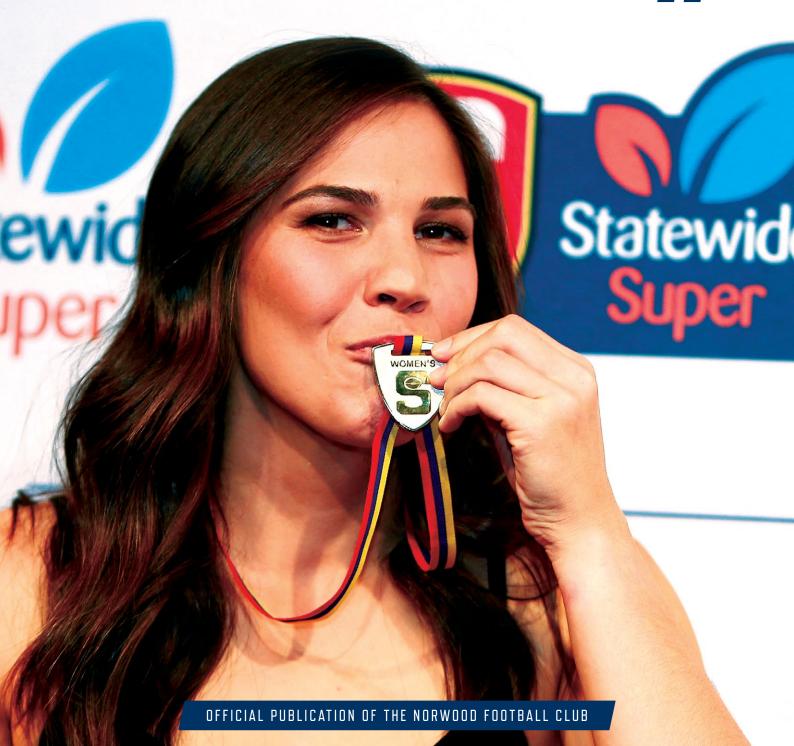
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/// PRESIDENT'S REPORT

AS we approach the midpoint of the season, it's with great pleasure that I can provide an update on what's happening with our new clubrooms, the Wolf Blass Community Centre.

Wolf Blass Community Centre

Using a phrase that Michael 'Kingo' Taylor quite proudly stated when lifting the 1978 Premiership Cup ... It's about bloody time!

The work has finally begun on the construction of the long-awaited Wolf Blass Community Centre. The new facility will become the heart and soul of our footy club and the last piece in the jigsaw to restoring the unbelievable sense of belonging and pride of having your own clubroom.

Schiavello is the appointed builder, and we are very confident that they will deliver a fantastic outcome for the Football Club. They have been excellent to work with to date and have a great understanding of the outcome we need as a Football Club. We look forward to developing a very strong and successful working relationship with Schiavello, hopefully all going well, we look forward to opening the new facility at the start of the 2020 season.

The work that is being undertaken will ensure that we have new function room facilities that the club will be able to enjoy on match days as well as many club and community functions throughout the year. In addition to the upstairs facility, that has direct access into the western



stand, there will be a new bar area created at ground level with direct access and viewing areas to the oval. This facility will replace the former Premiers Bar and has added the advantage of you being able to watch the footy while being in this area.

Furthermore, the work also involves relocating the opposing teams to new fully compliant change rooms (for both men and women) beneath the western stand, thus enabling the change rooms under the Edwin T Smith Stand to only be used by the Norwood Football Club. The work in this area will ensure that our change rooms are fully compliant (for both men and women) while also improving the player facilities to ensure we have the best possible facilities for our players moving forward.

The works will also include improvements to our administration area and create sufficient space to ensure that for the first time in many years that the whole Football Department will be located all together in one area.

This project would not have been possible with the support of so many people and although way too many to mention, it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge once again the personal contribution of Wolf Blass who has contributed \$1million to the new facility. We are so privileged and lucky (to be completely honest) that this great man has been prepared to invest so heavily into the future of our Football Club. No words could ever show the gratitude we have for Wolf, however on behalf

of everyone involved with the Norwood Football Club I would just like to say THANK YOU Wolf; you are a legend! I would also like to thank Josephine and the late Bill Cooper for their wonderful pledge of \$200,000.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the NPSP Council for their support on this project to date and look forward, under the guidance of their CEO Mario Barone, to their continued support through the construction phase to ensure that we deliver the best possible outcome for the Norwood Football Club.

There has been an enormous amount of work undertaken to get to this point, and I would personally like to acknowledge and thank our CEO, James Fantasia, for all his work on this project. Furthermore, the Staff have been magnificent in this whole process, they have embraced the change, accepted

the inconvenience of having to relocate and at no stage have they stopped delivering for the Norwood Football Club

It's an exciting time to be at Norwood, and like you, I look forward to the new facility being built for us all to enjoy for many years to come!

Build the Fort Fundraiser

As you would appreciate, the construction of the Wolf Blass Community Centre has a significant price tag associated with it. Although we have been successful in raising a significant making of funds to date, we need to continue looking at ways of raising additional funding. Therefore, the fundraiser committee under the leadership of Andrew Killey has decided to hold the Great Debate on Thursday 18th July at the Wine Centre. The topic of the Great Debate will be 'if you could only

enjoy one more drink in your life would it be a beer or a wine?'

So to ensure we have a serious and entertaining debate, we have been able to secure a starstudded cast. The MC for the day will be Craig 'Hutchy' Hutchison, and the wine team will comprise Wolf Blass, Grant Burge and Chester Osborn while the beer team will be Glenn Cooper, Les Burdett and Tom Hannah.

There is no doubt with that starstudded cast it will be a very entertaining day, and I would encourage you all to come along to this fundraising event for a very worthy cause, our clubrooms. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Football Club on 8362-6278 to book your place.



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Women's Football

The season has now finished, and although the women had another great year winning nine out of their ten minor round games, they, unfortunately, suffered two close losses in the major round. Although not finishing the way we had hoped, the women were magnificent throughout the season and represented the Norwood Football Club with great pride.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of their Coach Steve Symonds and their leadership team led by co-captains Leah Cutting and Bek McMahon and sincerely thank them for their commitment and dedication to the Norwood Football Club. I would also like to thank Sarah Thompson for her enormous commitment to her role as Team Manager.

The SANFL Women's League recently had their Best & Fairest Awards (equivalent to the Magarey Medal Award for the men's competition), and it was great to see that Najwa Allen was the winner, with Monique

Hollick finishing second and Hannah Dunn finishing third. Congratulations to all three women, especially Najwa Allen who not only was judged the best player in the competition by the umpires, but also won the SANFL Coaches Award as the best player in the league.

Volunteers

As it was recently Volunteer's Week, what a perfect time to acknowledge and thank all the wonderful volunteers that help the Norwood Football Club. There are way too many to mention individually, however on behalf of the Board I would like to say thank you for everything you do, as without your contribution it would not be possible for us to be the Football Club we are. I honestly think we have the best volunteers in the league and what amazes me more than anything about our volunteers is their continued selfless acts, putting Norwood first and the enjoyment they all get from helping our great club. Thanks once again to all our volunteers, you are the best.

In closing, we are always looking to improve our Football Club, so if you have any ideas or would like to discuss any matter, please give me a call on 0418 856 085.



Paul Di Iulio President

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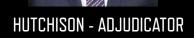
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To debate the winner - In the BEER corner we have Tom Hannah, Glenn Cooper and Les Burdett. In the WINE corner we have Grant Burge, Wolf Blass and Chester Osborne. The Adjudicator is Craig Hutchison (Hutchy), and the afternoon will be one of great entertainment, humour and a memorable BATTLE OF THE BOOZE.

Guests to enjoy a 3 course meal, 3 hours of Premium Wine and Beer and a Museum Bottle of Wine Gift from The Wolf Blass Foundation. All proceeds help to Build the Fort!!

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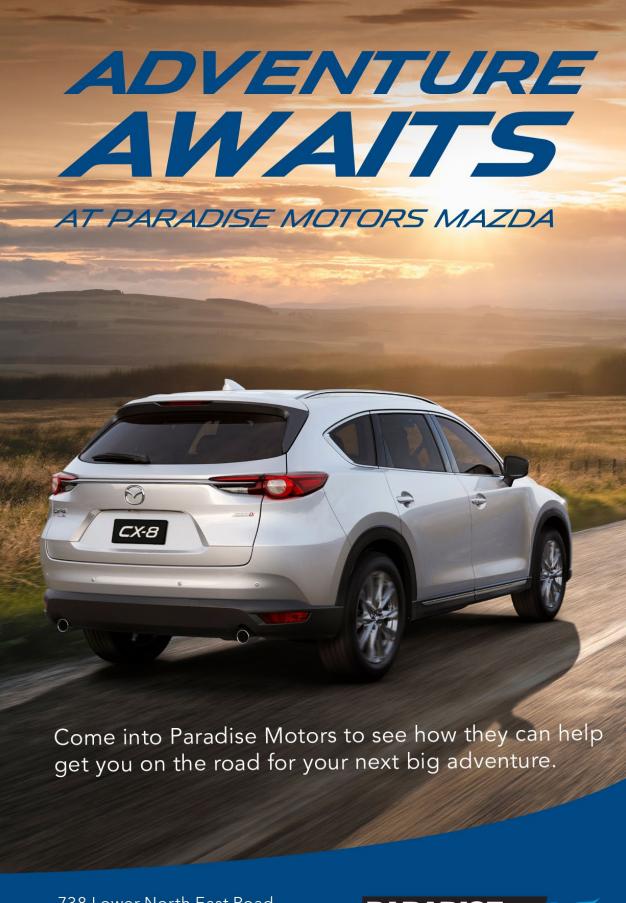












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CEO'S REPORT

IT is difficult not to be genuinely excited about the Club's recent developments both on and off the field as we enter the middle third of the 2019 season. While the league team is five wins and two losses at the time of writing, it is fair to say the boys are far from playing their best football. Pleasing from the point of view that we have been able to scratch out wins against good opposition, knowing we have plenty of improvement ahead of us. We all look forward to watching the season unfold and wish Jarrod and all the players our very best for the remainder of the season.

I wish to share with you a range of issues that present the Club with challenges moving forward. The commencement of the redevelopment of the venue whilst met with absolute joy, anticipation and excitement, is expected to bring a range of compromises as we coexist with a construction site for the remainder of the season. I ask that all of our members, supporters and fans visiting Coopers Stadium over the next three months be patient with the inconveniences associated with the construction phase of the redevelopment. We are working closely with our builders 'Schiavello' to ensure maximum comfort for our patrons on match days. However, please be aware that the access to the Western Stand is limited, the amenities below the Western Stand will not be available for the remainder of the year, access around the ground is limited and additional toilets have been placed at the front of the ground near the main entrance.

The league commenced a competition review using a consultancy group last season, and all SANFL clubs are working

through the review findings. This will include focusing on a range of issues confronting the future of the competition. Subcommittees are being finalised with the representation of all the Clubs to look at specific issues in greater detail. It is envisaged, that the final recommendations from the review and subcommittees will be completed by the conclusion of the season. We believe this review is critical in determining the future competitions directions and support the league on this initiative.

The AFL's decision to push forward with the preseason supplementary listings and the Mid-Season draft is incredibly disappointing and even more challenging for state league clubs. While our Club totally supports the career pathway for players and take great pride in developing future AFL



players, these two added player movement options introduced in 2019 by the AFL, fly in the face of preserving and nurturing the State League level of football. The upside for AFL clubs taking player's in a mid-season draft fades into comparison to the damage it leaves state league teams and competitions in its wake. To enable AFL clubs to add players from State League team lists midway through the season has a significantly detrimental effect on State League clubs who work hard to develop their team's lists and strive to win a premiership. The mid-season disruption comes at the expense of our Clubs, their coaches, players, volunteers, members, sponsors and supporters. We have a healthy and vibrant State League competition, the fabric of which should be cherished and protected.

As disturbing is the reality that under the current mid-season draft rules a player drafted from the Norwood FC to either Adelaide FC or Port Adelaide FC would now represent these clubs in the SANFL competition for the remainder of that season. In the Western Australian Football League, a player drafted in the mid-season by the West Coast Eagles from a local WA team will remain with that team until the end of that season unless playing senior football for the West Coast. It is disappointing and frustrating that the two local AFL clubs in AFC and PAFC will not agree to have the same occur in our competition. Unquestionably this provides the two AFL teams playing in our competition with an enormous advantage if they select local SANFL club players in the mid-season draft.

Ultimately, we are fortunate that the SANFL level of football



is a reliable product, high level, entertainment and provides potential AFL players with a genuine career path. We have long-standing traditional clubs that take pride in their respective club histories, no more than our Norwood supporters and red and blue family. Decisions made that erode the vibrancy of the competition are not in the interest of Australian Football. the SANEL and the Norwood Football Club. As a member of your club executive, I assure you that our Club will continue to tackle these and any issues that threaten the long term future of the game.



James Fantasia CEO





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|| TALENT MANAGER REPORT

SEASON 2019 is now well underway with the Boys Development Squads and U18s in full swing, the U16s finished and the Girls Development Squads being prepared. The offseason saw a few coaching changes in the underage program. James Allan once again heads the U18s assisted by Luke McArthy, Alex Forster, Sam Baulderstone and Tom Charlton.

Chris O'Connor took over from Scott Irrgang as U16s Head Coach assisted by Dave Bartel, Michael Niedzwiecki, Tyson Currie and Brock Kennedy. Our Development Squads have been overseen by Steve Symonds our Academy Coach with Alex Forster now coaching the U13s, David Payne the U14s and Michael Niedzwiecki the U15s. All of these coaches are doing a great job with their squads, and there are plenty of exciting young players coming through the system.

Once again, we proudly have players in the SANFL State

squads. Cameron Taheny and Dylan Stephens are both not only in the state U18s but also already playing league football for us. Cooper Murley and Matthew Dnistrianski are both in the U16s squad after playing some great football for our U16, and we look forward to having them both in our U18s program soon. Henry Nelligan, Xavier Tranfa, Ned Carey and James Higgins have all been included in the SANFL U17s Futures squad. We wish all of these players the very best and hope they each have a fantastic experience in the respective state sauads!

Our U16s got off to a slow start this year losing two and drawing one of their first three matches. Winning three of the following four matches ensured they snuck into the finals by a very thin 0.4%. Narrowly losing the first final to West Adelaide by three points meant the season was over, but the boys can be proud of the way they attacked the second half of the season. A handful of the

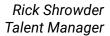
squad has already gone on to play in the U18s, and fifteen of the players who were playing as bottom agers are now continuing their development in the U15 program. A great sign for the future of that age group.

As we prepare for the wonderful football carnivals on the Eyre Peninsula, it is with great pride that we have accepted the honour of the regional U15 competition now being called the Norwood Cup. This event is steeped in tradition having been initially the North Adelaide Cup then more recently the Port Adelaide Cup. Played on the Sunday of the Mortlock Shield weekend, this event showcases the best 14/15 year olds on the Eyre Peninsula and plays a significant part in the selection for the SANFL Youth Championships.



We look forward to once again having a presence on the day and watching some great football culminating by the presentation of the brand new Norwood Cup to the eventual champions. In addition to the Norwood Cup, we will also be proudly supporting the Mortlock Shield and Kinlough Cup and then hosting the U15 and U17 EP squads when they compete in the SANFL Intra State Youth Championships in July.

We look forward to continuing our work with all our young players both locally and regionally throughout the year as we seek to help them be the best footballers and people they can be.







2019 SANFL | Torrens University Fixtures and Results:

Round 1

Norwood: 2.10. (22) North Adelaide: 11.12. (78)

Goalkickers: C. Murley 2, S. Warrick 2, Z. Bishop, L. Joseph

Best: Z. Bishop, C. Murley, M. Dnistriansky

Round 2

Norwood: 9.15. (69) Eagles: 9.15. (69)

Goalkickers: P. Minervini 2, L. Stepic 2, T. Walls, A. Richardson, C. Murley, Z. Bishop, T. Rahui

Best: C. Murley, O. De Luca, M. Dnistriansky, A. Richardson, Z. Bishop, A. Lord

Round 3

Norwood: 8.8. (56)

West Adelaide: 16.14. (110)

Goalkickers: M. Stevens 2, C. Murley 2, C. Kent, A. Lake, R. Verrall, O. De Luca

Best: C. Murley, O. De Luca, B. Gal, T. Walls

Round 4

Glenelg: 10.6. (66) Norwood: 12.9. (81)

Goalkickers: J. Bradford 4, T. Walls 2, G. Cox, W. Charlton, C. Wood, C. Murley, Z. Bishop, T. Rahui

Best: C. Murley, J. Bradford, T. Walls, G. Cox, M. Dnistriansky, A. Lake

Round 5

Norwood: 12.8. (80) Centrals: 8.8. (56)

Goalkickers: S. Warrick 6, J. Bradford 3, C. Jones-Bobridge, W. Charlton, A. Zappia

Best: O. De Luca, A. Lake, S. Warrick, M. Dnistriansky, J. Bradford, A. Lord

Round 6

Sturt: 6.7. (43) Norwood: 7.9. (51)

Goalkickers: A. Zappia, L. Joseph, W. Charlton, C. Jones-Bobridge, S. Warrick, D. Blacker, C. Murley

Best: M. Dnistriansky, C. Murley, O. De Luca, C. Jones-Bobridge, A. Lake, T. Walls

Round 7

Norwood: 8.12. (60) South: 12.4. (76)

Goalkickers: M. Stevens 2, D. Blacker 2, W. Charlton 2, C. Jones-Bobridge Best: A. Lake , W. Charlton, B. Gal, P. Minervini, M. Dnistriansky, J. Gale

Preliminary Final

West Adelaide: 11.3. (69) Norwood: 10.6. (66)

Goalkickers: F. Packer 3, W. Charlton 2, S. Warrick, C. Kent, C. Murley, M. Michalanney, Z. Bishop

Best: C. Kent, A. Lake, O. De Luca, M. Dnistriansky, W. Charlton, J. Gale



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/// NORWOOD'S MILESTONE MEN

After one of our favourite sons Brady Dawe achieved the 200 game milestone in 2019 let's see who else is in line for a significant milestone this season.

200 Games

Brady Dawe

THE veteran forward and three-time Premiership Player from Meadows is on track to join the SANFL's '200 Club' in Norwood's Round nine clash with South at Noarlunga. Reaching that milestone would make Brady the first 200-game Redleg since Stuart Bown in 2011. If he plays the rest of the ten home and away games this season, it would push him into 16th all-time on games played for Norwood equal with Troy Clements on 209.

Jace Bode

The captain is on track for a double milestone in 2019. After playing 39 games with the Double Blues before making the switch to the Parade, Bode is likely to achieve this milestone in Round 17 against Centrals in our last home match of the year. It is a mark that could have come earlier for the 31-year-old if not for some injury woes in recent seasons. Bode, however, has shrugged off a shoulder concern which he sustained in Round One and is now fit and firing.

100 Games

Ed Smart (93 games) - Ed Smart has been a consistent performer for the Norwood Football Club over a long period of time. Smart



is a two-time Premiership player who gives his all week in week out. Alongside partner in crime Anthony Wilson, Smart's tackle pressure and ability to keep the football locked in Norwood's forward 50 is something the red and blue faithful love and admire. Smart is in line to play his 100th game against North Adelaide in Round 15.

50 Gamers

Brad McKenzie (41 games)

the former North Melbourne midfielder has now been reformed as a defender under the tenor of Senior Coach Jarrod Cotton. McKenzie has been a breath of fresh air since entering the back six with his ability to pinpoint a pass with his beautiful left foot. McKenzie has also become a marking leading the club with 74 in his first nine games of 2019.

Matthew Nunn (45 games)

Nunny made his debut in 2014 against Sturt at the Parade. After several years being in and out of the League side, 2018 proved to be a breakout year for the 22-year old. Although complemented with the likes of Grigg and Panos, Nunn has more than held his own finishing third in the 2018 Best and Fairest. His pace around the contest and ability to evade sees him as one of the premier midfielders in the competition.

Debutants

After handing 10 players their League debut last season, and with another talented crop of juniors progressing into the senior program, the Redlegs have already given five new players their first match in the red and blue.

Josh Richards, the younger brother of Zac, was the latest Norwood junior to progress to the League side, while small forward Cody Szust and former Port Adelaide wingman Dom Barry have also donned the red and blue for the first time. Talented duo Dylan Stephens and Cameron Taheny have also made their debut's in 2019.

The Redlegs have already celebrated a couple of 100 Game milestones this year.

Matthew Panos (103 Games)

- 2014 Jack Oatey Medallist Matthew Panos played his 100th match in Round three against Sturt. Panos has been an influential player since arriving back at the Parade from the Western Bulldogs. A move into the midfield has proved to pay dividends with the midfielder's ability to be super clean by foot and hand. Panos will no doubt be important in the second half of 2019.

Lewis Johnston (105 Games)
After joining the Redlegs in
2016 Lewis Johnston has
transformed himself over the
years from a full forward to one
of the most critical players in
the Norwood side. Johnston
had a terrific 2018 Season
which culminated in finishing
equal fourth in the Best and
Fairest along with a selection
in the 2018 Advertiser Team of
the Year. Johnston played his
100th game along with Matthew
Panos against Sturt and will look

to continue his excellent form

throughout the rest of the

2019 season.

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/// WOMEN'S REPORT

AFTER playing off in grand finals the previous two seasons and with two new teams (Eagles and Centrals) coming into the competition in 2019, this season was all about "consolidation" for our Senior Women's Program. Knowing that all SANFL clubs will now have teams in the competition post 2019, a significant focus this past season was towards further developing our program so as a strong, stable foundation is set for the future.

While the finish to our season wasn't ideal, to again have another strong season despite significant list change, highlights our program is in a good place and continues to evolve and improve each year. To finish the minor round as minor premiers with only the one loss, demonstrated consistent high-level performance as the game and ability of players continues to improve with each season.

Despite losing two heartbreaking finals, internally we are proud of our season. The progress we have made and the foundations we have laid for the future. The culture and vibe within our program is something truly special. Unfortunately, illness and injury hit us at the back end of the season and kicking one goal and ten points is not going to win you too many finals games. We acknowledge our execution at the end wasn't there, and we won't make excuses for that. However, as a program and playing group, we understand our method and process is strong, enabling us to have long sustainable success.

With new teams entering, we again had significant changes to our list with 18 new senior players coming into our club. A small group of players from our NFC female underage program were also promoted onto our senior list. For the first term, we explored interstate recruiting bringing in Hannah Dunn and Najwa Allen from the ACT who were keen to play a high level of football. Both these girls and another recruit Sophie Armitstead (former Crow) had outstanding seasons and made a strong impression on our league and within our club. Congratulations must go to Najwa for winning the SANFLW League Best & Fairest as well as the Coaches Player of the Year award.



In 2019 we continued the process of arranging and playing our own Reserve games during the season, with the concept to further aid player development of our squad and underage players. We also had six girls from our Country Eyre Peninsula Zone travel over regularly to play in these games. These games were again highly successful and a positive addition towards our program.

Some of the season highs:

- 16 players got the opportunity to pull on the Norwood jumper for the first time at League level.
- 5 x Reserve games were played allowing players in our squad and some of our younger underage and country talent to showcase themselves and gain further game experience.
- Najwa Allen winning the SANFLW League Best and Fairest Award along with the Coaches Player of the year

award.

- Norwood FC claiming the top three positions in the SANFLW League Best & Fairest – Najwa Allen (1), Monique Hollick (2) and Hannah Dunn (3).
- Four players were chosen in the 2019 SANFLW Team of the Year
- Najwa Allen, Monique Hollick Hannah Dunn and Leah Cutting.
- Nine players selected in the Port Power Showdown Exhibition Game Squad.
- Minor Premiers nine wins one loss.
- Introduction of pre-game chant that will be an ongoing part of our club culture

To again be one of the best teams in the competition despite many challenges is no fluke. A lot of blood sweats and tears has been put towards establishing our Norwood culture and reputation. The players and staff

deserve to be acknowledged for their commitment and effort. Our support staff are simply the best in the competition and their willingness to consistently go above and beyond is appreciated by all.

We can sit back at the end of the season and be proud of our efforts and where our NFC Women's program sits. Season 2019 further enhanced our aim to be the best leading Women's Program here in SA.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, coaches, trainers and players for their contribution through-out season 2019. For those that have assisted or supported us in some way during the season, also thank you. For those that may be leaving us, I would like to wish you well and please remember that you will always be part of the "Redleg Family".

Steve Symonds (Norwood FC – Womens State League Head Coach)







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/// HISTORY REPORT

Norwood and the South Australian Patriotic Association 1916 - 1918

by Reonaldo Cialini NFC History Group

AFTER the South Australian Football League (SAFL) terminated the competition at its January 1916 meeting because of World War 1, the SA Railways Football Club sent a letter to the league in February 1916, asking for support in starting a new competition. However, the new association was not sanctioned by the SAFL, and there was to be no connection between the two bodies.

The number of enlistments and casualties in World War 1 was increasing, and the SAFL feared the competition would have a detrimental effect on the number of enlistments. State leagues across the country could not agree. The Victorian Football League and Western Australian Football League continued their competitions, while in Tasmania the competition was abandoned.

The SA Railways Football Club combined with several teams connected to league clubs to form a Patriotic Association. The main purpose of the competition was to raise money for injured soldiers. The South Australian Patriotic Association (SAPA) would cover the expenses for programming the matches, the players would pay for their costs, and the gate money was to go to the Wounded Soldiers' Fund.





South Adelaide and Sturt did not enter sides in the competition. Clubs were selected under the electorate system with South and Sturt players listed as unallocated and therefore able to transfer to any other club. Many players with league experience represented all clubs.

The association only had five grounds as some councils would not allow their ovals to be used for matches.

In April 1916, the Norwood and Kensington Council refused to allow the Norwood Patriotic Football Club to train or play on the Norwood Oval. Initially, games were only played on the East Parklands (Norwood), Hindmarsh Oval (West Torrens), Prospect Recreational Ground (Prospect), South Parklands (West Adelaide), and Swansea Oval/Largs Bay (Port Adelaide). Sturt had won the SAFL premiership in 1915 by defeating Port Adelaide in the final. Norwood, who had finished bottom in 1915, did not have many star players and were further hampered by not being able to train or play on the Norwood Oval.

The SA Railways Club was only able to select workers from the Islington workshops and the running sheds in the metropolitan area. A proposal which would have seen three players from each SAFL club move to Railways was defeated. While it still had an impressive looking list, Railways did not train and this severely impacted on their performances. The North Adelaide district was represented by Prospect, which used the Prospect Recreation Ground for its home matches.

The season commenced on May, 13 with six teams. Norwood's 1915 captain, Clarrie Packham, was selected to lead the 1916 side. The team's first outing was against West Adelaide. It lost the game by a couple of goals, and the best players included Packham, Lawrence McNamara, Guy Stephens, Don Cunningham, Syd White and Steele. It was beaten the following week again by Prospect. Best players were McNamara, Harry Johns, Vic Le Cornu, White and Cope.

Norwood won its first match against Railways in round five. Norwood's better players for the season were White, Stephens, Le Cornu, McNamara (v/c) and Packham. Others not already mentioned, who had previously played league football for Norwood, and were selected to play in 1916 included: David Crawford, Vincent Gibbons, Sid James, Cyril Knaggs, Richard Manning, Joe Sowton and Eric Suhard.

In July, Railways, who had not won a game, disbanded after only six games due to a lack of players.

Port Adelaide won the 1916 flag, and Norwood finished fifth. Minor round crowds for the year were fair compared to those of 1915 and gate-takings were impressive, especially as not all of the matches were played on enclosed grounds

In 1917, the Norwood Charities Football Club decided not to compete in the SAPA, after it was unable to secure Norwood Oval for its home matches or as a training ground. The request was turned down by the Norwood and Kensington Council., arguing that playing football was prejudicial to the

recruitment of army personnel. It was a somewhat controversial decision as Norwood had agreed that all the gate takings would go to a charity nominated by the council. The club also decided that all players would pay for their own expenses, and the club would only play "rejected" men, returned soldiers and married men, with the council having the final say on whether any player so selected should be allowed to play.

Norwood and West Adelaide dropped out of the competition in 1917 and were replaced by St. Francis Xavier. Norwood was then the only district not represented. The association also introduced a B Grade competition, consisting of teams from Brighton, Glenelg, Kenilworth, West Torrens, Y.M.C.A, and Sturt Central.

In 1918, the last year of the Patriotic Association, the Kenilworth side contained many former Norwood players, including Harold Grantley, Sid James, Harry Johns, Clarrie Packham, Guy Stephens and Syd White (captain). Kenilworth finished fifth in the nine-team competition.

On January 24, 1919, the South Australian Football League released the following statement:

"At a meeting held on January 17, 1916, the following motion was unanimously carried:- That the League arrange no football programme for 1916 unless the war should terminate, before or during the football season. This was re-affirmed at a subsequent meeting, when a motion was unanimously carried: - 'That this League plays no League football until the termination of the war'. The League and Football

Association (B Grade section) have honourably carried out the above decision. Given the favourable war news published early in November 1918, the sub-committee met and drew up a report on the resumption of football in season 1919, and the following motion was unanimously carried:- That in view of the present war situation, we resume football under conditions to be arranged in season 1919.

It was also decided that games played in the SA Patriotic Association were not seen as official matches, and therefore were not included in career totals.

Postscript:

On 28/10/1916, an Exhibition match was played at Queen's Club, West Kensington, London between two teams of Australian servicemen. One was from an Australian Division and the other from a combined Training Details/Groups. The latter was captained by Norwood player Charles Julius "Redwing" Perry, later to become a Magarey Medallist. Ernest Beames (30 NFC Games, 1913 - 1919) was also in the side.



Left: Clarrie Packham **Right**: Guy Stephens

South Australian Patriotic Association 1916 Norwood results:

Date	Venue	Opposition	Norwood	Opposition
13/05/1916	South Parklands	West Adelaide	2.7	4.8
20/05/1916	Prospect Recreational	Prospect	7.9	14.16
27/05/1916	East Parklands	West Torrens	1.6	14.15
03/06/1916	East Parklands	Port Adelaide	4.6	13.16
10/06/1916	Hindmarsh Oval	Railways	6.9	2.8
17/06/1916	East Parklands	West Adelaide	6.3	11.17
01/07/1916	East Parklands	Prospect	3.2	1.7
08/07/1916	Hindmarsh Oval	West Torrens (P)	2.4	11.20
15/07/1916	East Parklands	Railways (P)	Won on	Forfeit
22/07/1916	Alberton Oval	Port Adelaide (P)	2.9	15.19











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