



**Flagstaff Hill Football
Club
Annual Report 2024**

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Presidents Report

Football clubs are invariably judged by onfield results, particularly at A Grade levels. Even though we pulled up slightly short at the top of the tree this year, I believe Season 2024 was a very successful one for our club, and we have much to be proud of.

We had five teams play off in grand finals, with two, our B Grade men and Saturday U13 boys, bringing home the silverware. Congratulations to GT and Jamie and their support crews on achieving the ultimate outcome. Our A Grade men and women both competed on the big stage, with several other teams playing deep into finals.

We fielded Sunday U13 and U15 boys teams, and whilst that presented a few challenges balancing numbers and personnel, it was the right decision to make for our club, and the ongoing development support for our players more broadly.

Socially we had an enormous year as well. The Flaggy Ball, Ladies Day and Sponsors Day were highlights. Thank you to Kelsey, Tanisha, Liz, Kellie, Pete W, Bec and Mel and others who played a big part in making those events a success.

And it was wonderful to again see significant turnouts for our Past Players and Life Members Days. Thanks to Sammy T and others who continue to drive that bus.

But what really represents success?

For me, it's about creating – and nurturing- an environment underpinned by a culture that attracts the right characters to the club. And a culture that encourages quality people wanting to put their hand up to help out.

It is about players committing to our club long term. It's about businesses and commercial operators who are happy to invest and proudly have their name associated with this club, not just for a year or two, but in so many cases over an extended period.

It's about repeat performance, especially at senior level.

It's about 100 kids registering for Auskick, and their families, many from outside our catchment zone, wanting to associate with our club.

It's about outsiders publicly acknowledging this is the most professional club they have ever walked into.

And it's about not just setting standards that other clubs and individuals choose to replicate, but also understanding and protecting those standards. It's about maintaining not just the rage, but also the focus when things don't quite go according to plan.

That, for me, is the definition of success. And that is what we have in spades.

Congratulations to all 2024 trophy and award winners, especially the recipient of the Brett Charlesworth Senior Club Person of the Year Award, Shannon O'Malley, and for the third successive year, Junior Club Person of the Year Declan Couldwell.

Congratulations to all players who reached significant playing milestones this season. In particular, to David Kearsley on becoming the first Falcon to reach 300 A Grade games, and Sam Smith on nailing his 200th A Grade appearance.

Congratulations also to all our players, coaches and support staff who represented our League and Region this season with distinction, well done.

And to our Life Member inductees #83, #84 and #85, Blaise Tomkins, Brad Kirk and Don Aldridge, congratulations. It is the ultimate honour, and as is the case with all our Life Members, very much deserved. Thank you all for the enormous commitment and positive contribution you have made to our club over many years.

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 to everyone who helped out in any way this season, whether it be onfield, off field or, in so many cases, a combination of both.

During the course of the season, I have received so much encouragement and support from many people. To the very best VP in the business, thanks for all your kindness, and unequivocal 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 Clare who joined the committee this year as club secretary, thank you.

To Kellie, who has taken sourcing and servicing our sponsors and partners to another level. Thank you. The generous support of our Club Partners and Sponsors is greatly appreciated, and never taken for granted. Thank you all.

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 Pete Wright and Darrell Graham, our Football Directors, thank you. And to Leigh and Shannon for leading the charge on our thriving subbies and massive Auskick clinics, and to Blake Aldridge for managing the Tiny Tots program. Well done, and 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 coaches, assistants, players, team managers, runners, hydration personnel, timekeepers, catering support crews, raffle sellers, thank you. To all the mums, dads, carers, grandparents and extended families and friends who loaned a helping hand, thank you. And a special mention to GT and Hogs, both moving on to greener pastures of different kinds, thank you for your commitment, and contributing to our on field success over several seasons.

And of course a special thanks to our club trainers- Colin, Emma, Kelsey, Pete, Tristine, Dave, Chris and Priscilla. Your contribution is unparalleled, often starting at first light, and often ending after the sun has set.

To our set up and pull down crew, Scotty, Kears Snr, Cav the Crab, Timmy O'M, Dicky, Grant and others who helped out ad hoc, thank you.

In closing, as wonderful and as successful as this year was, let's all continue to work together to make next year even better. Planning is already well underway for Season 2025, and we can look forward with great optimism.

David Heard

President



Vice Presidents Report

Another season is done and dusted and it seems to have gone past even quicker than last year!

We have had another great successful season. We have had great numbers across our juniors allowing us to have Sunday competition sides in our under 13's and 15's for the first time in a while.

We had 5 teams make grand finals this year with another 3 making the preliminary finals which is a marvellous achievement by all players and coaching staff. Part of my role is to make sure grand final week is organised and coaches and support staff just share the plans and concentrate on the team and coaching. This year I got to do that plus experience the excitement of grand final week as a parent and I'm extremely lucky to have experienced it twice in the same year!

Our sub-juniors went through a massive change this season with a change in the age groups. This was challenging as while we knew of the age group changes we weren't necessarily sure of how it would work or exactly what rule changes would happen with each age group until closer to the season start. This makes recruiting under 7's quite difficult! A massive well done and congratulations to Shannon for making this all happen and navigating all our families through this change.

To Leigh for all his work with Auskick thank you! You do an amazing job week in week out making it fun for all those involved, which then gets spread by the families there and more families join. A big thank you to our senior players and parents that assist every week to help.

Thank you Blake! You took Tiny Tots and ran it like a champion. You were very loved amongst our children and families (where is Blake is all I heard the one week you were missing). This is a great little program for those that can't yet join Auskick and they love it!

To all the parents, for driving your children to games and training, taking on those BBQ and canteen shifts (some of you even had to deal with the a change in rostering mid way through), thank you! We can't do it without you and it's great meeting you all throughout the season. To the players that come in and help with canteen and BBQ thank you!

To all the coaches and support staff thank you. Without your help and support our children can't play.

To our trainers, Col, Emma, Kelsey, Pete, Tris, Chris, Dave and Priscilla thank you! We appreciate all your help and support of our players.

To our committee thank you for all you do. For the committee meetings to extra help and support when needed for events and functions we appreciate your commitment and support. There a few which need a special shout.

Kellie, thank you for all you've done for our Sponsors and partners this season. You've worked extremely hard on this and many other things. Thank you for taking this to the next level. Mel thank you for all you do with our merchandise. There have been some challenges this season and you've overcome them all! To our Footy Directors, Pete and Darrell thank you for everything you do for us and your senior and junior groups.

To the Executive, David, Clare and Grant, thank you for all your help and support you give me. Thank you for running with my middle of the night sometimes crazy ideas. To Lindy thank you for all your help and support.

Season 2025 is only a few short weeks away and we can't wait!

Bec Couldwell

Vice President



Treasurers Report

As has been the case for some years now, the Club continued to grow in 2024.

Receipts for the year totaled \$316,059.23, and that is the highest amount we have taken.

Gate Takings for the season were \$12,016.45, which was also a record and profits from the Canteen, BBQ, and Coffee totaled just over \$52,000.

Sponsorship continues to be at an impressive level with the Club being supported too the tune of just over \$43,000 in 2024.

A number of new Sponsors have become involved with the Club, and all Sponsors now have signed Partnership Agreements.

The traditional Flagstaff Ball, Ladies Day, and Club 150 all went well, as did many of the traditional fundraising events.

Raffles and Lucky Squares were sold throughout the year resulting in over \$3,000 being raised.

On the Expenditure side, most items came in around expectations.

The amount of work done by our volunteers seemed to reach an even greater level in 2024.

I cannot imagine another club having anywhere near the same level of support that our club receives every week. Well done everyone!

We are well placed for 2025.

Grant McAvaney

TREASURER

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 21 NOVEMBER 2024

EXPENDITURE				RECEIPTS			
	2022	2023	2024		2022	2023	2024
Players, Coaches	60233.20	64506.92	76589.92	Balance B/F	59767.85	73158.38	30194.01
Player Awards	9335.00	9600.00		Subscriptions	68387.00	64019.00	68260.00
Umpires	20602.00	24085.70	28020.45	Falconians		1100.00	300.00
Trainers	5604.00	10561.00	11654.00	Falconians 2025			50.00
Coaches/Trainers Courses	675.00	275.00	287.00	Falconettes		975.00	100.00
Medical	4133.32	4717.92	6347.08	Auskick	42.56	315.00	148.16
Oval Hire	1402.50	1848.00	3246.50	Tiny Tots		800.00	1285.00
Affiliation Fees	10095.00	11201.00	13212.30	Gate Takings	10051.15	11574.65	12016.45
Guernseys	2193.65	12280.00	5671.50				
				Canteen Surplus	24884.97	28042.87	31885.97
Equipment	12191.22	22961.63	21596.78				
Match Day Filming	300.00		165.00	Fri/Sat/Sun BBQ	8364.96	10153.55	15306.44
Maintenance	2377.16	3730.98	1990.50				
Trophies	3911.30	4289.80	4557.55	Barista Coffee	3215.57	4946.46	5135.76
Sub Junior Trophies	1928.85	1400.00	2011.00	Bar	2439.43		
Player Presentations			628.94				
Premiership T Shirts	798.30	1556.20	1815.00	Meals	677.70	250.00	
Reconciliation Round		6170.28	10096.85				
Memorials/Tributes		427.00	109.95	Sponsorship	33995.00	38851.00	39175.00
				Player Sponsorship		6150.00	4250.00
GST	9684.00	9609.00	8200.00	Reconciliation Round	222.00		
Insurance	8586.32	7399.96	8380.39				
Bank Fees		15.00					
				Merchandise	5366.85	8851.47	
Merchandise			6359.69				
PlayHQ Fees	961.73	1078.18	1186.88	Raffles and Squares		1726.00	3346.60
EFTPOS Fees	1381.20	1541.19	2006.07	Crows Raffle		194.00	
Licenses	97.00	99.00		Toyota Raffle	562.23	541.74	448.70
Fines		275.00	150.00	Entertainment Apps/Books	80.00	25.00	39.00
Scoreboard Project	2893.00						
				Donations	160.00	295.03	2310.00
Team Expenses	1816.10	672.45	2556.40	Thurs Meal Donations	799.00	2612.64	1811.73
Finals Scoreboard		20.00	30.00	Catered Meals			827.00
Grand Final Expenses	170.30	728.43	766.43	Biltong Sales			125.00
Coaches Gifts	1494.55	260.00	320.00				
				Grants	23650.00	3800.00	1000.00
Belgravia Stock Transfer		13893.66					
				Social Events			
Stationery	289.36	432.29	723.13	<u>Presentations</u>			
Printing		361.10	329.40	SFL			
Stickers		189.15		Senior	575.00		618.00
Advertising		80.00	88.00	Junior			
				Sub Junior	280.00		
Sponsorship Expenses	2656.50	4262.00	6397.40	Tipping Competition	610.00	550.00	360.00
Asset Purchases	6131.37	2548.37		Club 125/150	100.00		1917.00
				Bingo	364.00	510.00	
Canteen Consumables	864.40	877.92	1034.36				
Vouchers	3286.97	1964.78	2851.20	All Club Training Day		45.00	
Hire and Misc Purchases	528.69	504.69	24.20	Meet the Coaches			64.90
Gas Bottle Refills	639.05	73.15					

Social Events							
<u>Presentations</u>							
SFL	1175.00	795.00	445.00	Hot Dog Night	239.45		
Senior		68.00		Pie Night	142.93		
Junior		250.00		Bleasedale Wine Promotior	360.00		
Sub Junior		1270.00		Meat at the Mount Promot	628.65		
				Donuts	23.60		
				Jarvis Toyota Promotion			500.00
All Club Training Day			182.55	Suburban Footballer			73.70
Baxter/Farrell Shield	60.50	105.50	24.20	Ladies Day		934.84	1403.80
Half-Time Functions	199.00	1254.85	695.57				
Past Players Day	218.00	122.00	66.70	Team of the Decade	2726.00		
SFL Morning Tea	1.75	50.00	10.00	Lucky Squares		440.00	
ANZAC Day	450.00			Flagstaff Ball		2022.75	1603.99
White Ribbon Day		43.45		Info Nights		53.00	
Breakthrough Donation			700.00	Beer Pong			508.79
Falcon Ale		2730.50	97.40	Gin Funraiser			383.41
				Wine Drive			615.60
				Breakthrough Raffle			1214.10
Expenditure Relating to				Receipts Relating to			
<u>Previous Years</u>				<u>Previous Years</u>			
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>		<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Players, Coaches	4077.85	74.55		Players. Coaches	99.00	135.00	
Trainers	455.00	500.00		Sponsorship	5500.00	5500.00	7700.00
Trophies			18.50	Jarvis Toyota Promotion			1000.00
Sub Junior Trophies	19.20		247.50	Subscriptions	682.50	180.00	390.00
Subscriptions		8046.87		Merchandise	1643.86		772.05
Internet	100.00			100/125 Club		2339.75	1600.17
Premiership Polos/Tees				Premiership Tee Shirts			232.00
Merchandise	704.00			Gas Bottle Refills		639.05	
Canteen Stock			903.23	Insurance	150.00	152.95	
BBQ Stock			70.16				
Stationery			18.90	Trainers	110.00		20.00
Maintenance			51.60				
Thursday Meal Donations			250.00	Venue Hire	150.00		
Meeting Expenses			20.00	Entertainment Books		14.00	
Falcon Ale			29.00				
Presentations			60.00	Security Costs	817.96		
Medical			476.98	Canteen Stock	10.50	235.30	
Merchandise			255.20				
Balance on Hand	73158.38	30194.01	4965.97				
TOTAL	257879.72	272001.48	238992.33	TOTAL	257879.72	272001.48	238992.33
				Subscriptions	2022	2023	2024
				Total Received	68387.00	74944.00	79435.00
				Paid to FCC	8046.87	10925.00	11175.00
				Net Subscriptions	60340.13	64019.00	68260.00
				Canteen	2022	2023	2024
				Takings	36462.10	47140.16	56978.47
				Cost	11577.13	19097.29	25092.50
				Profit	24884.97	28042.87	31885.97
					68.2%	59.5%	56.0%
				Fri/Sat/Sun BBQ	2022	2023	2024
				Takings	19090.60	21239.50	22858.00
				Cost	10725.64	11085.95	7551.56
				Profit	8364.96	10153.55	15306.44
					43.8%	47.8%	67.0%

2024 Club Award Winners



Flagstaff Hill Life Member Inductee

Blaise Tomkins – 83rd Life Member

Brad Kirk – 84th Life Member

Donny Aldridge – 85th Life Member

Brett Charlesworth Award – Senior Club Person of the Year

Shannon O'Malley

Junior Club Person of the Year

Declan Couldwell



Senior Football Report

Season 2024 was another solid year for Flagstaff Hill FC despite only securing 1 Senior Premiership (yes we are used to winning multiple flags at Senior Level).

Another Year to remember for sure, a change in Men's A Grade Coach after Zane's unbeaten 2023 Season, more high-quality recruitment despite being limited with Player points, another batch of exciting young Falcons making their Senior debuts & some securing their first & hopefully start of many Senior Premierships. Once again, we had the opposition chasing us across All 4 Senior Teams as we looked to build on the success of previous years.

As in last year I would like to thank Graham Tomkins & Donny Aldridge for their dedication to the Men's recruitment process, many long hours were spent together, many messages, emails, chats completed as we looked to build our list. FHFC is extremely lucky to have these 2 gentlemen on board & now both valued & deserving Life Members. I would also like to thank the Men's & Women's Leadership Group & Executive Committee Members who supported me during my absence in pre-season whilst I was unavailable, thank you all once again it was greatly appreciated.

Snapshot of 2024 recruitment:

New Men's A Grade Coach – **Samuel Tharaldsen (Sammy T)**

New Men's A Grade Assistant Coach – **Peter McMaster**

New Men's Recruits – **Caleb McCormick (multiple award winner), Jordan Etto, Sam Hall, Scott Barabas, Tim Pearman, Patrick De Lacy (Co B&F C Grade), David Roach, Alex Bosnich, Jake Williams, David Yang & Josh Eddy**

New Women's Recruits – **Mel Koster, Charlotte Thomas,**

Returning Flagstaff Hill Players – **D'Arcy Mitchell (B&F - A Grade)**

All Senior Teams played in Finals, C Grade thru to the Preliminary Final, Both Men's & Women's A Grade playing in Grand Finals & lastly but not least B Grade going back-to-back & securing our sole 2024 Senior Premiership.

2024 Senior Football Results Summary

Men's A Grade – minor round 2nd Spot, won 17/21 games for the season – Lost G/F to Reynella by 10pts

Women's A Grade – minor round 3rd Spot, won 13/17 games for the season – Lost G/F to Port Noarlunga by 10pts

Men's B Grade – minor round 2nd Spot, won 17/22 games for the season – Won G/F against Happy Valley by 27pts

2024 SFL Men's B Grade Premiers

Men's C Grade – minor round 3rd place, won 13/19 games for the season – Lost P/f against Aldinga by quite a bit unfortunately

Another challenging Year in SFL Senior Football as the Opposition continue to chase us. Flagstaff Hill has set the bar over the past 10 years approximately, we have enjoyed great success across all Grades & the plan is to continue to do so. We are a Club of Choice but more importantly we invest in our Juniors & 1 of the major reasons behind our Senior success is seeing these Juniors come thru the ranks as they continue of their football journey.

It has been a pleasure & honour to have been in this role now for 3 years & I cannot thank the following enough for their dedication, support & friendship. We have a quality Group of Coaches, Team Managers, Leaders, Trainers, Volunteers and the Old Farts who along with the Executive Committee & Club Committee do everything they can to ensure we are supported & prepared to achieve success on & off the field. We have an amazing Flaggy Family.

I would like to say thanks & farewell to our Multiple Premiership winning Coaches Graham Tomkins & Michael Hegarty as they step down from their respective roles. Thank you for everything you have done for this Club & I wish you well for the future, I am sure we will still see you around.

Lastly, at the time of writing this we are about to announce the 2025 Coaches for Women's A Grade & Men's B & C Grades. Another exciting chapter in our Clubs history as we chase more success in Season 2025.

Thanks everyone once again, get on board in Season 2025, any support is greatly appreciated & lets have fun & enjoy more success.

Cheers

Pete Wright

FHFC Senior Football Director.



A Grade Coach Report

A year where showing up had a whole new meaning, a year where our PRIDE values held more weight, a year where the squad was more important than one team and a year where actions were required over words.

For those that follow Nedd Brockman, you would understand that the most important thing you can do is continue to show up and be a person of action. With that in mind, we embarked on 2024 with a new focus, some new players, and a determination to keep climbing the pyramid.

The theme of 'showing up' took place from day one at Reynella East College where we averaged 45-50 on the track every night, we completed all 440 extras on the weekend, we had 80% training

attendance and finished pre-season with 10-15 players running sub 7min 2k TTs and more than half running PBs.

As a new coach, this was a pleasing start, as I knew it would hold us in good stead for the way we want to play and that was to be strong in defense, defending as a team and playing with flair in offense. That being said, At the conclusion of the season we finished the number one offense and defense team and whilst this is something to be proud of, I would like to share some of my favourite highlights and what I am truly proud of.

- Joining to complete our running with the women during pre season
- Watching Tyler Haliday & Bailey Richman practice their goal kicking when everyone else is off the track.
- Leaving the rooms at each oval spotless after each game.
- Watching young leaders Macca, Blake, Mouny take the next steps.
- Players like Jack, Roachy and Josh finding a home at Flaggy.
- DK running the extra 10m to high a teammate
- Spectators supporters and the community constantly asking what we do differently to be so successful.
- New leadership initiatives by the leadership group with the junior grades.
- Players supporting auskick
- Blake running tiny totts.
- Debuts to Twisty, McComick, Johnson, Pearman, Darcy, Carney, Jefferies
- The trainers working in overdrive
- Hangers taking Ramma to hospital and caring for him like a brother.
- Players dropped running water
- Injured players showing up and supporting
- The players & Nats support of Nueroplastoma and in particular Megan & Kira.
- The people.
- Award winners in all grades.

We judge ourselves on premierships and we didn't achieve that, so we need to be better in all areas rolling into 2025. Bring on 2025.

Sam Tharaldsen

A Grade Coach

2024 Senior Award Winners

A-Grade Men Award Winners

Best & Fairest
D'Arcy Mitchell

Runner Up Best & Fairest
Brayden Heyward-Ferors

Emerging Talent
Caleb McCormick

Best Team Man
Caleb McCormick

Players Player "Pride" Award
Mackenzie Short

A-Grade Women Award Winners

Best & Fairest
Brooke Watson

Runner Up Best & Fairest
Emma Hodgson

Most Improved
Emma Hayhurst

Finals MVP
Tiana Lush

Most Consistent
Rachel Crockart

Grant McAvaney Award
Tristan Smith

Best Team Player
Bella Nicholls-Newman

B-Grade Men Award Winners

Best & Fairest
Bradley Draper

Runner Up Best & Fairest
Blaise Tomkins

Best Team Man
Joshua Faizal

Emerging Talent
Jack Chaplin

Coaches Award
Riley Stone

Players Player "Pride" Award
Toby Russell

C-Grade Men Award Winners

Best & Fairest
Ali Baltagie

Best & Fairest
Patrick de Lacy

Coaches Award
James Keating

Rising Star
Lachlan Ellis

Best Team Man
Brad Scott

Most Consistent
Ahmad Baltagie



Trainers Report

Another busy, interesting and challenging year. We had new strapping benches in the trainers room this year which has given us more flexibility in the trainers room to get everyone on the track as soon as possible.

This year the trainers were sponsored by Wayne Phillis Automotive and were able to get new shirts jumpers and jackets with this sponsorship. Thank you to Mel for making this happen. We are looking forward to continuing this partnership next year.

This year our team included myself as Head Trainer, Emma, Kelsey, Tris and new to our team Pete Robjohns. On Sundays Dave and Chris looked after the u17 girls, Emma the u14 girls, Tris C grade, Pete and Priscilla u15 boys, Bec u13 boys and myself A grade Women. Thank you to everyone who helped with subbies.

Looking forward to a successful season in 2025.

Colin Russell

Head Trainer FHFC



Junior Football Director's Report

This season we saw the Girls & Boys come under one banner for the first time. The preseason started in January with hopes of a great season ahead.

With subbies age groups changing we had 47 boys start in U13's. We selected our coach being Jamie Dunnilliff. After a few trainings we saw that the numbers didn't drop off so we decided to have two teams a Saturday & Sunday. We appointed Grant O'Neill as the Sunday coach. The Sunday team played well & finished third after the minor round. They played the finals round extremely well making it to the Grand Final, unfortunately we didn't take home the chocolates but, did give McLaren Districts their hardest game of the season. The Saturday team had a good minor round finishing top. This team played above their maturity with taking on some of the senior's game plan. We started the Finals on a little bit of a sour note losing the 2nd Semi final. We

came out all fired up for the preliminary final & didn't give Cove a chance. The Grand Final was a great game with the the winning goal kicked with 15 seconds left in the game. A truly Great effort by the team.

The U14 girls started with 8 players so new coach Leigh Pedrick got the players to do a recruiting drive and they picked up 11 more players, thanks to the girls efforts. Most of these players had no football experience at all. This gave the coaches a lot of work to do & they did it well. If you saw their first game and compared it to the last the improvement was great. Well done all. The team won 3 games for the season & I am sure had the season gone longer they would've won a lot more.

The U15's under Mark Lemney started with the same numbers as last year 32. It grew to 34 with the promise of more to come so we appointed Luke Coyller to coach a Sunday team. Unfortunately the numbers didn't grow and the boys were put under a lot of pressure with not quiet enough players and plenty of injuries. Most of the players had to back up week after week. The Sunday team finished top at the end of the minor round, but unfortunately couldn't make it to the Big Dance. Our Saturday team was not that fortunate with the injuries to our 2nd year players and finished 7th Great effort by all.

Our U17 Girls under the guidance of Dave Hodgson had numbers not seen before in this grade 24. They started slowly but built up to finish the season in 5th spot at the end of the minor round. its hard when you have these numbers because you must rotate players around each week to give everyone a fair go. The finals were played by the team that seemed to have new energy beating teams above them which they struggled with during the season. they won both of the first two games but ran into the eventful premiers in the Preliminary final but gave it them a run for their money. Well Done to all.

U17.5 boys were led for the first time by Steve Hibbert. We had a total of 25 boys but with 3 tied to South & Westies it really meant we had the bare numbersto choose from each week and with injuries had to use U15's to top up our numbers. Our team was young compared to otherswith no 3rd year players to start with it was a hard timefor them. We did gain a 3rd year player half way through the season which gave us a lift to the younger players. A bigger body & wise words on the field. To the boys creditthey held their heads high for all of the season. Well Done.

Finally I would like to thank all of the coaches & support staff for a job well done & if you didn't volunteer we wouldn't be able to play this great game.

Darrell Graham

Junior Football Director

2024 Junior Award Winners

Under 17.5's Award Winners

Best & Fairest
Fraser Knuckey

Runner Up Best & Fairest
Coby Hibbert

Most Determined
Edwin Conway

Best Team Man
Peter Robjohns

Coaches Award
Callan Coats

Rising Talent
Lachlan Tasker

Under 17 Award Winners

Best & Fairest
Angela Rose

Runner Up Best & Fairest
Zoe Hodgson

Top Team Player
Sophie Hodgson

Most Courageous
Emma Jeffries

Coaches Award
Tia Culpin

Best First Year Player
Jess Medlycott

Saturday Under 15 Award Winners

Best & Fairest
Steven Conway

Runner Up Best & Fairest
Aidan Collyer

Runner Up Best & Fairest
Conner Cutting

Most Improved
Jack Mannion

Best Team Man
Mitchell Nuske

Most Determined
Jack Desteno

Sunday Under 15 Award Winners

Best & Fairest
Riley Wilson

Runner Up Best & Fairest
Conner Cutting

Leading Goal Kicker (across both teams)
Charlie Roberts

Most Courageous
Hunter Jordan

Best Team Man
Declan Stone

Most Consistent
Macklin Brook

Under 14 Award Winners

Best & Fairest

Kayla Jamison

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Aliya Pedrick

Coaches Award

Milly Matthews

Rising Star

Lily Ritson

Best Team Player

Tayla Stockman

Most Courageous

Keris Richardson

Saturday Under 13 Award Winners

Best & Fairest

Harper Holland

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Tully Niejalke

Most Consistent

Blair Richman

Leading Goal Kicker

Harry Cooney

Coaches Award

Jett Thomas

Most Improved

Ryan Jones

Sunday Under 13 Award Winners

Best & Fairest

Mason Mahomet

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Noah Huxford

Most Consistent

Oscar Were

Leading Goal Kicker

Leonardo Tarca

Coaches Award

Harrison Koetsier

Most Improved

Axl Britten



Sub-Junior Football Director's Report

The beginning of 2024 saw a change to the sub junior age groups going from U8's, U10's and U12's to a new structure of U7's, U9's and U11's. With this the SFL also made some changes to the team sizes with a view to ensure that all children playing received as much game time as possible.

We had a total of 115 players across the 9 teams which comprised of 2 U7 Teams, 4 U9 Teams, 2 U11 Mixed Teams and 1 U11 Girls Team. I would like to thank all of our support staff for 2024 in particular our coaches (Simon, Matt D, Leigh, Damien, Lee, Doug, Clint, Matt B and Ben) and team managers (Mike, Becky, Amalie, Jodie, Bec, Sam, Jaime and Michelle) for all of their hard work.

By far the biggest challenge that we faced this year was the scheduling of our games. Due to the fact that there was a total of 31 U9 teams in the competition in comparison to the 13 U7 teams it meant that a number of our teams had children spread out across various grounds, leaving support staff stretched very thin. The league also introduced several Friday night games, which although enjoyed by the children, again left families with children in multiple places at once. I would like to take this opportunity to commend the families on they way they handled these challenges without complaint, even lending children to play up where conflicts had diminished team numbers.

As with most years, it could be a challenge to cover the volunteer BBQ and canteen shifts but with each family averaging 4 shifts each throughout the 13 game season, the team managers did a fantastic job in having these jobs covered each week.

We concluded our season with 3 carnival weekends, followed by a successful sub junior presentation day held at the club.

Moving into 2025 we will have 15 of our Under 11 players eligible to move up to the Junior Football Program (4 Female and 11 Male) and based on the success of our Auskick program for 2024, we would hope to see a number of new sub juniors joining the competition.

Shannon O'Malley

Sub Junior Coordinator



Auskick Report

Following the success of our program in 2023; 2024 saw FHFC's Auskick program maintain its high standards and remain the destination of choice for Auskickers in the local area and surrounding suburbs. Remaining on a Friday evening, and following our 4 Simple Rules – Everyone has a footy, Everyone is Safe, Listen to the Coaches and most importantly, HAVE FUN, we saw 101 different children register with us across the two terms, with 75 participants in each of Term 2 and Term 3.

For many years we have prided ourselves on Junior Development and to have over 100 different kids participate in Auskick at our club in 2024 shows that this is still the most important pillar to build our club on and hopefully many of these kids are running around in the red and blue for years to come.

If these numbers weren't impressive enough, we should highlight and celebrate the fact that we had 28 females registered in Term 3. It is here that we need to recognise that Bella, one of our senior women, put her hand up to assist with both terms of Auskick in 2024. Without any ties to the Auskick program, Bella was there for all 16 weeks to ensure the Auskickers were able to be split into small groups and get as much time doing drills as possible. The impact Bella had cannot be underestimated, the future of our club and girls/ladies programs rely on juniors coming through and in the second term alone, Bella made a difference to the 28 girls in Auskick.

And whilst thanking our helpers, we also need to call out the regular contributions of Kears, Karns, Nat, Lenny and India, plus the senior players who chipped in throughout the year. With so many kids in attendance each week, we had to continually refine how we did things and having so many helpers allowed us to run multiple stations each week. So many people on the oval can be overwhelming for the young kids, and being able to place them in the same small groups each week not only ensured as much time touching a footy as possible but also gave them a sense of comfort, security and familiarity. This was no doubt a reason we continued to attract new families throughout each term following the positive word of mouth from the existing parents.

In combination with Auskick, we saw the return of our Tiny Tots program in 2024, and the work Blake Aldridge did here needs to be recognised. For a young man in his early 20's to volunteer his Friday afternoons to work with 2-4 year olds cannot be undersold. Families were screaming out for this program for their kids who were not old enough for Auskick and thanks to Blake, the club was able to run it for a second year and he has no doubt tied these kids to the club for years

to come. It was great to see the next generation of Shearers (two lots), Kearsley's, Ramage's and Lendrum's to name a few running around with Blake on a Friday night.

Highlights for the year included –

- 36 kids getting the opportunity to play on Adelaide Oval at half time of AFL games.
- 12 girls getting the opportunity to play on Alberton Oval at half time of an AFLW game.
- West Adelaide recognising the work of our volunteers through the season, and popularity of the program in our area, by running a 6 week Superkick clinic at our club in Term 4. This gave our volunteers a break but also gave our kids further opportunity to develop their skills ready for next years subbies season.
- The final session and presentation for Term 3. With all other grades finished and Auskick being the only program left on the Friday night, we saw standing room only in the club room that night. It was brilliant to see the Auskickers, their siblings, parents and grandparents packing out the rooms and poor old Billy behind the bar needed a good rest once they had left!

Looking forward, 53 of our Auskickers from 2024 are eligible for Subbies in 2025 and we will work hard to welcome as many of these into competitive football as possible but know for the ones that are not quite ready, we will have another year of Auskick ready to them.

In 2023, this report finished by calling out that our program was recognised as being a stand out in the West Adelaide Metro zone and in 2024 we went a step better, winning both the West Adelaide Metro zone and taking out the South Australian Auskick of the Year Award. This is tremendous recognition for the effort put in by so many people and should see many more kids, and their families, attracted to our club in 2025 and beyond. As a club should be proud of what we have achieved.

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 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 under 16's side
- 1984** Introduction of under 18's side
- 1985** Changed Association to Southern Football League
Changed uniforms to red & blue (Norwood)
Introduction of under 14's side
A & B Grade Sides both undefeated premiers
Highest A grade score – 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 points in only their 2nd year in Div 1
- 1991** Introduction of under 13's side
- 1994** Changed from 'Bushpigs' to 'Falcons'
- 1995** Clubroom expansion and renovations
- 1996** Clubrooms reopened
- 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
Under 18's play in Grand Final – runners up
Upgrade to home changerooms by players and club supporters
- 2007** First ever Under 16 Premiership
C Grade Premiers – 1st Senior premiership in 21 years
Year 6/7 team won Sub-Junior lightening carnival
Audio Visual System installed – initiated through FHFC grants and sponsorship
- 2008** Under 14 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
Under 14 and Under 16 Sunday teams introduced for the first time
Both teams played in finals
Under 18's played in Grand Final – runners up
Gym constructed for use by club members through donations and grant payments
- 2010** Gym and Strengthening Centre officially opened for use by club members
Under 14's played in Grand Final – runners up
Under 16's Premiership
- 2011** Awarded SFL Champion Club of the Year
Under 16's Premiership
All 5 Saturday teams played in Preliminary Final
- 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

2019 New Eletronic 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

2024

Record numbers for Auskick
David Kearsley reaches 300 A grade games
5 teams reach grand final (Sunday and Saturday U13, B Grade, A grade Men and Women)
Harper Holland – Under 13 SFL medallist
Jess Couch – Leading A Grade Women Goal kicker
Under 13 Premiership
B Grade Premiership – Back to Back premiers – Josh Faizal wins best on ground
Leigh O'Malley wins South Australian Auskick Coordinator of the Year

FHFC Life Members

J Browne	G Noakes	GM Fletcher	P Browne	K Noakes	K Stone
G Davidson	D Nuttman	M Fisher	D Degenhardt	R Palovich	W Stone
C Dewar	C Podzuweit	C Bradley	K Dohring	M Poduweit	G McAvaney
G Drechsler	K Priest	L Ellison	B Ellery	B Rowe	DA Smith
W Ellery	D Rowe	S Murfitt	N Farrell	P Stacey	T Taylor
R Farrell	D Stewart	M Haslam	D Heard	S Pavloich	L Eysers
D Hooper	G Kearsley	S Dempsey	B Jaehne	S Horrocks	J Robshaw
V Jaehne	A Heatley	B Charlesworth	P Jaehne	N Fishpool	P Petrov
T Mace	R Hunter	J Strout	D Miles	G Haese	S Abbott
C Monks	J Rumbelow	C Burfitt	D Size	D Crisa	L O'Malley
P McMaster	M Lendrum	K Abbott	D Kearsley	D Osmond	T O'Malley
M Fuss	P McGuire	M Green	D Butcher	R Mitchell	J Harrington
A Fisher	C Langcake	C McMaster	P Cavouras	O Meinecke	M Shearer
S Smith	H Channing	G Tomkins	B Tomkins	B Kirk	D Aldridge

FHFC Games Records

Most Seasons Played		Most Senior Games		Most Combined Senior and Junior Games	
Wade Stone	37	Wade Stone	486	Wade Stone	513
Darryl Rowe	30	Daniel Crisa	373	David Kearsley	412
Leigh O'Malley	25	Leigh O'Malley	341	Leigh O'Malley	409
Saul Abbott	25	Darryl Rowe	336	Daniel Crisa	373
Doug Degenhardt	24	Doug Degenhardt	326	Angus Fisher	357
David Kearsley	23	Saul Abbott	321	Saul Abbott	353
Paul Petrov	22	Andrew Heatley	319	Darryl Rowe	336
Andrew Heatley	21	David Kearsley	318	Andrew Heatley	333
Daniel Butcher	21	Paul Petrov	304	Doug Degenhardt	326
Daniel Crisa	21	Craig Bradley	268	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)

B Kirk (SFL)

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