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WEST ADELAIDE FOOTBALL INC. & WEST ADELAIDE FOOTBALLERS' CLUB INC.

A CLUB WITH A COLOURFUL HISTORY, WEST ADELAIDE FC WAS FORMED IN 1892. THE CLUB WON TWO PARKLANDS PREMIERSHIPS PRIOR TO 1897 AND HAS SINCE COLLECTED NINE SANFL LEAGUE PREMIERSHIPS. ADDED TO THESE HIGHLIGHTS ARE TWO CHAMPIONS OF AUSTRALIA TITLES AGAINST ESSENDON AND CARLTON; TWO SANFL CUP PREMIERSHIPS 1985 & 1987 AND THE FIRST SANFL CLUB TO WIN THE NATIONAL FOXTEL CUP PREMIERSHIP IN 2013.

BOASTING 14 MAGAREY MEDAL WINNERS AND 136 STATE PLAYERS, THE BLOODS ALSO LAY CLAIM TO SOME OF THE GREATEST NAMES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL HISTORY. CLUB LEGENDS LIKE DICK HEAD, BRUCE MCGREGOR, NEIL KERLEY AND BRIAN FAEHSE DONNED THE RED AND BLACK. WE HAVE A FOUR TIME KEN FARMER MEDALLIST IN ADAM RICHARDSON AND THE CLUB HOLDS THE HONOUR OF HAVING THE FIRST BROWNLOW MEDAL WINNER FROM SA IN BERNIE SMITH. THIS AWARD HAS SINCE BEEN WON BY PAST PLAYERS ADAM COONEY AND, OF COURSE MARK RICCIUTO.THERE HAVE BEEN COLOURFUL CHARACTERS LIKE JACK BROADSTOCK AND DOUG THOMAS, AS WELL AS GREATS LIKE FOS WILLIAMS, GRANT FIELKE, TONY MODRA, MARK MICKAN AND SHAUN REHN.

WEST ADELAIDE FOOTBALL CLUB (1897 - 2021)

CHAMPIONS OF AUSTRALIA 1908, 1911

FOXTEL CUP CHAMPIONS 2013

SANFL PREMIERS 1908, 1909, 1911, 1912, 1927, 1947, 1961, 1983, 2015

RUNNERS UP 1922, 1954, 1956, 1958, 1959, 1962, 1991, 2003, 2012

SANFLW RUNNERS UP 1939 Ray McArthur **MAGAREY MEDALLISTS** 1908 James Tierney

1957 Ron Benton 1909 Richard Head 1962 Ken Eustice 1922 Robert Barnes

1977 Trevor Grimwood 1926 Bruce McGregor 1985 Grantlev Fielke 1927 Bruce McGregor

1995 Glenn Kilpatrick 1929 Robert Snell 2009 James Ezard 1931 Jack Sexton

SANFLW BEST AND FAIREST 2018 Hannah Martin

2020 Rachelle Martin 2021 Lauren Young

SUPPORT & PERMANENT STAFF

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NO 1 TICKET HOLDER PATRON CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ADMINISTRATION **FOOTBALL DEPARTMENT LICENSED CLUB**

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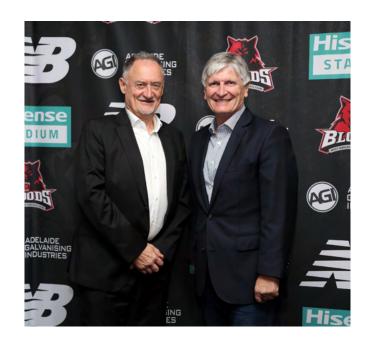
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



At the start of 2021 there was an optimistic yet considered approach when planning for the year ahead. Once again the impacts of Covid-19 forced us to rethink how we live, work and play. This new way of operating under pandemic conditions required the board and staff to change directions, to reimagine events and to adapt plans frequently to try to deliver successful outcomes for the West Adelaide Football Club.

Living alongside all these unknowns can be challenging, yet in many ways it presented the perfect opportunity to take a transformational step in the setting of the direction of the club; to reclaim its proud heritage as a club for all, a successful yet nimble organisation, one that despite challenges both on and off the field will thrive by building upon those foundations that were first laid almost 130 years ago.

I mentioned in 2020 that the board was better placed to invest further into the future of the club. I believe that we tackled this head on as we explored our football playing, our cultural identity and our community. Without those elements we cannot be a successful club. We want to be recognised for our on-field success as well as being the club of choice for aspiring players, staff and volunteers. We want our members, patrons and sponsors to have memorable experiences

when coming to Hisense Stadium and to return again and again. So, after much deliberation and consultation we went back to our core objective, "to encourage, promote and foster the playing of Australian Football", and to be united in our pursuit of premiership success. By focussing on this aspiration I am confident that all sectors of the club will soon see the results of working together as one.

To all past presidents and board members I say thankyou for your tireless contributions. We hope that the next phase of this wonderful club will serve to demonstrate that the commitments made all those years ago have been carried forward and that we can realise the ambitions of our founders and members.

I would also like to recognise and thank outgoing CEO Ben Hopkins for the enormous amount of work he put into leading the club to calmer waters. I thank our dedicated staff, who ensured that the daily operations continued as smoothly as possible during uncertain times. I also thank all players and members who put their faith in the club and who are vital to our future successes. The departure of our CEO meant that we had to go to market in search of a replacement. In late November Conny Wilson commenced in the role, following on in Ben's footsteps. I must convey the thanks of the board to Football Manager Wayne Siekman who was invaluable during this transition period.

I also wish to acknowledge the hard work of the board of directors, who as volunteers have gone above and beyond what is required of them, being involved in additional committees as well as fundraising activities and other support. In particular I wish to thank Vice-President Mark Goddard for the great work he has done and for the support he has given me yet again.

Finally I must thank the wonderful partners of our club. To our sponsors, who have shown faith in what we are doing and have been prepared to invest in our activities. To the City of West Torrens who through Mayor Michael Coxon and his staff have supported our vision of our part in the local community. And to the Hon Rob Kerin and Darren Chandler from SANFL who have guided us all year.

Thanks & Go Bloods!







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VILIS **WAFC PAST PLAYERS & OFFICIALS WEST END WESTIES BAR & BISTRO**

LEAGUE TEAM

PLAYED: 18 WON: 2 LOSS: 16 DREW: 0 FINAL POSITION: 10TH PLAYERS USED: 43

PLAYER LIST & STATS CAMES 2021

LIST & STATE	CVW	COAL	(A)
ALLAN, EDWARD	6	1	12
ANDERSON, AARON	9	0	72
BATLEY, NATHAN	2	0	58
BEECH, JONATHON	12	19	166
BOYLE, JORDON	18	1	32
CHAMBERLAIN, BAILEY	11	6	12
CLEELAND, JADE	11	2	24
DUNKIN, ELLIOT	15	1	41
DUVAL, MITCHELL	18	2	30
ELLEM, HAMISH	18	8	26
ELLIOT, HAYDEN	4	0	4
FAIRLIE, CONNOR	15	10	24
FAIRLIE, PATRICK	13	2	38
FEJO, RONALD	2	0	2
GORDON, HAMISH	2	0	2
GORE, JOSHUA	13	15	13
HAYSMAN, HUGH	14	6	77
HILL, LOGAN	18	0	186
HUPFELD, LYNDON	6	1	28
JOHNSON, ISACC	7	9	30
KARPANY, KENNETH (JNR)	8	3	68
KEOUGH, THOMAS	18	30	141
KOSTER, JOSH	3	4	11
LEMMEY, HARRISON	2	2	2
LEVICKI, PATRICK	5	0	30
LOVELL, KIERAN	8	3	8
MAGUIRE, MITCHELL	12	1	12
MAY, SAMUEL	1	0	17
MCKENZIE, MATTHEW	2	1	2
MELINE, LUCAS	9	1	9
MORRISH, THOMAS	4	3	12
MURPHY, THOMAS	16	2	16
RANA, ANGUS	2	1	2
REDFERN, LUKE	2	0	2
RYAN, JOSHUA	18	0	60
SCHILLER, JOSHUA	8	1	118
SINDERBERRY, JYE	14	0	15
SQUIRE, LACHLAN	12	1	18
STEELE, NICHOLAS	2	0	2
STEVENS, JOEL	10	2	10
STEVENS, KAINE	16	6	136
TAVERNER, STUART	8	1	11
WAITE, MURRAY	2	1	45

MESWAFC **COACHING & SUPPORT STAFF**

SENIOR COACHING DEPARTMENT

LEAGUE COACH	BRADLEY GOTCH
ASSISTANT COACHES	ADAM HARTLETT
	JOSH RAMSEY
	WADE FOGGO
SPECIALIST COACHES	DAVID PIASANTE
	BEN WATKINS
DEVELOPMENT COACHES	JOEL CHAPMAN
	KEELAN LAUBE
ANALYSTS	MARK BEECH
	MATTHEW SCRIVENS
	NICK BREMNER
	TOM VANEHOUSE
	MINH PAHM
HIGH PERFORMANCE MANAGER	DANNY DIEGAN
STRENGTH & CONDITIONING	LUKAS CANNAN
ASSISTANTS	OWAIN MANSHIP
	JACKSON TAKOS
	KELLY FETTES
PLAYER WELFARE	MATT JACOBS

SENIOR PLAYER LEADERSHIP GROUP

LEADERSHIP COACH	NICK TAKOS
LEADERSHIP GROUP	TOM KEOUGH (C)
	LOGAN HILL (VC)
	KAINE STEVENS
	JOSH SCHILLER
	PATRICK LEVICKI
	AARON ANDERSON
	JOSH RYAN
	MITCHELL MAGILIDE



LEAGUE AWARDS, MILESTONES & RETIREES

2021 NEIL KERLEY MEDAL

1ST PLACE: LOGAN HILL & TOM KEOUGH 3RD PLACE: KAINE STEVENS & JOSH RYAN



JOSH RYAN
PRESIDENTS AWARD



BAILEY CHAMBERLAIN
KEITH REYNOLDS MEMORIAL TROPHY





JOSH RYAN
GRANTLEY FIELKE AWARD



TOM KEOUGH ROGER LUDERS AWARD LEADING GOAL KICKER



TOM MURPHY
SAM SUCKLING SHIELD
BEST FIRST YEAR PLAYER



CONNOR FAIRLIE
BILL DOWNS MEMORIAL
TROPHY - MOST IMPROVED

RETIREMENTS

The West Adelaide Football Club would like to thank the following players retiring in 2021 for their commitment and service to the club.



AARON ANDERSON



JOSH SCHILLER



KAINE STEVENS



NATHAN BATLEY



PATRICK LEVICKI



HARVEY BOCK
VC AWARD - VOTED BY
PLAYERS

The club also congratulates Josh Ryan and Jordan Boyle who played their 50th SANFL League match in 2021.

RESERVES TEAM

PLAYED: 18 WON: 9 LOSS: 9 DREW: 0 FINAL POSITION: 4TH PLAYERS USED: 59

PLAYER LIST & STATS

RESERVES COACH RYAN ANDERSON

RESERVES ASSISTANT COACH RICKIE KELLY, LUKE MCCRACKEN & NICHOLAS BEN

	GAMES	GOALS		GAMES	GOALS
ALLAN, CHARLIE	11	3	LAUDATO, MICHAEL	15	9
ALLAN, EDWARD	12	8	LEMMEY, HARRISON	1	0
ANDERSON, AARON	4	0	LEVICKI, PATRICK	2	0
BABIC, FRANE	8	0	LOVELL, KIERAN	5	0
BATLEY, NATHAN	14	3	MAGUIRE, MITCHELL	4	3
BOCK, HARVEY	16	0	MARTIN, KYLE	3	1
CHAMBERLAIN, BAILEY	7	0	MAY, SAM	6	0
CLEELAND, JADE	6	1	MCCORMICK, DYLAN	1	0
COUROUPIS, NICHOLAS	3	1	MCKENZIE, MATTHEW	1	3
DAVIDSON, SAM	11	9	MELINE, LUCAS	8	6
DE CESARE, LACHLAN	2	1	MORRISH, TOM	13	16
ELLIOT, HAYDEN	15	0	PATTERSON, COOPER	4	0
FAIRLIE, CONNOR	3	2	PROUDE, LEVI	2	0
FAIRLIE, PATRICK	3	0	RANA, ANGUS	5	2
FAULKNER, THOMAS	12	4	REDFERN, LUKE	17	0
FEJO, RONALD	16	5	RUNDLE, TOM	13	10
GILBERT, COOPER	2	2	SCHILLER, JOSHUA	11	1
GORDON, HAMISH	11	12	SHERLOCK, KANE	16	1
GORE, JOSHUA	1	1	SINDERBERRY, JYE	4	0
HAYSMAN, HUGH	3	0	SQUIRE, LACHLAN	3	0
HEITMANN, LUKE	1	2	STEELE, NICHOLAS	9	11
HUPFELD, LYNDON	6	2	STEVENS, JOEL	6	4
JAMES, ANTONIO	1	0	STEVENS, REED	16	16
JOHNSON, ISAAC	1	0	TAVERNER, STUART	9	2
JOHNSON, JESSE	15	16	TAYLOR, MITCHELL	16	0
KARPANY, KENNETH (JNR)	7	12	WHITE, DYLAN	2	0
KELLY, HUGO	13	0	WILSON, LUKE	2	2
KENNEDY, CADE	2	0	WOOLDRIDGE, ZAC	2	0
KIRK, KYLE	12	4	YOUNG, LUKE	1	0
KOSTER, JOSH	3	4			ŭ

2021 BOB LEE MEMORIAL TROPHY

1ST PLACE: LUKE REDFERN

2ND PLACE: ED ALLAN & TOM MORRISH

RESERVES COACHES TROPHY: NATHAN BATLEY

RESERVES LEADING GOAL KICKERS: TOM MORRISH,

JESSE JOHNSON & REED STEVENS



WAFC OFFICIALS AND MATCH DAY STAFF

MATCH DAY STAFF

RESERVES TEAM MANAGER
TED KERLEY
LEAGUE RUNNER

RESERVES RUNNER TIMEKEEPER

SCOREBOARD
BALL STEWARDS

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PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

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SENIOR STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT

STATISTICIANS

MIKE MEMMLER JOHN DUGGAN HEATHER COULLS NOEL HARRADINE



SANFLW PLAYER LIST, STATS & AWARDS

PLAYED: 14 WON: 8 LOSS: 6 DREW: 0 FINAL POSITION: 2ND PLAYERS USED: 42

WOMENS COACH MARK MOODY
WOMENS TALENT MANAGER HAYDN WARD
WOMENS CAPTAIN BEC OWEN

ASSISTANT COACHES TRENT MOODY, MICHAEL SWEATMAN & TROY WILKEY

TEAM MANAGER KAREN PINK **STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING** TROY WILKEY

	GAMES	GOALS		GAMES	GOALS
BALLARD, ABBIE	7	1	LIENERT, SADIE	6	0
BIDDELL, CHELSEA	10	10	LOFTES, IMOGEN	10	2
CHYER, JESS	1	0	MASON, ALEX	10	0
CONSIDINE, AILISH	7	7	MATTNER, PAXTON	3	0
CULHANE, KASIA	13	3	MCCARTHY, LOUELLA	10	5
DARGAN, SARAH	8	2	MCNICOL, GRACE	1	0
DAVIS, NIAMH	11	0	NEWMAN, MADDI	3	2
ELSEGOOD, MELANIE	10	10	OWEN, BEC	13	2
FERNANDEZ, TIARNA	2	0	PATER, GEORGIE	4	0
GIBBS, NATALIE	4	0	RAMM, SAMANTHA	5	0
GRAY, GEORGIE	5	0	RAMSEY, GRETAL	6	2
GREER, ZOE	6	0	RUSSELL, MADI	10	0
GRIFFITHS, SCARLETT	6	2	SCHOLAR, HANNAH	6	0
HAND, TAYLOR	1	0	SCUTCHINGS, CHARLIE	8	0
HARDWICK, ABBEY	1	0	SIGLEY, BETHANY	1	0
HARFIELD, TIARNA	14	0	SMITH, OLIVIA	5	0
HOOPER, NICOLE	4	0	VENNING, ZOE	12	1
JAMES, ASHLEA	14	2	WALSH, KATE	13	0
JAYNE, TAYLAH	13	0	WHITING, SHARNIE	14	3
KENNEDY, CAMERON	4	0	YOUNG, LAUREN	12	7
KUSTERMANN, KEELEY	9	0	ZACHER, MADDY	6	0

2021 WAFC SANFLW BEST AND FAIREST

1ST PLACE: SHARNIE WHITING & ZOE VENNING

3RD PLACE: LAUREN YOUNG

PLAYERS' PLAYER: MADI RUSSELL

BEST FIRST YEAR PLAYER: SHARNIE WHITING WOMENS LEADING GOAL KICKERS: CHELSEA

BIDDELL & MELANIE ELSEGOOD



UNDER 18 PLAYER LIST & STATS

PLAYED: 20 WON: 13 LOSS: 6 DREW: 1 FINAL POSITION: 3RD PLAYERS USED: 48

TALENT & DEVELOPMENT MANAGER PAUL STREATFIELD PAUL STREATFIELD U18 COACH **ROD HOCKLEY TEAM MANAGER** CAPTAIN CADE KENNEDY

ASSISTANT COACHES SHANE BALDOCK, SCOTT PATCHING, MICK KILSBY

HEAD OF DEVELOPMENT DAIMON HEAD

DEVELOPMENT COACHES CHRISTOS ANEMOURI, TIM JACKSON, STEVE HARRIS, TRAVIS LITTLE

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING **BEN BRAITHWAITE & JAMES REGAN**

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BAKER, LACHLAN	9	2	KENNEDY, CADE	17	6	SCULLY, TOM	12	23
BALTAGIE, SALEH	12	15	KOVACIC, JAMIE	5	3	SGROI, TYRELL	3	4
BARKER, HARRY	3	6	KREGAR, OSCAR	3	0	SINGLETON, PATRICK	9	0
BARNETT, HARRY	11	4	LEMMEY, HARRY	7	17	STEENE, OSCAR	15	4
BENNETTS, LIAM	1	0	MARTIN, NICK	10	0	STILL, ZAC	3	0
BLACKWELL, CONNOR	1	0	MCCORMICK, DYLAN	19	11	SULLIVAN, JACK	13	2
BUNWORTH, ADAM	9	0	MIDWINTER, DAVID	12	0	TALBOT, OSCAR	1	0
BURBRIDGE, BEN	9	1	MINCHELLA, DARCY	3	0	THACKERAY, JESSE	19	8
BYRNE, ARCHER	4	0	OATES, JACK	2	1	TREDWELL, LACHLAN	5	9
COE, TYSON	10	6	OBST, JED	11	3	WATTS, JAEDEN	9	15
DESIRA, HUGH	14	5	PATTON, WILL	5	0	WESTDIJK, LIAM	13	9
EAGLETON, KYAN	5	5	PRIDHAM, CHARLIE	20	0	WHITBOURNE, JAMESON	4	2
HAHN, MITCHELL	10	17	ROBERTS, JACKSON	12	0	WHITE, DYLAN	17	14
HARKINS, KADE	7	2	ROBERTS, KYE	12	0	WHITE, JORDAN	9	0
HAWKE, WILL	2	1	RYAN, KOBE	10	4	YOUNG, LUKE	18	38
HIGHAM, FINN	13	0	SATANEK, CAIN	20	2	ZVAIGZNE, LUKAS	2	0

2021 WAFC U18 JAKE WATSON MEDAL

1ST PLACE: CHARLIE PRIDHAM **2ND PLACE: JESSE THACKERAY 3RD PLACE:** CADE KENNEDY

HERDE FAMILY AWARD - MOST IMPROVED: OSCAR STEENE

KNOTT/MITCHELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - BEST FIRST YEAR PLAYER:

HARRY LEMMEY

COREY SIEMERS MEMORIAL AWARD - BEST PLAYER FROM THE RIVERLAND:

JESSE THACKERAY

BIG BLOOD AWARD - VALUES & CULTURE: MAX NOBLET

BEST TEAM MAN: LUKE YOUNG **COACHES TROPHY:** CAIN SATANEK

UNDER 16 PLAYER LIST & STATS

PLAYED: 7 WON: 3 LOSS: 4 DREW: 0 FINAL POSITION: 5TH PLAYERS USED: 40

TALENT & DEVELOPMENT MANAGER PAUL STREATFIELD W16 COACH MICHAEL WAKIM TEAM MANAGER JOHN GOOD

CAPTAIN LUKAS ZVAIGZNE & MAX DOWNS

ASSISTANT COACHES PHIL ANDRIANI, DAMIEN VENNING & ANDREW ROGERS

HEAD OF DEVELOPMENTDAIMON HEAD

DEVELOPMENT COACHESCRAIG BENNETTS & KYM LAUBE

OPPOSITION ANALYST PETER LEWIS

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING BEN BRAITHWAITE & JAMES REGAN

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BARNES, ELI	2	0	HAYSMAN, CHARLIE	6	3	PATTON, WILLIAM	5	2
BUBNER, JAYDEN	3	2	HILTON, KADE	7	7	PAVLIC, MARCUS	5	5
BYWATER, TOBY	4	1	HUDSON, DARCY	5	0	PERKS, ARCHIE	2	0
CAIN, ETHAN	2	0	HUTCHINGS, BROCK	2	1	REDDEN, JAMES	4	0
CALLAGHAN, ZAC	3	0	HUTTON, JACK	3	0	SARGENT, JOSHUA	1	0
DEAN, MITCHELL	2	0	JESSON, JARRED	3	1	SCHEFE, JESSE	4	1
DOWNS, MAX	7	9	JONES, MAX	3	4	STEVENS, CHARLIE	2	0
EVANS, JACOB	2	0	KEANE, FIONN	5	0	TALBOT, OSCAR	6	0
FOX, LACHLAN	3	0	KENNEDY, KEENAN	2	0	TIPPINS, LUKE	6	0
GABRISCH, TOBY	2	2	LIEBICH, ANGUS	4	2	WHITE, BAILEY	3	1
GADALETA, JORDAN	5	0	MCCORMICK, CALEB	5	1	WILSON, JACK	6	2
GIANQUITTO, SEBASTIAN	3	1	MCKENZIE, MAX	5	4	ZVAIGZNE, LUKAS	7	3
GREEN, JACKSON	3	8	MITTAL, KISHNA	1	0			
HANSEN, JUDD	5	3	O'DONOGHUE, PATRICK	6	6			



INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

THE WEST ADELAIDE FOOTBALL CLUB WISHES TO CONGRATULATE THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS ON THEIR INDIVIDUAL SUCCESSES THIS SEASON.

2021 SANFLW BEST AND FAIREST - LAUREN YOUNG



'At just 15 years of age Lauren has had an outstanding season. I have watched her grow from a young lady into an incredible women who has the world at her feet. She is a true excitement machine and I can't wait to watch her continue to develop' - Mark Moody, Senior Womens

Coach

2021 RESERVES MAGAREY MEDALLIST - ED ALLAN

'Ed had a very consistent season and on reflection was stiff not to play more senior games. In the reserves he was clearly a standout week in and week out. I'm looking forward to watching his game improve further in 2022' - **Brad Gotch, Senior Coach**

2021 U18'S TORRENS UNIVERSITY CUP MVP AWARD - CADE KENNEDY

'Cade has been an exceptional member of our club for a long time now. He has continuously shown his drive and sets great standards for everyone around him. This year was no exception taking his game to a new level. I look forward to seeing what he can do in our senior program.' - Paul Streatfield, U18 Coach

2021 AFLW DRAFTEE (PICK. 34, AFC) - ABBIE BALLARD

'Abbie is a hard bodied midfielder and at only 19 years old is one of our longest serving SANFLW players due to become the club's first 50-game SANFLW player in 2022. Abbie's relentless attack on the ball, her tackling pressure and her leadership skills were enough to get her selected to the Adelaide Crows. As a club we couldn't be more proud of Abbie and her achievements, we are excited to see where this opportunity will take her.' - Haydn Ward, Female Football Manager

STANLEY H LEWIS TROPHY

CLUB	MEN'S	WOMEN'S	RESERVES	U18	U16	TOTAL
Glenelg	1700	750	800	750	125	4125
Eagles	1300	300	550	650	75	2875
Norwood	1100	900	250	300	75	2625
South	1000	550	300	550	125	2525
North	1000	550	300	425	100	2375
Sturt	900	350	500	150	125	2025
West	200	600	450	625	75	1950
Central	400	400	450	150	0	1400
Port	900	-	-	-	-	900
Adelaide	500	-	-	-	-	500



CLUB AWARDS/ACHIEVEMENTS

2021 FRANCIS ELMER AWARD KAREN CREWDSON & SARAH

BRADBROOK

2021 LIFE MEMBERS JOHN 'JACK' HAMILTON

(PLAYER #652)

MARK MICKAN

(PLAYER #963)

CRAIG BENNETTS

(PLAYER #1089)

JONATHON BEECH

(PLAYER #1313)







HALL OF FAME

THREE PLAYERS WERE INDUCTED INTO THE WEST ADELAIDE FOOTBALL CLUB HALL OF FAME ON THE 29TH OF MAY 2021. THE THREE PLAYERS, JAMES TIERNEY, JOHN KANTILAFTAS AND RYAN FERGUSON WERE ORIGINALLY DUE TO BE INDUCTED IN 2020 BUT DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS. IT WAS DECIDED TO INDUCT THEM IN 2021.

JAMES M. TIERNEY

FRA: 1892 -1920 INDUCTED: 2021

RYAN M. FERGUSON

ERA: 2008 - MODERN

INDUCTED: 2021

JOHN KANTILAFTAS

ERA: 1979 - MODERN

INDUCTED: 2021



PERSONALS

THE WEST ADELAIDE FOOTBALL CLUB WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PASSING OF THE FOLLOWING PAST PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE WEST ADELAIDE COMMUNITY WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES THROUGH THE YEAR, WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES.

BRIAN FAEHSE
MICHAEL LESKE
MURRAY WEIDEMAN
GORDON JOHNS
MALCOLM MCCRACKEN
JOHN INGE
KARL BOOS
DAVID JACOBS
KENNETH LAWRENCE THORSEN
BERNIE SCANLEN
DAVE O'HARA

VALE BRIAN FAEHSE

In March of 2021 Brian Keith Faehse passed away peacefully at 96 years old after a short illness, which he battled with the same grit and determination that he demonstrated every time he pulled on the Bloods guernsey.

He played 128 games in succession and missed only seven games through injury in his last 12 seasons, earning him the name Iron Man.

Brian was last living member of the 1947 premiership side and would regularly attend games. The 'Brian Faehse Stand' was named after Brian after he played a major role in the acquision and development of Richmond Oval.

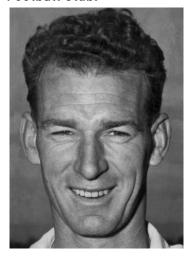
Brian was a dedicated club man both on and off the field who received constant admiration, loyalty and respect through his 13 seasons with West Adelaide. Known to be rugged, tough, talented and totally committed to giving 100% effort every game.

The great Fos Williams said on Brian's retirement from the game after the 1956 season, 'I've never met a

better teammate or a more ferocious and determined opponent'

Brian will be remembered as our 1947 Premiership Player, Captain, Coach and a member of our management committee, but most of all as a gentleman.

If a football club ever needed a template on which to build a culture, it should look to use the example of the way Brian Faehse conducted himself on and off the field in life and his time at the West Adelaide Football Club.





PLAYING RECORD

222 games and 60 goals for West Adelaide 1944 – 1956

Captain of West Adelaide 1951 - 1956

PREMIERSHIPS

Member of premiership team for West Adelaide 1947

ACHIEVEMENTS

Best and fairest for West Adelaide, 1950, 1951 Played 19 matches for SA

West Adelaide Football Club Life Member 1949 Player Life Member of SANFL

League Tribunal Commissioner

Management Committee of West Adelaide, 1949 – 1957

Organiser and planner of Richmond Oval Grandstand SANFL League Tribunal Commissioner 1964-78 South Australian Football Hall of Fame Inaugural inductee 2002

West Adelaide Football Club Hall of Fame Inaugural inductee 2005

Official Legend of the West Adelaide Football Club 2011

COACHING RECORD

Coach of West Adelaide 1951, 1952

FOOTBALL REPORT

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

BEN HOPKINS
BRAD GOTCH
DANNY DEIGAN
DAVID TIDSWELL
DEREK BONNER
HAYDN WARD
PAUL STREATFIELD
WAYNE SIEKMAN

SENIOR FOOTBALL

Season 2021 had a new beginning with Brad Gotch joining the club as Senior Coach for the next two years. Having come from Collingwood he brought with him many years of experience across AFL and state league football. The perfect fit for our young and developing list.

Along with Brad, we had a new look panel of assistant coaches, Josh Ramsey took the step up from reserves coach in 2020 to coaching the league forwards for 2021, Wade Foggo also made the step from reserves assistant to league midfield coach and we were able to bring back 2015 premiership player Adam Hartlett as senior assistant coach who was in charge of the backs.

The pre-season saw 85 players put through their paces and allowed them to showcase their talents in attempts to cement a spot on the 2021 list.

We played an Under 21 Trial Game against St. Peters which gave our coaches a chance to see what our younger talent had to offer. From this a further three trials were played and our list was settled with 67 players for the season.

The season started with Round 1 at Glenelg on Good Friday and the guys came home hard after being down by over 6 goals early in the game to lose by just under 2 goals. If the game had gone another two minutes we could have started the season off with a massive bang.

Rounds 2 & 3 saw us in the fight with a chance to win against Adelaide but couldn't get over the line and Sturt were far too good at Unley Oval. Round 4 was to be a great night for the club, at home, under lights on a Friday night against Norwood we got our first win for the year. We played hard and tough football and were rewarded for our earlier performances.

We were able to put back to back wins on the board when we played Centrals in Round 5 at home. Another tough contest but to get over the line and win two in a row was enormous for the group. We were unable to secure a win over the next 4 rounds but were extremely competitive in the contest.

Halfway through the season we were 2-9 but had plenty of chances to be at least 4-5. Taking these opportunities and getting these wins is certainly the next step for us as a League team.

The second half of the year saw some solid performances and then a couple of poor performances. We had another COVID break in the season which wasn't ideal but this is a part of life at the moment. The league side finished the season in 10th position with 2 wins and 16 losses.

We had a number of debutants for the year including Josh Gore, Kieran Lovell, Mitch Maguire, Tom Murphy, Angus Rana, Joel Stevens, Matt McKenzie, Nick Steele, Hayden Elliot, Ronald Fejo, Hamish Gordon, Harry Lemmey & Luke Redfern.

Our Reserves this year were coached by past player Ryan Anderson which was a great coaching get for the club. It is great to bring someone who is not only a quality coach in the making but also cares deeply for the West Adelaide community. He was assisted by Luke McCracken, Rickie Kelly and Nick Ben.

The team had a great season, to go from 7th in 2020 to 4th in 2021. To play finals was a great sign of the depth the club has been able to bring in and the development of these players and our Under 18 players from the last year.

The team had many great wins throughout the year and were thoroughly deserving of playing finals. This will no doubt be a massive stepping

stone for the club in season 2022 in both the League and Reserves teams.

A big congratulations to all players and staff that contributed to the side's results in 2021.

Josh Ryan and Jordon Boyle both played their 50th SANFL League games during 2021 and we congratulate them.

We farewell some amazing players that have contributed so much to the West Adelaide Football Club in Kaine Stevens, Josh Schiller, Aaron Anderson, Patrick Levicki and Nathan Batley. WAFC thank them for their efforts and contribution to the club both on and off the field over a number of years.

We also like to thank the following players who have moved on from 2021 in Tom Murphy, Hamish Gordon, Hayden Elliot, Kyle Martin, Angus Rana, Kyle Kirk, Stuart Taverner, Mitch Taylor, Zac Wooldridge, Kieran Lovell, Luke Heitmann & Cooper Gilbert.

We would like to continue to thank all the coaches and volunteers that regularly assist the football club, week in and week out, without your contribution and the assistance the club couldn't operate the way we do.

WAYNE SIEKMAN Football Operations Manger



JUNIOR FOOTBALL **U18 Centre of Excellence**

Our Under 18 team enjoyed a successful season on the back of a thorough pre-season and list management decisions that re-energised our playing group. Cade Kennedy was selected as captain after an overwhelming vote by players and endorsement from the coaching group. Cade was joined by Dylan White, Luke Young and Tyson Coe to form our leadership group. These four men led from the front all year exhibiting great maturity beyond their years.

On the field we quickly learnt the side were not only skilful but also incredibly determined to play every game to the final minute and grind out results. An incredible run early on in the season saw four consecutive wins by less than a goal. This included being the first side to defeat Glenelg who were setting the tone at the top of the ladder, 2021 also saw the Jake Watson Shield return to Richmond for the first time in nearly a decade after a memorable draw against the Eagles thanks to a last-minute goal by Jed Obst.

After finishing third on the ladder the team went on to defeat South Adelaide in the elimination final before falling to eventual premiers the Eagles in the Preliminary Final. Despite not making the Grand Final, the whole squad should be incredibly proud of their achievements and the significant turnaround in a short space of time after a disappointing 2020 campaign.

Special mentions to Charlie Pridham on being awarded the Jake Watson Medal as our U18 Best and Fairest winner. Jesse Thackeray received the Corey Siemers Award as best player from the Riverland, and Luke Young won the goal kicking with 38 goals for the season. Cain Satanek received the Coaches Award, Luke Young the Best Team Man Award and Max Noblet the Values award. Harry Lemmey received the Knott/ Mitchel memorial scholarship for best first year U18 player. Harry also debut at a senior level in the later half of the year. Oscar Steene received the most improved award after an excellent year.

Along with 9 players who were selected to represent the state, Cade Kennedy capped off an incredible year as he was awarded the Torrens University MVP award as the most valuable

player in the Under-18 competition. Cade was presented with his award at the Magarey Medal and his acceptance speech highlighted his incredible maturity and leadership qualities.

Most pleasing is that we are seeing the majority of players exhibit habits that are going to hold them in good stead to be competing for senior football roles at the club for a long period of time.

With 15 players progressing from our squad to senior pre-season for 2022, these young men are going to play a vital role in our club's development and I look forward to continuing to track their progress.



U16 Centre of Excellence

The Under 16 team showcased some exciting football in a shorter 7 game season. Whilst the side narrowly missed finals, they showed that their best football was very good and that there is some exciting talent coming through the system.

Lukas Zvaigzne and Max Downs were appointed as co-captains and excelled in leadership roles. They were well supported by a leadership group consisting of Fionn Keane, Will Patton, Bailey White and Kade Hilton.

Will Patton, Max Downs & Oscar Talbot were selected in the initial state squad which was excellent recognition of their progress to date. The state program was impacted by COVID border restrictions resulting in fewer games than originally planned.

We thank Michael Wakim for his three years in the role of Head Coach in this program and wish him all the best for his next endeavour in our female program. Some of our other officials from the U16 program will also move in different directions in 2022, largely due to the U16 format changing to a full-length season, so we thank them all and hope to keep them at the club in some capacity where possible.



Young Bloods Academy

We were pleased to experience a less-interrupted year than 2020 which allowed our Young Bloods Academy to be fully implemented across all age groups both in the city as well as our country regions. More than 200 boys and girls were able to participate in training and development sessions all aimed at ensuring our football club continues to have a quality pool of youth players to progress across our programs.

From a country perspective a special thankyou to the Loxton North and Waikerie Football Clubs who hosted monthly sessions for our players in the Riverland, Mallee and Roxby regions. It is great to see so many players in these areas engaging with our club and developing their football skills and knowledge.

We had four sides take to the field as part of the SANFL Intra-State Championships (Under 15 City Boys, Under 15 Country Boys, Under 14 Girls and Under 16 Girls). Matches were played over three days in September and all our players represented the club well. Thank you to all of the parents and caregivers who took time out of their week to be in Adelaide and allow the players to participate in this opportunity.

Our aim in 2022 is to establish an academy in Roxby Downs to ensure we are able to continue to provide accessible football pathways for players regardless of where they live. We also look forward to the continued evolution of female football which will provide more and more opportunities for young girls to become involved in football at academy level which will hold our club in good stead for many years to come.

Zone Engagement

Football remains strong in our regions and we continue to show our commitment to assisting in the development of our local clubs and leagues where possible.

We were again thrilled to be able to provide the medals and premiership pennants for each of our country leagues and were able to assist with key events as required in each of our regions. From a city perspective, the Football Development Council continues to prove worthwhile as it allows all stakeholders to share initiatives and drive development across our clubs.

It was fantastic to be able to conduct a coach development workshop in Roxby Downs led by Senior Coach Brad Gotch. This is a concept that we will further expand in 2022.

Well done to all involved at local level. We are very appreciative as a club of all the efforts put in to ensure football continues to thrive and opportunities are available for all to participate in our great game.

PAUL STREATFIELD
Talent & Development Manger and U18 Coach

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL U18 Centre of Excellence

In 2021 our SANFLW Program saw another incredibly exciting year for our SANFLW program with Mark Moody at the helm for a 2nd season.

SANFLW Assistant Coach Daniel Caire stepped away from the role as he and his wife Steph welcomed a new addition to their family. Also standing down from their position was club captain Lauren Rodato who retired from SANFLW football. The vacant Assistant Coaching position was filled by Michael Sweatman, who has had experience coaching Senior Men at Plympton Football Club before taking a year off and transitioning to women's football.

The club was also excited to announce that Bec Owen who had missed the 2020 season through injury was named as Captain of our SANFLW team for 2021. The club was bolstered by Bec Owen returning from Injury to play a vital part in the team's wing/midfield rotation, we were finally able to let our 15-year-old football prodigy Lauren Young off the chain to complete her first ever season of SANFLW after spending the last 3 years with the program. The club was further enhanced by adding experienced Victorian pair Sharnie Whiting and Richmond AFLW player Sarah Dargan to the program and to have Adelaide Crows players Chelsea Biddell, Ailish Considine and Maddi Newman come through and spend time with our program we were destined to do good things.

One of the season's highlights came in Round 6 when the girls got an opportunity to play on the iconic Adelaide Oval, which turned out to be a momentous day beating South Adelaide for the first time in our SANFLW history, by one of our biggest margins – 37 points. But after Round 8, the girls were sitting 7th on the ladder with 3 rounds to go and a 3 win – 5 loss record, meaning we if we wanted to make finals again in 2021, we would need to win the next 3 games.

The girls gave it everything they could and went from 7th with 3 minor rounds to go – to winning Round 11 against South by 1-point to lock in a finals spot, finishing in 3rd spot. Another close Semi Final against South Adelaide with a Mel Elsegood goal with less than a minute remaining gave us a 4-point win and a spot in the Preliminary

Final against Norwood. The girls comfortably ran out 24-point winners and booked a spot in the program's first ever SANFLW Grand Final.

Although we were excited to book our spot in the 2021 SANFLW Grand Final, captain Bec Owen suffered a serious leg injury which means we would have to go into the Grand Final without our fearless leader. The opportunity arose for Vice-Captain Abby Ballard to Captain the squad for the big dance. Again, the girls fought tirelessly until the final siren, but the expertise of Adelaide Crows AFLW player Ebony Marinoff and her Glenelg team proved far too good on the day and the girls finished their season with a 23-point Grand Final loss.

However, the season was capped off on a positive note, with young gun Lauren Young cleaning up at the SANFLW Awards. Walking away with Powerade Breakthrough Player of the Year award, Coaches Award, SANFLW Team of the Year spot and the Leagues SANFLW Best and Fairest award. Sharnie Whiting and Zoe Venning were also recognized with SANFLW Team of the Year honors. Grand Final Captain was also drafted to the Adelaide Crows with Pick 34 which was a tremendous achievement for all the work Abby has done. This meant that in 5 seasons of SANFLW, the club has had 3 League SANFLW Best and Fairest winners, and girls drafted from our SANFL Program, which further proves why we are the best Female Program in the competition.

Preparations are well and truly underway for another great SANFLW season, with the girls looking to come back fitter and stronger than ever and again take another step and bring home that premiership trophy. I would also like to take an opportunity to thank our amazing coaches, support staff, the board and the Westonians that have given so much to our SANFLW program. We are incredibly grateful for your time and effort you put into making this program the success that it was and hopefully looking forward to bringing home the Premiership trophy in 2022.

HAYDN WARD Female Football Manager



WAFC TRUST

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CHRIS SCHMIDT DAVID SHIPWAY GRAEME BARTON ROBERT DAY **TIANDRA TAMIAANS** TROY ABBOTT

The WAFC Trust was officially launched on 1st May 2021. It continues to accumulate Bequests and Donations to create a new & alternate revenue stream for the WAFC.

It has now received \$36k in donations from our "Foundation Members" and has received pledges of in-excess \$600,000 in bequests.

This year the Trust accepted the resignation of Rob Kerin after being appointed Chairman of the SA Football Commission (to avoid any possible conflict of interest). The Trust, with the approval of the WAFC Board, made two additions to the Board of Trustees; experienced finance insurance industry person, long term WAFC supporter & Westonian - Tiandra Tamiaans along with our most recent Premiership Captain & Jack Oatey Medallist, dual best & fairest winner & player life member - Chris Schmidt. Chris is also Managing Director of his own Civil Engineering Company, SBEC.

The WAFC Trust have entered a partnership with the Australian Sports Foundation to qualify for Tax Deductibility. So if you are looking to reduce your tax please consider donating to the WAFC Trust.

Also, this year, The WAFC has partnered with P.A.C. Capital to manage its funds to help achieve a high level of returns on your bequests and donations.

Choosing to Bequest or Donate to the WAFC Trust is a long-term investment in the future generations of the West Adelaide Football Club. Funds raised go into the trust, which exists in perpetuity, which means your capital stays intact while the investment returns go to

support the WAFC to attract new recruits and help build and grow the Football department.

The WAFC Trust is an independent nonprofit organisation with its Board Members receiving no fees. We would like to thank our sponsors that cover on-going running costs so every cent raised will benefit the WAFC.

SPONSORS

Abbott Investments (SA) Pty Ltd - Asset Management & Book Keeping Withers Advisory - Auditing & Accounting JL Lawyers Pty Ltd - Legal PAC Capital - Funds Management WAFC - Management Insurance

FOUNDATION MEMBERS

Troy Abbott, Bill Bollard, Wayne Coulls, Robert Day, Murray Forbes, WAFC, Westies Wolfpack Ptv Ltd. WAFC Westonians. Abbott Investments (SA) Pty Ltd, Abbott Developments (SA) Pty Ltd, Graeme & Fay Barton, Paul Sperling, Tony Davidson, Richard Sykes.

We would like to thank & welcome the following Foundation Members to the WAFC Trust Group. David Shipway, Gurpreet Minhas, Albert & Robert Westphalen, Chris Higgins, Lynette Pettman, Darren Geddie, David Dimasi & Steven Goldsworthy.

If you would like to donate \$1750 and join as a Foundation Member and leave your legacy as a proud WAFC supporter or if you would like to pledge a beguest, please contact the club. All donors will receive appropriate recognition within the Club.

TROY ABBOTT Chair of the Board of Trustees



WESTONIANS REPORT

WESTONIAN'S COMMITTEE

BERNIE CONLEN DAVID PRICE DOUG ALLEN GRAEME BARTON KRISTEN DEMETRIOU MATTHEW MATSCHOSS RICHARD SYKES TIANDRA TAMIAANS **TROY ABBOTT**

2021 has been a special year for the Westonians. We have celebrated our 50th anniversary and we continue to surge forward.

Our season was disrupted like so many other things this year, but we have managed to have an extremely successful year again.

We contributed over \$72,000 towards the West Adelaide Football Club. Although our bottom line says that we made a small loss, that is only due our contributions to the club, as we dipped into our funds carried over from last year.

The highlight for the year was undoubtedly our 50th Anniversary celebration held on the 29th of May. We welcomed many former Westonians back to the club and celebrated in true style. We had lots of laughs, enjoyed each other's company and fondly recalled the good times we have all shared together.

I would like to thank the entire committee for helping to pull such a great night together. I would particularly like to mention Westonian Vice President Graeme Barton and the West Adelaide History group for putting a brief history together. that has now been preserved for posterity. Graeme as always has been an invaluable part of the Westonians this year and his many efforts are greatly appreciated.

Our fundraising year kicked off with a bang at Morphetville Racecourse. The function at the Christmas twilight race meeting was a massive success and a good time was had by all. A big thank you to Treasurer Richard Sykes for managing that function and getting a winner home. Together with his role as Treasurer he has been an important part of the committee this year. Always keen to share ideas & keep the ball rolling.

Richard was ably assisted by our previous Treasurer, Troy Abbott, as we try to keep the funds rolling in. Troy managed our special wine offering throughout the year as well numerous other projects.

Richard Sellers has done a most studious job as our secretary this year. To the point where we would often have the minutes of the meeting before we got home. His contribution throughout the year to making sure everything was prepared for match day and all events is greatly appreciated.

Doug Allen managed our major raffle for the year, which takes a power of work. He was well assisted by many committee members. It was a major success bringing in over \$11,000. The commemorative glasses he organised early in the year were also a great touch.

Kristen Demetriou sat on a number of our event sub committees and has been an important part of making sure they ran well. Together with her valuable support on match days.

Bernie Conlon hosted a number of events for us and was a valuable conduit between past players and the Westonians. Together with all the great work he does around the club.

David Price one of our longest serving committee members was always ready to help, particularly on match day and may hold the record for a match dav raffle.

Our newest recruit to the committee Tiandra Tamiaans has been a great addition this year. She has got our social media presence up and running, which has been a vital way to communicate with our members. Together with adding several special touches to our functions throughout the year.

In all this group has done a great job in what is trying times during the pandemic. I would also like to thank Kayla Higgins and her team at the venue. Due to restrictions we had to change a number of functions and our match day experience numerous times and they have always been more than accommodating.

With that we would like to thank the West Adelaide Cheerleaders for their great work behind the bar throughout the year. It is great to come for a drink after the game and be served by their smiling faces.

The Westonians will continue to be passionate supporters of the club and try and provide a vehicle for fun, funds and fellowship at every opportunity.

We also like to announce that we are going to have three Westonian ambassadors for the coming year and hopefully many years to come.

Next year we are going to have three ex West Adelaide players as ambassadors Tony Modra, Anthony Lehmann and Will Day.

We look forward to having all our members return next year and welcome many new members.

MATTHEW MATSCHOSS Westonians President





PAST PLAYER AND OFFICIALS REPORT

PAST PLAYERS & OFFICIALS COMMITTEE RERNIE CONLEN

BERNIE CONLEN MIKE HAMILTON TROY ABBOTT

The 2021 season once again was a battle for most of us, living with the Covid 19 restrictions, which continued to test our resolve to manage events on match day. Despite this, we managed to present the Past Player and Official's bar with drinks and half time food. This area overlooking the ground allowing our members could watch the game in comfort.

2021 was the year we celebrated the 60th anniversary of our 1961 Premiership Team, where we defeated Norwood by 36 points. We held a celebratory event prior to our Round 4 clash against the Redlegs. This event would not have been possible without the financial support of the Past Players & Officials & the "The Westonian's". Kerl's men were overwhelmed with the support they received from our diehard supporters. It was great to see 15 members of the 83-side in attendance as well as Past Norwood players. It was a fantastic night & will long be remembered by our 1961 Premiership team members.

VALE

We lost some great Past Players throughout season 2021, who have represented and served our Club so well – they include legend Brian Faehse, Michael Leske, the great Murray Weideman, Gordon Johns, Malcolm McCracken, John Inge, Karl Boos, David Jacobs, Dave O'Hara & Kenneth Lawrence Thorsen. They will always be remembered for their contribution to our great Club.

FINANCE

We had 90 paid Past Players and Official members this year. Covid restrictions limited our ability to run our usual event calendar, which in turn restricted the number of members we were able to sign up. Hopefully next year we return to a full year and continue to grow our numbers. The 1961 reunion function was an outstanding success. The events can be a very costly exercise, however we managed to break even on the day. "Chew the

Fat" organised by Nicky D was a new initiative held on the 2nd Friday of the month at the club. The October Luncheon saw over 100 members in attendance bringing past legends such as Tony Modra, Riley Bonner and Will Day back to the club.

Troy Abbott kindly donated and assisted in setting up our new Square Payment system. Thank you to Daniel Shepard from Accountants, Withers Advisory for helping to set up our new Xero finance accounting system. A special thank you also goes to frequent supporter David Shipway for his kind donation this year.

lagain acknowledge our current President, Bernie Conlen's continued hard work in organising, promoting, and leading the West Adelaide Past Players and Officials. He is greatly supported by our secretary Tony Davidson and committee member Troy Abbott.

We continued to provide funds for the following awards and congratulate the recipients. Corey Siemers Award - Jesse Thackeray \$250 Knott Mitchell Award - Harry Lemmey \$250 Jake Watson Award - Charlie Pridham \$350

MIKE HAMILTON Honorary Secretary

Remember the first home Friday night game is the official kick off for the Past Players & Officials season. So, get to that match sign up & enjoy our hospitality.

To all Past Players & Officials & Bloods supporters good luck for season 2022 & let's see you all back cheering on our young group.

BERNIE CONLEN President WAFC Past Players & Officials



HISTORY GROUP REPORT

PRESIDENT VICE PRESIDENT **SECRETARY TREASURER HISTORIAN**

DOUG ALLEN GRAEME BARTON KERRY CARN TROY ABBOTT **JOHN DUGGAN**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

BOB REIDY GEOFF JAMIESON JOHN TRELOAR **LUKE JAMIESON** RICHARD SELLERS ROBBIE DONALDSON STEPHEN THOMPSON

The History Group has continued the task of cataloguing and valuation of club memorabilia. Once again we are grateful for the assistance of Gerry McGinley from "At The Toss Of A Coin" for valuing items. We have given consideration to how best record the many items and I thank Bob Reidy for his efforts in this regard and for supplying a computer to help access records.

The History Group has been the fortunate recipient of a number of donations during the year. Christine Beswick and children David, Joseph and Sarah have generously donated valuable early annual reports and other memorabilia. Janet Weir partner of the late Brian Faehse donated amongst other items, SANFL and WAFC Life member badges and Advertiser Team of the Year awards. We received a beautiful State blazer, SANFL 200 club ties and 1947 premiership pennant from the family of Colin Smith. John Kantilaftas along with his siblings donated a valuable signed and framed 1983 premiership guernsey which belonged to their late father. We received a silver serving tray (presented to H Solomon in 1927 for Best Utility Player) in a most unusual way; a member of the public found it among items on the footpath and brought it along to the Club thinking we might be interested in having it! Colin Willcox visited the Hall of Fame with son Brenton and daughter Lyn and gave us '47 and '61 premiership pennants and a number of membership badges. David Shipway has presented us with a framed photograph of the 1947 premiership team, club officials and supporters. Thanks to those people and other supporters who have made donations during the

year. We are still seeking early annual reports and club badges in particular.

Chris Collins, with some help from myself, has published a revised addition of "Devotion to Duty" which now includes some servicemen and additional details which were missed from the first edition.

"History of West Adelaide Football Club" by Bill Kelly has been scanned and is proving a valuable research tool for the History Group. We thank Greg Kelly, Bill's son for his permission in this matter.

One of the highlights of the year, was the launch at the Club of highly regarded journalist and author Michael Sexton's latest book, "The Trials of Jack Broadstock". The book is a highly entertaining account of a colourful life but it is much more than the story of Jack Broadstock. Over 100 people were entertained by Michael's address which included some footage of Broady playing. It was gratifying for the History Group and Michael to find there were a number of Jack's relatives in the audience who recounted many stories after the address.

The History Group have worked with the Westonians in fund raising to support our work by the sale of wine and wine glasses and thanks to Graeme for preparing items for sale in the Club Gala Auction.

We have used a number of our monthly meetings as work sessions where we have been joined by the full committee in the larger Westonian Room. Members of the group have assisted in answering requests for information but we are grateful to our Historian, John Duggan, for handling the bulk of these and for maintaining Club statistics. We appreciate the support so willingly given by Ruby and Airlie in the office. Thanks to all of the members of the History Group for a very productive year.

DOUG ALLEN History Group President

FINANCE REPORT



FINANCE COMMITTEE BEN HOPKINS HEATH POCOCK MARK GODDARD **MURRAY FORBES**

I mentioned last year that season 2020 was a challenging year for everyone because of the Covid-19 virus and this season has been no different. Covid-19 had a material effect on our expected performance and our aim to see strong and sustainable financial performances continues to be frustrated.

Last year, the Club was able to take full advantage of the Covid-19 initiatives introduced by both the Federal & State Government, but the 2020-21 financial year was quite different as these initiatives were curtailed. Like many hospitality businesses, our operations were restrained by social distancing and seated drinking impositions. There was also an imposed lockdown during July. On match days, attendances were lower than expected but this was not unique to our Club as football patrons were reluctant to venture into crowded events.

The result in FY21 was disappointing. The collective Football & Licensed Clubs made an operating surplus of \$224,642 (2020: \$844,445) after receipt of the SANFL land divestment payment. Due to a positive revaluation of the gaming entitlements, the total equity of the Clubs has also improved to \$2,542,429 (2020: \$2,133,963).

financial Sustained improvement in the performance of the Club will generally be driven by increases in revenue rather than a reduction in costs. However, Covid restrictions over the last two years has reduced attendances at football and patronage in the licensed club, which continues to have a counter effect. We are generally unable to generate material income from functions as distancing measures and corporate behaviour has changed through the Covid pandemic. Furthermore, there are hidden costs from the pandemic such as significant additional cleaning costs to maintain Covid safe work practices for staff and patrons. Cleaning costs incorporating the gym, the licensed Club, the grandstand, the toilets etc to comply with our Covid management plans have doubled from 2 years ago and exceeded \$100K in FY21. We are mindful of reducing all costs where it is possible to do so.

The 2021/22 financial year will be even more challenging for the Club. The pandemic appears to be far from over, there is an expansion in the number of teams and games to be played and there is limited capacity for additional financial assistance as the AFL and SANFL income streams face similar pressures.

From a finance perspective, we lost both Ben Hopkins & Heath Pocock during the year and we wish them well in their future endeavours.

A special thanks to everyone who has assisted and patronised the Club in FY21. Your continued loyalty is much appreciated but the Club requires your further attendance and financial support in coming years.

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