



BLACKWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

Held at Blackwood Football Club

Trevor Tce, Blackwood, on the

12th November, 2021



Presidents report 2021

Congratulations to our members, players, and sponsors for another successful season in 2021. Thank you to everyone for continuing to support the club in what has been another uncertain year due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Due to the restrictions, we have not been able to have our normal large social events that we all know and love. Although we have not been able to get back to complete normality you have all done an amazing job to make the best of it.

Success on the Field

The club again showed its strength on the field with most of our teams making finals and off course our under 18 HFL boys team winning the ultimate prize with a fantastic and convincing grand final win!

Under the leadership of our new Club Coach, Scott Prebble we have seen a fresh approach to the Senior men's team's development and playing style. Blooding our juniors has been one of Scott's priority's this season which honours the ethos of this great club and puts us in a good position for next season.

Thank you to all our volunteers, far too many to name but you and all of us know who you are. Your constant efforts and love for the club does not go unnoticed. Although we don't volunteer for the accolades, it's nice when you get a smile and thank you. So,

THANK YOU 😊

Thank you to all our couches and our amazing trainers for getting the players on the field to train and play their best. A special thank you to Ruth Work for your Leadership with the trainers and the countless hours you do throughout the week and Weekends.

Congratulations to the recipients of the club awards this year

Watchman – Peter Gottsche

Les Gillard – Leanne Clare

Roberts – Phil Dinning

These three people so deserving of their awards are what makes this Club so successful. Success can be measured in many ways and most people focus on flags which of course is our goal, but I have learned is that success comes in many forms.



- A warm and welcoming club to everyone
- Player development and player retention through the age groups to to senior level
- Mateship
- Improvement in infrastructure and facilities to improve players and members experience
- Financially security

To name a few.

Thank you to the Lynne Radford once again for all your hard work and dedication in providing the players and members with great quality and affordable merchandise. Lynne has put in countless hours working behind the scenes with design, orders, and stocking.

Individual player awards

Nathan Dunn for winning the 20th Moulden Medal, our highest award given to a male player. Nathan, you have played your best football to date and I have no doubt that you will continue to grow and develop into an even better footballer next season. Thank you so much for commitment to your team and this Club.

Tamika May for winning the Women's A grade best and fairest this season, Tamika has had a fantastic season in the Adelaide Football League Division 2 and I'm sure will continue her success in League football next season.

Callum Finlayson for winning the Hills Football League Division 1 Junior colts Mail Medal. A great lad and amazing talent, looking forward to seeing you progress into Senior football over the coming years.

Shane and I would like to thank and congratulate the committee for their efforts again this year. Many lengthy meetings, many lengthy minutes. Thank you to Ruth Hopton, Belinda Winchester, Ben Kernich, Simon Hughes, Tracey Ghee, Vickie Richardson, David Richardson, and Brendan Pole for being the most thorough and professional committee.

Projects around the club.

- New Furniture - tables, chairs, and bar stools
- New Automatic wheelchair access door on the Northern side of the club.
- New Cupboards for the storage of plates and crockery, Special Thanks to U install it for donating the cupboards, Shane Badcoe, Nick Wilmshurst and Ben Wayland for the installation.



I Would like to especially thank my good mate and Vice President Shane Badcoe for sharing this great experience over the last four years and for being there always. Good on you mate!

Kris Winchester
President

Senior Football Directors Report 2021

Well, another season of football has drawn to a conclusion. Despite the continued challenges of playing a physical sport in a Covid environment, it has been another successful season for the Blackwood Football Club Senior Football Department with individual players growing to become better footballers, all sides playing some great team orientated football and the Senior Colts achieving the ultimate success, winning the premiership.

In the Men's A Grade, Scott Prebble took over the reigns of side being appointed as club coach. The off-field staff also saw the experienced Craig Bahnisch jump onboard as assistant coach whilst the club invested in the medical department with the Physio Studio (through Anneka Smith) becoming the Club Physiotherapist.

With the addition of several new recruits and senior colts stepping into the Men's program for the first time, the team started like a house on fire first winning seven of the first nine matches. As the season wore on, injuries continued to mount which impacted the ability for the side to be at full-strength with over 200 games missed by players through injuries at the end of the year.

With change comes opportunity, with several players given the chance to play a sustained period in the A Grade and show what they could do. Across the season 11 players made their Men's A Grade debut for the club (Alex Scott, Caleb Dearman, Ed Van Den Berg, Jaxin Faehrmann, Jordon Cock, Lachlan Bahnisch, Patrick Hillard, Oscar Hodge, Sam Venning, Tyson Clark and Zac Venning) with all players showing they will be long term quality footballers in the Red and Green.

The side ended up finishing in fifth position at the end of the minor rounds with a nine-and-seven record suffering a loss to Onkaparinga Valley in the Elimination Final at Lobethal Oval. The side averaged the fourth best offence in the competition (71.4 points) whilst the defence was rated fifth best (69.0 points). Individual highlights for the year included Nathan Dunn winning the 2021 Moulden Medal finishing eight votes ahead of Daniel Benson in second



place whilst captain Ryan Dijksman took home the leading goal kicker award.

Season 2021 saw the Blackwood Football Club field two Senior Women's sides for the first time. The club entered one team in the Division Two Adelaide Football League competition playing on Saturday afternoon whilst the senior team played in the Hills Football League competition on Sunday's. The A Grade side hit the ground running winning their opening two matches against Flinders University and Salisbury and had four wins from the opening seven matches. As the season wore on, the team suffered from several key injuries and unavailability to unfortunately not win a match in the last seven games of the season.

With injuries and unavailability hitting the first team, the Hills Football League side bore the brunt of this with several players often having to play two matches across the season. The B Grade side finished with two wins from 10 matches with wins coming against Murraylands in Round 6 and Onkaparinga Valley in Round 7.

Moving off the season, the club had its first ever Women's player being drafted into the AFLW system with Jess Good being selected by the Carlton Football Club. We wish Jess all the best and will be barracking hard whenever the Blues take the field in 2022. Other individual highlights across the season include Tamika May and Kiera Mueller winning the best and fairest awards from Michaela Collins and Claudia Cock whilst Brianna Medder took home both leading goal kicker awards. Thank you to all the coaches, trainers and volunteers for assisting across the season.

In the B Grade, Daniel Lowe continued as coach of the team for the second consecutive season. Making a slow start to the season winning one of their first four matches, they found their groove recording wins in 11 of the next 14 games to finish in third position on the ladder. The side battled hard across three finals making it to the preliminary final to lose in a tight battle by six points to Mt Barker at Echunga Oval. The side saw continued improvement from many younger players with many showing they will be quality long-term players for the Woods. Overall highlights included Liam McCarthy winning the best and fairest ahead of Bailey Badcoe whilst Jacob Broad made a successful return to football picking up the player of the finals award. Thank you to all those who assisted the team in all the volunteer roles across the season.

Season 2021 also saw the return of the C Grade Mens side with the team entered in the C3 competition of the Adelaide Football League. The team had a tough start to the season losing to Flinders Park, but it served as a



wake-up call as the team put in the commitment to improve and that paid dividends as they finished in fourth position on the ladder after the conclusion of the minor rounds. Facing eventual premiers Golden Grove in the Preliminary Final, the side lead at quarter time but was unable to sustain the intensity being over-run to eventually lose the match. A special thanks must go to Rob Jones, Gary Reynolds, Brendan Pole and John Ghee who put their hands to ensure the side had coaches, a trainer and timekeeper/goal umpire.

Individual highlights for the year included Nathan Dunn winning the best and fairest ahead of Connor McCarl whilst Tyson Aiston took home the leader goal kicker award and finished runner up in the Competition best player medal.

For the Senior Colts, they bounced back from the disappointment in the previous year to claim the ultimate prize, the 2021 Hills Football League Premiership. Jacob Broad assumed the coaching role for his second season as a coach with fellow senior player Daniel Bennetts assisting him. Across the season, the side had a 13-and-3 record to finish second on the ladder. The side recorded two victories over Onkparinga Valley to qualify for the Grand Final but turned around a semi-final loss against Nairne to record the team's first premiership side 2017. The Senior Colts have had a successful period across the last four seasons making the Grand Final on four of five occasions. Across the season the side used a total of 36 players and ranked as the best attack and second-best defence. Congratulations to Sam Matters who took out the best and fairest award ahead of Ben Wender.

Moving forward into 2022, the senior playing group (both Men's and Women's) are in an exciting position. With a solid core of outstanding players steered by exceptional leaders, both groups have the drive to be the best footballers they can be. There is a real opportunity for a period of sustained success just around the corner. Bring on next season!

2021 Award Winners

A Grade (Men's)

- Moulden Medallist (A Grade Best & Fairest) - Nathan Dunn (127 votes)
- Runner up Best & Fairest - Daniel Benson (119 votes)
- Leading Goal Kicker - Ryan Dijkstra (25 goals)
- Coaches Award – Jaxin Faehrmann
- Team Player of the Year - Jan Warbout
- Simon Byrne Most Courageous Award - Daniel Benson
- Player of the Finals - Sam Venning



A Grade (Women's)

- Best & Fairest - Tamika May (130 votes)
- Runner up Best & Fairest - Michaela Collins (97 votes)
- Leading Goal Kicker - Brianna Medder (13 goals)
- Most Consistent - Kelly Whitehead
- Team Player of the Year - Harsimrat Dhaliwal
- Most Improved - Kirsten Priess

B Grade (Men's)

- Best & Fairest - Liam McCarthy (76 votes)
- Runner up Best & Fairest - Bailey Badcoe (58 votes)
- Leading Goal Kicker - Liam McCarthy (22 goals)
- Coaches Award - Tom Radford
- Team Player of the Year - Henry Spurr & Zac Zevenboom
- Player of the Finals - Jacob Broad

B Grade (Women's)

- Best & Fairest - Kiera Mueller (76 votes)
- Runner up Best & Fairest - Claudia Cock (32 votes)
- Leading Goal Kicker - Brianna Medder (7 goals)
- Coaches Award - Brianna Medder
- Team Player of the Year - Sarah Hunt
- Most Improved - Jade Doherty

C Grade (Men's)

- Best & Fairest - Nathan Laity (96 votes)
- Runner up Best & Fairest - Connor McCarl (85 votes)
- Leading Goal Kicker - Tyson Aiston (20 goals)
- Coaches Award - Callan Marks
- Team Player of the Year - Tyler Clare & Josh Thompson
- Player of the Finals - Andrew Work

Senior Colts

- Best & Fairest - Sam Matters (87 votes)
- Runner up Best & Fairest - Ben Wender (67 votes)
- Leading Goal Kicker - Nick Evans (27 goals)
- Coaches Award - Bailey Pedro
- Team Player of the Year - Charlie Aitken
- Most Improved & Player of the Finals - Alex Markham



Club Awards

- Watchman Award - Peter Gottsche
- Les Gillard Award - Phil Dinning
- Roberts Award - Leanne Clare
- Damien Venning Award – Annie Boyd

Junior Football Directors Report 2021

Auskick participants – 80+

Under 7 Mini's

Under 8 x2

Under 9 boys and girls

Under 10 x2

Under 11 boys and girls

U12 boys

U13 boys & girls x2

Under 14 boys (HFL)

Under 15 boys and girls

Under 16 boys (HFL)

Under 17.5 girls x2

Season 2021 saw the introduction of our sub junior grades enter the SANFL Juniors (no premiership points) competitions.

The established age groups – U12, 13, 15 & 17.5 all continued to progress in the premiership age groups with only our U13 girls & U17.5 division 2 teams not participating in finals football. All three HFL boys' junior teams also participated in finals football with our U14 lads finishing 4th, U16's 3rd and of course the excellent U18 premiership in 2021.

The early focus centred around ensuring quality coaches with a development mind set for our strong numbers to continue to improve individually but also within their respective teams/ squads. Our female junior program continues to grow with Damien Venning constantly recruiting and driving the ability for all to play and improve. A great example of a club (legend) volunteer who always puts the BFC first!



Luke Gunn coordinated the large Auskick centre with great support on Friday nights from many helpers both junior and senior BFC players and of course parental help also. Matt Thomas took on the U7 minis coaching role and created a fun environment for entry level competitive football.

Jarrold Trowbridge and Will Darley looked after the U8's squads and Annie Boyd & Clare Collins (welcome to coaching girls) both open women players from the BFC guided our U9 girls. Nathan Mitchell and Braden Williss coached our U10 boys with Tavis Kleinig mentoring the U9 boys.

Mark Sansome oversaw the U11 girls and provides a great environment for this age group to learn the game, Aaron Harrison coached our U11 boys with a focus on teaching the game and the improvement became evident throughout the season. Adam Torode coached the U12 boys and continues his journey of many seasons coaching at the BFC in various age groups. Damien Connor continued with the U13 boys following their U12 premiership the previous year 2020. Scott Wheatland was reappointed to the U14 (HFL) moving with the squad from the SANFL Juniors U13's the previous season. Cam Grigg led the U15 boys team following a later than expected start for this group and uncertainty around who would coach the team in season 2021. Luke Warburton coached the U16's with great support and assistance from Zac Venning. Luke Hall & Rik Falch worked with our strong U13 girl's squads and Dan Smith continued with the U15 girls. Ashley Bryans and Simon Manser were responsible for our most senior junior group of U17.5 girls and certainly had some challenges throughout with numbers and many girls playing two games every if not most weekend.

Through regular conversation with Damien Venning, we knew that this would be challenging but also had a strong belief that the more football our juniors are able to play will assist with greater development, exposure to different coaching techniques and of course at times playing in the age group higher. The highlight being Jackson Moody winning the Best & Fairest in both the U14 (HFL) and U15 SANFL teams. Another highlight within the junior ranks was U16 co-captain Callum Finlayson winning the HFL Mail Medal followed by selection in the U18 Grand Final who ultimately won the premiership. Congratulations to both Jackson and Callum for your outstanding seasons! No doubt we'll see these lads making their way through higher ranks in seasons to come! Also, to so many of the girls playing multiple games each weekend be that in similar fashion to Jackson but also many were exposed to playing some open women's football which will hold them in good stead moving into more senior ranks in seasons to come.

Thank you and great appreciation must also go to Lulu Collins & Dustin Fisher who both continue to support the BFC as parents of players but also the



outstanding work they both do co-ordinating their respective age levels, Lulu with the sub juniors/ not for premiership grades and Dustin as the SANFL Juniors boys. Damien Venning as mentioned previously has also done an outstanding job with the female football program since its inception some 5 years ago!

I would also like to thank the many assistant coaches, team managers, trainers and first aid support staff for their efforts in making sure games were rolled out smoothly and all participants were treated as important members of the Blackwood Football Club.

Ruth Work puts more time in than many can imagine with the absolute focus of keeping players healthy and well and able to play and train each week. Thank you, Ruth.

Whilst I was keen to ensure we were open for business whenever there were games being played at the BFC I'd like to thank the many helpers/ parents/ grand parents and siblings who volunteered with BBQ and canteen duty.

The importance to cater for visiting teams/ clubs will ultimately leave a good memory for their next journey to Blackwood. I'm sure most have experienced significant travel only to find no catering which can be attributed to lack of voluntary support or minimal games being played on any given day.

The need for further assistance is necessary and all it takes is a couple of dedicated hours whenever you are able!

We were fortunate to pretty much play full seasons across all age levels/ grades in season 2021 besides a longer than expected break in July's lock down. An impressive result for all involved who assisted with ground Marshall and covid Marshall duties. This included many hard-working committee members who spent many hours around the club and away from the club dealing with related matters that arise from time to time.

A couple of highlights from my perspective below: -

- Participation - Games & training.
- Love for the red and green.
- Coaches who also play, influence, and encourage our many junior players.
- Passionate supporters/ parents/ grandparents who pull up their sleeves when needed.
- Partners of our coaches and support staff who support and encourage their continued involvement in the great game of AFL/ Australian Rules footy.



- Coordinators who pull things together at the end of the season to acknowledge those who have impacted the club positively throughout the season.
- People who engage and discuss their respective views around football but can also see other views and opinions and take them for what they are.
- Thriving female footballers creating a strong culture which sets a great example of enjoyment, improvement, development contribution and commitment.
- Like minded people working and interacting to create a positive environment for all players, supporters, visitors and opposing clubs.
- The future continues to look bright for the BFC beyond 2021.

Thanks for the opportunity to work with so many great people both from the committee and all those I've met and engaged throughout the season. We all engage the game from an angle of love, enjoyment, and social belonging. Our passion can sometimes appear to get in the way but in the long run the club is bigger than any individual who spends time within it.

Simon Hughes – Junior Football Director 2021

Treasurers Report 2021

Without the hard work and dedication by Julie Langham (the Clubs Bookkeeper) in the off season, we would not have got the new point of sale software up and running. It is a great system, easy to use and has made the treasurers job half of what it used to be.

This year we introduced recording, in the Profit and Loss statement, those sponsors that contributed goods or services to our club. You will see in the income line "Sponsorship – Goods in Lieu" a value of \$48,852.67. This in turn was expended (via a contra payment) to the various expense accounts.

This was my 4th and last year as Treasurer and I've been amazed at how much the Blackwood Football Club has grown. A big thank you to Kris and Julie who have updated the accounting system which has made the Blackwood Football Club run more like a business which is what it has become.

The Club is in a great position, and I look forward to seeing what the future brings.

Belinda Winchester
Treasurer



Membership Report 2021

My first year as Membership Officer for Blackwood Football Club has certainly been a busy one. Thanks must go to Sharon Cock for all of her hard work in the role over the previous four seasons and her ongoing support whilst I learnt the ropes this year.

This year we have been fortunate given the ongoing COVID situation to have had almost a full season played for most teams. Hopefully 2022 will see us being able to play a whole season with minimal restrictions.

The club currently has over 700 members consisting of Players, Coaches, Life Members, Axemen, Social Members and Volunteers and a total of 25 teams playing across different competitions. This year has seen the Axemen in particular grow in membership numbers. Thanks to the hard working Axemen committee who continue to support the club through fundraising via the very popular Axemen luncheons.

Thanks also to everyone that has paid Player registration fees and Social/Axeman fees. These fees contribute in many ways across our Club, enabling us to field football teams each week and improve the facilities that we all enjoy. Your support is much appreciated and vital to keep our club running.

Next season you will notice a change whereby Sportstg will be replaced by Play HQ as the platform for registrations. We will be working over the off season to ensure that everything is in readiness in time for the opening of registrations early next year.

Congratulations to everyone involved with Blackwood Football Club in 2021 on a great year. Looking forward to an even more successful 2022!

Tracy Ghee

BFC Membership Officer

Sponsorship Report 2021

Once again the response from our Sponsors this season has been outstanding as many have still faced challenging times due to Covid-19. We are more than grateful for their ongoing support.

The overall contribution this season has almost doubled from our 2019 season, after falling last season due to Covid-19 difficulties, this amount is outlined in the financial report and this season we have had increased amounts of donations for goods and vouchers from our Sponsors, so we have included



these amounts as well, to show a true reflection of the generosity shown to our Club.

This season we have tried to give a little back to our Sponsors through 'Game Day' promotion of the businesses that support us, through Social Media posts and within our weekly emails. Our signage within the Clubrooms has been revamped and the Oval signage updated. The Axemen have also contributed to promoting our sponsors at their luncheons and I thank them for all of their fundraising efforts this season.

We are continuing to attract new Sponsors and hope to welcome more again next Season and we encourage our members to support these valuable businesses.

As always, we thank Barry & Maria Caddle and family for their outstanding contribution to Blackwood Football Club.

2021 Sponsors

Caddle Crash Repairs & Edenwood Auto's, U-Install-It Kitchens, Cellarbrations Blackwood, Wood Tech, Blackwood & Belair Conveyancing, Great Southern RV, Sleek Books, Springfresh Salads, Sims Refrigeration, Blackwood Tree Service, Nelson Teamwear, Dave Benson Caravans, Harris Real Estate, Sam Duluk MP, Greens Environmental Pest Control, Senwill Civil, AIR Wholesalers, The Physio Studio, Kruse Legal, Lowe's Meat Co, Adelaide Dream Homes, Thompson's Pool & Spa, National Pharmacies & Optical, Harvey Norman Electrical Marion, Blackwood Hire, Belair Hotel, Bridgestone Select Blackwood, Galpins, Timms Real Estate, Banner Mitre 10, Intersport, Valley Landscaping, Akkerman & Dyer, Blackwood Butchers, Blackwood Pizza Bar, Sleek Tours, Rick Hooper Glass, Hogan Insurance, Botanic Chicken & Seafood, Choices Flooring Blackwood, LAAD Creative, Online Fire & Security, Brad Voigt Plumbing, Southern Workout Store, Prencos Environmental, Fire & Rescue, Feather & Peck, The Coffee Club Marion, Blackwood Hair for Men, Yangtze Chinese Restaurant, St Peters Lutheran School, Drakes Supermarkets & The Fishman.

Vicki Trevena
Sponsorship Coordinator

Axemen Report 2021

When the going gets tough the Axemen get going.

2021 was a year when all records were broken; highest attendances at lunches, fantastic support for raffles and auctions, great guest speakers and record fundraising.



The first lunch included the 1991 A grade reunion and was well supported by past players and officials.

In May the second lunch heard from A grade coach Scott Prebble and Mitcham Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross. Wood Tech continued their support with a large contingent of participants.

In July, Norwood and Collingwood legend Michael Taylor reflected on his long involvement with the footy world.

The final lunch in August - ladies lunch, saw another first, a zoom interview with Rachael Sporn who was in quarantine after returning from the Tokyo Olympics.

Another first for the year was the Axemen's Newsletter which was well received and will continue in 2022.

Due to the impact of density restrictions online pre-booking and payments were introduced. The support we got was excellent making catering and set-up so much easier. This will continue in the future so get in quick when registrations open on the website to secure your spot.

Remember everyone is welcome to attend all or any of the lunches. It is an opportunity to support the club while having a bit of fun.

The dates for 2022 will be posted on the website.

We will be funding the updating of all honour boards, the members bar will be fitted with a new projector and screen donated by Club Sponsor Harvey Norman and installed along with a Sound Bar New crockery and cutlery for the Kitchen is being purchased for the lunches and other Club Functions. We are working with the committee on other projects including the planned upgrade of the game day BBQ area.

The football department benefitted from the purchase of new gym equipment.

Finance Summary

Opening Balance	\$22,463.00
Contribution 2021	\$12,227.44
	\$36,690.44
Expenditure	
Gym equipment	\$ 5,000.00
Total Bank Balance (held by club)	\$31,690.44
Funds contributed direct from Axeman bank Acc	
Projector/ Screen/Sound Bar/Mounts etc	625.00

Axemen committee: Sharon Cock, Pete Gottsche, Dylan Jones, Geoff Jenner, Rudi Mandemaker, Robert Moulden, Kim Rawsthorn, Vicki Trevena, Brad Voigt, Wally Wende, Leonie Wilmshurst



Social Report 2021

Ladies Day this year was presented as a high tea with a delicious pink gin punch being served to guests throughout the afternoon. Following 2020's successful event, tickets to this year's event were sold out in just 1 week. Fortunately, we were able to release a few more tickets so nobody missed out.

The club was transformed with a beautiful flower wall for guests to take those all-important selfies. The feedback was that everyone had a wonderful time, enjoying the food, the music, the setting, and the whole afternoon.

Thank you to all the ladies who attended this year, and for helping make this an event to look forward to each year.

Traditionally held away from the club, it was decided that due to covid, it would be best to hold this year's senior presentation night at the club.

Once again, the club was transformed, this time into a night garden setting with lots of greenery and fairy lights decorating the ceiling. A green hedge wall with a Cherry Blossom Tree was a feature for those important selfies.

A real feature was the giant BFC letters lit up in the club's colour green. There was no mistaking where you were when you walked into the room.

With the dress code set as cocktail, it was great to see everyone made a real effort to dress up for the evening.

Guests were treated to a delicious 3 course meal and a welcome drink for just \$70 per person and there was a cocktail drink special to keep the evening fun.

The night was a huge success and once again the feedback was that everyone had a fabulous time, that continued well into the early hours of Sunday morning.

It has been our absolute pleasure to organise these events for BFC this year.

Theresa, Serrelle and Belinda
Function Team