



**Flagstaff Hill
Football Club
Annual Report 2025**

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Presidents Report

Season 2025 was a very successful one for our club onfield. We had nine out of ten teams play finals, three of those teams progressing to the final dance, and our Under 13 boys and A Grade Women taking home the ultimate prize. Congratulations to all coaches, players and support staff involved.

It is fair to say our senior men's football program faced significant challenges in the second half of the season. We can't always control the challenges life throws at us, but we can control how we respond, and our playing group and coaches did that with purpose and resolve.

Our management committee is always looking for opportunities to improve the level of service we provide to our members and supporters. This year we received funding to upgrade efficiencies with a new canteen POS system, a major update for our website, purpose built cabinets in the merchandise room, and another enormous GOLD Round. Thanks once again to Nat Bunworth for making this happen, and to everyone who has embraced and supported this important cause over the journey.

One of our greatest achievements this season was successfully hosting a Saturday comp final for the first time in 29 years. Many people from outside our club said it couldn't be done. But it was, and a massive thank you to everyone who helped make it happen.

Another major outcome was the completion of our five year Strategic Plan. A big thanks to Luke Beenham for taking the lead on this important project, and to all others who made a contribution. We all know where we have been, but it is vital to know where we are heading, and how we plan to get there.

Congratulations to all award recipients this year, to the players who reached significant playing milestones, and those who represented our League and Region at representative level, well done. A special mention to Nathan Beenham on his selection in the victorious SA Country team.

Congratulations to Brad Patterson and Bray Heyward-Ferors on receiving SFL Life Membership. And to our Brett Charlesworth Club Person of the Year, the amazing Mel Brennan, and our Junior Club Person of the year Declan Couldwell.

Congratulations to our newest Life Members #86 #87 and #88, Bray Heyward-Ferors, Craig Bunworth and Shannon O'Malley. It is the greatest honour, and as with all our Life Members, very much deserved. Thank you all for the enormous commitment and contribution you have made to our club over many years.

A special thanks to our VP and super mum Bec Couldwell. The amount of personal time and energy you devote to making our club a better place is of epic proportions. And I am so grateful for the unconditional support you always provide to me.

Thank you to Kellie for all the tireless work you do in the vital sponsorship domain, and to your dedication to make our business partners feel an important part of our Flaggy Family.

Thanks also to Blake for managing our Tiny Tots program so brilliantly, and to GT and Pete Cav for driving our massive and Auskick Program so successfully.

To our heads of footy operations Pete Wright with the seniors and Darrell Graham with the juniors, thank you for your very important contributions.

To Shannon for coordinating our enormous Subbies program, thank you. It can be a stressful and challenging environment, so well done on keeping it all together so seamlessly.

To our club secretary Clare O'Neill, thank you for your major contribution on the administration front. To our beloved Treas, Grant, your support not just on financial matters but on everything else football has once again been enormous and greatly appreciated.

And to all other members of the club's management committee, thank you for your valuable contributions and support.

And to our set up and pull down crew, Tim, Kears Snr, Cav, GT, Grant, Dicky, Daryl and Darren and others who rolled up their sleeves from time to time to help out, thank you.

To our sponsors, especially our team partners, a massive thank you. Without you we would really struggle to provide the level of service our players and members deserve and require. Please support our sponsors whenever and wherever you can.

And of course a special and massive thanks to our club trainers. Your commitment is unparalleled, first to arrive, last to pack up and leave.

To all our players, coaches, assistants, team managers, runners, everyone who carried water, kept time and scores, waved goal flags, ran the boundary, worked on the bbq and in the canteen, and all parents, grandparents and care givers who supported from the sidelines, a very big thank you.

We are all shareholders in an inclusive and welcoming club environment, run by a massive team of dedicated and committed volunteers. A place where everyone has a voice.

We can all look forward to a successful future with optimism and confidence. Strong and United.

Bring on Season 2026.

David Heard

President



Vice Presidents Report

We have had another great successful season. To have 9 of our 10 teams make finals in 2025 is an outstanding achievement. This however isn't what it's all about. Our under 14 girls didn't make finals but to me they were the shining light of 2025. Our numbers were down at the beginning of the season to the point where we did try to merge with other clubs. All we wanted for them to play and when they got the opportunity they took it and ran! A big thank you to the families for sticking with us through the early months.

We have an amazing bunch of volunteers that we have at our club and it makes what I do all the more enjoyable. Here are some of the volunteers I would like to single out for their contributions in 2025.

I'm going to start with the person that I think has the hardest job at our club and that's Shannon (maybe it's because I know this by personal experience). Your work driving and growing our subbies program is amazing and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Clare our secretary, thank you for everything you do for our club each year. Thank you for all the times I've asked for your assistance. I couldn't do this without your support thank you!

Grant thank you for everything you do for the club. Also a big thank you for putting up with all the Bec ideas and running with them even though I can tell your not so sure about them. We've pulled off a successful year in the canteen this year whilst trying to make our lives a little easier. Wait until you hear the ideas for 2026!

Thank you also to Lindy who I possibly speak to more than Dave some weeks! Your assistance with everything is greatly appreciated.

Pete thank you for all you've done for our senior program this season. It's a big job with lots of moving parts and you get it done without complaint.

Thank you to Darrell for his work in the juniors. The season started with many meetings for both girls and boys as we navigated assisting our neighbouring clubs and asking them to assist us.

Pete and GT thank you for all your work with our Auskickers in 2025. The bar had been set high before you and you used that and tweaked it and made it your own while keeping 80 children on the oval look like art. I did have the opportunity to run rob the nest one night and it was so much fun, I was told however the boy that usually does it was better (that is Declan!)

Thank you Blake! You took Tiny Tots and ran it like a champion. You were very loved amongst our children and families, we will discuss with Grant to add a juice box allowance to your payment for next year!

Kel thank you for the amazing work you do with our partners and sponsors as well as our social committee. Your passion and drive is second to none. You do a lot for our club, thank you.

Mel, our merchandise queen, what can I say. You are another passionate member of our footy community and you can see this every week night you are out selling all things flaggy. Your goal of having everyone wearing something flaggy is working (you've got my husband!)

Our social committee; Bray, Nath, Macca and Rach who joined later in the season. Thank you for all your work and effort for all the events in 2025 and working on making them better each and every time.

Huw and Brett thank you for all you've done this season with helping our club, for offering assistance and reaching out when you think we need it. This is greatly appreciated.

Luke your work and drive with our strategic plan has been exceptional and I thank you for all the work you've done on this.

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

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

To our weekly set up and pack up crew whether it be Friday night, Saturday or Sunday thank you for continuing to show up and assist each and every week. Thank you for all the laughs, putting up with the crazy requests at 7am, our club is all the better with you all.

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

To the committee members I haven't singled out thank you for all you do. For the committee meetings to extra help and support when needed for events and functions we appreciate your commitment and support.

Last of all Dave. Thank you for all you do for our club, lots goes on behind the scenes which you don't know about until you sit in the chair. I also thank you for all your support throughout the year, I couldn't get through some days without you!

Season 2026 is only a few short weeks away and we can't wait!

Bec Couldwell

Vice President



Treasurers Report

The Club ended the season in an improved financial position from the previous year due to the tireless and dedicated efforts from a lot of people. This included those involved with the games on a weekly basis (that involves multiple days), as well as those behind the scenes whose work is equally important in keeping the Club running.

Costs are always on the rise, and the fact that the Club has been in a stable financial position for a long time is a credit to everyone involved.

So it's onwards and upwards for 2026.

Grant McAvaney

TREASURER

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 21 NOVEMBER 2025

EXPENDITURE

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Players, Coaches	64506.92	76589.92	81007.85
Player Awards	9600.00		
Umpires	24085.70	28020.45	26573.00
Trainers	10561.00	11654.00	11020.00
Coaches/Trainers Courses	275.00	287.00	746.00
Medical	4717.92	6347.08	7083.82
Oval Hire	1848.00	3246.50	
Affiliation Fees	11201.00	13212.30	13102.00
Guernseys	12280.00	5671.50	14139.50
Equipment	22961.63	21596.78	10602.99
Match Day Filming		165.00	3615.00
Maintenance	3730.98	1990.50	1950.70
Trophies	4289.80	4557.55	446.05
Sub Junior Cards	1400.00	2011.00	346.75
Player Presentations		628.94	254.67
Premiership T Shirts	1556.20	1815.00	
Reconciliation Round	6170.28	10096.85	2565.78
Memorials/Tributes	427.00	109.95	
Auskick			132.05
Auskick Medal Engraving			682.00
GST	9609.00	8200.00	11986.00
Insurance	7399.96	8380.39	8316.14
Bank Fees	15.00		
Donation			500.00
Square Fees			1542.99
PlayHQ Fees	1078.18	1186.88	1115.73
EFTPOS Fees	1541.19	2006.07	980.05
Licenses	99.00		
Fines	275.00	150.00	
Merchandise Room Project			2899.00
Website Project			2000.00
Team Expenses	672.45	2556.40	261.54
Finals Scoreboard	20.00	30.00	
Grand Final Expenses	728.43	766.43	421.60
SFL Finals Gate			1810.00
Coaches Gifts	260.00	320.00	
Belgravia Stock Transfer	13893.66		3000.00
Stationery	432.29	723.13	437.68
Printing	361.10	329.40	180.18
Stickers	189.15		
Advertising	80.00	88.00	1089.00
Square			1393.00
Sponsorship Expenses	4262.00	6397.40	4440.50
Asset Purchases	2548.37		
Defibrillator Purchase			2957.00
Canteen Equipment Purchases			880.00
Canteen Consumables	877.92	1034.36	1593.81
Vouchers	1964.78	2851.20	2482.80
Hire and Misc Purchases	504.69	24.20	10.25
Centre Costs	73.15		25.00
Security			618.75

RECEIPTS

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Balance B/F	73158.38	30194.01	4965.97
Subscriptions	64019.00	68260.00	84583.00
Falconians	1100.00	300.00	49.00
Falconians (2025)		50.00	
Falconettes	975.00	100.00	
Auskick Rebates	315.00	148.16	565.82
Tiny Tots	800.00	1285.00	587.80
Gate Takings	11574.65	12016.45	12103.35
Finals Gate Takings			1810.00
Canteen Surplus	28042.87	31885.97	31099.59
Fri/Sat/Sun BBQ	10153.55	15306.44	15812.33
Barista Coffee	4946.46	5135.76	4206.50
Meals	250.00		
Sponsorship	38851.00	39175.00	40950.00
Player Sponsorship	6150.00	4250.00	1925.00
Reconciliation Round			
Merchandise	8851.47		12870.80
Raffles and Squares	1726.00	3346.60	1815.50
Crows Raffle	194.00		
Toyota Raffle	541.74	448.70	437.16
Entertainment Apps/Books	25.00	39.00	154.00
AFL MAX			1000.00
Donations	295.03	2310.00	1220.00
Thurs Meal Donations	2612.64	1811.73	2089.78
Catered Meals		827.00	1950.93
Club Meals			2009.60
Centre Gas Refills			100.00
Biltong Sales		125.00	25.00
Grants	3800.00	1000.00	9649.00
Defibrillator Grant			1000.00
Social Events			
<u>Presentations</u>			
SFL			
Senior		618.00	201.46
Junior			487.20
Sub Junior			
Tipping Competition	550.00	360.00	200.00
Club 125/150		1917.00	1642.50
Bingo	510.00		
All Club Training Day	45.00		
Meet the Coaches		64.90	
Gingerbread Day			479.64
Christmas Market			317.60
Jarvis Toyota Promotion		500.00	500.00
Suburban Footballer		73.70	
Ladies Day	934.84	1403.80	359.48
Music Bingo			727.50

Social Events

Presentations

SFL	795.00	445.00	710.00
Senior	68.00		
Junior	250.00		
Sub Junior	1270.00		
All Club Training Day		182.55	222.00
Baxter/Farrell Shield	105.50	24.20	28.60
Half-Time Functions	1254.85	695.57	324.80
Past Players Day	122.00	66.70	
SFL Morning Tea	50.00	10.00	91.80
White Ribbon Day	43.45		
Breakthrough Donation		700.00	
Falcon Ale	2730.50	97.40	
Flagstaff Ball			320.58

Expenditure Relating to Previous Years

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Players, Coaches	74.55		421.75
Trainers	500.00		
Trophies		18.50	
Sub Junior Trophies		247.50	
Subscriptions	8046.87		
Sponsorship Expenses			1437.56
Office Equipment			849.00
Merchandise			293.60
Canteen Stock		903.23	
BBQ Stock		70.16	
Stationery		18.90	
Maintenance		51.60	
Thursday Meal Donations		250.00	
Meeting Expenses		20.00	
Falcon Ale		29.00	
Presentations		60.00	
Medical		476.98	
Merchandise		255.20	
Coaches Gifts			592.10
Raffles			1014.00
Beer Pong			70.00
Reconciliation Round			22.74
Premiership T Shirts			429.00
Balance on Hand	30194.01	4965.97	18606.34

TOTAL 272001.48 238992.33 250643.05

Lucky Squares/Raffles	440.00		1815.50
Flagstaff Ball	2022.75	1603.99	
Info Nights	53.00		
Beer Pong		508.79	165.77
Gin Funraiser		383.41	
Wine Drive		615.60	
Breakthrough Raffle		1214.10	
Bunnings BBQ			3348.93
Player Auction			795.91
Defibrillator Reimbursement			1165.00
Beer Donation Sales			45.00
Major Raffle			100.00

Receipts Relating to Previous Years

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Players, Coaches	135.00		115.00
Sponsorship	5500.00	7700.00	9779.00
Jarvis Toyota Promotion		1000.00	
Subscriptions	180.00	390.00	
Merchandise		772.05	
100/125 Club	2339.75	1600.17	
Premiership Tee Shirts		232.00	
Gas Bottle Refills	639.05		
Insurance	152.95		
Auskick			276.60
Trainers		20.00	60.00
Venue Hire			
Entertainment Books	14.00		
Umpires			20.00
Canteen Stock	235.30		26.80
TOTAL	272001.48	238992.33	250643.05

Subscriptions

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Total Received	74944.00	79435.00	96833.00
Paid to FCC	10925.00	11175.00	12250.00
Net Subscriptions	64019.00	68260.00	84583.00

Canteen

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Takings	47140.16	56978.47	63162.87
Cost	19097.29	25092.50	32063.28
Profit	28042.87	31885.97	31099.59
	59.5%	56.0%	49.2%

Fri/Sat/Sun BBQ

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Takings	21239.50	22858.00	22845.00
Cost	11085.95	7551.56	7032.67
Profit	10153.55	15306.44	15812.33
	47.8%	67.0%	69.2%

*** Please note that the Club also holds an account for the major raffle at BankSA and a Merchandise account at NAB.

At the end of the Reporting Period the balances were \$7,900.00 and \$41.37 respectively. These figures are not included in this report.

2025 Club Award Winners



Flagstaff Hill Life Member Inductee

Brayden Heyward Ferrors – 86th Life Member

Craig Bunworth – 87th Life Member

Shannon O'Malley – 88th Life Member

Brett Charlesworth Award – Senior Club Person of the Year

Melissa Brennan

Junior Club Person of the Year

Declan Couldwell



Senior Football Report

A Year to forget in some respects (injuries, injuries & more injuries) for our Men's Squad but definitely a Year to remember for our Women's Team.

Congratulations to our Women's Team under new Coach Mark Baker, they overcame the disappointment of Season 2024 & went 1 better this year against Port Noarlunga. The ladies came to play on GF day & set the tone from the start kicking in to a gale force breeze in the opening quarter. They held Porties to a respectable score in the opening quarter & then lifted their play to the next level & started putting Porties to the sword. They ran out eventual winners by a very comfortable 43 points. It was an exciting game to watch & was great to see so many supporters in their Flaggies colours cheering on the Women. Congratulations to all involved with our 2025 program.

Our Men's Senior Group experienced their worst run of injuries that I can recall & when you call up 46 players to pull on the A Grade jumper you know it's been a heck of a season. Unfortunately, the injuries had a flow on effect thru B & C Grade selections & it's a credit to all involved that we still had all 3 teams make finals. B & C Grade were bundled out in the elimination final & our A Grade Men battled their way into another Preliminary Final however lack of depth saw us soundly beaten by the eventual Premiers.

I would like to thank the Men's & Women's Leadership Groups & Executive Committee Members who supported me during the season when I was unavailable, thank you all once again it was greatly appreciated.

Snapshot of Season 2025

New Women's A Grade Coach – **Mark Baker**

New Men's B Grade Coach – **Ritchie McNamara**

All Senior Teams played in Finals, Men's B & C Grade lost their Elimination Finals, Men's A Grade battled injuries & made it thru to the Preliminary Final but lost to the eventual Premiers & pleased to report our Women's A Grade Team reversed last year's narrow loss to Porties & belted them to **win their 5th Premiership.**

2025 Senior Football Results Summary

Women's A Grade – minor round 3rd Spot, won 15/18 games for the season (also had 2 forfeits against them too) – Won/ demolished Port Noarlunga by 43pts in the Grand Final.

2025 SFL Women's A Grade Premiers

Men's A Grade – minor round 3rd spot, won 15/21 games for the season – Lost P/F to Port Noarlunga by 50pts

Men's B Grade – minor round 4th Spot, won 12/19 games for the season – Lost Elimination Final against Cove by 69pts

Men's C Grade – minor round 4th Spot, won 6/16 games for the season (plus 2 draws) – Lost Elimination against Noarlunga by a lot unfortunately

It has once again been a pleasure & honour to do this role now for 4 years & I would like to thank the following for their dedication, support & friendship. We have an extremely dedicated Group of Coaches, Team Managers, Leaders, Trainers, Volunteers and the Old Farts, as well as the Executive Committee & Club Committee. The hours these people put into this Club is astounding & part of the reason we are a Club of choice & why we continue to have success. The Flaggy Family is strong as ever & I encourage people to get involved wherever you can.

Lastly, I would like to confirm our Senior Coaches for Season 2026 as follows:

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

Women's A Grade – **Mark Baker**

Men's B Grade – **Craig Bunworth (Bunga)**

Men's C Grade & Club Legend – **Wade Stone (Stoney)**

Wishing everyone an enjoyable off season & holiday period before we get started again in earnest for Season 2026, let's have fun & enjoy more success.

Cheers

Pete Wright

FHFC Senior Football Director.



A Grade Coach Report

I want to begin by acknowledging the people who make a season like this possible. A year of change, challenge, and growth is carried by many hands, often quietly and without recognition. These contributions matter — they shape our standards, our culture, and the way our players walk through the door each week.

Hardy and Bec – Thank you for your tireless support behind the scenes. Your commitment to the playing group/club and your presence across the season has been felt and appreciated more than you know.

Line Coaches: Steve, Donny, and Pete – Your guidance, care, and consistency provide the backbone of our on-field development.

- A special mention goes to **Pete and Steve**, who will step away next year to travel and reset. The influence you've had on our program, our players, and our culture stretches far beyond whiteboard magnets. You leave big shoes to fill.

Anthony Karner – You didn't miss a beat with running and S&C. Your professionalism and ability to adapt week after week helped us stay competitive despite the challenges.

Leigh O'Malley – Thank you for stepping into the running role seamlessly. Your ability to take ownership and elevate standards was crucial in a year where every one percent mattered.

Matty Brennan – You are the gold standard of reliability. Game day simply *happens* because of you. Your preparation means I can focus purely on coaching, and that is invaluable.

Brett Giles & Jamie Dunicliff – Thank you for your passion for youth and development.

Pete Wright and Kellie – So much of a football program sits in the “unseen” space, and you two carry a massive portion of that load. From football operations to sponsorship, you keep the wheels turning.

Wade, Bunga, and Ritchie – Your support with player movement, development, and training allowed our young players to be ready when called upon. That mattered this year more than ever.

GT – Always there for a chat, always helping with recruiting, always looking out for the club. You are part of the glue that holds the place together.

Leadership Group – You embodied what leadership is: steady during instability, mature in your messaging, and united when we faced pressure. Your influence reaches far further than you realise.

Pete Cav – Milk and lollies post-game might seem simple, but culture often lives in the small things. Thank you for being part of ours.

Najobe and all sponsors – Your support allows us to compete, develop, and grow. We do not take it for granted.

The broader club community and supporter base – In a year with so many twists and challenges, your loyalty and voice were felt every single week. You give us purpose.

Season Review – 2025

The 2025 season will be remembered as a season like no other. It tested us physically, mentally, emotionally, and operationally. It forced us to be adaptable, resilient, and united. And while the ladder may not reflect the full story, the year shaped the foundations of our next chapter.

51 players pulled on the A-grade jumper — something no club plans for, but something we managed with pride and determination.

We welcomed 9 A-grade debutants and 4 club debutants, and saw a number of players join or return to the club, including:

Jaxon, Rossi, Cam Blake, Adams, Jesse, Casey Davies, Jefferies, Tynan, Aidan, Matt Size, and Daniel Nash.

A number like “51 players” tells you about instability, but it also tells you something much more important: This group didn’t break. They embraced opportunity.

What This Season Really Showed Us

Since the season finished I’ve stepped back, spoken to players, looked over the data, and reflected deeply on what this year truly represented. I believe 2025 was:

The Year of Opportunity.

And opportunity — when embraced — becomes a catalyst for growth.

This year revealed that:

- We have incredible depth across our entire senior program.
- Our young talent is not just promising — it’s exciting.
- Our culture is strong enough to withstand turbulence.
- We have leaders emerging in every corner of the group.
- And most importantly: we are capable of far more than excuses will ever allow.

Despite the adversity, I was immensely proud of how the group responded. Some of my favourite moments define exactly why:

- Ropes above the head during preseason — tough, ugly, but we got it done together.
- Watching so many young players debut in A grade — seeing their families, their excitement, and the pride of the playing group.
- 39 player milestones across the senior grades — a testament to loyalty and commitment.
- Sizey achieving his goal of playing A grade again — a reminder that perseverance pays off.
- Nathan representing the state — a reward for hard work and maturity.
- The old boys pulling on the jumper in Round 18 — bringing energy and experience late in the year.
- Tim O’Malley whipping out an axe on a Thursday night — still not sure if it was motivational or concerning.
- Leadership mentoring sessions — building the next generation of leaders.

- And Kira wearing Flaggy colours to school instead of her usual Port gear — that one meant a lot.

These are the moments that make football more than just a scoreboard. They're the heartbeat of a club.

We talk a lot about on-field success, but great football programs are built from the ground up. A healthy off-field environment fuels performance. This year, connection, care, and communication were just as important as training loads and matchups.

We will build the next era on both fronts — and this season gave us enormous clarity around what works, what needs improving, and what we must prioritise heading forward.

Looking Ahead

I said earlier that 2025 was the year of opportunity — and opportunity creates change. With that change comes the responsibility to write the next story of Flagstaff Hill Football.

But that story won't write itself.

It relies on every person in this room.

It relies on standards, not slogans.

It relies on action, not intentions.

It relies on ownership, not excuses.

We can't sit back and congratulate ourselves on being "good enough". We can't rely on what worked five years ago. We can't allow comfort to creep into our language or our habits.

We need people who will take ownership.

We need people who will lead.

We need people who will step up when it's hard.

Because as I've said before:

Losers make excuses.

Winners find a way.

So let's find a way — together — and build the next great era of Flagstaff Hill Football.

2025 Senior Award Winners

A-Grade Men Award Winners

Best & Fairest
D'Arcy Mitchell

Runner Up Best & Fairest
Nathan Beenham

Emerging Talent
Ben Jeffries

Best Team Man
Luke Beenham

Players MVP
D'Arcy Mitchell

Most Improved
Mason Carney

Grant McAvaney – Club First Award
James Brennan

A-Grade Women Award Winners

Best & Fairest
Brooke May

Runner Up Best & Fairest
Tiana Lush

Most Courageous
Mel Koster

Best Finals Player
Ebony Scanlan

Most Consistent
Ava Knuckey

Best Team Player
Sienna Chapman

B-Grade Men Award Winners

Best & Fairest
Matt Caire

Runner Up Best & Fairest
James Hackett

Most Consistent
David Kearsley

Emerging Talent
Coby Hibbert

Most Improved
Toby Russell

Most Determined
Matt Size

C-Grade Men Award Winners

Best & Fairest
Ben Hudson

Best & Fairest
Bailey Richman

Most Improved
Chris Jordan

Emerging Star
Hussan Mahfoud

Best Team Man
Dan Crisa

Most Consistent
Brad Scott



Junior Football Director's Report

2015 was one of the best seasons we have had since I started in this job. 5 of our junior teams made finals with 2 going through to the grand final.

Our under 17.5's started training in early January under new coach Jamie Dunncliff and assistant coaches Nick Conway and Michael Haslam. The group guided the boys to a grand final only to lose by 4 points. This group improved out of sight with a game plan similar to our A grade with half the team staying down I am sure they will keep up with the standards set this season.

The under 17 girls led by Leigh Pedrick and his able body of assistants Brad Stockman and Dave Hodgson also made finals only to go out in the 1st semi final. This team improved week after week and shows great signs for the coming season.

The under 15 boys had a Saturday and Sunday team totalling 52 boys under new coach Jay Holland for Saturday games and Matt Hall for Sundays. Both were supported by assistant coaches Paul Knott, Darren Tarca and Wade Stone. The Sunday team made it to the first week of the finals. The Saturday team made it the preliminary finals to just go down.

The under 14 girls started the season under Bella Nicholls first year coach and assistant coaches Sasha Nancarrow and Emma Hayhurst. They only had 6 players to start with and had to forfeit a couple of games due to not having 12 players but as the season went on our numbers improved like their football did. We finished the season with 16 players which makes a team with no reserves.

Our under 13 boys started the season under new coach Justin Mahomet and assistants Nick Byrne and Paul McDonnell. We started with 27 boys and this grew to 33 by the middle of the season, which came with its own set of challenges. The team played great football to finish top of the table. They played really well in the finals to go straight through to the grand final. The boys grand final was super as they held the opposition team to 4 points winning by 55 points.

I would like to conclude this report by thanking all the parents for ensuring all players got to all trainings and games. Also thank you to all that volunteered on the canteen and BBQ as this helps by keeping our subs down. A special thank you to all the team managers and runners who work without reward to keep our teams on the park. A thank you also to our trainers for being at every game and trainings.

Darrell Graham – Junior Football Director

2025 Junior Award Winners

Under 17.5's Award Winners

Best & Fairest
Fraser Knuckey

Runner Up Best & Fairest
Peter Robjohns

Most Courageous
Callan Coats

Best First Year Player
Aidan Collyer

Players Player
Tyce Lush

Coaches trophy
Cameron Brown

Under 17 Award Winners

Best & Fairest
Alyssa Marlow

Runner Up Best & Fairest
Angela Rose

Rising Star
Tayla Stockman

Most Courageous
Emma Jeffries

Players MVP
Kyah Smith

Team Spirit Award
Zoe Hodgson

Saturday Under 15 Award Winners

Best & Fairest
Macklin Brook

Runner Up Best & Fairest
Harper Holland

Most Courageous
Ollie Firgaira

Leading Goal Kicker
Kade Hatton

Rising Star
Lachie Harman

Coaches Award
Jett Thomas

Sunday Under 15 Award Winners

Best & Fairest
Leo Tarca

Runner Up Best & Fairest
Dante Ung

Coaches Award
Jack Gloyn

Most Improved
Nathan Marsland

Most Determined
Hunter Jordan

Most Consistent
Lewis Collyer

Under 14 Award Winners

Best & Fairest

Lily Ritson

Runner Up Best & Fairest

Maddie Bye

Leading Goal Kicker

Claire Abbott

Rising Star

Lucy Ratzmer

Most Courageous

Alice O'Neill

Team Spirit Award

Maggie Shepherd

Craig Bunworth

Under 17.5 Clubman Trophy

Jack Destino

Michael Haslam

Under 13 Clubman Trophy

Abel Couldwell

Saturday Under 13 Award Winners

Best & Fairest

Lewis McDonnell and Cooper Murray

Best Team Man

Max Kelly

Leading Goal Kicker

Lincoln Pastro

Coaches Award

Luke Prosser

Most Improved

Billy Kirkman

Wade Stone

Under 15 Clubman Trophy

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Sub-Junior Football Director's Report

Overview

The 2025 season was another strong and successful year for the FHFC Sub Junior program. Across all age groups, participation remained high, retention was outstanding, and the enthusiasm from players, families, and volunteers continued to build a positive football environment.

This report provides a summary of team numbers, player movements, key achievements, and challenges faced throughout the year.

Team and Player Summary

Under 7s

- 3 teams – Coached by Aaron, Leigh and Brett
- Team sizes: 13, 13, and 12 players

Under 9s

- 3 teams – Coached by Tom and Chris, Matt and Andrew
- Team sizes: 17, 16, and 16 players

Under 11 Boys

- 2 teams – Coached by Lee, Matt, Ash and Doug
- Team sizes: 22 and 20 players

Under 11 Girls

- 2 teams – Coached by Damien and Dan/Lincoln
- Team sizes: 11 and 10 players

This was a total of 150 players across 10 teams, of these players 24 of them were female which is a big jump from the previous year.

Player Movement for 2026

- **18 Under 11 Boys** and **6 Under 11 Girls** will progress into the Junior competition.
- In addition, **9 girls born in 2015** will have the option to play either Under 11s or Under 14s next year.

Highlights of the 2025 Season

Exceptional Player Retention

One of the standout achievements of the year was the outstanding retention across the younger age groups. From the 2024 Under 7 and Under 9 programs, spanning five teams, we lost only **four players**. This is an exceptional result and reflects the strength of our coaching, culture, and family engagement.

Strong Transition from Auskick

We were thrilled to see a significant number of 2024 Auskickers transition into our Under 7s. This strong pathway connection continues to support growth and ensures a healthy future for our junior programs.

Coaching Development Support

This year, our coaching team made excellent use of the SANFL Coach Coordinator for the West Adelaide Region, Adam Hooper. His guidance and development support were valuable additions to our program and helped strengthen the skills and confidence of our coaching group.

Challenges and Operational Notes

Parent and Volunteer Engagement

As with every season, encouraging families to assist with canteen and BBQ duties remained a challenge. However, our dedicated Team Managers (Lisa, Jess, Ali, Amalie, Gabi, Gill, Brooke, Bec, Sam and Sara) worked tirelessly to coordinate rosters, follow up families, and ensure shifts were covered. Their efforts are greatly appreciated and were crucial to keeping game days running smoothly.

League Fixture Issues

The league's fixture challenges carried over into 2025. For the first half of the season, fixtures were often provided only a week or two at a time, making planning difficult for families and volunteers. We hope to see improvement in scheduling consistency in 2026.

Closing Remarks

The 2025 season was filled with growth, enthusiasm, and impressive commitment across players, coaches, team managers, and families. Thank you to everyone who contributed to another successful year for the FHFC Sub Junior program. We look forward to continuing this momentum into 2026.

Shannon O'Malley

Sub-Junior Coordinator



Auskick Report

Pete and I enjoyed our first season as AUSKICK coordinators for FHFC in season 2025. Moving from senior men's football to this age group seemed a great idea to start with! Throw in we were following in the footsteps of Leigh O'Malley who had just won about every community football award in the state, and I was going to be overseas for the entire first term. We were sure we would navigate the program and through two terms, 119 total registrations, with 67 completing term 2 and 52 completing term 3! Pete was front of house doing the Friday nights with me managing the admin from all around Europe, all to various levels of success. Term 3 commenced with us both on the oval and we enjoyed supporting each other.

Thank you to **Pools of Class** for sponsoring our AUSKICK program this year and for several years, Craig and Natalie Bunworth, who have two sons who are now representing our club at senior level having come through our junior programs. We are very fortunate to have such generous support.

Pete and I have reviewed the program, we are both happy with how it went, we sincerely hope your child's experience was one of fun, enjoyment, and some learnings. If we need to do better from your experience, please feel happy to drop us an email. It's not about turning these young people into footballers, it's all about having fun and being introduced to a few basics.

We added a new level of preparation to have stations ready to go, station numbers for ease of understanding and flow. We feel this provided great time efficiencies. We are very grateful for any parent or carers support each Friday night, if you want to be involved next year, just let us know. A big thankyou to Craig and Nat Bunworth, Jack Desteno, Matthew Size, Lenny Lendrum, Pete McMaster, Declan and Rebecca Couldwell, as our mainstay support staff, we had a sprinkling of senior men and women help out throughout the year.

Peter and I were lucky enough to win the NAB AFL Auskick Co-ordinator of the Year, West Adelaide – Metro 2025 which was great recognition from our SANFL partners West Adelaide, both Cail Harris and Lachlan Rees are great supporters of FHFC and we hope to build on that relationship in 2026 with some league players attending our Auskick nights.

It all starts from AUSKICK or tiny tots into subbies and then junior football. FHFC will again run these programs in 2026, please keep a lookout on our socials and we will be again sending out flyers to the primary schools early into the new year.

Warm regards

Graham TOMKINS

FHFC Club History

- 1963** Club Started as Brighton Methodist Football Club
- 1967** 1st Premiership – A1 Res EJ Thomas Memorial Trophy
- 1974** A Grade Premiership Div 2
- 1975** Moved from Mitchell Park to Mawson High School
- 1977** Changed name to Brighton Tigers, omitting 'Methodist'
- 1978** Changed from Uniting Church to Glenelg South Football Association
- 1979** Changed name and incorporated as Flagstaff Hill Football Club
- 1981** First year on Flagstaff Oval
Clubrooms opened by Mayor Geoff Simpson
- 1982** First year with 3 sides
- 1983** Introduction of under 16's side
- 1984** Introduction of under 18's side
- 1985** Changed Association to Southern Football League
Changed uniforms to red & blue (Norwood)
Introduction of under 14's side
A & B Grade Sides both undefeated premiers
Highest A grade score – 65.30 to 2.0, an Australian record
- 1986** Promoted to A1 Division – finishing 6th
C Grade Premiers
- 1987** A Grade missed out on Grand Final by 6 points in only their 2nd year in Div 1
- 1991** Introduction of under 13's side
- 1994** Changed from 'Bushpigs' to 'Falcons'
- 1995** Clubroom expansion and renovations
- 1996** Clubrooms reopened
- 2000** First junior premiership (under 14's)
- 2003** Under 14's – Undefeated Premiers Div 1

- 2004** Under 14's – Premiers Div 1 – Back to Back
- 2005** New oval lights unveiled
- 2006** New oval drainage system completed
Under 18's play in Grand Final – runners up
Upgrade to home changerooms by players and club supporters
- 2007** First ever Under 16 Premiership
C Grade Premiers – 1st Senior premiership in 21 years
Year 6/7 team won Sub-Junior lightening carnival
Audio Visual System installed – initiated through FHFC grants and sponsorship
- 2008** Under 14 Premiership
Past player Adam Cooney won AFL Brownlow Medal playing for Western Bulldogs
- 2009** Wade Stone breaks the FHFC record for most number of Senior games played for the club
Under 14 and Under 16 Sunday teams introduced for the first time
Both teams played in finals
Under 18's played in Grand Final – runners up
Gym constructed for use by club members through donations and grant payments
- 2010** Gym and Strengthening Centre officially opened for use by club members
Under 14's played in Grand Final – runners up
Under 16's Premiership
- 2011** Awarded SFL Champion Club of the Year
Under 16's Premiership
All 5 Saturday teams played in Preliminary Final
- 2012** Erection of new AFL standard goal posts
All 8 teams made finals, 5 of which made the Preliminary Finals
U18s Premiership
U16s miss out on Premiership by just 2 points
B Grade played in Grand Final - runners up
- 2013** 5 Saturday teams made the Finals - Won 2 out of a possible 3
Sub-Junior Carnivals
U18s Premiership back-to-back
B Grade Premiership

- 2014** 7 teams made the Finals
Wade Stone played his 400th game
B Grade played in Grand Final – runners up
- 2015** 5 Saturday teams made the Finals
3 Sunday teams made the Finals - 2 teams played in Grand Finals
U14s won Premiership
- 2016** EVERY team made the Finals
Sunday U14s Premiership
C Grade Premiership
U14s Premiership
A Grade Premiership – the 1st Div 1 win for the As
SFL Champion Club of the Year
Most successful year to date
- 2017** First Womens team for FHFC
Sunday U15s Premiership
Women’s Open grade win inaugural premiership
U15s Premiership
A Grade Premiership - back to back
SFL Champion Club of the Year - back to back
- 2018** C Grade Premiership
U15s Premiership
B Grade Premiership
A Grade Premiership – 3 in a row
SFL Champion Club of the Year – 3rd consecutive year
- 2019** New Electronic Scoreboard Erected
Fielded 3 teams in SFLW for first time
Under 14 SANFL Division 4 Premiership
Under 16's Girls SFLW Premiership
Under 13's Premiership - Undefeated Season
A-Grade Premiership - 4-Peat
SFL Champion Club of the Year - 4th consecutive year

2020 New Opposition Coaches Box Erected
COVID-19 Affected Season - Adjusted to 9 Rounds + Finals (start July 20)
Under 17.5 SFL Premiership
B-Grade SFL Premiership - Undefeated Season
A-Grade SFLW Premiership
A-Grade SFL Premiership - 5 Peat - Undefeated Season

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

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

2023 Inaugural Tiny Tots program
Record Auskick registrations
Six teams in the grand final
Emily Brockhurst and Matt Caire win SFL Best and Fairest
Sam Jacobs, Emily Brockhurst and Jake Bunworth are SFL leading goalkickers
Under 12 red winners of Alan Griffin Lightening Carnival Sheild
A-Grade SFL Premiership
B-Grade SFL Premiership

2024 Record numbers for Auskick
David Kearsley reaches 300 A grade games
5 teams reach grand final (Sunday and Saturday U13, B Grade, A grade Men and Women)
Harper Holland – Under 13 SFL medallist

Jess Couch – Leading A Grade Women Goal kicker

Under 13 Premiership

B Grade Premiership – Back to Back premiers – Josh Faizal wins best on ground

Leigh O'Malley wins South Australian Auskick Coordinator of the Year

2025

Record numbers for our sub-junior program

9 Teams to make finals (only 10 teams eligible for finals)

3 teams reach grand final (Under 13, Under 17.5's and A Grade Women)

Jess Couch – Leading A Grade Women Goal kicker

A Grade Womens's Premiership – Best on Ground Tiana Lush

Under 13 Premiership – Best on Ground Lewis McDonnell

Declan Couldwell wins SFL Volunteer of the Year

FHFC Life Members

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

FHFC Games Records

Most Seasons Played		Most Senior Games		Most Club Games	
Wade Stone	38	Wade Stone	496	Wade Stone	523
Darryl Rowe	30	Daniel Crisa	385	David Kearsley	428
Leigh O'Malley	26	Leigh O'Malley	347	Leigh O'Malley	415
Saul Abbott	25	Darryl Rowe	336	Daniel Crisa	385
David Kearsley	24	David Kearsley	334	Angus Fisher	357
Doug Degenhardt	24	Doug Degenhardt	326	Saul Abbott	353
Daniel Butcher	22	Saul Abbott	321	Darryl Rowe	336
Daniel Crisa	22	Andrew Heatley	319	Andrew Heatley	333
Paul Petrov	22	Paul Petrov	304	Craig Langcake	326
Andrew Heatley	21	Craig Bradley	268	Doug Degenhardt	326

Association Life Members

M Fletcher (SFL)

DA Smith (SFL)

C Bradley (SFL)

W Stone (SFL)

D Kearsley (SFL)

P McMaster (SFL)

S Gater (SFL)

S Dempsey (SFL)

D Butcher (SFL)

S Smith (SFL)

M Shearer (SFL)

B Kirk (SFL)

B Heyward-Ferors (SFL)

B Patterson (SFL)

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