

# STURT FOOTBALL CLUB

## 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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**3,600**  
Members



**30+**  
Primary School visits  
SANFL/Sturt



**\$7,000**  
Community Grants for  
City of Unley groups



**Minor Premiers**

**1**

**Premiers**

**350+**  
Junior male & female  
players



**\$3.5 M**  
Federal Government  
Grant - Urrbrae second  
oval project



**5,000**  
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# Board Members



**Jason Kilic**



**Ben Pledge**



**Chris Thredgold**



**David Reynolds**



**Jenny Hurley**  
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**Kate Harris**



**Grant Nancarrow**

# President Report



It is my honour to present the President's Report for Sturt Football Club for the 2025 season, a year that stands as a powerful example of what can be achieved when a club lives its values, embraces continuous improvement, and works collectively toward a shared purpose.

Our premiership successes in the League Men and Under 18 programs, along with the outstanding progress of our Women's team in reaching the Preliminary Final, were defining moments in 2025. But beyond the silverware, what resonated most with the Board was how these achievements reflected the character and standards of our Club.

The resilience shown after a difficult 2024 season, the willingness to evolve, and the determination to rise together are hallmarks of a strong culture. These victories were not accidental, they were earned through accountability, unity, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment to improving every single day.

They stand as validation that our long-term pathways, junior programs, and football environments are aligned with the values we champion.

From a governance perspective, the Board maintained a clear focus this year on strengthening the Club's strategic foundations. The decisions we make today must benefit Sturt not just in the coming season, but in the decades ahead. We approached 2025 with a commitment to sustainability, evidence-based planning, and responsible financial oversight. This disciplined approach continues to guide every major project and investment decision.

A significant portion of the Board and management's work has centred on large-scale infrastructure planning, projects that will shape the future identity and capability of Sturt Football Club. Our continued engagement with local, state and federal government stakeholders, the City of Unley, and Urrbrae Agricultural High School has ensured that the Club's voice is strong and respected. The progress made this year in moving these projects forward reflects years of diligent planning, advocacy, and collaboration. These facilities will elevate our football programs, strengthen our community presence, and ensure our club remains competitive and contemporary well into the future.

The redevelopment of the Unley Central precinct, and the subsequent need to relocate Jack's on Unley, remains one of the most complex challenges before us. Although the pathway is difficult, the Board is fully committed to identifying a sustainable and strategically sound solution. We are prepared to make the necessary decisions, even unpopular ones, to secure the long-term financial health of the Club.

# President Report continued

Should borrowing be required for the first time in many years, it will be undertaken with full transparency and a view toward safeguarding our future prosperity.

Our member base continues to be one of our greatest strengths. The loyalty and passion shown throughout 2025 once again elevated Sturt Football Club. The connection between our members and our teams is a competitive advantage that cannot be measured on a balance sheet but is felt deeply across the Club.

I also acknowledge the crucial support of our partners, whose belief in our direction and values strengthens our sustainability. To our volunteers, your commitment and tireless work represent the very best of the Double Blues spirit.

My sincere thanks go to CEO Sue Dewing for her leadership, and to our staff, coaches, players and officials for representing our Club with professionalism and pride. To my fellow Board members, thank you for your strategic guidance and dedication.

Finally, to our members: these successes are yours. Your belief powers this Club, and the 2025 season showed what is possible when we strive together. The future of Sturt Football Club is bright, ambitious and firmly aligned with our values and I look forward to continuing this journey with you.

Jason Kilic  
President



# CEO Report

Season 2025 will long be remembered as a landmark year for Sturt Football Club. After the disappointment of last season where only our Under 16s claimed premiership success we undertook a thorough review of our football program.

It was clear that change was needed. Under the leadership of Senior Coach Marty Mattner, we embarked on an overhaul of our game plan, shifting to a more attacking brand of football while remaining true to the strong defensive identity that has long defined our Club. The results were nothing short of exceptional. Marty, who shoulders the responsibility for developing our game plan, exceeded all expectations and just like that, our beloved Double Blues secured their 16th League Men's premiership.

Credit must also go to our players, who embraced the new style and maintained unwavering focus throughout the season. Their determination to atone for the previous year was evident from Round 1, and the rewards followed. Our Under 18s also delivered an outstanding premiership win, the Reserves played in the Grand Final and our Women's team progressed impressively to a Preliminary Final, further demonstrating the strength and depth of our entire football program.

Once again, our supporters turned out in force. Sturt recorded the highest home-match attendance in the SANFL, and it is little wonder that other clubs seek us out for SANFL Super Matches. Our members and supporters continue to travel in numbers, never hesitating to attend away games, and this loyal backing was on full display at the Grand Final.

Off the field, the Club delivered another strong financial performance, exceeding budgeted targets in sponsorship, membership, fundraising, merchandise, and match day income. The Business Development team, led by Renee Bartlett, played a key role in retaining and attracting partners and supporters. Major sponsors Morris and Thomas Farms enter their tenth consecutive year with us in 2026, an incredible testament to their commitment.

We were also delighted to welcome Wayville Hyundai, with Dealer Principal Dylan Nunn and his team quickly embedding themselves within our community.



# CEO Report continued

Membership increased again, and as at January 2026 we were 27% ahead of the same time last year. Merchandise sales surged throughout finals, culminating in a 200% increase, which speaks to the passion of our supporter base and the exceptional service provided by our staff, particularly Kristy McGee.

Infrastructure projects were a major focus this year. The permanent perimeter fence at Unley Oval was approved by the City of Unley in August, and we are pleased to confirm that our original \$360,000 commitment has been bolstered by an additional \$30,000 raised through the Australian Sports Foundation thanks to the generosity of members, supporters, and community contributors. This project will significantly enhance match day operations and elevate the venue's presentation hosting State League and AFLW Australian Rules Football games.

We also secured a \$3.5 million federal commitment for Stage II of the second oval facilities at Urrbrae Agricultural High School. A vast amount of work went into achieving this outcome, positioning the Club strongly for the future as we develop contemporary, high-quality facilities for both our football programs and Urrbrae students.

Our most significant remaining challenge is the relocation of our hospitality venue, Jack's on Unley, as part of the Unley Central redevelopment. While we are supportive of this transformational project, the task of relocating a gaming venue is both complex and time-consuming. President Jason Kilic and I continue to work closely with government and key stakeholders to secure an outcome that safeguards the Club's future. It is likely that borrowings will be required for the first time in many years, but this will represent a prudent and necessary investment in our long-term sustainability.

Despite the Club's strong on and off field performance, and the associated revenue growth, the high cost of delivering our extensive football programs means the Club operates at an operational loss. It is the exceptional performance of Jack's on Unley, under the leadership of Toni Boscence, that enables the Group to return an operational surplus. Securing a timely and viable relocation solution is therefore critical to our financial stability and future success.

I extend my sincere thanks to our Board, staff, players, coaches, officials, and volunteers for their dedication, and acknowledge departing Football Manager Chris Trapp for his ten years of outstanding service. To our members your loyalty and passion continue to inspire us. This is your Club, and we are proud to share this success with you.

Sue Dewing  
Chief Executive Officer



**2025 Magarey Medallist**  
**Tom Lewis - 33 Votes**



**2025 R. O. Shearman Medal**  
**Tom Lewis - 105 votes**



# Senior Men's Coach Report

Season 2025 was a near perfect year, culminating in a well deserved premiership. The campaign marked a significant evolution in our style of play, with results exceeding expectations particularly in how quickly the improvement became evident.

Following a thorough review of the previous season, it was clear that change was required. We made a deliberate decision to place greater emphasis on the offensive component of our game plan. The playing group made substantial gains throughout the pre-season, and early trial matches provided encouraging glimpses of what we were aiming to achieve.

As the season commenced, the team delivered strong performances and demonstrated a clear shift towards a more dynamic, higher scoring brand of football. By mid year, the benefits of our redefined approach were fully emerging. Consistent weekly reviews and a commitment to continual improvement resulted in an offensive system that flourished late in the season, producing several convincing victories. Our only loss came in the final minor round game, a narrow two-point defeat to Adelaide.

Finishing as minor premiers provided us with a week off to begin our finals campaign, an experience new to both me and the playing group. The players and coaches embraced this opportunity, using it to prepare meticulously for finals at Adelaide Oval. Strong preparation and disciplined planning enabled us to score 100 points in both finals, recording winning margins of 42 and 31 points.

The Grand Final highlighted our best football, particularly in a dominant first half in which Glenelg was restricted to just two goals. The game opened up in the third quarter, with us kicking seven goals to four. Although Glenelg closed the margin late in the game, our control across the second half secured a 31 point victory. Angus Anderson was awarded the Jack Oatey Medal for best on ground, and Josh Hone contributed four goals.

The collective improvement of the entire playing group, along with the emergence of several key individuals, was instrumental in delivering the ultimate success. Several players enjoyed exceptional seasons. Tom Lewis produced one of the most decorated individual seasons in recent memory, winning the Magarey Medal, R.O. Shearman Medal, SANFL Now Player of the Year, The Advertiser Player of the Year, and the Club Champion P.T. Morton Medal.

Josh Hone led the Club's goal kicking with 52 goals from 20 games, finishing fourth in the Ken Farmer Medal.



# Senior Men's Report continued

Seven Sturt players were selected in the SANFL Team of the Year: Tom Lewis (Vice-Captain), Angus Anderson, Will Coombas, Sam Conforti, Josh Hone, Will Snelling, and Casey Voss.

Will Coombas, Tom Lewis, Flynn Perez, Will Snelling, and Casey Voss played in the State games against the WAFL and VFL.

At season's end, premiership players Henry Carey, Luke Giacometti, James Mathews and Connor McFadyen announced their retirement from Sturt. Each played a vital role in our 2025 premiership and made a significant impact throughout their time at the Club. We thank them for their contribution and wish them well in their future endeavours.

Marty Mattner  
Senior Coach





Sturt 16.9 (105)  
Glenelg 11.8 (74)

## 2025 SANFL Premiers

Jack Oatey Medal  
Angus Anderson



# SANFL

# Leadership

**Tom Lewis (VC)**



**Will Snelling (VC)**

**Will Coombas**

**Henry Carey**

**Mitch Crowden**

# Female Programs Report

The 2025 SANFLW League season resulted in a seven win, seven loss record at the end of the minor round and a finals berth. We had a strong win in the Elimination Final against North Adelaide but were unfortunately knocked out by eventual premiers, South Adelaide in the Preliminary Final. Throughout the season we played some good football in patches however we need to improve our consistency as we strive towards delivering the club's first SANFLW premiership.

We had 11 debutants this season, nine of those products of our junior program highlighting the club's strong junior development pathway. Our SANFLW Development League team finished with four wins and three losses with several young players showing promising signs to push for League selection in the future.



Congratulations to retiree Molly Fletcher on a great career and to Jasmin Fejo who has an opportunity with the Adelaide Lightning in the WNBL. Both players have had a tremendous impact on our program.

I would like to thank outgoing head coach Michael O'Connor, for his significant contribution to the women's program in his four years in the role.

There were several individual achievements during the 2025 season including four players representing the SA Under 18 team – Monique Bessen, Summer Ross, Lily Smart and Sophie Thredgold while three players represented the SA Under 16 team – Charlotte Copson, Maddi Nuss and Lily Whiteman.

Isobel Kuiper and Monique Bessen were selected in the SANFLW Team of the Year. Kuiper also finished 2nd in the SANFLW Coaches Award and 4th in the SANFLW Best & Fairest Count. Monique Bessen went on to be selected at pick 40 by Fremantle Football Club in the 2025 Telstra AFLW Draft.

Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who put so much time and effort into the women's program, it is greatly appreciated and I thoroughly enjoyed working with you this season.

As we look towards season 2026, I would like to welcome Ange Foley who has been appointed as Sturt's new SANFLW Head Coach, she will bring a lot of knowledge to the program with her AFLW experience.

Jackson Lane  
Women's Football Coordinator

# SANFLW Leadership

Alisha Gepp (C)



Molly Fletcher

Georgia Swan (VC)

Sophie Thredgold

Amy Brooks-Birve

# Under 18 Report

The 2025 season was an outstanding year for the Sturt Under 18 program, culminating in a Premiership victory that highlighted the depth, talent, and commitment within our playing group.

The team's success was built on a foundation of strong development, resilience, and a genuine team-first mindset that reflected the Club's values both on and off the field



Our program proudly produced six State representatives this year, Harley Barker, Blake Thredgold, Noah Roberts-Thomson, Louis Kellaway, Jett Dahlitz, and Kale Matthews-Hampton – a testament to the quality of our player development. In addition, ten of our players were selected in the Under 17 Futures Program, with four (Hugo Jaeschke, Kale Matthews-Hampton, Taj Garrett, and Harvey Chapman) progressing to the 2026 State Hub. These achievements reinforce the program's role in nurturing elite talent and preparing players for higher-level football.

One of the key challenges throughout the season was player availability due to overlapping college football commitments. With over 60 players involved across the year, balancing opportunity, support, and individual development required careful management and collaboration among staff. Despite these challenges, the group remained united and focused, leading to a highly successful campaign.

Looking ahead, the outlook for the Under 18 program is exceptionally strong. With 11 bottom-age players contributing to our Grand Final win and set to return in 2026, the foundation is in place for continued success.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all coaches and support staff for their expertise, professionalism, and tireless work in ensuring our program remains one of the highest quality in the competition.

Scott Prebble  
Under 18 Coach & Talent Manager





West 2.12 (24)  
Sturt 12.9 (81)

## 2025 Under 18's Premiers

Alan Stewart Medal  
Blake Thredgold



# Stanley H. Lewis Trophy

Sturt has secured back-to-back Stanley H. Lewis Trophies as SANFL's best performed club in 2025.

In the fifth year of points being awarded for Women's and U16 matches, the Double Blues finished with a significant tally of 3662.5, ahead of runner-up Glenelg with 3237.5.

With its Hostplus SANFL League team minor premier, Sturt's tally was also boosted by its Under 18's finishing at the top of the table. South Adelaide tallied 2900 to round out the top three, finishing clear of the Eagles on 2850 in fourth and fifth-placed Central on 2750.

Sturt has now won the Stanley H. Lewis Trophy on six occasions with other successes coming in 2024, 2008, 1983, 1978 and 1968.

The Trophy, named after past SANFL Chairman Stanley Heathcote Lewis, has been awarded since 1962 to the club which has displayed excellence across all grades of football.

Points are awarded for each win across the minor round, with 100 points allocated for a Men's and Women's League victory, 50 points for the Reserves and Under 18's and 25 points for the Under 16's.

In the event of a draw, half of the points allocated for a win in that grade are awarded to each club involved.



CLUB	MEN'S LEAGUE	WOMEN'S LEAGUE	RESERVES	U18	U16	TOTAL
Sturt	1700	700	400	675	187.5	3662.5
Glenelg	1500	300	775	450	212.5	3237.5
South	400	1200	725	350	225	2900
Eagles	700	1200	400	500	50	2850
Central	1100	600	250	500	300	2750
North	400	700	550	350	250	2250
Norwood	800	400	325	250	200	1975
West	300	500	175	525	275	1775
Adelaide	1400	-	-	-	-	1400
Port	700	-	-	-	-	700

# Under 16 Report

The campaign started in November 2024 with 129 players invited to trial for the 2025 program. The coaching team remained the same from the 2024 premiership team.

Urrbrae Agricultural High School, The Summit and Cornerstone College were utilised as pre-season training venues. Trials were conducted through to Christmas. The squad was reduced to 63 players for the resumption of training in the new year. This included 16 Under 15 players.

Squad selection was again a 50/50 mix of private and state school players. This mix continues to be a challenge with an increase of country zoned players attending private school.

Training over the preseason was of a high standard, and the coaching team were focussed on a program of developing football fundamentals, complimenting a Sturt structured game plan.

Matches started in mid-March, with our early home games scheduled to be played at The Summit, Mt Barker.

At the completion of Round 7, the team were top of the table, having only one defeat.

After Round 7 the college football competition commenced resulting in 18 changes for the next game. Selection was also compromised (but in a good way) by having six players selected in the State Under 16 Squad, with Harvey Chapman named Captain, and Taj Garrett Vice Captain. Both these players gained All Australian selection and went on to play important roles in the Sturt Under 18 finals campaign.

The previously mentioned Under 15 group also provided six members of the State Under 15 school boys' team, with Sam Casey and Jacob Westley selected All Australians.

Being unable to select from our best players for most of the games after Round 7, gave opportunity for others, but also did not allow for a balanced team selection, something out of our control.

Exit interviews were held post season followed by a presentation night held in the Thomas Room, to celebrate the season and award best players.

Greg Crowden  
Under 16 Coach & Development Manager



# Under 14 Report

The 2025 campaign started in October 2024 with a group of around 80 players trying out for the SANFL Under 14 competition. Full training for selected players started in January 2025.

Due to a multitude of other sporting commitments, a squad of 39 was selected for the program to enable a balanced selection each week of the fixture.



Training during the year was run in conjunction with the Under 16 and Under 18 programs on a Tuesday and Thursday night. There was no fitness component to this program. The focus was on football fundamentals, Sturt structures and SANFL rules.

The squad had a different dynamic this year, with several players involved at a high level in other sports. This did impact training numbers and the ability to plan training sessions.

The lads played games to the expectations of the coaching team, and several players were asked to train on with the Under 16 squad for the remainder of the season. Two players were selected to play an Under 16 game towards the end of the program.

The program was again an insight into the talent within our zone, with the challenges of school footy an ongoing concern.

The pre-season training facility with lights at Urrbrae Agricultural High School will help our program at the change of season in March/April. This project should commence in 2026 and be ready for the 2027 season.

Greg Crowden  
Development Manager



# 2025 Draftees



**HARLEY BARKER**

Club: Geelong  
Drafted: Pick 24, 2025 National Draft



**BLAKE THREDGOLD**

Club: North Melbourne  
Drafted: Pick 26, 2025 National Draft



**NOAH ROBERTS-THOMSON**

Club: Richmond  
Drafted: Pick 54, 2025 National Draft



**ANGUS ANDERSON**

Club: Collingwood  
Drafted: Pick 57, 2025 National Draft



**MONIQUE BESEN**

Club: Fremantle  
Drafted: Pick 40, 2025 National Draft



# Medical Report

2025 was an extremely busy year for the Medical and Training Staff – a group comprising Sports Trainers (9), Physiotherapists (6), Sports Doctors (8), Specialists and Rehabilitation staff.

The pre-Xmas training block commenced in November, 2024 and resumed in the second week of January, 2025. Medical support was provided across five days of each week, preparing players for training and games.



During pre-season, these training sessions and matches were spread across Urrbrae Agricultural High School, Cornerstone College and Mount Barker Summit which necessitates significant travel - an enormous commitment to ensure our players in all programs receive quality, timely care. In the senior men's program, 70 injuries were assessed, treated and rehabilitated - the major type being hamstring (9) and calf (8) soft tissue injuries of varying grades/severity and concussions (6) which were managed according to SANFL/AFL protocols.

Across our male programs physiotherapists (Tom Lancaster; Jake Szabo; Tara Smith; Daniel Fahey-Sparks) provided 526 'in-house' consultations at training to injured players.

Match day medical coverage was coordinated by Sportsmed's Dr. Shahram Shahrokhi and his PA, Alison Sohal, who ensured that a doctor was present at all senior men fixtures.

There are eight doctors who provide this important and essential coverage on a rostered, voluntary basis.

In addition, Dr. Damian Newberry and Dr. Angela Moran provide GP (Sports Doctor) support at Sportsmed. Physiotherapists, James Mack and Danielle Tape along with Sports Trainer/Physio Student, Sophie Helbig, provided medical coverage for the SANFLW program.

Hayley Sutton (Centre of Excellence, Head Trainer) and her team of four sports trainers provided medical coverage to our three underage teams with support from myself in a mentoring role.

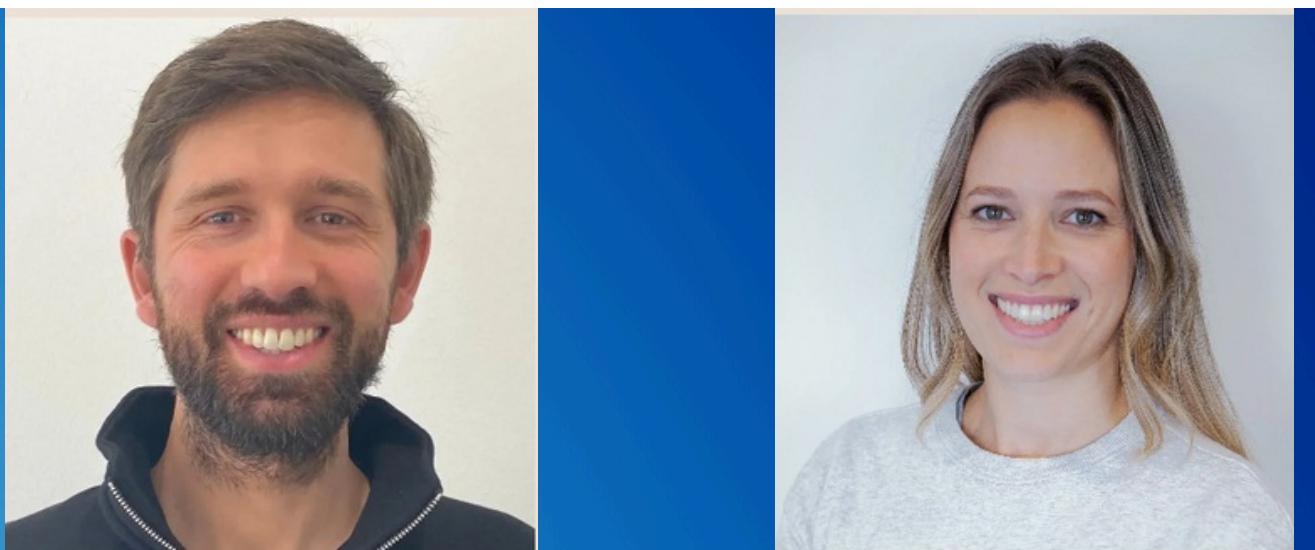
Nick Swingler OAM  
Medical Services/Head Trainer

# Female Programs

## Medical Report

Physiotherapists James Mack and Danielle Tape from The Athlete Lab provided consistent and highly valued medical coverage for the Club's women's program throughout the 2025 season. Their involvement ensured timely assessment, diagnosis and management of injuries, as well as ongoing rehabilitation support for players across both training and match-day environments.

Their professionalism, availability and close collaboration with coaches and football department staff contributed significantly to maintaining player welfare and facilitating safe and efficient return-to-play outcomes. They were ably supported by sports trainers Sophie Helbig and Saskia Jonats, whose commitment on training nights and match days ensured a high standard of immediate care, strapping, injury monitoring and player support across the season.



During the 2025 season, a total of 68 new injury incidents were reported and formally assessed by the medical team. These incidents ranged in severity and complexity, reflecting the physical demands and intensity of SANFLW football.

While injuries were recorded across multiple body regions, lower limb injuries remained the most prevalent, with knee, ankle and foot issues accounting for the majority of presentations. This trend aligns with the high running loads, change-of-direction movements and contact demands inherent in the women's game.

Ongoing injury surveillance and targeted prevention strategies will remain a focus moving forward, with the medical team continuing to work closely with strength and conditioning and coaching staff to minimise injury risk and optimise player availability throughout the season.

Jackson Lane  
Women's Football Coordinator

# Trims Cup

The 2025 King's Birthday SANFL Super Match at Thomas Farms Oval delivered a standout occasion with nearly 5,000 supporters in attendance for the Trim's Cup clash between traditional rivals Sturt and Norwood. Sturt claimed a heart stopping four point victory in time on delighting the home crowd and reinforcing the match's status as a marquee fixture on the SANFL calendar.



A vibrant match-day precinct featuring food trucks, wine and tequila bars, and live music from DJ Miah created a festive atmosphere throughout the day. Festoon lighting and outdoor heating enhanced the experience ensuring a warm and welcoming environment as fans enjoyed the action on and off the field. The enduring rivalry between Sturt and Norwood once again provided the centrepiece for a memorable celebration of SANFL football.

# Social Responsibility

At Sturt Football Club, social responsibility is central to our values and operations. Strongly connected to our community, we are committed to giving back and creating positive, lasting impact through inclusive, sustainable and supportive initiatives on and off the field.



The Double Blues Go Green initiative demonstrates Sturt Football Club's commitment to environmental sustainability. Through eco-friendly practices, including waste reduction and increased recycling across our facilities and events, we are actively working to reduce our environmental footprint.



Programs such as First Kick demonstrate our commitment to youth development by introducing children to football in a fun, inclusive and accessible environment, encouraging physical activity, teamwork and a lifelong connection to the game.

The Jack's on Unley Community Grant reflects our commitment to supporting local organisations and initiatives aligned with our values, providing financial assistance to those making a meaningful difference within the community.



Our support of charitable initiatives, including the Salvation Army Giving Tree and Red Shield Appeal, the Hutt Street Centre, and the Catherine House Undie Drive, reinforces our commitment to assisting those in need and supporting vulnerable members of the community.

These initiatives exemplify Sturt Football Club's enduring commitment to social responsibility, demonstrating our mission to make a positive impact both on the football field and in the wider community.

# Blue Genes Luncheon

Sturt Football Club hosted the annual Blue Genes Lunch in the Thomas Room on 21 March 2025 to a sell out crowd, celebrating Sturt Football Club's heritage and community spirit.

Guest speaker Steven Trigg, interviewed by David Penberthy, shared insights into his SANFL and AFL experiences, captivating attendees.



Each table featured a South Australian winery representative who showcased their products, much to the delight of patrons.



This was the Club's biggest fundraiser for the year raising \$50,000 towards strength and conditioning equipment for our player's gym.

Members, supporters, and corporate partners enjoyed a relaxed, engaging atmosphere, with a sumptuous three course meal prepared by Chef Simon Davie.

Unley Oval will soon have a permanent perimeter fence, complementing a decade of significant investment in this iconic SANFL and community precinct.

This upgrade removes the need for unsightly temporary fencing at home games an important enhancement for players, fans, and the broader community.

Bravo, City of Unley!



# Best & Fairest Award Winners

## LEAGUE AWARD WINNERS

Best & Fairest (P.T. Morton Medal) .....	Tom Lewis
Runner Up Best & Fairest .....	Zac Becker
3rd Best & Fairest .....	Casey Voss
James Thredgold Jewellers Players' MVP Award .....	Tom Lewis
Bob Marshall Best Team Man Award .....	Angus Anderson
Leading Goal Kicker .....	Josh Hone
Len Fitzgerald Best Emerging Talent Award .....	Alex Holt

## WOMEN'S LEAGUE AWARD WINNERS

Best & Fairest .....	Isobel Kuiper
Runner Up Best & Fairest .....	Lily Whitcombe
3rd Best & Fairest .....	Hannah Prenzler
James Thredgold Jewellers Players' MVP Award .....	Isobel Kuiper
Best Emerging Talent Award .....	Lily Smart

## RESERVES AWARD WINNERS

Best & Fairest (Josh Deegan Medal) .....	Joel Thiele
Runner Up Best & Fairest .....	Kobe McEntee
Best Team Man Award .....	Sam Waltham

## WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE AWARD WINNERS

Best & Fairest .....	Phoebe Neck
Runner Up Best & Fairest .....	Erin Conn & Amelie D'Arcy
Players' MVP Award .....	Phoebe Neck

## UNDER 18 AWARD WINNERS

Best & Fairest (Simon John Pfeiffer Medal) .....	Noah Roberts-Thomson
Runner Up Best & Fairest (Jackson Marsh Memorial Trophy) .....	Sam White
Best Team Man Award (Frank Dodd Memorial Trophy) .....	Tom Turnbull

## UNDER 16 AWARD WINNERS

Most Valuable Player .....	Taj Garrett
Runner Up .....	Carter Gallasch



## 2025 Best & Fairest



# Life Members

The following have fulfilled the criteria set forth by the Board of Directors and hereby are duly confirmed as Life Members in recognition of their long, outstanding or extraordinary services to Sturt Football Club:

## Player

- James Battersby
- Henry Carey
- Joel Thiele



## Non Player

- Peter Aldridge
- Andrew Carter
- Stephen Dillon
- Roen Duncan
- Wayne Fitzgerald
- Brenton Forsyth
- John Frankhuisen
- Tracey Frankhuisen
- Ken Hughes
- Peter Kepler
- Michael Kernot
- Peter Nelson
- David Peacock
- Kristian Ricci
- James Rosenberg
- Paul Russell
- Scott Vears
- Joshua Waldhuter
- John Zantvoort

## Brenton Miels' Award

The Brenton Miels' Award is given to those who display selfless dedication and unwavering passion for the Double Blues.

In 2025, we recognised John MacKenzie.

John has poured countless hours into our Club, offering his enthusiasm, leadership, and generosity without ever holding an official role.

From rallying supporters across numerous chat groups, organising regular Friday night gatherings at Jack's, leading the iconic Chambo Choir, and helping coordinate the sponsorship of five players, John's commitment has gone far beyond what anyone could expect.

His positivity, passion, and tireless support have strengthened our community and enriched the Sturt experience for so many.

John's contribution is truly immeasurable, and we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to him for everything he does for the Sturt Football Club.



# SANFL State Team



**Will Coombas**



**Tom Lewis**



**Flynn Perez**



**Will Snelling**



**Casey Voss**

# SANFLW State Squad



**Alex Ballard**



**Isobel Kuiper**



**Zara Walsh**

# The Advertiser Team of the Year



**Martin Mattner  
(Coach)**



**Tom Lewis (VC)**



**Angus Anderson**



**Josh Hone**



**Sam Conforti**



**Will Snelling**



**Will Coombas**



**Casey Voss**



**Monique Bessen**



**Isobel Kuiper**

# Men's League Debutants



**Willa Taylor**  
Player No: 1299  
Debut: Round 5



**Alex Holt**  
Player No: 1300  
Debut: Round 6



**Kobe McEntee**  
Player No: 1301  
Debut: Round 6



**Luca Slade**  
Player No: 1302  
Debut: Round 8

# Women's League Debutants



**Eqelle Evans**  
Player No: 89  
Debut: Round 1



**Gypsy Schirmer**  
Player No: 90  
Debut: Round 1



**Lily Smart**  
Player No: 91  
Debut: Round 1



**Imogen Szegedi**  
Player No: 92  
Debut: Round 1



**Saskia Reynolds**  
Player No: 93  
Debut: Round 3



**Lily Whiteman**  
Player No: 94  
Debut: Round 7



**Sienna Fox**  
Player No: 95  
Debut: Round 10



**Gemma Grivell**  
Player No: 96  
Debut: Round 10



**Zina Hunt**  
Player No: 97  
Debut: Round 11



**Skout Young**  
Player No: 98  
Debut: Round 11



**Madi Nuss**  
Player No: 99  
Debut: Round 13

# SANFL Milestone Games



**Alex Ballard**  
50 Games



**Lily Whitcombe**  
50 Games



**Casey Voss**  
100 Games



**Amy Brooks-Birve**  
50 Games



**Gypsy Schirmer**  
50 Games



**Daniel Fahey-Sparks**  
100 Games



**Alisha Gepp**  
50 Games



**Josh Hone**  
200 Games



**Connor McFadyen**  
50 Games



**Amos Doyle**  
50 Games



**Will Coombas**  
100 Games



**Will Snelling**  
100 Games

## Powerade Breakthrough Nominees



### **Nick Sadler - Round 3**

Playing chiefly on a wing, Sadler's kicking efficiency was a feature while registering 20 disposals, four marks and six inside-50s in the Double Blues' impressive win against Norwood.



### **Monique Bessen - Round 6**

Racking up 21 disposals, four marks and three tackles, the 18-year-old was also noticeably strong in contested situations against the Panthers.



### **Lily Smart - Round 7**

Displaying impressive speed on the wing, Smart registered 19 disposals, six tackles, four marks and eight inside 50s in the Double Blues' win against West Adelaide.



### **Alex Holt - Round 7**

In just his second league match, Holt produced a composed performance across half-back which yielded 20 disposals and seven marks in the Blues win against Adelaide.



### **Luca Slade - Round 17**

Quick to establish himself as a consistent performer in six league matches Slade was a key contributor to the Double Blues' win against the Eagles with 12 disposals, six marks and three goals.



POWERADE

**Breakthrough Player of the Year - Nick Sadler**



# Thank you for the support in 2025



# 2025 League Men Players



1. Sam Conforti



2. Tom Lewis



3. Henry Carey



4. Joel Thiele



5. Josh Hone



6. Connor McFadyen



7. James Mathews



8. Angus Anderson



9. Sam Breuer



10. Tom Emmett



11. Martin Frederick



12. Mitch Crowden



13. Flynn Perez



14. Will Snelling



15. Luke Edmonds



16. Jared Dakin



17. Zac Becker



18. Daniel Fahey-Sparks



20. Luca Slade



21. Nick Sadler



22. Will Coombas



23. James Battersby



27. Charlie Fryer



28. Charlie Parker



30. Oliver Grivell



31. Lachlan Burrows



32. Rory Illman



34. Casey Voss



36. Luke Giacometti



37. Alex Holt



39. Kobe McEntee



42. Willa Taylor



45. Amos Doyle



47. Hugo Kittel

# 2025 League Women Players



1. Millie McCarthy



2. Isobel Kuiper



3. Georgia Swan



4. Summer Ross



5. Ruby Cunningham



7. Lily Whiteman



10. Isabella Drew



11. Grace Powell



13. Gemma Grivell



14. Zara Walsh



15. Alisha Gepp



16. Monique Bessen



17. Sophie Thredgold



18. Tahlia Walker



19. Alex Ballard



20. Hannah Prenzler



21. Skout Young



22. Claudia Edmonds



23. Gypsy Schirmer



24. Lily Whitcombe



25. Edwina Thornquest



26. Lily Smart



27. Eqxelle Evans



29. Sienna Fox



31. Molly Fletcher



36. Jasmin Fejo



38. Saskia Reynolds



40. Zina Hunt



44. Amy Brooks-Birve



50. Imogen Szegedi

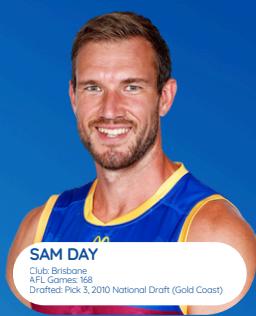


55. Georgia King

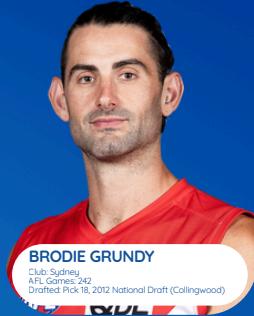


61. Maddi Nuss

# 2025 AFL / AFLW Players



**SAM DAY**  
Club: Brisbane  
AFL Games: 168  
Drafted: Pick 3, 2010 National Draft (Gold Coast)



**BRODIE GRUNDY**  
Club: Sydney  
AFL Games: 242  
Drafted: Pick 18, 2012 National Draft (Collingwood)



**JORDAN DAWSON**  
Club: Adelaide  
AFL Games: 156  
Drafted: Pick 56, 2015 National Draft (Sydney)



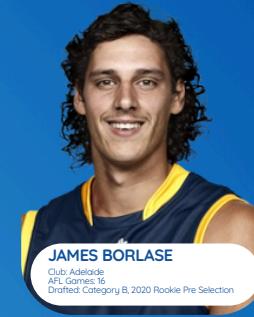
**LEWIS YOUNG**  
Club: Carlton  
AFL Games: 20  
Drafted: Pick 49, 2016 National Draft (Western Bulldogs)



**CALLUM COLEMAN-JONES**  
Club: North Melbourne  
AFL Games: 32  
Drafted: Pick 20, 2017 National Draft (Richmond)



**CHARLIE BALLARD**  
Club: Gold Coast  
AFL Games: 154  
Drafted: Pick 42, 2017 National Draft



**JAMES BORTLASE**  
Club: Adelaide  
AFL Games: 16  
Drafted: Category B, 2020 Rookie Pre Selection



**BRANDON ZERK-THATCHER**  
Club: Port Adelaide  
AFL Games: 90  
Drafted: Pick 66, 2017 National Draft (Essendon)



**SHANE MCADAM**  
Club: Melbourne  
AFL Games: 53  
Drafted: Pre-Draft, 2018 Priority Pick (Adelaide)



**TOM POWELL**  
Club: North Melbourne  
AFL Games: 91  
Drafted: Pick 13, 2020 National Draft



**KIERA MUELLER**  
Club: Adelaide  
AFLW Games: 36  
Drafted: Pick 69, 2022 National Draft



**ASH JOHNSON**  
Club: Collingwood  
AFL Games: 27  
Drafted: Pick 3, 2021 Mid-Season Draft



**JED MCENTEE**  
Club: Port Adelaide  
AFL Games: 52  
Drafted: Pick 13, 2021 Mid-Season Draft



**ZOE PROWSE**  
Club: Adelaide  
AFLW Games: 47  
Drafted: Pick 17, 2021 National Draft



**JESSICA GOOD**  
Club: Carlton  
AFLW Games: 51  
Drafted: 2021 Free Agent Selection



**LOCH RAWLINSON**  
Club: West Coast  
AFL Games: 1  
Drafted: Pick 1, 2023 Rookie Draft



**JACOB MOLIER**  
Club: Geelong  
AFL Games: 0  
Drafted: Pick 1, 2024 National Draft

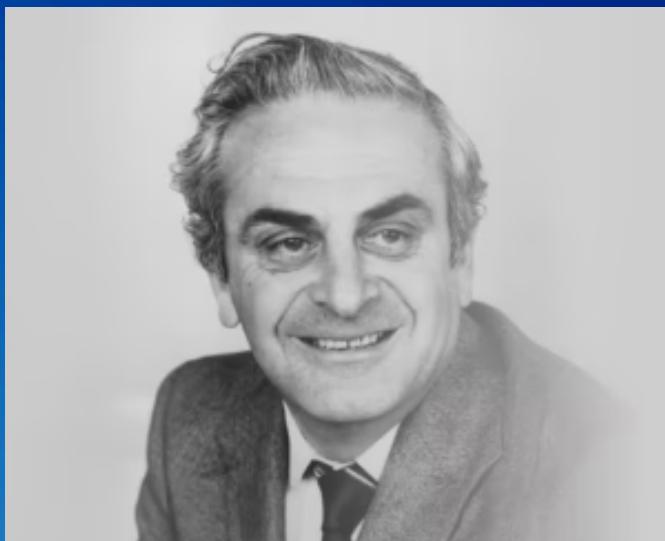


**ALEX DODSON**  
Club: St Kilda  
AFL Games: 1  
Drafted: Pick 53, 2024 National Draft



**INDIA RASHEED**  
Club: Adelaide  
AFLW Games: 14  
Drafted: Pick 15, 2024 National Draft

# In Memoriam



## **Max Basheer AM**

9/5/1927 - 15/9/2025

Life Member Max Basheer AM, distinguished leadership, service and advocacy profoundly shaped the Club and South Australian football, leaving an enduring legacy for future generations.

## **Dr. Elmore Leske**

Died 26/1/2025 aged 96

Dr Elmore Leske, made his league debut in 1952.

He was a distinguished academic and educator, devoted family man remembered for faith, learning and community service.



## **Richard Crang**

Died 7/1/2025 aged 77

A lifelong and devoted Sturt supporter, his passion began at Unley High School under teacher John Halbert. He rarely missed a match, later following every game through SANFL broadcasts.

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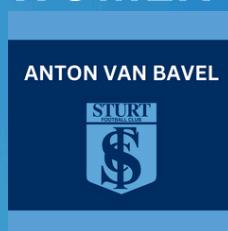
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### **Historical records**

<https://sturtfc.com.au/>

### **Season records**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2025\\_SANFL\\_season](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2025_SANFL_season)

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