



FLAGSTAFF HILL FOOTBALL CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT

2021 SEASON



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2021 Season, my third and final year as President of this wonderful club. It seems fitting then that our club AGM will be the final official event before the centre is locked up, power shut off and the refurbishment of the community centre "our home base" will begin!! A situation that has punctuated my time as President (and began long before) has seen through patience, hard work and perseverance of so many volunteers. But we are finally here and the renovations will begin. The timing couldn't be better either, starting this early will hopefully mean things will be up and running ready for Season 2022.

2021 also saw the first stage of an upgrade come to fruition with our new changerooms delivered in August, with an added bonus of a couple of new playgrounds, cricket nets and refinished tennis courts.

As with every season, 2021 bought us new challenges. Again covid impacted our season but we used the lessons we learned from last year to not just survive but to thrive in this new environment.

So let's reflect and celebrate our fantastic successes both on and off the field, achievements that wouldn't have been possible without the continued commitment from our club committee and all our dedicated hardworking volunteers. Well done team and remember as I always say the best is we got to do it together as a Flaggy family.

Achievements

On-Field

- Another strong showing from our Subbies fielding 10 teams. And when the annual carnival was cancelled we staged our own.
- 9 out of the 10 teams playing for premiership points made finals. An incredible 6 of those teams made Grand Finals and our A-Grade women won back to back premierships and our all-conquering men's team won their 6th consecutive flag. - an incredible achievement.
- That same men's team went through their second undefeated season.

PRESIDENTS REPORT CONTINUED

- We had a strong showing in all of the representative teams - across all grades with our own Russell Veenvliet coaching the Senior Men's association side to a championship win. And Sam Tharaldsen being named as Captain of the Southern Districts Association team.
- On the SFL Awards Night - Congratulations to:
 - All of our players who were named in their respective grade's team of the year.
 - Emily Brockhurst was named Association Best and Fairest and leading goalkicker for the A-Grade Women
 - Ritchie McNamara took out Best and Fairest and leading goalkicker in the B-Grade
 - Ali Baltagie took out Best and Fairest in the C-Grade
 - Lachlan Sorella was awarded leading GoalKicker for the Under 15's
 - Daniel Butcher and Sam Smith also achieved life membership of the league - a wonderful achievement
 - Colin Russell won the Hank Middleton Award for leadership as a trainer

Sponsors

To our Sponsors - Thank you again for your continued support throughout the 2021 season. Especially in this difficult and uncertain business landscape. I urge all of our Flaggy family to support those businesses that help make it possible to do what we love.

Coaches & Volunteers

To our coaches, thank you for the countless hours you put into coaching teams, developing juniors, and our young men and women. And to our volunteers, thanks for doing one or more of the 1000's of jobs that need to happen to make getting a team on the field possible.

Thanks for your passion, patience, encouragement, and resilience. For making it fun and safe for everyone involved. I appreciate all of you and your dedication and hard work so much because none of our great success happens without all of you playing your part.

Trainers

Meg Patterson once again stepped up for pre-season and made the start of the season possible. Then when Meg needed to invest time into her new business venture, Colin Russell stepped up to the plate taking over the reins working tirelessly to keep all of our players on the field.

Colins was ably assisted by Emma, new to the Flaggy team this year, Shane Lees, as well as Ryan, Sam and Steve who all played their part. Well done team we couldn't have done it without you all. And Congratulations again to Colin on his well-deserved SFL Trainers Award. Well done Col Friend

Life Member

Pete Cavouras become our 77th Life Member this year. A well-deserved reward for such a great club man. In my time as President, I have witnessed first-hand the work Pete does both on and off the field. He is always ready to assist the club or be there for anyone who is having a tough time with a friendly face (and of course a glass of wine). Congratulations Pete.

PRESIDENTS REPORT CONTINUED

Committee

Every year there is a great deal of planning and decision-making that needs to take place to keep our club going. Luckily we have an incredible team of volunteers who come together to steer our club in the right direction. Made up of a large variety of people this group of volunteers, work tirelessly to ensure that our club is not only successful but also professional and sets an example to other clubs and the league itself. Thank you all for your passion and dedication to the Falcons and also the support you have given me throughout the year and over my time as President.

Wades 500th Club Game

We celebrated several milestones during the 2021 season but there were none bigger than when great club man, Wade Stone celebrated his 500th club game. Beautiful weather, a big crowd, action on and off the field - and of course That Goal! What a day! and what a fantastic achievement. Well done Wade!!!

Thank you

A heartfelt thanks go out to the Flaggy footy community who have embraced my family and welcomed us into the Flaggy Family. The support I have received has been incredible, I have learnt and grown so much. It has been an honour to lead this incredible club and I thank you for allowing me to do so and guiding me along the way. We may have had some challenges but together we rose above them to achieve great success.

A few special mentions

Brett Charlesworth - for mentoring me over the last 3 years. Your guidance has been immeasurable. Thanks for your time and friendship.

Grant McAvaney - an incredible hardworking volunteer who must love this club so much and was always there for me when I called. With a wise word or to share a story. Thanks so much for your support.

Bill Kelsey - My right-hand man. There were many challenges but you were always ready to take them on. Thanks for keeping me positive and sharing a laugh when things got tough. Your hard work and commitment to the club over the last 2 years in particular has been invaluable.

Julianne Mitchell - for your support, wisdom, ear, and time. You have made my job so much easier.

My Friends - for coming on this ride with me. For chipping in at the last minute always. For understanding when I stood you up for meetings, never returned messages, or for delaying our catchups until after presentations. Thank you!!! P.S. Nerd club is back!!!!

Lanie, Jackson & Kate - thanks for your understanding and support while I did my thing. Knowing that you not only understood but shared my passion for the club made my job so much easier. I couldn't have done it without you.

Neil Williams
Club President

#falconstrong



VICE - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another successful year. Nine of 10 teams competing in finals, two premierships, one loss in extra time and two losses by the barest of margins. Players and coaches experiencing finals for the first time, building on valuable experience to develop into future club champions and members of the community.

Our club, like many others, also faced challenges along the way. None the least of which was the continued battle with COVID and the ever-changing environment that it brings. While that interrupted the continuity on the field it also provided an opportunity for many to refresh, reset and strive for excellence leading into the major rounds.

I would like to acknowledge those that have helped in running the club in this season of 2021. The committee for helping to navigate the club through the year; Grant for his tireless work not only as the Treasurer but for the many other jobs that he does; Mel for her amazing work as the Merchandise coordinator, we are the club with the best merch going around; Serena for looking after the Junior comp; and for our Club Champion Bec for doing such an amazing job with the Sub Juniors and everything else that you have done, thank you.

To the RAP committee for starting the journey of understanding and cultural awareness. While we have started slowly, we have started a learning process that we must continue as we strive to be a safe and inclusive community club that values diversity.

Lastly, I would like to personally thank Neil and Kate for the amazing job that they have done over the last three years. Their enthusiasm, courage and commitment to ensuring that this club is a club for all, with strong values, have continued to grow the club status as the best in the league and a club that many others are trying to emulate.

Enjoy your time off and I look forward to seeing you all around the place as we take on season 2022.

Bill Kelsey
Vice President



TREASURER'S REPORT

Well, another COVID 19 interrupted season!

This year it wasn't quite as devastating, with fourteen Rounds played instead of nine in the previous season. However, there were still restrictions in key football areas, like how many could attend functions and what could and couldn't be done on Match Days.

As listed on the Balance Sheet, the Club had 11 fundraising events in 2019 pre-COVID, and only three in both 2020 and 2021. It was frustrating.

Despite the difficulties, the Club has continued to maintain a strong financial position over the last two seasons, and there have been three main reasons.

Firstly, the SANFL has made critical decisions relating to the Salary Cap for players, including a new permanent cut that will limit the amounts able to be paid, thereby increasing the competitiveness of all clubs. It also successfully sought a reduction in Personal Injury Insurance, almost halving that cost for clubs.

Secondly, the Southern Football League has never wavered in its role of keeping the game going at our level. On its own initiative, it halved Affiliation Fees in that critical first year and was fair and supportive of all clubs throughout the two year period. It continued to allow us to hold our two Sunday final weekends, which remain an important revenue stream for the Club. With the rise of Women's football, our finals matches will be even bigger in 2022.

Thirdly, it's our people. It's the Players and Parents who pledged part of their Subs in 2020 to keep the Club running, and it's a big part of the reason why we remain in a strong financial position a year later. It's the Committee and others not on the Committee, who are there every week performing a myriad of ever-increasing tasks to ensure the day runs smoothly.

TREASURERS REPORT CONTINUED

Have a look at the Balance Sheet to see exactly where money has been raised and spent during the last three years. 2019 was a normal year, 2020 had severe restrictions and in 2021 the restrictions were slowly starting to ease.

In 2021, Flagstaff Hill equalled the Southern Football League record of six consecutive premierships in a row. The previous record held by Aldinga from 1927 to 1932 stood for 89 years. Could It finally be broken next year?

In 2022, the Club will reach its Diamond Anniversary when it completes 60 years of competition since it first played in 1963 as the Brighton Methodist United Football Club in the United Church League.

2022 sounds like it would be a good time to be involved. Everyone can play a part in our continued success.

Grant McAvaney
Treasurer

2021 CLUB AWARD WINNERS



FHFC Life Member Inductee
Pete Cavouras - 77th Member

FHFC Brett Charlesworth Award - Senior Club Person of the Year
Rebecca Couldwell

FHFC Junior Club Person of the Year
James Brennan





A-GRADE REPORT

Season 2021: We started pre-season on the 11th January 2021 with the expectation that week of the new guys to the group to attend and have some discussions around expectation and what senior footy is, the positive thing was that a lot of the more senior players turned up as well in what was a great show of the commitment level it takes to play senior football at Flagstaff Hill. The feeling was good as we were all hopeful, we would get a full season of unaffected football in. We had to change training grounds this year Seaview High didn't want anyone using their grounds this year and with the help of Neil Williams we secured a few different venues which was good as it gave the boys some variety but most positively was through the good work of Neil and his relationship with the cricket club, we were able to train on Flaggy oval every Wednesday night.

The A-Grade had 2 trial games organised against our usual opponents of Goodwood and Blackwood. We played Goodwood at cornerstone college on a very hot day and availability was a bit of an issue however we got our first competitive run under our belts for season 2021. The second trial was lucky enough to be at Flaggy against Blackwood and we again fielded a mixed bag in the A's and B's, surprisingly we won the game which for us is unusual and a break in tradition. We then had a fortnight to get ready for round 1.

In true FHFC style we like to build a season and make sure we are peaking at the right end of the year. Round 1 was against Morphett Vale who had big wraps on themselves in the off-season, for three quarters we had their measure however they did not give up and came charging home in the last quarter to give us a bit of a scare, We won by 7 points. This would be our closest game of the year as we would go on to have an average winning margin of 78pts for the year. It wasn't all smooth sailing through the year as when we looked at our draw it set up perfectly with our byes being timed very nicely however that was thrown into disarray when our game against Noarlunga was called off 5 mins into the 3rd quarter due to a neck injury to one of their players. This half a game lead us into our bye and then the state Country Bye which normally would be a good refresher for the boys however Covid hit again and threw a spanner in the works.

A-GRADE COACHES REPORT CONT....

2 more weeks off meant when we resumed after the covid break we had played a ½ of footy in 6 weeks and it was a bit unknown how we would respond especially playing a plucky Reynella (2nd best side all year). Reynella and the umpires threw everything at us late, but we managed to win the game and keep the streak alive. This was the start of an assault on finals as we had 2 more games before the finals series would start, once we hit finals that is where the group comes into their own, that is what we play for and the attitude visibly goes up a notch. Our best game for the year (in my opinion) was the 2nd semi-final v's Reynella at Christie's, after getting within 3 goals of us a month earlier Reynella were confident of knocking us off. The score that day read 17.9 to 3.7 making a real statement that we were still here and we were still the big Dogs.

The grand final went our way, and we were undefeated Premiers again, Back-to-Back undefeated premiers, and our 6th premiership in a row to equal the SFL record of successive premierships. Our current winning streak dates back to the Prelim final in 2019 and stands at 29 games in a row. I for one and I know the playing group wants to keep this streak alive for as long as we can while we strive for premiership glory next year.

I would like to thank Adam Carey for all his help this year, Micheal Haslam for stepping in as runner when Adam couldn't do it, John Veenvliet (team Manager), Kelsey Rodman for running water every week rain, hail or shine, and the Trainers Colin and Emma for their help through the year. One person who gave me a lot of help and advice this year that deserves extra special thanks is our outgoing President Neil Williams. Thanks, Neil and Congratulations on a great tenure as President.
Falcon Strong!!

2021 Stats of note:

32 players Played in the A-Grade side

2 Players made their A-Grade Debut

0 Games Lost

6th Premiership in a row

Milestones:

David Kearsley: Played his 250th A-Grade Game & 350th Club game

Andrew Shearer: 100th A-Grade game

Sam Smith: 150th A-Grade Game & 600th Goal

Retirements:

Daniel Webb

Andrew Shearer

Daniel Butcher (Maybe)

Russell Veenvliet

A-Grade Coach



B-GRADE REPORT

We struggled to find someone with enough time to commit to the B grade coaching role this year however we finally brought in Aaron and Raeph Ceaserwicz. They were very keen and enthusiastic however lacked and senior coaching experience. They started slow and had to really find their groove as they went learning our ways and structures on the job at preseason training as well as getting to know all the players. Their effort can not be faulted, and they were rewarded with a Grand final appearance.

We had a few hiccups along the way and also some signs of real brilliance this year on the march to the grand final, a low point was probably when we lost to Morphett Vale at Morphett Vale when we thought we had a really good side in and on the other side of the coin the high point of the year was the prelim final against Reynella. Needing to win and also make a statement for the next week we put Reynella to the sword and kept them goalless for the day to win 11.12 to 0.8. this was a complete team performance with great investment from everyone around our sticking to our structures and playing for each other.

As is with most B-Grade sides we had a lot of changes from week to week, whether that be through availability, injury, or A grade selection and this always makes it hard to get any continuity. All the boys who played gave their all every week and we had some real successes this year even if it wasn't the ultimate glory.

Ritchie McNamara won the league Goal kicking and also managed to pick up the Mail medal as well which was great to see. We had 7 guys make their B grade Debut with some of these guys still being eligible for Under 17.5s and by no way did the young lads look out of place. Luke Warland was welcomed back to the club and built into his year well to the point of being a very influential player by Grand Final day. I'm sure he will play some A-grade football at the Club.

I would like to thank Aaron and Raeph for their efforts, Tim O'Malley and Wally for sharing the team manager duties, Wade Stone (assistant coach), Pete McMaster (runner), and anyone who helped with the thankless jobs throughout the year of boundary umpire, goal umpire, timekeeper, etc.

The future is exciting & bright with some really good kids coming into the senior ranks next year. Let's look forward to bigger and better things in 2022

2021 SENIOR MEN'S TROPHY WINNERS

A-Grade Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Bradley Patterson & Samuel Tharaldsen

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Brayden Heyward-Ferors, Brad Kirk & Mitch Johnson

Best Finals Player

Max Renfrey

Rising Star

Macca Short

B-Grade Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Ritchie McNamara

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Christopher Buersch

Best Team Man

Todd Alexander

Most Consistent

Daniel Nash

Coaches Award

Jake Bunworth

Player of the Finals

Casey Davies

Grant McAvaney Club First Award

Angus Fisher

C-Grade Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Dan Crisa

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Baxter Knuckey and Jake Bunworth

Most Consistent

Ahmad Baltagie

Best Team Man

Ali Baltagie

Coaches Award

Brad Nottle-Justice





WOMEN'S & GIRLS FOOTBALL REPORT

2021 again was a very successful season for the Flagstaff Hill Football Club women's program. Our season was again interrupted by Covid (who else is sick of that word) but we managed to fit in 12 or 13 games and play a full finals season.

We finished the season with a Back to Back Premierships in the A-Grade Women, a heartbreaking loss in overtime in the Grand Final for our Under 17's Girls, and our Under 14 Girls just missing out on the finals.

Under 14 Girls

The Under 14 squad at Flagstaff Hill continues to grow which is fantastic to see. With a wide variety of abilities and knowledge, the aim of this group is to learn skills, have fun and develop a love of football and that is exactly what Dave Hodgson and his team delivered this season.

Whilst they didn't make finals, they improved enormously and ultimately had a lot of fun doing it. As they continue to develop they will be a force to be reckoned with in the coming years.

Under 17 Girls

The Under 17 Girls are a tight-knit bunch that has played together for many years and it shows. Newcomers are immediately welcomed and appear to have been there for the same length of time. Their football skills continue to develop and their passion for the game is second to none. There are definitely some exciting things to come from this group.

2021 however we farewell our much-loved coach Luke Beenham from the team. Luke is an outstanding young man who over the past few years has given up all of his free time whilst juggling Uni, placements, and his own football to guide, coach, and develop this group of girls. He is passionate about women's football and about giving everyone a go. They wouldn't be here without you, Luke and we thank you for everything you have done in the infancy of this program.

And lastly to our first bunch of Under 17 girls to make the transition to Senior Football. You are the game changers and our future. So don't be shy or hesitant - you have a valued place in our Senior Women's program and the girls are so excited to have you out there. You will smash it!!!!

WOMEN'S & GIRLS FOOTBALL REPORT

A-Grade Women

The A-Grade women appear to have a pre-determined plan of attack. Lose 2 games during the season. Head into the first final as underdogs. Win that and sail straight through to the Grand Final and take that one out as well in convincing fashion against Reynella - Back to Back. But we all know that it doesn't happen by accident. The coaches and girls had a tough interrupted season which was impacted early by the continuing SANFLW season but they rallied together to take out the flag for the second time.

This club is blessed by a large group of dedicated and passionate volunteers that really believe in the growth and development of this group of girls and the growth of women's football in general. The result the team achieved would not have been possible without the knowledge and guidance of Dean Renfrey, Kym Mitchell, Michael Hegarty, Derek Bird, and Andrew Brockhurst along with Tanya, the team manager, and our strong leaders, Riley, Kelsey, and Chloe.

The improvement witnessed in the girls is by no accident either. It comes from hours of fitness training, skills development, and a desire to learn. They should all be very proud of themselves and the number of women trying out for SANFLW again this season is a testament to that.

SFLW

Special Congratulations to Emily Brockhurst who took out both the SFLW Leading Goal Kicker award with 51 goals and also the SFL B & F Stephanie Dempsey Medal.

SANFLW

Our strong program at Flagstaff Hill and the talent within our squad means that there are many Falcons you may need to keep your eye out for in the 2022 SANFLW season. Congrats and Good Luck to Tamsyn Morriss, Shay'Lee Dayman, Nicole Mogg, Alana Baker, Chloe Meyers, Charlie Scutchings, Abbie Butler, Chelsea Farr, Carli Morton, Emily Brockhurst, Soriah Moon, Emma Sjoberg, and Brooke Kleinig.

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

This program could not survive without volunteers, our coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, team managers, runners, timekeepers, ground marshalls, goal umpires, canteen, and bbq helpers. Every year there are more roles to fill but we have a fantastic bunch of parents, partners, brothers, sisters, and senior players who were always willing to take on a role to make sure our girls could get on the oval each and play footy! We really appreciate it!!

And lastly, if you haven't been out to a game recently then you are missing out. We play an excellent and exciting to watch brand of football. As the years progress so will the skills and talent of our women's footballers. It will be amazing to see what they can continue to achieve.

Kate Williams

Women's Football Director.

2021 WOMEN'S & GIRLS TROPHY WINNERS

A-Grade Women's Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Chloe Meyers & Emily Brockhurst

Most Consistent

Alana Baker

Best Team Player

Kelsey Rodman

Most Improved

Nicole O'Connor

Rising Star

Zoe Walker-Roberts

Under 17 Girls

Best & Fairest

Ebony Scanlan

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Brooke Kleinig

Most Consistent

Emma Hodgson

Best Team Player

Jaela Manning

Best 1st Year Player

Gabby Baker

Rising Star

Mel Anderson

Under 14 Girls

Best & Fairest

Sienna Aldridge

Most Consistent

Zoe Hodgson

Best Defender

Abby Sorella

Best Forward

Sophie Vowles

Top Team Player

Kahlia Read

Rising Star

Emma Jeffries





TRAINERS REPORT

What an interesting season it was for everyone. This year I stepped up into the Head Trainer role due to Meg needing to step aside for personal reasons. This season we welcomed the help of many great trainers over both Saturday and Sunday games across two leagues.

We welcomed Emma, Steve and Shane to the trainer group this season to join Sam, Ryan and myself. It was great to have their support across all Junior and Senior Teams.

We are looking forward to Season 2022.

Colin Russell
Head Trainer



JUNIOR FOOTBALL REPORT

Over the last few years, we have been fortunate to have some consistency across the club leadership and have valued the involvement of many of the keys to club success. From a junior football perspective, having Marty Clifton at the helm of the under 17.5s over that period has ensured both success and sustainability, with lads progressing into the senior ranks but more importantly maintaining a strong interest in football. An accomplishment that is difficult when dealing with a group of young men between the ages of 16 and 18!

Understandably, with that experience, it was never going to be long before others came knocking on his door to offer him work. Having rejected offers in recent years, Marty has decided that now is the time to broaden his horizons and has accepted an offer to be a part of a strong coaching group with the South Adelaide Under 18's in the SANFL competition. We wish him all the best in that challenge and look forward to him returning to the club in the future armed with even more skills and experience to continue his coaching dreams.

Continuing a junior note, Steve Hibbert and Craig Bunworth successfully navigated a year of managing players between the under 15 squad and the under 17.5 squad to allow for all players to play a game of football on a weekend. Craig, as the coach of under 16s in the SANFL Juniors, had the task of working with Steve and Marty to get a team up each week. I understand that there were nearly 50 players that rotated through that program, but that didn't stop them from making a Preliminary Final and missing out on the Grand Final by one point.

Steve was also very unlucky not to get the win on the last game in September. Having done such a great job all year with his group, they challenged (and worried) Reynella all the way through the Grand Final, falling short with only 30 seconds left to play, in what was one of the best games of the day. Although they didn't come away with the win, a loss by one point clearly shows the growth of the team throughout the year and the passion that Steve has for the job.

The under 13s also had their first taste of finals footy, which included a first-up win. With Michael Haslam at the helm in his first foray into junior coaching (having coached at a sub-junior level), he nurtured his young charges across the year, and we saw them grow and learn not only the game but how to support each other. Another passionate Flaggy champion, Hazza has a long career as a coach or leader at the club in front of him.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL REPORT CONT...

All in all, four junior male teams playing in finals across two leagues, with two missing out in a Grand Final, clearly shows that the club is on the right path for sustainability for the men's competition. That along with the SFLW A Grade women's winning their Grand Final, the under 17's women's team losing in extra time and the 14s women's team just missing out, I think the future is bright.

To help make all of this happen, there are numerous people that help across the year. To the assistant coaches, team managers, ground marshals, goal umpires, boundary umpires, water runners, trainers, and first aiders, thank you. To those that help on the BBQ or in the canteen, thank you.

2021 JUNIOR TROPHY WINNERS

Under 17.5 Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Aiden Grayson

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Ahmad Baltagie

Best Team Man

Jackson Williams

Most Courageous

Josh Fazial

Most Consistent

Blake Aldridge

Rising Star

Jackson Costello

Under 16 Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Jackson Costello

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Ethan Johnson

Most Consistent

Riley Stone

Best Team Man

James Keating

Best 1st Year Player

Jack Chaplin

Most Improved

Callum Trott

Under 15 Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Zachary Mayr

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Sam Burbridge

Leading Goal Kicker

Lachlan Sorella

Best Team Man

Lucas Hollands

Most Improved

Edwin Conway

Coaches Award

Ben Jeffries



2021 JUNIOR TROPHY WINNERS

Under 13 Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Mitchell Clifton

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Tyce Lush

Most Courageous

Cohen Carlier

Best Team Man

Isaac Quigley

Coaches Award

Bailey Warren

MVP Award (Voted by Peers)

Mitchell Clifton





SUB JUNIOR DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This season saw 165 sub-junior footballs take the field in round 1. This season we had 3 under 8 teams, 4 under 10's and 3 under 12's which was the same as 2020. In the last few years our under 8 numbers have been down a little, but our under 10's are getting bigger and bigger.

This season saw some challenges our biggest the scheduling of our games happening week to week so sometimes families didn't know what was happening on a Sunday until Wednesday night. A big thank you to our families for getting through this I know it certainly wasn't easy, but a big thanks to our team managers who filled the BBQ and Canteen rosters every Sunday and I know it wasn't easy. Some new things were tried this season that were a great success, some, unfortunately, we didn't get around to trying but next year we will try again. A big thanks to our senior players who came for our train with the subbies nights. Another big thanks to our Under 13's for their contribution to train with the subbies, but for also having our second year 12's out for game day so they could get a taste in junior football.

Friday nights saw us try some new things like burger night and pie night which were great for something a little bit different. Hopefully, we can add some extras next season! Unfortunately, we missed out on hot dog night as COVID interrupted that idea!

After a few weeks that was interrupted by a state lockdown the season was back underway, carnivals were cancelled but we did get an extra few rounds to the season to compensate. For presentations this year we had our own carnival. It was a great way to finish up the season!

A big thank you to all our coaches for all their support and efforts throughout the season, it was great working with each and every one of you. Thank you to all the assistant coaches, team managers, game day coordinators, runners, and medical officers, without you all we wouldn't be able to take to the ground each week. To all the parents and caregivers thank you for bringing your children to the games each week and for all those canteen and BBQ shifts, our volunteers are very important to the running of our club so thank you.

Thank you to Donna Richards-Stone for creating our newsletter each week. To Trudi and Ed for coming out and running our canteen each Friday night, we will miss you next season. To all the members of the Committee who have helped throughout the season thank you!

Last but not least a big thank you to my family for all their help and support, having my boys out there at 8 am each Sunday helping set up (even if they only help with making lolly bags with Kate), and to my Dad Darrell that comes out and helps with this job each and every Sunday before we head off to which location the boys are playing at or jumps on the BBQ whenever I need. Couldn't do it without you!

See you all in 2022

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 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



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

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	34
DARRYL ROWE	30
DOUG DEGENHARDT	24
LEIGH O'MALLEY	23
SAUL ABBOTT	23
PAUL PETROV	22
ANDREW HEATLEY	21
NEIL FISHPOOL	21
DAVID SMITH	21
DAVID KEARSLEY	20

Most Senior Games

WADE STONE	475
DARRYL ROWE	336
DOUG DEGENHARDT	326
DANIEL CRISA	323
ANDREW HEATLEY	319
LEIGH O'MALLEY	315
SAUL ABBOTT	306
PAUL PETROV	304
CRAIG BRADLEY	268
JEFF BROWNE	268

Most Combined Senior & Junior Games

WADE STONE	502
LEIGH O'MALLEY	383
DAVID KEARSLEY	361
SAUL ABBOTT	338
DARRYL ROWE	336
ANDREW HEATLEY	333
ANGUS FISHER	327
DOUG DEGENHARDT	326
DANIEL CRISA	323
MATTHEW LENDRUM	322

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)



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