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SOUTH AUGUSTA FOOTBALL CLUB



South Augusta Bulldogs



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FROM THE *President*

Apologies but I'm just going to jump straight into the Footy Frenzy that South Augusta Football Club organised and held over the weekend. Apologies also as it's going to be a bit of a long write up here.

For those who didn't get the chance to attend, we held a full day of football, where games from Auskick right through to A grade were played throughout the day/night on 24th May. It was so good to see all grades of football being played at the same location on the same day. Giving our younger generations the chance to stick around and watch/meet some of our senior players and vice versa.

It was great to see all of the additional help from new volunteers on the BBQ and cake stall, it was much appreciated.

The day all culminated with ex AFL player Mitch Robinson playing for us in the league game, and what a game it was! It was a Grand Final like atmosphere, with a huge crowd of supporters from all over, coming to get a glimpse of the action. Mitch and our boys all played a great game and we got up for an important win! But the win wasn't the point of the whole event, it was nice, but it wasn't why we did this.

To see our members, supporters and the local community back out in huge numbers, seeing something that hadn't been done in Port Augusta and the SGL before, it was about getting footy back to what it once was here, providing something different for people to do and see! Letting the kids see a player that has made it to the top level successfully and giving them a close up experience of what that looks like... something they can aspire to. Also giving our players something to look forward to and enjoy was key to this, we hope they all enjoyed it as much as we hoped they would. Then to have Ricky Nixon and Robbo provide the sportsman's night upstairs later was amazing and such a great night.

I sincerely want to thank Chicken, Robbo and Emily for giving us this opportunity and making it such a great experience by being the great people they are! Amazing!

Then onto everyone that contributed to the day night! All sponsors, donations, corporate groups, individual ticket purchasers, caterers, staff, volunteers, security, umpires, coaches etc we want to thank you immensely, as it wasn't possible without you!

Last but certainly not least, a huge thank you to the organising Committee that spent countless hours and meetings putting this all together. I'm so glad we put in the effort we did to make this happen as it was a day I won't ever forget, along with many others I've spoken to since the event.

Mark Horner
President SAFC

Hi All

We are now a month into the season currently without registering a win in the A-Grade and U18s. Stewy and the Bs have notched a win but are unfortunately feeling the injury pain the most, as their squad is impacted by the availability of all players the most.

Round 1 was an absolute nightmare coping 4 injuries inside the first 15mins of the first quarter which resulted in 2 of the 4 ending up in hospital and another out of action for the entirety of the game. It was certainly a wake-up call to let us know footy season is here.

Unfortunately, on the injury front things didn't improve as we made a total of 13 changes from the selected Round 1 team to the team that ran out on the park in Round 4. The fact we have nearly used a full team in changes highlights the struggling start to our year.

In saying that with great opportunities, come great moments and it has been exciting to give a couple of young pups their first A Grade guernseys in Leo McInnis and Noah Kruger. These boys whilst probably not ready for senior football quite yet are some of our most talented juniors running around so it gave me a sense of pride to select them to play in the A Grade, even more so considering only 2 years ago I was coaching them in an U13 Grand Final. Time certainly fly's!

The main aim for the senior team since the first couple of rounds has been to narrow the focus and get back to being a hard team to play against. This has provided patches in games that we have looked ok and caused some problems for the opposition.

This brings me to the Footy Frenzy Day on May 24th. This was a massive effort from all the people associated with getting this concept off the ground. It was great to see kids and families at the footy, the way country footy should be. There was certainly a different atmosphere on the day which was felt by all.

This event ultimately culminated with our first win of the season against a more fancied Central Augusta. Obviously, the assistance of ex-AFL player Mitch Robinson contributed greatly to the result. Mitch kicked 4 goals in the game which left everyone buzzing. I am sure the players involved can only sing his praises of how invested he was in the game. I was equally impressed with all those who played on the night because we had no passengers, and each contributed to the victory.

It was a tremendous occasion to be apart of and it has provided the club with a great deal of exposure outside Port Augusta with his video of the night being uploaded on YouTube. Mitch only had positive things to say about his experience, one in which he states he will be back. I hope the energy this has created is something that can translate into more solid performances that we can be proud of and who knows challenge a few of the other teams who have already put a bit of a gap in the ladder.

Thank you to the volunteers, in particular the families of the junior sides who assisted with the BBQ, cake stalls, bar sales, overall set up on the day. This helped lighten the load on the usual volunteers who are there every weekend.

Hopefully when all the checks and balances come back from the event that it has been well worth the effort and all the naysayers will be silenced. At the end of the day our club must do things differently to the others to survive, because if we keep doing the same things we've always done our club won't be here. I can't express that enough.

Cheers

Adam Grantham

SENIOR PLAYERS TRAINING

5.30pm Tuesday & Thursday

Players check the training roster you have been given for the location of training on that day.

Get along and support the teams.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!

JUNE 2025

- 7 - SGL vs Whyalla FL
- 8 - Adelaide Reunion at Glenelg Oval v Nth Adelaide
- 9 - U15 NAFC Carnival at Melrose
- 21 - SGL White Ribbon Round v Port at Port Oval
- 29 - U11/U13 Carnival Pt Pirie

JULY 2025

- 5 - Souths Vs Centrals at ETSA Oval
- 12 - SA Country Championships at Port Oval, Pt Pirie
- 19 - Red & White Ball
- 19 - Think Road Safety Rd 11 v West @ Chinnery

AUGUST 2025

- 15 - catering for Variety Bash - can you help?
- 16 - Multicultural Round
- 23 - Back to Souths Day
- 31 - Madigan Medal Count

SEPTEMBER 2025

- 20 - SGL Grand Final venue to be confirmed

OCTOBER 2025

- 11 - Clubs SA Community Awards
Kennel Club

NOVEMBER 2025

- 23 - SAFC AGM



FRIDAY NIGHT MEALS

- Weekly Member's Draw
- Bruiser's Bonanza

Meals from
6:30pm



KITCHEN ROSTER FEBRUARY

Friday 6th June - Magareys

Friday 13th June - FRBC's

Friday 20th June - Waterworths

Friday 27th June - Horners

SAFC 52 CLUB RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket in the 52 Club.
Results as follows:

Date	Winning No	Purchaser
28th March	79	Lee Heron
7th March	25	Cameron Tiggeman
11th April	13	Val Waterworth
18th April	80	Ritts' Grandsons

2025 Management Committee

President: Mark Horner **Vice President:** Vacant
Treasurer: Tabitha Jones **Secretary:** Judith Barnett
Committee : Andrew Magarey, Craig Ritter, Tricia Waterworth, Georgia Irvine, Nick Heron, Nicole McInnis, Bianca Newbery & Michael Kerin
Player Reps: Will Waterworth & Trent Ritter
Patron: Robert Bowman

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ARE YOU A MEMBER?



2025 Membership is available!

Show your true support to the club by joining and encourage others to join. Please support us as we aim to top last year's record membership total.

You have the opportunity to win cash on Friday nights at the club but you must be present to win. If the member's number is drawn and you aren't in the clubroom it will jackpot by \$50 each week.

The next draw on Friday 6th June is now standing at:

\$750

Be there so you don't miss out!!!



Introducing the Legend of the Tongs!!

Gary Grantham is one of the winners in this round of a Bunnings Nationwide competition.

SAFC will now receive a Jumbuck 6 burner BBQ, a 3m x 3m marquee, BBQ tools & merchandise. If Gary gets any further in the competition he will be in the running to win flights & accommodation to Melbourne and 2 AFL Grand Final tickets.

Gary is pictured with one of the club's newest volunteers, Tyler Hutton who has been a great help on game day on the BBQ, and Tricia Waterworth who is always helping out SAFC in her many roles. Game day sees Tricia in the bar on the hill, team manager, in the kitchen after the game, a great asset to our club.

Check your emails for further information about joining in this bulletin and updates on future developments around the club.

Direct feedback from you is welcome via email at: [saafcplayers@internode.on.net](mailto:safcplayers@internode.on.net)
All feedback, suggestions, criticisms, etc are welcome.





JUNIOR UMPIRES WANTED

2025 will see umpiring payments offered to central umpires in junior grades and the female competition.

This is an ideal forum to learn umpiring with an on field more experienced umpire also umpiring. We are encouraging Under 15, Under 17 Girls and Under 18s to get involved.

Please contact your club's Junior Football Director for more information.

SAFC - Jake Collins 0405 266 286
WAFC - Carah Curley 0409 694 279
CAFC - Kim Arnold 0411 110 006

We are looking for umpires for U/9s, U/11s and U/13s.

Please speak to Mat or Jake if you can assist.

URGENT URGENT URGENT..U18 and U15 PLAYERS NEEDED

We are looking for more boys to join our U18 and U15 teams this season! If you are thinking about playing footy or know someone who is, please get in touch for more information.



Congratulations to Caleb McCarthy, Will Skull, Jace Heron, Lachlan Heinze, Carter Grantham and Eddie Skull who represented us as this years SAPSASA Carnival. Great work boys!

Special mention to Levi Vater & Callan Finally who were selected but couldn't play due to injury.



2 of our U18 lads, Tawaney Schmerl & Samson Milera-Champion who were competing in the Aboriginal Power Cup

Well done to the Footy Frenzy mascots who got up close to Mitch Robinson & lead the A Grade out on the oval!!



YEAR R-9 SPORTS VOUCHERS

South Augusta FC is a Sports Vouchers Plus provider!

Children in Reception to Year 9 are eligible to receive 2 x \$100 Sports Vouchers (per calendar year) So you can save on registration fees and have more opportunities to be active and socially connected. Talk to the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing (1300 714 990) about using your Sports Vouchers.

More information at www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PlayHQ 2025 REGISTRATION FOR PLAYERS/TEAM MANAGERS/VOLUNTEERS

All 2024 players from all grades down to U9 should have received an email (re-sent 30/1/25) to enable them to register for 2025. SANFL Players Registration payment of \$27.50 seniors/\$22.50 juniors and club membership are required to be paid via the registration link below.

Players from Reception to Year 9 are encouraged to make use of the Sports Vouchers as outlined on the previous page. All U18/B/A Grade players from the 3 clubs will also pay a PAFL fee to help run senior football in 2025.

Juniors will pay a new PAJFL fee to help run their competitions.

Volunteers are also strongly encouraged to register for free via this link.

To register for 2025 go to <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/ed3e03>

Auskickers (U7) need to register via this link

[https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/3679be?](https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/3679be?fbclid=IwY2xjawIs8cVleHRuA2FlbQlXMQABHelmkg197mNuXUtlWakMNvIVGIQhIHrpCjNUVNmmRyhf8qvKJlJSJJuA_aem_l3ptHLJMsF3NEsicsRiExw)

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If anyone has any problems please email to safcplayers@internode.on.net

SAMMY D FOUNDATION

Many thanks to those who contributed \$300 to the Sammy D Foundation via our participation in the recent Schnitty 4 Sam promotion. On Sunday the 4th of May 2008, the life of 17-year-old Sam Davis was tragically cut short, the victim of a one punch attack at a party. Following the devastating loss of Sam, his parents, Nat Cook and Neil Davis, founded the Sammy D Foundation, with the ultimate aim of providing skills to young people in order to prevent such a tragedy from happening again.

See <https://www.sammydfoundation.org.au/>

REGIONAL DROUGHT RELIEF GRANT



Government of South Australia
Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing

We are excited to be awarded one of the Round 54 Grants by the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing.

(check out <https://www.orsr.sa.gov.au/grants/active-club-program>)

"The Active Club Program supports clubs to strengthen the programs and services they offer. This ensures that regional communities can continue to experience the social, health and lifestyle benefits of participating in local sport and recreation". We will use the grant to access the services of Clubmap (check out <https://clubmap.com.au/>). Hopefully this club "health check" will include a cross section of club members. The ultimate goal is to bring the club up to scratch, spread the load and reduce volunteer burnout. Keep an eye out for more details next month.

2025 TOYOTA GOOD FOR FOOTY RAFFLE

Want to help unlock a potentially major fundraiser for our club? The Toyota Good for Footy Raffle is back, and it's your ticket to really impact on our club! With 100% of proceeds supporting SAFC, this is an easy way to raise funds. **It is vital to note that 100% of the proceeds go to our club** Last year, Toyota helped 913 clubs raise over \$1.2 million with one club raising an incredible \$50,000! You'll go in the draw to win \$289,005 of prizes including three brand-new 2025 Toyota vehicles, two all-inclusive tickets to the 2025 Toyota AFL Grand Final, along with even more invaluable footy experiences and awesome prizes up for grabs. **Repeat: SAFC gets to keep 100% of proceeds. This is a particularly useful way for those of you who don't/can't buy the usual club fundraiser raffles at the club each week.**

Click on the link or QR code below to enter. **"Because every dollar matters".**

<https://toyotagoodforfooty.raffletix.com.au/southaugusta?v=1>



Good for Footy



24TH MAY 2025—FOOTY FRENZY—ALL GRADES, ALL DAY



"Despite what they say it was never about getting the points. It was about bringing a buzz & atmosphere to country footy that's severely lacking nowadays. It was about showcasing the amazing facility that lies in the heart of Port Augusta. It was showing the people/kids of Port Augusta someone whose played at the highest level, and one day it might be another kid from our town making it on the big stage. Someone our community can be proud of." Adam Grantham

Mitch generously gave his time to the kids who were keen to get around him for a photo & autographs. He also made himself available to present awards to the juniors after their games. The opportunity to meet an ex AFL player made for an exciting day for all grades.



There was a buzz amongst the crowd watching Mitch run out in the red & white, under the bright lights of Central Oval. The quarter time huddles attracted a bigger following than has been seen in quite some time. Add a win to the BBQ & Bar on the Hill and the crowd couldn't have asked for a better event.



Congratulations to Nathan Mollenhof on winning the Footy Frenzy Raffle. Thanks to the generous donors for making the raffle possible.



Our Power of Her Grant is progressing well with excellent increases across the three grades. In 2024 we had 31 girls registered. As at 26/5/25 we have 57.

Kriston and Harley have their hands full with 26 U11s. With these fantastic numbers they are adding a second team to the competition.

Results:

After Round 5 the Under 14's are sitting 2nd on the ladder.

After Round 5 the Under 17's are sitting 4th on the ladder.

Get around these upcoming players and support their football journey. Who knows where their futures may take them!!

The U14s are strong in numbers this year and have quite a few playing up in the U17s already including first year U14 players like Alyssa Russ and Alyssa Reid. The U17s have started positive and are a team that is developing with every girl in their first full season up in in that age group. We welcome to the club Zara Lang and Peppa White from Orroroo and their families as well as our other South families from over the hills that have returned again. Here are the Bulldogs of the Day so far for May. From Des

Olivia McCallum



Zara Lang



Courtney Webb



Peppa White



Ena Zerbie



Ayana Reid



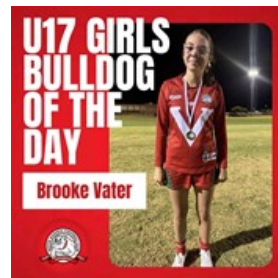
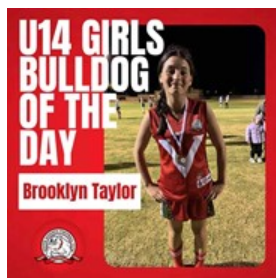
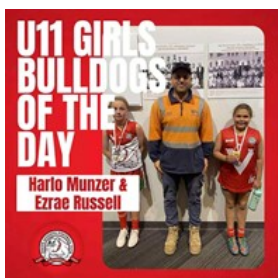
Eva McCallum



Shakita Brady



Raquell Ware



AFLW WHYALLA OPEN WOMEN'S COMPETITION

We have been invited to enter a team in the upcoming Whyalla AFLW (September-November) season. Matches would be primarily Friday and Saturday nights. A quote from the letter of invitation included:

"We are seeking to bring in an additional club from Port Augusta. We would love to see Port Augusta women's football continue to grow and expand with us. We are really excited about what's ahead for women's footy in our region."

Our current U11/U14/U17 girls are developing very nicely but are not ready for a senior women's competition. If there are any senior women interested in pursuing this, please spread the word and get in contact with Tiarna Rigden or Riley Berry ASAP.

Keeping you updated with club information:



LEVEL 1 **SPORTS TRAINERS COURSE**

SASMA's regional travel continued over the weekend, with a Level 1 Sports Trainer Course held in Port Augusta!

Well done to all the trainers who completed the training, covering a range of topics, including concussion, sports taping, injury management and more.

Thanks to SASMA Education Manager, Alex Hendrick, for delivering this important workshop in the region.



SOCIAL SCENE

At The Kennel



PORT AUGUSTA FOOTBALL LEAGUE HALL OF FAME REVIVAL

Next April, the PAFL is reviving their Hall of Fame after a few years in recess. Clubs can nominate up to 3 players. The Port Augusta Team of the (2025) Year will be announced in September and presented at the April event. It is also planned to select a Port Augusta Ruby Team from 2001-2025 with help from the coaches of the 3 clubs over these years. As a bit of fun/promotion we may run a competition to select their club's Ruby Team and even the Port Augusta Ruby Team. Stay tuned.



Daniel Dohnt (DD) 300 club games and 250 A grade games

Recently Daniel Dohnt became the 10th South Augusta player in it's history to surpass 300th club games and a week after he played 250 A Grade games. Daniel has currently played 251 A Grade games and 51 B Grade games. Daniel first played senior football for the club in 2005 after progressing through the club's junior competition and he is currently in his 21st year. In his 2nd year playing Senior football, he played in an A Grade premierships as part of the club's victory over Central Augusta under Coach Gary Kernahan in 2006, when he was named best player on the day. Daniel has also played A Grade Premierships in 2012 against Sollies under Peter Rivers and 2017 and 2020 Premierships under James Boles. Daniel also played in the 2018 B Grade Premiership

and has played several games representing the SGL.

In 2008 Daniel won the A Grade Fairest and Best for the club and has been high amongst the club's best players for most of his playing years. DD has played mainly on the ball, in the forward lines and wing but in more recent times he has been used in the backlines to great effect. Daniel has assisted the junior coaches when required and has been a great clubman. Congratulations Daniel on a magnificent career and you fully deserve the accolades you receive for achieving 300 club games and 250 A Grade games. He was named in the best players in recent games so still going strong.



Brett Jones 338 Club games, club record

Brett Jones has surpassed the club games record recently when he played his 338th game against West Augusta in the first round of the 2025 season. Brett passed the record held by Gary Kernahan for many years.

Brett first played senior football in 2001 after coming through Souths junior competitions. Brett's family was originally from Oodnadatta and made the move to Port Augusta to play football for the club.

He first tasted success in 2006 when he played in the 2006 A Grade Premiership under Gary Kernahan after being awarded A Grade Fairest and Best in 2004. Brett also played in B Grade Premierships in 2015, 2018 and 2020 where he was amongst the

best players on the day. Brett has been high amongst the vote getters in the Madigan Medal over the years and he has also been awarded the Dyason Medal for the best player in B Grade in the League. Brett has played SGL representative during his career and has played mainly on the ball, wing and the forward line.

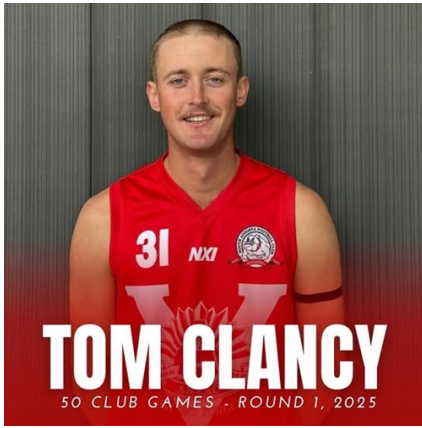
It is great that 2 players who both played in the 2006 A Grade Premiership in Daniel Dohnt and Brett Jones still playing for the club in 2025.

Congratulations on your achievement Brett by becoming the player with the record number of club games in the club's history.



Will Waterworth 50 League Games

Will Waterworth recently played his 50th A Grade game for the club. Playing mainly on the ball or on the forward lines, Will first played senior football in 2017 and has also played 34 B Grade games. Will played in the 2020 B Grade Premiership and we congratulate him on this 50 A Grade game milestone with many more games to come.



TOM CLANCY 50 Club Games, Round 1 2025

Congratulations to Tom Clancy who reached his 50 Club Games milestone in round 1. Tom has played a mixture of both A's and B's and we are looking forward to him continuing to improve with senior football and hold down a position as a key defender adding to his tally of senior games.



CHRIS HERON CALLS IT A DAY

After recent conversations it looks as though Chris Heron has played his last game at the club.

Last year's injuries, work and family commitments may not allow him to play and it's worthwhile looking back at his career at the club

Chris played 274 Senior games including 216 A and 58 B grade games. Chris played junior football at the club before playing senior football from 2002 to 2024.

Chris played in the 2006, 2012 and played in the last 2 of the "5 in a row" A Grade Premiership teams in 2019 and 2020. Chris also played in the 2015 and 2018 B Grade Premierships which meant he played in 2 B Grade Premierships and 4 A Grade Premierships.

Playing mostly on the wing forward line and on the ball during his career he was later used in the backline to great effect. A hard-hitting player he possessed plenty of speed and was great team player and a big part of premierships for the club. Chris will be missed but has sons coming through and he will be involved with their development ensuring his involvement with the club for years to come. Congratulations on a great career Chris and all the best on your retirement, always welcome to come back though!

BUILD THE RIVALRY

The Central Augusta rivalry with South's first started in 1912 when we played our first ever game against each other, Central winning on that occasion. South and Central played 100 years later in the Centenary match in 2012 when South Augusta reversed that result under Peter Rivers later to go on and win the Premiership that year

It's true Central won more Premierships in the 3-4 team Port Augusta competition from 1912 however since the SGL was formed in 1961 South have won 13 A grade Premierships and Central 8 A grade premierships. South have an equal amount of SGL Premierships with Port.

Central have taken several players from South Augusta over the years. Mick Fuller, Darryl Dadleh, Kahran McKenzie and Darren Shillabeer all played junior and senior football at South before moving to Central and playing and winning in A grade Premierships against South. In more recent times players taken from South include A grade Premiership players Ryan Struck, Brenton Colson, Gary Warren and this year Aziel Stuart.

Those involved with 1982 A and B grade premierships losses to Central will remember that carry on in the town that year and the one-eyed hill over the years. We lost to them in Grand finals in 1982, 1991 and 2010, however we did defeat them in the 2006 Grand Final under Coach Gary Kernahan. No matter where the clubs are positioned it's always a great game and we look forward to playing them again in 2025, get along and build the rivalry!

LEAGUE DEBUT - NOAH KRUGER Round 4, 2025

We congratulate another young bulldog star who made his A Grade debut over the weekend. Noah Kruger is the grandson of Greg George who represented the club back in the late 70's and also the nephew of Simon George who also played A grade for a couple of seasons back in 2014/15. Noah's father Damien played senior football for the Quorn Wolves back in the 90's. Noah has been a standout junior for many years capable of winning games off his own boot. Well done Noah and the Kruger/George families.



LEAGUE DEBUT - LEO McINNIS Round 2, 2025

Fantastic to see another young gun make his League debut for the club. Leo is destined to play A Grade football for many years after dominating all junior grades throughout his early football journey. Leo had a great start to his A grade career with a couple of goals and handling himself well. We are sure there are more senior games to come from Leo and it's great to have the McInnis name running around in the A Grade again.



Players in the A grade who have performed in the first few rounds include Caleb Ritter, Craig Shirley and Trent Ritter has manage to bag a few goals. Others to be mentioned amongst the best include Ethan Gade, Flynn Everett, Darcy Kildea and Jack Franklin but we need all firing if we are to be competitive enough to win games.

In the B Grade best players have been Whitlam Arndt, Joshua Niamak, Oscar Williams and David Schooling and in the Under 18s Ethan Maloney, Addysan Di Paolo have been the standouts with contributions from Leo McInnis, Robert Naylor and Oscar Williams.

The Under 15s are in fourth spot with Noah Kruger kicking 14 goals in one match against Port and other players doing well in Jed Carn and Eddy Heron. In the other grades the Under 13s and under 11s are both in 3rd spot and the under 9s have 2 teams which all goes well for the future.

FOOTY NEWS

CLUB DEBUTANTS - ROUND 1-5 2025

Congratulations to the following players who made their club debuts in Rounds 1-5:

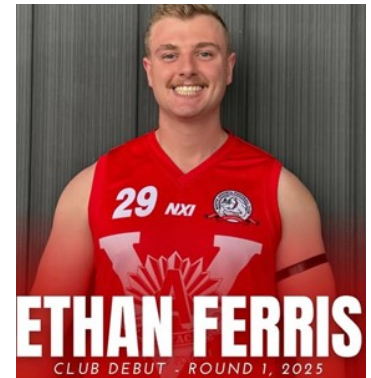
League: Jai Johnstone, Jesse Hockney-Forrester, Mitch Robinson

Seconds: Malcolm Doolan, Ethan Ferris, Whitlam Arndt and Jesse Hockney-Forrester.



LEAGUE DEBUT - JESSE HOCKNEY-FORRESTER Round 2, 2025

We congratulate Jesse on making his A Grade debut. He has been a great addition coming down from the NT and has already shown his leadership qualities and powerful kicking on both sides of the body. We look forward to many more games from Jesse.



VOLUNTEER NEWS

Each season the SANFL runs a competition based on the number of registered volunteers in each club. The more registered volunteers the more chance we have of winning it. We currently have just 22 of our Red Army of volunteers actually registered. This leaves a lot of you valuable volunteers unregistered and reduces our chance of winning. Thus, no matter how large or small a role you contribute to SAFC we request all our volunteers to register for free via this link <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/ed3e03>

2025 SANFL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Nominations are now open for the 2025 SANFL Volunteer of the Year Awards which aim to highlight individuals who have provided outstanding voluntary service to community football. Categories include Volunteer of the Year, Young Leader (U25) of the Year, Club of the Year, Auskick Volunteer of the Year, Umpiring Service Award, Football Media Award, Football Photography Award and Coach of the Year.

Can you think of an SAFC administrator, umpire, coach, trainer, Auskick coordinator, fundraiser, timekeeper or worker on the barbecue worthy of nomination for their work for the club?

Nominations close Monday July 7. For more details and to nominate a volunteer visit

<https://sanfl.com.au/volunteer/>

VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITY "SUNDAY AT SOUTHS"

After the success of the Kennel Cup, we hope to deliver more Sundays at Souths. We hope to make this a regular event so any suggestions to occupy a Sunday afternoon are most welcome.

VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITY "CLUBS SA CLUB DEVELOPMENT TRAINING"

This is yet another excellent chance for our Adelaide based members to make a small contribution to the club. Clubs SA are hosting a range of training modules over the next few months. They cover Club Governance, Sponsorship Management, Meetings, Constitutions, Planning, Finance, Disputes. If you would like to find out the dates and attend to represent the club speak to Mick Kerin.

Billy's Corner

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Sad to hear the passing of past player Pat Leverentz recently. Pat was aged 88 years and lived in Darwin before he passed. Pat played from 1958 to 1968 with 14 A grade games and over 100 B grade games. Playing mainly in the backlines the well-built player was involved with the 1962 B grade premiership. Pat managed a Roadhouse on Stirling Road, Port Augusta for many years and was also involved with the club off the field when time allowed. Condolences to Pat's family and friends at this sad time.

Recent members of SAFC Past Players and Officials who have passed away:

Brian Flanagan, father of past players Greg and Martin Flanagan recently passed away in Whyalla aged 94 years of age. Brian Rejack brother of John Rejack, a long-time supporter and past Committee person at the club, also recently passed aged 67 years. The club is thinking of both families at this sad time. Also the clubs thoughts are with the family of Margret Martin who sadly passed away on 28th May. Condolences go to Lee & Nick Heron, Lynton and Wendy Martin and families on the loss of their mother and mother in law. Margret was a staunch South's supporter watching her grand & great grandchildren play for the club for many years.



Port Power may not be going so well on the field but great to see ex South junior Connor Rozee continuing some good form recently with winning the Showdown Medal and named best player against Geelong. Ex junior Izaak Keeler played several games at the highest level for St Kilda and picked up several touches and also great to see Central Augusta lad Kane McAuliffe playing for Richmond and picking up several touches as well.

The AFL seems to have sold out the grass roots clubs on the decision to allow Pay TV exclusive rights to stream live broadcasts of football on a pay service only every Saturday. Not all clubs can afford to install Pay TV as the rates are higher for commercial clubs and not worth it just for Saturday's coverage. Patrons who want to watch it live will go home to watch the game and not hang around on Saturday nights. A poor decision by the AFL as clubs need patrons there at night after their match on Saturday for much needed fundraising.



ADELAIDE FOOTBALL GET TOGETHER

The Annual Adelaide get together of South Augusta Football Club Past players and officials will be held on the Sunday of the Long weekend in June in 2025. Attend the Glenelg vs North match on Sunday 8th June after 12 noon and meet at the Glenelg Cricket club clubrooms. Meals are available at the club during the day.

All past players and officials from the club are invited together with any present players as there are no SGL matches that weekend. You will have to pay for a ticket to the match to access the Cricket Club.

Contact Pat Hynes 0419 828 095 Mark Shirley 0428 888 076, or Robert Harris 0428 690 933 if you can attend or need more information.

Billy's Corner

SOUTH AUGUSTA GOLF OPEN DAY — SUNDAY 29th JUNE 2025—9.00AM START



WHO WILL WIN THE RED JACKET IN 2025

PORT AUGUSTA GOLF COURSE

The prestigious South Augusta Open has seen some great names on the trophy, Jube Waterworth, Simon Brusnahan and Daniel Dohnt being amongst them. Get along for the 9 hole Ambrose and the chance to wear the Red jacket.

The club will be open from 12.30pm and Vice Presidents and Sponsors are invited to join us and back at the club for lunch, watching the footy on TV, presentations and games in the afternoon.

FOUR PERSON AMBROSE, ALL WELCOME – MENS AND WOMENS TEAM TROPHIES, BEST DRESSED, NEAREST TO PIN, LONG DRIVE

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A TEAM TURN UP AND YOU WILL BE PUT IN A TEAM

\$20 COST INCLUDES GREEN FEES.

LUNCH BACK AT THE CLUB AT 1 PM

NO B.Y.O. ALCOHOL

(due to the Alcohol Licencing Restrictions.) ALL Alcohol MUST BE PURCHASED from the Golf Club. There may be a Drinks cart going around the course selling the drinks.

Sponsored by Gardner Homes, Travellers Rest Hotel, PKB Electrical, M and G Group, Sundrop

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Mark Bowman recently turned 60 and celebrated the event in Adelaide at his family home.

Mark played juniors at the club before going on to play 85 A grade games and 35 B grade games for the club between 1981 to 1988 when he left Port Augusta. Mark played in the 1981 and 1985 B Grade Premiership and the 1983 A Grade Premiership.

Mark played mainly on the ball, forward and on the wing and who can forget his bounces along the wing in the 1983 A grade grand final to seal the win against Sollies in the last quarter!

Mark was also involved at the A grade level in cricket and volleyball in Port Augusta where he won several premierships.

Mark currently plays Senior Bowls at Grange where he plays at a high level and at work he currently manages a Civil Engineering Company and plans to retire in the near future.

Mark is married to wife Sue and has 3 children. The Bowman family have been involved with Souths for many years with father Robert, a past player, patron and Hall of Fame member at Port Augusta and Souths. Mark's sister Donna is a life member and Mark's grandfather Harold is also a Life member at the club. Congratulations Mark on your 60th and we hope to see you around the club this year. Mark is pictured with his father Robert Bowman at his 60th birthday celebrations.

**South Augusta Colts History**

South Augusta had a tremendous history of success in its juniors, which has paved the way for its competitiveness in the senior ranks over the years. The club never had the resources to buy players, so its junior Colts were an important part of its success on the field, and it has always been a priority. The Club prides itself in its coaching staff from Under 9's upwards and has had an excellent success record within its juniors.

Ray Miller and John McElligott were the first ex-senior players to take on the role of junior coaches to serve the club well. Junior coaches for long periods of time included David Williams, Mark McKell, Robert Laube, Craig Ritter, Gary Grantham, Peter Trewartha and Graeme Williams. These coaches developed some very good players over the years including Premiership players, S.A.N.F.L. players and some cases A.F.L. players.

David Williams had been the backbone to the junior coaches for many years, and he has been recognised with Life Membership at league level and the Port Augusta Hall of Fame, David also has been recognised by the South Augusta Hall of Fame and is a legend of the South Augusta Football Club.

Craig Ritter started coaching under 11's in 1996 and had been involved with the club as a junior coach for 15 years, coaching junior grades from 9's to under 15's. Craig has also achieved several junior premierships, is a Life Member, serving as secretary of the Colts committee and a great fundraiser, organising the hot dog trailer for several years. Craig is still currently involved at many levels.

Coaches have in some cases developed A.F.L. players, such as Bryan Beinke (Crows) and Jared Rivers (Melbourne Football Club), Connor Rozee (Port Power) and Isaac Keeler (St Kilda). Colts who have won Association medals over the years include Troy Collins, Robert Rozee, Darryl Dadleh, Allan Rooney, Peter Blaschek, Ashley Dunkley, Robert Martin, David Williams, Darcy Noll, Jack Kerin, Ethan Reid and Peter Williams.

The Colts will continue to be the backbone of the club's future, with a high standard of coaching within the juniors grades the successful future of the senior teams is assured this will hopefully continue for years to come

See you next month

Good reading

Gary Kittel

**2009 U13'S PREMIERSHIP
COACHED BY CRAIG RITTER**

**FOOTBALL FLASHBACK 90 AND 80 YEARS -1935 AND 1945****1935**

- Limited games
- Captain: N Mellett

Football lapsed in 1935 due to a number of reasons and play was restricted to several Intertown matches.

1945

Position 3rd

- South president: C Saint, Secretary: D Rankin.
- South win B grade premiership 5.4 to 4.6
- A grade Fairest and Best: Norm Brealey, Most Consistent: C Grantham, best placed: Sid Zanker, most improved: F Onger.
- Leading goalkicker in A grade was Pat Welsh from Souths with 24 goals.
- B grade Fairest and Best; Brian Fountain, most consistent: J Barrett.

The Association trophy for the best placed man is won by Sid Zanker from Souths.

SPONSORS 2025

PLATINUM

- North East Isuzu Port Augusta
- Enerline Construction
- McDonalds Port Augusta
- M J French Electrical
- Sundrop Farms
- RATCH Australia Corporation
- Travellers Rest Hotel

GOLD

- PKB Electrical
- Flinders Ranges Cheap Priced Cars
- Terry Gardiner Meats & Smallgoods
- AAA Auto Parts
- Crossroads Concepts
- Lean Business Solutions
- Port Augusta Meat Store
- Augusta Motor Company
- MAX Services
- Saltbush Surf & Leisure
- Nelson Teamwear
- South Augusta Football Tips
- South Augusta Racing Tips
- South Augusta Round Table
- Rowe Partners
- Augusta Auto Mall
- Sue & Andrew Magarey
- Spencer Gulf Security Service
- M & G Group
- Fire Equipment Maintenance Group

SILVER

- Couttsies Automotives
- Emma's Deli
- Guidolin Carpentry
- HelloWorld
- Schooners Cleaning
- Jones Radiology
- Milhinch Jewellers

BRONZE

- D & G Tyres
- Harry's Maintenance Plumbing & Gas
- Terry White Chemist
- Geoff Brock
- Eddie Hughes
- Pastoral Hotel
- Dalla Santa Plumbing
- Sportspower
- Country Health Physiotherapy
- Leisure World
- Deiri Organisation—Clinton Dodd
- Bury Plumbing

VICE PRESIDENTS

- Andrew and Sue Magarey
- Greg Burk
- Julie and Mark Shirley
- Gary Kittel
- Peter and Sue Trewartha
- South Augusta Cricket Club
- The Pups
- Pat Hynes
- Frank Maloney
- Leanne and Kym Maule
- Robert Bowman
- Jacqui and Craig Ritter
- Harry and Val Waterworth
- Port Augusta Meat Store/Ron Surman
- Mary Higginson
- David & Dianne Williams
- Stan Chapman
- Shane and Lisa Glass
- Rod Chapman and Jeff Shillabeer
- Colin & Marg Waterworth

COLTS

- Enerline Construction
- Blues Brothers Teas
- Gotta Be Fish
- Dalla Santa Plumbing
- Terry Gardiner Meats & Smallgoods
- Pat Hynes
- HelloWorld
- Saltbush Surf & Leisure
- Wendy & Andrew Black
- Peter Taylor Photos
- North East Isuzu Port Augusta
- Pastoral Hotel
- Sportspower
- MAX Services
- Greg Edwards
- KFC
- McDonalds Port Augusta
- Barnacle Bills
- Subway
- Pizza Hut
- Domino's
- Seaview Christian College
- Webb Family
- Collins Family

Club & Vice President Sponsorship Information 2025

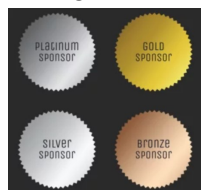
Great to see PK Electrical on board again as a sponsor this year again Michelle and Phil Brown have been great supporters over the years, and we wish them safe travel as they travel to England for the Cricket Test Championship in the next few weeks. Also, on Board this year are McDonalds with Nick once again supporting the club as a platinum sponsor, we value his support.

M and G have supplied vouchers for accommodation this year. Check out the info in this newsletter.

The club is still chasing up other sponsors and hopes to have this finalised in the next 2 months. If you know of any potential sponsors or would like to be involved yourself, contact the club or go directly to Sponsor Co-ordinator Simon Owens on simon.owens836@schools.sa.edu.au

The club has several categories of Sponsorship including:

WEEKLY/ MONTHLY AWARD (voucher, gift, or cash). These awards are given out after every game during the season with the recognition of your business to all members present at the club.



BRONZE SPONSORSHIP (\$250.00 - \$500.00)

SILVER SPONSORSHIP (\$500.00 - \$1000.00)

GOLD SPONSORSHIP (\$1000.00 - \$3,000.00)

PLATINUM SPONSORSHIP (\$3,000.00 + OVER)

VICE PRESIDENTS CLUB (\$100.00) - Contact Kean Parrington

If you like to Sponsor the club or need more details contact our Sponsorship Officer Simon Owens on 0419 808 663, Kean Parrington on 0419 034 630, Craig Ritter or the Management Committee.

UPDATE: Vice Presidents Club sponsors have new members in the last month including "The Pups" sponsoring Craig Shirley this year together with Peter and Sue Trewartha sponsoring Leo McInnis. We currently have 23 members, and we would love to get to 30 but mid-June so if you can sponsor a player, please let the club know. Costs will go towards the costs of the players insurance, meals after games and ongoing funds required to get them on the field.

The current list of Vice Presidents and players they sponsor is on the next page.

As a member of the Vice Presidents Club, you will sponsor a player from the A and B Grades for the 2025 season. If you have a preference for a player to sponsor, please let us know.

Invites to Club Functions: Vice President's Club members are invited to club functions during the year. Text or phone Kean Parrington on 0419 034 630 or Mark Shirley on 0428 888 076 to discuss the Vice President's Club in more detail. Check your email inbox for information.

Because the funds will be used for Football Development **you will be able to claim a tax deduction** through the Australian Sports Foundation. Pay your membership over the bar to receive the tax deductible receipt. Alternatively, online banking payable to:
South Augusta Football Club: BSB 035065 :Account 199129

VICE PRESIDENT SPONSORS 2025	PLAYER SPONSORED 2025
ANDREW & SUE MAGAREY	CALEB RITTER
MARY HIGGINSON	CAM TIGGEMANN
MARY HIGGINSON	ETHAN REID
GREG BURK	ZECH AMOS
JULIE AND MARK SHIRLEY	JAIDEN WARNE
GARY KITTEL	KRISTON THOMPSON
SOUTH AUGUSTA CRICKET CLUB	DANIEL DOHNT
PORT AUGUSTA MEAT STORE, RON SURMAN	MITCHELL FRENCH
COLIN AND MARG WATERWORTH	REX WATERWORTH
HARRY & VAL WATERWORTH	ETHAN GADE
PAT HYNES	FLYNN EVERETT
LEE-ANNE AND KYM MAULE	SAM MAULE
LEE-ANNE AND KYM MAULE	DECLAN FRANKS
ROBERT BOWMAN	ROWAN IRVINE
JACQUI AND CRAIG RITTER	TRENT RITTER
DAVID AND DIANNE WILLIAMS	OSCAR WILLIAMS
STAN CHAPMAN	PATRICK KENNEDY
SHANE AND LISA GLASS	PAUL GLASS
SHANE AND LISA GLASS	DARCY KILDEA
ROD CHAPMAN/ JEFF SHILLABEER	JESSE HOCKNEY-FORRESTER
FRANK MALONEY	ETHAN MALONEY
THE PUPS	CRAIG SHIRLEY
PETER & SUE TREWARTHA	LEO MCINNIS



UPCOMING EVENT

Saturday 14th June
 Quiz Night to be held 6pm at SAFC
 Tickets \$10pp – Tables of 8
 RSVP: magpiesquiznight@outlook.com



National Volunteers Week

On Saturday 17th May, Magpies recognised our umpires as part of Volunteer's Week with each team presenting their match umpire with a small gift.

Junior Player Of The Week

Awards for the first four weeks of the season have been awarded to Courtney, Kaylee, Louisa & Chloe. Each player has received a meal voucher proudly donated by South Augusta Football Club.

