



HENLEY SHARKS CLUB

2021

**ANNUAL REPORT  
& YEAR BOOK**





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# President

It is an absolute pleasure to present my 2021 President's Report. The Henley Football and Netball Club continues to grow and provide our local community with upgraded facilities and programs that allow young people the opportunity to play team sport and develop life skills in a family friendly environment. Of course, without the many volunteers our Club has, this would not be possible – To you we are Truly Grateful! As the Club continues to expand we seek the support of more people to volunteer their time, skills, knowledge and business acumen to make the Sharks even better.

In 2021 we had over a 1000 Registered Players involved in our Football and Netball Programs.

This year the Senior Football program was led by Vinnie Rugolo who played many SANFL games for the Eagles and Port Adelaide. He was a member of our division 1 Premiership Team in 2010. Vinnie built on the previous year's success and brought energy, enthusiasm and new ideas that allowed our very young team to grow and play some exciting football. He was supported by Assistants Josh Miller, Stephan Jarman and B Grade Coach Stefan Priesley, with his very young team playing off in the Grand Final.

Bryan Birchall coached our C Grade Team to a 'Back to Back' Premiership. Gary Ashton coached our newly formed D Grade Team. His ability to communicate, organize and inspire this group allowed them to play off in the Grand Final. Our Women's Team was well coached by Des O'dwyer, after appointed coach Dale Woodhardt resigned early in the season and their progress to play in the Grand Final augers well for the coming years. The Over 35 Team was again coached by Brad 'Boomer' Rainsford. Not only did they enjoy their football they once again supported the Club by enjoying a Thursday Night Meal and cooking the home day BBQ.

A huge 'Thanks' to All these people and their support staff, for their efforts!

Congratulations to Micah Williams, Craig Hermmann and Danielle Robran for ensuring the Junior Football Teams were so well organised. Twelve of their Teams competed in the final series for 3 Premierships. Our Netball teams were expertly coordinated by Kate Williams and Debbie Sanders. These people and their respective Committees give up so much of their time to ensure children from within the district have the best opportunities to enjoy their sport and be successful.

Off Field - The Management Committee worked tirelessly to ensure the Club ran effectively and efficiently. These people are the 'Unsung Heroes' who give up numerous hours of their personal time because they Care about the Sharks. We had a couple of new members on the Committee in 2021 – Janine Vella, Paul Sibley and Lorraine O'Dwyer who all made fine contributions to the Club. Kym Metcalfe and Dave Nicol 'stepped up' and did a huge job to assist our new Bar Manager Ange Vecchio. Our other committee members continued to amaze with the many new tasks they took on as well!

Other groups within the Club continued to flourish and add to the financial wellbeing of the Club. Our Sponsorship Director David Haskard continued to work extremely hard and managed all Sponsorship for the Club in 2021. I take this opportunity to thank him, the sponsors and their businesses for their contribution in both cash and services and encourage All Members to support them at every opportunity. The Henley Heroes again did an outstanding job in raising money for the Club and have contributed nearly \$150,000 in the eight years they've existed. Our sincere thanks to their committee and especially Trevor Sampson who initiated this group and has been a tireless worker for the Sharks.

Once again, the Glams and Players did a good job of organising Social Events but were unfortunately hampered by the continuation of Covid19 restrictions. These people will bounce back in 2022 when these are lifted. Kathleen Brooks and Ange Vecchio have provided services to the Club via the Canteen and Bar. I only hope that Members respect these people as they have the 'best interest of the Club at heart' and do their very best!

At this stage I would like to acknowledge the magnificent service Peter Lawrence has given to the Club, as Bar Manager, for the past 4 years. His decision to finish at the beginning of the season created an opportunity for the Club to reorganise aspects of the Bar. The Henley Football and Netball Club is a Community Club that offers a service to its members, but also has a responsibility to respect the rights of the residents who live close to the Club. Opening and closing hours need to reflect this and we make no apologies for changes to these. I also wish to thank those many organisations, businesses and people who have supported our Club from within the Community. Especially the following - Matt Cowdrey, Local Member for Colton, continues to be a great supporter of initiatives 'put forward' by the Club. I also acknowledge the support our Henley Council Ward Members, Kenzie van den Nieuwelaar and Paul Sykes, give to the Sharks. The City of Charles Sturt and their employees also do much to support us in the provision of facilities for our use.

Although there are many people who have worked 'bloody' hard for the Club this year there are two in particular I wish to give special recognition. Wayne Pierson took on the role of Senior Football Director and embraced this position with his usual passion and enthusiasm. He worked long hours and no task was too onerous for him to tackle. He worked closely with the Coaches and League, did the registrations on many occasions and just committed to anything to help the Club. As a two-time Club Champion in previous years, he was awarded the Graham Hill Trophy for Outstanding Service to his beloved Sharks.

Wayne Richards joined the Committee in 2020 and has proven to be 'worth his weight in gold.' His experience in the business world and amazing work ethic has raised the bar at Henley. Wayne took on the role of Treasurer and continued to be the B Grade Team Manager this year. He was at the Club every day either sanitising 'His office,' Bean Counting, hanging his beloved B Grade guernseys on coat hangers or coming up with an idea to upgrade an aspect of the Club.

These two Wayne's deserve all the accolades they receive and are a fine example of True Club People. In finishing I acknowledge we have lots to do to continue to aspire to be the best Football Club on the Western side of Town. But with such a great group of volunteers, supporters and players anything is achievable.

**- Rod Hill**  
**HFC President**

**GO YOU SHARKS!**

# Treasurer

2021 was again a challenging COVID19 year.

Changes were implemented to improve the financial underpinnings of the Club. These changes reduced the impact of the challenges that continued to effect on the Club's finances.

## The 2021 YTD (January – October) movement in Equity:

Change in Equity	
Opening Balance	\$290,226
Current Year Earnings	\$(115,114)
Total Equity	\$175,111

An Operating Loss of \$111,137 includes payments totalling \$155,152 towards the New Lighting Program at both Shark Park and Henley High School. A further payment of \$13,750 was made to the Federal Government to repay a Grant received but not realised by the Club.

Significant changes in Bar Operations, albeit with increased costs, with an emphasis on improved service, improvements on product standards, increased stock holding and lots of work contributed to slight increase in Sales.

Henley Heroes outstanding and greatly appreciated donation of \$25,000 was unprecedented during the COVID era. Just as strong was the Social Club donation of \$5,538. Without such support our Club would suffer significant pressure.

Our Club would also struggle without our Sponsors and Donors. Their generous donations in both funds and in-kind underpinned the Club's success. (An increase in 26% to \$28,185). We thank our Sponsorship Manager, David Haskard. His skill, knowledge and utter determination combined with great commitment and relentless focus is recognised and his unsalaried labour of success, acknowledged.

Club Membership was introduced in 2021 and was a successful trial for what will become a future Club participant requirement. Net Club Membership income will be quarantined and will contribute to the new Club Improvement Fund (CIP).

Changes to the purchase and availability of Club Merchandise were made, and there was an improvement in Sales of 57%. Further rationalisation of items and a new whole-of-Club Supplier arrangement will benefit in reducing costs in 2022.

The WTDCC continues to Rent the Club for 6 months during our off season and supports our annual overheads. We thank them for their continued support.

A comprehensive review of all Overheads is underway, with either increased benefits or reduced costs or both being implement prior to the beginning of Season 2022. Some changes in suppliers are already finalised.

The Year of Change – 2021 was considered a starting point for a new era at the Club. We are no longer a local footy club. We are a significant Community Club encompassing more than 1000 participants. We need to recognise our contribution to the local community, but more importantly the absolute enjoyment participation in sport brings to not only our players, but our Families, Friends and Supporters across both Netball and Football. Our Club has an untapped opportunity to become a fundamental significant Club in the Western Suburbs.

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Our growth has quashed business as usual. In the short term, we will leverage the new Women's Changerooms and the Best Lighting in Adelaide at a Community Club to create new revenue opportunities. We will also continue to invest in our facilities. New LED Scoreboard, refurbishment of the original Changerooms, including new wet areas, floor coverings and player storage. Improvements to the Canteen, Improvements to Carpark Access and Lighting. Updating the coaches' boxes. And in the Longer term a completely new building to reflect the continuing Growth and increased diversity of usage our Club will bring.

**- Wayne Richards**  
**HFC Treasurer**





<b>Captain:</b>	James Lean
<b>Vice-Captain:</b>	Ben Lodge
<b>Coach:</b>	Vinnie Rugolo
<b>Assistant Coach:</b>	Josh Miller / Stephan Jarman
<b>Team Runner:</b>	Damien Cardone
<b>Team Manager:</b>	Oliver Miller
<b>Best &amp; Fairest:</b>	Tim Broadbent
<b>Runner Up B&amp;F:</b>	Jack Enright
<b>Best Team Man:</b>	Jack Calabro
<b>Coaches Award:</b>	James Lean
<b>Most Improved:</b>	Jack West
<b>Leading Goal Kicker:</b>	Tom Pillion
<b>Home &amp; Away Position:</b>	5th Place 9 wins & 1 draw, 8 losses

## Coaches Season Summary:

Coming into this year as my first year as head coach of the Henley Football Club was a huge honor. The playing group set out on night one of pre-season with a real appetite to work hard and to continue to improve each session. I was confident with some new additions into the squad of Sean Baker and Pat Sinor to go with the growth of the young group. We thought this would help fill the gap left by several experienced players who retired the previous year which is shown with the football club having an average age of 20.6 years across all senior teams.

The beginning of the year we started really strong with a 4-1-1draw start. Our football was just as we had trained all preseason with a strong emphasis on playing quick through the middle of the ground and pressure on the ball carrier giving our opposition little time with the ball. We then hit a real speed hump through the middle part of the year losing 6 in a row where basic skill errors hampered our opportunities and made us look far and wide for ways to generate that confidence and flair again.

It was the Glenunga game at home where we came up against a superior team that was the turning point. The team galvanized together to push a team on the top of their game to play their best football to beat us. We didn't come away with the win here, but it set us up for the last 5 games where we won 4 of them. I was pleased that the group showed some resilience that showed through in 2 of our wins in the last 3 games where we came from behind in the last quarter to record victories.

I'd like to thank the team for the solid effort this year and their willingness to continue to learn and improve. I'd also like you extend my sincere thanks to the entire coaching team across the club especially my assistant coaches Josh Miller and Stefan Jarman. A congratulations to the B's, C's and D- Grade teams on their successes of making it through to Grand finals with the C-Grade successful in their pursuits. To Rod Hill, Wayne Pierson and the committee the work that they did week in week out to assist me and the football team to prepare and perform does not go unnoticed.

## There were some milestone games this year which the guys should be really proud of...

- Tim Broadbent (150 Games)
- Jack Enright (100 Games)

Congratulations also to Tim Broadbent and Tom Pillion on selection into the team of the year.

It wasn't the season that we had planned when I set out at the beginning of pre-season with the team, but I believe it sets up a great springboard for us to move into the new year. With some guys coming back from long term injuries and we will look to add some speed into the midfield and a proven goal kicker forward to give us a great chance to get back to playing finals football.

**- Vinnie Rugolo**

# B Grade Mens

<b>Captain:</b>	Jake Butterfield
<b>Vice-Captain:</b>	Luke Gray
<b>Coach:</b>	Stephan Priesley
<b>Assistant Coach:</b>	Chris Rosewall/ Jamie Butterfield
<b>Team Runner:</b>	Peter King
<b>Team Manager:</b>	Wayne Richards
<b>Best &amp; Fairest:</b>	Brett Dobson
<b>Runner Up B&amp;F:</b>	Brandyn Galletti
<b>Best Team Man:</b>	Joel Metcalfe
<b>Coaches Award:</b>	Griffin Evans
<b>Most Improved:</b>	Ben Haskard
<b>Leading Goal Kicker:</b>	Malachai Ahmatt-Lovett
<b>Best In Finals:</b>	Joey Stevens
<b>Home &amp; Away Position:</b>	2nd 15-3
<b>Result:</b>	Runner up

## Coaches Season Summary:

2021 we lost 13 players from our 2020 Premiership team to either country footy, joining the army, not playing at all, work commitments or injuries so it was going to be a year where we would develop the younger players that came up from the 18's the year before. I thought that we did that really well. We played 51 players this year and 20 of those players either were 18's from 2020, still eligible for 17.5's at the footy club or played in the Eagles 18's premiership side in 2021. Of the 20 we had 8 play in the grand final side which is massive for the future of the footy club.

Next year we will have even more younger players come into senior footy from the 17.5's What we need to do is try and fast track these players so we can have better depth in the A Grade.

This year was very enjoyable from a coaching point as I watched these young men grow not just as footballers but as men and we played some fantastic footy throughout the year. Unfortunately, we weren't able to get the fairytale ending that we had wanted. But the lads should be proud of what they achieved this year.

As I said last year the standard of footy in Div 2R is quite poor. This year was probably worse than last year.

We had Henley and Old Iggies as the 2 standout sides and really it was daylight to 3rd. I am hoping that the likes of SHOC's, Broadview, Phos and the sides coming down Uni and Unley get some depth as the lads to continue their development need some competition to get the best out of their footy. If we are playing sides that are not as strong then their development especially under pressure will be stifled.

The footy club is judged on the results of the A grade. Yes, whilst it is fantastic that the B grade, C Grade and D Grade played in Grand Finals and the C grade having the success Henley Footy Club is only judged by what the A Grade do. I have all the confidence that Vinnie can get the club to Div 1 in 2023 and have that success that the players deserve.

What we need to do is bridge the gap from the A Grade to the B Grade and have 40 players able to have a big impact in the A Grade than what we have at the moment.

I am so proud of the footy the B grade played and how much the players came on as the year went and I have no doubt that we can go 1 step better next year. We have some really exciting footballers coming through the club and it makes next year even more exciting. With new players joining the club, players coming back from injury, it really sets 2022 up as an exciting year for the footy club.

I would like to thank the footy club and the committee for their support this year. I would also like to thank my assistants and all the support staff that we have. We wouldn't have been able to do what we did without the support of everyone throughout the footy club.

Cheers

**- Stef**

**Captain:** Tom Reichstein  
Nicholas Meiers  
**Vice-Captains:** Daniel Wilksch  
**Coach:** Bryan Birchall  
**Assistant Coach:** Paul Reichstein  
**Team Runner:** Various  
**Team Manager:** Emma Birchall

**Best & Fairest:** Keegan McGuinness  
**Runner Up B&F:** Luke Illman  
**Best Team Man:** Kane Fry & Bradley Carey  
**Coaches Award:** Daniel Wilksch  
**Most Improved:** Colby Abbot  
**Leading Goal Kicker:** Will Haskard  
**Best In Finals:** Marcus Hambly

**Home & Away Position:** Top  
**Result:** Premiership win

## Coaches Season Summary:

The C grade had a very good season, managing to get back-to-back premierships with the win this year. The players trained hard, concentrating on our skills and structures, and practising set plays and various drills to reflect a variety of game plans that we felt could help us beat our oppositions. On the field the players were relentless with their run and attack on the ball.

The lads hit in hard and ran hard all day, with the belief that if we kept working at it, if we kept playing with heart and a hunger for success, we could wear our opposition down, no matter who they were, we would be prepared for when the challengers came at us and threatened us.

A great example of this approach and attitude was the Grand Final against Old Iggies. They were the one team who had beaten us early in the season, and that loss gave us the inspiration to work harder and adjust our game style and structures if we were to give ourselves every opportunity to win the flag. It was no surprise we faced them in the Grand Final. We knew they were a very talented, and a quick running team. It was a tight contest all day, with less than a goal separating the teams for most of the match.

At three quarter time we emphasised that we must keep smashing in and we must keep running, no matter how tired we felt. The lads did that, even when we were down early in the last quarter, they kept fighting, they kept believing, and took the lead back to eventually win the Grand Final by 10 points. A real gutsy effort.

I am extremely proud of all the lads who played C grade this year, regardless of whether it be for the whole season, or just a week or two. Every player that played gave 100% for the team and never questioned the roles they were asked to do. The culture and self-belief we have been building went from strength to strength. We had leaders all over the field to keep structures in place and to guide the more inexperienced guys, and I want to thank some of those blokes in Jars, Quags, Binga, Keegs, Stein, Wilko, Josh Miller, Adam Mallen and Hoogs for their continued feedback and their on-field leadership. It has been pretty special and humbling to be able to lead such a determined, talented and close-knit team for the past few years, and just as importantly, we had a bit of fun along the way.

To be successful, you also need good people around you, and I was lucky enough to have great support in Paul Reichstein (assistant coach), Emma Birchall (team manager), and Dave Haskard (game day board man). Thanks to all other support staff who also contributed along the way.

**- Bryan Birchall**

# D Grade Mens

<b>Captain:</b>	Jack Chambers
<b>Vice-Captain:</b>	Simon Hardy
<b>Coach:</b>	Gary Ashton
<b>Assistant Coach:</b>	Nick Godlvesky
<b>Trainer:</b>	Sara Barnes
<b>Team Runner:</b>	Jake Hanley
<b>Team Manager:</b>	Stuart Ramsey
<b>Best &amp; Fairest:</b>	Joel Chapman
<b>Runner Up B&amp;F:</b>	Josh Hartnett
<b>Best Team Man:</b>	Jack Chambers
<b>Coaches Award:</b>	Jack Nielson
<b>Most Improved:</b>	Connor Godlevsky
<b>Leading Goal Kicker:</b>	Joel Chapman
<b>Best In Finals:</b>	Sam Paprella
<b>Home &amp; Away Position:</b>	3rd
<b>Result:</b>	Grand Final Result – Lost by 3 points to undefeated Elizabeth

## Coaches Season Summary:

As the club continues to grow, we welcomed back the D grade after many years of absence. It was a late start for the D's as it was touch and go as to whether the club would even field a side. Eventually by Round 4 we were up and away landing ourselves in Division 6 C grade. Despite the appearance of the low grade, we came up against some battle-hardened sides who had a wealth of experience. It was also going to be a challenge for the group as we were not sure of numbers, and we had a lot of first-time players. The teams first game was against Adelaide Uni we ran out 85 points winners and so our season commenced despite other teams having a 3-game head start.

Through out the season we had 51 players roll through the squad and despite forfeits, COVID and many other obstacles we finished in 3rd position losing 2 games all year. This is despite us having played 2 games less than all the other teams in the competition.

## Highlights for the season include:

- Getting the D Grade up and running.
- Joel Chapman kicking 16 goals in the final game against Ingle Farm to win the league's leading goal kicker.
- Giving anyone who wanted a game a game!
- Watching first year seniors grow and develop.
- Seeing the team come together and make a run for the flag.

Our motto for the year was 'Nothing to Something'. We entered the league with nothing, and we dared to dream of going all the way by making the Grand Final. The 2 games we lost all year were against the top 2 sides and we had the opportunity to redeem ourselves in the finals. Our first opponents, Blackfriars were an experienced side with many ex-A grade footballers. For first three quarters we never led and were down by as much 19 points. Despite this we had belief and a never give in attitude. It was at this point we turned into a team rallying from 9 points down at 3 quarter time to win by 15 points. We had made the grand final and would play the undefeated Elizabeth.

As much as we dared to dream unfortunately, we lost by 3 points in the grand final. We had opportunities and the game could have gone either way but when the siren sounded, we were the ones behind. As far as footy goes, as a player whilst you don't want to lose the grand final had everything. It was tough, competitive, played in good spirits and only decided in the last minute. A game for the spectators.

Despite the loss I could not have been prouder of the team, coaching staff and supporters. We had gone from nothing to within 3 points of beating the undefeated Elizabeth. That is something.



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Thank you to the playing group who supported me during my first senior coaching stint and still allowing me to pay. The football committee who had faith in appointing me. Finally, Nick Godlevsky (Assistant Coach) and Stuart Ramsey (Manager). These guys made sure we had everything we needed to play each week. Goal umpires, runners, boundary, Guernsey's etc. Without them it would have been a real struggle. Finally, the D Grade (Dirty D'z) are back, and I look forward to the challenges ahead as we continue to grow and develop as part of the Senior group.

**- Gary Ashton**

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# A Grade Womens

<b>Captain:</b>	Tracy Marks
<b>Vice-Captain:</b>	Gema Harvey
<b>Coach:</b>	Des O'Dwyer
<b>Assistant Coach/Team Runner:</b>	Tim Dunbar
<b>Assistant Coach:</b>	Brad Smyth
<b>Team Manager:</b>	Cheryl Barnett
<b>Timekeepers:</b>	Parents & Partners
<b>Goal Umpires:</b>	Parents & Partners
<b>Head Trainer:</b>	Sara Barnes
<b>Best &amp; Fairest:</b>	Teagan Fry
<b>Runner Up B&amp;F:</b>	Tracy Marks
<b>Best Team Player:</b>	Lucy Rutherford
<b>Rising Star Award:</b>	Jemma Whittington-Charity
<b>Leading Goal Kicker:</b>	Tasmyn Fiegert
<b>Best Finals Player:</b>	Teagan Fry
<b>Home &amp; Away Position:</b>	Fourth
<b>Result:</b>	Runners Up to Goodwood Saints

Women's footy is alive and well at The Henley Sharks, we had 43 players represent the club at senior level this season. This included a number of Under 17.5 girls who gained invaluable experience playing at senior level! With the team being brilliantly led by our Captain Tracy Marks on and off the field these pioneers in women's footy are paving the way for generations to come. What a fantastic ride we had towards the back end of the season culminating in the playing off in the Grand Final.

Going back to the start our pre-season training which kicked off prior to Xmas under the guidance of Dale Woodhart and continued into the season proper up to Round 6 Dale provided a solid platform for the team to build on. It's on the back of this that I would like to acknowledge the work and effort that Dale dedicated to the job, and it was unfortunate that things did not work out for Dale so on behalf of the team and club it's a big thank you to Dale.

I was honoured to be given the responsibility to take over the coaching role and along with Tim Dunbar my right-hand man, we began working on things like Culture, Team Disciplines, Respect for each other, our opponents and officials, as well as focusing on skill development.

From Rounds 1 – 10 our WIN/LOSS was 2/8 and we were sitting on the bottom of the ladder, but our performances were improving. I feel the turning point of our season was our outstanding Round 12 win by 62 points over our archrivals Flinders Park, this win really gave us enormous confidence. We managed to follow up the next week with a 1-point win over Hope Valley at Shark Park in front of our adoring home crowd this really was a memorable win by the team. We now started to think about the possibility of playing finals. From this game we would only lose 2 more games for the season, and both would be against Goodwood Saints, the last being the Grand Final.

Making the Finals was truly a fantastic effort by the girls and finishing fourth meant we would need to do it the hard way with no double chance and playing elimination games all the way thru to the Grand Final.

Our 1st Semi Final was against Hectorville and our finals campaign "Dare to Dream" was up and running! The game was simply a "cracker" an arm wrestle all the way until we gained the upper hand in the second half to win by 17 points. Too many outstanding players to mention but the unanimous decision for Best on Ground was one of our Under 17.5 players Lara Chehade who undoubtedly played the game of her life and was such a significant contributor to the team getting over the line that day.

Winning the 1st Semi Final gave us the right to progress into the Preliminary Final vs Hope Valley who had beaten us by 10 goals earlier in the season so we new we had to be at our very best to get the job done. This game was a real nail biter and it ebbed and flowed all day. Unfortunately, we lost our "gun" forward in Hannah Jones early in the first half with a knee injury and Hannah ended up going to hospital in much pain.

With everything now on the line our Full Back Teagan Fry and Captain Tracy Marks led from the front during the all-important last quarter which saw us get over the line by 5 points to register our 2nd finals victory. Fantastic contributions from our defensive unit, as they had done all year, led by Hayley Charity, Zani Bates and Alex Smyth. They combined to repel many of Hope Valley's forward thrusts and up forward Lily Armstrong kicked 2 very important goals to give us the score we needed to pull off an inspirational victory and propelled us into "The Big Dance".

So, our "Dare to Dream" finals campaign was certainly alive and well as we secured our place in The Grand Final vs Goodwood Saints. With 2 finals wins under our belt and a solid week on the track preparing for the Grand Final, knowing we would have to play the game of our lives, we were very confident we could do the job.

The Grand Final was played at Mitcham Oval, and I'd like to acknowledge the Mitcham Footy Club who did a fantastic job in attending to all our needs leading up to and after the game. Goodwood Saints had been the "benchmark" team all season within our division, and we knew we had a big challenge on our hands. Our 1st half was fantastic, and we quite easily could have been a couple of goals up but for some missed opportunities we found ourselves down by 3 points at the main break.

Fair to say in the second half Goodwood Saints seized their opportunities and although our girls continued to give it their all, our "Dare to Dream" campaign was not ending the way we wanted. Congratulations to Goodwood Saints on taking out the 2021 Premiership they certainly were the best team on the day and all year. To our team what a ride we had it really was so much fun and for my involvement in footy spanning 40 years it was right up there in terms of rewarding experiences.

In closing I'd like to thank the club for entrusting us with coaching this group of young ladies, to all the players for buying in, accepting and following our instructions. To all the support people particularly our Team manager Cheryl Barnett who was always available to both myself and the players. Sara Barnes as our Head Trainer, a big commitment 3 days a week when you have a young family so thank you so much Sara. Special mention to Tim Dunbar who was by my side through thick and thin and without his support and footy smarts we would not have achieved anywhere near the success that we did. Thankyou to Brad Smyth for coming on board later in the season his assistance was crucial and much appreciated by Tim and myself. We would also like to acknowledge the work and support that Danielle Robran provided throughout the season; her efforts cannot be underestimated in terms of the success of Women's footy at this footy club.

As always, a strong connection to off field representatives is crucial to the success of a football team. I would like to acknowledge the ongoing support of Wayne Pierson, Rod Hill and the entire Henley Committee for both your positive interaction and for the endless hours you dedicate to The Henley Sharks, ensuring their viability and continued future success.

Finally, this is a wonderful footy club and full of amazing people. I was so proud to have once again coached The Henley Sharks!!

Thankyou

**- Des O'Dwyer**





# Junior Football Director

2021 was another interesting year and affected by Covid. As a result of 2 games during the year being abandoned due to a Covid outbreak the season was extended by 2 weeks with the 2 games missed added onto the end of the season. The finals were then shortened.

## 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:**

- 23 Boys teams with 425 Boys participating
- 10 Girls teams with 194 Girls participating
- 17 Boys and Girls teams playing in premiership grades
- 16 made finals
- 7 made the Grand Final
- 3 winning the premiership.

2021 was the first year we split the age groups with 2 teams from U12 s up into a DIV 1 and a DIV 3 instead of two even teams. This was very successful, and we found it was easier for the coaches because all the players in the teams were at the same ability. The team selection process was also successful with, and selection panel appointed with a preseason and trial games to help with selections.

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.

**- Micah Williams and Danielle Robran**

# Junior Under 17.5 Boys

The Boys Henley Under 17.5s team competed in the highly competitive 2021 Division 1 Competition. Our season was a tale of two parts.

The U/17.5s started the season with two Rookies coaches - Rod Kiddy (Coach) and Michael Bourke (Assistant Coach) and quite a few changes in the playing roster. Our 2021 season didn't get off to the greatest start. We lost a couple of games early that we really should have won, that left us at the half way mark of the season sitting towards the bottom of the ladder with 1 win from 7 games. We also struggled to fill a full team most weekends but we got some great support from Greg Hawke's U/16s boys, who not only helped make up the numbers but made a really positive impact in the game.

The season was then put on hold due to a Covid outbreak in SA.

When the season resumed after a 4 week break, everything changed for our team. We won 6 of our last 7 games of the minor round and eventually finished the minor round in 4th position.

After the Covid break the U/17.5 boys started training with the Seniors once a week. It's was amazing to see how this small change made such a huge impact on the boys. Hopefully this can continue into the future, as it showed the boys what's expected at Senior level, it showed the Senior coaches what talent is coming through the club's juniors and hopefully it encourages the boys to continue on to Senior footy at Henley after they finish their junior footy career.

Due to Covid effected season, the SANFL introduced a modified 3 week final series with a Top5. In the first week of the finals, we played Goodwood Saints in the Semi Final (4 vs 5). Goody Saints had beaten us early in the season, but our good form continued into the finals and we got over Goody Saints by 26 points with a really good team effort.

Next up was the Preliminary Final against Port Districts (1 vs 4), Port were last year's Premiers and the team who had been at the top of the ladder for most of the season. Henley started really well and we were just ahead at Qtr time, but against high quality opposition and some of our old bad habits from early in the season came back. Port got on top in the 2nd Qtr and ran over the top of us in the second half (full score 86 to 36).

Port Districts went on to play PHOS Camden in the Grand Final. In the Grand Final, Port Districts dominated the first half of the game and the game looked over at the main break, but to PHOS Camden's credit they came out and played a super second half of footy and eventually ran over Port Districts in the last quarter to take out the premiership.

At the end of the year, there was nothing in the B&F voting, with one match to play in the minor round, we had three players within 5 votes of each other. Jack Hawke, Will Roe and Charbel Oueiss. Jack Hawke played a brilliant last game of the minor round, getting Best on Ground and secured the U/17.5 Best and Fairest Award with 117 Votes, from Will Roe 2nd with 100 votes, and Charbel Oueiss 3rd with 95 votes. Julian Belperio won our Most Improved player award and Ty Martens won our Best Team Man award.

The U17.5 team is a really hard team to manage and coach, as most of the boys have other conflicting things happening in their life at this time that conflicts with Club footy - SANFL U/18 Commitments, College Football, Year 11/12 Studies, Part-Time Jobs, Girls and Cars. This made it really hard to get big numbers at training on a regular basis and on match days, but saying all that, this group is a really great bunch of lads, who are really tight and really look after each other. I feel really proud and honoured to have coached such a great bunch of young men.

Also, I would like to take this time to congratulate on of our boys - Adam D'Aloia who sadly didn't get to play a game with us this year due to other footy commitments, but had an amazing football year. Some of Adam's achievements this year - Captain of SA State U/17 Team, SA State Under 19 Team, Premiership Player SANFL U/18 Player for Woodville West Torrens FC, Best on Ground in the SANFL U/18 Grand Final (as a first year player), Best of Ground in the U/17 SA vs. WA game, SANFL Reserve Grade debut for Woodville West Torren FC, Captain St. Michaels College Football Team, just to highlight some of his amazing footy achievements this year.

Finally, Massive thanks to my Assistant Coach Michael Bourke who is new to the Henley FC family. Phil Maddigan (Team Manager), Mark Nagel (Physio and First Aid), Greg Hawke (Assistant Coach) and Darren Heinrich (Coaching Bench Support) and all the other parents who volunteered during the season.

**- Rod Kiddy**

# Junior U17.5 Girls Blue

**SANFL Juniors:** Div 1 - Blue  
**Position finished:** 1st Place – 16 wins & 0 losses

**Coach:** Matthew Robran  
**Assistant Coaches:** Nigel Fiegert & David Woolman  
**Team Manager:** Melissa Davis-Bishop  
**Runner:** David Woolman  
**Captain:** Alex Smythe & Ella Boag

**Best & Fairest:** Shineah Goody  
**Runner Up B&F:** Jemma Whittington-Charity  
**2nd Runner Up B&F:** Marlie Fiegert  
**Best Team Player:** Kayleigh May  
**Coaches Award:** Ruby Thomas

## Season Review:

Firstly, I would like to thank Nigel Fiegert and David Woolman for their support throughout what was a very successful season for our U17.5 girls. Your experience and knowledge proved to be invaluable and I have no doubt the girls were very grateful for the guidance you gave them this year.

Melissa Davis-Bishop thank you for everything you did in helping me throughout the season. It was the second season in a row that you were our team manager and it gave me great comfort knowing that we had you in charge of all the day to day jobs that are associated fielding this team. It's not always easy taking on this role and dealing with 24 girls, but you did it with no fuss and great deal of empathy. I also need to give a big shout out to Renee Fiegert who assisted in the team manager duties during the year. Thank you to all the parents who helped throughout the season. Without you we would not be able to get these girls out on the park as successfully as we did.

At the start of the year we were faced with the challenge of selecting a division one and division two team from 50 girls who were eligible to play U17.5 for the Henley Football Club. After numerous discussions we settled on a squad that we believed were capable of contending this year. Although there was a mixture of players from the U16 and U18 teams from last season, the comradery amongst the girls was excellent and they bonded extremely well.

**We commenced the season with a few goals / standards that we wanted to achieve. They were:**

- Playing with a team first mentality
- Being a strong defensive team all over the ground
- Play attacking footy when we had possession
- Being a disciplined team
- Having a heap of fun

I was very proud of the girls' attitude toward the above standards we set and to other smaller goals that we made throughout the year.

As the season evolved and we knew we were one of stronger teams in the division we decided to throw the team around on numerous occasions to ensure all girls were able to get their hands on the footy. To their credit, the players were accepting of the fact they might have to play in a position they were not used to, in order to bring a teammate into the play.

Our attacking and defensive results were outstanding, scoring an average of 83 points per game and conceding 8 points during the season. The girls were willing to learn and take on board what we were trying to teach them on the training track and their efforts speak volumes for their want to get better as a team.

At the end of the minor round it was a great reward for the girls that they finished the home and away season undefeated.

During our first final (Preliminary Final) against Brighton the girls showed how determined they were to take it all the way to the Grand Final, with every player playing their role which made for a fantastic team performance. It was a great game to watch and a fantastic win by the girls who deservingly made it to the Grand Final.

The Grand Final saw us come up against Mitcham - an up and coming team who we had a great win against a few weeks before the Grand Final, so I had great belief that the girls could get the job done again. The first half was a tight contest and Mitcham really challenged our girls. We hadn't really been challenged throughout the year like we were by Mitcham in the Grand Final, so it was really pleasing to see the team meet their challenge head on and play a strong finals brand of footy. In the second half our girls raised the bar and played an exceptional second half of footy to run away with a comfortable win and were deservingly crowned U17.5 Division 1 Premiers.

For all their hard work and commitment during the season and their willingness to learn, finishing the season undefeated was a great reward for this team.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to Danielle Robran and her continued commitment to the female football program at Henley. She continues to work hard behind the scene for the girl's growth, development and to get teams out on the field. Thank you to the junior committee for everything it does every season. The club is in great hands and the future for female football looks bright at Henley.

**- Matthew Robran**



# Junior Under 17.5 Girls White

**SANFL Juniors:** Girls U17.5 Div 2  
**Position finished:** 3rd Place – 10 wins,  
4 losses

**Coach:** Justin von Bertouch  
**Assistant Coach:** Romano Bolzon  
**Team Manager:** Janine Vella  
**Runner:** Stuart Blades  
**Captain:** Isabella Perin  
**Vice-Captain:** Taylor Katnich

**Best & Fairest:** Georgie Blades  
**Runner Up B&F:** Taylor Katnich  
**2nd Runner Up B&F:** Evie Kitschke  
Maddison Bolzon  
**Best Team Player:** Isabella Perin  
**Coaches Award:** Chanel Rugari

**SANFL Girls U17.5 Div2 B&F:** Sadie Minshall

## Season Review:

Season 2021 started in earnest during December 2020 with the preseason kick off. Unknown to us all at the time was the girls U17.5 White team would be formed from 2 separate entities when the U16 team was disbanded 6 weeks out from the first game of the season. It presented the players and coaches with some unique challenges, one of which was to gel together in a short period of time. This was the initial focus and credit to the team for adjusting to this major change and welcoming each other to form what was to become a tight unit.

A team meeting was held early on to give the girls an opportunity to define the team they wanted to be and what they hoped to achieve throughout the season. They wanted to become a united team that improved, made friends, had fun and played finals. They can hold their heads high as they certainly made good on their commitments to on another.

While the team was disappointed not to make it to the last game of the season, it was a super effort from all. We were certainly good enough to take it up to the best in the competition and managed to beat every team throughout the year finishing with a 10 win, 4 loss season. We played off in the preliminary final but went down on the day to eventual premiers Hope Valley.

As a coach all you want to see from players is effort and a desire to improve and we certainly saw that throughout the season. We were certainly good enough to take it up to the best and it shouldn't be lost on the group that we were up against the best other clubs had to offer.

The team was well supported throughout the year by the parents and guardians. Thank you all very much for rolling your sleeves up and taking on duties throughout the year to enable the girls to get out there and enjoy their football. An extra special mention to a few individuals who made coaching a lot easier and a whole lot of fun.

Assistant Coach Romano Bolzon who brought great energy to the group, he was always available, provided great advice to the girls throughout the season and was an excellent sounding board for myself. Thanks Romano.

Team Manager Janine Vella was an absolute rock throughout the year doing an incredible job. Her efforts ensured the coaches could put all their energy into improving the girls and focus on competition come match day. Thanks Janine.

Trainer Karl Dobner who patched the girls up every week to help them get out on the park and do what they love. Also, some great footy advice. Thanks Dobbs.

Finally, to Danielle Robran who was always available to take calls and has done an amazing job with the girls' program, well done!

Congratulations again to the award winners mentioned in the report and a special mention to the girls who played their 50th game for the club, being Sadie Minshall, Amelia Hartwig, Immogen Dobner, Lauren Watson, Maddison Bolzon, Taylor Katnich, Aisha Glazier, Lucia Vella, Kiera von Bertouch and Evie Kitschke.

Thanks for a great season in 2021. I hope you all enjoyed your football as much as I enjoyed coaching. It was awesome to see the team develop and you should be proud of your efforts. Hopefully you'll be back in a Sharks guernsey next year asking questions and improving your game.

Cheers.

**- Justin von Bertouch**





# Junior U16 Boys

**SANFL Juniors:** Div 1  
**Position finished:** 5th Place – 7 wins & 7 losses

**Coach:** Greg Hawke  
**Assistant Coaches:** Andrew Boeyen & Jason Blair  
**Team Manager:** Rob Toole  
**Runner:** John Abbott  
**Captain:** Billy Hawke  
**Vice Captain:** Jack Richardson

**Best & Fairest:** Luke Tippins  
**Runner Up B&F:** Billy Hawke  
**2nd Runner Up B&F:** Eddie Kneebone  
**Best Team Player:** Dylan Letts  
**Coaches Award:** Judah Netschitowsky

## Season Review:

The under 16's this year started the season with a squad of 30 boys and with 5 new faces to our club from last year including Judah Netschitowski, Lyndon Williamson, Charlie Sanderson, Cesar Aoukar & Oscar Pearce.

## Full playing list:

Drew Baxter, William Blair, Nicholas Boeyen, Joseph Frisby-Smith, Kai Glazier,  
Zak Godlevsky, Billy Hawke (Captain), Gavin Karjalainen, Izayah Kean, Edward Kneebone, Dylan Letts, Jake Murphy, Judah Netschitowsky, Curtis Newby, Izaak Niemann, Connor Ramsay,  
Jack Richardson (Vice Captain), Jaiden Riley, Benjamin Rogers, Rene Ruppert, Charlie Sanderson, Riley Schultz, Brodie Stevenson, Harry Thompson, Luke Tippins, Patrick Toole, Bradley Watson, Lyndon Williamson, Cesar Aoukar, Oscar Pearce.

After playing division 2 last year and just missing the Final, we had the choice this year to stay in Division 2 or Nominate for Division 1. We decided to nominate for division 1 with the view to push the boys to get the best out of themselves. We were accepted into Division 1 and I think this did turn out to be fantastic for the boy's development, and I think it may have also played a small part in attracting a few quality new young men and their families to our team and club.

## As a coaching group we set out to achieve the following objectives for the boys this year:

- Enjoy the game & playing with, and for each other
- Push the boys to raise our standards and improve our footy
- Understand & play to a basic game plan/structure
- Give an introduction & taste of earning their spot, and game time with senior footy not far away

## Season Goal Kickers:

Izaak Niemann – 18  
Billy Hawke, Lyndon Williamson, Eddie Kneebone – 13  
Cesar Aoukar – 12  
Paddy Toole – 11  
Will Blair – 10  
Dylan Letts – 7  
Luke Tippins – 6  
Izayah Keane & Jaiden Riley – 3  
Charlie Sanderson, Gavin Karjalainen, Bradley Watson, Tyler Welsh (Fill in from U/15) – 2  
Oscar Pearce, Harry Thompson, Drew Baxter, Brodie Stevenson, Riley Schultz – 1

After finishing 5th on the ladder after the home & away season we played in an elimination final v Col Light Gardens at their home ground.

In a hard-fought Elimination Final, our boys played well and put themselves in a position at ¾ time to win the game, however, to their credit, Colonel Light Gardens played the conditions and their ground better than us in the last quarter and we went down by 11 points.

We finished the season 5th overall and, considering a jump from Division 2 and having a season full of our fair share of injuries, I think our boys can be extremely proud of their efforts and results.

## I'd like to wrap up this report by thanking some fantastic people that gave up a lot of their time to help the boys play their footy this year:

Andrew Boeyen – Coaching, Key game day stats/rotations  
Jason Blair – Coaching game day  
Rob Toole – Team Manager  
Nick Godlevski – Assisting at trainings  
Pat Stevenson – Incredible job as First Aid  
John Abbott – Runner even though his son played in the under 12's. Incredible effort.  
Nick Rogers – Match Day Official every week  
All parents for rostered duties during the year.

Finally, a massive thanks to all the players for their efforts, and for making this year's football at the Sharks another very enjoyable and rewarding one for all.

To our players, I think you are all fantastic young men and should be extremely proud of who you are, and what you achieved as a team this year.

From what I saw this year, you are a very tight group and a great bunch of mates off the field, and while you're all good mates on the field, I think next year you could look to be even better mates on the field, which might help you take another big step forward.

**- Greg Hawke**

## Junior Under 15 Boys

The Henley sharks Under 15's entered the season with a focus on each player's individual development as a main priority and the team's performance as a whole. The team goal was to make the finals and then to see if we could win a final or two from there.

We were good enough to make the finals finishing 5th and came up against Golden Grove at their home ground. In a tough, uncompromising game which went down to the wire, Golden Grove came out on top by 3 goals.

The best game the boys played was against grand finalists, Port Districts in the last minor round game. The boys were awesome and really served it up to a very good team at full strength, eventually going down by a goal in a high scoring game.

Charlie West had another outstanding season winning the club best and fairest, likewise did Mitch Llewellyn who finished second. Mitch was also our captain and brings many fantastic assets to the team. Tyler Welsh who finished third in the best and fairest, kicked 32 goals for the year. This placed him 3rd in the competitions goal kicking.

The boys should be proud of the way they performed this season. They are a super competitive team and, in my opinion, as tough and hard as any other team. We probably just aren't quite as polished as the teams who finished above us. Most importantly they play the game in the right way. Tough and hard, but respectful to the opposition and officials.

A big thanks to Gary Ashton and Scott Welsh for their assistant coaching roles as well as Lyn Harris as team manager who always does an amazing job in keeping our team so well organised.

Cheers,

**- Steven Hall**

# Junior Under 15 Girls Blue

<b>SANFL Juniors:</b>	Div 2
<b>Position finished:</b>	2nd Place – 1 draw and all wins except grand final lost by 7 points
<b>Coach:</b>	Paul Eadon
<b>Assistant Coach:</b>	Sam Haskard ( The Hoff)
<b>Team Manager:</b>	Zaahn Johnson
<b>Runner:</b>	Andrew Kemp
<b>Captain:</b>	Maddy Kravinskis
<b>Vice-Captain:</b>	Emma Kilpatrick
<b>Best &amp; Fairest:</b>	Emma Kilpatrick
<b>Runner Up B&amp;F:</b>	Sienna Keeble
<b>2nd Runner Up B&amp;F:</b>	Lara Mellow
<b>Best Team Player:</b>	Tegan Dunbar
<b>Coaches Award:</b>	Skye Nagle

## Season Review:

I would like to thank Andrew Kemp and Sam Haskard for their assistance, Sam joined just before the games started and we had to adjust at the beginning of the year and change teams around due to the confusion with the league. We settled with an under 15 team and division 2. Andrew became the runner and his knowledge of the girls and the game was important throughout the year and at training. Sam began his coaching career and learnt a lot about himself and the game along the way so good luck to Sam in his future endeavours.

Zaahn Johnson thank you for everything you did in helping me throughout the season, especially towards the end frantically getting to a grand final and then dealing with the drama that eventuated when we couldn't use the changerooms prior to the game. To all the parents who helped throughout the year taking photos, BBQ duties, running boundary etc etc I thank you. Also a special thanks to Narelle and Mark for helping with the first aid, as we are aware we ended up with several knocks throughout the year, mainly from Marks daughter Skye who I strongly recommend wearing head gear next year.

When we look back on the season that was, we actually had many close games which certainly gave us all more grey hairs than we needed but it showed a fighting spirit you cant buy. Knowing they would never give up was a trait we all were happy to see. We rotated all the girls playing them in positions and for lengthy times. This was always aimed at the bigger picture of finding new spots and giving opportunity to all the girls to grow in their development. In doing this we found several girls who could play multiple positions which was a great result.

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With the season coming to an end and Covid adding more games on ,we could have faltered but the girls kept on trying and hence the record of no losses for the season was an excellent outcome and achievement and the girls should be proud. The drawn game was a come from behind last qtr surge but again the fighting spirit shone through.

We played one of our best games for the season in the first final eclipsing a strong opposition in the rain and wind and dominating the scoreboard. That gave us great momentum going to a grand final against a team we had previously encountered and played very well against but we knew it wasn't going to be easy. Goodwood are a physical bigger side and we relied on our skills and running ability which was where we had won in the past.

The day didn't go to script and when you have to get changed on the concrete and time gets away from you trying to juggle a place to prepare we were up against it early. In saying that I always believed in the girls and always knew that they would not stop trying. Even in the last quarter I knew we could take the momentum with our fitness and abilities. Unfortunately we just couldn't do what we did in the prelim and kick the goals.

It was a great season, so much improvement and friendships established and from my point of view, I didn't realise how much I would enjoy what transpired throughout the season. Such awesome proud Henley girls and I wish them well into the future.

**- Paul Eadon**



# Junior Under 15 Girls White

<b>SANFL Juniors:</b>	Div 3
<b>Position finished:</b>	1st Place – 14 wins
<b>Coach:</b>	Gleen Rigoir
<b>Assistant Coach:</b>	Clinton Kempster Nick Godlevsky
<b>Team Manager:</b>	Robyn Casey
<b>Runner:</b>	David Kennedy
<b>Captain:</b>	Ella Godlevsky
<b>Vice-Captain:</b>	Amelie Kempster Rhianna Casey Cook
<b>Best &amp; Fairest:</b>	Zahlia Niemann
<b>Runner Up B&amp;F:</b>	Lakeisha Sheffield
<b>2nd Runner Up B&amp;F:</b>	Ella Godlevsky
<b>Best Team Player:</b>	Ella Clogg
<b>Coaches Award:</b>	Grace Johansen

## Season Review:

In what has been another eventful season with Covid a constant throughout but we got through it. Congratulations and thank you to our junior committee for being able to navigate through this season. All of you have done a wonderful job.

There are so many people that are involved to make this season a successful one. I would firstly like to thank Clinton Kempster and Nick Godlevsky who both put their hands up to be assistant coaches. Their commitment and dedication from preseason and all throughout the year has made things so much easier to handle. Our wonderful team manager Robyn Casey did such an outstanding job of organising everything for our team but most importantly getting all the parents involved and volunteering to help for match day duties. The club will be in great hands now that Robyn has decided to take up the role of Girls Football Director for the u13-u17.5. Thank you to David Kennedy and David Rehn for being our runner and medical officer you both did a great job. Thank you to Craig and Melissa Clogg for their contribution as goal umpire and assistant team manager your help throughout the year has been fantastic. Thank you also to Dean Cook and Jeremy Kells for doing the boundary umpiring this season through all weather conditions you both showed great commitment.

## Pre-season:

The season started with pre-season training in mid-December 2020. The attendance for the first training session was promising with the number girls who showed up. We had a good mix of girls who had played before and girls who just wanted to give football at club level a try. The main focus for the year was never about how many games we won but more about helping to develop and improve the girls throughout the season.

## Pre Covid Break:

With the hard work done during pre-season training, it was time for the real games to begin. We started with 3 strong wins before the SANFL regrading. The coaches thought that maybe we would move up a division but we remained in Division 3. The girls were playing good footy and continued to win. Then Covid hit and the competition was forced to have a break while the SANFL tried to find the best way to finish the season.

## Post-Covid Break and Finals:

The season resumed with new challenges for our girls to overcome namely injuries and other commitments outside of football. The girls attacked everything that was put in front of them with the same dedication and commitment they showed right from the very start of pre-season. When the games started again the girls continued to play good football and kept on winning. The thing that stood out the most in this part of the season was how much all sides had improved but our girls were up to the challenge which resulted in finishing the minor rounds on top of the ladder.

By playing good football throughout the minor rounds the girls gave themselves every opportunity to do well in the finals. The finals format was a bit different to previous years but when it was our turn in the preliminary final against Plympton the team once again stood up to the challenge and won a hard-fought match and advance to the Grand Final.

The start of Grand Final week was very challenging with two of our girls battling to be fit for the decider. In the end, only one was able to prove her fitness while the other was ruled out with a concussion. We went into the game quietly confident but also knowing that Mt Lofty was on a roll and playing some outstanding football. It was a game of what could have been but we were beaten by a side that did the little things just a bit better than us on the day. Our girls tried their best and that is all that you can ever ask of from them. The result was not what we were after but I am extremely proud of how the girls handled themselves by staying together as a group.

In what was a challenging year for all involved the one thing that stands out is the special bond that the girls have now got and hopefully they can continue to stay strong together and build from what they have achieved this season. Overall the season was a great success and we were able to achieve our goal of helping to develop and improve the girls. The development of the girls resulted in our side having 9 of our girls representing their local SANFL club.

On a personal note, I would like to say thank you to Danielle Robran for trusting and giving me the opportunity to coach such a wonderful group of young ladies who all made me so proud of what they were able to achieve this year. I know that you didn't become the girls football director for any kind of recognition but you have been an integral part of setting the foundation for the continued success of the Henley Girls Football program. We are all indebted to you for all your hard work.

**- Gleen Rigoir**



## Junior Under 14 Boys

We had a disappointing start to the season losing the first 4 games. Unfortunately, due to this the SANFL decided to push us down a grade into Division 4.

After this point we did not lose a game, and succeeded to carry this through the finals and ended up winning the Grand final.

This was a great achievement and the boys deserved their victory.

We as coaches feel the boys developed well, both skills wise and football wise, and also grew as young men. We had been commented on several times by opposition coaches on how well we handled ourselves on the footy field, as we were winning by over 10 goals a game. This also gave us the opportunity to move the kids around and try them in many different positions which will go a long way in their ongoing football development.

In finishing, the team of boys was a fun, friendly team to coach and I think we had many happy families, which is important in keeping families at the club. We will lose 2x kids due to under age and will be looking to fill these positions moving forward.

Enjoyed my time coaching this past season and I hope all the boys did also.

Regards,

**- Adam Roe**

# Junior Under 13 Boys Blue

Well done to the under 13 blue team on a wonderful 2021 season. With our focus on developing young men with a team first attitude was evident throughout the season and just reward in finish the season off making a grand final, great effort boys.

In season 2021 we rotated through 29 players with 25 individual goal scorers for 13 wins and 1 loss in the home and away season and coming close in the grand final going down by 2 points.

## Average score per game

For – 68 points

Agst – 25 points

Thank you to all boys who participated in the success of our team this season and we look forward to a continued focus on development of young men as they continue their footy journey.

Thank you to parents for the ongoing support of your boys and our team with special thanks to,

Team Manager – Siobhan

Assistant coaches - Toby, Kristian and Hermy

First Aid – Sally and James Trotter

Boundary – John Burfield

Match Day Official and stats – Todd Schultz

Goal Umpire – Connor

Great work.

Go Sharks!

**- Brian Leys**

# Junior Under 13 Boys White

**SANFL Juniors:** South West Div 3  
**Position finished:** 2nd Home and Away Season

**Coach:** Troy Topp  
**Assistant Coach:** Brent Parfrey  
**Team Manager:** Alicia Collidge  
**Runner:** Brent Parfrey  
**Captain:** Shared

**Best & Fairest:** Jayden Jenner  
**Runner Up B&F:** Mathew Dunlop  
**2nd Runner Up B&F:** Campbell Hunter  
**Best Team Player:** Kristian Tsoulakis  
**Coaches Award:** Connor Kube

## Season Review:

Preseason numbers were good, and we had a total of 34 to 40 U12 Boys Mid- February which was similar the previous year. The squads were split into like skill and size groups to ensure the players could be assessed with to fit into the best division for their development being either Central Division 1 or South West Division 3.

At the end of the preseason training selection of the 2 Divisions took place based on the criteria set by the selection committee. There was a total of 29 U13 boys play in the Div 3 team with 11 of those players playing 1 or more games in the Div 1 team. Both teams were aligned with the basic game plan with the Div 3 altering that to suit the development level of the group. Player individual plans were also set to ensure that development was tailored to the players best interest when placing in positions in Div 3.

Both teams enjoyed success throughout the home and away season and played in Grand finals which was exciting for the boys which was a bonus given the focus was on player development. Unfortunately, the Div 3 team finished just short of a win (by 16 points) in the Grand Final to Gleunga Grey 4 : 11 - 35 to 2 : 7 - 19.

The Div 3 team finished with 10 wins and 4 losses through the home and away season and beat all teams in the competition. The most pleasing aspect of the home and away season was the Div 3 team having the lowest score kicked against them in the competition which showed the development of both defence and attack pay off in the results. Opposition teams were very often mixed and matched between the clubs that had 2 teams in the Div 3 competition and with some of the teams bring up to 6 players from their Div 1 team to play against the Henley Div 3 team if playing on different days. Although this saw opposition teams become a lot stronger against Henley it allowed our U13 boys to be challenged and play against some good opposition.

Overall, in my opinion the separation of the U13 boys into 2 groups saw a lot of accelerated development in the Div 3 team. This was evident with most midfielders in Div 3 would not be able to be played in the Div 1 midfield due to lack of opportunity. These players would have been in different positions if the U13s were mixed in 2 even teams which meant they would have lost a season of midfield development for some players.

Many of the players I feel took large jumps in not only their personal improvement but also in that of their self-confidence, which I am sure many will go onto play higher levels of football in the coming years.

The learnings I think we need to consider for U13s from a club point of view are as follows:

One of the things to consider with player development in U13s is that growth varies quite a lot which meant that there was a real size difference with the Div 1 being a larger and taller team with Div 3 being a lighter and shorter team. This made selection of key positions and Rucks difficult throughout the season.

The smaller Div 3 required specialised contested football training early to ensure that they were able to protect themselves in the contests and tackle larger opponents effectively without getting hurt.

- Skills – there is a large range of skills at U13 level and those that trained with the summer skills sessions improved more than those that did not participate.
- Rotations – With 4 on the bench 1 rotating with the forward 6, 2 rotations with the Midfield 6 and 1 rotation with the back 6 worked well when teaching roles and game plans.
- Preparation of game situations where to run based on positions with the parents assisting was very important and assisted players in setting up for stoppages, kick ins, and ball movement around the ground were very beneficial.
- Having 4-week rotations for player development between the 2 Divisions was beneficial to allow players to adapt to Div 1 and allow confidence to be rebuilt in Div 3 players when moving between the teams.

I would like to thank Brian Leys for his work with the Div 1 team. Brian 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 all those who supported me throughout the year Brent Parfrey (Assistant Coach), Alicia Collidge (Team Manager), John Martin, Craig Hermann, Simon Tape and Simon Dunlop (who all supported training throughout the year). Brent Parfrey was a huge help throughout the year and gave great feedback and confidence to players on match days as assistant coach and runner. Brent Parfrey, John Martin and Craig Hermann all took training with the Div 3 boys throughout the year which was great for the boys to be exposed to different coaches and voices also.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Micah William, Danielle Robran and the whole junior committee who worked tirelessly this year, through difficult circumstance once again with Covid interruptions to make the season run as smooth as possible. Micah Williams deserves a special mention due to his dedication to the club, by assisting the Div 3 boys at training, assisted with the Team Management and he also ran the boundary at many U13 Div 3 games.

**- Troy Tropp**

# Junior Under 13 Girls Blue

**SANFL Juniors:** Div 1 - Blue  
**Position finished:** Minor Premiers with 13 wins/1 loss & Premiership Win

**Coach:** Mick Axon  
**Assistant Coach:** Tim Riley  
**Team Manager:** Nikki Dowd  
**Runner:** Andrew Shreeve

**Best & Fairest:** Lucy Moore  
**Runner Up B&F:** Jemma Mutton  
**2nd Runner Up B&F:** Georgie Fielder  
**Best Team Player:** Matilda Ralph Walker  
**Coaches Award:** Izzy Thiel Paunovic

## Season Review:

What a season we had! None of our on-field success would have been achievable without the efforts of Tim, Nikki, Andrew and all the parents that helped along the way. I said at our presentations that a team or club is only as strong as the people involved and fortunately for us and the club, we are blessed to have such good people involved. Always there to help, to sort things out and generally give the kids the best chance of success.

To Tim... You made my first-year coaching and the girls season in general such an enjoyable experience. Always there to support, encourage and provide help whenever needed (and keep me in check) Your guidance was sensational, and we will be forever thankful for your help in season 2021.

Nikki you're a star! Always there when needed and to call on whenever anyone needed anything. Nothing was too hard or too much fuss. You were always working in the background to help the team and a massive reason we had on field success this year. The team and club in general is lucky to have such a quality person involved. I only hope we get to team up again in the future. Thanks Nikki.

To Andrew our runner. You stepped in at short notice and allowed Tim and I to focus on our coaching so we thank you very much. You helped out at trainings without any hesitation and then on game days running messages probably more often than not. Thank you for your help.

To all the parents/helpers that stepped-up week in week out. We sincerely thank you for your help as without it the games simply wouldn't happen.

Danielle, special thanks to you for your help not only this season but for your whole tenure at the Club. Your help and guidance throughout the year was very much appreciated by not only me but the whole Club. Your continual hard work and contribution to the Henley women's program is the reason the club has had so much success and is a preferred destination for young girls in the western suburbs. Thanks again and good luck with your future endeavours.

Lastly, to the girls who represented the U13 Blue team this year.... You are all stars! What an emotional ride we had in 2021 culmination in the ultimate success. To see you all, grow and develop your game throughout the year, and develop lifelong friendships it's the ultimate reward for a coach. I only hope you all enjoyed the year as much as we all did.

Thanks to the club for the opportunity to coach. A club I love and a club which is on a great path to develop young kids. Not only as young people but as possible future football stars.

**- Mick**

# Junior Under 13 Girls White

**SANFL Juniors:** Div 3 into 2 - White  
**Position finished:** 5th Place

**Coach:** Daniel Jones  
**Assistant Coach:** Leon Reyner  
**Team Manager:** Lisa Jones  
**Runner:** Richard Allen  
**Captain:** Maeya Robinson  
**Vice-Captain:** Poppy Challis  
Charlotte Hodges

**Best & Fairest:** Poppy Challis  
**Runner Up B&F:** Sanur McMahon  
**2nd Runner Up B&F:** Matilda Jones  
**Best Team Player:** Maeya Robinson  
**Coaches Award:** Molly Reyner

## Season Review:

Firstly, I would like to personally say thanks to Danielle Robran, she has totally supported our group from start to finish – so appreciated!

A big thanks to all the parents and guardians for getting the girls to training and games on time, it does get hard on parents these days with so many competing commitments, but very happy to say I can't remember anyone being late to a game at all this year - wonderful effort from all the parents

## So what did we achieve in 2021?

We started well, smashing Gepps Cross in game one and then things got a little tough for a few weeks, at the mid point of the season we could of really gone two ways, so this is when the Great White Sharks dug in and finished the season, officially the form team in competition - both grand finalist experienced a fierce shark attack in just the two weeks before the finals - both coaches raising to me after the game that they were very happy to see us just missing the finals!

We finished fifth missing the finals by one spot, we played the top four teams at least 7 times, all four finalists played the other top four teams only 3-4 times I think?- so as soon as those divisions combined we got a hell of challenging run, interestingly the best teams came from the lower of the two combined divisions,

We started the season as the youngest and smallest team, so moving to next year, only a handful of players will be elevating up to U15's, most of our opponents will be losing most of their players - next year, we gonna be pretty strong..... this is us!

This is us day 1 of pre-season.



This is us together at training about to roll the eventual premiers by 2 points in the second to last round of the season.



This is us after our last round at Shark Park. Thought they might of had enough of footy at 10pm but apparently not. A player instigated goal kicking competition as the parents celebrated the year at the bar.





## Junior Under 12 Boys

It was a very good year for the U12 boys. The boys were placed into the Southwest Division 1 competition. We started strong with five straight wins after losing the first game to the resulting premiers in Goodwood. The 2nd half of the year we battled through injuries and wet weather conditions to finish the minor round 4th, qualifying for finals. The boys gave their all and competed hard, ultimately giving the minor premiers Lockleys a real scare. But unfortunately fell short. It was a fantastic result to taste finals in their very first year on playing for a premiership. I have no doubt they will come back next season faster, stronger, more skilled, committed and team focused to even improve further.

The boys achieved all their goals we targeted start of year a) improve their skills b) improve playing as a team c) improve fitness d) playing finals e) come back next year! The community spirit within the team was exemplary. This was led by Mandy Corrie, working tirelessly to raise donations for one of the families affiliated to the team. The team and club got right behind the events raising thousands of dollars.

Congratulations to the best and fairest winners. 1st Josiah Blanchard 2nd Lucien Kravinskis 3rd Giuseppe Tropeano. Coaches Award Lachlan Martin. Most Improved Liam Stephens. Leading goal kicker Ash Thomas (11). Thank you to John Abbott (Runner), Greg Hawke (Assistant Coach) and Melissa Clogg (Team Manager).....all parents / friends who contributed throughout the year.

Look forward to 2022!

**- Anthony Kravinskis**

# Junior Under 9's & 11's Girls

The 2021 season saw an increase in interest with the introduction of an additional under 9 and under 11 team. This resulted in over 20 new players to the girls junior program. Whilst they do not play for premiership points, coaches focus on building skills and teamwork.

## Teams included:

### *Under 9 - White*

Coach: Ben Kitchen

### *Under 9 - Blue*

Coach: Paul Ryan

### *Under 11 - White*

Coach: Matt Stephens

### *Under 11 - Blue*

Coach: Chad Robertson

## 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.

# Netball Report

COVID again had an impact on our 2021 Season with the final 2 rounds being abandoned. This had positive and negative impacts for all Clubs in the Association but overall we were extremely lucky to have played most of the Season.

Our team numbers increased for the third Season running from 24 to 26 and we continue to maintain a healthy waitlist.

The finals series returned to its usual format of top 4 and we had 17 teams compete in the Semi Finals with 4 progressing straight to the Grand Final. 5 teams played off in Preliminary Finals with 1 win. From the 5 teams playing in the Grand Final we had 1 Premiership. Another flag to proudly hang in the Clubroom. We congratulate all our 26 teams for a great Season.

A highlight of the Season was Charlotte Moore winning the Inaugural SAUCNA Barb Morgan Award for the Best and Fairest player in the entire Under 17 Division 1 competition. This is a fantastic achievement and we are so proud of Charlotte. It's truly deserved.

We were thrilled to be finalists in 2 categories of the City of Charles Sturt Sports Awards – Administrator of the year – Kate Williams and Club of the year. We were privileged to be in such great Company and congratulate all the winners.

## **We thank our dedicated committee:**

- Kate Williams – Director
- Debbie Sanders – Secretary
- Chantal Rainsford – Treasurer
- Kim Hunter – Registrar
- Kim Hocking – Coach Coordinator
- Michaela Kemp – Umpire Coordinator

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 Sponsors, parents, supporters, committee helpers and of course our wonderful playing group both Senior and Junior!

# Sponsorship Report

It has been another challenging year for sponsorship as we have watched and navigated around the COVID situation in Adelaide. However, our sponsors have been right behind the sharks and continue to give us un-waivered support. The Ramsgate Hotel continues to be our major sponsor and partner and recently committed to the club for the next three years. I would also like to thank Paul Eadon who is in his 21st year of supporting the sharks as well as Mark Kozned from Nova Vita wines who this year went over and above in his support of the Sharks with not only sponsorship but allowing us to stock his magnificent wine behind the bar. Another highlight was Domino's Pizza coming on board to support our voucher program and between them and Captain Chicken donated over \$10,000 worth of vouchers across football and Netball.

## A number of other sponsors have also provided additional support;

- Adam from Gasworks Findon who donated BBQ's to the club
- The Lockleys Hotel who supply Alcohol for the bar,
- Henley Foodland with bbq supplies
- Ous properties support on Sponsors day
- Daniel from I-corp also for support on sponsors day
- and the long list of other sponsors who donate Vouchers to reward our players

## Below is a list of sponsors who supported the club in 2021;

- RAMSGATE HOTEL
- HENLEY HERO's
- NELSON TEAMWEAR
- PAUL EADON HOME LOANS
- LOCKLEYS HOTEL
- CMI Toyota
- GAS WORKS
- NOVAVITA WINES
- SYMONS & CLARK
- ICORP INSURE
- HENLEY FOODLAND
- OUS PROPERTY
- COLE MOTORS CRASH REPAIR
- ZORICH GROUP / SPORTSPOWER
- DOMINOS PIZZA
- TOTAL TOOLS
- LEADING EDGE PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

- HENLEY HOTEL
- PIERSON ELECTRICAL
- MERCANTILE CPA
- HENLEY SOUTH NEWSAGENCY
- SIGNARAMA FULHAM FUNERALS
- CAPTAIN CHICKEN
- HORSMAN PLUMBING
- THE SPARE ROOM CAFÉ
- JORDAN PLUMBING
- WESTSIDE BATHROOM SPECIALIST
- SENTURION STEEL SUPPLIES
- ZANTE GREEK RESTAURANT
- THAI ORCHID
- THE LAB CAFÉ

Whilst I would like to thank all those sponsors who recommitted to the club or joined in the 2022 season.

Whilst 2021 had less challenges than the prior year I can see a strong season ahead for the club, we are presently in the midst of looking for major sponsors for the junior football as well as the netball and I hope to have some announcements soon.

Whilst we have a number of sponsors on board we are always looking for new businesses to come on board as we have areas where there are no sponsors, Builders, Telecommunication, Accountancy to name a few so if you're interested or know someone contact me at [sponsorship@henleysharks.com.au](mailto:sponsorship@henleysharks.com.au)

Regards

**- David Haskard**  
**HFC Sponsorship Officer**

# Life Members Report

Welcome to our 2020 Life Member Inductees Paul Caica, Brett Dobson and Nick Meiers. Congratulations and well deserved

Rod Hill and I arranged for the Life Members, SANFL & AFL Boards to be updated.

We held our Life Members Day on Saturday 15th May at the Clubrooms where we handed out Life Member certificates to our recent Inductees from the past few years. It was great to see so many Life Members from current and past eras of our famous Football Club. Thanks very much to Leanne Geddes, Vicki Lawless, Peter King, Tony Davidson and others for organising this event. Thanks to Matt Cowdrey (Local Member for Colton) and Les Burdett (Godfather to Nic Meiers) for presenting the Certificates. Drinks and nibbles were supplied, and a raffle was run to cover all costs.

Now we have a very Good Up-to-date List of all Life Members we hope to hold a Life Members Day on an Annual/Biannual basis to present future Life Member Certificates

The Henley Heroes have this Year Presented Rod Hill, President of The Football Club a Cheque for \$20,000.

To all our 200 plus Members who have supported the Heroes and paid a \$50 Membership Fee, bought Raffle tickets and merchandise and supported the Reef Bar.

**A BIG THANKYOU!**

CONGRATULATIONS to Tim Broadbent, Our 2021 BOB ENRIGHT MEDAL WINNER.

To The Committee with Trevor Sampson, Adam Keenan, Paul Reichstein, Jock Philcox Cameron Prince and Greg Lawless. Well Done to all.

We, the Committee, pictured below will certainly hope to continue the fine contribution in 2022 and beyond Henley Heroes Membership remains at \$50 for 2022 and can be PAID to any of the Committee Anytime; SUPPORT YOUR CLUB.

We were Saddened by the Passing of Henley Life Members, Gordon Johns and Greg Bulger throughout the year. *R I P*

**- Phil Cole  
Chairman Life Members Committee**







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