

# Swoop!

The newsletter of the Gumeracha Football Club



## Finals action ahead!



Above: Dillon Harding on the lead versus Meadows in Round 11. Dillon has been in excellent kicking form this season.

After a couple of very disappointing defeats to Torrens Valley and Kersbrook mid-season, we found our mojo and have produced some brilliant football to defeat the southern triumvirate – Meadows, Kangarilla and Macclesfield – in exemplary fashion before recording another excellent win against Ironbank in Round 13.

Ravaged by injury in the first half of the season, the return of Danny Leith, Michael Walters, James Taylor and Ethan Lynch has greatly boosted our fortunes and given the whole team great confidence. It has been wonderful to watch fast, open and skillful football in recent weeks which bodes well as we move to the finals.

Compliments must go to our B Grade players who have

done very well when they have been asked to step up into the As. The Bs have battled hard against the odds this season and will also play finals football.

In this edition we review the club reunion day, congratulate our representatives at the Inter-League championships, check out one of our 'new' players, celebrate the Black & White Ball, and thank our sponsors.

August is swooping season! With our Round 16 wins we look forward to doing what magpies do best – fiercely protecting their territory! We ask all of our loyal and dedicated supporters to get behind our club as we push for September success. Go Gum!

Below: Members of the 1975 A Grade runners up team (plus a couple of ring ins from the 1957 team).

## From the President – Tony Hannaford

In the last few rounds we have seen some exciting and determined football from our A Grade team. Our Bs have done a great job under difficult circumstances scoring a very gutsy win against a shocked Ironbank and are in the finals too. Well done.

What's with all the hamstring injuries? These and COVID-19 have been very destabilising. We all hope that we can get our best teams on the park during the finals.

What a great day was had by all on 23 July for the club Reunion Day. Thanks to Tim Hanna and Nigel Jamieson for organising the event which attracted players



from all eras - some of whom had not been to the club in many years.

We were certainly treated

to some glorious weather, great crowd numbers and many, many stories, some of which were

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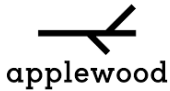
Torrens Valley Orchards

" The only person you should try to be better than is the person you were yesterday."

Adam Goodes

Dual AFL Brownlow medallist

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## From the President (Continued)

true. Maintaining our connections with past players is an important part of the fabric of our club.

Similarly, we had a good turn out of life members and sponsors during Round 14 to thank them for their wonderful contributions.

Many of you have asked about the nets at the Eastern (road) end of the ground after they were wrecked during a recent storm. We have been working assiduously with the Adelaide Hills Council and the insurers to achieve a solution before the end of the season. We have made progress and hope to get new nets up soon but probably

not in time for the scheduled preliminary final to be played at Gum on Saturday, 3 September.

Finally, we were saddened when Brett Randell advised he won't be continuing as coach next year. We thank him for his enormous contribution and wish him and his family all the best for the future.



## Coach's Corner – Brett Randell

The boys are playing well and really starting to gel again after a bit of a messy mid-season patch when we lost a couple that we should not have.

Having a few players back from injuries has helped. We are yet to see the team at full strength but are starting to get close which is great.

Team selection is starting to get really difficult as there are

four to five players pushing for their various spots. This is something I don't think we have really had before. It shows we have great depth but it really makes my job hard picking the team each week.

I urge all players to get to training regularly, work hard and put their best foot forward at every opportunity.



Above: Coach, Brett Randell, talks to his Ironbank counterpart, Elijah Ware, after our win in Round 14.

## Inter-League Championships



Left: The HFL Country Division team. Below: Jack Hanna on the move. Below Left: Jack Parker lays a great tackle on the opposition.

Three of our A Graders played for Hills Country Division in the Inter-League Championships played at Murray Bridge on Saturday, 11 June.

Jack Parker, Jack Hanna and Mitchell Trepka represented our club against a combined Riverland-Mallee XVIII. It was 'a tough day at the office' as the HFL was on the end of a 62 point defeat (14.14 (98) to 5.4 (34)) by a much more experienced and skilful team. Still, our boys performed strongly and gained great



experience which will benefit them in coming seasons.

This year, the HFL fielded an Under 23 team but played against



opponents without age limits. No doubt this will be reviewed next year!

Well done boys!

# Reunion Day

We had a great turn out on Saturday, 23 July for Reunion Day. The theme was to mark the premierships '2s', ie. those years in which we have won a premiership ending in 2 – the centenary of 1922 being the spark for this approach. The years marked were 1922, 1932 and 1982 (A Grade), 1932 (B Grade—our only B Grade premiership!) and 1972 (Senior Colts). We also marked the 1975 grand final team which went down.

Pleasingly, we had many other past players and their partners from other eras join us including from the 1970 A Grade team including Barry and Robert Farley, Mail Medallist Brian Teakle and Trevor Green.

Dean Hanna and Ken Carter from the 1956 and 1957 premiership teams were also in attendance.

Tim Hanna and Nigel Jamieson gave a potted history of the club. Nigel relayed a message from 1975-76 captain-coach, Robin Chaplain and Roger Sweetman spoke about the 1982 premiership team which he captained.

Former Olympic and NBL basket baller, Ken Cole, who played with us in the mid-1970s spoke of how much he loved his association with the Gumeracha Football Club. His five minutes of genuine heartfelt sentiments were 'gold'.

In a totally successful day, both of our senior teams secured excellent victories and many past players continued at the club after the final siren to reminisce just a little bit more.

Others of note who attended were Greg and Bernie Mullins, Brian Stansbury and Peter Coad.



**Spotted in the crowd (relaxing for a change!) — our favourite publican. Mark Warren!**



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***Danger, danger, danger !***

***Verrall brothers on the loose at Reunion Day. Graham, Phil and Michael enjoying the day.***

**Left Above: Barry and Robert Farley; Above: The Verrall brothers; Top Right: Roger Sweetman proudly displaying his heritage guernsey purchase. Middle Right: Nigel Jamieson addressing the reunion group; Bottom Right: Club President, Tony Hannaford with past captain, coach and best and fairest winner—Greg Mullins.; Below Left: 1982 A Grade premierships team; Below Right: 1972 Senior Colts Premiership team.**





# HFL News

## SLING/DANGEROUS TACKLES - UPDATE

1. No Longer will a Yellow Card be issued for a 'potential' Sling/Dangerous Tackle. The motion of a sling tackle or a tackle where a player is heavily tackled, and an umpire feels 'could potentially' be deemed 'dangerous' will now engage a Free Kick accompanied with a 50m penalty for seniors and the relevant penalty distance for junior teams.
2. However, If the tackler engages in either a secondary lifting motion involving the arms being pinned and/or the player is dangerously dumped to the ground with force where his/her head region makes impact with the ground, this would be deemed a severely Dangerous tackle. This would require the umpire to issue a Player Report, a Yellow card, the Free Kick and the 50m penalty .

**On Neil Kerley:** "He always, always led from the front."

**Graham Cornes**

**Former Adelaide Crows coach and SANFL champion**

## Player Milestones

- 150 Games - Ben Hanna, Matt Redden and Dylan Gilbert**
- 100 Games - Andrew Pertini**
- 50 Games - Marques Graham, Jamie O'Mara and Adam Jones**



Congratulations to all players for their loyal and valued contribution to the Mighty Magpies. Great work boys!

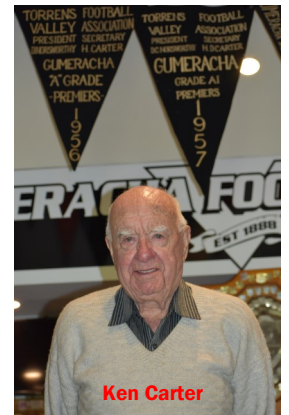
## Past Player News



Nigel Jamieson manages the Gumeracha Football Club Past Players Group. If you have old team lists, scores, photos or stories that can be shared on the Past Players Facebook page then please email them to gfcppa@gmail.com.



1956 Premiershhip Team



Ken Carter

**Gary Tucker** (yellow circle in photo), a star from our 1950s golden era died in early June. A slick, skillful and classy half-forward Gary kicked 121 goals in 1957. Persistent injuries caused a premature retirement in 1960 after premiership wins in 1956 and 1957

Older brother of Graham and Ian, **John Carpenter** who played for GFC in the 1960s also died in June.

It has been wonderful to see past player **Ken Carter** at Gumeracha in recent weeks.

Ken started his football at the club when he was 14 years old and was collared by the B Grade captain, Wordy Gray on his way to buy a newspaper! Ken (above) kicked a goal in that first game. He played 14 seasons mainly on the wing and half-back line including in the 1956 and 1957 premiership teams. Ken now resides in Murray Bridge with his wife Ann.

**As you train, so shall you play!**

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## Player Profile – Duane Schultz

“I don’t hold a hose mate”. These words were used by ex-prime minister Scott Morrison but also have been for years by 34 year old firefighter and half-backman Duane “Shooter” Schultz. Someone has to show them where to aim it “No Hose” says. The former June Eagles league footballer and Mount Compass premiership hero (2016) is a welcome newcomer to the magpie nest. DIY upcycling – making old things new is how he spends his spare time in the man cave, where the current project is working on the Adelaide Crows rebuild. Wife

Stephanie and one-year old son Finn just frown and shake their heads when they bring him an afternoon coffee. The former June calendar showpiece would love to have the number of Phil Jackson- NBA coach on his telex and would happily travel to Scotland should the situation arise. Duane has proved himself to be a great clubman and mentor to our younger players since joining the Magpies this year.



## New Sponsor— Produce Carton Supplies

We welcome Produce Carton Supplies as a new major sponsor. It was great to see the boss of PCS, Pat Strangio, at our Sponsors Day on 30 July. Pat showed great interest in what our coach had to say to the players at the end of each quarter and meta number of club supporters. PCS supply many major businesses including Torrens Valley Orchards and Kenton Valley Cherries. Enjoy your Magpie experience Pat and PCS!

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Above: Pat Strangio from PCS. Below Left: Merv and Kath Miles and Dean and Valda Hanna at the life members lunch. Below: John O’Dea and Alex Tucker dig in.

## Sponsors and Life Members Day



On Saturday, 30 July we hosted our sponsors and life members to lunch. Julie Weinert did a great job organising the catering and it was pleasing to be able to show some GFC



hospitality to those who generously support us in so many ways.

### Question: How many Dillons does it take to make a football club?

How many Dillons/Dylans does it take to make a football team? Well, at Gumeracha, we have a few each of whom are doing well in their respective teams. Dillon Harding is on top of the goal-kicking in the As and has been deadly in front of goal. In the Bs, Dylan Gilbert is using his experience

to provide great poise for his team mates and newcomer Dylan Linsell is displaying plenty of vigour, never shirking the ‘tough stuff’.





### Social Events – Black & White Ball

It was all glitz and glamour at the GFC Black & White Ball held at The Cumberland Arms Hotel in the city on Saturday, 25 June. About 60 players, supporters and their partners enjoyed great food, music and the odd drink at a very successful event. Mac Scully picked up the tab at the end of the night which he will claim on next year's tax return.

Thanks to event organisers, Jack Parker, Louise McDiarmid and Julie Weinert for their hard work in making it all happen after the event was postponed in 2021 due to COVID-19. We greatly appreciate the sponsorship from Torrens Valley Pumps & Maintenance.



At The Cumby. There was glamour (above) and ... er ... well ... some blokes trying hard to match the girls but having a good time anyway!



### Out and about at Gum !

You'll never have as good a body as I did Sammy boy!



I should have asked Jo Foster first!



Left: Carpy using technology! Above: Jack Page telling it like it is. Below: Ex Central District 308 game star and SANFL Hall of Famer, Peter Vivian, dropped into Gum during the match against TV. Peter still holds the 100 m sprint record at Birdwood HS.

Always warm enough in Gum for a champers!

