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ANNUAL REPORT

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This time last year, my journey began as I stepped into the esteemed footsteps of the men that had previously had the honour of being President of this great football club. It has been an action-packed 12-months and together, our committee, members, coaches and players have all achieved so much.

On-Field

- We increased our women's program with the addition of our U16 Girls Team
- Increased SubJuniors to 11 teams
- We entered 2 junior boys into the SANFL Juniors Competition
- 11 Teams competed for Premiership Points
- 9 Teams made finals
- 5 Competed in Grand Finals
- We won 4 premierships (3 SFL and 1 SANFL Division 4)
- Our A-Grade won its fourth SFL Premiership in a row
- We proudly hosted the SFL Diggers Day Game

Off Field

- The Electronic Scoreboard was erected (and was the envy of all of the other teams that saw it)
- Introduced Barista Coffee
- Raised over \$18,000 with our Goods and Services Auction
- SFL Champion Club of the Year for the fourth year in a row.

Life Member

At Senior Presentations, we inducted our 73rd life member, Julie Harrington, for her years of excellent service as Head Trainer. Congratulations and very well deserved. Julie has accepted a Head Trainer position at South Adelaide Football Club. So I would like to take this opportunity to thank Julie for her time at Flagstaff Hill and wish her all the best in her new venture.

PRESIDENTS REPORT CONTINUED

SFL Hall of Fame

Our Treasurer Grant McAvaney received the highest off-field honour being inducted into the SFL Hall of Fame. Grant, a life member of the Flagstaff Hill and Mitchell Park Football clubs was honoured for over 30 years of service to the league and became the first member of the Flagstaff Hill Football Club to be inducted. Grant is a worthy inductee for the hours and hours of time, experience and knowledge that he has given to our club. On a personal note, he has been a fantastic support to me in my first year - Well done, Grant and thanks for your help.

Sponsorship

All of our sponsors are such an important, valued part of our club. Their ongoing financial support ensures that we can afford many items, including guernseys, balls, training equipment, to name just a few. Thank you to both our continued sponsors and also to our new team sponsors, Follow Me 4wd and MacNab Finance. Also thanks to our premiers polo sponsors who step up with little notice to ensure every premiers player gets a polo. We ask every member to keep our sponsors in mind when shopping, buying food or seeking the services of a business.

SFL Senior Volunteer of the Year

Our Chairperson, Deb Osmond, was voted the SFL Senior Volunteer of the Year. This is a great honour for someone who works tirelessly and selflessly around our club. Not only in her roles as Chairperson and Women's Football Director but Deb is always there to do all of the jobs that no-one else has even thought of yet. Especially at Grand Final time. And again her support and assistance to me in my first year has been immense. Well done Deb we are very proud and appreciative of your hard work, time, knowledge and passion for the club.

FHFC Club Persons of the Year

This year both Kate Williams (Senior) and Kobe Dooley (Junior) were awarded the FHFC Club Persons of the Year Award for the extra work, time volunteering and for going above and beyond continually for the club in 2019. Congratulations to you both.

Coaches

To our coaches and their support teams Congratulations on another fantastic year. Not only for the success we achieved on the field but for all of the work that you have done developing your players and helping them become great members of our Flaggy Community. Also a big thank you to the families of our coaches for allowing them to put in so much time and for the support you provide. A special mention and thanks to Pete Cavouras, Kym Dooley and Craig Bunworth who are not returning to the same coaching gigs next year. Thanks for your knowledge and hard work and we look forward to seeing you all around the club in 2020.

PRESIDENTS REPORT CONTINUED

Trainers

We are very fortunate with the quality and number of trainers we have each year, so a big thank you to Jules and her team. We could not keep our players on the park without you all.

Football Directors

Our Football Directors in 2019 were Deb Osmond (Women's and Girls) Don Aldridge (Senior), Bill Kelsey (Juniors) and Mel Haslam (Sub-Junior). All of these volunteers do a fantastic job; they take on so many different roles around the club as well as ensuring that every player gets to play and is developed. Thanks to them all.

Volunteers

I believe our club's success every year is thanks to the quality and quantity of all of our volunteers; coaches, trainers, directors, parents, goal umpires, team managers. Everyone steps up to make sure we get our teams on the field week after week and we really appreciate it. But I also wanted to say a couple of big thanks to:

- Thank you to the Old Farts. They are often the first at the club and the last to leave and they do all the needed jobs in between. So to Greg, Tim, Scott, Dicky and everyone that steps in and gets it done - Thank you!
- In my first year as President, it was fantastic to have such amazing support from all of the members of the committee. Each member puts in a mountain of work behind the scenes whether it is Leigh O'Malley organising Social Events or David Heard with our Diggers Day preparations or Brett Charlesworth organising the players sponsors. Well Done and thanks to everyone on the committee.

Merchandise

Merchandise has not skipped a beat this year after the retirement of Kim Nash and with Melissa Brennan stepping into the role. Kim's handover and Mel's hard work has meant again that our members were able to represent the club colours in everything from polos to new rugby tops. There was undoubtedly something special on Grand Final day when I looked over to the Eastern side of the ground to see such a gathering of red and blue. Thanks, Mel you have done an amazing job, been available for everyone and always with a smile.

Thanks and Well Wishes

On behalf of our members I would like to take this opportunity to thank and wish the best of luck to the following Life Members, Committee Members and Club Legends:

- Rod & Fiona Mitchell as Rodney takes on the Myponga Sellicks FC Coaching Job
- Julie Harrington on her move to South Adelaide Football Club
- Steph Dempsey as she steps down from her valued role as SFL Delegate, and
- Deb Osmond who is stepping down from the roles of Chairperson and Women's Football Director that she has done passionately for many years.

To all of these people that have contributed to our successes over the past many years we say an enormous thanks - we owe them all a debt of gratitude but its not farewell as we know that we will see all of them at the Club in 2020.

PRESIDENTS REPORT CONTINUED

Community Centre Redevelopment

As you have noticed, there have been some delays in the commencement of the redevelopment. Budgetary blowouts and changes to the scope of works has in part contributed to the delay. Still, it was best described by Steve Murray (the Chair of the Community Centre) when he said in his AGM report that he has been disappointed with the glacial pace that the development is moving and has vowed to do what he can to get it moving quicker in the new year. As a committee, we are working as hard as we can to get the new change rooms in place firstly, and we will then work at getting the centre upgraded. Plumbing for the new change rooms has been put in place, so fingers crossed this will progress quickly leading up to Season 2020.

Opposition Coaches Box

Don Aldridge has taken charge of the new opposition coaches box. He has been working tirelessly, liaising with the council to assist us in getting development approval for the box to be erected before Season 2020. Thanks to Donny and all of his helpers that have been working behind the scenes on this.

Goals for 2020

- All teams to make the finals series
- Player retention and an increase to player numbers particularly in B & C Grade
- Player development program for Juniors to make the transition to Senior Football
- Increase and better develop our Sponsorship offerings and revenue from Sponsors
- Improve Game Day experience to get our supporters to come week after week and stay
- Head Trainer appointment and create a team of qualified trainers; some new and some with more experience
- New Social Membership offering for 2020

In closing the club has had an excellent year but I must pay tribute to the hard work and forward-thinking of crucial people in our organisation that paved the way for us before 2019; Grant, Deb, Donny, Bill Matheson, Rodney Mitchell, Kim Nash and in particular Brett Charlesworth. Without them leaving the club in the great shape it was in, we could not have gone on to achieve the success we did again in 2019.

On a personal note, I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as President. It has certainly been a steep learning curve, occasionally challenging but also one of the most rewarding things I have undertaken. Thank you to all of you for making me feel so welcome and for the support I have received. I have loved working with, meeting and chatting with all of you. I look forward to developing these relationships more in 2020. And finally to my amazing family, when I asked you to jump on board with me, you certainly did, and I can't thank you enough for your love and support.

Neil Williams
Club President



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

2019 was the start of a new era at FHFC with a new President and a new A Grade Coach. To their credit and to the many players and volunteers who supported them, the transition went smoothly and for the fourth year in a row the Flagstaff Hill Football Club was named SFL Champion Club of the Year and A Grade Premiers.

FHFC had a record breaking 22 teams playing football this season and every week they were supported by dedicated volunteers. In addition to the match day support staff we also have volunteers who help with set up and pack up duties, canteen and BBQ duties, guernsey washing, weekly fundraising, home game meals etc etc. At FHFC we are very fortunate to have wonderful volunteers who take great pride in what they do and it is their amazing dedication and efforts that enable us to be the professional club that we are.

Special thanks must go to our team sponsors and player sponsors. We feel very fortunate to have so many kind people, willing to offer their financial support, so many thanks to each of you for your generous support.

On Senior Presentation night Head Coach Julie Harrington was awarded Life Membership. Congratulations Jules on receiving this special honour and thank you for many years of loyal service to the Flagstaff Hill Football Club. We wish you well as you take this next step in your Trainers Career at SAFC - our loss will definitely be their gain.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT CONTINUED

Another big announcement on the night was the Brett Charlesworth Club Person of the Year winner and this went to Kate Williams. In only her first year on the committee Kate tackled anything and everything and was definitely a favourite amongst her peers. Her efforts went above and beyond and the club is lucky to have Kate involved.

At Junior Presentation Day Kobe Dooley received the Junior Club Person of the Year award. Congratulations Kobe, we hope to see you volunteering for many years to come.

Many thanks to everyone on the committee for your outstanding efforts this season. I feel very fortunate to have been involved with such a hard working group. It was encouraging to see new people join the committee this season, your opinions and new ideas were refreshing and I hope you will all stay involved for many years to come.

Congratulations and thank you to Neil Williams for having the courage to take on the role of Club President. You had big shoes to fill but you did it with total professionalism and it was a pleasure to work with you in your first year in the top job.

Sadly this will be my last report as Chairman. After 13 years on the committee, it is now the right time for me to move on. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the committee and the friendships I have made over the years and I wish the FHFC every success for the future.

Deb Osmond
Chairperson



TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2019 season was (arguably) the best season the Club has experienced. While we were hugely successful on the field, it was always going to be a challenge off the field to maintain the standard we have set ourselves over the past years. Challenging in that while we can control some costs, some are more difficult, and some are impossible. And with a sluggish economy, smaller attendances at games and functions don't make it any easier.

Umpire Fees rose again last season, almost reaching \$24,000. They were only \$16,700 two years ago. How do you raise an extra \$7,000? The cost of jumpers rose by \$2,500 mainly due to our new teams, and Affiliation and Insurance Fees totalled \$19,200. They were \$11,500 two years ago.

With modest rises almost elsewhere else, how did we cope?

The answer lies in the efforts put in by our Volunteers and Committee members.

The introduction of Barista Coffee was unbelievable. Sales were \$8,524, as compared to \$6,087 for the previous machine over the past seven years. The Canteen had record takings of \$34,600, the Subbies BBQ on Friday nights and Sundays took a record of \$11,400, and surpassed a profit of over \$6,000 for the first time. Merchandise sales were the best ever, as was the profit from Meals on Saturday Home games.

The Social Calendar and Fundraising were exceptional. We had more Raffles and Lucky Squares than we have had in a long time, a great Tipping Competition, a very successful Bingo Night, spectacular Ball receipts, another profitable 125 Club, the inaugural Ladies' High Tea and another magnificent Goods and Services Auction which was one of the Club's biggest functions ever. None of this would have happened without the volunteers and Committee, and they should be very proud of their efforts.

In fact, it wasn't arguably our best season; it was the best! If everyone is prepared to put the same work in again next year, there's no reason why we won't get the same results.

Grant McAvaney
Treasurer



HEAD TRAINER'S REPORT

2019 has been an excellent year for the Flagstaff Hill Football Club, both on and off the field. Chloe Myers continued her role as Trainer for U14, U16 girls and assisted with the Senior teams. She also returned as a player in our Open Women's team. Andrea Vanzetta joined our fold as a Trainer and took on the Open Women but also joined me on Saturday mornings with the U13's, U15's, U17.5's and occasionally with the Senior teams. Daniella who came through the ranks during 2018 returned during 2019. Meg returned to the fold as the C Grade trainer and occasionally trained for the U14 and U16 SANFL teams. At the end of the 2018 season we unfortunately had to say goodbye to Rick Green who went to South Adelaide Football Club and we wished him all the very best. That was not the last we saw of Rick though, as when time permitted he came out to train for the U14 and U16 girls.

The FAST Conference was held at Adelaide Oval again in February 2019, where we could learn from speakers on how to treat an injury, the latest information regarding Concussion and liaise with suppliers about their goods and things we may be interested in. It is also a great day to get to know other trainers from around the State. Preseason commenced at Reynella East High School on Monday and Thursday evenings for the Seniors with the Juniors commenced in February once school had returned. Their training schedule was Monday and Wednesday. Training for all teams recommenced at the club once a week on Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Thursdays after cricket season and finals were over. Trial games were arranged for 2019 just prior to the commencement of the season proper.

HEAD TRAINERS REPORT CONTINUED

Once again we are on the look out for new trainers. You may be a parent of a child playing and if you are attending their games, why not volunteer your services and help out as a Medical Trainer. All you need to begin with is your Senior First Aid Certificate, then if you feel you want to continue you can do your Level 1 Trainers course. Both of these courses the Club will pay for and there are many courses throughout the season that can be done e.g. Advanced taping, massage, concussion etc. If anyone has ever thought, I could do that, but didn't know how to go about being a Trainer, please come contact me, or one of the other Trainers.

I would like to say thank you to all the Trainers for their efforts during a very successful 2019 it's not every day you can boast that Flagstaff Hill Football Club is again Club of the Year and successful in Premierships for U14 SANFL, U16 Girls, U13's and the A Grade taking out the 2019 Premiership making that 4 in a row. I would also like to say a big thank you to everyone at the Flagstaff Hill Football Club.

As many would know after 10 years and 4 very successful flags with the A Grade, I am now heading to bigger pastures and joining the South Adelaide Football Club as a Senior Trainer with their reserves and seniors teams. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Flaggy.

I wish everyone at Flagstaff Hill all the very best for the 2020 season. I will ensure that I pop my head in every now and again when I can.

Julie Harrington
Head Trainer

2019 CLUB AWARD WINNERS

SFL Hall of Fame Inductee

Grant McAvaney

SFL Senior Volunteer of the Year

Deb Osmond

SFL Junior Trainer of the Year

Andrea Vanzetta

FHFC Life Member Inductee

Julie Harrington - 73rd Member

FHFC Brett Charlesworth Award - Senior Club Person of the Year

Kate Williams

FHFC Junior Club Person of the Year

Kobe Dooley





SENIOR FOOTBALL DIRECTOR

The year started with a new President, new A Grade Coach, new A Grade Captain and a large number of player movement from our senior list. We welcomed some quality new players to our club and said goodbye to others. Some to retirement and others seeking new challenges outside of our league.

The biggest challenge for our 3 senior teams was the overall squad size. We saw our C Grade forfeit 2 games and our B Grade rely on the support of retired players and our U17.5 players some weeks. Our B Grade and C Grade had very similar challenges this season in that the final squad some weeks was not finalised until just before the first bounce of many games.

Our C Grade unfortunately missed the finals series for the 1st time in a few years. I would like to thank Wade for his hard work this year and patience this year. Wade was very active in player recruitment to ensure we fielded a team each week. Thank you to all the players that helped Wade and our C Grade during the year.

Our B Grade also found themselves in a very unfamiliar situation with low numbers. Credit to Dools and our senior B Grade players who stuck together and with the support of our U17.5 fell just short of another B Grades grand final. Like Wade, Dools spent many hours chasing players to ensure our B Grade fielded a competitive side each week.

The A Grade entered the season looking for 4 Premierships in a row and we knew after the loss of 6 players from the 2018 Grand Final side for various reasons we had a challenge on our hands but were always confident of success. Week to week the side never looked the same due to injuries, holidays and weddings but we always remained confident and like Darren said all year, we were just tuning up our engine so we were firing at the right time. History will show that the engine was fine-tuned and firing on all cylinders and now our club has won the past 4 A Grade Premierships.

SENIOR FOOTBALL DIRECTOR REPORT CONTINUED

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

In 2019 our club was again very well represented in our SFL association side with David Kearsley, Zac Cavouras, Mitch Johnson, Sam Smith, Toby McAlister, Brad Patterson and Brayden Heyward-Ferors all taking part in the SFL association game against the GSFL.

Our club was also represented in the Southern District side which is a combined SFL and GSFL association side. Sammy Tharaldsen, Luke Beenham, Toby McAlister, Mitch Johnson and Brad Patterson made the team.

Michael Shearer represented the club as an assistant coach in both the SFL association and Southern District side and Darren Vanzetta in the SFL association side. Julie Harrington also represented the club as the Trainer at both the SFL association and Southern District.

Both Mitch Johnson and Reece Milsom made their SANFL league debut this season, Mitch with the Crows and Reece with South Adelaide. I would like to thank everyone at the club that helped to make 2019 another successful year and I would like to thank Darren, Dools, Wade and all their support staff for all their efforts with the senior sides, Bill and Marty for the junior support, Neil, Grant, Deb and the rest of the committee for their support, Julie and our trainers for looking after our players and also our loyal players from all grades that make this club great. I would also like to thank Kristen for all her efforts as the senior social coordinator this season.

Lastly I would like to thank my wife and family who allow me to spend time away from home to do the role that I enjoy doing for the club. See you all in 2020 for another successful season at the Flagstaff Hill Football Club

Donny Aldridge
Senior Football Director



A-GRADE COACH'S REPORT

How do I start?

Well with the changeover of coach there were lots of expectations and high standards to meet due to the success of the past few years. I was very excited to take on this role and continue my work with the playing group.

As always there are turnovers of players, some leaving for new challenges and some hanging up the boots. That was our first challenge to retain the players from 2018 and recruit players required to obtain a competitive list. We believe we achieved this, making sure that our new recruits understood and fit the Flaggy style on and off the field.

We chose a strong leadership group, and empowered the players to take ownership of the team and club. Off the field we continued to kick goals and provided a very positive environment to ensure that all players had the chance to develop.

As for the season, I was keen to reward the boys that were willing to work hard during the preseason. Having B Grade being Premiers and undefeated in 2018, I felt we had the depth to cover the players that had moved on, and with this came opportunities for these players. At the start of preseason we struggled with numbers, having a core group of players

consistently on the training track, we worked hard on our style of play. After winning the past 3 Premierships we did not need to reinvent the wheel, a bit of tweaking and with players keen to work on this we felt we had a good base going into the 2019 season. We had two trial games which allowed opportunities for different players to try different positions to see how they would go handling the change under pressure.

A-GRADE COACHES REPORT CONT....

The season started off a bit different with weddings, holidays and injuries placing pressure on us for numbers, but we found ourselves on the winning side in the first round against Happy Valley, so expectations were high. As the season progressed it looked like there were 3 or 4 teams out the front, and we were one of them.

Throughout the season we had different challenges along the way, but numbers continued to be the concern. Credit needs to go to Kym Dooley as it was the B grade side that suffered the shortage of players. However, Dools was about filling the best team in A grade first and then working on getting the B grade side filled. This also provided opportunities for the younger players to play senior footy, which is all about developing for the future of the football club.

During the second half of the season we could see where our position was in the competition, giving us the opportunity to manage our playing list, holding us in good stead when the finals arrived. We knew our challenge was Noarlunga Football Club and that is how it panned out for the season. They were the only team to beat us in the home and away series.

We knew we could be competitive against them, but we had to compete for the whole 120 minutes. With the list healthy we had the best opportunity to take Noarlunga on and the rest is history 4Peat complete.

Bring on 2020. I would like to thank all support staff from coaches, runners, stats, water boys, trainers, and committee, Old Farts, NRG and Neil (President) for the support they have all given me in 2019. I am now really looking forward to another challenge in 2020.

Some stats for 2019 season:
Players played in A grade 37
Games lost 3
4th Premiership

ONE MOMENT, WE OWNED IT

Darren Vanzetta
A-Grade Coach

2019 SENIOR MEN'S TROPHY WINNERS

A-Grade Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Sam Tharaldsen (*The 3D's*)

Runner Up Best & Fairest

David Kearsley (*Radical Torque Solutions*)

Most Consistent

Ben Rossi (*Kruse Legal*)

Best Team Man

Brad Kirk (*Attentis*)

Most Improved

Brad Patterson (*CNW Electrical Wholesalers*)

Rising Star

Nash Mitchell (*Attentis*)

Leading Goal Kicker

Sam Smith (*The Haslam Family*)

B-Grade Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Huw Channing (*Hub Titans Social Basketball*)

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Leigh O'Malley (*Stephanie Dempsey*)

Best Team Man

Michael Henly (*McGoran Electrical*)

Most Improved

Matthew Hunter (*Craig & Helen McMaster*)

Coaches Award

Cam O'Malley (*Charlesworth Nuts*)

Grant McAvaney Club First Award

Angus Fisher

C-Grade Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Daniel Crisa (*Cellarbrations Flagstaff Hill*)

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Campbell Wright (*Charlesworth Nuts*)

Most Consistent

Liam Fiddick (*Tech-Dry SA*)

Best Team Man

Nathan Copley (*Charlesworth Nuts*)

Coaches Award

Moustafa Baltagie (*Craig & Helen McMaster*)





WOMEN'S FOOTBALL DIRECTOR REPORT

2019 was a very successful season for the Flagstaff Hill Football Club female teams.

For the first time since the female program began in 2017 we had an official preseason at the Craighburn Primary School for both our Junior Girls and Senior Women. We welcomed many new players and it soon became apparent that we would be able to field 3 teams in 2019.

Under 14 Girls

Anthony Field coached the U14 Girls team – it was a new experience for him and the majority of his young players. Only 3 of his players had played football previously so it was definitely a year devoted to development.

Anthony established a great support staff of Garry Rivett as Assistant Coach, Hudson Field as Runner and Narelle Hodgson as Team Manager. The group worked well together and created a warm, caring environment for our young players to train and play.

It wasn't long before our U14 girls showed they had what it took to be successful and went from strength to strength throughout the season. The girls finished the minor round in 3rd position and played two games of finals football. Unfortunately they lost their preliminary final which meant they finished the 2019 season in 3rd position. This was an amazing effort for this young team and I'm looking forward to watching what they can achieve together in the future.

Congratulations to Emma Comley, Amali Fox and Brooke Watson who were all named in the SFL U14 Girls Team of the Year

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL DIRECTOR REPORT

Under 16 Girls

Once again Luke Beenham and Michael Hegarty joined forces and coached our U16 Girls team and they were supported by Emily Williams as Team Manager.

The majority of this team had played in the losing U14 Grand Final in 2018 and the girls were determined to work hard to ensure they would go one better in 2019. The girls took ownership of the recruiting process and we soon had a group of talented girls who were fierce competitors and showed great belief in each others ability. Their effort at training and great team work on match days was rewarded with good results throughout the season.

The U16 Girls finished the season as minor premiers and went on to beat Reynella in the Grand Final. The team were well supported on grand final day and are now bonded together forever compliments of a football premiership.

Under 16 Player Achievements

Sienna Chapman, Brooke Kleinig, Jaela Manning, Jasmin Partridge, Indianna Roberts, Ebony Scanlan, Charlie Scutchings, Hannah Sheppard, Stephanie Wheatland and Charlotte Williams were all selected to play in the SFLW Maroon v SFLW White Under 15 Intra Association game.

Luke Beenham was named Coach of the Moroon Team and Michael Hegarty was named Assistant Coach.

Charlie Scutchings was selected to play in the School Sport SA 15 and under girls Australian football championships and was named Co-Captain by her peers.

Five of our players were selected to play in the SANFL U15 Development teams;

Brooke Kleinig – South Adelaide Football Club

Jaela Manning and Stephanie Wheatland – Glenelg Football Club

Ebony Scanlan and Charlie Scutchings – West Adelaide Football Club

Brooke Kleinig, Jasmin Partridge, Ebony Scanlan and Charlie Scutchings were all named in the SFL U16 Girls Team of the Year – congratulations girls, this recognition was well deserved.

Coach Luke Beenham was recognized by the SFL as the SFLW Under 15 Association Coach.

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL DIRECTOR REPORT

Open Women

Pete Cavouras returned as the Coach of the Open Women and was supported by Dean Renfrey and Michael Hegarty as Assistant Coaches, Catherine Cavouras as Runner and Sandra Lowe as Team Manager.

Numbers were strong during preseason and continued to grow as the season progressed. The team welcomed new players with strong sporting backgrounds who slotted in nicely with the existing playing group. The girls worked hard and had a competitive season resulting in them playing finals footy but unfortunately a loss in the Preliminary Final ended their dream of playing in a Grand Final. The Open Women finished 3rd in 2019 but if they continue to work hard I am confident the rewards will come their way in the future.

Open Women Player Achievements

Alana Baker, Soriah Moon, Carli Morton and Chelsea Farr represented our club in the State Country Championship. The girls were selected to play in the Southern District Women's Team who won their Grand Final against the Northern team.

Congratulations to Chelsea Farr, Soriah Moon and Carli Morton who were named in the SFL Team of the Year.

Congratulations to Soriah Moon for being named State Country Team representative. Thank you to all coaches, support staff and parents who willingly took on tasks each week to ensure our girls could play football – goal umpires, time keepers, scoreboard operators, BBQ and Canteen helpers, guernsey washers, the list goes on. We would be lost without our volunteers so thank you everyone, your help is very much appreciated.

Many thanks to our trainers who assisted on training nights and on match days – your expertise and guidance is appreciated.

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL DIRECTOR REPORT

Special thanks to Pete Cavouras who has been involved with the Open Women since it's inception in 2017. Pete, together with wife Catherine have devoted many hours to the female football program at FHFC and have been an integral part of the programs success. We wish them both well for the future.

In just 3 short years the FHFC have shown they are leaders amongst other clubs by developing a highly successful female football program. When it was first agreed we would enter a female team in the competition I had to beg girls to play but now, due to the professionalism of the program and our excellent coaches, girls are flocking to play football at Flagstaff Hill Football Club.

Now it is time to take the program to the next level under the guidance of Head Coach Andrew Brockhurst. Andrew comes to us with many years of playing and coaching experience and we are excited about the future of the female football program with Brocky in charge.

Brocky will be joined by Michael Hegarty and Dean Renfrey who have both been appointed Assistant Coaches for the Open Women and Luke Beenham and Anthony Field who will coach the U16 and U14 girls teams again next season.

In closing I would like to say what an absolute pleasure it has been for me to be involved with the female program for the past 3 years. I have made many new friendships and have acquired many new surrogate daughters who I love and adore. Whilst I may not see you at every training and game next season I will stay up to date with your results and will get to your games as often as I can.

I wish every player all the best for your football careers and hope you will always strive to be the best you can.

See you at the footy.

Deb Osmond
Female Football Director.

2019 WOMEN'S & GIRLS TROPHY WINNERS

Open Womens Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Alana Baker (*Australian Motors Mazda*)

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Carli Morton (*The Cavouras Family*)

Most Consistent

Hannah Griffin (*Australian Motors Mazda*)

Best Team Women

Chloe Meyers (*Charlesworth Nuts*)

Rising Star

Sorihah Moon (*The Cavouras Family*)

Emerging Young Talent

Nicole O'Connor (*Charlesworth Nuts*)

Under 16 Girls

Best & Fairest

Brooke Kleinig (*Attentis*)

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Jasmin Partridge (*Graeme Hodge - Holman Hodge*)

Most Consistent

Ebony Scanlan (*Pam Withers*)

Best Team Player

Charlie Scutchings (*Graeme Hodge - Holman Hodge*)

Most Determined

Jaela Manning (*Charlesworth Nuts*)

Best Finals Player

Hannah Sheppard (*Pam Withers*)

Under 14 Girls

Best & Fairest

Brooke Watson (*Attentis*)

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Amali Fox (*Pam Withers*)

Most Consistent

Imogen Russell (*Aberfoyle Excavations*)

Best Team Player

Emma Hodgson (*Attentis*)

Most Determined

Ashlie Clancey (*Hardwood Sports*)





JUNIOR FOOTBALL DIRECTOR

2019 continued the strong and successful junior program, with five junior male teams competing across two leagues. Pre-season began early in February at the Flagstaff Hill Primary School for the three main squads; U13's, U15's and U17.5's. As in previous years, we welcomed many new players to our club across the ages while only losing a couple.

Due to the strong numbers across all grades, for the first time ever the club played two junior teams in the SANFL Junior competition. The decision to follow this path was based on the dedication of the club to ensure every junior member plays a game of football every week. With the uncertainty of the unfamiliar, it was a new challenge and required significant commitment from all involved; the President, committee, coaching groups, players and their families. Due to the support and dedication, the jump into the SANFL Juniors was a great success with the under 14s winning a premiership and the under 16.5's just missing out on finals due to a win-loss percentage (and a Blackwood High School ski trip).

The SFL (Saturday) teams also had successful campaigns with the 13s winning a premiership – going through the season undefeated – the 15's making finals and finishing 4th and the 17.5's pushing Happy Valley in the Grand Final and just coming up short.

The junior presentation was held at the football club on the 13th of October and involved all five junior male and two junior female teams – under 14 and 16. A highlight of the day was recognising the club as the SFL club of the year for the fourth year running. An excellent achievement given the new faces leading us into the future.

UNDER 13s

Craig Bunworth returned as the U13s Coach for 2019 with the support of two Assistant Coaches, Dave Smith and Dave Hodgson. Thea Hollands was the Team Manager, Richard Roberts the Runner and Nat Bunworth the Social Coordinator.

The U13s had strong numbers from the start with a list of 30 players. The challenge for Craig and the team was to prioritise the club's position as an SFL affiliate club, whilst supporting the under 14 group in the SANFL Juniors.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL DIRECTOR REPORT CONT...

The hard work put in was reflected at the end of the year with an undefeated season and a premiership. The boys played Reynella in the Grand Final getting up 13.11-89 to 1.1-7.

U13 PLAYER ACHIEVEMENTS

- 9 players represented our club at SANFL level
- 5 players made the SFL Team of the Year

I would like to recognise the great work that Craig has put into coaching the 13s over the last three years. His personal growth and the development of each squad that he has had under him is demonstrable and he epitomises true club spirit. Unfortunately (for us) he will be standing aside next year to concentrate on watching his lads Jake and AJ strut their stuff for Sacred Heart. We are hopeful though of retaining his services in some capacity – Sunday Coach maybe?

Thank you Craig.

UNDER 14s

This year the club introduced an under 14 team into the SANFL Junior competition. Using a combination of the under 13 and first year under 15 players, the under 14s were entered in Division Three.

First time coach Damien Keating was at the helm supported by Craig Bunworth as his Assistant, Dean Pearce as Team Manager, Daniel Pudney as the Runner and Shane Lynch as the Ground Marshall. The SANFL Juniors has squad size restrictions, which had a significant impact on player management in the early part of the year. Playing at all parts of the country (nearly – Angle Vale for example), the team got off to a slow start.

After losing the first four games, the team was moved from Division Three to Division Four. At the same time, the club was given an allowance of an additional eight players that could rotate through the team. A double bonus! From there, Damien and the team never looked back, winning 10 of the next 11 games to finish the minor round second.

A straight sets victory in the finals saw the club win its first ever SANFL Junior Premiership when the 14s defeated Athelstone 8.5.53 to 7.4.46 in the Grand Final. With only Craig having any experience, the coaching and support crew did a fantastic job organising the team to travel to all parts, getting the families on board with selections and coaching and leading this group of young men.

UNDER 15s

Paul Hollands returned as head coach for 2019 with a squad of 38 first and second year players. Paul's support staff included Luke Beenham, Kym Dooley and me as Assistant Coaches, Andrew Marker as Team Manager, Peter Newall as Runner and Kate Williams and Cathy Halliday as the Social Coordinators.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL DIRECTOR REPORT CONT...

With 16 second year and 22 first year players, Paul was in the unique position of supporting both the under 14 and under 16.5 teams while focussing on the Saturday Under 15s. This resulted in many of the squad playing across the two competitions. It was mixed year for the 15s, with their best football beating eventual premiers Reynella, but inconsistency holding them back. The last game of the year highlighted this with the team winning three of the four quarters but losing to Noarlunga by 22 points in the Semi Final.

I am pleased to say that Paul has committed to coaching the under 15s again in 2020 and we look forward to the development of the next group of lads under his leadership.

U15 PLAYER ACHIEVEMENTS

- Harry Lemmey was awarded the SFL Association Best and Fairest and represented SA in the National Under 15s Schoolboys Carnival
- Adam Bunworth made the Port Adelaide Football Club Next Generation Elite Talent Program
- 4 players represented our club at SANFL level
- 3 players made the SFL Saturday Team of the Year
- 4 players made the SFL U15 Association Side
- 4 players made the SFL U15 Academy

UNDER 16.5s

The second team in the SANFL Juniors competition, the under 16.5s included players from both the under 15 squad and first year eligible players from the under 17.5 squad. This team was coached by a panel including Paul Hollands, Martin Clifton and Don Aldridge. Thea Hollands and Max O'Brien were Team Managers, I was the Runner (until my old-man calf injury) and Donna O'Brien the Ground Marshall.

As with the under 14s, the 16.5s played across the broader metro area and started and finished in Division Two. The gap between the top and bottom teams in this competition was not great, so there was no room for error or a lapse in effort.

Playing with a squad of 32, the 16.5s ended the year in seventh place with seven wins and eight losses. They had a higher points for and against percentage than the fifth and sixth placed teams, but due to playing (and losing) one more game had a lower win / loss percentage which landed them in seventh.

Being exposed to a high standard of football every week fast tracked the development and confidence of a number of players.

While having a coaching panel of three experienced coaches and club people worked, if we enter a team into a Sunday competition next year we will appoint a single head coach to take on the responsibility.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL DIRECTOR REPORT CONT...

UNDER 17.5s

Marty Clifton continued in the role of U17.5s Coach. Craig Bunworth and Dave Smith were Assistants, Simon Foord was the Team Manager and Stuart Knuckey the Runner. With a squad nearing 40, the U17.5s squad assisted the seniors with a number of lads playing up during the year, while a number of first year players were the core of the 16.5 SANFL Junior team. As with last year, a particular highlight for the 17.5s was the game day addresses from Marty followed up with the Saturday night presentations.

The good thing is, we will get to see and hear it again next year as Marty has committed to going around again as the 17.5 Coach. The 17.5s had a strong and consistent year finishing in second place after the minor round. After a close win in the first final and a loss to Happy Valley in the Second Semi, they played perhaps the best game of the year against Cove in the Preliminary Final. Beating Cove – a team they hadn't beaten for over a year – by 10 goals showed the spirit that had been developed over the season.

Unfortunately, this could not carry them right through as they fell 15 points short in the Grand Final. Happy Valley 8.4-52 defeated Flagstaff Hill 5.7-37

U17.5 PLAYER ACHIEVEMENTS

- 7 players represented our club at SANFL level
- 4 players made the SFL Team of the Year
- 6 players made the SFL U17.5 Association Side
- 6 players made their senior debut for the Flagstaff Hill Football Club

As always, the club is looking forward to 2020 and the continual improvement across all grades. With a few tweaks to the program and a return of the strong numbers, the club will look at all possibilities to maintain the junior pathway to future success. With Steve Hibbert as the new Coach in the Under 13s and Paul and Marty returning, we will continue to take the lads onwards and upwards. I would like to thank all volunteers that assisted in helping in various roles from match day staff, BBQ, canteen, gatekeeper and oval maintenance. Without you the club would not be the great club that we are. I would also like to thank Brett Charlesworth and Don Aldridge for putting their faith in me to take on the role and Neil as the President, the committee, coaches and families for supporting me through my first year. I look forward to having an opportunity to continue to be a part of the future of the club.

The last people I need to thank are my wife and kids. This has been a huge learning curve and they have been there to support me all the way through. Winter (and autumn and spring) is football time and more importantly Flagstaff Hill Football Club time. (I only wish I could see more of AFL 360...) See you in 2020.

Bill Kelsey

JUNIOR FOOTBALL DIRECTOR

2019 JUNIOR TROPHY WINNERS

Under 17.5 Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Jacob Mayr (*Co-Create Solutions*)

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Jayden Little (*Graham Hodge - Holman Hodge*)

Players Player

Jake Bunworth (*Graeme Hodge - Holman Hodge*)

Best Utility

Leith Mitchell (*The 3D's*)

Most Improved

Baxter Knuckey (*Tree of Life Wellness Chiropractic Clinic*)

Falcons Emerging Talent

Blake Aldridge (*Rod and Fiona Mitchell*)

Under 16.5 Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Saleh Baltegie (*Aberfoyle Excavations*)

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Tristan Smith (*Craig and Helen McMaster*)

Most Courageous

Riley Newall (*Pam Withers*)

Best Team Man

Blake Aldridge (*Rod and Fiona Mitchell*)

Most Improved

Kaine O'Brien (*Pam Withers*)

Coaches Award

Adam Bunworth (*Pam Withers*)

Under 15 Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Harrison Lemmey (*Graeme Hodge - Holman Hodge*)

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Jye Dooley (*Graeme Hodge - Holman Hodge*)

Most Consistent

Adam Bunworth (*Pam Withers*)

Best Team Man

Trent Brockhurst (*Graeme Hodge - Holman Hodge*)

Most Improved

Lachlan Pattison (*Charlesworth Nuts*)

Coaches Award

Lachlan MacNab (*Scott Torney - Harcourts Tagni*)



2019 JUNIOR TROPHY WINNERS

Under 14 Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

James Keating (*Scott Torney - Harcourts Tagni*)

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Cooper Newall (*Scott Torney - Harcourts Tagni*)

Most Consistent

Blade Gallacher (*Grating Industries*)

Best Team Man

Will Torney (*Scott Torney - Harcourts Tagni*)

Most Improved

Riley Stone (*Scott Torney - Harcourts Tagni*)

Most Determined

Lachlan MacNab (*Scott Torney - Harcourts Tagni*)

Under 13 Trophy Winners

Best & Fairest

Lachlan Roberts (*Scott Torney - Harcourts Tagni*)

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Samuel Burbridge (*Scott Torney - Harcourts Tagni*)

Most Consistent

Zachary Mayr (*Darren Vanzetta*)

Best Team Man

Ben Jeffries (*Darren Vanzetta*)

Most Improved

Kieran Smith (*Scott Torney - Harcourts Tagni*)

Most Determined

Elijah Fisher (*Scott Torney - Harcourts Tagni*)





SUB JUNIOR DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A very successful season from the Sub-Juniors this year. Numbers continued to increase, and we submitted 11 teams this year.

4x U8, 4x U10, 3x U12

Going by the current numbers we will be nominating 11 teams in the 2020. If all of the children return, we are sitting at perfect numbers for both U10 and U12, U8 is never known until after Family Fun Day in February. Would like to see a cut off date introduced to ensure all children registered early are not finding themselves with more bench time as numbers continue to grow throughout the season. This year we had enquiries right up until round 10.

Great to see a lot of parents step up this season, often it is the same families though. This is something that is a problem at all levels. Not really sure what the solution is for this one.

Would like to see the reintroduction of the home game sub junior coordinators for each colour. This allows the Sub Junior Coordinator to step back a little when their child is playing an away game. Have had a conversation with Bec Couldwell and Reece Bowers about this and Michael and I are happy to stay on with our colour and help an U8 family learn the ropes as we transition into Junior Football. That will have all 3 colours covered in the 2020 season.

Overall a very successful season and looking forward to what 2020 will bring for the Flagstaff Hill Football Club. It has been an absolute honour to be a part of the football journey of these young players, it gives me great pleasure to hear some of their names called out at Saturday presentations, quietly thinking to myself 'That's one of mine'. I have thoroughly enjoyed my years in this role and feel a little misty eyed as I now hand it over. Thank you for your support

Mel Haslam
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
- 2019** New Eletronic Scoreboard Erected
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



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

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

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



FHFC GAMES RECORDS

Most Seasons Played

WADE STONE	32
DARRYL ROWE	30
DOUG DEGENHARDT	24
PAUL PETROV	22
ANDREW EATLEY	21
LEIGH O'MALLEY	21
NEIL FISHPOOL	21
SAUL ABBOTT	21
DAVID SMITH	20
JEFF BROWNE	20

Most Senior Games

WADE STONE	460
DARRYL ROWE	336
DOUG DEGENHARDT	326
ANDREW HEATLEY	319
PAUL PETROV	304
DANIEL CRISA	301
LEIGH O'MALLEY	292
SAUL ABBOTT	288
CRAIG BRADLEY	268
JEFF BROWNE	268

Most Combined Senior & Junior Games

WADE STONE	487
LEIGH O'MALLEY	360
DARRYL ROWE	336
DAVID KEARSLEY	334
ANDREW HEATLEY	333
DOUG DEGENHARDT	326
MATTHEW LENDRUM	322
SAUL ABBOTT	320
JAMES ROBSHAW	316
PAUL PETROV	304

ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBERS

M Fletcher (SFL)

DA Smith (SFL)

C Bradley (SFL)

W Stone (SFL)

D Kearsley (SFL)

P McMaster (SFL)

S Gater (SFL)

S Dempsey (SFL)



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