacobs, Emily Brockhurst and Jake Bunworth are SFL leading goalkickers
Under 12 red winners of Alan Griffin Lightning Carnival Shield
A-Grade SFL Premiership
B-Grade SFL Premiership



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
P Cavouras
S Smith

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
O. Meinecke
H Channing

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
M Shearer
G Tomkins



FHFC GAMES RECORDS

Most Seasons Played

WADE STONE	36
DARRYL ROWE	30
LEIGH O'MALLEY	25
SAUL ABBOTT	25
DOUG DEGENHARDT	24
DAVID KEARSLEY	22
PAUL PETROV	22
ANDREW HEATLEY	21
DANIEL BUTCHER	21
DAVID SMITH	21

Most Senior Games

WADE STONE	483
DANIEL CRISA	358
LEIGH O'MALLEY	341
DARRYL ROWE	336
DOUG DEGENHARDT	326
SAUL ABBOTT	321
ANDREW HEATLEY	319
PAUL PETROV	304
DAVID KEARSLEY	284
CRAIG BRADLEY	268

Most Combined Senior & Junior Games

WADE STONE	510
LEIGH O'MALLEY	409
DAVID KEARSLEY	396
DANIEL CRISA	358
ANGUS FISHER	357
SAUL ABBOTT	353
DARRYL ROWE	336
ANDREW HEATLEY	333
DOUG DEGENHARDT	326
CRAIG LANGCAKE	325

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)

D Butcher (SFL)

S Smith (SFL)

M Shearer (SFL)



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FOR INDIVIDUALS, JUNIORS AND SENIORS

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