

# HAWK TALK



AUGUST 2020  
Vol.4

## PRESIDENTS WELCOME

*By Michael Foote, President*

Hi All—I hope everyone is doing fine and staying safe!

At this time of COVID-19 the Club is now operating as much as we can – bar, meals Thursday, Friday and after game days, Bingo, Poker and limited gaming machines. With the Club closed for about 3 months this did knock the Club for six, with no money coming into the Club, but now things are slowly starting to pick-up which is great. Thank you to all our members and supporters that are coming back to the Club. Thank you to our Club GM Anthony and our COVID Safe Officer Sarah Metcalf for ensuring the Club, including football, is COVID safe and we are complying to all the regulations as part of our Club COVID Safe Plan.

Thank you to all our volunteers that help at the footy on match days, football operations, caravan, kitchen, plus the additional volunteers required to help us meet our COVID obligations. If anyone has any spare time to assist on rosters it would be appreciated.

To all of our Football Coaches; Junior and Senior; You all do a great job and very much appreciated. They need all the support and assistance they can get from Parents, Grandparents and Carers, so if you can help out please come forward. If you need to talk to anyone regarding football please talk to our Junior Football Administrator, Sarah Metcalf of Senior Football Administrator, Craig Packard.

Recently, members would have received an invitation and may have seen our video inviting you to be part of our True Believers Fundraiser. This is a necessary fundraiser to help the club survive throughout this COVID period and into the future. The response has already been fantastic, however I encourage you to get involved.

Thank you and see you at the Footy or Club!

Cheers,  
Mick



## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee held it's monthly board meeting this week, and it was all about Strategic Planning for 2021 and beyond. We are excited about the journey ahead as we create precision focus on the ongoing development of WAFC on and off the field. We place top priority on this process and as such engaged the services of Brian (Bucky) Cunningham, previous successful CEO of Port Adelaide Football Club, and highly sought-after strategic & change management consultant. Brian has generously offered in-kind support, showing his understanding of the financial hardship football clubs are facing during these times. We welcomed Brian to our meeting this week via Zoom, we pass on our thanks and appreciation to him and look forward to him strengthening our strategic planning process.

Brian also shared his fond memories of playing at West Torrens with two past WAFC legends, Kevin McSparran and Wayne Broadbridge.

We would also like to acknowledge the expertise and contribution of Brett Humphrys who has also offered his support to strengthen our planning for 2021 and beyond. We are excited to be further developing a brighter WAFC future through diverse collaborations.



## Member's Draw

**EVERY SUNDAY from 4:30pm**

**Come down and enjoy the Club for your chance to take home \$300 this Sunday!**

*(draw value as at 13th August 2020)*



## MIGHTY HAWKS CORNER

by Craig Packard, Senior Football Administrator

Well here we are heading into Round 7 and over half way through the season. It certainly has been a season like no other; with not knowing if we would get to play at all in 2020, to the ever-changing restrictions and requirements to meet the Covid -19 playing obligations. The important thing is that we have been able to get a season in 2020 and we applaud the way that all players and officials have adapted and adhered to the playing requirements.

At the half way mark of the season we find ourselves at the bottom of the ladder, however the reality is that we are only a very small percentage out of the top four and this is very achievable for us this season and to play finals football this year. All teams this year are quite even, and getting to the finals gives us a chance to be there at the important time of the year. We had a great win over the reigning premiers, South Augusta in round two by 24 points but unfortunately have lost the other four games. We had a disappointing day in Port Pirie against Ports in round four, which is why we are now sitting below them on the ladder. Therefore, we must win at least one of the next three games to get us into a finals position.

We have had some terrific personal milestones this year. Damien Kroes played his 150<sup>th</sup> League SGL game in round two. Congratulations to Damo, who is having a fantastic season this year. We also had the fantastic milestone by Jeremy Carn who played his 300<sup>th</sup> Senior game for West Augusta. A combination of 74 League games and 226 seconds games. Well done on this amazing achievement Carney. Jeremy was also able to celebrate this day at Chinnery Park Oval in front of his home crowd.

Round five we were thrilled to be able to host Lions at Chinnery Park Oval which also enabled us to invite past players and members to the game and back to the club after. It was a beautiful day and the ground came up really well. I hope that this allows us to hold some games at Chinnery Park in the future years. It was a massive amount of work to get the facilities ready for this day and we especially thank our Club President, Mick Foote for the work he put into making this a successful day.

Overall, we can still have success this season by taking the step to playing finals and then take each game from there. Our league has had some injuries that have set us back from full strength, including Richie Hobbs and Ty Harrison, but managed well, we could bring the squad to full fitness just in time for the finals.

The Seconds have also struggled for a consistent team, which has been frustrating for Brenton Fazulla our Seconds Coach, which means in a short season, finals will most likely be out of reach, but I am sure players have enjoyed having a game this year, when it seemed earlier in the year that would not be the case. U18, coached by Matthew Gower have also had a difficult season maintaining a full squad and using many U15 Players each week, but a win or two could still see them experience finals football in 2020.

Get out and support our teams for the rest of the season. There are only three game left before finals and your support will be greatly appreciated in helping us achieve success this year in what has been a challenging season on and off the field.

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WEEKLY GAME

# THURSDAYS

EVERYONE WELCOME!

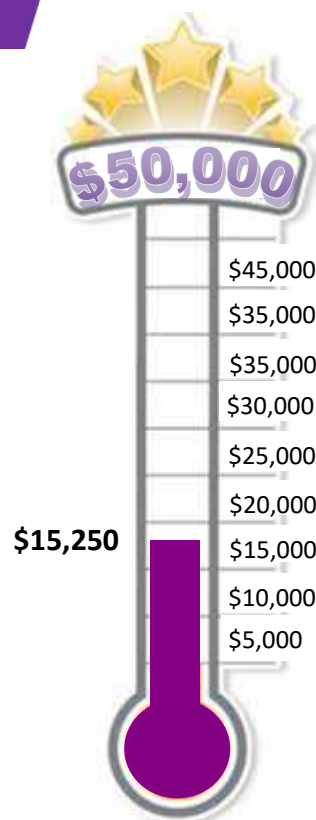
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## TRUE BELIEVER'S FUNDRAISING PROJECT

Can you imagine the Port Augusta community without the West Augusta Football Club?

At this present time, this is an imposing reality your Club is currently facing. Established in 1915, our beloved Westies has become the most successful and decorated football Club in Port Augusta and the Spencer Gulf Football League.

Largely thanks to our hard-working staff and volunteers, the Club facilities have become a prominent community asset, regularly sought after for wedding and events.

The recent unprecedented times experienced due to COVID-19 have been felt across all aspects of society changing the way we live as individuals, families and communities. The closure of our Club during the pandemic has resulted in significant negative financial impact to our operations.

This is where our true believers, our Members come in. We need your help and we have a very special plan. After developing a financial recovery plan, the Club's Management Committee has set a goal of raising \$50,000 to inject urgently required funds to secure the future financial sustainability of our great Club.

West Augusta Football Club will be creating a "True Believer" wall of supporters. The wall will permanently display the names of our supporters who have heard the call to help our Club in a time of urgent need.

The "True Believers Supporters Wall" will consist of individual professionally engraved brick sized panels displaying our supporters. This will be a permanent feature inside our Club to demonstrate the support of our members when the Club really needed them in these unprecedented times. Once the True Believer's wall is complete, the Club will be inviting all participants to attend a very special unveiling ceremony to acknowledge all our supporters.

After only two weeks since launching the True Believer's fundraising project, the Club has raised \$15,250. Thank you to our members for hearing our call, the strong start is very positive. Let's keep it going!!

Detailed letters, including an application form to lodge your interest was mailed to all Members. If you would like to know more please contact Anthony Packard, Club General Manager on 0409 374 016 or email: westaugustafc@internode.net.au

Expression of interests for the panels will close on 30th September 2020—limited available be quick!

Find out more here: <https://www.facebook.com/WestAugustaFootballClub/videos/209044663858073>

The Management Committee would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Greg & Tania Bailey in designing, implementing and coordinating this Fundraising Project. Well done and Thank you!

## JUNIOR HAWKS, COLTS CORNER

by Sarah Metcalf, Junior Football Administrator

### JUNIOR FOOTBALL

The season is now in full swing and it has been great to see all of the juniors out on the field. Thank you to all the Coaches, players, volunteers, parents who have helped to get the season up and running, and have abided by the COVID rules in order for the season to commence and continue being played. I'm pretty sure that all the players now know the training routine of sanitising their hands before and after training and on match days – they seem to have it down pat.

- ◇ Under 15's are going well – there are some pretty strong teams in this age bracket and our players have had some daunting matches, but to their credit they come back out and front up the next week.
- ◇ Under 13's are currently on top of the ladder in their grade and have been having a good season, dropping only the one match to date.
- ◇ Under 11's have steadily improved over the weeks and have chalked up 2 wins from their 4 games.
- ◇ Under 9's are out there improving their skills each week, having fun and learning week in and out.
- ◇ Auskick and U7 players are one of our biggest playing groups and it is great to see the kids out at training and on match day having an absolute ball of a time.

As always any help on match day for the Juniors is much appreciated – from washing guernseys, goal umpiring, field umpiring – if you are able to help out in any way please speak to the Coaches.

Congratulations to Craig Blinman who is going to be coaching the U13 Port Augusta Combined side playing in Port Pirie on 20th September 2020.

Congratulations to Tyler Freeman, Henry Dunning, Kallan Blinman and Jakeem Cox who have been selected in the combined SGL U15 side to play in Port Pirie on August 30<sup>th</sup> against Northern Areas and Whyalla. The coach for the side is Corey McKenzie

### GIRLS FOOTBALL

Its been great to see a huge number of girls who have turned out for the Junior Girls Football. West Augusta have up to 20 participants ranging in ages 7 to 16. The competition is being played on a Wednesday night at ETSA Oval starting at 5.30pm for warm up and games at 6pm.

The girls team is being coached by Kellie Von-Senden and Josh Butler and they have done a great job in getting the girls out each week.

There will be a combined U13 and U16 junior girls side travelling to Port Pirie on Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup> to play in a mini carnival – more news to come on this!



Photograph courtesy of Suzy Graham



## CONGRATULATIONS JEREMY CARN ON 300 SENIOR GAMES

Congratulations to Jeremy Carn who played his 300th senior game for West Augusta in round 5.

Jeremy is a West Augusta FC 2005 League Premiership Player, playing his first league game in 1998. He has won multiple West Augusta Seconds Premierships in 2004, 2006 and 2011. Jeremy has been the West Augusta Reserves Best & Fairest 2001, 2002 and 2011. He has played 74 League games for West Augusta and 226 Seconds games, a total of 300 senior games.

Jeremy is one of those people clubs love to have involved in their club. Not just as a dedicated player and team mate, but for their extra involvement in the club. He has coached junior football, volunteers when ever needed and is currently a Management Committee Member of West Augusta. He is a great family man and the West Augusta Football Club is proud of his achievements and commitment to SGL Football.

Congratulations Jeremy on your 300 West Augusta Senior Club Games. A mighty achievement.



## GOOD NEWS STORY

Former WAFC player and SGL umpire Zachery Packard made his SANFL Senior Umpiring debut last weekend, when he took charge as Field Umpire for the Reserves Norwood vs South Adelaide game at Norwood Oval.

Congratulations Zac!



## BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!



To renew your membership for 2020, please visit:

<http://www.westaugustafc.com/membersh.../membership-form-2020/>

## CORPORATE PARTNER PACKAGES AVAILABLE

West Augusta Football Club are proactive in maintaining and creating new corporate partnerships, and seek out opportunities for new partnerships that mutually strengthen corporate operations, family values and community collaborations.

If you're a business, family or individual who would like to invest in your local club, please contact Anthony Packard, Club Manager on 0409 374 016 or via email: [westaugustafc@internode.on.net](mailto:westaugustafc@internode.on.net)

In return for your investment your business will be widely promoted through social media platforms, club functions, player awards, newsletters and club digital advertising. Sponsorship packages can be tailored to meet your needs and circumstances, the options are endless!

## PLAYER PROFILE

NAME: Joe Packard



Age: 25  
 Job: Chippy (carpenter/builder)  
 In a relationship?: Yes, my beautiful girlfriend Amy  
 AFL Club I Follow: Port Adelaide  
 Favourite AFL player: Patty Cripps  
 My favourite position to play: Ruck Rover  
 Favourite band: ATM  
 Best tune: Ocean Alley, but I frequently change  
 Favourite TV show: Family Guy  
 Favourite drink: Alcoholic – Southern Comfort, Non alcoholic – coffee  
 What gets your taste buds dancing?: Indian Indulgences Butter Chicken  
 Proudest achievement: My house renovations  
 My personal goals: win lotto, retire young, and travel the Country.

**Pizza!**

**Pasta!**

**Parmi!**



**Every Thursday**

**night!**

## HAWK'S SGL FIXTURE 2020

Round			
1	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	West Augusta vs Central Augusta	Central Oval, Port Augusta
2	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	South Augusta vs West Augusta	Central Oval, Port Augusta
3	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Bye	
4	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Port vs West Augusta	Memorial Oval, Port Pirie
5	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	West Augusta vs Lions	Chinnery Oval, Port Augusta
6	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	Central Augusta vs West Augusta	Central Oval, Port Augusta
7	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	West Augusta vs South Australia	Central Oval, Port Augusta
8	Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Bye	
9	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	Port vs West Augusta	Memorial Oval, Port Pirie
10	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Lions vs West Augusta	Memorial Oval, Port Pirie

## COVID SAFE SEASON 2020

by Sarah Metcalf, Junior Football Administrator & COVID Safe Representative

### FOOTBALL OPERATIONS

It has been a trying start to the season but it is great to see everyone has embraced the COVID rules and have been abiding by them on training and match days. In order for us to continue to train and play we need everyone to remember to sanitise their hands before and after training and matches, on entering and exiting changerooms; not attend training or match day if unwell; practice good hygiene. Parents / Spectators are reminded they are not to enter the playing field during quarter / half time breaks.

A big thank you goes to the helpers on Saturdays who undertake the COVID cleaning of the changerooms, benches and toilets, sanitising of hands upon entering the changerooms; if there is any persons would like to help out please let me know and we can assign you to a role – many hands makes light work!

### CLUB OPERATIONS

With the increasing number of cases occurring in the Eastern States, South Australia has re-introduced restrictions in regards to Clubs, Pubs & Café's. What does this mean for the Club:

- Patrons must be seated when eating / drinking inside the Club
- All eating / drinking areas outside the club rooms that allowing dining in the form of meals is to be seated
- Consumption of alcohol in the outside area requires you to be seated
- Food and beverage can be purchased from a service area or similar within the club and then taken to a table. Table service can also be provided.
- Patrons cannot stand or sit and drink at the bar
- Names and contact numbers are to be provided by Patrons using Gaming Machines
- Unfortunately, we are still unable to offer dancing

## CONGRATULATIONS DAMIEN KROES ON 150 LEAGUE GAMES



The West Augusta Football Club wish to congratulate Damien Kroes who played his 150th League SGL game in round 2.

Damo is a Member of the 2013 West Augusta Premiership Team under Coach Ray Hayes and played his first League game with West Augusta in 2007 under Coach Tim Whitelum. He has developed over his career to be an extremely reliable and valuable player for West. Damien is a no frills player who takes his fitness and match preparation very seriously and is a recognised hard-ball getter of the SGL.

The Club is very proud of his achievement and contribution to West Augusta and the SGL.

## SGL LEAGUE LADDER

After Round 6

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	B	For	Agst	PTS	Percentage of Scoring
1	Prop Risdon	5	4	1	1	490	273	8	179.49
2	South Augusta	5	3	1	2	280	247	6	113.36
3	Central Augusta	5	3	2	1	294	278	6	105.76
4	Port	5	1	4	1	304	447	2	68.01
5	West Augusta	5	1	4	1	245	368	2	66.58



Keep up to date with the Club's results & 2020 fixture please visit [http://maps.sportingpulse.com/club\\_info.cgi?c=1-7308-87035-0-0&a=TEAMS&](http://maps.sportingpulse.com/club_info.cgi?c=1-7308-87035-0-0&a=TEAMS&)

Photography by the amazing Marianne Curley, who generously gives her time to capture this great game in action, and share sporting moments with families and supporters. She has endured a few wet conditions already this season. We are very grateful Marianne — Thank you!



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THURSDAY 20th AUGUST  
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**SENIOR PRESENTATION  
& MEDAL COUNT**

SUNDAY 6th  
DECEMBER  
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XMAS PARTY**



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## CORPORATE PARTNERS

The committee has continued the amazing efforts to strengthen the club off the field with maintaining partnerships we have with our corporate partners. We thank all our valued partners and we welcome and acknowledge our new partners for 2020: Progress Rail, Guidolin Carpentry, Anesbury Plumbing and Bagman.