



HENLEY SHARKS CLUB

2023

ANNUAL REPORT
& YEAR BOOK





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President Report

The Henley Football and Netball Club continues to grow and flourish offering community-based sport for over a thousand players ranging in age from seven years to sixty plus. We can certainly be proud of the successes the Club has had in 2023. With so many teams participating in organised competitions, there are a multitude of Coaches, Team officials and Coordinators who freely give up hour after hour to ensure the games are played weekly.

I take this opportunity to 'shout out' my sincere thanks to these volunteers for their dedicated service to the Club. Unfortunately, there are others within the organisation who believe it is a 'free ride' and rely on these volunteers to do most of the heavy lifting. It's time for them to realise club sport is a team effort and it's part of your responsibility to support the club socially and by volunteering support for game day management and fund-raising activities.

Unfortunately, our A Grade Men's team had a poor season winning only five games. As a result, we will be playing in Division 3 in 2024. This is a huge wakeup call and everyone needs to ensure we work hard prior to the season starting to support the Football programme. We need a positive response from supporters, members, and players to 'lift the bar' in all areas of the club. Team Managers, Umpires, Water people, Committee members, bar helpers, BBQ workers, etc. are volunteers who can save the club 'Big' money by offering weekly support.

The other Senior Men's teams all played in the finals and did the club proud. Our D Grade team playing in C7 won the premiership and finished the season undefeated.

Our C Grade team were defeated by R.O.C.S in the Grand Final. The highlight of the season has been the number of young players who have successfully made the transition to senior football. Many players their 1st A Grade games, while the majority played in our B Grade and C Grade teams. Congratulations to all involved in the development of these young players and it must be noted that by sheer numbers we managed to field a fifth team who played in C8.

The A Grade Women were promoted to Division 1 this season and were certainly very competitive in making the final series. Lots of hard work by Tim Dunbar (Coach), Janine Vella and Zen Elmassih (Football Directors) to ensure this programme maintained the standards set last year. The B Grade Women's team had plenty of support and gave lots of girls the opportunity to play football for the first time – Thank you Simon Barnes for coaching this group.

The Netball Club continued to grow in numbers and continue to provide an outstanding Junior programme. They are currently in the process of seeking funding and help to re-surface the Mitchell Oval – Henley High School courts. Deb Sanders, Dwayne Illies and their committee work tirelessly to ensure the success of the Club.

Our Junior Football programme is still flourishing with Micah Williams, Craig Hermann and Robyn Casey overseeing the programme. All together we have over 640 young people playing and enjoying a game each week. The Juniors are using local primary schools for training sessions and games. Henley High School also provides another ground to use and finally through the hard work and perseverance of our Club Chairman Paul Caica the new lights were completed in April.

It is fabulous to see the number of past players whose children are now involved in all our junior programmes.

Off the field all sections of the club have continued to work tirelessly to maintain the administration of such a big organisation. I take this opportunity to thank the Senior Committee. At times it seems the same old faces, but they get the job done! Congratulations to Janine Vella (Ron Ettridge Club Champion Award Recipient) and all other Club special award recipients.

CLUB SPECIAL AWARDS

Ron Ettridge Club Champion Award – *Janine Vella* – Events Coordinator, League Delegate, Womens Football Director, General and Football Committees.

President's Award – *Phil Cole* – Henley Heroes – Coordinator, Life Members Committee

Chairman's Award – *Jake Hanley* – Membership Coordinator, Treasurer's Assistant, Liaison with D & E Grade teams, General Committee member.

Horrie Long Award – *Kym Metcalfe* – General Committee member, Club Bar liaison, Maintenance Committee.

Graham Hill Award – *Jamie Butterfield* – Maintenance Committee Coordinator, General Committee member, Assistant B Grade Coach.

Mick Todman Award – *Nick Godlevsky* – Player Registrar, General Committee member, Womens Football helper. Football Committee.

Ralph Clarke Award – *David Haskard* – Sponsorship Director, General Committee member. C Grade match day official, Apparel Coordinator.

Special Services Awards – *Wayne Richards* – Club Treasurer, B Grade Team Manager, Office Coordinator, General Management of all finances.

In 2024 the Club, through a grant with the City of Charles Sturt (\$65k) will have a new electronic scoreboard. The total cost will exceed \$130k and both the seniors and juniors will contribute. This technology will allow the club to generate new sponsorship and revenue. This is an exciting opportunity to advertise our fantastic programmes on game days. We will also become a community notice board for events run throughout the district.

I acknowledge the excellent job our Sponsorship Director – David Haskard does each year. We thank all current sponsors for their contribution to the Club. It was wonderful to have such a great gathering at major Sponsor – The Ramsgate Hotel for our Sponsorship luncheon in the early part of the season. Local member and long-time supporter Matt Cowdrey was the Guest Speaker.

A huge 'thanks' to Phil Cole and the Henley Heroes Committee for the outstanding job they do in supporting the Club. Their efforts on match days at the Lockleys Hotel with raffles, and especially the Heroes lunch is a great example of what groups of loyal supporters and workers can achieve. Their donation of \$25,000 this season is greatly appreciated.

Our Social Events group coordinated by Vicki Lawless, Janine Vella, Daniel Wilksch and their committee have again 'organised' some great shows in 2023. The Ladies Day, The Ball, Beer Pong, Karaoke night and other events have kept people at the Club having a good time. Thanks also to Club Captain James Lean and the playing groups for supporting the Thursday night meals and running the players raffles.

The Over 35's team continues to support and work for the Club. Brad Rainsford and his players cook the home BBQ, support all functions, and socially drink and dine throughout the season on Wednesday nights. Welcome to the younger brigade who joined the old boys this year to inject new life on match days for the 35's.

Final thanks go to Tom, Helen, and Kathleen for coordinating the bar and canteen throughout what proves to be a long season. Their young staff do a terrific job in providing a service to our players and members.

As this is my final year as President, I wish to thank all who have supported me in this role. The Henley Football and Netball Club holds a special place in my heart, and I've made many friends throughout the journey. It never ceases to amaze me the great work that is achieved by the many genuine people who make up the Shark's family. The Club will continue to grow and be a special place for the multitude of members, players and supporters who are committed to making it the best club it can be. There are challenges ahead in 2024 but with these will bring a strong commitment from the many who love this club. These members will drive the success both on and off the field and reap the reward come finals time!

**- Rodney Hill
HFC President**

Chairman Report

It is both a privilege and an honour to be able to present this Report, as the Chair of the Henley Sharks Senior Committee, to the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

Firstly, I want to thank and congratulate my fellow committee members on the positive contribution they have all made to our club over the past twelve months. Regarded as a large community sporting club, we have many arms involved in its administration and operations. Along with the Senior Committee, I wish to acknowledge and congratulate the Junior Committee, Netball Committee, over 35's, Henley Heroes, Sponsorship, Social Projects, Events and Sponsorship and as well, the vast number of other volunteers who make out Club work. You know who you are, and that you are appreciated. To each and every one of you, **THANK YOU!**

Henley Sharks is a not-for-profit community sporting club; our purpose is to facilitate participation in organised sport and recreation across a varied demographic. The benefit of participation is well recognised, not just for those who participate but also, the broader benefits that are reaped by our community through what we provide. Our Club has experienced massive growth over the last decade. The introduction of female football, the establishment of Henley Sharks Netball, and the huge demand in people wanting to participate in organised sport has not been without its challenges. On any reasonable assessment we have managed these challenges well but will also need to be diligent and nimble in how we manage future challenges.

For many years we have spoken about Henley Sharks as 'One Club'. The reality is that we have, as mentioned above, several arms managing and administering our diversified operations. In the future, there will still be multiple arms to our Club's operations. However, it is time if not overdue, to restructure how this is managed and how we really become fully integrated in what we do and how we operate to the benefit of our Club as a whole and in turn, to the benefit of the broader community we work with and serve.

To this end, I am pleased that today's AGM has before it a proposal for it to consider, which will alter the constitution to create an overarching management structure, underpinned by various sub committees that if successfully implemented, will create a one club mentality and culture. If supported, future administrative and operational responsibilities will become fully integrated. I look forward to the positive discussion to come tonight on the future of the Henley Sharks Football and Netball Club.

In finishing this report, I want to reiterate my thanks to those of the Senior Committee and the multitude of people within our Club who assist by volunteering in a multitude of ways. Those who ensure that each week we have all that is necessary to get our teams on the ovals and courts, the coaches and support staff, the medical teams, scorers, team managers, those who crew the BBQ's and the many, many others who contribute tirelessly to making things happen for the better.

I am reluctant to name specific people for the contribution you have made, simply there are too many to mention - you know who you are - and I thank you for what you do. However, I do want to recognise our retiring President Rod Hill, for his outstanding service to our Club over most of his life. Thanks Rod and I know that you may be retiring from the role as President, but without a doubt, your ongoing service to our Club will not be lost.

I look forward to working with you all over the summer season and 2024 to continue to grow the Henley Sharks so it becomes an organisation renowned amongst all community sporting clubs, as the benchmark in what we do and, the professional way and manner in which we do it.

**- Paul Caica
Chair, Henley Sharks**

Treasurer Report

The financial position of the Club as at September 30, 2023.

The 2023 YTD (October 2022 – September 2023) movement in Equity:

Opening Cash Balance Oct 31	\$179,666
<i>Less Net Negative Cash Movement</i>	-\$ 60,205
Closing Cash Balance Sept 30	\$119,461

As at 30 September the Club has recorded an Operating Loss of **\$73,766**.

Even with significant increase in costs, the result is disappointing.

Henley Heros outstanding and greatly appreciated donation of \$25,000 has been quarantined into our 'Club Improvement Fund' Account. (Cash in CIF Account \$62,487.)

The Senior committee is committed to a successful 2023, both on and off field.

- Wayne Richards
HFC Treasurer

Profit and Loss

Henley Football Club
For the 9 months ended 30 September 2023

Account	Explanatory Notes	Jan-Sep 2023
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Trading Income		
Bar Sales	Includes BBQ Sales	251,435
Rent - Canteen		3,636
Club Membership	Paid Members	6,128
Merchandise sales		5,830
Social functions	e.g. Ladies Day, Mid Year Ball, Presentation Dinner	27,294
Total Trading Income		294,323
Cost of Sales		
Bar Purchases - Other	Disposables, Ice, Gas	2,575
Bar Purchases - Stock		103,720
Bar wages		39,594
Merchandise		21,616
Social functions expense	Costs in hosting Social Functions	21,763
BBQ Expenses		4,158
Membership Discount	10% Membership Discount	8,639
Total Cost of Sales		202,065
Gross Profit		92,258
Other Income		
Grants	AFL Grant for Henley High School Lights	50,000
Juniors Club Overhead Contribution		0
Netball Club Affiliation Contribution		0
Bank Interest		307
WTDCC Overhead Contribution	60% Club Overheads Oct 1 - Mar 31	21,233
WTDCC Rent	Jan 1 - Mar 31	7,264
Lighting Contributions by Juniors	Henley High School Lights	30,000
Donations	Including Henley Heros	27,375
Recycling Recovered		1,362
Sundry income		695
Player Payments - Match Fees		38,725
Sponsorship - Player		26,569
Sponsorship - Club		59,374
Total Other Income		262,903
Operating Expenses		
Accounting software		483
Adelaide Football League Expenses	AFL Fees, Media Levy, Player Insurance, Club SA Membership, Public Liability	20,959
Advertising	Recruitment	275
Awards	Trophies, Framing, AFL Player Photos	682
Bank Fees		399
Bar POS	Point Of Sale Hardware	3,537
Cleaning	Cleaning Contactor, Chemicals, Disposables	12,721
Coaching Payments	Monies Dispensed by Football Department	22,355
Consulting & Accounting		2,790
Digital Media, Website	Social Media Engagement, Photography	1,505
Donations Made	ANZAC Day, Gifts	250
Electricity		22,710
Football & Coaching Equipment	Footballs, Coaches Boards, Bibs, Computer Monitors, Clipboards, Stationary, Whistles	12,016
Football Fines & Late Fees		2,730
Freight & Courier		159
Gas		9,831
General Expenses	Clock, iPod Cables, Batteries	146
General football expense	Oval Hire, Gatorade, Statistic Reports	2,661
Henley High School Lighting Costs	Cost to Complete Henley High Lights (Infrastructure Only)	136,026
Insurance	Club Insurance	8,605
Internet		565
Licence & Hire costs	Henley Oval Hire from Council, OneMusic Fee	10,414
Liquor licensing commission		120
Office Expenses		54
Other football expenses	Players Meals, Line Marking	10,248
Physiotherapy Costs		2,400
Player Match & Best Payments	Monies Dispensed by Football Department	51,210
Printing & Stationery		864
Repairs and Maintenance	Emergency Lights, Exhaust Fans, Appliance Servicing, Bar Fridge Repairs, Ice Machine Repairs, Grease Filter Repairs, Tag & Test, Plumbing Repairs, Replacement Ceiling Fans, Heater Installation	6,812
Scoreboard, Water Runner		1,485
Security	Monitoring	348
Software Subscriptions	Membership Online Software, MS Office	1,576
Sponsorship expenses	Oval Signage, Sponsors Lunch	8,778
Square Fees	Credit Card Fees	4,191
Stripe Fees	Credit Card Fees	732
Superannuation Expense		4,756
Trainers Medical Supplies		7,485
Trainers Wages		18,580
Training	Trainer's Training	259
Training & Development - Club Juniors	Preseason Gear for 2022 U17.5s Graduating to Seniors	391
Umpires Expense	Including Club Umpires	29,643
Uniforms Supplied		137
Waste disposal and recycling	Grease Trap, Toilet Hygiene	6,127
Water & Sewage		792
Website hosting		118
Total Operating Expenses		428,927
Net Profit/Loss		(73,766)

Player Milestones

250 games

Simon Hardy

200 games

Brett Dobson

Tim Broadbent

Michael Gautesen

150 games

Harley Egel

Brandyn Galletti

100 games

Jake Butterfield

Nick Stockton

Cody Egel

Ben Lodge

Lachlan Sheffield

50 games

Mark Cullen

Ben Haskard

Jack Stone

Hayley Charity

Association Awards

2R Best & Fairest

Brett Dobson

C2 Leading Goal kicker

Daniel Wilksch

U17 Best & Fairest

Gemma Lowick

U17 Best & Fairest

Dylan Letts

U16 Best & Fairest

Will Fiegert

U16 Runner Up

Dylan Turner

U15 Best & Fairest

Lara Harsanyi

U15 Runner Up

Lucy Moore

U13 Best & Fairest

Harrison Webb

U13 Best & Fairest

Ruby Rose

2023 Life Member Inductees

Tim Broadbent

Roger Russell

Greg Lawless



Captain:	James Lean
Vice-Captain:	Tom Pillion
Coach:	Luke McCracken
Assistant Coach:	Adrian Rugolo
Team Manager:	Wayne Pierson and Anthony West
Best & Fairest:	Tom Pillion
Runner Up B&F:	Patrick Hillard
Best Team Man:	Tim Broadbent
Coaches Award:	Jack Pillion
Leading Goal Kicker:	Tom Pillion (34 goals)
Home & Away Position:	9th place
Result:	5 wins 13 losses

Coaches Season Summary:

Luke McCracken was appointed Senior Coach of the A Grade and Adrian Rugolo his assistant with Greg Hawke.

Pre-season commenced in mid-November at Henley High School. There was a sense of excitement around the group early pre-season and participation was high. As pre-season went on feedback from players was training was easy and there was not enough structured training around game plan and a lot of standing around. Attendances were very good with a good mixture of senior players and lots of young men aspiring to play in the senior team for the first time. Recruits Patrick Hillard Sam Liambis, Noah Hannagan, Lucas Foenander and Ryan Johnson were prominent. Ben Currie, Corey Gray and Dylan Fry returned to the club while Michael Gautesen came out of retirement.

There were some great initiatives brought in around mental health and player wellbeing. Groups were put in place with a leader of each group put in charge of checking in and reporting back. There were also some surveys filled in each week which was led by Ben Lodge who did a great job in this space.

The season started in late April against Edwardstown and unfortunately it wasn't the start we needed with a narrow loss. Things continued to be disappointing until a great win against Adelaide Uni in Round 6. On field players struggled to adjust to the new game plan. The Sharks had found some momentum and had wins against Athelstone and Salisbury North in the following two rounds.

It was with great anticipation that we travelled to North Haven with Michael Gautesen playing his 200th game. Sadly, on a slippery, windy ground we went down by one point. The second half of the season started with a gutsy win against Edwardstown but wins were scarce from then until a magnificent 56 point win over North Haven in the last game. We will lament a wasted season and the fact we have been relegated to Division 3 for the 2024 season.

Full credit to the senior leadership group – James Lean, Tom Pillion, Liam Martin, Tim Broadbent, Corey Gray and Patrick Hillard. They kept the playing group together and maintained a competitive spirit throughout a tough season. The most pleasing aspect of the season was the high number of young players we have throughout the three top teams. While results didn't go our way, we were able to get game time into some young developing players. With that it gives us a great opportunity to further develop these young players who showed some promising form during the year. Quite a few stepped up to play some A Grade games. They certainly didn't look out of place!

Full credit to those officials who supported the team. Wayne Pierson and Anthony West shared the Team Managers role with support from Wayne Richards. Doug, Amanda, Chris and Nic Brown did a fabulous job in supporting our injured players.

Congratulations to the other senior teams for making the finals.

B Grade Mens

Captain:	Jake Butterfield
Vice-Captain:	Joel Metcalfe
Coach:	Greg Hawke
Assistant Coach:	Jamie Butterfield Chris Rosewall Mic Bourke
Team Runner:	Wayne Michell
Team Manager:	Wayne Richards
Best & Fairest:	Adrian Corso
Runner Up B&F:	Daniel Nicotra
Best Team Man:	Jordan Bleicher
Best Young Emerging Talent:	Jordan Hodgesl
Leading Goal Kicker:	Dylan Fry (24)
Best In Finals:	Daniel Nicotra
Home & Away Position:	Second
Result:	Fourth

Coaches Season Summary:

This Club focus for B Grade in 2023 was to Identify, Play/develop as many future A-Grade players as possible, focusing on our abundance of youth.

My first year as B Grade coach my focus this year was (of course) in line with the club focus, but to go with this create an enjoyable environment for all players to learn our game plan/develop & most important enjoy their footy.

Pre-season started mid-December and soon after we had 130 odd blokes on the track (all grades)

All Coaches picked a 5-man leadership group:

- *Captain* – Jake Butterfield
- *VC* – Joel Metcalfe
- *DVC* – Lachie Kirk
- *Emerging leaders* – Ryan Johnson, Jack Hawke

New to us that played games in the B Grade this year:

6 New blokes to club (Lachie Kirk/Jordan Bleicher/Ben Bussenschutt/Max Anderson/Sam Liambis/Jordan Chandler) & 8 up from Juniors (Reuben Norton-Hayes/Lyndon Williamson/Jordan Hodges/Billy Hawke/Jack Richardson/Luke Tippins/Zak Godlevski

After Pre-season we played 2 trial games v Gaza & Barossa Districts, both comfortable wins.

Home & Away, as usual we played 18 games – Won 17 | Lost 1

Some key stats for the year:

We played 47 players in the B Grade this year.

20 of the 47 that played are/were teenagers when playing reserves.

We kicked a total score of 204 goals 193.

Which is a total of 1417 points for & only 642 points conceded – 775 positive in the ledger

Highest score for the year – 21.17.143 to North Haven 2.3.15

Take out North Haven highest score 17.14.116 to Athelstone 2.6.18

Highlight game of the year Henley 12.4.76 to GG 7.7.49 (5 goal win & Golden Grove first defeat in several years)

Finals campaign didn't go as we had hoped losing the first by 8 points to PHOS & 2nd by 4 points to Payneham – Lots to learn from out of these games.

Many, many positives for the year with firstly our win/loss standing out.

Playing 47 blokes and 20 teenagers Big Positive.

Aside from underachieving in finals, I think most of us in the B Grade had fun & enjoyed our footy, which, in my opinion is VERY IMPORTANT.

- Greg Hawke

Captain:	Daniel Wilksch
Vice-Captain:	Luke Wilksch
Coach:	Tristan Kouwenhoven
Assistant Coach & Team Runner:	Gary Ashton
Team Manager:	Nick Godlvesky
Best & Fairest:	Luke Wilksch
Runner Up B&F:	Xavier Couroupis
Best Team Man:	Cooper Rogerson
Coaches Award:	Carlos Comacho
Most Improved:	Connor Godlevsky
Leading Goal Kicker:	Daniel Wilksch
Home & Away Position:	First
Result:	Lost Grand Final to Rostrevor OC by 32 points

Coaches Season Summary:

Despite the extremely disappointing finish to the year in the grand final, our Henley C Grade side remained the 'team to beat' throughout the entire minor round. With 17 wins out of 18 games, we came into the grand final with extremely high expectations. However, having such a dominant minor round meant that we rarely got to develop our ability to respond to high levels of pressure, which ultimately cost us a premiership.

Our team included seven 'first year' players which makes our performance quite extraordinary and demonstrates a clear pathway for Henley Juniors into Senior Football at Henley Sharks.

Our extremely young team has most definitely benefitted from a finals campaign and has produced a hunger for this group of young Sharks to strive for finals success in years to come. I am really excited to see how far the members of this group will go in our footy club and beyond over the next few years. Our average age on gf day was 20 years and 9 months (an average of 61 senior games as compared to ROC with 112).

Highlights of our season included:

- 17 wins in the minor season (average margin + 78 pts)
- Over 300 goals kicked in 18 games
- 7 first year players make GF team
- Daniel Wilksch leading C2 goalkicker
- Fantastic development of mateship!

Having the opportunity for C grade to regularly train with other senior teams will continue to push this group of developing players to higher standards of football. Our team generally played fast, aggressive football which relied on running and switching the ball laterally to expose teams. With continued development of these tactics the depth of our football club will be a significant strength for years to come.

Our senior leaders in the team; Daniel Wilksch, Luke Wilksch and Adam Mallen, plus Jordan Chandler later in the year, worked extremely well to build teams across the lines that became accountable to the rest of the team. This sharing of knowledge and upskilling of younger players was also a highlight of our season. Off field, Gary once again worked tirelessly to support the coaching of the C grade as well as often doing the running on Saturday. There was also great support from Greg Hawke and the B Grade staff as well as Simon Hardy. Nick Godlevsky supported again as Team manager for most of the season which was a fantastic help to Gary and I, and Dave Haskard also volunteered for most of the year to be our Game Day Official. Finally, Doug and Chris's efforts every week as trainers must be commended. Often first to arrive at the games with a car full of equipment, they treated our C graders like A grade footy players!

Moving forward into 2024, a season which we would already expect to win, our challenges as a team will include:

- Building the capacity to endure pressure in, what will be another dominant season
- Continuing the development of tactical play and individual fitness and skill (especially when we are so dominant)
- Continuing the development of off-field relationships and commitment to the club
- Finding consistent volunteers for critical positions such as team manager and GDO
- Balancing the structure of training to allow developing players in C Grade to train with all senior players

- Tristan Kouwenhoven

D Grade Mens

Captain:	Kayne Egel
Coach:	Simon Hardy
Assistant Coach:	Stefan Jarman
Best & Fairest:	Jack Nielson
Runner Up B&F:	Mark Cullen
Leading Goal Kicker:	Joel Chapman
Home & Away Position:	Top

Coaches Season Summary:

2023 saw an incredible year for the Dirty D's with an influx of new and past players joining to add strength to the already strong squad we had. It also welcomed back Stefan Jarman who took up the role of playing assistant coach and it paid dividends instantly with his football knowledge and tough ruthless on field attitude providing plenty of grunt to our midfield.

The season saw us rarely challenged with such a strong squad with PAOC being the only ones to get within 6 goals of us, so we created our own challenges and set goals against teams each week and it was no surprise that the boys surpassed even their own targets.

With such on-field dominance, we started preparing for finals early knowing that we were the hunted and that the only real challenge for us was to not get ahead of ourselves, maintain our momentum and just keep doing what we had been because the results were speaking for themselves.

Highlights this year were Jack Nielson winning a back-to-back best and fairest, Joel Chapman winning yet another leading goal kicker, Nathan Koulizos winning an E grade best and fairest and earning a spot to play in the D grade premiership and Mark Cullen winning a runner up best and fairest. Harley Egel had a standout year and was a dominant midfielder throughout the whole competition.

Other stand outs were the young brigade Luke Trevaskis, Henry Mapleson and late comer Brad Watson coming up from the 17.5's to show his prowess in the ruck and earn himself a spot in the premiership side.

All in all, a fantastic year from the lads superbly led by our captain Kayne Egel. To go through the season undefeated is a massive effort but to now be back-to-back undefeated premiers is a tribute to the lads and all the work they put in and they've reaped the rewards they deserve.

- Hards



Captain:	Jack Chambers
Vice-Captain:	Thomas Reichstein Daniel Hogan Nick Portolesi
Coach:	Nicholas Meiers
Assistant Coach:	Matthew White
Team Runner:	Players
Team Manager:	Nicholas Meiers
Best & Fairest:	Bradley Carey Nathan Koulizos
Runner Up B&F:	Daniel Hogan
Coaches Award:	Tom Guthrie
Most Improved:	Matthew Clarke
Leading Goal Kicker:	Jack Hambly 48 Goals
Home & Away Position:	4th 11 win 6 losses
Result:	4th

Coaches Season Summary:

The Henley E grade was officially back in C8s, 1 week before the start of the season after a strong showing of numbers at preseason and registration numbers. But after a week one forfeit it was round 2 we got to start this journey.

We started our season against what ended up the 2 grand finalist teams where we were competitive but just lacked that time playing together and knowing and trust of your teammates.

Our first win came in round 4, home against Adelaide Uni. Where we would have the HOOG for the last time as he was rewarded with his strong start to the season and ended back in the C grade with hard work and commitment.

We ended up at the end of the minor rounds in 4th spot 11 wins and 6 losses.

In the Elimination final I think that was our best team game of footy we had all year easily taking care of Adelaide Uni Infront of a well-supported crowd at Shark Park. I know the boys really enjoyed the support from all the grades that were able to come out that day.

Our season ended in a heartbreaking loss to PAC in the Semi Final.

I said yes to coaching the E grade this year so this group of men can play as much as possible and get that consent in game training and experience, which was shown in so many players come seasons end.

A few of my highlights for the season:

- The E Grade going undefeated at Shark Park.
- Ending Shocs undefeated start to the season under lights at Shark Park.
- Simon The Chase Hardys 250th club game.
- Stocko 100th and Harleys 150th game in a win over top place Modbury.
- The Elimination final Win.
- Tom Reichstein sending me photos of a bruised foot from too many kicks the day before.
- Cory Robinson improvement and finals series.
- Hammas first season of footy ever and his improvement highlighted in the Elimination final in one play. Left his man to spoil a mark, gather the ball. Sidestep player and finished off with 2 running bounces down the middle to lace out a forward for a goal.

Couldn't have gotten through this season without some help from many:

- Matthew White – Assistant Coach
- Simon Hardy – taking trainings, Playing, Strapping, help coaching
- Sara Barnes – Trainer when no clashes with the female teams
- My Leaders, Chambo, Stein, Jake Hanley, Porta, Hogan, Welch for advice and assistance
- Wayne Richards, Nick Godlevski, Andrew and Wayne Pierson, Rod, Adrian, Janine, Gary Ashton for all the work behind the scenes allowing us to play each week.

- Nicholas Meiers

A Grade Womens

Captain:	Tracy Marks
Vice-Captains:	Kerina De Borello
Coach:	Tim Dunbar
Assistant Coaches:	Richard Bates Troy Topp
Runner:	Andrew Kemp
Team Manager:	Christine Dunbar
Football Director:	Janine Vella Zen Elmassih
Best & Fairest:	Klaudia O'Neil
Runner Up B&F:	Brooklyn Kraft
Coaches Award:	Lakeisha Sheffield
Leading Goal Kicker:	Kayla Robran Klaudia O'Neil
Best Team Player:	Zani Bates
Home & Away Position:	Fourth
Final Result:	Fourth

The season kicked off with preseason training starting prior to Christmas. Attendance numbers were not overwhelming, however an improvement on the previous year.

After the Christmas break, we returned to training and slowly saw an increase in numbers and more importantly some new faces. Training numbers steadily increased as the season start came closer.

We played 2 trial games, 1 against SMOSH and 1 against Golden Grove. In both games we showed a lot of promise and that the coaching staff were on the right track as far as the culture and game plans we were creating.

A big focus of the coaching staff was to solidify the A Grade team as a final's contender. This meant targeting SANFLW players that were eligible to play for the Sharks. By the end of the season, we had 15 SANFLW players permitted to play. As a testament to the Shark's Woman's program, I am super excited to say that 11 of the SANFLW permit players were girls that have played Juniors at Henley Sharks. It was also great to see that we had some U17.5 Junior Girls make their A Grade debut and showed that they could definitely match the physicality of Open Women's footy.

After losing the first 2 games, we had our first win in the Div 1 division for the Henley Sharks. To say the team was pumped is an understatement! With our "play on at all costs" brand of footy, we found ourselves regularly matching for 3 quarters against the top, more established sides.

Rounds 6 to 10 saw us starting to find our way with a 5-game winning streak, with Round 11 just going down to Broadview who were at the top of the ladder. We won the next 2 out of 3 games to cement ourselves into the finals. Fourth on the ladder.

In the Elimination Final we came up against Morphettville Park at Morphettville Park. We were confident that with our best footy, that we could knock them off. We didn't perform to our best and were beaten by a very experienced and finals proven team. A great learning curve for our team.

In general, apart from the final loss, I have been proud for the most part of how the team has conducted themselves while representing the Henley Football Club.

How do we improve for next year?

I think as a Club we need to consider renumeration players, to entice likeminded players to the Club. Also, as we are aware that the oval real estate on training nights needs to be resolved to allow for proper training to occur. More volunteers are required to allow the same people to have a break from continually putting up their hands, how we can make this happen is another thing. We need more trainers to assist at training and game day which I am working on. Moving forward it is a must that the U17.5 Girls train with the Senior Women, even if it is just the top 5 best players from the previous weekend's game, or if the whole team completes the warmup session with the Senior team. We need to break down the barriers between the Junior Girls and Senior Women and these simple concepts are the beginning of the barrier breakdown.

I think a Woman's Football Sub Committee would also be ideal, this would help in delivering a high-quality Football Program and remove some stress from the people who are doing everything now!

I am looking forward to progressing further with the Senior Women in Season 2024!

"Watch this space"....

- Tim Dunbar

B Grade Womens

Coach:	Simon Barnes
Best & Fairest:	Amber Cooper
Runner Up B&F:	Immogen Dobner
Leading Goal Kicker:	Jessica Birchall
Coaches Award:	Laura Simeone
Best Team Player:	Charlotte Godlevsky
Home & Away Position:	6th



Senior Women's Football Directors' Report

2023 started with a bang - a move up to Division 1, after our Premiership Win in 2022, with two Women's teams in the fixture.

There was a hurdle finding a coach for the Women's B Grade team, but Henley Football Club, Life Member, Simon Barnes stepped up and filled the role, ensuring that both teams remained in the League and Women's footy at Henley Sharks continued to grow.

The beginning of the season was a bit tumultuous filling sides in both teams, until the SANFLW season was completed, and we got our players back. A Grade Coach, Tim Dunbar, played a huge role in bringing in new players and the Women's teams have benefitted immensely from his recruiting.

The season, overall, was successful for the A Grade, making the finals in their first Div 1 season. For the B's, there was definite improvement and those who played consistently, had fun - even in the first few weeks, with large losses, they remained upbeat and enjoyed playing footy- exactly what we would like to encourage as the Women's competition at Henley grows.

Klaudia O'Neill was the third in the Adelaide Footy League's Division 1 Best & Fairest Awards for 2023, and at 17 years old, we look forward to Klaudia's ongoing commitment to Henley Sharks. The Junior players who are coming up through the ranks are strong and we are excited by what we can see emerging - strong, passionate players!

We would like to thank Tim Dunbar and Simon Barnes for taking on the roles of coaches in 2023 and their support staff - Richard Bates, Nick Godlevsky, Brad Smythe, Troy Topp and Karl Dobner who all stepped up during the season to assist with the coaching.

Andrew Kemp, Warren Rogers, Tyson & Jemma Whittington-Charity - who did a great job running for both teams.

Christine Dunbar for taking on the role of A Grade Team Manager.

Sara Barnes for her on-going commitment to the Women's teams as the Trainer for both teams.

We are pleased to announce that Tim Dunbar will continue his role as A Grade Coach in 2024 and our past captain and player, Tracy Marks, will take on the role as B Grade Coach. We are very excited for the future of Women's Footy at Henley Sharks and we continue in Division 1 in Season 2024.

**- Zenah Elmassih & Janine Vella
Co-Female Football Directors**

Junior Director Report

2023 was another successful season for the Henley Juniors, both on and off the field.

We are always looking to improve as a club and one area the club is looking to address in 2024 is the U12 – U17.5 football department to ensure that there is clarity and guidelines in place to help support volunteers and give families an understanding of the directives given to coaches and officials. A Subcommittee of members that have been involved in both junior and senior football at Henley will be created to look at areas of the football program that need addressing.

Registration and Participation:

With the Juniors early registration process, it places us in a strong position for the upcoming season, we find this to be a very successful registration process. It allows for us to know our participation rate via confirmed registrations by the end of November. This then leads onto the knowledge of knowing how many teams and what will be required for the season ahead.

The Juniors had another successful season and with another year of expansion had the following numbers:

25 Boy team with 472 Boy participating

10 Girls teams with 175 Girls participating.

With 17 Boys and Girls teams playing in premiership grades

16 made finals

6 made the Grand Final

With 4 winning the premiership

On review of the 2023 season, it was evident how important it is to have volunteers and support for each age group by the families involved. The teams that were well prepared leading into and during the season, both in training and on game days, had a high number of volunteers supporting the coaches resulting in an enjoyable experience for the players involved and enhancing their development.

We would like to thank all involved, committee members, coaches, assistance, team managers and all who volunteer their time to help with teams, the club and all things that allow us to get a season and teams up and running every year. It takes a significant amount of time and effort from everyone involved to run the junior program, so thank you.

I look forward to another successful season in 2024.

**- Micah Williams
Junior Football Chairperson**

Junior Under 15 Boys

SANFL Juniors:	U15 Central Division 1
Position Finished:	Premiers
Coach:	Craig Herrmann
Assistant Coach:	John Martin, Mark Wakelin, Matt Hunter, Todd Schultz
Runner:	Mark Wakelin
Team Manager:	Jillian Klieve
Captain:	Tain Scott
Best & Fairest:	Lucas Martin
Runner Up B&F:	Max Perin
3rd B&F:	Connor Schultz
Best Team Person:	Campbell Hunter
Coaches Award:	Franco Esposito

Season Review:

A messy start to the U15s campaign, change of coach late in pre-season and then just before the season proper the realization that we will not be able to field 2 teams and hence had to create a Div 1 squad of 32 players presented some challenges. With these challenges front of mind the coaches put a plan in place.

- Win enough games for a double chance in finals (we finished 3rd)
- Have a fair spread of games played throughout the squad, even if it cost a few wins
- Once finals came along pick a 22 that gives us the best chance of success
- Install an effective game plan rather than rely solely on talent
- Develop a team first mantra created by Mark Wakelin our HR specialist

All these points were communicated to parents so that they understood our process. Training was focused on skill development, ball movement and fitness. Through team selection we probably lost a few games we were expected to win but as coaches we had factored this in knowing in order to give every player sufficient game time the team picked would not be strong enough to win some games which also gave an opportunity for learnings out of loses that we believe had a positive impact on the group.

I would like to thank all the assistant coaches and helpers for the work that they put in, it was all well worth it.

-Craig Herrmann

Junior Under 14 Boys

Best & Fairest:	Issac Giangregorio
Runner Up B&F:	Tate Sampson
3rd B&F:	Josiah Blanchard
Team Man:	Jackson Smith
Coaches Award:	Max Voller

Season Review:

The 2023 started with some fitness and skills sessions before Christmas, before taking a few weeks off, and then starting back up in Late January.

We slowly built up the work rate over 3 months which resulted in the boys putting together a solid Pre-Season trying to build and improve their fitness and skill levels from the year before. We created the DR HENLE values and everyone agreed that this was the way forward.

The acronym DR HENLE stood for Discipline, Respect, Honesty, Enjoyment (of working hard) Never give in, Leadership, and Enjoyment (enjoying team success)

I think we can say that some players fully embraced the DR HENLE values and loved what it all meant, some partially embraced it, and some didn't embrace it at all.

And in a team sport unless you have everyone fully buying into, and wanting to be part of the process, team success is hard to come by.

The win/loss ratio is not what we wanted, with a large gap between our best and worst football, however the win loss ratio was not the goal for the year. Getting the players to play as a team, with a team first attitude, with team and individual discipline, while learning a game plan and their roles within that plan, was the real goal for the season.

We had some success in these areas, especially with the last 6 games of year when players started to better understand what was required, and we played some great team footy, pushing Payneham & Broadview all the way in a couple of very close losses and then ending our season with 3 wins in a row.

The last game of the year we treated as our "Grand Final" which saw us play the top of the table Golden Grove at Shark Park. Even with some players out, we played our best game of the year and came away with a win over Golden Grove who went on to win the premiership.

Golden Grove only had one player missing from their team on the day, so this shows what can be done when everyone wants to play as a team, plays their role in the team, and has a team first attitude. It was a fantastic way to finish off the season.

The voting for awards was very close over a dozen or so players, all names that worked hard on the training track, did extra work away from the club and consistently turned up to training and games with great attitudes.

A quick thank you to Dominos, Captain Chicken, Foodland Henley Beach, The Spare Room and Bakers Delight for their support of the weekly awards that they provided for the boys throughout the season.

And a massive thank you to all our team officials and other volunteers.

Kym Waldeck for being our runner all year, inspiring him to take up running away from footy again.

Jason Johansen for all the massive amount of work that goes on in the background as team manager, making the coaches' jobs easy.

Bubba Tropeano, Darren Voller, and Matthew Smith, who every week mastered the Ground Marshall, Timekeeper and Boundary ump tasks.

Melissa Dryden, Deb Martin, and Stefan Thomas for their important roles as First Aiders.

Leith "Lethal" Forrest and Greg "Hawkey" Hawke for helping myself and the boys out by sharing their footy knowledge, helping with drills at training and for all the match day planning, match ups, positional moves, and player rotations. And to all the other parents who helped from time to time, thank you.

And for those that are thinking of playing again next year, start working to improve your fitness and ball skills now...don't wait, as the under 15's is another step up in physical fitness, physical intensity, skill level and game understanding.

Junior Under 13 Boys Div 1

SANFL Juniors: U13 Central Division 1
Position finished: Runner Up
Coach: Troy Topp
Assistant Coaches: Alex Crisa

Team Manager: Kristen Rawlings
Runner: Kirsty Rawlings

Captain: Brett Burton
James Black
Harrison Webb
James Burton
Leo Tredrea
Oliver Tape

Best & Fairest: Harrison Webb
(also League U13 Div 1 Best and Fairest)

Runner Up B&F: Nathan Trotter
(also League U13 Div 1 Runner Up Best and Fairest)

2nd Runner Up B&F: Jude Rawlings
Best Team Person: Louis Black
Coaches Award: Aston Jefferies

Season Review:

Preseason numbers were good, and we had a total of 34 to 40 U13 Boys Mid- February like the previous year in the U12 age group. The pre-season was run as one group with identification of development improvement in the whole squad identifying 30 players capable of playing Div 1 for their footy out of a squad of 47.

There was a total of 32 U12 boys play in the Div 1 team all playing 2 or more games in the Div 1 team. A roster type of plan was communicated to the players and parents and players were matched to opposition teams that suited their development also. Both Div 1 and Div 4 teams were aligned with the basic game plan as both teams had limited tall players. Player individual plans were also set to ensure that development was tailored to the players best interest when placing in positions in Div 1 and Div 4. This was worked out with Mark Lambert the Div 4 Coach as the approach was what was best for the individual's football at the time.

It was identified that there were approximately 16 midfielders that needed development time in the midfield so a 4-group midfield rotation plan was set up. Rotations in Div 1 occurred every 6 minutes with 2 players rotating in the front half and 2 players rotating in the in the back half.

The Div 1 team played an exciting attacking style of football that attacked the middle of the ground and moved the ball fast. Basic transition from the back line to the open side of the ground was also introduce to this age group. The Div 1 team finished on top of the ladder after the home and away season and only lost the first game of the season. The Div 1 boys played very much as a selfless team all year and were a very team orientated group. The boys performed well winning the first final heading straight into the grand final against Tea Tree Gully winning 12:11 83 to 4:5 29 after narrowly losing to them back in Round 1. The Grand Final was a close game and the U13 Div 1 boys started slow but finished strong but although having more of the football and inside 50s were not able to win the game. The Div 1 U13 Boys lost the Grand Final to Walkerville 6:4 40 to 4:8 32.

The Div 4 was also successful in making finals what was great that the whole squad again got to experience finals football again although were not fortunate enough to win and were beaten in the first game. The two divisions I feel certainly works for player development at this level as was seen in the previous year with the Div 1 and Div 3 U12s in 2022.

The learnings we need to consider for U13s from a club point from this year were as follows:

- Preseason Skills – there is an enormous range of skills at U13 level and those that trained with the summer skills sessions improved more than those that did not participate.
- The roster situation worked well with the boys in Div 1 knowing that there were 32 players who could potentially improve their football by playing in a higher Div 1 competition.
- Training with the preparation of game situations where to run based on positions with the parents assisting was especially important and assisted players in setting up for stoppages, kick ins, and ball movement around the ground again.
- As there were 32 players that can play Div 1 and this is likely to remain similar in 2024 as players in this age group all develop at different rates, I think that keeping both squads training together in the preseason and 1 night a week in the normal season is beneficial for this group going forward.

I would like to thank Mark Lambert for his work with coaching the Div 4 team and supporting the whole group of U13s. Mark and I discussed weekly the players in both teams to ensure we had the best fit for individuals and this assisted with the movement of the players between the teams so we could improve both areas of their games and understand their state of mind to build player confidence.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Alex Crisa (Assistant Coach) who has fantastic football knowledge, assisted with trainings and was exceptional at managing rotations on game day to ensure players were involved equally in games that were one sided and helped with player development. I would also like to thank Kristen Rawlings who helped on game days on the bench to assist with building players game knowledge and confidence. Brett Burton and James Black were great in their assistance with being the Runners on game days and sharing knowledge in games working with individuals to help their development also. To add to the thank you list I would like to include Andrew Kemp and Andrew Beersworth were all great in assisting with training with the boys all year.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Kirsty Rawlings, Aaron Tuckfield, Kirsty Ross, Phil Ross, and Nikki Foureur who were exceptional team managers and coordinators with their organisation and communication not only on game days but also with many other activities throughout the year. We were also very fortunate to have a great group of parents always willing to help which I think is fantastic for the whole U13 group.

- Troy Topp

Junior Under 13 Boys Div 4

Firstly, I would like to thank all the players that played this year, we had 30 play in the Div4 side for the year.

All players made sure by wearing the Henley jumper we tried our hardest, showed sportsmanship and respect every week at training and game day.

It was good to reach the finals, but slightly disappointed by losing the elimination final. Looking forward to next year by continuing to improve skills and fitness to also be a part of the finals next year.

With Troy Topp's (coach of under 13 Blue team) lead and direction we were able to keep both under 13 teams together as much as possible, with training together all thru the pre-season and once a week during the season, thus allowing a great player bond/relationship to develop with all the players. Which puts the club in a good position in the years to come.

We had many players that played in both the White and Blue teams which is good for game development.

On the coaching and support side:

Thanks to Aaron Tuckfield for the assistance during the year.

Thanks to Troy Topp for his massive dedication and passion that he puts towards developing the players in both teams, without his time invested this year I'm sure both the White and Blue teams would not have gone as far they did into the finals.

To Nikki Foureur our Team Manager a big thank you for all the work you did throughout the year, nothing was ever any trouble for you to do.

To Andrew Kemp, Brett Leonard, and Andrew Beerworth thanks for all your help, certainly makes the coach's job easier when you have assistant coaches and runners all willing to help every week at both training sessions and on game day.

Thanks to our regular Judd Crawford on the boundary and Dave Payne as ground Marshall, also thanks to all the parents who helped regularly during the season with the game day duties that were required.

- Mark Lambert

Junior Girls Report

Under 9 & Under 11 Girls – Non-Premiership

**Whilst they do not play for premiership points, coaches focus on building skills and teamwork.*

Our club objectives for these junior girls teams include:

- Support and encouragement of all players (particularly the new players to the team/club)*
- Skill development*
- Focus on the importance of teamwork*
- Understanding basic positions - Forward line/ Midfield /Back line set up.*
- Even rotations for all players through Forward / Midfield / Back*
- Good sportsmanship on and off the field*
- Most importantly, fun and enjoyment.*

Teams included:

Under 9 - Blue

Coach: Ella Clogg & Gemma Lowick
Team Manager: Felicity Cory

Excited to have two current Henely Sharks players coaching this season. It was a great success!

Under 11 - White

Coach: Lee Pastyn
Team Manager: Jess Cummings

Best and Fairest Amari Cummings
Runner up B&F Peyton Almstetter
3rd B&F Cleo Paterson
Best team player Kirbee Pastyn
Coaches Award Alexis Cummings

Under 11 - Blue

Coach: Wayne Mildren
Team Manager: Conor Holmes

Best and Fairest Chloe Mildren
Runner up B&F Wren Rahilly
3rd B&F Addison Holmes
Best team player Reilly Hunter
Coaches Award Ava Parker

Under 13 Girls – Premiership Grades

Coaches focus on building skills and teamwork – significant interest in the age group which resulted in a total of 60 players within Under 13 age group.

Teams included:

Under 13 Girls - Division One

Coach: Trintan Delmenico
Assistant Coach: Justin Bishop
Runner: Chad Robertson
Team Manager: Sean Toohey

Played in the final series – finishing second.

Best and Fairest Ruby Rose
Runner up B&F Mercy Walsh
3rd B&F Evie Martin
Best team player Zoe Santos
Coaches Award Monique Cannata

Under 13 - Division Two

Coach: Sally O'Hara
Team Manager: Zoe Bishop

Best and Fairest Indigo Shreeve
Runner up B&F Zali Pitman
3rd B&F Leni Burgoyne
Best team player Nicole Seaman
Coaches Award Grace Stephens

Under 15 Girls – Division One **Premiership Winners!**

Coach: Mick Axon
Team Manager: Cory Simpson

Best and Fairest Julia Faulkner
Runner up B&F Lucy Moore
3rd B&F Georgie Fielder
Best team player Abby Aldridge
Coaches Award Cleo Simpson

Under 15 Girls – Division Four

Coach:	Nathan Broadbent
Assistant Coach:	Tim Riley
Runner:	Jesse Virgo
Team Manager:	Kelly Thomas
Best and Fairest	Lara Harsanyi
Runner up B&F	Ava Martino
3rd B&F	Chloe Riley
Best team player	Grace Robinson
Coaches Award	Chloe Riley

Under 17.5 Girls – Division 3

Coach:	Ben Lowick
Assistant Coach:	
Runner:	
Team Manager:	
Best and Fairest	Gemma Lowick
Runner up B&F	Felicity Ward
3rd B&F	Mia Smith
Best team player	Hannah McFarlane
Coaches Award	Holly Moritz

This group were a pleasure to coach this year and made it a thoroughly enjoyable experience coaching footy for the first time. Well done to them for a great year and should be really proud of getting through to the prelim final.

Congratulations to all the girls that took home awards for the year and Lara Harsanyi who took out the U15 Div 4 SANFL Association medal.

Big thanks to all the parent helpers through the year.

Under 17.5 Girls – Division 1 – Premiership Winners!

Coach:	Matt Robran
Runner:	Kayla Robran & Stuart Blades
Team Manager:	Dana Kempster
Best and Fairest	Georgie Blades
Runner up B&F	Hayley Conlon
3rd B&F	Zoe Guo
Best team player	Lara Mellow
Coaches Award	Ella Godlevsky

Junior Under 12 Boys

SANFL Juniors:	U12 Division 1
Position finished:	9th out of 9
Coach	Michael Di Biase
Team Manager	Nicole Jones
Runner	Matt Lokan
Best & Fairest	Zak Gee
Runner Up B&F	Jayden Jones
Best Team Players	Hugo Wakelin
Coaches Award	Jack Onley

Season Review:

We started pre season with 48 players , 6 of those were new players. The other 42 players had played at the club but half of these players had never played football together. So pre season was about getting to know each other to start with.

During pre season it was noticeable to me that there were boys there that took their football seriously and for others it was a place to have a kick muck around and have a bit of fun. After Christmas we introduced a second training session for those boys that wanted to take their football seriously while still having fun. This was a squad of about 28. These training sessions for myself were much easier to manage.

Going into the season I didn't realise until we started playing games that we didn't have a lot of height and for the first half of the season the boys still were getting to know each other and how each individual played the game .

As the season went on we played players in positions where we thought it would be best for their development. Doing this was successful as I believe there was a vast improvement in the second half of the season with players playing in the same position from week to week they seemed to gel better and learn how to play that position rather than getting thrown around so to speak.

With players coming on and off the bench during the quarter , I feel didn't work as the quarters were 15mins long, so the players only had 7mins on the field , and sometimes it wasn't long enough to get a kick.

At u12 level the boys can only kick 30 metres and when under pressure only really 20 metres. When we changed it to a whole quarter sitting on the bench then a whole quarter on the field playing this gave the player more time to get involved in the game and was much better for the players development and also easier to manage.

We ended up playing around 32 players in the div 1 team which I thought was a good outcome. Thanks to Bash coming on board coaching the div 3 team we spoke every week about how certain players were going which assisted in the movement of players from div 3 to div 1.

Nicole Jones was excellent as a team manager not only did she manage the team but at a short time during the start of the season she had to manage myself, so a big thankyou to her.

A big thing that this group has to get better at is their skills, mainly kicking !! I thought we lacked that the most comparing to other teams.

There was no question about the boys endeavour, they tried really, really hard. If we can sharpen our skills up and be cleaner with the ball , the group will be very competitive in the season of 24. A couple of tall players would certainly help as well :)

- Michael Di Biase

In Season 2023 we fielded 27 teams from Under 8s to Opens. 9 teams competed in the Finals with 6 teams progressing to the Grand Final. We had 4 Grand Final victories which is a record high for Sharks Netball. No matter the results and numbers of Premierships we congratulate all our 27 teams for great Seasons.

We continue to work with Henley High to resurface the Cudmore Terrace courts and make them a safe space for our players and the entire Association. We thank Liam Golding who has submitted various grants to assist with financing the project along with the support of Paul Caica and Rod Hill. There have been multiple complaints and many injuries this Season and we can no longer play on our courts in their current state. We are hoping work will begin early in 2024 in readiness for the Winter Season.

We also hope to secure 2 more courts in the near future allowing us the growth required to eliminate our always lengthy waitlist.

We also continue to work with the City of Charles Sturt to achieve the long team goal of netball courts at the football oval.

We thank our dedicated committee who work tirelessly to make this Club a success:

- **Dwayne Illies** – Director
- **Debbie Sanders** – Secretary
- **Chantal Rainsford** – Treasurer
- **Kim Hunter** – Registrar
- **Kate Williams** – Coach Coordinator
- **Renata Heintze** – Umpire Coordinator

We thank our major sponsor Bendigo Bank with support from Ous Property.

We also thank and appreciate our coaches who dedicate so much time and effort into helping our players develop along with the managers who support them. Thank you to our parents, supporters, committee helpers and of course our fantastic playing group both Senior and Junior!

- Debbie Samders

Sponsorship Report

I would like to start by thanking all of our Valued Sponsors for their unwavering support across the 2023 Season.

Our Major Sponsor - The Ramsgate Hotel has committed to a longer-term deal and continues to be a proud major sponsor and a major supporter of the Sharks. During the year we held our first Sponsors event for major sponsors at the Ramsgate and the day was a great success.

Thank you to all concerned for committing to support the Sharks!

There were also some new businesses who joined the Sharks sponsors this year, we welcomed the following businesses:

- BBQ Adelaide Weber Store– Thank you Barnsey!
- Perks – Thanks James for jumping on board
- Robert Oatley Wines and the Lane Vineyard – Welcome aboard David
- SR Signs – A great partner
- Stella Restaurant – Annie and Animesh are a pleasure to work with!
- Guardian Insurance – Thanks for coming on board

Highlights:

- Sponsors like Eadon Home loans, Symons and Clark, Mainfreight and Ous property for all assisting to support our men's pre-season kits
- As sponsorship continues to evolve we had our first major sponsored initiative at the club on game day this year – "LIT FOOTY" thanks to BBQ Adelaide Weber Store. Those that came along were treated to great American Style Burgers, Sliders and even the old Aussie sausage got a gig! A very big thank you to the Barnes Family (Troy and Nat) as well as Jared Shattock from West end for donating product and time. The day was an outstanding success and it will be back bigger and better in 2024!!
- Scott from SR signs has been an absolute legend this year! Scott came on board at the start of the year and has been not only great to work with but also adds so much value to our signage at the club.
- The Continual support from Sponsors like Chad (Robertson Bros Electrical) and Adam (Stoke Fireplaces) who invested time and money to put up new heaters in the veranda area.
- Bendigo Bank continue to support and drive our Netball program. Matt continues to be a strong supporter of the Sharks netball program.

To all the sponsors below – Thank you for supporting the Sharks!

Below is a list of sponsors who supported the club in 2023:

- RAMSGATE HOTEL
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- BELGRAVIA APPARREL
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- DR SPRIGGINS ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON
- SENTURION STEEL SUPPLIES
- ZANTE GREEK RESTAURANT

The list above of businesses and people that support our club so please support them when you can! They all commit time and money to support the Sharks and their donations go into the whole club to make it as strong as we can make it. Also if you are in their business tell them you're a Sharks member/player/fan/parent – I am sure they would appreciate hearing it.

The Henley Sharks has become not only one of Adelaide's largest community sporting clubs it is also an important part of the Henley community and is always willing to help out local businesses – so if you know someone that owns a business and should be involved write to me at sponsorship@henleysharks.com.au

Finally, as we head into 2024, I would like to advise that Mainfreight has just elevated its sponsorship to that of Major - joining the Ramsgate as major sponsors of the Henley Sharks.

**- David Haskard
HFC Sponsorship Officer**

Yearly Social Media Report

FACEBOOK:

- 153 thousand people reached in the last 90 days this is an 171% increase from last years results
- 6.4k interactions this is a 33% increase from last years
- 136 posts for the season with 14 stories
- 130 new followers on Facebook

INSTAGRAM:

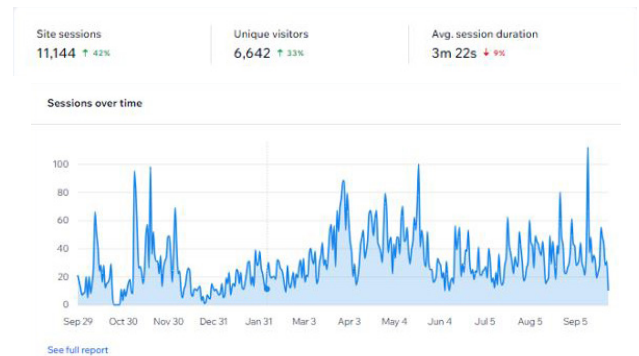
- 5 thousand profile visits reaching 3.9 thousand people this is a 47.7 increase from last year
- 246 new Instagram followers this is a 423% increase
- Seeing massive development from last year looking to continue this in 2024

WEBSITE PERFORMANCE OVER THE LAST 365 DAYS:

- Seen a massive increase in traffic due to the implementation of Search engine optimization making the website easy to find, mostly mobile viewers on google more facts listed below.



TRAFFIC OVERVIEW:



New vs returning visitors



Sessions by device



Sessions by traffic source



Avg. sessions by day



- Ben Haskard

Social Committee Report

Our 2023 Committee included representation from

Men's Football Teams:

Dan W Marg L
Corey G Linda T
Mel E Vicki L
Jo E

Women's Football Teams:

Charlotte
Jess B
Janine V

Netball Teams:

Jas O

Junior Committee:

Jess C

When drawing up our social calendar early this year our committee aimed to encourage the various groups within the club to be involved by running an event and encouraging as many people as possible to attend.

The Junior Committee were off and running organising a Sunday Family Day pre-season which was supported by senior players and the Henley Heroes running the outside bar.

To kick off the season Dan and Corey organised the South Ave iPod Shuffle Night which is always a popular event.

This was followed the next week by our annual Ladies Day. The function was sold out with attendance from all groups within the club!

Our Sharks' Ball attracted 170 people and was held at the Marion Hotel with live band 'The Wild Yaks' performing.

The women's football teams organised a Karaoke Night which proved a big hit revealing some previously unknown talents within the club!

Other successful functions included:

Tongue n Cheek Band Night, The Shark Fest (not Coachella) DJ Night, and Showdown /Acoustic Night with local musician Jackson Fazzalari performing.

It was heartening to see players and supporters embracing these events throughout the season.

Our committee strongly believes we need to further encourage all groups across the senior and junior football and netball club to embrace and support the one club mantra!

**- Vicki Lawless
(on behalf of the Social Committee)**

Life Members Report

Our Henley Heroes Committee worked extremely well and handed the Club \$25,000 for Season 2023.

We are fortunate to have a great team, Treasurer: Andrew (Jock) Philcox, IT Consultant: Adam Keenan, Merchandise Coordinator: Cam Prince and Tireless Workers, Paul (Stinga) Reichstein and Greg Lawless. Thanks Guys!

We are very grateful to our Sponsors, AZCON HOMES, OUS PROPERTIES, LOCKLEYS HOTEL, HENLEY FENCING, REILLYS WINES and MCMAHON SERVICES for their continuous monetary support.

To our generous Lucky Square home game Sponsors BBQ INN, CHICCO PALMS, THAI ORCHID, BACCUS WINE BAR, CHEEKY GREEK and ESTIA we thank you all.

Your vouchers certainly make the selling of our Lucky Squares a lot easier because of your fabulous dining.

The HH Luncheon was once again a great success with Guest Speakers: Matthew Nicks, Marty Mattner, and MC Andrew Capel.

Special thanks to WEST END, Jarrod Shattock and REILLY WINES, Justin Ardill and TOTAL TOOLS, Greg Heath for your contribution.

The HH CAN DAYS proved very popular again and thanks to Kym Metcalfe, Dave Nicol, and Andrew Pierson for assisting.

To all 246 HH Financial Members 2023 - WELL DONE.

We would like to Congratulate Patrick Hillard on taking out THE BOB ENRIGHT HH MVP 2023 MEDAL.

PAT reversed the result with TOM PILLION in the HFC PETER ARDILL 2023 Best and Fairest AWARD with brother JACK PILLION 3rd in both Medals. Well done, Guys.

Reunions of Premierships 1973,1983 and 1993 were held in August and was a great day organised by Phil Burgess.

- Phil Cole
Chairman of Henley Life Members
President of Henley Heroes

VALE GARY CLARKE - LIFE MEMBER

Passed away 18th February 2023, aged 71 years after a long battle with cancer.

Gary came over with the amalgamation of the Henley High Old Scholars and played many years through the Grades before becoming a Life Member of the Henley Football Club in 1986.

Clarkey was a Painter and Decorator and very much a Handyman. He was very well known throughout the Henley District and had no trouble finding local jobs, in fact he never advertised his business.

Gary did lots of work at the Club as a volunteer and painted our chimney Blue and White after our inaugural Division 1 Premiership in 2010. He joined the Henley Heroes at their inception in 2014 and was often seen at the Club supporting his beloved Sharks.

Gary will be always remembered and missed by his many friends within the Henley Family.



VALE BOB PIERSON

13.9.1931 - 26.4.2023

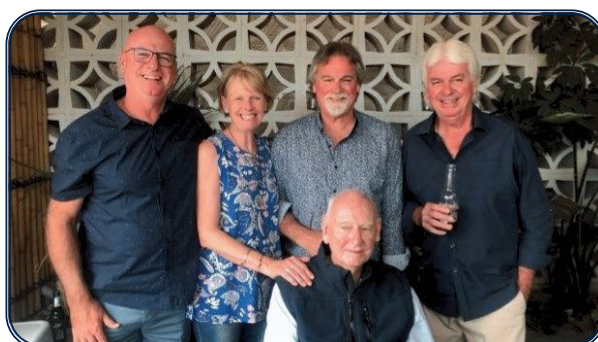
It is with great sadness that we farewellled Bob Pierson - Patriarch of the Henley Football and Netball Club's 'PIERSON FAMILY':

Bob, a former Teacher and Principal of a number of Schools, was a man who influenced the lives of many - none more than his own children. Andrew, Geoff, Dianne and Wayne.

His fine character, high work ethic, strong values and love of sport enabled his own family to develop into successful people, who too, have contributed greatly to their local communities.

Bob Pierson's Legacy lives on in the entire Pierson family - his children, his grand children and great grand children. They are highly respected and fabulous Members of the Henley Sharks community.

Rest In Peace Bob.



We were saddened by the passing of Life Members: JIM VASILEFF, HH MEMBER ALAN WATSON, and DEAN HICKS: past player, 1954 Premiership player and long time supporter of the football club.

Jim Vasileff



Alan Watson



Dean Hicks



Also, with great sadness, the passing of Mark King – Mark had a huge influence on the club from 1987 until his passing on Friday 6 October. He held the positions of Junior Football Director and Henley Club Chairman. He was granted life membership of his beloved Sharks after a 4-year stint as Club Chairman in 2011. He continued to support and work behind the scenes.









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