

HENLEY FOOTBALL CLUB



2017 ANNUAL REPORT

2017 CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

Premierships

A Grade Coach - Jarrad Wright

C Grade Coach – Chris Brown

Under 12 girls Coach – Andrew Kemp

Runner up Premiership

B Grade Coach – Jarrad Parker

Henley Heroes MVP

Harris Jessen and Josh Thewlis

Association Awards

Div 2R Medalist - Ryan Sampson

Under 18 Runner Up - Adrian Corso

C2 Third Place - Brad Carey

Player Milestones

300 Games - Andrew Martin

300 Games - Tim Rosewall

200 Games - Brad Gill

200 Games - Dave Loveder

150 Games - Nic Meiers

150 Games - Jake Pavlich

100 Games - Iszac Thompson

100 Games - Brad Geddes

2017 SENIOR TEAM AWARDS

A Grade

Peter Ardill Medal B&F Michael Gautesen
Runner up B&F Bradley Geddes
Brian J Williams Leading Goalkicker Ben Currie
Coaches award Jack Enright
Best Team Man Michael Gautesen
Best in Finals Josh Thewlis
Most Improved Harris Jessen

B grade

Pierson Family Medal B&F Cain Smith
Runner up B&F Ryan Sampson
Coaches award Jonathan Rex
Best Team Man Jordan Lawless
Best in Finals Joel Harvey-Friel
Most Improved Harrison Martin
Most Goals Nathan Pierson

C Grade

Michael Hicks Medal B&F Joel Harvey-Friel
Runner up B&F Brett Dobson
Coaches award Kane Fry
Best Team Man Shayne Hoogmoed
Best in Finals Bradley Graham
Most Improved Luke Wilksch
Most Goals Joel Chapman

Under 18s

Rod Hill Medal B&F	Kyle Dalidowicz
Runner up B&F	Luke Illman
Coaches award	Luke Illman
Best Team Man	Joel Metcalfe
Most Improved	Kyle Nicol
Scott Dedrick Award	Kyle Dalidowicz
Most Goals	Jake Butterfield

C7s

Michael Broadbent Medal B&F	Adam Hamilton
Runner up B&F	Stefan Theodore
Runner up B&F	Aron Baker
Coaches award	Andrew Hughes
Best Team Man	Dylan Haines-West

SPECIAL AWARDS

The Ron Ettridge Award-Club Champion	Chris Brown
Ralph Clarke award- Off field services	Mel Edson
Horrie Long Award- Most Appreciated Servant	Peter Lawrence
Graham Hill Award- Most valuable worker	Adam Keenan
Presidents Award	Teresa Davoren & George Charalabidis
Mick Todman Award- C Grade	Jack Neilson
Service awards	Callum Dunk & Andrew Henry
Committee Services	Mary Pavlich
Committee Services	Vanessa Spaans
Committee Services	Nick Bridgman

2017 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Club Patron	Andrew Pierson
President	Hon Paul Caica
Chairman	Nick Bridgman
Treasurer	Vanessa Spaans
Secretary	Mary Pavlich
Football Dept	Rod Hill and George Charalabidis
Football Dept & Trading	Teresa Davoren
Sponsorship	Michael Broadbent

2017 JUNIOR COMMITTEE

Treasurer	Brian Cleland
Secretary	Dave Haskard
Registrar	Emily Smith
Communications	Natalie Phillipou
Child Protection Officer	Kylie Stevens
Coaching Director	John Muir
Delegate (SANFL)	Brian Leys
Co-ordinator	Nick Rogers
Website	Rob Toole
Events/Social	Jason Johansen
Merchandise	Colleen Sincock-Nelson

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with immense pride that I am able to present for tabling at our 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) this, my first Report, as President of our great Club. I want to acknowledge the outstanding season the Henley Football Club (HFC) has had both on and off the field.

After the disappointment that was our 2016 season, it was critical that the Club regrouped and did everything in our collective power to ensure that we best placed ourselves for the battle ahead – to return HFC to the Premier Division. In the first instance I want to congratulate Rod, George and their football department for their recruitment of both outstanding coaching and playing personnel during the off season, and the retention of those players that really mattered. On any fair assessment, the HFC has had an amazingly successful season. An A Grade and C Grade Premiership and the B Grade, although not winning the flag can be proud of their efforts as undefeated minor premiers and of their performance in the grand final. I also acknowledge and thank the coaches, support staff and players of our other senior teams the U18's, C7's and Over 35's for their significant efforts during the 2017 season.

The Junior section of our Club continues to flourish, with this year a record number of teams across the various grades. The introduction of four girls' teams this year has been a real bonus in so many positive ways. To the Junior Committee, coaches, parents and all the many others who contribute in so many ways to support our Juniors, I thank you on behalf of all our Members and supporters. In particular I want to acknowledge the efforts of Peter Evans with respect to our Club being in a position to field our girls' teams. No doubt, this is an area where the HFC will continue to grow. I also wish to congratulate our U12 girls' team – undefeated Premiers!

The success of any sporting club is usually measured by its on field performance. HFC in this regard is no different. However, there is no doubt that on field success is inextricably linked, in fact dependent upon, off field performance. To this end, there are so many to acknowledge and thank for their significant contribution to our on field successes. To our army of volunteers, our Club thanks you. From Trevor Sampson and his merry band of Henley Heroes committee members, to Vicky Lawless and Jo Enright and the GLAMS who help coordinate the social calendar, to Adam and Pav and all the other barbeque volunteers, through to Jane and Vanessa and all who help with Thursday and Saturday meals, our Club is indebted to you all. To the many game day volunteers across our entire Club, I thank you for your contribution.

I want to also recognise our departing A Grade Coach Jarrad Wright for his achievements during this season and wish him, on behalf of Members, all the very best following his appointment as head coach at South Adelaide for 2018 and beyond. It is also important to acknowledge the appointment of Brent Reilly

as our A Grade Coach for the 2018 season, an excellent appointment that brings with it, a sense of optimism about next year.

Finally, I want to thank the Senior Committee for its outstanding work during 2017. This also includes those efforts of Club Patron, Andrew Pierson. There is no doubt that every visiting Club during this season has been extremely envious of our refurbished Clubrooms which are without doubt, as good as exist across the entire league. To Teresa Davoren and George Charalabidis, essentially the project managers, well done and thank you. To the many other members who provided in kind their time and resources to the refurbishment, thank you. This also includes Chris Brown and his fellow volunteers who spent countless hours upgrading and painting our change rooms and gym. I want to also acknowledge and thank our many sponsors for their support, and of course, Michael Broadbent who was magnificent as our Sponsorship Officer. To our long serving Committee Members who are standing down from the Committee at this AGM; Vanessa Spaans, Mary Pavlich and Nick Bridgeman, thank you for your guidance and your commitment to the HFC over the years. I also thank those who have committed to serving on the Senior Committee for the 2018 season.

I look forward to working with all Club Members to do what we can and what we need to do, as individuals and as a collective, to ensure that the Henley Football Club is the very best it can be during the 2018 season and beyond. Onwards and upwards!

I commend this report to Members.

P. Caica - President.



TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2017 YTD (January to October) Income & Expenditure Statement shows a net deficit of \$160,958 for the season. When adjusted for building renovation revenue (\$129.1k) and expenditure (\$293.8k) recognised this year, the operating surplus is \$3.7k, down on last years reported surplus of \$6.8k.

Despite having a successful season on the field it has been quite challenging financially. Having the club closed for renovations over the Summer months and unavailable for revenue raising put us behind the eight ball. This also affected our ability to lease the club in its full capacity to WTDCC, which supports the running for 6 months of the year.

The on field success certainly flowed through to an increase in bar sales with a 38% increase in bar revenue, well above the anticipated impact of the new facilities. Gross profit margin of 34.7% is slightly down on prior year of 36.3%. Bar prices were increased minimally at the beginning of the season but this was then followed by a further price rise by the brewery. It is a never ending struggle to keep prices attractive whilst needing to raise funds in order to be able to support football requirements! Nevertheless it has given us an opportunity to see the capability of the fantastic venue and we are confident it will grow and more functions will be held at the club.

Canteen sales of \$40k were down \$10k on the prior year as Saturday home games were not supported as heavily by Division 2 supporters, and we also had some difficulty in staffing for Saturday night meals. Overall canteen & meals still brought in a net surplus of \$4.4k.

The Henley Heroes contribution to the club (reported in Donations) is unparalleled, with their financial support increasing to a huge \$20k this year, \$2k more than the previous season. Our club sponsors continue to provide vital income to keep us going, contributing revenue of \$37k this season. This is slightly down on the prior year due to losing a major sponsor and a greater number of in-kind sponsorship this season, in the form of products or services for the clubroom upgrade.

Total player revenue (incorporating match fees, player sponsors and memberships) of \$39k provides valuable support for the club financially. Fees were only minimally increased this season, despite greater increases in costs associated with stepping on to the footy field.

Grant revenue of \$78k for the year consists of the balance of funding for the Clubroom Upgrade Project from Office of Sport & Recreation. Remaining funding of \$12k from Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development to assist with restructure costs was also recognised in the accounts, as expended. Significant other capital contributions were received in the form of donations from Henley Football Club Juniors of \$30k and the White Pointers group of \$23k.

A huge amount of time by many people, but namely driven by Paul Caica, was spent on negotiating remaining funding for the facility, with a very successful outcome of a contribution by the City of Charles Sturt Council of \$150k. In the interim we have incurred interest costs of \$5k on a private loan at a much lower rate than a commercial loan, and we are very grateful this option was available.

The GLAM's continue to bring in important funds for the club and The Ball, Virtual Racing and Flight Night events, all held at the club, were well attended & extremely entertaining fundraising events. Revenue appears down compared to the prior year as 2016 includes revenue raised via the reverse raffle (not held this season) and also a major auction item at the ball that we were not able to secure this season.

The Junior's contribution to overheads of \$10k is up on prior year due to increased numbers, namely due to the introduction of the girls teams and we thank them for their support and synergy this year.

Costs have been well managed over the season, however unfortunately some items are out of the club's control. After a 49% increase in electricity costs last year they have again increased 28%, being over \$10k for the YTD. This is an issue the Committee will continue to address moving forward and please remember to turn the lights off! Clothing & merchandise has again been well managed, costs down on the previous year.

Club equipment of \$6.7k includes a new Skope fridge, of which we received a partial grant and new gym equipment, the beginning of the exciting new upgrade. Donations from players have been received to fund this upgrade but much more support is needed. We have again utilised our connection with Australia Sports Foundation to secure a tax deductible donation for contributions towards the upgrade.

Football costs were on par with the prior year, umpire and SAAFL fees slightly up due to playing in finals, which is a cost we don't mind incurring 😊

The club moves forward with around \$6k in the bank account to take care of operating costs (mainly utilities) & GST liabilities until next season.

Huge thanks to Mary Pavlich for her assistance and to Jane Kite who stepped in mid-season to take on the Thursday night meal duty with me as her assistant, fun times! I've thoroughly enjoyed my time at HFC as Treasurer over the past 3 years. It has been a challenging, but rewarding role. The Management Committee consists of extremely hardworking individuals, who are all committed to the success of HFC. I am incredibly proud to have worked with this group of people and I hope to still volunteer my time in some capacity. I wish the teams every success back up in Division 1!

Vanessa Spaans
HFC Treasurer

SPONSORSHIP REPORT

I am pleased to announce that we have had tremendous support from local business, player sponsors and **The Henley Heroes** during the 2017 season.

The Henley Heroes are a major contributor who not only provide a substantial donation but also enhance the culture of our club by linking current players with past players, supporters, sponsors and life members at a number of social functions throughout the year. The annual lunch is getting bigger and better every year and is a must for any football tragic.

The Lockleys Hotel was the major sponsor of the club again in 2017. The meal deals provided by The Lockleys have provided a wonderful benefit to all of our members. It is important that we support the people that support our club. When you are making purchases through the bottle shop please mention that you are from the club and they will add your purchase to our thirsty camel reward card.

Thank you to our **Great White Sponsors**

- **Geddes Kitchens and Clipsal by Schneider Electric** who have contributed significantly to the building project over last summer.
- **Western Sports Ortho & GP Practice** have been a significant contributor over a number of years. The pink day is a great day in the calendar and is well supported by the staff at Western Hospital. This year we raised over \$1000 for the Western Hospital.

Thank you to our **Bronze Whaler sponsors** include long-time supporters

- Paul Eadon Home Loans
- Gobles
- Gas Works Findon
- Symons and Clark Transport
- Henley Foodland at Henley Square
- Ous Property
- Total Tools Thebarton
- Lion Nathan (sponsorship with support for the new bar)

Thanks also to our **Hammerhead sponsors** include

- The Cheeky Greek
- Rubens Pizza
- Cole Motors Crash Repair
- Hip Pocket Workwear and Safety
- Paul Caica (Member for Colton)
- Ramsgate Hotel
- All Equipment Hire
- DGC Joinery
- Andrew Black (Builder)

Thank you to our **Bull Shark Sponsors**

- Epic Storage
- Concrete Supplies
- Horseman Plumbing
- Gibson Wines
- Dosaqua
- Fulham Funerals
- Captain Chicken
- Grange ChemMart Pharmacy
- Minnow on Seaview Gift Shop & Florist
- Senturion Steel Supplies
- Fry's Meat Store
- Bendigo Bank West Beach
- Henley South Newsagency
- Henley Motors
- Balaklava Racing Club
- CMI Toyota Adelaide

Thank you to the player sponsors who play an important part in making football affordable for many of our players this year. The players certainly appreciate it.

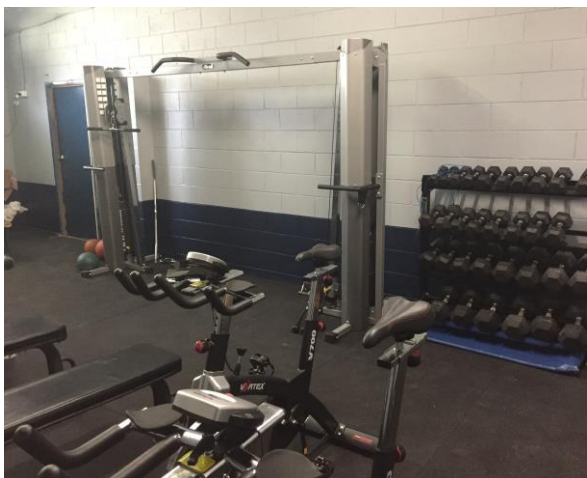
Sponsorship/Advertising is the one of the most important funding streams for the Henley Football Club and I encourage all members and supporters of the club to continue to support our sponsors over the summer months and make sure you let the sponsors know you are from Henley. If there is an opportunity to spend some money with our sponsors please give them a chance to at least quote on your job or compare prices and services. If you would like to know more about our sponsors and their services please contact me on the number below.

I am looking to build a team of 4 or 5 people to manage sponsorship in 2018. I think that with more people involved we can reach a broader market of sponsors to support our great club. If you are interested in being involved please contact me on 0413 002 902.

Michael Broadbent
Sponsorship Manager



OUR NEW CLUB



LIFE MEMBER'S CHAIRMAN

The year 2017 will be remembered as not only the 2017 Division 2 Premiership, but also the exceptional result of reaching 250 Henley Heroes members and the donation of \$20,000 from the Henley Heroes to the football Club

We have for the past 3 years included Life Members within the Henley Heroes membership. This has proven to be most successful with many joining. Should you know of any yet to join, please ask them to contact myself or one of the committee members.

A very big thank you goes to Phil Burgess who has been sensational in his role of Treasurer since the inception of the Henley Heroes. Phil and Deidre have decided to do some caravanning and Grandparenting next year. Phil will certainly be a loss as our treasurer, but I'm sure not as a Henley Hero. Thank you to all the HH committee, Head Guru Trevor Sampson, BBQ and \$100 Club Master Adam Keenan, raffle and wine master Dave Fennell and helpers Andrew Pierson, Greg Lawless and Alan Battersby.

THANK YOU ALL - GOOD LUCK TO ALL SHARKS 2018

Phil Cole



G.L.A.M.'S REPORT

(Girlfriends, Lovers and Mothers)



This year on the social front we held a Season Launch in February to showcase the new renovations. This event was a great success attracting well over 200 people. The following day the GLAMS organised a Girls' Bar Crawl to "break the ice" and encourage more partners to the club.

Round 1 was a home game and a great opportunity to hold our first Ladies' Day for the season. Approximately 60 ladies attended and an iPod shuffle was organised that evening thanks to Corey Gray & Jake Hyland. This season in early June we held our annual Ball at the club with popular local band Tongue 'n Cheek providing the music. This function attracted 115 people, included a silent auction and raised approximately \$2500. The club was tastefully decorated by our young GLAMS Mel Edson & Kimberley Hage and everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Other functions during the season included a Horse Racing Night, Flight Night and Beach Party

We concluded the season with a Pink Ladies' Day to coincide with our last home game in August and utilised a large section of our new verandah area. This event raised \$1000 for Western Hospital's Oncology Unit and attracted approximately 90 women. This Ladies' Day proved to be our best attended to date.

I am pleased to report that most members of the GLAMS are keen to stay on the social committee for 2018 and have already started planning some different functions. We would also like to encourage a few new personalities (male and female) on to the social committee for next season.

Vicki Lawless for the GLAMS

PARTY TIME AT SHARK PARK



SENIOR FOOTBALL DIRECTOR

The 2017 Season will be recognised as a Great Success for many reasons! The advent of Girls Football at the Club, the completion of our long awaited renovations, that have become the envy of many other Clubs, the refurbishing of our Gym and Home Change rooms and more importantly the on field success we have enjoyed – An 'A Grade' Premiership, promotion back into Division 1 and a 'C Grade' Premiership.

All these achievements have been driven by a dedicated group of Volunteers whose tireless efforts have been rewarded with these successes! It would be remiss of me not to also acknowledge the 'off field' volunteers who too have worked countless hours to help maintain our position as a force in the Adelaide Football League.

After a disappointing 2016 Season, the Football Department and especially George Charalabidis, embarked on a search for a new Coach and the return of past players to the Club, and the recruiting of a few quality people to top up the playing group. This project started in July 2016 and was completed early in 2017 - it was obviously a huge success!

Our Choice of Coach - Jarrad Wright - a past Junior player, Senior Player, AFL listed player and successful SANFL Player. Also an assistant/reserves SANFL Coach, he was met with excitement and newfound confidence. With him came Brent Reilly, a Crows Veteran, as assistant coach. Their partnership with the players, B Grade Coach Jarrad Parker and C Grade Coach Chris Brown flourished after a torrid preseason campaign. For the A Grade to win the Flag and only lose 2 games for the year was a remarkable turnaround. The B's although beaten in the GF, also had a fantastic season and must be congratulated for the quality football they played and the way the Junior players were nurtured and mentored. The C Grade Team had the ultimate year - winning a Premiership and going through undefeated. Our Under 18 Team was well coached by Brad Graham who was ably assisted by Stephan Jarman. Although they narrowly missed out on the finals this team played some excellent footy in a quality competition. We look forward to watching these young players transition into senior footy.

To the many people who assisted with the Teams over the season goes our sincere thanks. Special Acknowledgement to Team Managers – Teresa Davoren, George Charalabidis / Scott Morrison and evergreen Peter Lawrence. Trainers – well managed by Kym Hicks our Head Trainer, Amy Keeney, Amber Davoren-Searcy and Rene' Caruana. Time Keeper and Match Steward Peter Niemann continued to provide his support to the Club without fuss.

During the Season different players reached milestones: Andrew Homer Martin and Tim Rosewall 300 games, Brad Gill & Dave Loveder 200 games, Jake Pavlich and NicMiers 150 games while Iszac Thompson and Brad Geddes 100 games. All should be proud of their contributions to our club over many years! Congratulations also to Ryan Sampson on his Div2 Reserves medal, Nathan Pierson and Joel Chapman for winning the leading goal kicker in the Div2R and C2 competitions.

In finishing, I believe the Management Committee of our Club should be congratulated for the efforts they have contributed over quite a difficult period. Their commitment in supporting our football program has been fantastic!

We also take this opportunity to wish Jarrad Wright and Gavin Colville the best of luck in their ongoing journey coaching SANFL Clubs South Adelaide and West Adelaide respectively in 2018. Their contribution to the success of our Teams have been huge.

Rodney Hill
Football Director



COACH'S REPORTS

A GRADE

I arrived at Atkins St in October 2016 to a group of players and a club that were determined to take action to better themselves in 2017 due to what was a little detour season in 2016. Fresh direction and club progression in the redevelopment of the facilities, some ex Henley Players returning to their proud club (Damien Williamson, Jeremy Johncock, Denis Redden, Pat Sinor, Harris Jessen) and the injection of some top class new players and people in Josh Thewlis, Travis Lane, Tom & Peter Elfenbein, created the high excitement levels for 2017 for all of us.

Pre-season program was implemented by High Performance coordinator Tom De Benedictus who has a wealth of experience at SANFL level with South Adelaide, so I was very confident in the expertise of training loads the players would ensure a sound platform conditioning for our premiership assault. Implementation of the structure was started very early in December to enable all the players throughout the entire club to adapt to the style of football I wanted them to play, fast aggressive attacking & defensive style, understanding on how to score from any field position but certainly understand how to defend a dangerous ball. Trials matches we played against Division 1 sides Pt Districts and Payneham Norwood (grand Finalists for 2017) and we held our own with both games only going down by under a goal, this gave the group confidence and momentum heading into the season proper that we were on the right track.

The season opener was at home against Old Ignatians and we were lucky enough to open the season with a solid win by 52 Points in front of our supporters and members. Our confidence grew week by week as the consistency of game style, belief in the structure and personnel kept executing their roles. We ventured to the half way mark of the season, playing all the teams in the competition and still undefeated (the entire club was at this point). With a well-earned rest and some time away from the football club, we now set to embark on the last half of the year and prepare for making the finals.

Unfortunately the break for the A grade players wasn't well timed as we started with a loss against Old Iggys away, and not just a loss and genuine football lesson on work rate and skill execution. We had returned a little sluggish but the players certainly woke up after this and realised that they are not invincible. We then went back to basic contested football and pressure to ensure we made amends for the loss. The players were relentless in the game against Unley Jets with a massive and year high win & score by 93pts. From here we maintained our effort and continued to develop players in different roles and promote the great form from the B & C grades to ensure that we had depth moving into the finals and beyond 2017 season. Our last 3 games of the season were against top 3 teams which was a great sounding board for our team with having to play

teams who we would be up against in the finals. Athelstone were the team to beat and throughout the season we had beaten them by 3 points in Round 4 and 5 points in round 13 (where Josh Thewlis kicked the winning goal after the siren). Securing the minor premiership and earning the week off in the first week of finals we had a chance to again freshen up and plan for the winner out of Athelstone & PHOS. Athelstone came away winners and the 2nd semi-final was set to be a great contest. With fresh legs and a plan in place, we played our best football for the year in the 1st quarter with scoring 8 goals to 0 and an almost unbeatable lead. Our pressure and execution was brilliant and did not allow Athelstone any chance of moving the ball. Famous last words "unbeatable lead" as having Athelstone on the canvas with a near knockout blow, they then danced around and jabbed away winning the game by 5 points in the last few minutes. Disappointing as it was and losing only our second game for the year, we needed to maintain the belief in our structure & game plan as it had certainly been good enough all year. The messaging was positive this week and our training certainly was as good as it was all year which flowed through to the game with coming away winners in the Prelim final and banking a Division 1 place for season 2018 and a Grand Final berth against Athelstone.

With seeing what went wrong right before our eyes in the Second Semi, we knew our basic game method was good enough but there were a few tweaks we made leading up to this week to give us the best chance of winning a premiership. Travis Lane went to Half Back for some run and creativity, Jake Hyland played permanent forward for some agility, and we brought in James Stewart & Damien Rowley for some class in the front half with pressure and skill execution. With starting the game a bit slow and Athelstone getting some fast goals from turnover things looked a bit shaky at the 10 minute mark of the first quarter. With the players settling into the game and Daniel Longman slotting our first goal we then controlled the game and worked our way into a nice 2 goals lead at half time. At the main break we continued to play Josh Thewlis as another mid as he was getting hard run with a role from a defensive forward. This created a nice drop off in our back half from wing position and we looked to continually press forward with Josh around stoppages. I felt this move at quarter time helped our defensive game and did not allow Athelstone to move the ball quickly. With a 3 point lead at the last break, we knew how important the first goal was to gain the momentum. The players certainly executed and worked hard to ensure we kicked away. The goal of the year and sealer by captain Michael Gautesen pushed the lead to 18 points at the 20 minute mark and from there we clocked the game down to come away Premiers by 18 points.

Season 2017 was a major success and was executed by the entire club with the way we went about our business. We played 46 players in the A grade team this year, and debut 7 players at the football club. Our premiership side was 7 players different to our Round 1 team which showed the depth and development of the players throughout the grades. Congrats to Chris Brown & the C grade on winning the premiership. Congrats and commiserations to Jared Parker & the B grade who had an outstanding year going undefeated until the final day.

On a personal level I want to say thank you to the football committee in Rod Hill, George Charalabidis, Teresa Daveron & President Paul Caica for giving me the opportunity to coach Henley Football Club. Our plan from the start was given every opportunity to succeed with the support from you all. Also to the entire playing group, the way you bounced back and had true want to succeed was amazing, you took every obstacle or challenge in your stride and we came away with the ultimate glory. I now must say good bye as I have been given the opportunity I have been working on for the past 6 years coaching, and that is leading the way at South Adelaide for season 2018 & 2019 as Head Coach. Thanks again and I will be watching closely as you prepare an assault on Division 1 under the guidance from good friend and 2017 assistant Brent Reilly who will do a terrific job and I have every confidence you can go back to back.



Jarrad Wright

B GRADE

2017 began as an exciting new beginning for the club after the disappointment of 2016. With Jarrad Wright coming on as senior coach and an influx of quality players there was great optimism for a successful year. This translated to good numbers on the track and a solid preseason. Through a couple of trial games and then later through the year we saw the emergence of some of the B grade regulars of 2016 taking the step up to A grade football which was the perfect scenario and what the B grade is all about. What was also apparent from the outset this year was the wealth of numbers the club had through all 3 grades, which kept pressure on players to maintain their form.

In the B's I thought that although we were still winning, and most weeks fairly comfortably, our first 5 weeks were not the most convincing. I thought week 6 at Gaza was the first time we put a complete 4 quarter team performance together and this was reflected on the scoreboard with a 20 goal win. Having so much depth in the A grade squad and them trying to find the right balance meant that for the first 12 weeks of the year we had at least 5 changes each week (and a max of 9). While this can and does upset the balance, we had a great core of players who created an atmosphere in which new players felt a part of the team from the outset.

There's no disputing that we had a fairly dominant year over most teams but as a playing group we really looked forward to the challenge of playing Sacred Heart

on each occasion. They, like us, have always been strong in the B grade and this year was no exception. In Round 9 we had a great contest at Mitchell Park with quite a few players out of our best side, winning by 2 goals and then in Round 17 we were able to get a hold of them at home in Andrew Martin's 300th game to win by 7 goals.

Due to the success of all 3 grades we earnt the right to hold the Second Semi at home and again we came up against Sacred Heart. It was again the tough contest we expected and although we had less scoring shots we were victorious again by 2 goals earning our spot in the Grand Final.

The footy gods turned on the weather for the Grand Final but unfortunately for us that's where they stopped smiling. We went into the game with a lot of respect for Sacred Heart and knew the challenge was all before us. We had done a lot of homework on their game style but unfortunately on the day we couldn't get the job done, both on the field and in the coaches box. I've said it a couple of times now, but the hurt from this loss was compounded by the fact that I don't think I've been involved in a closer group of players. This was genuinely a group of mates playing together rather than just a team put together. It's hard not to think your year is strictly defined by winning a grand final; and for that reason, it will always be a disappointment, but I think we all took a lot more out of it than that.

For the year we had 55 different players play B grade, 32 of those played A grade football. We unearthed and gave opportunity to some genuine talent with Joel Harvey-Friel, Jack Calabro, Kyle Nicol, Josh Pierson and Kyle Dalidowicz all playing good football at different times and showing they have a big future with the club.

As always it takes a lot of people to put the team on the park and I had a lot of help throughout the year. Specifically, I give a big thankyou to Chris Page, Andrew Martin, George Charalabidis and Scott Morrison, Jarrad Wright, Brent Reilly and Chris Brown. One of the highlights for me was the Tuesday night selection dinners that started out as Pizza and beer before Brownny brought a little class to it and by the end of the year it was Indian and red wine.

I thank the club as whole for the opportunity to coach the B grade for the last two years, it's a role that I have enjoyed enormously and have learnt a lot about football and myself personally. I look forward to the next step in my coaching progression and getting involved with the A grade for 2018.

Cheers - Pretz.



C GRADE

In 2017 the Henley Sharks competed in the C2 Division with the draw designed by the SAAFL to allow Henley's third team to follow the A's and B's who were competing in Division 2. This resulted in all games being 'triple headers' for the Henley Football Club. As discussed later in this report, Henley dominated this division and post season criticism of Henley's placement in this grade can easily be countered with the benefits such a draw provides to the Henley Football Club overall. Predicting such dominance would not have been possible pre-season and was indicative of the strength and depth of HFC in season 2017. It is likely that placement in C1 would have provided similar results. Division C2 consisted of the following 10 teams - Henley, Athelstone, Old Ignatius, Sacred Heart OC, PHOS Camden, Pembroke OS, Scotch OS, Gaza, Unley Mercedes and Broadview.

Preseason in 2017 resulted in an increase in the number of players attending who might be considered traditionally or historically C grade players. At times the pre-season training group exceeded 60 players which was an improvement on the previous year and achieved partially due to improved C grade attendance. There is still room for improvement in this area and indications by some players are that season 2018 will see more players commit earlier.

The season proper saw the C grade reach the grand final undefeated and provided a large number of very one sided score lines. By mid-season Henley had established itself at the top of the ladder and saw Broadview, Scotch OS and Gaza forfeit which robbed a number of players the opportunity for valuable game time. Sixty players were used during the season with 19 playing at a higher level at various times.

A strategy adopted by coaches in 2017 saw the entire senior playing squad train together on the Tuesday night and then separate into the three teams on the Thursday night with staggered start times. By the end of the season those involved all seemed to agree that this was an improvement on the training methods of the previous season. The skill improvement and game understanding by a number of players was clearly evident, but the most striking benefit was the development of the 'one club' mentality and overall player relationships that had never been achieved when teams were separated both game day and on the training track. This is not designed to dissuade the re-establishment of four teams should player numbers allow but merely highlights the benefits of the current structure.

The Henley C grade achieved the ultimate success in 2017 by defeating Old Ignatius in the Grand Final at Aldi Arena on September 16 after an undefeated regular season and finals campaign. The final score was Henley 9.8 (62) to Old Ignatius 3.5 (23) and all players contributed with solid performances on the day.

This result could be enough to consider season 2017 a success but it is not the only reason. Such dominance brought its own challenges but players responded, remained focused and chose to enjoy the success while developing their skills. The return to HFC and stellar seasons by a number of players who had not played football in 2016 was another highlight and is exciting for the future.

On a personal note, it was the commitment of C grade players to the HFC that was most gratifying. Much of the fundraising and club improvements during the year, such as manning the gate during finals and refurbishing the players change rooms, was achieved by C grade players. The willingness of junior players to provide support when needed, such as runners, bench assistance and boundary umpires etc. was also vital and an indication of a strong club culture.

I would like to thank all of those who assist and contribute to not only the C grade but the Henley Football Club overall. Their contributions are vital and do not go unnoticed by the coaching staff or players.



Chris Brown – C grade

UNDER 18's

This season the Under 18's finished 6th for the second season in a row. The team climbed as high as 3rd during the year but over a long season were unable to sustain their form during the last few minor round games. Our sixth placed position meant we were just outside the final 5 finishing only 0.5% behind. This reflected our performances throughout the year as we had great wins against the top teams including all teams in the top 5 (accept for Flinders Park), but also had performances that weren't of the same standard. This sets us on the path for goals next year as we look to maintain a high level of performance at all games and aim to make the finals.

Throughout the year we played a total of 36 players through the team. Of those, there were 9 who played senior football for the club. Particular mention must be given to Kyle Nicol who represented the club at A grade level along with Josh Pierson and Kyle Dalidowicz playing regularly in the B grade. Further to those players there were 8 players who played football at an SANFL club in either the

16's, 17's or 18's competitions. Those players must also be congratulated for their dedication to the team during their SANFL selection as they still attended team training and participated in match day routines.

One of the main positives this year was the great commitment the players showed to training during the year. We had as many as 30 players attend training sessions and this was significant in our improvement over the season as players grew themselves as footballers and began to understand the Henley way of playing football. The players also need to be recognised for their commitment to each other as they are a very tight knit group that supported each other strongly throughout the season. The group itself will now be in a stage of transition as most players this year were in their second year of Under 18s and will now look to break into the senior teams. The standard they have brought to the Under 18s is very encouraging and should see them attack preseason with confidence. For the players staying in the Under 18s and those coming up they will need to meet the standard that has been set and challenge themselves to raise it again.

Every season cannot run without tremendous support from volunteers. Stefan Jarman originally signed up to be the team manager last year, but he is now a qualified coach and with his retirement from Football I hope he continues his coaching as he proven he has the ability to lead. He went further this year and coached the team to a huge win over the Goodwood Saints. The contribution Stefan has made over the past two years has been enormous and a lot of young players certainly owe him a lot for his mentorship. Thank you Stefan!

A big thankyou to Chrissy Illman who took over the job of team manager during the year and offered great support to the team organizing the players and most importantly washing all the guernseys. Wayne Pierson, Dave Nicol and Des Fry were also a great support during the year for their advice, contacts and help on important match day roles such as match day official, time keeping and scoreboard.

Next season is an exciting time for the football club with our return to Division 1. High standards have been set across the board from the A grade all the way down. I would like to personally wish new coach Brent Reilly all the best with his role of head coach and I can't wait to see what season 2018 brings.

Yours sincerely, Brad Graham

C7's

The 2017 season saw the return of the Henley C7 team after finishing in the grand final in 2016. The 2017 season saw a few changes to the competition with matches being played on Saturday evenings instead of Sunday mornings. Other changes include the loss of some players but some exciting new additions were welcomed to the club. We had more teenagers.

The season started with extremely high expectations with hopes of making the finals and hopefully go further. The beginning of the season was not the ideal way to start with an away trip to Kenilworth and saw us give up a 5-point lead in the last quarter to go down by 13 points. The best thing that came from this loss was the response from the boys the following week at home against Salisbury where we ran out 24-point winners. Unfortunately, this was one of our only 2 wins for the year.

As the year progressed the focus of the year changed to more about development of the players, especially the younger players. There was a lot more focus on kicking and hitting targets instead of just relying on talent to win games. The end of the year saw an injury crisis with several of our players including Andrew Doecke and Adam Hamilton who were extremely missed. After the home and away season the team finished in 4th position with 2 wins (good thing there was only 5 teams in the competition) therefore qualifying us for finals. The finals saw us travel to Goodwood to play the Saints. We were extremely undermanned with 5 players missing, however, this gave the boys the opportunity to play a full game of finals. It was a tough day at the office but the boys gave it their all.

Adam Hamilton was a comfortable best and fairest winner. He was a very worthy winner playing in the middle of the ground all day long. He loves the contest and played on one leg towards the end of the year. Runners up were Aron Baker and Stefan Theodore. Aron (AB) came from a strong Kilburn team after winning 3 flags in a row and he was a great addition to the team and one player you would love have play for you. Stefan was the leading goalkicker for the team with 21 goals, he was also the leading goal kicker for the C7 league which was a fantastic achievement. He could turn a game in our favour for 5 minutes and be the difference. Most improved/coaches award was given to Andrew Hughes. Andrew is only 16 years old and he has a bright future ahead of him. Andrew started the year playing as a lockdown defender but as the year progressed, he got an opportunity in the midfield. When given the opportunity he was extremely impressive with the use of his body and tackling pressure.

I would like to thank all the players for their contributions for the year and the year would not have been possible without them.



Callum Dunk and team members

OVER 35'S

The Henley (HFC) Grey Sharks enjoyed a solid year as their second season in the AFL SA Masters competition. We have continued to have fantastic support staff to organise and manage our on-field capers, and a group of players who thoroughly enjoy playing "veterans" football together.

As a team we have managed the following stats for the 2017 season:

- Fielded 44 players over the course of the year (5 less than 2016)
- Had 3 players who managed only a single game (5 less than last year)
- 17 who were first-time players this year,
- Consistently fielded 18 players or more each game (as we did in 2016),
- Across the season an average of 23 players each game (better than 2016).

Our season highlights have included:

- Our annual fixture against Woodville South Supercats, who continue to be an exemplary team within the competition, and our boys enjoy the brotherhood that has quickly formed between our two sides.
- Getting a chance to play the Riverland Superdogs once again on their home turf in Lyrup! A very hospitable country crowd, who appreciate the finer things in life! The Grey Sharks thoroughly enjoy the trip to the Riverland and spend time in great company. Both years we have travelled with 18 players or more.
- Night Fixtures. They suit our group extremely well, as a large contingent of our players are involved as managers, coaches or parents of junior footballers with committed games on Sundays.

Season lowlights:

- A disappointing result against one competitor, who apart from 1 team member, failed in their efforts of the post-game ritual of sharing a drink in the host team's clubhouse.
- 2x Masters Carnivals. HFC seem to struggle with this, and it is a hard sell to our players. In particular for the Carnival End of Season, when we have players that are parents, supporting their juniors play, and finals are occurring, or supporting their club in finals. From our perspective, we would have greater preference for one Masters Carnival in the season, and towards the start of the year (for players getting to know each other). It's understandable that the 2nd Carnival is utilised as a practice run for SA-representative players. Perhaps more benefit might come from a collection of "friendly matches" played off prior to the National Carnival. (eg. SA Masters v Grey Sharks). These could even occur in place of a training night (eg, a Wed or Thurs night, with the local team hosting).

Brad Smyth

HENLEY'S FUTURE



JUNIOR DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The 2017 season continued to build the juniors, the Adelaide Metro competition now consisted of Metro South, North East and Metro West finally coming together under the SANFL umbrella, we welcomed this new stronger league, to be measured against the best.

We instigated a change in the timeline for the way we register children and appoint coaches for season 2017, this allowed the juniors to understand any deficiencies in numbers early and giving all players and carers visibility to see who has been selected for the coaching positions.

The month of November was the time frame chosen for all groups other than U8's to re-register if you were a current Henley junior. Players had 30 days to lock in their spot for the following season, by way of a deposit. If not, they would trial against others from outside of the club for the remaining spots, allowing our coaches and the committee to see how many open positions were available. With this known we updated the website and sent flyers to local schools before

the summer school holidays. We have found in recent years that Henley FC had a misconception of no spots available so we started to tackle the problem.

For the first time we had early income, understood our numbers going forward and appointed all of our coaches by early December putting us in good stead prior to Christmas.

Girls Football:

The 2017 season saw the emergence of Women's/girls football nationally, we had been on the front foot in 2016 with Peter Evans given the roll to gauge the interest and attract players for the coming year. With a luke warm start, it quickly gathered pace with the advent of four Henley girls teams for the inaugural girl's competition, we fielded an Under10's, Under12's (premiers) Under14's, and Under 16 teams. We were one of the few clubs to get four teams up and going.

The girl's competition was challenging as it stretched our resources for oval space, it was nominated that Friday nights, after the main training session and early Sunday morning's best fit the club for their game times. This was a resounding success with a completely different feel and vibe around the club with strong support shown.

Peter Evans with the support from Rod Hill and the senior committee is continuing to help setup U18 women's football with the seniors, to give them a pathway beyond the junior ranks. Thanks again.



Auskick:

Henley again held its own Auskick clinic with a good overall result, the 85 enthusiastic youngster were kept engaged learning the basics during this program. They were led by Tim Gee, Brian Leys, Kylie Stevens with the help from some senior players provided by Teresa Deveron, thanks again a great job done by all.

Under7's (Minis)

This age group again was a new initiative from the SANFL/North Eastern league and found to be a successful way to allow the boys to play a number of games at this age group as the gap between Auskick and Under8's is significant. It also allows the boys a pathway into the Henley football junior program. The Auskickers that were eligible to play U7 minis were separated with the intent to challenge and develop their skills, drills and experiences were set up to cater for them specifically.

A big thankyou from the club goes to James Black that managed all three teams with our coaches being Brett Leonard, Andrew Beerworth and Simon Tape.

Junior Club Growth:

We continued to grow in 2017 the juniors have an established Auskick program, another new age group of Under 7's or (minis) and the advent of the girls, see teams and numbers listed below.

1. Auskick (85 participants)
2. Under 7 Boys (36 players, 3 teams of 12)
3. Under 8 Boys (30 players, 2 teams of 15)
4. Under 9 Boys (32 players, 2 teams of 16)
5. Under 10 Boys (28 players 2 teams of 14)
6. Under 10 Girls (15 players 1 team)
7. Under 11 Boys (26 players 1 team)
8. Under 12 Boys (28 players 1 team)
9. Under 12 Girls (20 players 1 team)
10. Under 13 Boys (24 players 1 team)
11. Under 14 Boys (28 players 1 team)
12. Under 14 Girls (28 players 1 team)
13. Under 15 Boys (26 players 1 team)
14. Under 16 Girls (24 players 1 team)
15. Under 16.5 Boys (22 players 1 team)

With 450 boys and girls, and 20 teams playing and participating at Henley Football Club, we believe this to be a great achievement and something to be proud of. Whilst this is an impressive number we have an expectation to increase these number even further in 2018.

Thank you to all involved, committee members, coaches and helpers alike, as you understand it takes a significant amount of time from everyone to put these kids on the field.

Juniors Final Summary:

The new SANFL competition proves to be more competitive than ever, with all of the Henley teams except one in Division One. Looking purely at the results, they may not be as good as previous years when we were in lesser competitions. A point to remember regarding the results, we as a club are in the industry of

development of boys and girls for the club and the community as a whole and our objectives are to have them play long-term for the Henley Football club.

Our big picture approach of total team improvement especially from the middle tier, rather than the focus be on the top end talent. We believe with this approach, we will establish a success program by implementing plans and processes. Once this can be fully implemented we expect a higher standard and premierships will be the outcome from this.

We are pushing harder than ever to build the WE ARE HENLEY approach, the relationship with senior committee has grown stronger again this season.

John Muir
Junior Football Director



Junior Under 16.5 Boys

It would be far too simple to look at the misfortunes that came our way early in this season (high loss of players) and focus on the theoretical team we could have had without such complications, but the reality is that this team persisted through significant challenges and finished, in many regards, as one of the top teams of the top division at seasons end. We were able to string together a two month run following Round 8 that saw us go undefeated for 9 straight games – clinching a finals spot despite being as low as 11th, as well as winning a final. While these are highlights for sure – we had many great outcomes for the season. Whether these are the fact we retained players who were going to leave the sport, the development of fringe players into new roles, the ability to defeat every team outside PHOS (1st) and Mitcham (3rd), but most importantly it saw the team come together and play quality stints of exciting team football.

Looking at the large majority contingent of 16s from last season who improved, as well as the ability of the boys coming up to develop and learn, I am very proud of the accomplishments of our side this season. My hope is that regardless of who is coaching this group next season, the attitude towards development and enjoyment remain paramount. I am adamant that coaching these players to enjoy the game, to develop their game beyond their obvious preferences, and to play faster, smarter football will reap greater returns in the future, than any trivial focus on immediate results.

Chris O'Connor - Coach

		Key Statistics / Notes for the Season
Position Finished	5 th (following minor rounds) 4 th (following finals)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ +6 wins / -5 losses differential from 2016 ○ Undefeated from July to September (9 successive wins)
Assistant Coach(s)	Cain Smith & John Liambis	
Team Manager	Nick Godlevsky	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Matches with full 22 for entire season = 1
Runner(s)	Cain Smith, John Liambis, Tyler Bishop & Luke Edwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Points Scored differential from 2016 = +226 ○ Points Allowed differential from 2016 = -357
Captain	Kelsey Liguoro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 6 players played representative football (SANFL)
Vice-Captain	Samuel Muegel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brought 2 players back to club (through permits) and 3 new players to club
Leadership Gp	Jack Simpson, Nic Couroupis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Every player played every line of the field
Best & Fairest	Samuel Muegel	
Runner Up B & F	Sam Liambis	
3rd Place B & F	Nic Couroupis	
Coaches Award	Luke Allison	
Best Team Man	Jack Simpson	

Junior's Under 16 Girls

As we were all aware, the Year was going to be an exciting new adventure for the Club introducing Girls Footy with 4 New Teams. At the beginning of the Season we started with 23 girls, which grew to 25 girls after Round 2 with a couple of late comers. There was a mixed bag of girls with the U16's. Some had been playing football previously, and for other Clubs, and some were new to the game. This was a great challenge trying to get them to learn new skills and to become a Team. We were in Zone 2 and up against 6 or 7 Clubs that had played in the previous Year. This was always going to be a big challenge for the girls, but the girls developed quickly as a Team and were out to prove themselves.

We started the year with the first 2 Wins, but then came up against some tougher opposition. The girls fought hard against the Clubs that had a season already under their belts, and were not beaten by too much and gave them a hard game & were improving every time they played. We finished 6th with 6 wins and 5 losses out of our 11 games and only just missed out on making the Finals. It would have been great to make it for our first year but just needed an extra win.

The girls finished the year with a great win over Blackwood. Kiana Lee finished being our Highest Goal Scorer with 23 Goals I believe. (19 on record).

Post our Season, I had 7 Girls invited out to try out and play for Glenelg, and 5 out to Eagles for the U17's State-wide SANFL Competition. All 7 girls made the cut and played for Glenelg and even all played in the final game against West Adelaide. Unfortunately only the 4 Girls made it for the Eagles and only 2 of them played the final against North Adelaide.

Overall the girls were a fantastic bunch to work with. Their attitudes and willing to learn were great. They became a very tight bunch of team mates and all made new friendships. I had no issues with discipline or any other problems. I was more than happy and proud to coach these girls and to watch them grow as a team and be there for one another was exciting and great to see.

Thank you to all my helpers and also to the club for giving me the opportunity to take on my first role as a coach with a fantastic group of girls. Looking forward to Season 2018.

Karl Dobner U16's Girls Coach

Ass Coach/Runner	Brad Smyth
Team Managers	Hugh Forgan & Sandra Thatcher
Captains	Taylah Dobner & Kiana Lee
Vice Captains	Charli Smyth & Hannah Atherton
Best & Fairest	Charli Smyth
Runner Up B&F	Kiana Lee
2nd Runner Up B&F	Jordan Alford
Best Team Player	Anastacia Tedesco
Coaches Award	Larissa Youels

Junior's Under 15 Boys

In season 2017, the U15 squad came together in late January to commence pre-season training. We were excited to welcome a number of new players to the group and HFC.

Knowing we had assembled a competitive squad of 25 boys, our season was to be played in Division 1 of the U15 SANFL Juniors competition comprising 13 teams.

An emphasis was placed on team work, ball movement and playing a role for the team. It was pleasing to see the boys sharing the footy, linking up and looking to work to instruction. Positional set up on game day was arranged to enable the boys to play to their strengths, work on areas that could be improved and overall team balance.

With some key personnel missing at season commencement due to injury and SANFL development squad involvement, we were able to present opportunity to players within the team. Whilst remaining competitive in the most part, reward for effort wasn't realised until Round 6 with an impressive display and victory against eventual finalist Golden Grove. This competitive nature remained a theme for our season where the boys were within striking distance in all games from Round 6 winning another 2 but unfortunately unable to sustain effort for four quarters in other games played.

Whilst our season showed 3 wins from 14 games, our best football was good enough to push the competitions best teams as reflected in our last two games which saw us go down to Grand Finalists Payneham and Kenilworth by 9 and 23 points respectively. The boys were in a winning position in both matches. Overall, the season saw continual improvement in our playing group and the boys are to be commended for their persistence and commitment to training and games.

It was a pleasure to work with a conscientious group of young men with a willingness to improve both individually and as a team. Thanks boys for an enjoyable year! The support and assistance received from the player's families and the football club has been appreciated.

A special note of thanks to Assistant Coaches Rod Hill and Phil Dawkins, Runner Wayne Michell, and Team Manager, Andrew Baldwin, who were a terrific help and support during the season.

Andrew Horsnell – Under 15 Coach

Position Finished:	11th
Coach:	Andrew Horsnell
Assistant Coaches:	Rod Hill & Phil Dawkins
Team Manager:	Andrew Baldwin
Runner:	Wayne Michell
Captain:	Kaine Baldwin
Best & Fairest:	Cooper Horsnell
Runner Up B&F:	Harry Dawkins
2nd Runner Up B&F:	Connor Drum
Best Team Man:	Cooper Rogerson
Coaches Award:	Tyler Siebum

Junior's Under 14 Girls

The first year of the girls U14s had very good numbers, with a total squad of 28 girls. A season roster was worked out where a total of 6 girls were rostered off each week meaning they all missed 2 games for the year across 12 rounds. This was often changed from week to week trying to work in with parents player

availability and girls other sporting commitments. The group consisted of only 7 top age girls with the remaining 21 girls still U14 for 2018.

The range of the girl's skill level and knowledge was very wide, with some girls playing junior football with boys at a younger age and some touching a football for the first time. Due to the lack of game knowledge, the focus for the year was to teach them as much about the game and positions as a coaching group. All training was focused around fun with game sense drills and less on executing hand and foot skills. Numbers at training were good all year which often meant some players sacrificed their other sports training. We had 1 rule for the year which was respect, which included the Jumper, Club, Team, Opposition and Umpires. Attitude of the girls was fantastic, I had no internal issues within the girls for whole year.

Rotations of positions from forward to back to midfield were planned to expose the girls to all areas for the first 6 rounds. Game day rotations ranged from 16 to 24, which were pre planned for mid – quarter so girls felt that they were involved in every quarter of the game. Key positions were hard to rotate being CHF, CHB and Ruck for often we only had 2 or three tall girls to play on the stronger girls and many of the sides had 15 year old's on permit. (This was a means to protect the smaller girls also).

The total results for the year from 11 games were 2 wins, 1 draw, and 8 losses. 5 of the losses came in the first 6 rounds of the year. The largest losing margins were against sides that has small numbers on the ground. Round 2 versus Plympton 15 players (40 point loss) and we had a total of 7 on the bench we were rotating. Round 3 Mitcham (30 point loss) had 16 players and we rotated 6 off the bench. Round 4 Goodwood (22 points) had 16 players and we rotated 6 players off the bench. All other losses were under 2 goals with the girls having a chance to win all those games. The 2 sides that made the grand final both defeated Henley by less than a goal.

The wins came against Seaton (30 points) and Colonel Light Gardens who forfeited. Colonel Light turned up with 11 players and we rotated girls to play for the opposition to ensure the girls still had a game and Henley won 111 points to 0 points. The draw came against SMOSH who we led against all game only to have a goal kicked against us in the last minute.

In the future I think we need to make a rule if opposition teams are short that we ensure we rotate girls onto the other side. It became difficult to manage 6 to 7 rotations and maintain manage team balance against sides that were short of players. I let the girls chose if they would like to rotate and play with the opposition to make a full side, with them all adamant that they play only for Henley. However, when this was required to have a game against Colonel Light Gardens and explained that they could not play if it didn't occur, they agreed to rotate onto the opposition side.

The endeavour and commitment from the girls was fantastic with us often leading the inside 50s and tackle counts and hard ball gets in all but 3 games, and I

believe if we ever had the chance to play our best 22 we could have beaten any of the sides in the competition.

A good problem that will need to be addressed in 2018 is the total numbers for the U14 girls. There will only be 7 girls move to U16s next year and 12 girls come up from the U12s, and 3 girls involved with the club that wish to play next year but didn't play this year. All but 1 player has indicated that they will play next year, meaning that the number as it sits today is 35 players for 2018. We have planned to start skills only sessions in November and December 2017 to improve the hand and foot skills for 2018 and look to commence pre-season training for 2018 in early February.

In summary I think the girls first year was a great learning year and they seemed to really enjoy not only playing but being involved in the club. There was great support for the coaching staff and team by Junior Coordinators John Muir, Peter Evans, and Team Managers. Although I have not coached at the junior level or coached girls, I have thoroughly enjoyed the year and it has been a privilege to be a part of the Henley Sharks Football Club.

Troy Topp – Under 14 Girls Coach.

Position finished:	9th
Coach:	Troy Topp
Assistant Coach:	Brad Smyth
Team Managers:	Liz Byrne, Jodie Emmett
Runner:	Brian Cleland, David Woolman
Captains:	Tamsin Evans, Tasmyn Feigert
Vice-Captains:	Lara Chehade, Alice Kneebone
Best & Fairest:	Demi Bates
Runner up B&F:	Tasmyn Feigert
3rd B&F:	Alexandra Smyth
Best Team Girl:	Ruby Thomas
Coaches Award:	Tamsin Evans

Junior's Under 14 Boys

We kicked off the 2017 Season in early February at Henley Beach with a keen and enthusiastic squad of 27 boys looking forward to the year ahead. We were pleased to welcome 4 new players to our Squad.

Based on the first year in the SANFL Juniors in 2016, we knew we were in for a highly-competitive Season in Division 1 South playing against arguably the best U14 Teams in the State i.e. Unley, Mitcham, Payneham NU, Tea Tree Gully, Plympton. The competition comprised of 9 Teams and we were very much looking forward to the challenge week in / week out.

During our training sessions for the season, we focused primarily on our; fitness, skills / effective ball use / retaining possession, team work, defensive pressure, tackling and contested ball. We identified early on that we needed to work very hard on our execution by hand & foot and our defensive effort to be competitive at this level. The challenge ahead was to coach and train a large squad of boys who were at very different levels of competency. We also maintained a strong focus on work rate, effort and attitude.

It was certainly a tough start to the Season with a few key players / leaders missing due to injury or illness and also having 7 boys involved in the SANFL U14 Development Squads which was a great achievement. This presented the opportunity for several other boys to 'step up' and play a key role for their Team. As a result, we created midfield depth to ensure we could rotate the players throughout the season. This worked with varying success but it was great for the player's individual development and confidence which benefited the team.

At the start of the season, we were competitive in patches. During the middle part of the season, we were competitive in Quarters. At the end of the Season, we were competitive for the most part of each game which was pleasing for all involved. This positive transition was primarily based on the player's attitude, confidence and self-belief which coincided with some key players / leaders returning to the Team. It was clearly evident that the boys responded well when the leaders are setting the standard during a game. Whilst our Win / Loss record for the Season was 2 / 12, our best football was good enough to match it with the top tier teams in the competition.

Some of the more encouraging signs and highlights of the season included;

- R10 – 3 quarter effort against Unley – lost by 37 pts (R3 lost by 88 pts). We kicked the highest score against Unley across the entire season being 73 pts.
- R12 - 3 quarter effort against Mitcham – lost by 22 pts (R2 lost by 92 pts)
- R13 – A great win against PHOS Phantoms – won by 31 pts. This represented a 80 point turnaround from our loss to them in R4.
- R15 – In our final game for the Season, with a fantastic 4 quarter effort, had a great win against Plympton who are quality opposition – won by 15 pts. This represented a 66 point turnaround from our loss to them in R6.

It was extremely pleasing to win 2 out of our last 3 games – well done boys!

Overall, we were pleased with the continual improvement and progression from both the players as individuals and more importantly, the team. The boys are to be commended for their persistence and commitment throughout the season. I'd like to take this opportunity to thanks the following people for all their help and support throughout the year;

- A huge thanks to John McGeagh - Assistant Coach, David Coorey - Team Manager and Craig Hornibrook – Runner.
- A big thanks to Phil Maddigan – Match Day Official, Daryl Stevens – Boundary Umpire, Steve Kelley – helper at training, Jason Blair – helper at training, Fred Oueiss & Shaun Walker – general helpers, and to other parents who helped out as needed.

- Thanks to all the player's families who helped out during the season with rostered duties.
- Thanks to John Muir and the HFC Junior Committee for all their hard work behind the scenes and for all their support

Finally, a massive thanks to all the players for making it a very enjoyable and rewarding year for all involved.

Anthony / Westy - Under 14 Coach

Position finished:	9th
Coach:	Anthony West
Assistant Coaches:	John McGeagh
Team Manager:	David Coorey
Runner:	Craig Hornibrook
Captain:	Max Coorey
Best & Fairest:	Nadim Oueiss
Runner Up B&F:	Brodie Edwards
2nd Runner Up B&F:	Max Coorey
Best Team Man:	Charlie Blair
Most Improved:	Aiden Stevenson
Coaches Award:	Sam Hornibrook

Junior's Under 13 Boys

We played with a squad of 24 boys, with three new incomers Jordan Hodges (SMOSH), Will Kiddy (PHOS) and Jackson Rosewall. This was our first year in the new SANFL U/13 Division 1 North, which was a much more competitive competition compared to previous years, which I believe, a fantastic experience and learning curve for our boys.

This year we came up against much bigger bodies, which is a bit challenging considering that we have a smaller team and also 5 other teams have the luxury of picking from 2 teams. We won 5 games, lost 10 and finished 6th. Therefore being honest, finishing 6th is probably where our under 13's deserved to be this season, based on our team's overall effort and performance over the season as a whole. Considering that on most match days we were only running with 18 players and on occasions 20 players, due to our players having other commitments outside our footy club.

On a positive note, due to having the lack of numbers it gave the boys more game time and also to be able to develop their skills in difference position throughout the season. I couldn't have been more proud of the boy's effort, desperation and commitment to on the training track and also on match day.

In summary, I think the boys can certainly hold their heads high after this season. I believe this group of boys possesses great character, and I'm certain the boys developed and learned some valuable football this season. I also hope the boys go on again next season as a group and play finals 2018. It is also an important requirement that we gain some new players and increase the squad to 28 in 2018. I have really enjoyed coaching the boys and bringing that family atmosphere back to our team as it has been missing for a few years.

Steve Chryssochoos - Under 13 Coach

Position finished:	6th
Coach:	Steve Chryssochoos
Assistant Coaches:	Todd Schultz, Greg Hawke
Team Manager:	David Hann
Runner:	Ryan Cox
Captain:	Adam D'Aloia
Vice-Captain:	Charbel Quiess
Leadership Group:	William Roe, Reuben Norton-Hayes, Riley Schultz, Dion Chryssochoos
Best & Fairest:	Adam D'Aloia
Runner up B&F:	Charbel Queiss
3rd B&F:	William Roe
Best Team Man:	Luke Tippins
Coaches Encouragement Award:	Darcy Stephens

Junior's Under 12 Boys

Our season started with preseason training which included 12 sessions followed by 3 trial games. From the previous year's form we decided that division 2 is the place for our team to be in to give the boys the best chance of improving due to extra number of teams entering the SANFL completion this year.

Our playing squad went from 26 to 28 players with new additions in Wyliam Hopkins and Curtis Newby joining the team and the return of Kai Glazier after a year off and the departure of Jude Wojeonski due to parent's workload.

Over preseason we really work on the boys skills after the previous year's skill level was poor with no structures. My goal as coach was to get every player to improve dramatically with ball use and general play. To make the finals was another goal and to give every boy a chance to play in a final which we accomplished except for 2 sick boys who missed out. We started the season slowly with a 0-3 start. After that we won the next 5 in a row and finished the year off with a 9-6 record. We finished 4th at end of minor round and went on to win one final and then eventually losing the next final finishing in 3rd spot overall.

Some fantastic results during the year where we held on to win in tight games and coming from behind to overcome teams in others. Overall the team had a great year and really improved out of sight compared to this time last year. We could have achieved anything this year and wasn't far away from reaching the ultimate goal.

During the season we had Will, Izaak and Jack represent Glenelg in the development squad which was great to see and also we had 4 players in the top 20 in the whole competition which was a credit to them after outstanding years. Players were Eddie Kneebone (6) Izaak Niemann (9) William Blair (12) and Jack Richardson (19) Well done lads.

Overall I would say that we had a great year with a huge improvement in all areas of football. Really proud of all the boys for their efforts and attitude towards myself, each other and football in general. Not easy to resurrect a season from a 0-3 start but was very impressed with the lads desire to achieve. Really looking forward to next season to see more improvement and development.

Scott Niemann Under 12s coach

Position finished	3rd
Coach	Scott Niemann
Assistant Coaches	Andrew Boeyen, Blair Baxter
Team Manager	Jurgen Ruppert
Runner	Richard Watson
Captain	Nicholas Boeyen
Vice Captain	Benjamin Rogers
DV Captain	Jake Ewens, Brodie Stevenson, Rene Ruppert
Best & Fairest	William Blair
Runner up B&F	Edward Kneebone
3rd B&F	Izaak Niemann
Best Team Man	Benjamin Rogers
Coaches Award	Colby Stuart
Most Improved	Alby Kitchen
All Rounder Award	Jack Richardson
Potential Award	Harry Thompson
Leading Goal Kicker	Nairn Scott

Junior's Under 12 Girls

Great inaugural season of girls' football for the Sharks. The U/12's had a very strong pool of sporting talent come through right from day 1, with many of the girl's crossing over a multiple of sports including netball, lacrosse, basketball etc. Commencing the pre-season early at Grange primary provided a great opportunity for the girls to get the basics, with Nigel Fiegert running a good system to bring a large number of girls together to make a start on their football.

There was a lot of enjoyment from all age groups over that period as they started to have a go at kicking, tackling etc.

Once in to regular age group training, we worked hard early on the handball skills to provide a strong basis for sharing the ball. My training plans were centered around quick hands on either side of the body and then incorporating some pressure situations to keep the girls sharp and build confidence in using the handball when in trouble. Looking over the year, I see that our girls consistently outperformed other teams in this area.

Kicking skills were also worked heavily and improvements made throughout the year, however it is clear still we would only have a few that are kicking correctly by season end and can attempt to kick with some accuracy. The exception to that is shooting on goal, where they are not kicking on the run was a fairly strong improvement through the year and positive results.

Tackling and competitive work was also a highlight for this group. They enjoyed the chance to compete at trainings and also on match days, very willing to chase, tackle, scrag and work hard in the contest. That was an unknown element before the season commenced, but clearly the chance to compete physically is a motivator for many of the girls attracted to the game.

My general philosophies for the season were:

- Take off with the ball in hand – when you receive it, get moving and do it fast
- Numbers at the contest – get in and around the contest to get involved (this supported the use of handball also that help was always nearby)
- Celebrate – the team things, give praise, encourage each other, enjoy the game together
- 100% (was our grand final theme) – no matter what role you play on GF day, what position you're in, whether your shouting encouragement, tackling the opposition, kicking to a team mate we asked for 100% focus and effort. We wrote it on their hands, spoke to them at training and pre-game about this and I could see they worked to this theme as a team on the day also.

Opportunity for improvement

- (1) We had good parental support, really strong attendance at games and positive input from families all season – but there weren't many parents in and around training generally. On the nights when Nigel Fiegert was able to assist at training, we had the benefit of some individual skills coaching and then the core group were looked after by myself. I'd probably look to ask for an assistant coach or parent to have an allocated role of skills coach next season if we have that luxury.
- (2) Identifying talent and giving them a taste at the next levels – with a 2-year age bracket, we have a mix of ages and abilities, hence letting some of the senior girls train at U/14's level through the year might have been a good eye opener, especially when they were so dominant at U/12 level

- (3) Squad size – this is awkward due to the competition set up but with games varying between 12-14 players on field and in the grand final only 10 players it was hard to manage game time and expectations of a 17-player squad. I think we handled this well in the end but was still difficult from week to week
- (4) It was challenging to ask U/12 players & parents to be at the club 3 times per week (training, games, presentations), possibly because many of them play other sports also with various commitments across the week. As a result we swapped the presentations to Sunday's after the home games, which did make an impact and helped us celebrate the achievements as a team. It will be interesting to see if we start seeing our 2nd year players continue in two sports or if footy starts to become their preferred over time.
- (5) Glenelg FC trials for U/14 squad commenced as we approached finals and proved a disruption to our regular routines. I wasn't aware of how girls were nominated and we actually had some of our best left off the invitation list. The training clashed with regular club night and girls were advised it was compulsory or they would be cut from the squad. This could be managed better next season and perhaps they could also consult with local clubs on the plan and ensure they get the best talent out there too.

In summary however though it has been a genuine pleasure to be involved with the club and the introduction of girls footy at Henley. I'm proud of what we achieved, but mostly what the club has done to welcome so many new players and families into the club and the immediate positive response of the change. Happy to provide any additional detail if there are further queries and/or chat through any of the above.

Andrew Kemp – Under 12 Girls Coach

Position finished:	1st
Coach:	Andrew Kemp
Assistant Coaches:	Shane Stone
Team Manager:	Renee Fiegert
Runner:	Stuart Blades
Captain:	Rotation across all players
Best & Fairest:	Chloe Whittington-Charity
Runner up B&F:	Marlie Fiegert
3rd B&F:	Holly Dini
Best Team Person:	Georgie Davis
Coaches Encouragement Award:	Georgie Blades
SANFL Medallist:	Georgie Davis

Junior's not playing for premiership points.

The teams from Under 11's to Under 8's listed below do not play for points and as such are grouped together in the report, they still use and learn the same basic fundamentals across all HFC juniors.

The Under 11's Boys

Coach: Rob Mackenzie
Assistant Coach: Steven Hall

The Under 10's Boys

CoachTeam-1: Leon Rayner
Coach Team-2: Nigel Fiegert

The Under 10 Girls

Coach: Tim Riley
Assistant Coach: Nick Godlevski

The Under 9's Boys

CoachTeam-1: Craig Hermann
Coach Team-2: Matt Hunter

The Under 8's Boys

CoachTeam-1: John Abbott
Coach Team-2: Craig Pitman

Our basic Club objectives for these younger teams are

- Support and encourage players - particularly the new players to the team/club.
- Skill development.
- Focus on the importance of teamwork.
- Defensive pressure.
- Understanding basic positions - Forward line/ Midfield /Back line set up.
- Evenly rotate players through Forward / Midfield / Back.
- Most importantly, fun and enjoyment.

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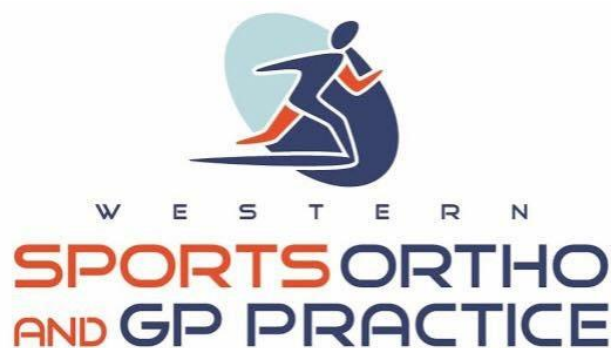
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