# BULLDOG BULLETIN

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Souths Women's A Grade Indigenous Round 2026 vs Weeroona Bay 11/10/26





# Presidents Report

Welcome to the October Newsletter.

The year has flown by that's for sure. The main season is now in the rear-view mirror, but that doesn't mean the club shuts down until next year.

The Women's Team is still competing and doing extremely well. It's good to see we have a competitive bunch, who are working hard on the field.

In relation to the Men's Team, work has already commenced on keeping our players and the Football Committee is working on making our squad stronger.

As always, I would like to thank and congratulate our helpers and hard-working volunteers. The Presentation Night acknowledged those who have worked tirelessly for our Club over many years and each any everyone acknowledged has made a truly significant contribution to Souths. Special thanks to Mick Kerin and all volunteers who have worked at the Bunnings Sausage Stall. These events help to get our Club further recognised within the community, as well as providing a fantastic fundraising opportunity.

I want to thank Lee for her support and willingness to help when she can. She has taken on the Newsletter for now, and hopefully she has been keeping you informed with the contributions from Mark Shirley, Mick Kerin, Gary Kittel, Torey Lloyd (Magpies), Coaches, and Melissa Roach for all the great photo's that she takes throughout the year and are used in the monthly Newsletter and Yearbook.

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for late November, the President, Treasurer and 4 committee positions will become vacant, nominations are being sort for these positions. Nomination forms are available from Judith or at the club. If you have skills, qualities or just a passion to assist in making South's the best possible Club, please consider a role, whether that be on the Committee or a volunteer in an area that interests you. Any help is greatly appreciated and lightens the load across the Club. We are working on our club structure at the moment, once this is finalised it will be a clear and concise path to what roles we have and who are responsible for those roles. Be on the lookout for the AGM notice as well as some JD's that relate to the roles.

Finally, I wish to recognise the importance of a good club structure which delivers clear legal and financial security, reduces volunteer burnout, and builds a welcoming community club where members feel a strong sense of belonging. It turns a community group, from the youngest to the oldest member, into a vibrant, stable, long-lasting organisation.

I hope to see you at the AGM.

Regards
Nick

# B Grade – Congrats on Finals Effort

The lads might have just lost the B Grade Grand Final, but it didn't stop several of the players being involved with Mad Monday with this picture taken at the Tassie Tavern, some good lookers here!



Lets make it one better in 2027!…..



# Colts Corner

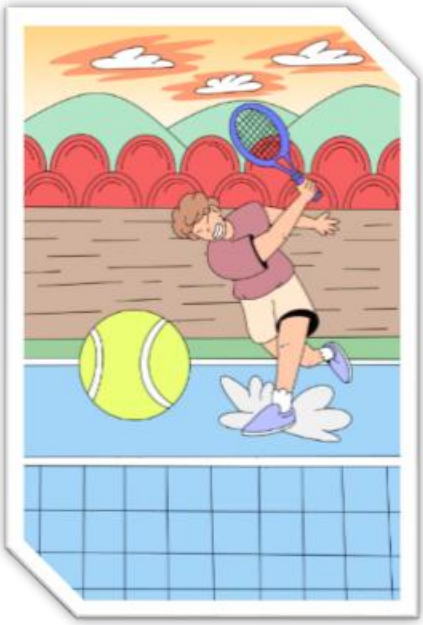
Attention now turns to appointing our coaches in the rest of the SGL/PAJFL Grades.

# Table Tennis/Twilight Tennis Comps

South Augusta Bulldogs couldn't quite get it done in the Table tennis finals bowing out in the Preliminary Final to the Hawks.



Bulldogs have a team in the Twilight Tennis Competition starting Thursday 15 October. Darren Baker, along with other Southies, Stuart Beaton and David Schooling are also getting their racquets out this year for the team.



## COACHES REPORT – LUKE PAPARELLA

2026 is a milestone year for the South Augusta Football Club fielding its inaugural Women's A Grade Football side for the season. Competing in the Whyalla Football League we play 8 home and away matches before hopefully a finals birth in our very first season.

The girls started on fire with a 10 goal win against fellow inaugural team Port Football Club, in a dimly lit game away from home. The success continued against Westies, West Whyalla and Weeroona Bay, with the biggest highlight a 200 to nil win during Indigenous Round. From five games the girls have conceded just one hard fought loss against Centrals, with the girls itching to get on top of them in their much anticipated finals rematch.

Going into the Bye Round we sit equal top of the ladder, with percentage placing us third. We have fielded 47 women and girls across the 5 matches showcasing both junior and senior talent. Round 1 saw Seraphina Moon receive Player of the Match from MGA Insurance Group, and Zara Lang took out the Indigenous Round's Best of Ground, getting to take home the Indigenous designed match ball thanks to the Adelaide Crows.

The club has been fortunate enough to secure several great sponsors for the women's program who have generously donated weekly awards, post-game meals and footballs/equipment/uniforms for our program. The support we've received from the club and supporters, both travelling to Port Pirie and crowding the rowdy balcony at home has meant so much to the women's team, and we strongly encourage everyone to keep cheering our women on.

We are looking forward to finishing the year strong and making a statement in finals football.

Up the 'Doggettes'.

Much love, Paps



## WHYALLA AFLW UPDATE

An amazing 52 players have registered for our team in the thriving Whyalla AFLW competition. Most are new club members which is great for our membership base. The girls got off to a great debut by comfortably defeating Port in Round 1, narrowly defeating West Augusta in Round 2, a competitive Round 3 defeat by Central Augusta, wins against West Whyalla and Weeroona Bay in Rounds 4 and 5 followed by a Round 6 bye. After Round 5 they shared top place (third on percentage) with North Whyalla and Central Augusta.

The team has created a very positive summer football vibe around the club getting great support from club members. The remaining season fixture can be accessed by clicking on

https://www.playhq.com/afl/org/whyalla-football-league/whyalla-football-league-2026/82edd3bc



Best On Ground Award winner Zara Lang

## FLASHBACKS 1986 – 40 YEARS AGO

**A Grade Position: 7th**

- A grade coach: Keith Kulhman/ Pat Hynes. A grade captain: Pat Hynes
- B grade coach: Brian Shillabeer. B grade finish down the ladder.
- A grade Fairest and Best: Mark Shirley, Runner up Pat Hynes
- President: Jim Maule. Management committee: Brian Reichelt, David Winter, Ray Chapman, Michael Prime, Albert Graf, Kelly Grantham, Des Sinkinson, Faye Schwab, Robert Bowman.
- Trainers: Gary Humphries, Jenny Fullgrabe, Jack Baggio, Mark Maule and team managers: Jeff Shillabeer, Anthony Farr. Timekeepers: Bert Skinn, Don Gourd. Guernsey cleaner: Joyce Phillips
- General history: Keith Kuhlmann replaced as coach during the year and Pat Hynes takes over as caretaker coach. Poor year for the A grade in 1986. At start of season Mick Corey transfers to Willsden, Robert Fiebig retires, Chris Pelle and Chris Ramsay leave town.

If you want to catch up on any news from past Bulldog Bulletins over the last 12 months or even from previous years, we have them all on the South Augusta website. You can look at the past history as well and the profile of the club. If you have any Premiership photos to add to our history, please contact the club with details and we will get it up on the website. Go to the website on https://southaugusta.com.au/ for more information.

## PREMIERSHIP RACE

We can't blame any Southy for barracking for Sollies against Port in the recent SGL in Pirie. By winning Port have overtaken South in the SGL Premiership race with 14 Premierships since its inception in 1961. South were previously equal with Port on 13 followed by West 12 and Central 8. More reason to win the Premiership in 2027!

## PROOF THAT FOOTBALL IS MORE THAN A GAME

We received a letter from West Whyalla FC recently. It was much appreciated and is included (in part) below. It goes to show the important aspects of community sport. Well done to all involved.

"As coach of the West Whyalla FC Senior Women's team, I am writing to personally and on behalf of the club express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the support, care and sportsmanship shown by your club during our game on Friday October 2nd. The immediate care and assistance provided by your players and game day volunteers was greatly appreciated. Their genuine care and compassion should be commended. I would also particularly like to thank your coach for agreeing to my request to bring the game to an early end. The welfare of our injured player was a concern for our players and myself. I am very grateful for the understanding and sportsmanship shown by Luke and your club which has left a fantastic first impression of your club. You should be proud of the appointments you've made and people you have involved. Please pass on my thanks, and the thanks of the West Whyalla Football Club, to everyone who assisted Courtney".

*Nick Tzantzoglou*

## 2027 SAFC MEMBERSHIP

2027 memberships will soon be available. We are asking you to show your support of the club by renewing/taking out club membership which is vital to our survival. For those of you who live away from Port Augusta please take this chance to show your true support for your club. Can you encourage others to join (member get member). You may also win the Friday night Members Draw and have full voting rights at various meetings. Please support us as we aim to top last year's record membership total.

## 2027 COACHES ANNOUNCED

We would like to announce the re-appointment of Adam Grantham (A Grade), Bronte Munzer (B Grade), Jesse Hockney Forrester and Ethan Gade (U18) as coaches for the 2027 season. It is great to have stability at the top end of the club. We urge all players, members and supporters to get behind them. Attention now turns to appointing our coaches in the rest of the SGL/PAJFL grades.

## PORT AUGUSTA ALLSTARS V AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCES

We were very pleased to host members of both teams after their recent match. In a unique game scores were level (5g 5b each) at half time and (10g 9b each) at full time. The Allstars included players with SAFC history including Aziel Amos, Josh McKenzie, Coheyn Patrick, Billy Joe Russell and Connor McMillan. martin.dinan@defence.gov.au

## 2026 SEASON FINAL EVENTS

Sunday 29 November - AGM

Friday 11 December - Club Christmas Show

## RECENT SUCCESS WITH GRANTS

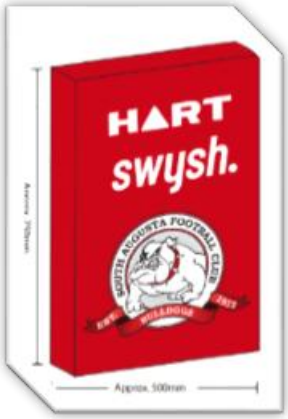
The club has had recent success with 3 grants approved by some great sponsors of the club including AMPYR, organisation that will be providing a new Battery for Port Augusta, already providing a grant of $2800 towards Women's football. They provided a grant recently of another $5,000 for a Skillzone, which was requested by the Colts Committee.




South will need to contribute to this project as well so if you would like to donate please email or contact Jake Collins on jake_collins@live.com.au or 0405 266 286.

## VOLUNTEER GRANT

A Volunteer Grant of $3,000 has been approved for equipment and transport costs for the new Women's team and this was received through the Department of Social Services.
The club will also receive approximately $3,900 in Football equipment through SWYSH and the Australian Sports Foundation. The equipment will be used for football equipment amongst the junior grades.






Bump bags

## SILENT AUCTION RESULTS

The bids for the silent auction closed on 29 August 2026 with $2,000 raised for the club by the sale of an Electric Forklift, Recliner and Central District Guernseys. Many thanks to the donors of those items including EP Forklifts, Moveability Australia, Adam Grantham and the Central District Football Club.

## SENIORS PRESENTATION NIGHT

The last month has been a busy one around the club with the Presentation Night held and other functions such as the B Grade Grand Final, Netball finals and Footy Tips wind up. Many thanks to the Trophy donors for the Presentation Night and our great sponsors who continue to support us.

Congratulations to the Trophy winners in each grade and a summary of which can be obtained in the South Augusta Yearbook 2026, a hard copy can be obtained at the club or emailed or just go to the website at https://southaugusta.com.au/

## AFL GRAND FINAL DAY AND FOOTY TIPS

The AFL grand final day was well attended with many returning to the club to watch the game after the Presentation night held on the Friday night. The day was linked in with the SAFC Footy tips with supporters watching an amazing game of football.

The Footy Tips winner for 2026 was Rowan Irvine who won over $600 and he joins names such as Harry Waterworth, Marg Waterworth, Alan Barnett, Jarrod Waterworth and Andrew and Jack Magarey who have won the competition over the years. Other placed prize winners in 2026 were Georgia Irvine, Jason Cullen, John Duggan and Kean Parrington.



**Other prizes for competitions on the day were handed to**

- Winning team and margin $50 to Georgia Irvine ( Footy Tips )
- Winning team and margin $66 to Callen Reynolds
- Norm Smith Medal, $60 to Wyatt Shillabeer
- Winning team and margin John Duggan received $60
- First goal of the game was shared by 5 tipsters, $13 each to Kev Hillard, Hamish Blinman, Isaac Shillabeer, Graham Coutts and Luke Paparella

Footy tips went all online this year, and this will continue in 2027 with 31 participants and over $1300 raised for the club in 2026. Many thanks to those who organised the day including Harry Waterworth and John Orenshaw for catering, Mick Kerin for managing the competitions on the day together with bar staff including Jasmine and Nicole and of course Snake Owens for his curried sausages.

# THURSDAY NIGHT MEALS

MENU'S WILL BE POSTED EACH WEEK



15/10/2026
LAMB OR CHICKEN YIROS



22/10/2026
SCHNITZEL NIGHT



29/10/2026
BEEF BURGERS



5/11/2026
LOADED SCHNITZELS

NO MEALS FOR THURSDAY 12TH OF NOVEMBER



19/11/2026
SCHNITZEL BURGERS



26/11/2026
LOADED HOTDOG



3/12/2026
BEEF BRISKET BURGERS



10/12/2026
PASTA

NO MEALS FOR THURSDAY 17TH OF DECEMBER

**TEST CRICKET GET TOGETHER**

Invite to any past and present players, officials and partners from South Augusta Football and Cricket clubs who plan to attend the Ashes cricket Test match in Adelaide.

Join us at the Lindsay Head Terrace on Saturday 19th December 2026. The Terrace is situated in the Riverbank Stand, Level 5.

The area is unfortunately only accessible for members as it was too hard to find another location to meet. For those who can't get in and would like to catch up we can meet at the Strathmore after the game around 6pm.

We plan to get together during the lunch break in play on the Saturday Friday at 1pm. Try to get there before that time so we can reserve some tables.



**RACING TIPS**

Don't forget the Racing tips commence on Saturday 7/11/26 with the aim of over 30 participants. The aim is to beat last year's winner John Orenshaw who had an outstanding tipping season. You can also win your fees for the year by entering the Melbourne Cup Competition with $100 up for grabs.

**RACING TIPS IS BACK**



**SOUTH AUGUSTA FOOTBALL CLUB**

**STARTS 7TH NOVEMBER 2026**

**20 WEEKS IN DURATION**

**COST $5 PER WEEK PLUS JOINING FEE $10**

**MELBOURNE TIPS ONLY**

**JACKPOT $20 PER WEEK PLUS PRIZEMONEY**

**POINTS ALLOCATED ON PRICE PAID BY HORSE ON TAB APP AND SUNDAY MAIL**

**SHOW AT THE END OF THE YEAR, LAST DAY 27/3/26**

**YOU CAN EMAIL OR TEXT YOUR TIPS IN IF REQUIRED.**

**THEREFORE, THOSE OUT OF TOWN CAN STILL PARTICIPATE**

**NEED A MINIMUM OF 20 MEMBERS TO START**

**PRIZE MONEY CONFIRMED WHEN NUMBERS CONFIRMED BUT LAST YEARS 1ST PRIZE WAS OVER $600.**

**PRIZES FOR FIRST 5 PLACEGETTERS.**

**NO TIPS 26TH DECEMBER 2026**

**IF INTERESTED GET YOUR NAME ON THE BOARD AT THE CLUB OR RESPOND TO HARRY WATERWORTH, SIMON OWENS, MARK SHIRLEY OR KEAN PARRINGTON.**

## RECENT BIRTHDAY OF PAST PLAYER

Congratulations to Mark Zinndorf who turned 60 lately. Mark was a member of the 1990 and 91 B Grade Premiership teams and served on the Committee for several years. Mark now teaches in Adelaide and went to Bali to celebrate the occasion with a few quiet ones.

## NEW ADDITIONS TO THE SOUTHIE FAMILY

Congratulations to Sam Maule and partner Georgina and Craig Shirley and partner Kelsey who have had recent additions to their families.




Sam and partner Georgina had a baby boy called Scout.

Craig and partner Kelsey had a baby girl called Rosie.

Both Sam and Craig played all their junior football together and have also played in South Augusta A Grade Football and Cricket Premierships together. Great that we can now say that if Scout and Rosie both want to play football for South they can, with both boys and girls leagues, this wasn't the case 3 years ago.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO NATHAN HEAD



Congratulations to Nathan Head who coached Roopena in the recent A grade Premiership in Whyalla. Nathan, who was in his first year of coaching, was a previous club sponsor and chef at the South club kitchen a few years ago with his wife Kate as Nathan Head Catering. They are doing well both on and off the field in Whyalla and we wish them all the best in the future.




Congratulations to Corey Cuffe, past South Augusta cricketer and footballer who was selected in the District A Grade side for Adelaide Uni in mid-May to play against Tea Tree Gully. Corey came through the Souths junior ranks and was a keeper for South Augusta A Grade before he went to Adelaide to study. In 2016/2017, 10 years ago, Corey played in the Under 17s Premiership with a win against Quorn by 8 runs. Corey had an outstanding game with 6 catches on the day. It's great to see the lad has now progress to play District Cricket. I may be wrong but I don't think any other South Augusta Cricketers, coming through the juniors, have played District Cricket at the A Grade level.

## CITY TO BAY RUN

Great to see Southies Pat Hynes and Andrew Willis compete in the City to Bay run recently. Both also have been involved with the Pichi Richi race recently as well, along with another player Darcy Kildea. Might still be a marathon in them YET!

## CONDOLENCES TO TWO PAST PLAYERS

Two past players have passed away in the last month. Rex Fountain and Chris Burk both played for Souths in different eras.

## REX FOUNTAIN



Rex Fountain played for South Augusta in 1962 and 1963 amassing twenty three (23) A Grade games and seven (7) B Grade games. Rex had moved to Adelaide and continued to show interest in how the club was going over the years. He played in the early part of the SGL forming but left before the famous A Grade win in 1964.

Rex was 90 when he passed away and he served in the 10th Battalion, the Royal Australian regiment based at Woodside after enlisting in 1955. Lest we forget.

*A family affair*: Rex's cousin Brian Fountain played for Souths from 1945 to 1962 playing over 150 games for the club and winning 3 Fairest and Best in 1949, 1950 and 1953 when he also won the Mail Medal for the Port Augusta League, a champion player at the club. Brian was named best player in the 1950 and 1952 Grand Final losses. Rex's brother Frank also played at the club for 1 year in 1963.

The club offers its condolences to Rex's family and friends at this sad time.

## CHRIS BURK

After coming through the South Augusta juniors, Chris played senior football for the club from 1985 to 1987, playing a total of 45 senior games. A highlight was in 1985 when Chris played 19 games for the season and was a member of the 1985 B Grade Premiership side defeating Central Augusta. Chris played in the ruck that day assisting the other ruckman Peter Rivers to take the side to a convincing win.



After moving to Port Lincoln Chris played 36 games for the Boston Tigers between 1991 and 1995, before returning for a further game in 1999. In 1993, Chris played all 18 games, including the Grand Final against Mallee Park. Chris was also the proud father of former Boston player and junior captain Nathaniel Hirchausen Burk, continuing the family's connection with the Boston Tigers.

Our thoughts are with Chris's partner Danielle, his children Elijah, Nathaniel and Natalie, and all of his extended family and friends at this sad time.

A Bulldog remembered. Rest in peace, Chris.

*Another Family Affair:* Chris's brother Greg also played senior football from 1971 to 1972 at South Augusta playing 30 senior games after coming through the juniors and Chris's father Stan played from 1959 to 1964, playing 90 senior games and led the ruck in the 1964 A Grade Premiership for South Augusta.

## MAX THOMAS

South Augusta Football and Cricket Clubs offer its condolences to the family of Max Thomas who passed away recently. Max played in an A Grade Cricket Premiership for South Augusta in 1981/82 where he was an accomplished wicket keeper and batsman. Max, who worked at ETSA, only stayed a few years at Souths and mainly played for Willsden in both football and cricket where he was a talented sportsman. Max later left to live in Port Lincoln. He was well respected by his team mates at Souths and we extend our sincerely sympathy to his family and friends at this sad time.





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## SAFC DECLARES 2027 THE YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER

You may have noticed that every year we declare it to be The Year of the Volunteer! This is because you are needed to join the Red Army to spread the load and share in the rewards of volunteering. You will make a difference. Volunteering offers a wide range of proven benefits for your mental, physical, social, and professional well-being. Remember…. "*As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands — one for helping yourself, the other for helping others*." — Audrey Hepburn

## BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLES ARE BACK

We were pleased to kick off our second summer season of Bunnings BBQs recently thus making a significant contribution to the club. Thanks to the 9 volunteers who helped with our 13th BBQ on the Saturday and the 11 who helped with our 14th BBQ on the Sunday. One of our customers commented *it's good to see you back with your delicious butcher made sausages".* Thus', we should thank Ashley and staff at Terry Gardner's Meats who supplied them. We would like to thank our volunteers for their amazing efforts and Bunnings for the chance to raise some out of football season funds.

## VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITIES BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLES 15 →20

We are doing it all again having been allocated our next Bunning`s BBQs on Saturday 31 October and Sunday 1 November. Hopefully you will spread the load by getting a team together to help. Contact Mick 0455 989 144 asap if you can help on either or both days. We also have been allocated November 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th. We will avoid December due to a number of club functions and start up again in late January when school returns through to April.

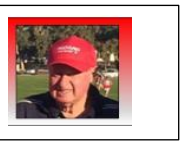
## VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITY COMMERCIAL ROAD MARKETS BBQ

Once again, we are conducting our famous Commercial Road Markets BBQ on Saturday 28 November. Here is your chance to make a contribution to the club. We will need volunteers to help out for a few hours. Contact Mick Kerin or Simon Owens.

## WILLSDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER PROJECT

You may recall we were pleased to be asked by Willsden Primary School to supply some of our volunteers to enable their students "to recognize and learn from dedicated volunteers at South Augusta who make a significant impact in our community". We certainly have many volunteers who meet this criteria! Thanks to Donna Irvine, Wendy Black, Gary Kernahan, Andrew Magarey, Mick Kerin and Simon Owens who participated in this initiative. Hopefully they passed on their passion of volunteering to these youngsters. Keep an eye out on the Woolworths Bulletin Board for copies of the reports the students compiled on our six volunteers.





# Gazza's Gossip

This month's article is Part 2 of the history of some of the South Augusta's great small brigade over the years of the club.

**Chris Struck**

Chris was an outstanding rover for South Augusta. He played in the 1981 A Grade Premiership under John Reid and was a regular Port Augusta and SGL representative. A knee injury curtailed his career, however Chris went on to coach Willsden A Grade to 2 Premierships including their first one ever. Chris has retired and lives in Port Augusta.



**Brian Kreig**

Brian 'Spoggy' Kreig gave great service to Souths over the years. He played in 2 B Grade Premierships from 1960 to 1962 before playing in the famous 1964 A Grade Premiership. Brian also won the Leading Goalkicker over several seasons in the seconds and also won the Best Player in the Port Augusta League in the Seconds, the Dyson Medal. 'Spoggy' is still alive in Port Augusta and plays golf as his past time.



**Ross McHugh and Mick Hobby**

Both of these players were members of the 1964 A grade Premiership team. Ross recruited from Quorn, was a reliable back man and he played for South from 1963 to 1966 before transferring to Central Augusta.

Mick came up through the junior grades and played senior football in the back pocket standing the rovers. Mick was a straight through player and showed no mercy and to anyone who got in his way, look out. Both players are still alive, Ross in Port Augusta, Mick in Adelaide.



**Mick Hobby**



**Ross McHugh**

**Gordon "Bud" Harbridge**

Bud came up through the juniors and played in the 1964 A Grade Premiership after playing in the 1960 and 1961 B Grade premierships. He gave great service to the club and was named in the best players in the 1964 Final. Gordon passed away in the last 12 months.



**Jimmy Anderson**

Recruited from Darwin, Jimmy may have been one of the clubs earliest Indigenous players. Jimmy was a champion player and full of dash. Jimmy was named best player in the 1964 final, and his opponents had no answer to his pace and athleticism. Jimmy was later inducted into the NT Football Hall of Fame and his grandsons Jed and Jo both played at the AFL level. Jimmy passed away several years ago in Darwin.



**Robert Groth**

Robert played for South from 1964 to 1975, amassing over 100 games for the club in A and B grade. He was a member of the Port Augusta Combined Colts' Team which in 1964 won the Premiership and 5AU Shield. Players were selected from all 4 Port Augusta teams and coached by Brian Fox. Other players in that team from South Augusta were Paul Shinnick, Bill Foster, Peter Williams, Bluey Baker and David Shillabeer. Robert was a valuable player, tough and a courageous rover come wingman, always hard at the ball. He provided an outstanding contribution to the club over the years, and he still lives in Adelaide.



**Ted Latham**

Ted Latham played for the club from 1950 to 1952 before transferring to Darwin

In 1950 when South finished second after losing to West in the final, Ted was named in the best players. In 1951 and 1952 Ted was appointed Captain Coach with the club finishing third in 1951 and in 1952 Souths lost the Grand Final to Central by 3 goals. When Ted left the club, he was thanked for his service over the years, and he was known as a courageous, nuggety rover. We believe Ted may have passed away.



The Cricket season has commenced so please get out there and support the teams this year with the aim of another Premiership in the A Grade this year. It will be hard to beat the undefeated 2025/2026 season, let's hope they keep it going and also support the other grades from B Grade to Under 14's.

Congratulations to Eddy Heron for his debut in A Grade cricket against Quorn. He made 12 runs and the team won, with good performances by all players




It was also a great game for Cameron Parkinson who excelled with his bowling getting 6 wickets for 12 balls. What an achievement.



Congratulations to Carmen Kernahan who retired from Netball after 60 years in the game, an outstanding achievement. Gary will have more time to look after her now, well done Carmen.

