

TTGDFC Juniors 2023

End of Season Report

September
2023



TTGDFC Juniors - Goal Posts

- ▶ Create a positive, enjoyable and supportive culture
- ▶ Nurture growth, encourage participation and always have FUN..

PROUD TO BE A WOLF

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Junior Committee

- President . . . Nicole Ridgway
- Secretary . . . Cazz Allen
- Treasurer . . . Paul Rucioch
- Football Director . . . Gavin Turner
- Registrar . . . Emma Moore
- Football Manager U11-17.5 . . . Matt Gunston
- Football Manager Auskick-10 . . . Michael Turner
- Football Manager Girls . . . Rachel Brown
- Merchandise Manager . . . Vacant
- Fundraising Manager . . . Chauntelle Cullen
- Equipment Manager . . . Scott Mansfield
- Medal Votes Coordinator . . . Carla Forbes
- Coach Development Manager . . . Matt Gunston
- Food and Beverage Manager . . . Sean Norris
- General . . . Mark Thorp

TTGDFC JUNIOR COMMITTEE REPORT

Season 2023 was another successful year for the Tea Tree Gully Junior Football Club and this was helped with the generous time given by our Junior Committee members & parent/player members across the season.

Major Highlights

- Fielded 31 junior teams from U7's through to U17.5, of this 7 girls teams, with grades U9 through to U17.5
- 90+ volunteer Coaches, Assistant Coaches & Team Managers
- Game Day Officials across 14 rounds (First Aid, Ground Marshall, Goal Umpire, Boundary Umpire, Siren & Scoreboard)
- 140+ BBQ Volunteers across 14 rounds (both Friday and Sunday)
- 70+ Auskick participants

Pre-Season

The work doesn't stop when the football season ends. The off-season is used to review the season that was & plan for the upcoming year. The Football Operations team, comprising of Gavin, Matt, Michael and Rachael, use this time to recruit and appoint coaches, arrange ovals and communicate with coaching staff as to how the preseason and in season program will run. Further to this, trial games are secured and Carnivals are planned. This work continues right through until the start of the new season in April.

Key Dates

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| • 1 November | Registrations open and teams start to come to fruition. This is one of the busiest periods for our Registrar, Emma, which doesn't ease up until registrations are finalised and transfers/permits are completed. |
| • November & December | Recruitment and appointment of coaches commence, in addition to reparation of training schedules and team communication. |
| • January - March | Preseason training commences across hired ovals around the district. |
| • 1 April | Keys to the Clubrooms with season kick off in April |

Events & Workshops

Outside of the Junior football program, the Committee organise events and workshops to provide a variety of experiences for our members and this wouldn't be possible without the work of Fundraising Manager, Chauntelle.

- SANFL Umpiring program (new in season 2023)
- Auskick Program
- Dawson O'Brien Cup
- Under 9 Carnival
- Auskick Carnival
- Norwood FC Training Night
- Workshops including SAPOL Road Safety, SANFL Tackle Your Feelings, Coach Workshop (new in season 2023)
- Junior Disco
- First Nations Round (new in season 2023)
- Community Round
- Sammy D Round
- Mothers Day
- Presentation Day
- Meat Raffles
- Event Raffles
- Paint N Sip
- Volunteer Thank you Night
- Host of Final Games (neutral venue)

Equipment

Overseeing all of the equipment needs of the Junior Club is our Equipment Manager, Scott who uses this time to

- Collect and collate the returning of team bags
- Sort guernseys and make sure there are enough for the upcoming season
- Order new equipment inclusive of first aid items, water carriers, footballs and other equipment that enables teams to be ready for the season ahead.

Community Awards

Each season we are kindly provided with a range of vouchers from various local businesses and this season was no different. We were grateful to have the following businesses support the Juniors

- Cheesecake Shop Modbury
- Gelato Bello Glynde
- SportsPower Golden Grove
- Good to Go St Agnes
- Pizza Bite Redwood Park
- Fasta Pasta Golden Grove
- The Pickled Duck

A big thank you to all of these great local businesses for the support.

Auskick

Another fantastic year for the Tea Tree Gully FC Auskick Centre with 70+ participants. This has been a consistent number for the past 5 seasons and reflects how well the team delivers this program.

The start of the season saw the excitement and enthusiasm at a high and this seemed to continue right through to the final week. Smiles were infectious, with all spectators, including myself, admiring the teamwork and pure love of the game that they were developing.

The 3 carnivals all had a fantastic turnout and gave the players an opportunity to play as a Gullies team against our close rivals in Modbury and Golden Grove. Thanks again to all the great helpers amongst the parent group and beyond which included team coaches, drill coaches and umpires for any games that we undertook during our weekly sessions. A BIG thanks to Michael for all his help throughout the year, he ensured it was smooth sailing.

Improvement was clearly evident from week to week and by the end of the last session it looked like they had been playing for years. Thanks for a great season and it would be great to see everyone return to the Gullies next year. Hope to see you then!!

BBQ

The season wouldn't be the same without our famous BBQ and Sean went above and beyond once again to ensure the reputation of the TTG BBQ continued. As a major income source it continued to support the Junior program in 2023, whilst playing an important role in bringing our families together. As much as cooking or serving on the BBQ can be a daunting initial experience, volunteering has fantastic outcomes, including getting to know each other's families, whilst having a chat and a laugh, and also lending a hand and contributing to the success of the Club. We not only thank Sean for all his hard work this season, but thank all families that jumped in on one or more occasions to cook a snag or two.

Medal Count Night

A key date in the calendar for our premiership grades (U12-U17.5) is the Best and Fairest Medal Count Night held at the conclusion of round 14. To make this night a success the votes need to be collected and monitored throughout the season. Overseeing the management of this is Carla, who meticulously ensures all votes from each round are accounted for, safely maintaining the process and following up missing votes across the season ready for this most important night.

Presentation Day

Couldn't have asked for better weather and what a day to celebrate what was season 2023 ! Delivering 31 team trophies, milestone acknowledgements and official gifts, along with carnival rides, raffles and the famous Gelato Bello gelati, the day went off without a hitch. The BBQ was heaving all day long and it was great to see everyone enjoying the wonderful atmosphere and sunshine. A massive thank you goes to the Junior Committee for once again, pulling together a fantastic day. This is months in preparation and without all hands on deck it just wouldn't be possible.. Thank you ALL !!

A huge thank you goes to each and everyone of you for making this club great! The commitment, loyalty and willingness to ensure everyone enjoys their time during footy season is commendable and you all make the Gullies as successful as it is.

Thank You
TTGDFC Junior Committee

From the President

Season 2023 was another huge and successful year for the Junior FC. With all the trials, tribulations and success across the year, the Junior Committee once again, smashed it out of the park. Their dedication and commitment to the Club is unwavering and thank you is nowhere near enough of an acknowledgement for the countless hours put in by all. From organising training sessions, ordering equipment & merchandise to hosting events, preparing the accounts, taking the minutes, communicating with all members, ensuring each player was supported and ready for an amazing season of Football and then wrapping it all up with a fantastic Presentation Day, all of this doesn't happen over night.

To the Junior Executive Team, Cazz, Gavin & Paul.. Thank you ! You each bring a variety of skills, thinking, knowledge and understanding that has facilitated great conversation and complemented each other. The support you have all provided to not only the President role, but to all roles and members is commendable. Positioning the Junior Club as a leader in the football space and setting a benchmark for best practice, has not been possible without the collective effort and I have enjoyed breaking new ground with the various initiatives put in place this season.

To our Football Operations team, Gavin, Rachel, Matt and Michael...Your continued investment in the football program both at the Club and Association level is impressive and the knowledge and diligence you all bring to the roles and the team is invaluable. It's not a 'one size fits all' approach and this is seen in the holistic way, each of you apply changes and maintain consistency in the Junior Football program. Whilst at times the on-field and off-field behaviour of the Junior club comes into question, the thorough and diplomatic handling of these issues is commendable. Being proactive in this space and approachable, supports the team's endeavors to resolve and ensure best practices are at the forefront of everyone's actions & decisions. My appreciation and gratitude is not nearly enough for the work put in and the challenges faced, so thank you all so much.

Lastly, to our players, parents, caregivers & supporters, I thank you immensely for the way in which you represent the Tea Tree Gully District Football Club on each and every occasion, and for the help offered and provided across the season. This support goes a long way in ensuring the Club remains a great community and family environment. Would also like to thank the Senior Committee and the Sportsman's Club Committee for the continued support provided throughout the year for the Junior Football program. Together this makes for an incredible football Club, who's success both on and off the field is shared across all members.

Go the Gullies!

Nicole Ridgway
President—TTGDFC Juniors

Club of the Year - 2023



Dawson O'Brien Cup - 2023



SANFL Junior
Umpire Training
Program - 2023

Thank You to our Supporters



SANFL Junior Umpire Program

Over the past couple of seasons we have recognised a large number of Gullies kids getting involved with umpiring. We recognise the key part umpires play in our game and the challenges our kids and other volunteers face when taking on umpiring Aussie Rules Footy. With that in mind we wanted to ensure as a club we provide and continue to build a positive, safe and respectful environment for all SANFL Juniors' umpires.

We believed a great way to do this was to connect more readily with SANFL Juniors and their umpiring department. An opportunity to invite the umpiring program to train at our club on Monday nights and utilise our facilities. enabled our own Gullies kids to get involved in umpiring at a place they know and is readily accessible. It also enabled us to showcase our club's support of umpires to the SANFL as well as the many umpires attending from surrounding clubs. Our training facility hosted umpires from a range of clubs in our area including Athelstone, Golden Grove, Broadview, Modbury and Hope Valley, and fast became the most attended umpire training venue across the whole SANFL Juniors competition.

We were blessed with great Umpire coaches this season and on behalf of the Tea Tree Gully District Football Club, we pass on our heartfelt thanks to Michael and Sarah Jolley for their leadership, knowledge and support for the umpires at our venue throughout the season. We also acknowledge and thank the SANFL Junior Umpiring Department & Jason Brown for providing the opportunity to partner with. We look forward to continuing to offer a beneficial and fantastic program such as this.

We know at times not everyone behaves appropriately both on and off the field, but as a Club we aim to continue to influence positive change in this space, to provide a safe environment for umpires to develop and grow in this great rewarding sport.

We appreciate and support all Umpires and take this opportunity to give a massive shout out of thanks and well done to all, who took to the field this season.



TTGDFC JUNIOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Team Achievements

Out of the 14 teams that were eligible to play finals this year, we had 10 teams participate in the finals series. This is an amazing achievement and a credit to the development of our teams and our junior football program.

Congratulations to our U14 Red Boys, U15 Black Girls and U17.5 Girls teams who brought home the premiership flag.

Unfortunately the U16 Boys Red team, who also made it to the Grand Final, was defeated by Port Districts in the Division 1 competition. It's a commendable achievement to make it to the big dance and one that not all teams achieve. So congratulations

Individual Achievement Acknowledgments

Congratulations to the following players who placed in the top three for Association medals in their divisions for 2023

Jackob Westley - U13 Red Div 1

Mia Wood - U13 Red Girls Div 1

Lillian Thomas - U15 Red Girls - Div 1

Luke Porter - U15 Black Boys - Div 4

Ryan Hoare - U16 Red Boys Div 1

Kyah Jaffer - U17.5 Girls Div 4

Charli Hazelhurst - U17.5 Girls Div 4

2023 Association medal winners - top 3



Junior Player Volunteer of the Year Award

The Player Volunteer of the Year Award was introduced in season 2022 and acknowledges a Junior Club Player, who not only commits to training and playing the game of football to the best of their abilities and in the spirit of the game, but who also goes above and beyond this commitment and volunteers their time to assist and support some of the strategic programs that the Junior Football Club offers plus various other duties and tasks that are necessary for a smooth and seamless game day setup.

Some of these programs include Auskick, which is a vital key in steering new and interested players into the Junior Club and competition, whilst providing a fun and enjoyable football experience for participants.

The Junior Umpiring program, which is relatively new and supports the SANFL Junior Umpires' along with the Junior Club, to offer opportunities to acquire umpiring skills through a supportive and enjoyable experience at a level that isn't too daunting.

Duties and tasks around the Club include - Game day oval setup, Club setup, team & training assistance, BBQ duties and just general all rounder support across the season.

In saying all this, we are proud to award the perpetual trophy for the Player Volunteer of the Year and present this to a player that has provided outstanding voluntary service to the Junior Club across season 2023.

Player Volunteer of the Year Award for season 2023 was awarded to Brandon Formosa

Brandon has exemplified the meaning of a junior volunteer this season, through his commitment to helping across the Football Club both on Junior and Senior days. From assisting in the BBQ and willing to lend a hand to helping Committee members across the weekends. Brandon's help has been vital in ensuring operations run smoothly and the Junior Committee is extremely thankful.

Congratulations to Brandon Formosa on this award.



Junior Player Volunteer of Year 2023 - Brandon Formosa.
pictured with Football Director - Gavin Turner and Junior President - Nicole Ridgway

Non-Committee Volunteer of the Year Award

As a part of the Junior Committee Strategic Planning process, it was identified and agreed that we incorporate an award that acknowledges a Non-Committee Volunteer, who goes above and beyond with their commitment to the club, volunteering their time to assist and support the strategic programs and initiatives and provide support for the smooth running of the club.

Some of these programs and initiatives include assisting with game day roles and responsibilities, taking some of the workload off of the Junior committee by taking on tasks or roles, attending and promoting TTGDFC and SANFL Junior seminars and programs, such as 'Learning Life Through Sport', 'SAPOL Young Driver Education', 'Sammy D Foundation', 'Mental Health Awareness', 'Professional Development and Coaching Fundamentals', 'Junior to Senior Development Pathway', 'Coach and Team Manager meetings', 'Coach and Team Manager Appreciation Evening', assisting with BBQ duties and team functions, all of which is vital to building and fostering a great club culture for our members and in particular our kids.

In saying all this, we are proud to introduce the inaugural perpetual trophy for the Non-Committee Volunteer of the Year and present this to an individual that has provided outstanding voluntary service to the Junior Club across season 2023.

The inaugural Non-Committee Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Carla Forbes.

Carla has exemplified the meaning of a junior volunteer this season, taking on the newly created TTGDFC Best and Fairest Coordinator, collating, checking for accuracy and completeness of vote slips for the clubs 14 Premiership aged teams. This is a thankless task that is essential to the smooth running of our Best and Fairest Count night and identifying the trophy winners.

This was in addition to her commitment as the Team Manager of the premiership winning Under 15 Black Girls team. Carla not only ensured her team and parents received the best support with thorough planning, organisation and communication but her passion and enthusiasm throughout the season, in particular throughout the finals series was infectious and promoted a fun and enjoyable football experience for the team.



Non-Committee Volunteer of Year 2023 - Carla Forbes.
pictured with Football Director - Gavin Turner and Junior President - Nicole Ridgway

Coach of the Year Award

As a part of the Junior Committee Strategic Planning process, it was identified and agreed that we incorporate an award that acknowledges a Junior Coach, who not only commits to training and coaching the game of football to the best of their abilities and in the spirit of the game, but who also goes above and beyond this commitment and volunteers their time to assist and support some of the strategic programs and initiatives that the Junior Football Club offers.

Some of these programs and initiatives include talent identification with promoting players into the seniors program and SANFL development squads, attending and promoting TTGDFC and SANFL Junior seminars and programs, such as 'Learning Life Through Sport', 'SAPOL Young Driver Education', Sammy D Foundation', 'Mental Health Awareness', 'Professional Development and Coaching Fundamentals', 'Junior to Senior Development Pathway', 'Coach and Team Manager meetings', 'Coach and Team Manager Appreciation Evening', assisting with BBQ duties and team functions, all of which is vital to building and fostering a great club culture for our members and in particular our kids.

In saying all this, we are proud to introduce the inaugural perpetual trophy for the Junior Coach of the Year and present this to a Coach that has provided outstanding voluntary service to the Junior Club across season 2023.

The inaugural Junior Coach of the Year was awarded to Tim Almond.

Tim has exemplified the meaning of a junior volunteer this season, through his commitment as Coach of the U17.5 Girls team, ensuring the team received the best training, support and game day preparation, which resulted in the team having a fantastic season going undefeated and winning the premiership. What made this premiership all the more impressive, was the amount of SANFL Junior competition change that Tim and the team had to encounter and deal with, including moving divisions multiple times, merging of U16 and U17.5 teams and having 10 underage players join the squad in preseason. Tim took all of these frustrations in his stride, accepted all changes, ensured he, his support staff and his players attended all the seminars and educationals and got on with the task ahead of developing the players into great young ladies and players whilst providing a fun and enjoyable football experience for the team.



Junior Coach of the Year 2023 - Tim Almond.
pictured with Football Director - Gavin Turner and Junior President - Nicole Ridgway

Steve Carson Encouragement Award

This award honours the memory of Steve Carson who contributed a great deal to both the Tea Tree Gully District Football Club and Cricket Club during the 1970s and 80s representing both clubs as a player, coach and administrator.

Steve also played league football for West Torrens before moving to the district with his wife Sheryl in the early 1970s. He played many Senior A grade games for the club before retiring and coaching Seniors and Juniors at the Gullies. He also served as a committee member for many years in both the football and cricket clubs.

Steve epitomised what a club man was all about, he spent many hours volunteering his time to make our club great. Steve would be very proud of what it has become.

Unfortunately, Steve battled cancer for a number of years and like too many others, passed away before his time.

To honour his memory, we award this trophy in every grade from U10 to U17.5 to a special player who may not necessarily be the best player, but one who has worked very hard at achieving their best.

Chad Hancock Medallist

The Chad Hancock Medal is awarded to the best player for any Tea Tree Gully District Football Club team that plays in a Grand Final. The medal is in honour of Chad Hancock who represented Tea Tree Gully in 46 junior games and 83 senior games in which he played and was best on ground in three premierships for the club in 1999, 2000 and 2001.

Chad was unfortunately diagnosed with cancer in 2000 but continued to represent the club playing until 2002. He then became a Team Manager, whilst going through his courageous fight against his illness.

In 2004, at the age of 22, Chad's brave and inspirational four-year battle against cancer ended, leaving a lasting impression on the football club. In 2005, the Chad Hancock Cancer Foundation was established in Chad's memory to help young adults battling cancer and with much help from the Tea Tree Gully District Football Club has raised many hundreds of thousands of dollars for the cause.

If you would like to donate to this cause please check out the following link > www.chadhancockfoundation.org

Congratulations to our Season 2023 Chad Hancock Medal Recipients:

U14 Red Boys - William Chambers, U15 Black Girls - Isla Wigzell, U16 Red Boys - Micah Kretschmer & U17.5 Girls - Charlie Hazelhurst

TTGDFC JUNIOR TEAM REPORTS

Non-Premiership Teams 2023

U7 Red, U7 Black, U7 White
U8 Red, U8 Black, U8 White
U9 Girls
U9 Boys Red, U9 Boys Black, U9 Boys White
U10 Boys Red, U10 Boys Black, U10 Boys White
U11 Girls Red
U11 Boys Red, U11 Boys Black

Premiership Teams 2023

U12 Boys Red
U13 Girls Red, U13 Girls Black
U13 Boys Red, U13 Boys Black
U14 Boys Red, U14 Boys Black
U15 Girls Red, U15 Girls Black
U15 Boys Red, U15 Boys Black
U16 Boys Red, U16 Boys Black
U17.5 Girls
U17.5 Boys

Under 7 Reds

The year started with 12 energetic, fresh faced young lads who couldn't get enough of the great game of AFL.

We had our ups and downs throughout the year but always wound up singing the gullies song loud and proud after every game. Every player had great moments that the team, parents and coach absolutely loved. The team bonded so well and had some amazing passages of play going from end to end without the ball touching the ground on numerous occasions.

I would like to thank all the amazing parents for helping out in every way possible. The Tea Tree Gully football club for having some of the best facilities and allowing these awesome lads a chance to enjoy the game they love.

Lastly the team for always putting a smile on my face at training and on game day you are a great bunch of lads who listened and learned amazingly from the get go. Go gullies

Coach Locky





U7 Black 2023 Report -

- The first season for all of our players. As the season went on it was clear to see the growth & development in all our players skill, sportsmanship & teamwork. Their confidence within themselves & of their team mates grew with each game & their friendships strengthened. It was a great season, that should be celebrated by each individual on the team.
- Thank you to all the parents who volunteered each week to fill the roles to make the season possible.



TTGFC UNDER 7 WHITE!

- Our 2023 season started with 12 random under 7 boys coming together for the first time. These boys ran out for their first training with a surge of excitement and a variety of AFL club colours. These colours very quickly turned into a sea of Red and Black as our boys embraced the club and their team mates. The comradery between them was instant and wonderful for all the parents to watch. The club chant was learnt at a record pace and our team loved nothing more than celebrating each game with a huge chant arms wrapped around each other.
- The season flew by with many achievements and milestones. Silently (or not so silently) calculated wins, goals celebrated with enthusiastic high fives and more importantly team spirit developed with heart as our players wanted to share the opportunity for a goal with each other. Deliberate hand balls and kicks to each other to share the ball around were a constant scene on the field which filled us all with pride.
- This season saw many families volunteer to help regularly, whether it was to wear a colored vest, wave some white flags or flip some snags on the BBQ. Social sport is not possible without the dedication of loving parents to volunteer their time and heart. We genuinely thank each parent who helped our team this season and thank the siblings who were out at trainings and games without complaining so that these boys could play and the Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and family friends who came to cheer us on and fill the boys hearts with pride.

Congratulations Eli #1 12 games, Jack #2 10 games, Jalen #3 12 games, Rory #4 12 games, Archie W #5 11 games, Archer #6 11 games, Joey #7 12 games, Khylo #10 12 games, D'Angelo #11 12 games, Josh #13 12 games, Mason #17 11 games and Archie N #22 10 games.

What a team, Go Gullies!

Coach Harry & TM Ash

U7W First game together & Last game for the 2023 season!



TTGJDFC UNDER 8 RED TEAM REPORT

SEASON 2023 HAS FINISHED, AND ANOTHER VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THIS GROUP. WE WELCOMED TWO NEW PLAYERS INTO THE TEAM, WITH ARCHER AND DUSTY JOINING US ON THE FIELD.

A 14 GAME SEASON WAS PLAYED THIS YEAR, WITH A MAJORITY OF OUR HOME GAMES BEING PLAYED ON FRIDAY NIGHTS, WHICH ARE ALWAYS SPECIAL. IT WAS GREAT TO SEE AN IMPROVEMENT IN SKILLS SHOWN BY THESE YOUNG LADS, AND WITH TIM AND DYLAN INTRODUCING SOME ADDED GAME DAY PLANS INTO TRAINING, THE LAST TWO GAMES OF THE SEASON REALLY SHOWED SOME FANTASTIC TEAM PLAY, WITH THE BOYS REALLY SHARING THE BALL AROUND AND FINDING TEAM MATES WITH THEIR KICKS.

AS WITH LAST YEAR, A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE GAME DAY PARENTS AND SIBLINGS THAT HELPED OUT WITH GROUND MARSHALL AND GOAL UMPIRE DUTIES. YOUR HELP WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED. GOOD SUPPORT FROM THE PARENTS AS WELL, FOR OUR BBQ ROSTERED DAYS. THANKS AGAIN.

THANKS TO THE COACHES, DYLAN & TIM, WHO HAVE GUIDED THIS TEAM THROUGH THEIR SECOND SEASON, AND THEY ARE BOTH KEEN TO CONTINUE NEXT YEAR, WITH THIS YOUNG GROUP.

THANKS TO THE TTGJDFC JUNIOR COMMITTEE, WHOSE EFFORTS HELP MAKE ALL THIS POSSIBLE.

DYLAN BROWN: COACH

TIM PERMAN: COACH

DAVE STEWART: TEAM MANAGER



Under 8 Black Season Report -

For the start of the 2023 season we welcomed Max, Harrison, Hunter, Riley and William to the team.

Our team was complete and we were ready to go.

The first carnival was filled with injuries; boot to the face, stepped on hand and a ball to the face, but that didn't stop the kids for Round One going their hardest and playing their absolute best.

We have had a great season, and even Kai breaking his elbow (unrelated to football) didn't stop him coming out to cheer on his team from the sidelines. Riley also broke his ankle and was ready and rearing to go back at training and games as soon as he was able.

The team worked on communication, spreading out, staying on their players and listening during breaks.

We would like to thank all our wonderful parent's for their enthusiastic support and helping out each weekend.

Coach - Matt

Team Manager - Teegan



U8 White

Our boys, although young and some brand new to the sport, really helped and encouraged each other to improve their skills and really gel together. Although there were signs of some more stronger players than others, and the passion was of varied sort, all the boys still clicked very early on and always cheered each other on.

We made it a priority throughout the season to have fair play. Even turns of rotation on and off the field throughout the game and also rotations of back, mid and front games of play. This way the boys could develop all of their skills across the entire field. And everyone avoided wanting to play certain areas of the field, which tells me, they enjoyed playing everywhere.

Every game is different, every opposition is different, every field position is different so this allows maximum growth and skill development opportunities.

The overall interaction from the parents was really valuable. Everyone was there to assist and help in ways they could. Everyone was positive towards not only our team and players, but from the field, I always heard our parent group clap and cheer on the opposition players for good ball work, skills and goal kicking. This was definitely a continuous proud moment of the environment we had created.

I had so much fun coaching the boys again this year and look forward to season 2024

Coach Russell

Under 9 Girls 2023 Team & Season Report (Coaches: Shannon and Linley Bertram)

Summary of season and team achievements

The TTG under 9 girls football team have had an amazing 2023 season of fun, growth and comradery. We had 5 of 12 players new to football this year but across the team, all girls have grown remarkably in skills, attitude, effort and respect. As coaches (and we are confident we can vouch for our parents, and supporters), we couldn't be prouder of the girls' achievements and the way they have represented the spirit of the game and the club.

Early in the season, we introduced a respect award to help the girls focus, particularly at training on respecting themselves, each other and the coaches; and on game day, respecting opposition players, coaches and umpires. The improved focus and effort at training was immediate and benefited all players. Their focus led to a real desire to improve and they were often proud to tell us how much they'd been practicing their kicks and proud to show us the results.

The growth in the girls' skills was quickly apparent in their gameplay and overall strength of the team. Their improvement in skills was recognised by many opposition coaches towards the end of the season, which made us super proud. Game days were always consistent and strong in effort, respect of other teams and respect of the rules. Even in the face of challenging opponents who tested the boundaries of the rules, our girls maintained their integrity and upheld the principles of good sportsmanship. This was the highlight of our season and what we were most proud of (along with the willingness to share the ball when

appropriate and include all team mates in the game). By the last game, all players had kicked at least one goal for the season!

As coaches, it's been immensely rewarding to witness the development of these young footballers and see their passion for the game grow. We're excited to see how they continue to progress and make their mark on the women's football world. To the under 9 girls football team, congratulations for a season well-played and a journey that's just beginning. Your dedication, teamwork, and fair play have made us immensely proud, and we're eager to see the continued success you'll achieve.

Thank you and acknowledgements

Thank you to our hugely supportive and dedicated families, always willing to help and super supportive and positive towards all players through the season. Special thank you to Emma Moore, our team manager who kept all of the admin, communication and parent rosters working smoothly so that we could focus on the team. Also thank you to Rachel Brown for her support as Junior Girls football manager, always keen to hear how the girls were going!



TTGDJFC U9 Red - 2023 Season Report

- With big shoes to fill taking over from Reece Forbes as Coach from previous years I took on coaching the TTGDJFC Under 9 Red Team. The team of little champions already had great foundation skills which made it easy to build upon. We embraced the SANFL's program learning life through sport and followed their 3 guidelines, Sportsmanship, Respect and Try Your Hardest.
- “Obviously”! we don't score in U9's but the boys dominated the season only losing one game to Walkerville and one close call with Golden Grove.
- The boys played well in all positions and towards the end of the season learnt that by looking inside for your teammates and passing the ball off and sharing it around they can all get more goals, rather than just blazing away from the pocket.
- Thank you to Melissa for organizing the team and Jules for stepping in when Melissa was managing the U13Red Team and thank you to all the parents who helped with Training, BBQ duties and warmups on gameday whilst I was perfecting the goals and field cone placements!
- We look forward to U10 Reds next year with no zones

Coach Gareth



Under 9 Black

- This season was very different for all involved with a new Team Manager - Chauntelle and a new Co-Coach - Lee. I was really looking forward to having Lee coach as I knew he would take the kids to the next level with their skills. He did not disappoint and the kids love him. We also welcomed 2 x new players to the club and our team - Logan and Isaac who both fit in perfectly from their very first session.
- The players showed amazing growth throughout 2023 with Lee really getting them playing some great football with exceptional team first attitudes and their newly learnt use of space and pace. There was some really good ball movement on display with our smaller in and under players getting the ball out to our running and skilled ball users making for some great transitional football.
- A huge shout out to all the kids for giving me the opportunity to coach you for the first couple of seasons in your football journeys. The joy I get when I see your love of footy and mates has made it all worth it. As I stepped right back for the last few weeks, I have no doubt your all in the right hands with Lee.

Thank you to Chauntelle for the amazing work as our Team Manager. We simply can't do it without you. Thank you to all the parents who every week help out with First Aid, GM and Goal umpiring. One of the best group of parents out there. I look forward to cheering from the Sidelines with you all next season.

Bulldog - Michael Turner



Under 9 White

Coach: Paul Kilvington

Team Manager: Rocco Papalia

What an enjoyable & fantastic season it was for TTG U/9 White.

We welcomed 2 new players this season with 10 returning from last year.

The first half of the season I really focused on teaching the skills of the game. The kids worked really hard & to their credit the skills improved quicker than I expected. We then switched to learning game plays. This took a bit of work as this was new to all players. Once again, they all listened & worked hard to understand what we were trying to achieve. With the skills & game plays combined this resulted in very competitive & enjoyable games to watch & be a part of. Well done boys.

A standout game came late in the season on a Friday night at Golden Grove. This was a nail biting game with skills & ball movement on show. All players were involved & invested. You could see all the hard work during the season come together. A game that started dry & finished wet I was so proud of the adjustment the players made with skills & ball movement never dropping away. Games were won & lost but regardless of the outcome each week, we sang the Club song loud & proud.

One of the most fun parts of the season was on our last training session. We played a game Dads vs kid. The Dads could only handball and the kids were able to use all their skills learnt this year. It was a brutal game with the dads coming off second best in this area. A seesawing match but fittingly the game finished a draw. Dads 74. Kids 74. It was awesome to see all the smiles on the kids & dads faces.

To all the players, thank you so much for your willingness to learn. It's been an absolute pleasure & privilege to coach you. You have given me such joy & I'm forever grateful for the opportunity.

A huge thank you to all the parents for your support, encouragement & feedback this year. I feel so lucky to have great people around me.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with game days & trainings.

Special thank you to Rocco Papalia (Team Manager) & Michael Turner (TTG Junior Football Manager) for their efforts, support & communication this season.

Bring on the 2024 footy season, I hope to see you all again then.

Coach Paul
GO GULLIES!



Under 10 Reds

Coach Brendan Barber

A/Coach Luke Edelbauer

Team Manager Riarna Springbett

Summary of season and team achievements

- First season for many of the boys without Mark Hancock as coach
- First season with Brendan Barber as head coach
- First season NO ZONES
- Tried mid quarter rotations
- Tried fixed positions toward the end of the season
- 10 players played up in the U11 blacks and U11 reds over the season
- Harley's first year at TTG, 49 Games
- Jace - 50 Games - Round 13 v Glenunga
- Hamish, Steele, Flynn & Jackson - 50 games - Round 14 v Payneham
- 3 - 4 other boys 70+ games

Thank you and acknowledgements

- Assistant Coach - Luke and Team Manager - Riarna
- All Parents who helped at training and game days
- Thanks to Mark for taking a couple of training sessions
- Thanks to Sammy for his help and enthusiasm at training



TTG U10 Black review

Before we new it Season 2023 was back under way. It started at Ridgehaven Primary School and saw the introduction of three new players to the team. A core group of players have been involved in this team since starting their playing career as Gully U6 blacks! The team has continued to grow from there introducing new players and families along the way. The boys have stayed together through U7 black, U8 black, U9 black and this season U10 black. The bond the boys have formed over this time is inseparable and clearly shows on game day. This year saw the removal of zones and the increase of three players to the field on game day, growing our team to 15. We went into the season focussing on continued skill improvement, keeping our feet and looking for the first give, aiming to bring our team mates into the game. We were challenged early against strong teams, Hope Valley, Golden Grove and Athelstone. The kids demonstrated resilience and continued to work hard on the basics of footy.

The second half of the season saw unbelievable improvement and the boys finished off the year enjoying their footy and excited about what 2024 in U11's will bring. Next year will be a challenge moving to a full size oval but a challenge that these boys will easily overcome. A big thanks to all the boys and our parent group, your volunteering does not go unnoticed.

Congratulations to Jace and Ethan on 50 games, these games were celebrated by all with the boys running through their banners on consecutive weeks.

Thank you to our amazing team manager, Charlie, your work and commitment to ensure the team runs out each weekend is greatly appreciated.
See you all in 2024,
Go the GULLIES.

Coach Gavin & Matt



Under 10 White

- We had a pretty tough season this year. A lot of quality opponents, and we spent more time on the road than we did at TTGDFC. We welcomed 3 new players into our team this year... Ruben, Jarrod and Nate. The entire team all got along very well with each other, and continued to build on previous years. We did have a dynamics shift with having some players from previous years no longer playing with us, so it has taken a bit of time for the boys to adjust to who needs to attack the ball. I think the boys will have definitely benefited from a tough season, they may not all have thought that through the year, but they will be better setup for U/11s.
- Thank you and acknowledgements...A big thankyou to Stephen for Managing the team once again, and to Charlotte for donning the First Aid Jacket 99% of the time. Also, thanks to all the parents/siblings that have helped through the year with Ground Marshalling, Goal Umpiring, helping with coaching at trainings/warmups, and helping out with the BBQ... most definitely has been shared around this year.
- We had 2 Milestone Achievements this year... William Collins 50 games and Oscar Cieslak 50 games

Coach Leigh Collins



U11 GIRLS

The under 11 girls' team, was an amazing bunch of young girls. The team started with only half the team having played before, but you wouldn't have known it by the end of the season. The girls brought some great skills from the first training session, with a number of players surprising me with what they were capable of. While having fun, the girls were eager to learn new skills and attempt to implement what they had learnt in games. For most of the players, tackling was new for them. While it was a bit scary for some, they were all excited to learn how to tackle and to tackle their opponents in games. It very quickly became the most requested skills to practice at training.

As the season continued, not only did the skills and abilities of each player improve so greatly, so did the friendships amongst the group. The girls became friends and it showed on the field, with the sportsmanship, inclusion and support in each game. The girls had each other's back on and off the field. They encouraged each other and they made sure everyone had a go.

There were some incredible players on the team and it will be amazing to see where they can take their skills in the future.



I would like to thank Karina for stepping up to take on the Team Manager role this year. It was a difficult task, being new to the club and new to football. I really appreciate the effort that you put it to support the girls. I would also like to thank the parents who were willing to help in anyway they were able to. I especially want to thank the parents that were able to support with starting warm ups, assisting with trainings, helping to set up fields for games and packing up the equipment after games. Coaching wouldn't have been possible without all the support!

Lastly, I want to thank the players. You were all amazing to coach and I am so proud of the players that you became throughout the season! I'm going to miss coaching those that will move up, but I am very excited to see you grow as players and where it might take you.

Coach Krystal

Unfortunately, all good things come to an end as we wrap up our season for 2023. Although it's bittersweet that our footy season is done and dusted, what a year that it's been! Once again I'd like to send a special thanks to all parents, family members and volunteers for sacrificing their time for the boys. Our great club cannot function without you all and we are forever grateful for all of your contributions and efforts.

Under 11's is always a huge transition in junior footy with the boys being introduced to grading, playing on a full oval etc. Attempting to manage and keep 35 kids engaged during pre-season was extremely challenging, but I think we got through it well. The uncertainty of what team you'll be playing in, the fear of being split up from your mates, along with a brand new coach are very daunting circumstances for a 10 year old, but I couldn't be prouder of how the boys handled it.

Myself being a first year coach, I came into this year very unsure and nervous about dealing with a whole group of players and interacting with parents. As training became the routine, Lochie and I felt very welcomed by everyone involved, so we thank you for being so accommodating. Pre-season became extremely difficult from a grading point of view due to numbers, so I'd like to give a special thanks to Kristie Carbone for taking on the team manager role for the year. Being a team manager can sometimes be a thankless role (especially in these circumstances), regardless of that Kristie's attitude and organisation was outstanding throughout the whole year. She was the glue

that kept the team together during pre-season and especially on game day. She also somehow managed to keep my head screwed on all year which is an accomplishment in itself.

I would also like to thank Lochie Dand, Luke Wright and Tom Mansfield for helping me out as assistant coaches, and running on game day. They were all adored by the boys and I couldn't have done it without them. Lochie was the first person that I called after being appointed as coach for the year, and he said that he would be the assistant coach before I could even finish my sentence. He's been a Golden Grove boy all his life, so to see him in gullies gear and so passionate about our team was awesome to see. Luke was always the first person to approach me and offer a helping hand throughout the year. If I ever needed any help with running training, volunteering on game day or just giving me general advice, Luke would always help with no questions asked.

At the beginning of the year I received a message from Tom Mansfield asking if he'd be able to help out at a couple training sessions for his work experience. Not only did he help out at training, but he went above and beyond to be our runner for the remainder of the year. To start off the year we played Athelstone in our first trial match as a team. The game didn't go as planned, and I began to think that we may be in for a tough year. Then round 1 came across against Golden Grove. Everything fell into place, all the boys played unselfish and courageous games, and I couldn't imagine a better response from the previous week. From there on, the continuous improvement from each and every player was unmatched. There were a few poor games that we should've won as the year progressed (and a couple due to the umpires). But as a whole it was an extremely successful season. From starting the year with a whole group of people that you aren't familiar with, a new coach and all of the new rules and match conditions, I am extremely proud of all the boys. It's clear that they are rapidly progressing their skills and especially how they think about the game. All of their efforts and dedication on and off the field has paid dividends to their success this year.

I really hope that all the boys continue to play next year and the following years because we have a great group of lads! Next year will be a huge year for us as we introduce premierships points for the first time. This will add an extra incentive and will make success so much sweeter! Thank you for allowing me to be your coach this year I have loved every minute.

Coach Mitch



UNDER 11 BLACK

Coach

Matt Szlajak

Team Manager

Kelly Samy

The 2023 season saw a lot of change for the Under 11 Black team – new teammates, new coach and moving to a full-sized oval for the first time. The season had its challenges, but it was a great pleasure to witness the improvement, confidence and camaraderie grow in the boys each week at training and during games. The focus for the first half of the season was on skills and fundamentals, being competitive in contests, and bringing a consistent level of effort each week – to the boys' credit they really committed to the cause. The focus for the second half of the season was on our ball movement and supporting teammates with a team-first attitude. The boys' improvement really showed on the training track, and in multiple games we were praised by opposition coaches on the level of improvement we'd made over the course of the season, which was very encouraging.

The season started back in late-January with pre-season training at Memorial Oval, the whole Under 11 squad trained together with coach Mitch Vansoest before splitting into two teams prior to trial matches against Modbury. I commenced coaching just prior to the first game against Payneham, and it was most-certainly a whirlwind initiation! I'd like to thank Mitch Vansoest, coach of the Under 11 Reds, for his support and advice throughout the season, he really went above and beyond to help.

After a challenging first few weeks we really hit our stride in the mud against Houghton, it was a tough slog but the boys really showed their competitive spirit. They backed it up a few days later in another away game at Golden Grove in the rain – several boys had their best game of the season in an excellent all round team performance. Our most-dominant performance was at home the following weekend on Pertaringa Oval against Ingle Farm just before the mid-season break.

The second half of the season proved to be challenging at times, despite coming up against some really strong opposition sides the boys' fought out every game and continued to improve each week and implement the things we'd been working on at training. Our strongest performance was under-lights in a big Friday night game against Fitzroy in which we also celebrated Jake's 50th game. Congratulations also goes to Callum and Griffin who also celebrated their 50 game milestones this season.

A big thank you to our Team Manager, Kelly Samy, who kept everything running smoothly throughout the season. Having only 16-17 players in the squad, along with sickness and injuries meant that we were looking for anywhere from 4-8 top up players each week, and Kelly always came through. Dealing with that on top of the other team management duties was an amazing effort.

Thank you to the Under 10 and Under 11 players who filled-in throughout the season, and to their coaches and parents, we couldn't have done it without you all.

Thank you also to our parent volunteers each week for supporting first-aid, goal and boundary umpiring, time keeping and ground marshalling duties. There are a lot of roles to be filled each week, and we certainly appreciate your support.

And finally, one of my proudest moments of the season outside of the games was at our final training session. To see the boys moving the ball swiftly and cleanly through our bow-tie drill spanning almost half the ground was just a fantastic sight to see. The improvement from the start of the season was just incredible, I hope the boys take that improvement and confidence with them over the summer and come back bigger and stronger next season.

Go Gullies!



Tea Tree Gully Under 12's Red

It was always going to be a big year for the boys playing in their first year of Central Division and the possibly of playing in their first finals. After been given the challenge for our group to start in Div. 1, it was always going to be a challenging start to the year. Then after round one, the thought of us being competitive and the trepidation of playing in this division wasn't such a dreadful thought after all, with an inspired win against Athelstone at home. However the next three rounds in Div. 1 provided to be a struggle to find our feet and groove in the remaining three games in Division 1 which accumulated in the Mother's Day massacre to Brighton of whom went undefeated all year and won the Div. 1 grand final.

Once we were put into the correct division of Div. 2, our season truly started and we began to build some confidence and momentum for the rest of the year. Our first game in Div. 2 provided us with another win over Athelstone, which gave us all a big sigh of relief after the previous 3 weeks, and things look to be back on track. Our up and down season then provided another twist with a loss against Broadview of which was almost the defining game early in the season and if we made finals or not.

The next month of football provided plenty of positive and optimistic moments as our season started to gain some momentum with wins over Plympton, Port Districts, Hectorville and Goodwood and had us sitting in the top five for the first time of the year.

The build-up for our last month of football was always going to be huge as we faced the top two teams in Mitcham and SMOSH who both went on to play in the grand final. In both these contests we were more than competitive and had our chances (plenty of them) to beat both sides. Losing by one single point to Mitcham was a hard pill to swallow considering we had more than 20 inside 50's but just couldn't land a blow on the scoreboard. The same could be said against SMOSH where we had the ball forward of centre for 80% of the last quarter and unfortunately they got out the back of us twice and scored two crucial goals that had us going down by 2 goals.

Then it came to our last home & away game against Golden Gove at home in front of the biggest crowds I've seen for a under 12's in a long time, Super Sunday. Win and we are in the finals and the loser went home....you bloody beauty we won and won with spirit and grit. We built this game up as a mini grand final against our archenemy and the boys delivered one of their most complete games as a group and most satisfying as a coach.

Our Elimination final did not go to plan and as the nerves before and during the game got us a bit jumpy and unfortunately, it took us too long to work into the game, which turned out to be a low scoring event.

Making the elimination final in the first year of Central Division proved that there is a lot of talent in the group and by pushing both grand final teams to within two goals shows that the boys have what it takes to go a couple of steps further. Very proud of the group for making the finals and the way they stuck it out considering the start to the year that we had.

All in all an encouraging and positive year for what lies ahead for a talented group that will become a team to watch in the coming years.

Danny Formosa

Greetings Tea Tree Gully family and welcome to the end-of-season report for our under-13 Div Red girls. My name is Danny Formosa, and I was given the privilege and trust to coach a wonderful group of young girls embarking on a long football career. My role this season was to guide these girls to become the best footballers and people that they can be. Unlocking their potential and showing improvement through a process and education was my primary goal. Winning and losing were not at the forefront of my mind but as we were playing for premierships this season there was always a great desire for success which as I will explain below our girls found in droves. This all began with pre-season.....

Pre-season began in early February, we had some very healthy numbers allowing us to train as a large squad knowing that we would be able to fill two teams. Grading a squad into two teams, had I not done this before proved to be a little stressful and being this the first time I had to attempt this with girls which was very new for me but a challenge that I was really looking forward to. The girls took training in their stride, never complaining of the heat or some of the new drills we were learning. With the help of some of my assistants and Krystal stepping up to coach the black side we were able to make some great strides early, preparing us for a challenging season ahead.

Being thrust into a very competitive division one competition I was very reserved on how we were going to perform and although having some stars from the previous season we also had some very raw and young girls ready for their first real crack at competitive football for premiership points. After the first round which was a very tough game against Brighton, we began to bank up quite a few wins and was clear to all that we were going to be one of the better teams this season. This is a great credit to the girls who were showing vast improvement every single week which was my ultimate goal. Continued improvement through hard work at training was the catalyst for this and it was evident week after week how significant this growth was.

We come to about the halfway point of the season and we come up against a Henley side who were also undefeated like us. Unfortunately, we were beaten that day by a very seasoned team, although beaten we were gallant in defeat, all this did was show us where we wanted to be and it was good to see the girls face the loss as we grew from it. Back to work we went. Fast forward to the back end of the season and after a few injuries and a little bit of a form lapse we found ourselves qualifying third on the ladder which was an amazing achievement from the girls which earned us the right to play in a final against fourth placed Port District, whom which we had had some trouble with on and off the field but that is a story for another time. This only gave us the desire to send a message not only on the football field but we wanted to prove a point for ourselves. After losing to them only a few games earlier by 8 goals and having some star players missing, we were up against it and any normal punter may have written us off. Come Sunday afternoon they had played the game of their lives, prevailing on the field but also off the field. The moment after the siren was arguably one of my proudest moments in football. This earned us a prelim final shot against Glenunga. We knew this game was going to be tough as we have both beaten each other once during the season. What a show both teams put on at Hope Valley oval, with the lead changing multiple times all game.

One team had to win and sadly we fell agonisingly short by one goal. We can take some solace from this result as they went on to win the Grand final the week after, showing how close we really were.

As explained above, this clearly was a fantastic and successful season, we were exposed to high level competition and while this was happening we improved every single week and the success followed which I am a true believer of. Success comes with education and improvement. Now none of this can happen without the many helpers and volunteers around the team. Obviously all the parents who simply get the girls to and from training and games are the most important and I thank you all for your efforts but there are a certain few who need to be praised, without them this team would have not been able to function. Paul as an assistant coach this season was invaluable, he is a very experienced footballer and doubled up as our runner, his knowledge of the game and buy in to the motto of improvement and fun did not go unnoticed, thank you Paul. Jai was also an assistant coach and was always the first to put his hand up to help no matter what the task, moving the magnets looks easy but I'm sure he will tell you it can be stressful, so thanks Jai. With Amber joining mid-year, Shane was also a great help at training. To Nerys and Mihoko for doing first aid all season and Steve for running boundary, these are extremely important roles that must be filled and you three did them with no hesitation, again this goes unnoticed a lot but not from me, thank you. Rachel, you did a fantastic job as footy director and we built a great relationship and I look forward to another season ahead, the female program simply would not have functioned without your efforts, well done. My wife and family deserve a big thanks too, we sacrifice a lot at home to give to the club so without their support I wouldn't be able to do this role. Finally, but by no means the least to Laura, not much needs to be said, your tireless efforts are what keep this football team rolling, logistics are clearly not my thing and you have my finest gratitude for the extra hours you put in just getting the girls on the park, with so many commitments it would be easy for you to not put the time in but you never wavered from our ultimate goal. Thank you very much Laura. Now if I've forgotten anyone I apologise in advance.

In closing once again I'd like to thank everyone and especially the Tea Tree Gully Football Club for giving me the opportunity to guide these girls on a path in their football careers, with any luck in the future I can see majority of them playing at a higher level displaying the qualities and attributes we have given them. If lost to football, I'd like to hope they've learnt some valuable life lessons as well. This has been challenging yet one of the most satisfying seasons I have ever coached.

Onwards and upwards, Go the Gullies!!!



TTG Girls Under 13s Black - 2023 season

- We got off to a great start with an early lead in our first game but due to low numbers and injuries for the other team, our round one win ended up being by forfeit from the other team. The early strength we showed in this first game gave a good feeling to how our season might go.
- This early win and confidence was short lived with some very challenging games following on in the first half of the season. As we began the second half of the season however, our group had certainly begun to build on their skill and team work which provided much better results. We still struggled to get across the line with a win but there was a huge difference in how we played against the same teams the second time around.
- The girls had been working hard on their skills and team work with much of the lessons learnt at trainings around working together as a unit and playing as one. Having the confidence in others and allowing themselves to be completely comfortable and feel supported by a group of people is not something that comes naturally to a lot of individuals, but the girls worked hard with understanding each other's strengths and skills to adapt on field to be there to support each other when needed.
- The last game felt like a grand final for us. We showed desire and set the pace for the game early on. Brighton, who was sitting 4th on the ladder at the end of the season, wasn't going to make things easy so a "what have we got to lose" attitude was taken by the group. We pushed hard and kept the score close even when they managed to take the lead in the third quarter, but the girls never gave up and a couple of great marks and kicks got us over the line in the last few minutes to give us the lead, finishing the game with a one point margin! We celebrated like we had won the grand final. The girls were so proud of themselves as was I. All the work they had done over the season had all come together and when the pressure was on, they rose to the challenge and absolutely smashed it!
- I am so proud of my girls and what they have managed to achieve this season. They are a very young side with majority of the girls being either in their first year of under 13s or in an under 11 age group. They took the positives out of each loss and looked at the game of footy as an opportunity for fun and something that they can enjoy with new friends and old. This year has been a preparation for most of these girls, to set them up for premiership desires and the right foundations to give them the confidence and ability to achieve success as a team.
- Thank you to our team manager, Josh Smith, Rachel Brown for her support and all the parents who assisted with game day jobs and volunteering for our team.

Season 2023 was another huge step in our teams development. This year brought with it the arrival of challenges within the program to be able to absorb the players extra commitments of external programs such as SANFL Development squads and school football programs. The boys showed a tremendous amount of commitment and composure to handle their responsibilities.

The season got off to a controlled start with getting the group together for a taste of what a pre-season will look like moving forward and to also find our level of starting point to build the program for the upcoming season. It was pleasing to see the boys not take long to get to where we left off the previous season and look to take further steps in the education and development process.

Training standards were excellent within the group considering the challenges around numbers due to external commitments. The behaviours we teach within the program were always positive and set at a high level. For the boys to go a step further in the minor round and do the work to provide us with a double chance in finals is another step forward. The group gained valuable experience with making it to the preliminary final.

Our values and team first attitude has been the highlight again for me this season.

I am proud of the boys for what we achieved this season - there is still much improvement in front of this group in the years to come and will be a pleasure to watch for everyone involved.

Thank you to all the parents for your sacrifice to ferry the boys around to trainings and games all across Adelaide - without your sacrifice, none of this is possible.

To everyone who helped within the program as goal umpire, boundary umpire, ground marshal, first aid etc... we all thank you very much.

To my coaching staff who not only assisted me but working together as team has been as much fun as I have had thus far through the years - Mick, Gav, Nev and Troy... I thank you for all your great work with boys and giving up your time to help educate and develop the group.

Finally to Mel our Team manager who doesn't miss a beat - thank you for all your work this year, you have done an amazing job!

Have a great break and bring on season 2024!

We are the Gullies!

Justin Maschotta

After a successful finals campaign in 2022 where the boys won the premiership, the boys come into 2023 excited for the season ahead. During the preseason we focused on further developing the football fundamentals and started introducing more of the football IQ side including kicking to advantage and leading to position. We also focused on player fitness for the coming season, some players more than willing to participate, others less willing. We were also lucky enough in the offseason to gain several new players who would become integral to our team in the coming season and hopefully for many more years!

As a coaching group before round one, we set the expectations with the playing group around maintaining respect for fellow players, teammates and umpires. Focusing in particular on their reactions to potential contentious umpiring decisions and player attitudes/actions towards our playing group. I am pleased to say that the playing group managed to maintain the required level of respect throughout the season which we felt allowed them to focus on their development and not get caught up in what they could not control. We also identified and spoke prior to the season that we wanted to be a team based on effort and contested possession. We put considerable focus around effort, effort at the ball and maintaining effort throughout the game. An ethos that the team managed to maintain throughout the season regardless of win or loss and is something that I feel the boys can be proud of.

The first four games of the season were losses, however as the games went by the losing margins decreased and the team cohesiveness improved, culminating in our round four game being a close one and only losing by 2 goals. After the relegation process, we found ourselves graded down a division and won our first game for the year by one point, ironically, we lost our second game by the same margin. For the remainder of the season the boys battled hard, we had some good wins and close losses, however we just missed out on finals by a game. Throughout the year we had several players play the 100th game for the club including Jensen Veldhoen, Jamasen Mason, Dylan Gray, Tate Rogers and new players to the club Ethan Dempsey

I would like to thank Emma Hughes aka MUM who was our Team Manager for all her hard work throughout the season and keeping us coaches and players in line. I would also like to thank Anthony Mason and Daniel Veldhoen the assistant coaches, for all their hard work and advice throughout the season.

In conclusion even though we did not play finals in 2023, I am confident we will come back stronger next year with the boys having a better understanding of aspects of football IQ and improved football fundamentals and what it takes to be a footballer.

U14 RED - PREMIERS

The 2023 season for our U14 Red team has been a complete success. We were placed in division 3 to begin the season and won our first 3 games by an average of 15 goals. Round 4 saw us get slightly ahead of ourselves which caused us to have our first and only loss for the regular season. We finished top of the ladder, which earned us a home qualifying final. Unfortunately, we went down by 7 points to Eastern Park. This meant that we had to use our second chance and play Salisbury North in the Prelim. We got over them by 34 points and were on to the grand final against Eastern Park. The team's performance in the grand final was exactly what we'd be working towards all year. Every one of them working together towards the ultimate goal. We ran out winners by 33 points to become PREMIERS !!!

The team really came together when it mattered most, but it has been something we've worked on as a coaching group for a couple of years now. We started preseason with the knowledge that 3 of last year's players would be leaving the club to follow other interests, however we gained several new players that would drive the whole group to a new level of commitment, effort and intensity. A big focus for the preseason was to improve our fitness level and work hard on how we wanted to move the ball. The kids approached this with a strong mindset and gave their best effort at all stages, which is all I ever ask of them.

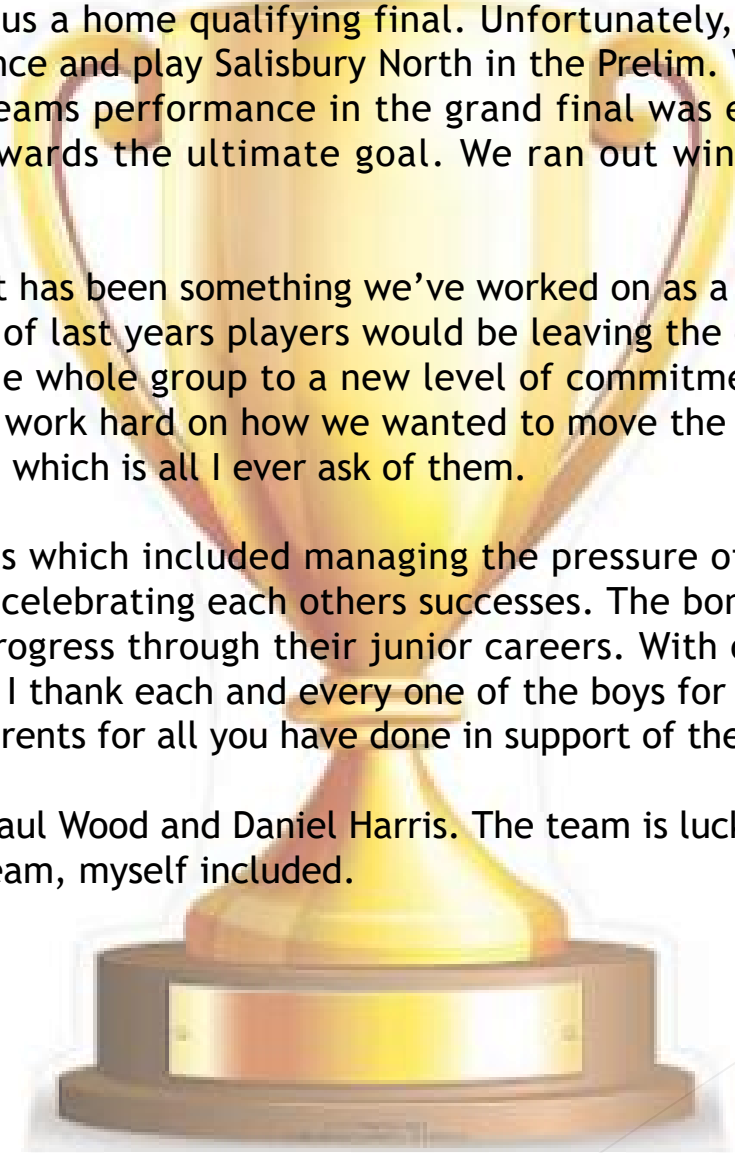
Throughout the season we focussed on a few different areas which included managing the pressure of our own expectations, doing everything in our power to make our teammates better and celebrating each other's successes. The bond that we all share has grown and will only continue to develop more and more as they progress through their junior careers. With our biggest focus being on our teamwork and looking after each other at every opportunity. I thank each and every one of the boys for their efforts and contributions to a premiership season, as well as our wonderful group of parents for all you have done in support of the team this year.

Lastly a big thankyou to our coaching group of Andy Belton, Paul Wood and Daniel Harris. The team is lucky to have you all involved and I hope you know how appreciated and loved you are by the team, myself included.

Bring on season 2024!

UP THE GULLIES!!!

Coach - Simon Ebert





U15 Girls (Reds) 2023

Coaches - Marissa Penno and Taylah O'Connor

Assistant Coach - Ashleigh Sims

Team Manager - Kim Lloyd

2023 season recap

The 2023 season for the young U15 Reds girls side was one they knew was going to be challenging

however they were ready for it and remained passionate throughout.

The point was raised to head down to Division 2 however the girls held strong and worked hard

during pre-season to get themselves ready to compete in division 1.

Our goals as coaches was to work on their footy technique, structure and setup around the group

and most importantly build a side that enjoyed their footy with their team mates. With this, the girls

developed a saying for the 2023 season and truly stuck by it. It included them being

strong, united and confident at all times and never backing down. It was a true testament to how the girls went about their footy winning or losing.

Round 1 the girls took on Golden Grove at home. It was a hard fought game and a very well deserved first win for the group. The energy built from here on and the initially

thoughts of 'can we compete in div one' were silenced.

The girls ended up with 5 wins total for the season. A huge effort and one to be very proud of in a competitive division which was significantly changed after the round 4 regrading. The group faced challenges, injuries and struggles within themselves but each time looked at the game for what it was and were always prepared for another crack, and with a smile.

Individual achievements

During the 2023 we were lucky to celebrate numerous milestone games for the following players

Congratulations to Lillian Thomas on making the U15 State Team for 2023 and competing in Ballarat. Lily represented herself, the State Team and the TTGDFC tremendously. We're all very proud of you.

Well done to all the U15 Girls who tried out for SANFL Development Squads, and congratulations to the girls selected from this experience. Another opportunity to keep working on your football skills and make memories.

Congratulations on 50 games

Emily Bowman, Jorja Boylan, Stephanie Brown, Bella - Mia Marando
Lacey Minahan



Thank you

Big thank you to the following players who joined us throughout the season to U13 Reds - Lola Budiono, Jesse Newman, Mia Wood and Halle Phillips
U15 Blacks - Sienna Halsall, Olivia Manto, Alysha Lester, Izzy Edgar, Vesna Stankovic, Tiana Forbes and Iris Gjokaj
U17.5s - Oosha Avery, Laura Wilson, Sienna Jackaway, Layla Webb and Taylah Pearson

Leadership group - Amelia, Emily W, Charli, Emily B (VC) and Tilly (C) Thankyou for taking on your roles for 2023 and leading the team. You have all been great leaders and demonstrated great capabilities in a friendly and supportive way. We've loved watching you girls grow as footballers and leaders.
Game day volunteers - thank you to the parent volunteers who helped throughout season. We really appreciate every effort and the time you gave up to further support the team from BBQs to goal umpiring in the mud pits! Thank you all.

To Kym (Team Manager) - thank you for all your work this season and countless effort in your first year as Team Manager. Your support has been amazing and we have been so lucky to have you beside us. No way we can thank you enough for your mammoth effort and I've loved having you in the team again.
To Jarrod (runner) - thank you so much for volunteering to be my runner again for a second year. I have loved having you on board again for another eventful year. Your positive attitude, advice to the group (and me), delivery of messages to the girls and overall atmosphere you bring has been so valued appreciated each week.

To Kate, Ash (AC) and Taylah (C) - Thank you girls for each week and the support you came with. I've enjoyed the year and the combined knowledge to make the side what it was this season. I love playing with you all, and the fact we could pass our skills through the girls. All the best for the future legends.

Message from coach

I have loved coaching and getting to know you all this season.
You've made me one incredibly proud and happy coach on many occasions and taught me so much about the game.

Remember to keep smiling and always try your best - Rizzo



U/15 Girls Black PREMIERS

We started our preseason way back in early January as a combined group. Early February we split up into reds and blacks. This is when our team started to thrive. We played our trial match against the Modbury Hawks and got absolutely smashed in our half of footy, I got in the car and thought this is going to be a very long year, boy was I wrong. As the preseason went along everyone got better and better. We started our journey in Division 4 and won all four games the highlight was beating Smithfield by 113 points. We were then placed up a division to Div. 3 which started well with a win over Payneham, then we lost to Houghton by 85 points. I personally learned a lot about myself and how to handle losing. We bounced back with a very convincing win against Brighton. We played Walkerville next and this was my favorite win of the season excluding the Grand Final getting up by 2 points. We continued to build our Puzzle until the final piece of the puzzle was complete on Fathers Day 3rd of September where we ultimately won the Grand Final by 35 points.

Thank you to Danny Formosa from the U/13 Girls Red for the use of his players throughout the season I'd also like to thank Marissa from the U/15 Girls Red.

I would like to thank all the parents who helped out every game to make sure all our girls could get on the oval and have fun. Lindsey and Dean for coming to all the trainings and helping our girls to hone their skills. To my assistant coach Sean and my runner Ben you guys made it very easy to coach this fantastic group of girls. Your endless passion, commitment, support and advice helped me to get the best out of our team, without your help and guidance it would've made my job 10 times harder. So Thank you very much.

To the committee thank you for all the support and help with all the issues that arose throughout the season.

To my wife and team manager thank you so much for everything that you did for our team this year. The amount of time and effort you put in was second to none. Thank you for washing the stinky bibs. Thank you for clarifying all the do's and don'ts. Thank you for reminding me it's sit down round. Thank you for getting me my can of coke for the game.

Lastly I'd like to thank the playing group what a fantastic team to be a part of, like any team there is always ups and downs fortunately for us the ups were more common. All of your parents should be so proud of the respectful and hard working nature of these girls.

Thank You
Coach Stu.



2023 U/15 Red Season Report



The 2023 season we finished with 6 wins, 8 losses and fifth on the ladder. We managed to gain some valuable finals experience, albeit we didn't perform on the day the way that we would have hoped. We were fortunate this year to have a healthy influx of players, and we really needed them! We ran with a squad of 24, with 7 new additions to the club being Dean, Lucas, Callum, Cooper, Bradley, Cody, and Lewis. Joining a new team is never easy, and the way the boys gelled in the team is a big tick to their character's. The leadership group was again captained by Mitch Clark, and vice captains of Brodie, Campbell, Harley and Harry. We had a whopping 22 players representing their respective SANFL club in the U15 development squads. On top of that we had 5 of our squad train and play up in the SANFL 16's program. This was good for their development, and we loved seeing them achieve at this level - I am not going to lie though, it did create a few wrinkles at the selection table. Special mention to Memphis Webb, who represented South Australia at the 15 and under School Boys carnival. It was a valuable experience for him, gave him great insights to a higher football standard, and as we knew he would he contributed well to the team. Some of the highlights for the year was kicked off with the pre-season camp down at Middleton. We shared some food, some laughs and a bit of graft that included a run of 7 or 8km (the longest run some of the boys had ever done), a bit of ball work, and for some a return run. Thanks to Thorpy for the use of his place. While we are thanking Mark we can also include the trips to the Gym which was a welcome break in routine, not to mention the 'Burra' burgers - reward for doing the job on Golden Grove. I also enjoyed our little Monday night joke of the night. Harley set the tone first up, and from there we saw some pearlers, and equally, some stinkers. Without a doubt the performance I was most proud of was the win against Henley - the eventual premiers. This is the first time that Tea Tree Gully has beaten them. We played the game with great intensity and effort, and it put us in a position to play finals.

I wanted to say a big thanks again to the efforts that Simon Krieg put in this year. The team managers job does take a bit of work. He fit this in, whilst juggling a demanding job, and the other family commitments. Nev Clark's commitment as always is unwavering. He is always the first to put his hand up when something needs doing. He always has a good understanding of opposition players. Having him there to help manage the whiteboard and the rotations is tricky and I was grateful for the support. He was also a great sounding board and we had many conversations through the year. The runner was performed in a split role this year. Rocket was always there whenever he was able, and he always brought a welcome energy. Jack Hazelhurst was on board again with us and he took on the mentoring role with us and was an example of the transition from juniors to seniors this year. He went on from playing in his 17.5 team to climbing the senior ranks and end up playing and contributing at A grade level. Congrats Jack

Thank you to Shelby, for helping out the boys with the first aid, and to be there for rubs and strapping etc. the sound effects she made on the side lines were a bonus! Michael Turner is one man who is always willing to put his hand up and support his boys. He donned the red vest for us again this year, as well as served as a committee member. On top of this he coached one of the younger boys teams. Another regular was Jason (Waxy) Bielak patrolling the boundary line, and paying some well timed centre square infringements when needed. Kevin Tait was again our numbers man, and made sure that they were in the right spot on the scoreboard. To the other frequent contributors in the parent group that did things like umpiring, player votes, timekeeper and BBQ etc thanks very much. It makes it so much easier when there are people willing to put their hand up. Also a football club can't run without a committee, and they put in a ton of unseen work to get us the opportunity to coach and play. Thank you to them, I am sure they would love an influx of fresh volunteers. I think to summarize the year, it was a season that didn't have the continuity that we were hoping

for. I think we finished the year on the ladder about where we deserved. We entered the season with a lot of hope, as we had put together a list that I felt would challenge the top teams. Unfortunately we never were able to really get them all on the park at one time. There was the SANFL commitments, and multiple long term and niggly injuries to key players throughout the year. I think that we had the game to compete and beat the top teams, as we saw in the Henley game. It needed us having to play with a lot of belief, and playing on the redline for every minute of the game to beat these sides. At times when there were lapses of belief and effort it cost us on the scoreboard.

From my perspective the boys all looked to be enjoying their football and each others company. We saw good development in all the boy's football individually. Fun and improvement is the number one priority, and I feel that we can tick that box and be proud of that.

To the players, thanks for the year this year and having me as your coach. Thank you for being yourselves out there. Next year will have a different look to the playing group with out a doubt. Stick with the Gullies, keep improving and making yourselves better. The next couple of years yourbodies will get bigger and stronger and you will be going things you never thought you could. Be the best you can be.

UNDER 15 BLACK

This season is one the team can be very proud of, given it was quite a new side with a lot of newcomers to the team and even some first timers to playing football, so our fourth-place finish and getting through to Round 2 in the Finals was a great achievement.

During pre-season our team numbers were not all that good, with a small handful of last year's team unsure if they were going to play again and also the lack of desire for some 14 year olds to want to come out and get flogged on the training track many weeks before a game of football. With a few phone calls to the missing players and them committing to play we eventually had a team.

Our team has a real mix of experience with some playing footy from as early as they could to some be a part of a football team for the first time. This has been a challenge, but one that I have enjoyed thanks also to the help of our Assistant Coach Steve Allen to continually come up with training drills to suit the wide range of skill level the team had. Through the season we had some extra players join our team from other clubs and when the Under 16 Blacks team unfortunately folded, giving us a full bench and some more experience. Right from the start I believed that this team needed to enjoy playing footy and that it wasn't to be all about winning. I look back remember how proud I was of the boys after a win when they were singing the club song, but I also had those proud moments after some of the losses, where we didn't have a full team or we just a had a real crack at it and the boys showed they had determination and that they just wanted to give their all for the full four quarters and see what they could do.

Something exciting to mention is that our ruckman Luke Porter has been invited to attend the Association Medal Count, which is something not only for his family but the club to be very proud and we look forward to hearing how he went.

Our season started with some back-to-back losses against clubs that were to go up Division three after the Round 4 SANFL Juniors regrading, so our first win wasn't until Round 4 with a very convincing win one over Gepps Cross, only to have that win taken away from us due to some unfortunate administration errors. We then went on to play them the next round and get our first official win for the season which was a great feeling after the week before, with another three wins to follow straight after that. From here on the season was a little up a down with a few substantial injuries, but it was still again one to be proud of and one that I think the boys really enjoyed.

Overall this season has certainly been a successful one and as it was my first time coaching it has had it's moments but still an experience that I have thoroughly enjoyed. To look back to just before the home and away season began where we didn't quite have a full squad and there was a bit of a negative outlook from the boys, to watching this team mature and progress through the season can only be seen as a complete success for all those involved. Coach Michael

2023 U16 Boys Season Report

After licking our wounds from a Division 2 Preliminary Final loss in 2022, the 2023 squad gathered for pre-season with a renewed enthusiasm for improvement, success, fun and perhaps some redemption!

We knew there would be challenges throughout the year in maintaining a cohesive squad due to player availability being so unpredictable as our season ran concurrently with the SANFL U16's. With that in mind, a key emphasis from the start of pre-season was for us to train, play and support our mates as 'One Pack'. From a game model perspective, after reviewing Season 2022, not a lot changed strategically but the focus was to play with 'Total Attack' whether that be in offence, defence or in the contest. Given the predicted line-up fluctuations and many players being called up to SANFL level, the final challenge to the players was to be 'All Alpha' is our approach. We were not going to be a team that relied upon one or two key 'alpha wolves' but rather we wanted every player to have both the confidence and expectation that when it was their turn to impact the game they were the alpha in that moment!

With this 'one pack, total attack, all alpha' mentality driving us, we were unsure whether we would be staying in Division 2 or whether we could at least be competitive in Division 1 given the fluctuating squads across the competition. As it turned out, we were named in Division 1 and had a great opportunity to prove ourselves.

The final piece of the puzzle was considering which players were going to lead the way and after a vote from the group we named a 3 man leadership group with new captain Ethan Scott supported by vice captain's Ryan Hoare and Josh McCard. These players have led with distinction throughout the year both on field and on the training track, with Ethan in particular doing a fantastic job as skipper!

Our pre-season hit outs were a mixed bag and we were also trying our best to field 2 teams early in the season (which ultimately became unsustainable despite best efforts) so we hit the season proper feeling well prepared but unsure if we had improved enough to be competitive.

It turns out we were better than we thought! Through the 14 round regular season we finished with a 9-5 win loss record and the league's best percentage of 253.8%! We dished out some impressive thrashings as Pertaringa became a fortress that clearly other teams feared as our 'pace to space' offensive transition was unstoppable. Unfortunately the converse was true as the reality of 'home ground advantage' made it difficult to win away early in the season but to the players credit they worked damn hard in that area and had great away wins vs Port Districts and Brighton.

We qualified for finals in 2nd position so knew we had the team to compete with the best but also had to overcome talented opposition and the memories of 2022!

The Qualifying Final vs SMOSH was the most complete 4 quarter performance we've ever played on the big stage as we recorded an extremely hard fought victory! I've rarely heard the crowd at Pertaringa in such loud support and it certainly spurred the lads on to levels they hadn't reached before! Unfortunately we couldn't sustain such high performance in our disappointing 2nd Semi Final loss vs Port Districts so we again faced SMOSH in the Preliminary Final at the same ground we lost the Prelim the previous year. SMOSH got the jump on us big time in the 1st quarter and it appeared history was going to repeat in the worst possible way but this team is full of heart! They never gave up and despite not gaining much ground in the 2nd quarter, they absolutely demolished SMOSH in the second half to record a stirring victory and secure a place in the Grand Final!

We had a brilliant week enjoying the build up to the GF, culminating with a 'Banner Night' hosted generously the Grigg's. This was a special night that symbolised everything about this team from the connection of the players to the selfless support from the parent group. Unfortunately, we didn't perform on Grand Final day. Quite a few external factors out of our control did not go our way which skewed the odds against us but we must also recognise we did not cope well enough with those challenges and therefore gave up a match-winning lead kicking against a 5 goal wind in the 1st quarter. Weaker sides may have given up but despite our poor execution and basic skills defeating ourselves, we can proudly say we never stopped giving our all. After struggling to get within 3 goals with 14 mins left on the clock, further errors handed Port Districts the opportunity to run away with the game and there's no doubt they were the better skilled and harder running team on the day and deserved their premiership.

As coaches we voted throughout finals to recognise the best players as these games highlight who performs under pressure against the best opposition. Congratulations to Ryan Hoare who was voted the overall Finals MVP (and a clear BOG in first 2 finals). Special thanks to both Ryan and Sam Ainsworth who sacrificed SANFL selection in the early finals to get us to where we did. Well done also to Micah Kretschmer who was unanimously voted BOG in the Grand Final and was also awarded the Chad Hancock Medal by an independent TTGDJFC panel as best TTG player in the GF.

While terribly disappointed in our Grand Final performance which provided us some harsh lessons to work on in 2024, the season overall was an outstanding success! While most other teams in this age group decreased their performance, our team rose from Division 2 to become the Division 1 Runner Up making us one of our clubs most successful Boys teams of the past decade and a testament to the culture and depth of talent at TTG. For that I'm extremely proud of our whole group!

Congratulations to every player that contributed to our journey to the Grand Final, you were all vital to the One Pack mentality. I'd also like to honour the special contribution of our individual award winners this season: Jack Howe (Best & Fairest), Ayman Ismail (Runner Up Best & Fairest), Ethan Scott (Coach's Trophy, 3rd in B&F), Flynn Carr (Steve Carson Award), Kaedon Butler (Most Courageous), Tarkyn Grigg (Alpha Wolf) and Jack Lord (Rising Star).

A huge thanks to all parents/friends who supported our boys all season, especially those who volunteered in a variety of roles throughout the season, we appreciate all you have done for us. Thanks also to the TTGDJFC Committee who supported our team in what is a difficult age group to negotiate. Finally from me, a massive thanks to Team Manager Ryan Grigg and my large coaching group (I need it!) Nathan Howe, Phil Carr, Jamie Ainsworth, Darren Stevenson and Steve Breavington...the team behind the team! It's been a pleasure coaching with you guys.

This is a special team and I'm sure we will be stronger than ever next season both on and off the field. Bring on Season 2024!

Daniel Kretschmer - Coach



Team report U17.5 girls 2023 PREMIERS

Summary of season & team achievements

We started the pre-season as an u16 division 1 side & it became evident we wouldn't have the numbers for a standalone u16 age girls side so it was decided in consultation with club, players & parents that most of the still u15 eligible age girls that played 15s last year would move up to the 16s which comprised of 9 players. 2 weeks prior to our first trial the Sanfl decided to scrap the u16 competition & instead implement a 4 division u17.5 competition with the division 4 teams being a division 1 u16 team (go figure), ultimately we were assigned to division 3 which was effectively in my view division 2 u16 competition where 1-7 u17.5 age girls could also play. We completed the first 4 rounds in that competition, comprehensively defeating the sides we played. After the 4 rounds we were regraded to the division 4 competition with the league having to re-hash the eligibility protocols to effectively being the same as division 3 which gifted some clubs the opportunity to exploit the loopholes that this created which a couple gleefully did. After a lot of thought in regard to selecting our captain & vice captains, I eventually went for a leadership model & selected 7 captains & rotated them in a joint captains role in 3-4 week blocks. The plan was to give multiple girls, based on what I'd seen during the pre-season, leadership/ captaincy experience so it effectively meant by seasons end we had captains & leaders all over the field which would also aid them when trialling at their respective Sanfl clubs who really look at that as part of the package when selecting their squads. We obviously had a great season finishing as undefeated premiers with a game plan based on high skill level, speed, quick ball movement by hand & a fitness base that allowed us to outnumber our opposition at the contest. I personally found us an exciting team to watch as we played a very free flowing, attacking brand of football with opposition coaches often acknowledging the talent we had in our side after the games to me personally.

Individual achievements from our playing list are.

- Charli Hazelhurst making her SANFLW league debut with Norwood as well as debuting with Newton Jaguars netball clubs Netball SA premier league A grade side.
- Kyah Jaffer & Charli - Representing our state in the u16 championships in Perth.
- SANFL development team players to play in the October school holidays are
 - North Adelaide U17 -Alexis Nieass
 - Norwood U15 - Riley & Taylah Pearson, Layla Webb, Oosha Avery, Sienna Jackway, Laura Wilson & Alannah Wasykiw.
 - Norwood U17- Charli Hazelhurst, Kyah & Lily Jaffer, Chloe Sternagel, Georja Phillips & Lottie Almond
- Division leading goal kicker - Alexis Niess with 46, also kicked 15 in the 4 games we played prior to regrading for a season total of 61.

Games milestones

Riley Pearson - 150
Imogen Collyer- 100
Charli Hazelhurst - 100
Alexis Nieass - 50
Alyssa Cox - 50
Tahlia Wasylkiw -50
Lily Jaffer- 50
Indie Lavender - 50

Thank You & Acknowledgements

To have the season we had is a real team effort on & off the field. I've listed below the off field team that has been equally as important as any of us in our pursuit of on field success.



Jane Sternagel - team manager, masseuse, mentor, strapper, runner, shoulder to cry on (the girls not me). Just lets me do my job, great sounding board of a Thursday night over an ale after training. Wade Collyer - Assistant coach , a very experienced coach who had his first year off for some years & I would have understood completely had he said no when I asked if he'd give me a hand after being his assistant last season. Matt Lavender- Runner, great to have Lav involved. Has a commanding voice & was fantastic with his encouragement of the girls as well as pulling them into line when needed which was great. Gabi Raikiwasa as our fantastic first aider & runner at times, quietly just goes about her business & shows such compassion to the girls when they come off hurt. Simone Wilson pretty much put her hand up for the whole season as our boundary ump as well as some feedback to me as to what was going on out there at times. Heath Phillips - Goal umpire- Standing out there every week, come rain, hail, shine & mud. Ben Jaffer - Coach of the u17.5 boys also & was a great help of a Monday night training & the first half of our Thursday night sessions before taking his own side as well as helping out on a number of game day's including Grand Final. Daz Pearson on multiple occasions as ground marshal!, always first to put his hand up for barbecue duties also. Kelley Webb & Mark Hazelhurst for weekly photos, I know the girls & I think everyone get great enjoyment going through them after each game. Mark Nieass for scoreboard duties as well as goal umpire on occasion. We had a great bunch of parents who were great at stepping up & taking their roles on any given day

U17.5 boys Season 2023

Coaching a group of boys this age is a tuff one.

Thankfully Scott Mansfield, Mick Davey and Mark Hazelhurst put their Hand up to Help with the boys this year.

From 15s onwards SANFL plays a massive part in all teams structure and consistency throughout the year so as a coach the main goal is to unite all players and try and form an environment at club level that is fun and enjoyable for everyone to improve their craft and play a team sport with their mates.

Generally the squad numbers at this age need to be high due to availability from SANFL clubs or work / study etc so again managing this can at times be a logistical nightmare. Our squad list was put together and we had 35 players to begin with come pre season training and away we went.

Our main goal this year was to get these young men playing a game style similar to the seniors and also giving as many players the opportunity to play their first senior game for our footy club to prepare them for their transition into the senior program moving forward. This turned out successful with 19 players playing senior footy throughout the year in either Cs or Bs and playing some very good footy mind you with best player mentions.

Also a big congratulations to Jack Hazelhurst who made his A grade Debut and held his spot for a few games also.

Behaviours and mateship were our main focus for this group and I believe after a few slight behavioural misshaps off field early the boys embraced the culture they created and we had a very fun and enjoyable year together.

Although this group didn't fulfill their potential this year we did tick our main goal box to make finals. Unfortunately kicking 2 goals 10 in the first half gave Lockleys a sniff and they ended up getting us on the day.

This group of players are a talented bunch and as many as 23 players will be running around in the club's senior program next year so things are looking great for the club's future.

Just a big shout out to all the parents and especially to Anna Semmler and Jason Houlahan for their efforts on game days.

To all who put their hand up to help this team throughout the year I say thanks .

Cheers, Coach Ben



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