



GOODWOOD SAINTS  
FOOTBALL CLUB

# ANNUAL REPORT

2023

We value:

- Respecting the integrity of the past, present and future of the GSFC
- Honesty and taking responsibility for our actions
- Unity and the enjoyment of working together to do our best
- Strength of mind to have the courage to do the right thing
- Operating in a positive, passionate and professional environment.



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# Acknowledgement

As we embark on another year at the Goodwood Saints, let us take a moment to remember and honor Charlie Stevens—a leader, a teammate, and a friend.

May his spirit continue to inspire us to strive for greatness, to build a community founded on camaraderie and sportsmanship, and to uphold the values that have always defined the Saints.

In everlasting memory of Charlie Stevens, may his legacy fuel our collective journey towards continued success and sportsmanship on and off the field.

# What we stand for

## VISION

To be recognised as Adelaide premier community football club

## MISSION

Provide opportunities for lifetime involvement with Australian Rules football.

Realise players' full potential in a friendly, professional environment. Players will enjoy consistent on-field success and be provided with safe, above-standard facilities.

Members will enjoy a friendly, comfortable, inclusive, and family oriented environment.

## GOALS

### Sponsors

Provide corporate partners with a commercially sound competitive edge. The club will directly support sponsors where practical and promote their businesses to our members and supporters.

### Members

Encourage and develop players, members, administrators, and supporters to enjoy the sport and reach their full potential.

### Standard of Competition

Be continually successful in Division One of the Adelaide Football League.

### Junior Football Development

Provide outstanding coaching and development so our juniors can participate to the highest possible standard.

### Facilities

Provide the best possible facilities for our members and supporters.

### Administration

Develop and maintain 'best-in-class' processes so Goodwood Saints can continue to operate effectively for years to come.



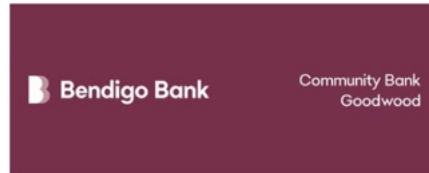
# Our Valued Sponsors

## Major Sponsors

Atkins Building Group  
Circular Energy Group  
Goodwood Community Bank  
CUB

Yellow Brick Road Home Loans  
Farquhar  
Klemm Homes  
Power Of Property

Sybiz  
The Highway Hotel  
Goodlife: Cross Roads



## Platinum Sponsors

Advanced Dental Centre  
Drakes Wayville  
Messenger Zerner Chartered Accountants

PPI Promotion & Apparel  
SportsPower Mitcham & Melrose Park  
Spark Trials

Western United  
Billy Hyde Music  
Zema Estate Wines



Billy Hyde Music



PPI



## Gold + Player

Ace IT  
CAMMS  
Alabrilife Retirement Living  
Commercial Food Equipment

The Chiropractic Domain  
Goodwood Quality Meats  
The Moseley Bar & Kitchen

Elwd Work Division  
William Buck



## Gold Sponsors

Bedford  
Belgravia  
Goodman Plumbing  
Harcourts Venn Millar  
IDM Sports  
The Cumby  
OC Real Estate: Alistair Loudon  
The Village Baker

## Silver Sponsors

The Banner Crew  
Cash Converters: Clovelly Park  
McDonalds  
King William Road  
Chiropractic  
Rebecca Rosa Hair

## Bronze Sponsors

CodeRed  
Dillon Ellis Electrical  
Ecoblue  
McGregor Tan  
Mira Floor: Arrunga Surface Solutions  
Paul Cox  
The Shipton family  
Jack Adcock consulting  
Schweppes  
Sports In Focus

## Benefit Club Sponsors

Bendigo Bank  
Catch.com.au  
Farquar  
Harcourts Venn Millar  
The Chiropractic Domain

## Match Award Sponsors

Advanced Dental Center  
Capri Theatre  
BurgA'nomix  
The Cumby  
McDonalds Cross Road  
Papa Mia's Wood Oven  
Pizza  
Pizza Pizzaz  
Rebecca Rosa Hair  
Sportspower Mitcham and Melrose Park  
The Cumby Arms  
The Highway  
The Moseley Bar & Kitchen  
Tradies workwear and safety

## Player Sponsors

Farquhar  
Elwood  
Advanced Dental Centre Pty Ltd  
Goodwood Community Bank  
PPI Promotion & Apparel  
Reardon Constructions  
Dillon Ellis Electrical  
Josh Starling  
Goodman Plumbing Services  
Morris Auctions  
Vulk - Mirra Floor Solutions  
Camms  
Battery World -Hilton  
Messenger Zerner  
William Buck  
JK Ramage Builders  
Aceit Transport Solutions  
DBS Roofing and Building  
KWB Group  
Extensive Wheel Services  
Commercial Food Equipment (CFE)  
Josh Starling  
William Buck  
Atkins Building Group P/L  
Cons Upholstery  
Ilbarbiere  
Zema - Porter & Co. Wine Merchants  
Our Boy Roy  
Money Options  
Budget Truck and Car Rental  
Billy Hyde Music  
The Cumby  
Azzco Engineering  
Click Growth  
SportsPower Melrose  
Pk/Mitcham

## Player Sponsors

Western United  
Elwood  
Steve Partington and Sharon Zacher-Partington  
Kym Hand  
Alabrillife Retirement Village  
Power of Property  
Klemm Homes  
Bettawood  
Barrow & Bench Mitre10  
BuildSurv - Building Surveyors and Consultants  
Jason Scott  
Highway Inn  
Josh Starling  
Terry White Chemmart  
Carlton United Breweries  
Qube Ports  
DrakesJack Adcock Consulting  
SMASH FM  
The Chiropractic Domain  
Goodlife - Cross Roads  
Nicole Sheehan Hair  
Spark Trials  
Simon Stapleton  
Sybiz Software Pty Ltd  
Hyde Park Tavern  
Square Mile Capital Advisory  
Motivate Kids  
Goodwood Quality Meats  
Goodwood Community Bank  
Talent International  
Richardson Facilities  
Maintenance (RFM)



# Our Valued People

## Staff

Administration Manager

Christine Newberry  
July 2023



## Management Committee

President

Chairperson

Treasurer

Secretary

History

Football Director

Communications

Governance

Community & Culture

Jordan Dodd  
Jason Cameron  
Adam Coumi  
Prisca Harrison  
Tom Beech  
Daniel Norton  
Rachel Sharman  
Richard Tyrer  
Lauren Bayliss

## Junior Committee

Junior Football Director

Chairperson

Secretary

Junior Registrar

Junior Operations Manager

Junior Communications

Junior Communications

Committee Member

Committee Member

Andrew Braley and Matt Harris  
Will Chapman  
Lizzie Birmingham/Christine Newberry  
Megan Mashford  
Ian Thomas  
John Leov  
Tim Hardie  
Sarah Harrison  
Georgia Jamieson

## Communications

Communications Manager

Social Media Manager

Photographer

Newsletter Editor

Senior Player Milestones

Rachael Harfouch nee Sharman  
Jazi Andrae  
Mardi Graetz  
Rachael Harfouch nee Sharman  
Tom Beech & Jazi Andrae

## Player Welfare Group

Player Welfare Group Manager

Injury Management

Mental Health Support Officer

Child Safe Officer

Working with Children Checks Officer

Carol Foster  
Jacqui McCallum  
Daniel Wakelin  
Sam Chapman  
Cheryl Ross

## Grants

Grants & Awards Co-ordinator

Craig Scott

## Patron Saints Group

Mick Waite, Bruce Ford, Brett Perry



## Sponsorship Committee

Sponsorship Manager  
Sponsorship  
Sponsorship  
Sponsorship  
Sponsorship  
Player Awards  
Player Sponsorship

Paul Sweet  
Matt Shepherd  
Simon Graetz  
Colin Shipton  
Craig Scott  
Sue Chyer  
Andrew Goodwin

## Senior Support Persons

Property Manager  
Match Day Set-Up Personnel

Senior Trainers /Physios

Trainers

Chiropractor

Timekeepers

Match Day Officials

Senior Registrar

AdIFL Delegate

AdIFI Women's Football League Delegate

Steve Partington

Mark Goodman, Dale Fitzpatrick, Chris Gates, Chris Jackson, Sharon Zacher-Partington, Mick Waite, Bruce Ford, Paul Clarke, Chris Salt

The Physio Studio – Scott Palmer & Steve O'Donnell, Kelsey Searle, Michael Skouroumounis, Mitch Roberts

Maggie Evans, Laura Argy, Ben Hyams, Jake Nesbitt, Callum Read, Tom Casey & Al May

Aaron Scott (King William Road Chiropractic)

Dr Paula Stacey-Thomas (The Chiropractic Domain)

A Grade – Chris Gates

B Grade – Billy Grose

C Grade – Kevin Payne

Steve Partington & Andrew Forrest, Kevin Payne, Paul Clarke

Sharon Zacher-Partington

Chris Gates

Jordan Dodd



## Senior Teams

Club Director of Football  
Men's Senior Football Director  
Women's Senior Football Director  
Inclusive Football Director

Daniel Norton  
Andrew Forrest  
Cecilia Moretti  
Gary Sutherland

### Senior Women's Teams

Division 2 Senior Women's Coach  
Division 2 Women's Assistant Coach  
Division 2 Women's Assistant Coach  
Division 2 Women's Team Manager  
Division 6 Senior Women's Coach  
Division 6 Women's Assistant Coach  
Division 6 Women's Team Manager  
Division 6 Women's MDO/interchange  
Division 6 Women's time keeper/scorer

Shane Pill  
Simon Stapleton  
Mary Smith  
Lynn Fox  
Vivien Williams  
Issy Higgins  
Cheryl Ross  
Jess Steinfeldt  
Wes Moyle



### Senior Men's Teams

Men's A Grade Coach  
Men's A Grade Senior Assistant  
Men's A Grade Assistant Coach  
Men's A Grade Assistant Coach  
Men's A Grade Assistant Coach  
Men's A Grade Stats  
Men's A Grade Team Manager  
Men's A Grade Runner  
Men's A Grade Interchange/MDO  
Men's B Grade Coach  
Men's B Grade Assistant Coach  
Men's B Grade Team Manager  
Men's C Grade Coach  
Men's C Grade Assistant Coach  
Men's C Grade Team Manager

Luke Donaldson  
Tom Pysing  
Aaron Bayliss  
Nathan Adcock  
Simon Brooks  
Dhanusha Dharmabandu  
Craig Kirkbright  
Matt Illman  
Steve Partington  
Ben Johnston  
Dave Serotzki  
Paul Clarke  
Jason Fleming  
Tom Beech  
Kevin Payne

### SANFL Inclusive Team

SANFL Inclusive Coach  
SANFL Inclusive Assistant Coach  
SANFL Inclusive Assistant Coach  
SANFL Inclusive Team Manager

Michael Lawton  
Arron Strawbridge  
Nick Purgacz  
Paul Barnden



## Junior Coaches / Team Managers

Junior Coaching Co-ordinator  
Assistant Junior Coaching Co-ordinator  
Coaching Support Officer

Kym Laube  
Matt Harris  
Tim Ridgway

### BOYS TEAMS

#### U7 Mixed

Coach  
Coach  
Assistant coaches

Mark Eichler  
Simon Brooks  
Aaron Sommers, Andrew McAllister, Anthony Dempsey, Grant Seeley, James Abbott, Lizzie Bermingham, Matt Wright, Scott Morton

#### U8 Boys

Coach  
Coach  
Team Manager

Matt Kempton  
Anthony Caruso  
Sonya Carr

#### U9 Boys RED

Coach  
Assistant Coach  
Assistant Coach  
Team Manager

Sean Kirchner  
Jason Fleming  
Patrick O'Leary  
Georgie Jamienson

#### U9 Boys BLACK

Coach  
First Aid  
Team Manager

Adam Hooper  
Rebecca Vella  
Sonya Carr

#### U10 Boys RED

Coach  
Assistant Coach  
Assistant Coach  
Team Manager

Ross Nicholson  
Aaron Somers  
Mark Demasi  
Sally Nicholson

#### U10 Boys BLACK

Coach  
Assistant Coach  
Assistant Coach  
Team Manager

Chris Beaumont  
Luke Nitschke  
Jarrad Ayton  
Jesse Atkinson

#### U11 Boys

Coach  
Assistant Coach  
Team Manager

Aaron Bayliss  
Danny Diestel- Fedderson  
Jess McKay

#### U12 Boys

Coach  
Assistant Coach  
Runner  
Team Manager

Colin Mashford  
Nick Shipp  
Simon Firth  
Megan Mashford

#### U13 Boys

Coach  
Assistant Coach  
Runner  
Team Manager

Damien Kelly  
Andre Simmonds and Graeme White  
Matt Harrison  
Mick Dempster



### U14 Boys

Coach  
Assistant Coach  
Assistant Coach/Runner  
Team Manager

Darren Loffler  
David Fairlie  
Luke Charlton  
Dani Braddy

### U15 Boys

Coach  
Assistant Coach  
Assistant Coach  
Assistant Coach  
Team Manager

Matt Earl  
Jason Millar  
Adrian McNicol  
Alex Sinclair  
Sue McKay

### U16 Boys

Coach  
Assistant Coach  
Assistant Coach  
Team Manager

Chas Thomas  
Hamish Zerbe  
Nathan Wuttke  
Chris Dunne

### U17.5 Boys

Coach  
Assistant Coach  
Team Manager

Sean Crook  
Kym Laube  
Jeremy Stagg

### Girls Teams

#### U9 Girls

Coach

Murray Hamblin

#### U11 Girls

Coach  
Team Manager

Matt Harris  
Eira Swaine

#### U13 Girls

Coach  
Assistant Coach  
Assistant Coach  
Team Manager

Ben Weyland  
Dylan Braddy  
Richard Abbott  
Paul Myles

#### U15 Girls

Coach  
Assistant Coach  
Assistant Coach  
Team Manager

Matt Bedford  
Matt Stagg  
Carrie Lamming  
Nat & Richard Barton

#### U17.5's Girls

Coach  
Assistant Coach  
Assistant Coach  
Team Manager

Kate Pill  
Maria Sharp  
Will Chapman  
Tim Pexton



# Annual Reports

## President's Report | Jordan Dodd

In my first year as President of this great club, 2023 proved to be a dynamic and challenging year, both on and off the field. While it would be impossible to thank everyone who volunteered at the club this year, it would be remiss of me not to mention our outgoing committee members: Prisca Harrison, Lauren Bayliss, Rachel Harfouch, Richard Tyrer, and Jason Cameron. Your tireless work and support this year, and in the years prior, have been appreciated more than you know.

### Awards

Clubs SA – Sporting Club of the Year award

Clubs SA – Grassroots Sports Award

SANFL Inclusive club of the year 2023

### On-Field Success

In a year that many outside of our club might consider a failure, I could not be prouder of our Premiership-winning sides. Our all-conquering Senior Women's Team won the Div 2 Premiership, making it four in a row and earning a promotion to Div 1 next year. When the women's program was first envisioned at Goodwood, we set an eight-year target to reach Division 1. Achieving it in just four years speaks tremendously of our players, support staff, and their commitment to this club and our values. A huge congratulations to Shane Pill as Premiership Coach, Cecelia Moretti as Female Football Director, B-grade coach Viv Williams, and the countless other volunteers who drive the women's program.



We also closed the year on a high note with a Div1R Premiership under the guidance of Ben "BJ" Johnson. The B-grade boys were the best team in the competition all year and displayed an incredible amount of determination and confidence to secure the grand final victory. I couldn't be prouder of their achievements, and it fills me with great confidence for our on-field success next year. I also need to congratulate our C-Grade men under the guidance of Flemmo, who narrowly missed out on the grand final and were exciting to watch all year.

We also celebrated success in our under 17.5 divisions, with both the boys and girls winning premierships on the same day this year. Both sides are the result of the hard work of the players, their coaches, and the junior committee, and there's no denying that the future looks incredibly bright at Goodwood.

Our Inclusive side, under the guidance of Michael Lawton, once again performed outstandingly, narrowly missing out on the big dance.

A lot has been said about our outgoing senior coach, Luke "Duck" Donaldson, and it's worth repeating here. For many of us, the name 'Duck' is synonymous with dedication, skill, and the spirit of Goodwood Saints. As a former player, he led us to unforgettable victories in 2009 and 2014. Not one to rest on his laurels, Duck transitioned into a coaching role and guided our team to yet another premiership in 2020. His outstanding leadership on the field is matched only by his off-field commitment to mentoring and guiding our players.

Duck's departure marks the end of a coaching tenure that spanned four transformative years and one hard-fought Premiership in 2020. Throughout this time, his unwavering commitment to the team and the club has been evident in every training session, every game, and every interaction. Especially this year, which has undoubtedly tested our resolve, Duck's ability to keep the club united stands as a testament to his character and dedication.

I'd also like to thank Scott Palmer and all the staff at The Physio Studio for their professionalism, expertise, and dedication.



## Junior Football

In addition to the remarkable efforts of our under 17.5 teams, as outlined above, the work of Andrew Braley and the junior committee has once again proven to be a success. Special thanks to Matt Harris for stepping up into a new role this year and his commitment to ensuring our junior program runs efficiently and compassionately. I would also like to recognise all junior committee members that are stepping back this year. Thank you for your tireless efforts to support our junior football program.



## Administration

Christine Newberry was one of the hardest-working people in football, and her stepping down partway through this season was a huge loss to the club. However, I am incredibly pleased to have Liam Rippon and Annie Size stepping into the roles to assist us going forward.

## Player Welfare Group

This marks the third year of the Early Assistance Mental Health Program, where past and present players are offered support of up to five sessions with a professional expert in different areas of support. This program has been expertly managed by Carol Foster, Craig Scott, and a dedicated group of volunteers.

## Sponsors

I'd like to express my gratitude to all our sponsors and acknowledge the fantastic effort that Paul Sweet and the sponsorship team have put in this year. We need to look at getting more helpers involved for next year, particularly with our women's program moving into Div 1.

## Social Media & Photos

Jazi Andrae has done an outstanding job running our social media platform this year. Mardi Graetz has been our official photographer once again, and each year she manages to outdo herself with her photography.

## Patron Saints

Thanks to Mick Waite, who organized the Patron Saints this year, and with over 120 members, it has been a resounding success.

## Volunteers

A heartfelt thank you to all the many volunteers at our club, including coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, runners, parent support, BBQ, canteen, set up/pack up, bar, sub-committees, and more. There are too many to individually thank, but your efforts are greatly appreciated.

## Finances

Adam Coumi has done an incredible job this year in working towards ongoing annual budgets and setting the club up for future financial stability. We are privileged to have his expertise "in-house," which not only saves us external accounting expenses but also provides timely support on an ongoing basis.

## Food & Beverage

A special thank you to Tom Beech, who stepped up this year to manage the bar roster and assist with the running of the canteen. We would not have survived without you, and your efforts are truly appreciated. To Theary and the team, thank you so much for your amazing work in the kitchen, including being available for ad hoc events on short notice.

## 2024

Next year is going to be a significant one for the Goodwood Saints. I am thrilled that BJ will be leading us as senior coach. Not only is he a Goodwood man through and through, but he has demonstrated his on-field acumen with the B Grade, and I cannot think of anybody better to lead us in 2024. We will continue to face challenges with oval space and finding the right number of volunteers to support our ever-growing club. I am excited for the challenges and opportunities that next year presents, and I believe that we will emerge stronger together for it.

## Jordan Dodd - President



## Treasurer's Report | Adam Coumi

The 2023 Financial Report has been prepared by the Treasurer, Adam Coumi for the financial year 1 November 2022 – 31 October 2023. This is attached to this report as an Addendum.

The Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements can be addressed at the meeting of the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday 29th November 2023.

### Adam Coumi - Treasurer

## Facilities Report | Mark Goodman

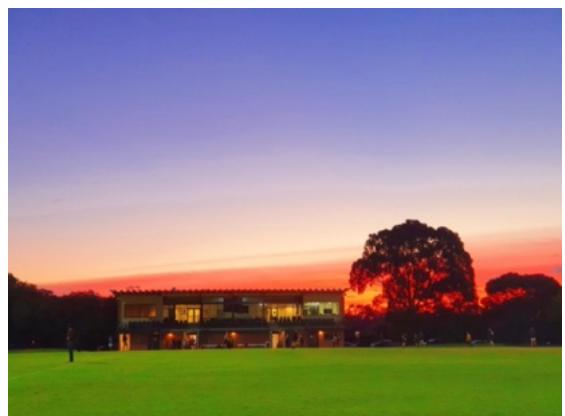
Third year in and the not so new facility is holding up reasonably well aside from the usual knocks and dents, it possibly needs a bit of attention and a lick of paint in the next 12 months.

Kitchen, bar and canteen still needs to be addressed in my opinion, managers need to be appointed in each of these areas to maximise revenue return, the days of using volunteers to assist doesn't seem to work as well as a fully paid employee would. If the kitchen is to be used by outside persons a rental agreement must be set up so the club is not out of pocket for cooking oils, dishwashing detergent, cleaning etc.

Tommy Beech has done an outstanding job in his role of organising and stocking the bar, the Pap family on Thursday nights continued to excel and produce around 50 meals each week .

Once again a small band of dedicated blokes meet at the club around 7am each Saturday home game and set up marquees, and bbqs stock the canteen, clean the rooms etc and make sure everything is in place for game day, then at the end of the day packing it all up in readiness for the following days trade, it's a big job and until your involved no one knows what it takes to make a Saturday home game run, thanks guys.

### Mark Goodman – Facilities Manager



## Sponsorship Report | Paul Sweet

What another Fantastic Season of Football at Goodwood Saints!! I understand it is disappointing from a Club perspective to have our Senior Men fall from Division 1, but what a ride we have had for the past 33 years!! I would like to focus on the positives, and to have our Senior Women perform a “Threepeat” at Senior Level is quite remarkable...Well done Girls!! Another Premiership to our Senior B Grade Men (3 out of 4 years) Premierships to both our Girls & Boys U17.5 teams. Our Inclusive side missing out on a GF by a kick....

Based on the above, it was another successful year of Football at Goodwood Saints and we have been blessed by the support of so many businesses that contribute both financially. You only need to take a look at our website and see the enormous amount of businesses that support our Football Club financially, we certainly are very fortunate.



In Season 2023, we welcomed the below new sponsors to our Club, including- Yellow Brick Road Home Loans, Spark Trials, Dillon Ellis Electrical, and Jack Adcock Consulting.

We extend a warm GSFC welcome to you all!!

I would personally like to extend a huge thankyou to every Sponsor of our great Club. There are many Clubs throughout Adelaide that are envious of the support Goodwood Saints receive from our Sponsors, and we thank you for your amazing loyalty and faith in our Club and its community-based values.

We were very fortunate having so many businesses (many of them locally based) provide vouchers that we could offer at weekly presentation nights to our Players. I have said this in my previous reports, however the Match day awards we are able to offer continue to get better and better every season. On behalf of the players from all grades, a huge thank you for these vouchers.

In October at the recent Clubs SA awards evening, Goodwood Saints were the winners of both the “Grassroots Sport Award” and “Club of the year Award”. We were also the recipients of these awards last year!! This highlights our community Based values and the ethics that run deep into our club culture. Without the support of our loyal Sponsors, Goodwood Saints would not be able to be contending, let alone win these awards.

Our generous sponsors have enabled us to support many programs including-- Growing with Gratitude, Breakthrough Mental Health, and programs relating to our Inclusive team just to name a few. These programs were well supported by our sponsors including Alistair Loudon of OC Real Estate, Community Bank Goodwood and Harcourts Venn Millar.

One of the highlights every Season is our annual “Sponsor’s Day” which was held in June. Once again, we held the event upstairs in our Clubrooms, and had an amazing turn out with 30+ Sponsors in attendance.

Tom Beech and his Bar staff ensured everyone was well hydrated, and the amazing Finger Food just kept coming out all day- a fantastic effort by all!! Promoting and supporting our Sponsors is very important, they are the lifeblood of our Club. The Club’s website is the best place to head if you are wanting to know who the key partners are of Goodwood Saints, and the website is updated regularly.

Please try and support the Businesses that contribute to the great Club we are!!





**Need a home loan?** Yellow Brick Road Home Loans  
**Looking for an amazing Accountant?** Messenger Zerner or William Buck  
**A bank you can trust?** Goodwood Community Bank  
**Working on your fitness?** Goodlife Health Clubs  
**Need an Electrician?** Dillon Ellis Electrical

**A great Burger?** BurgA'nomie Glenelg

The past couple of years have been challenging when it comes to our "Player Sponsors" and having someone to co-ordinate this huge task. Thankfully Andrew Goodwin has stepped into this role, and it has run seamlessly. A huge thank you to Andrew, and I know he already has some ideas for this space in 2024.

Lastly I would like to extend a huge thankyou to the entire Sponsorship team. Matt Shepherd, Simon Graetz, Andrew Goodwin, Craig Scott, Col Shipton and Sue Chyer. It is a true team effort, and without your help throughout the season we would not be in the enviable position we are as a Club.

Season 2024 is going to have a different feel, however I truly believe our loyal Sponsors will stick with us as we strive to return to Division 1.

I look forward to seeing you all in season 2024.  
GO SAINTS!!

**Paul Sweet - Sponsorship Director**



## Director of Football's Report | Daniel Norton

Despite the obvious disappointment at having our men's program relegated from Division 1 for the first time in more than 30 years, season 2023 still provided some great highlights across the breadth of our football programs.

From a men's perspective, our C1 and Division 1 reserves teams both played finals. Congratulations to Division 1 reserves coach Ben Johnston and assistant coach Dave Serotzki who guided their team to a premiership after losing only one game for the season. It's BJ's third premiership in three years, after sitting out last season.

The C-grade coaching role is arguably the most challenging in the club in relation to selection and access to players. Thanks to Jason Fleming who again did a brilliant job in getting our side to the Preliminary Final whilst continuing to keep our players connected and aligned.

From a Division 1 perspective, a lot has already been said. Ultimately, we weren't good enough and failed to take our opportunities.

Division 1 football is a quality standard and so often a game of small margins. In the end it was those small margins that cost us. We lost a number of close games, drew with eventual premiers PAOC and lost twice to SPOC who for the majority of the season sat lower than us on the ladder.

Reflective of our close losses was our percentage of 47.58 which was significantly higher than 8th placed SPOC and 7th placed Brighton.



The final Saturday of the home-and-away season just didn't go our way as we suffered a close loss to Broadview away, whilst SPOC narrowly defeated Port Districts at Largs reserve. These results conspired to us falling to 9th and in the relegation zone for the only time of the season.

I thank senior coach Luke Donaldson (Duck), his fellow coaches, volunteers and the playing group for their efforts across the season.

In particular I pay tribute to Duck who finished as Division 1 senior coach at the end of the season. A two-time premiership player and premiership coach in 2020, Duck is a great of our club.

The care and connection he built within the football program was his greatest strength. Yes, he understood the game as well as anybody, but it was the way he built a culture based on positivity and care that made him so good at what he did.

Our 2020 premiership was testament to that. In the midst of Covid, a 0-3 start to the season and the tragic loss of former player Shane Tuck, Duck galvanised our playing group in a way that no one else could. We didn't lose another game from that point to pull off a memorable win against ROC at Norwood Oval.

That performance sums up Duck to me. Resilient, determined, inspiring. Duck leaves behind a great legacy, one that will continue to drive our club forward.

We wish Duck, Danielle, Louis and Dakota all the best for the next phase and look forward to seeing them all back around the club in 2024.

Upon deep reflection and review, our football department decided our men's program required small changes as opposed to sweeping changes. As discussed, we weren't far off this season, and we believe we still have most of the key pieces in place.

After an exhaustive process, the coach selection panel comprising myself, Men's Football Director Andrew Forrest, former premiership player Matt Illman and club President Jordan Dodd, unanimously resolved that Ben Johnston was the best person to lead our A-grade program in 2024.



BJ has proven success as a coach with three consecutive Division 1 reserves premierships, he knows our club as well as anyone and already has healthy, established relationships within our playing group and football program.



We will reshape the coaching structure around BJ and improve our playing list to provide him with the best tools to be successful.

Whilst relegation is never ideal, next year provides us with an opportunity to reset the program, tweak some processes and provide a real sense of freshness within the group.

Congratulations to Jakob Heitmann on an outstanding season in being selected in the League's Team of the year and of course winning our club best-and-fairest award ahead of Ollie Johnson, Jade Cleeland, Nick Favretto and Tom Lynch. We look forward to you all building on your individual performances from this season into next and taking our group forward with your on-field leadership.

I thank captain Ben Holzbauer, vice-captains Nick Favretto and Jakob Heitmann, assistant coaches Tom Pysing, Aaron Bayliss, Simon Brooks, Matt Illman, football director Andrew Forrest, volunteers Nathan Adcock, Craig Kirkbright, Steve Partington, Sharon Zacher-Partington and Scott Palmer and his team of physios for their relentless commitment to our club. The amount of work this group puts in behind the scenes, planning training, keeping the group connected, analysing footage, watching opposition games and providing one-on-one support to players is second to none.

Thanks also to club administrator Christine Newberry who finished with the club in July. Her support and contribution to the club across the last three years has been enormous and I wish her all the best for the next stage in her career.

As an extension to the senior men's program, congratulations to under 17.5 coach Sean Crook, the volunteers and the entire playing group for their premiership success, their second consecutive flag. Without doubt, our club is in great hands with plenty of talented players coming through this program. We look forward to transitioning these players into our senior program next season.

Tragically, we lost Charlie Stevens in November, a member of our under 17.5 program.

Words can not express the pain and sadness we are feeling as a club as a result of Charlie's passing. The club has put welfare support around our playing group and their families, coaches, volunteers and anyone else who have been impacted by this tragedy.

The pain we are feeling pales into insignificance as to what Charlie's loving family must be feeling.

The thoughts and prayers of the Goodwood Saints family extend to Police Commissioner Grant Stevens, Emma, and the entire Stevens family on the passing of their son and brother Charlie Stevens.

Commissioner Stevens and his family have devoted their lives to helping others and making our community a better place, in the same way that Charlie made our club better. We remain heartbroken for them.

We will continue to wrap our arms around the Stevens family and offer our support moving forward in any way we can.

To Michael Lawton, your amazing group of support staff and the Inclusive team, thank you for another great year. What you bring to this club should never be underestimated. You are the essential DNA of our entire club, the fabric that binds us together as South Australia's most united, community club. The Inclusive team has the ability to unite our club like no other team. Thank you for the joy you bring to our entire club, win, lose or draw.

Thanks to Lawts, Paul Barnden, Aaron Strawbridge and Nick Pergatz for leading this program with such passion and dedication. Your care for our players is without question and you've done an incredible job in elevating and championing the Inclusive program within our club.



From a women's football perspective it was a most successful season.

Shane Pill, in his second season as A-grade senior coach, and his playing group did us proud again by claiming the Division 2 premiership. It was this playing group's fourth premiership in a row after winning the Division 5 flag in 2020, the Division 4 premiership in 2021 and Division 3 last year.

This year's win means we will have a women's team representing Goodwood Saints in the Division 1 competition for the first time. A remarkable achievement.

Three years ago we mapped out a plan to get to Division 1 within five to six years. To get there in just three years is incredible and testament to the work of Shane and the foundations set up by former coach Kathryn Harrison in 2020 and 2021.

Well done as well to our Division 2 reserves women's team led by Viv Williams. Viv did an exceptional job in guiding a new group of players, many in their first year of football, and supporting Shane.

Congratulations as well to our under 17.5 girls team who also did us proud by winning the premiership in Division 2. Thanks to Kate Pill, the volunteers and the entire playing group for their commitment in 2023. Our club is in great hands. We look forward to many of the players continuing on with football and successfully transitioning into our senior women's program from next year and beyond.

Congratulations to senior best-and-fairest Sammy Gilchrist, runner-up Amelia Agar and to all the award winners across the program. Thanks again to Shane and everyone who contributed to the success of the women's program this year including all our players, assistant coaches Simon Stapleton and Mary Smith and our volunteers.

From a junior program perspective we enjoyed another successful season in both the boys and girls program.

First and foremost, our club, through the coaches and volunteers, drives a culture that rewards participation above everything else. Our objective is to develop respectful, supportive and humble boys and girls. We do this through supporting our players with dedicated welfare and resilience programs as well as promoting the need for humility.

Thanks to Junior Directors Andrew Braley'(Brales) and Matt Harris and all our coaches and volunteers who lead by example in promoting these values and behaviours.



Brales transitioned out this year as Junior Football Director and Matt Harris will take over in his own right in 2024. I thank Brales for his brilliant, dedicated service to our junior program across a number of years and wish Matt all the best as he takes over the reins in 2024.

Finally, I want to thank every single person involved in our club this year who contributed to us being awarded the prestigious Clubs SA Sporting Club of the Year award. In addition, we were also recognised as the Grassroots Club of the Year.

To win the Sporting Club of the Year award, against all sporting clubs in metropolitan and regional South Australia, is an extraordinary achievement and one that we should all be very proud of. As they say, it takes a village to raise a child, and to win an award of this stature requires support and dedication at every level across the club.

Former Port Adelaide premiership captain, Tim Ginever who knows a thing or two about winning, mc'd the evening and spoke to me afterwards. His comments were so right. He said to win this award in a year when our Division 1 team was relegated for the first time in 33 years, simply reinforces all the amazing work we continue to do as a club both on and particularly off the field. Truly outstanding. Thanks to each and every one of you.

As I conclude, I personally thank President Jordan Dodd, the entire management committee, Women's Football Director Cecilia Moretti and Men's Football Director Andrew Forrest for their professionalism, commitment and ongoing support in 2023.

I thank everyone for their support of our club and I look forward to 2024 knowing that each and every one of us will strive to make Goodwood Saints even greater both on and off the field.

**Daniel Norton - Director of Football**



This year our Auskick program saw 135 Auskickers aged 4-8 head to our oval during Term 2. The program ran extremely well with many of the Auskickers saying it was the highlight of their week! We thank all the parents who got involved and helped out! Jordan Dodd and Jason Cameron shared the role as Auskick Co-ordinators and Prisca Harrison was the Auskick Registrar, given we were unable to find a replacement in these roles as yet. These are such rewarding roles at the club and a great way to "dip your toe" into volunteering with us - so if you are interested in either the Auskick Registrar or Auskick Co-ordinator role, we need you for 8 weeks in Term 2 in 2024! We did have one week where we were unable to run Auskick due to the oval being too muddy and the weather forecast quite wet and windy, but this year we ran a SuperHero week where the kids could dress up as a SuperHero which seemed to give the kids some extra super powers during their Auskick clinic. The clubrooms were packed on Friday nights, which was great to see so many of our new (and existing) Auskick families engage in our club and community. We are very happy with the way our Auskick program ran in 2023 and of course look forward to seeing the kids back in Term 2 next year. - **Prisca Harrison - Auskick Registrar**

## Men's Senior Football Director's Report | Andrew Forrest

M1 – after a narrow win in round 1 against SHOC, we lost the next five games to put us firmly in the lower half of the premiership table. Wins in rounds 7 & 9 gave us some optimism leading in to the second half of the season however this period proved to be just as frustrating as the first half of the season. Several close losses and a draw against eventual Premier PAOC, saw us finish in 9th position at the end of the minor round. This meant that the club was relegated to division 2 for the first time since 1990. This was an extremely disappointing result given our rich history of success in division 1 over a long period.

In a major positive for the club, Coach Luke Donaldson selected eight debutants who were 20 years of age or younger throughout the season. This experience will be invaluable for these players and is a fantastic investment into the future of our senior men's program.

M1R – 2023 saw the return of Ben 'BJ' Johnston as coach, ably assisted by David Serotzki. This group had an outstanding season, losing only one game and ultimately claiming the M1 Reserves Premiership at Norwood Oval. This was a brilliant effort and certainly a positive note to finish on, in what was otherwise a disappointing season for the senior men's program.

As in previous seasons this team was full of exciting young talent with a smattering of experienced players to offer guidance and support. This presented a great development opportunity for the Club, one which we will hopefully see the benefits of in the immediate future.

C1 – The C Grade boys had another very commendable season by winning 14 of 18 games to finish third on the minor round. We ultimately fell short to SHOC in the preliminary final to finish third overall on the season. As with the A and B Grade, there was a lot of opportunity given to the youth of the club. Nineteen players who were 20 years of age or under pulled on the Guernsey in the C grade, in particular five U17.5 players who got their taste of senior football. Well done to Jason Fleming and team manager Kevin Payne for again managing a large squad of players and getting them on the park each week.



There is a large team of people that make a football department function, without them we would simply not get teams on the field each week. I would like to thank all of the people in the behind-the-scenes roles for your tireless work, it is greatly appreciated. These roles include coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, team runners, trainers, medical staff, match day officials, interchange stewards, time keepers, registrars, scoreboard operators, statisticians, property stewards and the health & wellness team.

Going forward, we are going to need all of the people mentioned above (and more) to re-establish our football program to a point where we can again compete in the highest division. This will require a whole of club effort, with everyone pulling in the same direction. If we can achieve this, I see some exciting opportunities ahead for our very proud club.

I would particularly like to acknowledge outgoing senior coach Luke Donaldson for his outstanding contribution to our club over the past four seasons. His legacy will not only be as a Division 1 premiership coach but as someone who was instrumental in developing and implementing our player welfare program, which provides off field support to those who need it. Thank you Duck.

Lastly I would like to thank the Club's Football Director, Daniel Norton. Daniel has been an outstanding leader and a rock solid support for me and the senior men's football program this year. Thank you Norts, we couldn't do it without you.

Bring on 2024!

**Andrew Forrest – Senior Men's Football Director**



## Female Football Director's Report | Cecilia Moretti

The GSFC female football program continued to develop in leaps and bounds in 2023. Our Senior Women's A grade team won its fourth premiership in a row, sending it into AdFL Division 1 in 2024, several years ahead of our expected timeline for achieving this goal. Much credit goes to the amazing coaching and support team wrapped around the whole senior women's program, for the hours of effort, planning and dedication to lifting our group of players to ever greater heights. Our U17.5 Girls team overcame a rocky start with minimal numbers to start the season, subsequently growing and developing under new coach Kate Pill to ultimately take the Division 2 flag in 2023. The fighting spirit and camaraderie in this team were remarkable, and we give very great thanks to Kate for stepping in and gelling and guiding the team in 2023. Kate is delivering a robust U17.5G team into the hands of our new coach for 2024, Lucy Haysman.

The senior women's program would specially like to thank the amazing effort and dedication of our trainers who supported our senior women and U17.5G teams across the season, courtesy of the fabulous Physio Studio. There is some very fine work happening in the mental and physical preparation and management of players, particularly in concussion diagnosis and management. I feel very privileged to be part of a club that goes above and beyond in the mental health and concussion space, so we can feel confident as officials, players, and families that the health, safety, and wellbeing of our people is paramount.

Our Junior girls footy program was also hugely successful, going by our 'unofficial' KPIs of personal and footy skill development, enthusiasm, resilience, dedication and loyalty to team and club. In particular, I want to acknowledge the amazing results achieved within the U15 Girls squad, with a tremendous number of players selected for SA State and U15 Representative squads. This is testament to the quality of coaching and team support at U15 level, but also all the grades leading up to U15s in preparing our players to achieve such heights. And a credit to the players and their families too!



I want to give thanks to all of our wonderful junior coaches and support staff. And to the GSFC Management Committee and Junior Committee, and all of the club volunteers without whom none of this would be possible. A special call out to parents (both mums and dads) and carers, if you have a daughter who currently plays, or is interested in joining a team at GSFC, please consider putting your hand up for a team/club role! Especially at U9 level, which is our entry level into girls only footy. We are working hard to build a strong and supportive culture and community around girls'/women's footy and welcome input at all kinds of levels. Feel free to get in touch with me if you've got any questions or ideas to share ([femalefootballdirector@goodwoodsaints.com.au](mailto:femalefootballdirector@goodwoodsaints.com.au)).

### **Division 2 A Grade Women – Shane Pill (Coach), Simon Stapleton (Assistant Coach), Lynn Fox (Team Manager)**

D2W went into the bye round at 4 wins and 2 losses, and 3rd on the ladder (in a 7-team competition). The losses to Tee Tree Gully (1st on the ladder) and Golden Grove (2nd on the ladder) were close encounters, and we were 'right in' both games. Both TTG and GG were well provided with season permit returning SANFLW players. Golden Grove had 10 season permit players that game, we had two. However, these losses provided good learning about where we needed develop in the second half of the season.

D2W won all games in the second half of the season to finish second at the end of the minor round; a game behind Tee Tree Gully who finished first, but with a better percentage than TTG. A great accomplishment in our first season in D2. Emma Whyte finished as the competition leading goalkicker with 22 goals, and Elena Siegert finished second with 18 goals. 17.5G eligible players Chloe Tonkin, Chloe Tarasenko, Zara Bowles and Lucy Waye all played D2W football this year, competing well at the level to show they have the potential for big futures in the game.

We had a strong finals series, winning through to the GF where we easily defeated Golden Grove. Four premierships in a row and promotion into D1W next year is a great achievement for the playing group and the club.



### Division 6 B Grade Women - Vivien Williams

Our Division 6 women's team had a significant rebuilding year, transitioning from Division 2 Reserves due to league restructuring. We faced tough competition, including playing teams that solely competed in Division 6, making them tough opponents. Highlights of the season included noticeable progress within the team and the establishment of a solid playing group, thanks to new and returning players. We demonstrated clear improvement in the latter stage of the season, winning three of our last five games. Despite the challenges of inconsistent victories, every team member consistently upheld our club's values and played the game for each other.

The D6W team is to be commended for their resilience, positive attitude, and spirited celebrations after our triumphs and tribulations. One standout moment was our one-point victory against Marion in Round 13, following a big loss in our pre-season trial game and an 11-point loss in Round 6. This particular win showcased our players' dedication, strategic positioning, our improvement in transitioning down the ground and commitment to multiple efforts. As we prepare to move up to Division 1 Reserves next year, we are all eager to witness the continued growth and development of the team.



Special thanks is extended to Cheryl Ross, our dedicated team manager, for her commitment to organising the coaching team, players, lists, uniforms and all match day volunteer roles. We also greatly appreciate Wes for diligently recording game statistics and providing valuable insights, Jess too for being there every game and helping with what was needed. Thanks to Issy Higgins for her assistance throughout the year, as well as Aless Raschella. I'd also like to express gratitude to Jordan Dodd, Shane Pill, and Simon Stapleton for their coaching support when needed.

### U17.5 Girls – Kate Pill

Season 2023 for the U17.5 girls can be characterised by one word, Tenacity. It was this spirit of tenacity that allowed the girls to build a team built upon values fostering a team culture that was supportive, inclusive and courageous. It was this spirit of tenacity that characterised every girl's indomitable will to be their best regardless of how many took to the field, the strength or otherwise of their opposition and indeed, took them to the Grand Final, where despite (on paper) being the underdogs, they swept the opposition to the side, holding them scoreless in the final quarter.



I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the following people but would like to apologise in advance for those I may accidentally leave out. For just as the U17.5 girls' success was the result of a team effort, the success of the adult support system around them was also the result of a team effort. Firstly, Tim Pexton the Team Manager, and both Maria Sharp and Will Chapman as Assistant Coaches – I cannot say enough to thank all of these for their support of myself and the girls. I would also like to thank Shane Pill, for his

mentorship as well as his support on game day as a runner and also, running the interchange bench. Over the course of the season, I endeavoured to create pathways of communication and relationships with the senior women's playing group – a combination of inviting senior players to run training sessions, having bespoke training sessions with members of the senior women's coaching staff and, where appropriate, having the U17.5 girls "train up" with the senior women. Therefore, I would like to thank all of the senior women playing team as well as the senior coaching team for their generosity of time and creating space for the U17.5 girls. Their willingness to create space and as a result, build connections with the U17.5 girls will hopefully translate to greater retention from our U17.5 girls' playing group.

Another and very important thank you must go to Matt Bedford. His welcome time taken to mentor me and active encouragement of U15 players to play up, enabling the U17.5s to field a team, cannot go unmentioned nor unacknowledged. Whilst it takes more than one person to generate successful outcomes, we would not have been at the Grand Final if it wasn't for his consistent support. Additionally, the parent group who supported the girls in various roles over the course of the season must also be acknowledged.

I look forward to seeing what the U17.5, 2023 players, are able to achieve in Season 2024. Finally, a thank you to Goodwood Saints Football club for creating an environment that is welcoming and inclusive.



### **U15 Girls – Matt Bedford (Coach), Carrie Lamming (Assistant Coach), Matt Stagg (Assistant Coach), Nat & Richard Barton (Joint Team Managers)**

Following an 8-week pre-season training regime our team started the season in U15 Girls Division 2, and with wins under our belt in the first few matches we were re-allocated to Division 1. Our team accepted the challenge and got on with the task. Statistically, when compared against all other teams in Division 1, our team had the lowest career game experience however ranked higher than half of the other Division 1 teams for shots on goal over our career. We came into Division 1 as the underdog, but it could also be stated that our skills over our playing career were more developed than the other teams.

With a team game style underpinning our training and matches, and a consistent flow to training sessions, the girls developed their skills well over the season and came together as a team with a number of great plays throughout the season. We finished 5th in our 10-team division in the minor rounds which saw our team enter the finals. In the Finals Round 1 we knocked out 4th on the ladder, SMOSH, and then beat 3rd on the ladder, Modbury only to lose in the Preliminary final to Glenunga who finished runners-up to the Premiers, Henley Sharks. What an outstanding achievement by the team this season to come 3rd in Division 1 overall!

There are a number of special mentions to be made this season. Sage Spencer, Abbie Healey, Poppy Lea and Sarah Deed were successful in their selection into the U15 Girls School Sport Australia Championships (State Team), played in Ballarat. To have four Goodwood Saints players make the final 25 players, out of approximately 160 who tried out is amazing! Furthermore, nine players within our team were successful in gaining selection into U15 Representative Club squads as follows – Sage Spencer, Abbie Healey, Poppy Lea, Sarah Deed, Tayla Wilkinson, Haylee Thilthorpe, Mia Krueger and Ava Barton, all selected for West Adelaide Football Club, with Abby Stagg selected for Sturt Football Club. Congratulations!

Overall, this season was a real success both from a player development and team performance perspective. Every player brought a particular skill or positive attribute to the team, and it was great to see players continually improve and hone their skills over the course of the season.

### **U13 Girls – Bey Weyland**

After starting the season struggling to fill the team, we recruited 22 players. We started the season with a pre season camp at West Beach Caravan park with coach Ben Weyland and assistants Dylan Braddy and Richard Abbott. Through a busy two days of fun, games and footy activities the focus of the weekend was team bonding and engagement.

After winning a few early games the U13 girls went up into Division 1. Up against the bigger clubs, we sadly didn't win another game for the season. Our team





adapted the ethos from the A grade women's team of ENERGY, EFFORT and ENTHUSIASM and this is how we approached everything we did. The group of girls bonded very well and lived and breathed our ethos of never giving up no matter what the circumstances are. We also asked our girls to adapt this ethos into their daily lives i.e., approach to school, friends and other sports they played. All players had to commit to this ethos as part of the team. Our parent group were also very supportive and our team culture was extremely strong across, coaches, players and parents which made the season very rewarding for all.

At season's end all players and parents celebrated with a fun filled night in a private room at the Belair Hotel for dinner, some games and overview of the season. Regardless of results our team and its supporters lead by example and gave it everything they had to represent the might Goody Saints with pride!

### **U11 Girls – Matt Harris (Coach), Eira Swaine (Team Manager)**

The Under 11 Girls had a very successful year with fun and development being our focus once again.

The improvement of our skills and gameplay was pleasing. Kicking is a focus area as the girls continue into next year. The girls bonded really well together and always played in the Goodwood Saints spirit.

We had a large number of activities which the girls loved, we did a preseason camp at West Beach, a sleepover at the club, hosted the West Adelaide girls visit at our training session and partook in the growing with gratitude once again.

### **U9 Girls – Murray Hamblin (Coach)**

The U9 Girls team took a little while to get established, but definitely found momentum as the 2023 season progressed. We had 12 girls sign up and play 14 fun-packed rounds of footy, which were not scored as per the SANFL Juniors code for this age grade. We travelled far and wide, from Port Districts to Blackwood and everywhere in between. The girls had fun, made friends, developed their footy skills, and are now set on their footy pathway into the older age grades and beyond. It will be very exciting watching them grow from this excellent foundation, to hopefully one day see them transition into GSFC Seniors and continue our great club tradition! From little things, big things grow.S

### **Cecilia Moretti – Female Football Director**

## **Junior Football Director's Report | Matt Harris**



Our junior teams continued to set the standard both on and off the field. The annual West Beach Preseason Camp had about 100 players participate this year, ranging from our Under 11's to Under 15's. The bonding, work ethic and learning developed on these camps was outstanding. We hosted the West Adelaide Football Club Mens and Womens league sides and again, all our junior teams had the opportunity to train with them. This creates a fantastic atmosphere and the opportunity for our players to visualise the available football pathways. Our extracurricular events included Growing with Gratitude, the Sammy D Foundation Seminars and we held the first ever "Sleepover at the

Club" for two of our junior teams. The resources available to our players and their families is exceptional. Another highlight was many junior sides showing outstanding sportsmanship presenting opposing teams with lollies after the game to thank them for the contest and wish them well for the year.

On the field we continue to develop our coaches to deliver an open, highly skilled style of play. We had many sides competing in high divisions which ensures our players play against high quality teams weekly. Our coaches focus was on skill development and game play, while still ensuring that fun is a key highlight and why we are viewed as one of the states best junior programs.

### **Under 7's | Mark Eichler and Simon Brooks**

The Club is fortunate to have coaches of the calibre of Mark and Simon. These coaches used their experience to ensure the kids introduction to football was full of fun while still learning the basics of the game. Organisation is paramount with the under 7's and a high parent attendance ensured all players received high tutelage throughout the year. Well done to all involved!

### **Under 8's | Matt Kempton and Anthony Caruso**

Matt and Anthony had a great year with a large squad evenly rotated and learning all the positions. Training focused on skill development and game based drills - the coaches involved parents in training and game day which ensured each player received fantastic coaching. The team played beyond their years, skill development and improvement was a highlight.

### **Under 9's | Sean Kirchner and Adam Hooper**

This talented squad excelled this year, playing at a very high level above their years. Fast paced run on play was a feature, the boys showed exceptional sportsmanship even when faced with adversity. Well done to all involved the club is very proud of you.

### **Under 10's | Ross Nicholson and Chris Beaumont**

Ross and Chris are in charge of this super talented squad they worked under the mantra "Groundball, Handball, Turbo" which evolved into a quick, running style gameplay. Ross commented that the development the boys showed was exceptional and very

exciting for the future. Aaron Summers, Mark Dimassi and Shannon Odea ensured that trainings were broken into small groups, ensuring skill development and link up play was practiced in earnest, well done all!



### **Under 11's | Aaron Bayliss and Danny Diestel- Fedderson**

The club is fortunate to have these coaches combine once again to deliver another well organised, fantastic season with the boys, skill development and fun was front of mind, this allowed their gameplay to expand into switching of the play, changing lanes and plenty of run and carry. They adapted to full oval play very well and well prepared for the scoreboard years ahead.

### **Under 12's | Colin Mashford**

Preseason camp started the year off with a bang with all players involved and having a fantastic weekend. Promoted to Div 1 proved to be challenging for Chucks team. However rather than see themselves hard done by Chuck and his assistants stood by the adage "Adversity is preparation for Greatness" and saw this a great learning opportunity with some fantastic values and team rules put in place, this resulted in their first win, a day that will live in the memory of all involved for years to come. As Chucks coaching has come to an end we would like to thank him for the countless hours and dedication he has put into developing the boys



### **Under 13's | Damien Kelly**

Damien Kelly's team was a highly skilled team with high SANFL representation. Damiens teams are always well structured and this team was no different, having a fantastic finals series playing off in the grand final, although it wasn't to be there day the boys experience of playing on that last weekend will stay with them for years to come.. Naman Mittal had a breakout year finishing second in the league medal

### **Under 14's | Darren Loffler**

Competing in the hotly contested Division 1 saw several new players join the squad, the camp ensured this team quickly bonded and knew their roles. A large SANFL representation made selection and player rotation difficult at times but also gave new players some great exposure in important positions.

Trainings focused on small sided games, exposing the boys to high end skill development. Harvey Chapman capped off a great year winning the teams Best and Fairest

### Under 15's | Matt Earl

Competing in Division 2 The Under 15's had 7 SANFL players which is a fantastic testament to the clubs player development, it also made selection tough from week to week. The side developed beautifully throughout the year, playing high energy, high scoring team. Season ending injuries, especially to their big men hampered their finals campaign however they still won a final and just fell short in the prelim- giving the lads fantastic learnings in the pressure cooker environment of finals footy. Matt Earl is moving onto underage SANFL coaching- Matt has been invaluable to this group, we thank him for his tireless contributions over the years.



### Under 16's | Chas Thomas

Moving up from Div 3 in 2022 to Div 2 this year, we saw a fantastic season from the Under 16's who bonded into a tight knit, well drilled team and the results followed. The club was delighted to have 8 players selected during the year in SANFL teams. This created fantastic leadership opportunities and responsibilities for the boys to bring back to Goodwood. A lot of boys were playing in three different teams throughout the year testing their resilience. Trainings involved the team thinking outside the square, beating the green space problems and practicing at multiple different venues to get more sessions in – Well done!. Exciting times ahead for this group. Thankyou Chas for your brilliant tutelage with our underage program.

### Under 17.5's | Sean Crook & Kym Laube

The U17.5 Boys had a very successful year. A large squad of approximately 43 players was approved by the SANFL. The large squad size is required as the team is heavily impacted through the season by College, SANFL requirements, injuries and school camps. Preseason training was conducted with and alongside the senior squad at Concordia College. This is a great initiative and should be retained. Numbers to training through the year were quite good and were generally around the 15 - 20 players. The game style trained was a fast ball movement style of play. The emphasis was on retaining possession and creating space if the defence had become set. Players were taught the concept of compressing and extending the field as well as reducing or widening the width of the ground. Players improved in these areas as the year progressed.

There was still a great emphasis on skill development and allowing the players to "play." Players attempting to play the game style and making a mistake were not penalised but were encouraged to have "another go."

The main season saw us competitive finishing the season in 3rd spot with 8 W and 6 L. After losing the qualifying final to Port Districts we were able to consolidate the team which saw us win the rest of the games including the Grand Final quite comfortably. A number of players are graduating into senior football. Some will play B grade and 1 or 2 may push for A grade selection.



### Matt Harris - Junior Football Director



# Trophy/Medal Recipients | Seniors

## Men's A Grade

Best & Fairest "*Nelson/Ellenbroek Trophy*" – Jakob Heitmann

2nd Runner Up B&F – Ollie Johnson

"*Col Partington Memorial Trophy*"

- Best Team Player – James Ridgwell

Coaches Award – Tom Lynch

C.J. "*Jock*" Gearen Memorial Medal:

- Most Improved Player – Kayne Cornish

Tiny Things Award – Aryan Sareen

Best 1st Year Player - Charlie McArthur

## Senior Women - Div 2

Best & Fairest – Sammy Gilchrist

Runner Up B&F – Amelia Agar

Best Team Player – Asha Lodge

Coaches Award – Emma Whyte

Tiny Things Award – Sammy Gilchrist

## Inclusive

Best & Fairest - Luke Goodman

B & F Runner Up – Terry Wiggins

Coaches Award – Ben Armstrong & Losta Karatzovalis

Best Team Player – Aron baker

Tiny Things Award – Jarrod Young

Most Improved Player – Matthew Shapley

## Senior Men's B Grade

Best & Fairest "*Len Wood Memorial*"- Alex Schiller

Best & Fairest "*Len Wood Memorial*"- Taj Spencer

Runner Up B&F – Lachlan Matthias

Best Team Player – Tom Carlson

Coaches Award – Charlie McArthur

Tiny Things Award – Sam Ovens-York

## Senior Women's B Grade – Div 6

Best & Fairest – Fleur Marais

Runner Up B&F – Kate Helmore

Best Team Player – Nicole Fleming

Coaches Award – Nicole Fox

Tiny Things Award – Ruby Stevens

## Senior Men's C Grade

Best & Fairest – Matt Siviour

Runner Up B&F – Zac Goodwin

Best Team Player – Zac Goodwin

Coaches Award – Tom Foster

Tiny Things Award – Jack Oldham



## Milestones & Special Club Awards | Seniors

### 100 Game Milestone

Hamish Burns  
Sam Ovens-York  
Jack Carter

### 100 Game Milestone – Inclusive / Life Membership

Todd Hombsch  
Michael Reed  
David Morris

### 150 Game Milestone / Life Membership

Mason Ellis

### 200 Game Milestone

Tom Anderson

### 400 Game Milestone

Michael Lawton

### Peter Haynes Memorial Trophy | Best Club Person (Player)

Jazi Andrae

Honourable mentions: Emma Whyte, Michael Lawton

### Harry & Lena Todd Memorial Trophy | Best Club Person (Non-Player)

Mardi Graetz

Honourable mentions: Kevin Payne, Carol Foster, Mark Goodman, Sarah Harrison

### Aaron Mann Award | Best Club Family Award

The Bayliss Family

Honourable mentions: Papanikolaou Family

### AdIFL Division 1 Team of the Year 2023

Jakob Heitmann



## Trophy/Medal Recipients - Juniors

### U13 Girls

Best & Fairest Winner – Lily Abbott  
Best & Fairest R/Up – Lily Andrews  
Best Team Player – Meg Crispe  
Coaches Award – Sara Myles

### U12 Boys

Best & Fairest Winner – Axel Bowles  
Best & Fairest R/Up – Joe Smith  
Best Team Player – Harrison Firth  
Coaches Award – Will Elder  
Most Improved – Charlie Farquhar

### U13 Boys

Best & Fairest Winner (tied)– Naman Mittal  
Best & Fairest R/Up (tied) – Mitchell Waye  
Best Team Player – Lewis McFarland  
Coaches Award – Bernie White  
Player of the final's series – Charlie Kelly

### U14 Boys

Best & Fairest Winner – Harvey Chapman  
Best & Fairest R/Up – Ashton Braley  
Best Team Player – Andrew Crispe  
Coaches Award – Oscar May  
Most Improved – Max McKay

### U15 Girls

Best & Fairest Winner (tied) – Ava Barton  
Best & Fairest R/Up – Mia Krueger  
Best Team Player – Poppy Lea  
Coaches Award – Sarah Deed

### U15 Boys

Best & Fairest Winner – Lennox Hunt  
Best & Fairest R/Up - Matthew Taylor  
Best Team Player – Lewis Sinclair  
Coaches Award – Fergus Ferguson  
Most Improved – Jeremy Moss

### U16 Boys

Best & Fairest Winner – Brodie Symons  
Best & Fairest R/Up – Angus McLeod  
Best Team Player – Angus Freemantle  
Coaches Award – Leo Parham



### U17.5 Boys

Best & Fairest Winner – Macklen Mackay  
Best & Fairest R/Up – Kishna Mittal  
Coaches Award – Jackson Brooks

### U17.5 Girls

Best & Fairest Winner – Lucy Waye  
Best & Fairest R/Up – Tara Pirone  
Best Team Player – Alex Dillon  
Coaches Award – Maddy Telford

## Milestones/Team Achievements/Other | Juniors

### 100 Game Milestone

Tom Dunne  
Samuel Wilkinson  
Aidan Nixon-Burns  
Finn Shepherd-Boyd  
Harvey Foody  
Hudson Earl  
Eddie Sorensen  
Will Grist  
Lachlan Ranaldo  
Fergus Ferguson



### External Junior Awards & Recognition

#### All Australian U15 School Sports Representatives

Sage Spencer  
Abbie Healey  
Poppy Lea  
Sarah Deed

#### U15 Representative Club squads

##### West Adelaide

Sage Spencer  
Abbie Healey  
Poppy Lea  
Sarah Deed

##### Sturt

Abby Stagg



## Club Achievements / Awards

### Club Awards and Achievements in 2023

Clubs SA – Sporting Club of the Year award  
Clubs SA – Grassroots Sports Award  
SANFL Inclusive club of the year 2023  
ADFL Certificate of Merit– Steve Partington, Martin Hill, Matthew Kerin, Craig Kirkbright  
Community Achievement Awards – Ryde International Connecting Communities Award nomination - Jordan Dodd



# **ADDENDUM | Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements**

1 November 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023

Attached as a separate report – available on request to Members only