

# Swoop!

The newsletter of the Gumeracha Football Club



## Good start to season



We are off to a flying start in 2022. Four solid wins mired by a last minute disappointing loss to a very determined and deserving Meadows team has us third in a very tight Top 4 in Country Division. The B Grade are fourth with three good wins.

In this edition we have a look at the presentation of our heritage guernseys, review our first match under the new lights during the ANZAC round and get to know some of our new players.

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**Left: An early contender for Mark of the Year! Sam Hanna gets on the shoulders of a Macclesfield player during Round 5**

## From the President – Tony Hannaford

It has been a very positive start to the 2022 season with some exciting football, well supported social events and the successful introduction of new lighting, and our heritage guernseys.

I am really pleased with the way all of our new players have integrated into the club - not just as members of the A or B grade teams but how they have immersed themselves into the social scene. Thank you. I hope you are all enjoying your Gumeracha experience.



Our ANZAC round for the Maczkowiack Cup was a wonderful event. Supported by a very good crowd, after a well executed ANZAC commemorative service, the night

sky was lit up and provided excellent football viewing. Supporters and past players joined a very enthusiastic local crowd in what will be remembered as a

**The ANZAC ceremony prior to our match against Kersbrook.**

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**"The meek may inherit the earth but they will never win games of football."**

**Mick Malthouse**

**Legendary Australian Football League coach**

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## From the President (Continued)

major highlight for years to come.

Please consider volunteering to assist the club. Thank you to Doug and Jo Foster who have stepped up to coordinate the bar. It has been a 'happening place' in recent weeks. It is

great to see that our players and supporters enjoy the club facilities.

While it is great to enjoy our selves socially, I remind everybody that we are part of the Gumeracha community and we represent the community.

Let's all do our part to make Gumeracha proud of our football club on and off the field.

Keep up the great support of your club!



## Coach's Corner – Michael Parker

Who would want to coach the B Grade? This is a question I asked myself first in 2008 when Ian 'Tans' Tanner coached the team. Back then it was quite normal for as few as two to three B grade players to regularly train, and I remember many Thursday nights at the club when Tans' selection procedure was to sit down with his phone and work his way through his contact list to see who might be available.

Fourteen years on and times have changed somewhat. Although training numbers are

still occasionally frustrating, particularly on Tuesdays, over the past two seasons it hasn't been unusual for forty players to hit the track on Thursday nights. So team selection should be a simple matter now, right? No! Now, we have 64 players registered to play and by the completion of round six, 38 will have already played in the B grade team. Team selection is clearly still not an easy matter, but it should lead to a strong team and I'll take it over Tans' method any day!

Interestingly, a combination of his sound selection method and availability of a few previously injured players toward the back end of the 2008 season saw the B Grade win its way through to the preliminary final.

While the B Grade have played in many grand finals since formal competition started in 1921, we have won only one B Grade grand final – in 1932!

Hopefully we can better that this year!

## Heritage Guernsey Presentation Night

Thursday, 28 April was a very enjoyable night for many as our oldest Life Member and triple premierships player Dean Hanna, (93 years old) accompanied by us wife, Valda, presented the new heritage guernsey to all available players. A number of past players attended including 2019 premierships captain, Matt Armstrong and 1980s premierships players, John O'Dea and Lyall Fuller, both of whose fathers also played in Gumeracha premierships teams. Event coordinator, Tim Hanna explained the design of the new guernsey and its link to our first premierships team in 1922.

The guernseys include the years of each of our 16 premierships and the names of every known premierships player – 160 in all.



**Left: Matt Armstrong reflects on his time as captain of Gumeracha. Below: Dean Hanna presents guernsey No. 2 to co-captain, Jack Parker with the 1922 team in the background.**

Of note was that, under the challenge rules of the era, Gumeracha played Tweedvale (Lobethal) three times to secure the J Hynes premierships cup!

The guernseys have been enthusiastically received by the players and many supporters have asked if they can purchase one.



Details of how to purchase a guernsey as well as a new range of merchandise will be out soon.

# ANZAC Round under new lights a great spectacle



Hybrid-Ag Gumeracha Oval was lit up for our traditional ANZAC match against Kersbrook on Saturday, 30 April.

Our new lights were given their first full test and, by all accounts, came up trumps.

In addition to the financial contribution from the Gumeracha Football Club, the South Australian Government provided \$95,700 towards the project via an Infrastructure Projects grant. This was supported by the Adelaide Hills Council (\$20,000) and the Gumeracha Sporting Club (\$10,000).

The efforts of John O'Dea and Mark Gevers to provide an optimal spectator experience for night games was very much in evidence with all parts of the ground re-

ceiving adequate lighting while ensuring there was no spill into the local neighbourhood.



The players debuted the new heritage guernseys on a warm and still night. After the ANZAC commemoration ceremony, former well-known player Peter Coad tossed the coin. Peter's grandfather, Wally Coad, served with the 3rd Light

Horse Regiment during World War I and was a regular member of pre-war Gumeracha football teams.

It was a typically tough match against Kersbrook but we ran out comfortable winners 14.12 (96) to 9.2 (56) to take out the Maczkowiack Cup.

The RSL Spirit of ANZAC medal for the most courageous player was awarded by the Gumeracha RSL Sub-branch Vice-President and former Birdwood premiership player, Mr Malcolm Herrmann, to Sam Hanna. Mrs Denia Neindorf, daughter of former Kersbrook and Gumeracha player and coach, Milton Maczkowiack, presented the Maczkowiack Cup to the Gumeracha team.



**Top:** A view of the match from the Eastern end played under the new lights.  
**Centre:** The Spirit of ANZAC medal.  
**Left:** The victorious Magpies team with the Maczkowiack Cup.



**Spotted in the crowd last Saturday!**

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" It's got to be a do-or-die effort. It's got to be a determined effort. You've got to show me all the guts and determination you've got in your body. You've got to inspire me with this last quarter finish. You've been in front all day and you've got to stay there."

Ted Whitten  
VFL Legend

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## Maczkowiack Cup

The Mt Gould Cup was instituted in 1999 to mark the string and traditional rivalry that exists between the two local neighbouring Adelaide Hills owns.

Mt Gould is the prominent hill North of Gumeracha which dominates the mountain range that separates Gumeracha from the dark side!

Renamed the Maczkowiack Cup after the passing of Milton Maczkowiack in 2016, Kersbrook did not lose a



match when competing for the cup from its inception to 2019.

After playing a few matches for West Torrens, Milton Maczkowiack had a long and illustrious football career in country South Australia. He settled with Kersbrook until 1967 when he transferred to Gumeracha taking the Magpies to a drought-breaking premiership in 1970.

Milton was revered for his nurturing of junior players, a number of whom played for West Torrens in various grades, most notably, Ian 'Scruff' Hanna.

## 100 Games for Remy Detot      50 Games for Rob McCard

Congratulations to Remy Detot and Rob McCard for achieving significant milestones in Round 5—100 games for Remy and 50 for Rob. Remy has been in hot form this season while Rob played his first 2022 A Grade match during Round 5 after suffering a debilitating rib injury in a pre-season fixture. Well done boys!



## Past Player News — Vale Ross Schlein

The club was saddened to hear of the passing of former player Ross Schlein, on 10 May, after a long illness. Ross was aged 84.

Ross played for Kersbrook for many years before mov-

ing to Gumeracha in the early 1960s where he was well regarded as a nippy and clever rover. Also a very good cricketer, Ross led the community's efforts to establish the current Kersbrook Soldiers Memorial Oval.





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

## Player Profile – Ethan Lynch



**Ethan Lynch** is 23 years old and came to us this year from Onkaparinga Valley. Ethan's footy career highlight occurred in his first game of A grade football at Gumeracha when he pulled on the Magpies jumper. This electrician is apparently a regular page 3 poser in "Bright Sparks" magazine, but receives little competition from other locals such as Prickles, Scully and Red. A summer basketballer,

Ethan is also a reluctant Crows supporter who would happily have Lana Rhode on speed dial on his phone, although girlfriend Stella may ask why! Ethan loves his pasta and would happily set off to Italy tomorrow. Playing mainly at centre-half forward this season, Ethan's fierce attack on the ball has added some real 'spark' to our forward line. Welcome aboard Ethan.

## Player Profile – Michael Walters

**Michael Walters** comes to us from Golden Grove in the SA Footy League. The 23-year-old chippy's football highlight is his BOG in the 2020 GF when he kicked 6 big goals - all freak kicks from tight angles so we are advised! A past reserves player at Norwood, Micky can often be seen in the pages of "The Murray Angler" magazine showing off the big cods he pulls from the River Murray. A Power supporter, surely this single man could get a gig on one of those bachelor shows. Micky would love to have a direct chat line to Collingwood great Scott Pendlebury but reckons his skill would best be displayed in the casinos of Las Vegas. We hope Michael recovers quickly and well from his hamstring injury as he has already shown us what a great addition he will be to our forward set up.



**Club birthday  
Tuesday, 24  
May 2022**

**We are 135  
years old!**

**On this day in  
1887,  
Gumeracha  
drew with  
Kensington at  
Gumeracha,  
1.6 (12) to 1.2  
(8).**

## Auskick is back!



**Where:** Gumeracha Oval

**When:** Every Thursday

**When:** 4.00 pm

Let's build our next crop of champions. Contact Jamie Clarke for further information.



## Umpires wanted!



What a sad spectacle we were treated to last match with this bloke spotted wandering the boundary line! Come on young men and women of Gumeracha. Step up and give these old blokes a rest. Keep fit. Earn some cash. Speak to Michael Parker to get the low down on boundary umpiring. Just wait for him to catch his breath first!



## Club Personalities of the Week – Tony and Ann Suto



We run the best canteen in the HFL and for many years this has been due to the hard work of Tony and Ann Suto.

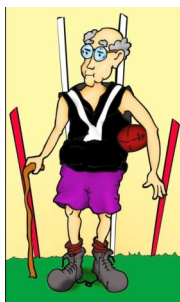
Whether it's a delicious salad roll, a schnitzel or great coffee, you are never short of choice at our canteen. And what about Thursday nights at the club! Wow!



Well done for all the work you both do at the club! We are very fortunate to have you as part of our Magpies team.

Another coffee please!

## Past Player News



Nigel Jamieson manages the Gumeracha Football Club Past Players Group. If anyone has 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](mailto:gfcppa@gmail.com).

\* Stay tuned for news about a reunion of the 1982 premiership team.



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