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### Recognition for a job well-done.....

#### Girls

Our Female Football Director is pleased to report that we have just nominated 19 girls for youth development squads within Central Districts, Norwood and North Adelaide. While the format of the 2020 programs is still in flux this helps establish our girls beyond this season, for long-term careers in footy. We congratulate these girls and feel sure they will represent GGFC with pride.

Congratulations to our under 12 green girls captain Charlee Brooksby on taking out the association medal. Charlee polled extremely well, scoring 9 out of a possible 12 best on ground votes.



#### Boys

Congratulations to 7 of our Under 13 Boys for being selected in the Central Districts development squad.



Left to right: Brodie Hoyle, Mackye Williams, Matthew LeRay, Jace Richardson, Louis Switala, Austin Smart and Braden Carpenter

#### Volunteers

2020 Presidents Award—Alan Green



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### ROUND 11 – U10 GGFC BLUE V SALISBURY NORTH GOLD

This week we played a very special game with 4 x 50th games for Ethan Hewitt, Noah Garcia, Mason Easter and Jacob Kenna who all shared the role as Captain on the day. We also wanted to make sure that we played a great game for our fathers on father's day!

Before the game had even started Jesse Rende had the ball bounce up hitting him in the face and was unable to play the game. We really missed Jesse playing and hope that he gets well for next week! We knew that Salisbury North was going to be a tough game and we won the toss and got the game off to a great start with Ethan Hewitt running the ball out of the centre getting the ball out quickly to the forward line. Alex Giles swept on it dodging around three players and slotting the goal straight through the middle.

Salisbury North started to get their hands on the ball and Levi Wallis stood tall in defence manning up on his player and rebound the ball out on every occasion hitting another player on the chest. The game was tight and the football was intense. Jacob Kenna was inspiring when he took a great mark in front of his player and then followed up with a great tackle getting awarded the holding the ball.

The 2nd quarter didn't go our way with us not scoring for the quarter, but it was not from lack of effort. Hayden Baker was rucking in the centre getting the tap out on every occasion, but I was most impressed with how he ran up and down the ground supporting his mates by getting into excellent position so other players had a kicking option.

In the 3rd quarter I asked for a big lift and we aimed to kick two goals in the quarter. It was great to see Will D'Agostini attack the ball with such ferocity and he was rewarded when he was able to get the ball slip pass a couple of players and kicked an awesome goal to get the quarter started. Jacob Frencham had gone into the ruck and not only was he winning the ruck but he was tapping the ball to different positions giving Isaiah Valadian first use of the footy. Mason Easter was determined to make sure he made a difference on his 50th game. Mason was at the bottoms of the packs and tackled hard all day. As Isaiah started to get into the game we were starting to have the majority of the play and it wasn't long until we strung a great piece a play together with Isaiah getting a long kick down to Jack Robins who took another great mark. Jack looked up quickly kicking the ball to the second square where Levi competed knocking the ball down to the ground. Once the ball hit the ground Alex swept through snagging his second goal!

But as hard as we were playing Salisbury North had the answers playing some excellent football as well. Noah had played a great game and when he was asked to man up on one of Salisbury North's better player he took the challenge on. Noah not only stopped his player from getting the ball, but he also got the ball himself setting up lots of play down field.

We wanted to make sure that we kept our head up in the last quarter and continue playing hard tough footy. The midfield player were working hard getting the ball out of defence and it was great to see Jobe Launer push up the ground regularly leading giving the mids an excellent target coming out of defence. Jobe was able to grab the ball run it down the wing kicking the ball to the top of the square where the ball fell to the ground Ethan smothered a Salisbury North player and then slotted a great team goal.

Overall the game didn't go our way, but I could not have been prouder of how we never gave up and matched Salisbury North with hard footy!





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### ROUND 12 – U10 BLUE

This week we played Pooraka at Pooraka for the final game of the year on a perfect morning for footy. Hayden Baker, Mason Easter, Will D'Agostini and Taylor Elliot won the toss as multiple captains and elected to kick with the wind. The game started with Hayden winning the ruck taps and getting the ball down to Jobe Launer, Hayden and Jobe setup the ruck taps brilliantly and we were able to take advantage of it early to get our first goal on the board. It was great to see Jobe tackling so hard and forcing turnovers from the opposition. But Pooraka were playing good football and it was Levi Wallis and Taylor Elliot who were manning up on there opponent constantly defending the goal square working the ball up to our forward line.

The scores were tight at quarter time and we knew that we needed to improve if we wanted to finish our last game on a high. The 2nd quarter was more of a tussle until Jack Farden was able to display a strong defensive game, Jack was able to spoil every contest that came in and push the ball to the ground. Alex Giles worked hard all game and it was impressive to see him read the play crumbing the ball off the ground from Jack's great defensive efforts. But as good as we were playing we needed to show some speed in the forward like and Jacob Kenna was not only moving the ball around quickly but his tackling in the forward line was excellent and it was because of Jacob's efforts in the forward line that we were able to get the score on the board.

We had played a good 2nd quarter, but we were determined to finish the game off strong and it was impressive to see Jacob Frencham play another outstanding game. In the 3rd quarter he was manned up on the tallest player on the oval and at one stage he was pushed, it was great to see Jacob be very disciplined and held is ground ensure his opponent did not get the ball for the rest of the game. It was also great to see the support from his team mates who were getting around Jacob and making sure that they supported him with strong tackles. We were now moving the ball down the ground nicely Jack Robins was leading well and setting up a lot of the play, it was great to see him hit Jesse Rende right on the chest from 30 meters away. Jesse was able to go back took the run up and then dodged around his player kicking the goal. It was great to see Jesse play as he had missed last weeks game with a split lip, but as a great team player he was out a training helping were he could and then decided to play and what a great courageous game he played.

But as good as we were playing Pooraka were still getting the ball into their forward line and it was nice to see that our improvement in manning up correctly was paying off. Mason Easter played a great captains game making sure that he did not leave his players side and when Pooraka were about to score a certain goal was able to tackle that player being awarded the free kick. It was in the 3rd quarter that Isaiah Valadian came to life taking big marks in the forward line and using the ball smartly to get the ball to the 2nd square where we were able to convert with goals. But most impressive about Isaiah's game was that when he filled in on the Pooraka team we could not stop him, he was simply brilliant and was able to kick a great goal for Pooraka. The last quarter started and we could see that the players were hot and exhausted from working so hard, Will D'Agostini played a great game all day. Will's improvement all year has been excellent and in the forth quarter was tackling hard, tacking marks and getting good kicks out of the packs that enabled us to keep getting the ball out of defence. On one occasion Will was able to link up an excellent handball to Ethan Hewitt who was able to run the ball down the ground dodging around a couple of tacklers then handballed over the top to Levi Wallis who finished with a great goal!

Noah Garcia was playing well his leading and attacking the ball showed how good a player he is and when he ran at full speed picked up the ball then busted through the pack kicking the ball to Hayden Baker it was great to see. Hayden went back and slotted the ball through for the goal. It has been very noticeable the hard work that Hayden has been putting in with his kicking and it sure paid of on the day with Hayden kicking three goals!

Overall it was a great game very proud of the entire team. The boys have formed some great friendships and really demonstrate the Kookaburra Spirit!





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## Under 7 Blue

*Coach Hayden could not be prouder of his Under 7s Blue squad!*

These little **SUPERSTARS** have tried their best all season, and their hard work has paid off, finishing the 2020 season with a massive effort against Hope Valley U7 Blue.

With all but one of our players brand new to junior footy, we started the 2020 season, getting to know each other and learning some basic skills. The team bonded instantly, and this showed out on the field!

The kids worked together as a team, encouraged each other and the skills development among the group has been amazing, although listening at training requires a bit of work, we could not be prouder of the progress our little Kookaburras have made.

We look forward to coming back next season and doing it all again!

Go Burras!

*L-R: Hamish, Boston, Alexis, Coach Hayden, David, Luke, Oscar, Declan, Kayden*





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U9 white had a great season this year. William Murnane and Brodie Christie had their 50th game.





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U9 Blue played U9 Gold in the last game of the season at Harper's field, and what a cracking game it was! Right from the very first ball up the effort and intensity was fierce with both teams tackling intensely and fighting for every ball. Very few balls were easily won in a low scoring affair. The season's training and lead up games to this clearly paying off with a magnificent display of young footy on a beautiful spring day. Was very proud to coach these guys and see how much the boys applied themselves with their repeat efforts and sportsmanship.



The teams joined together to bellow out the club song and capture a joint photo. Well done boys for a great season of footy!





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#### U12 Girls Gold

The girls were fired up for our first Friday night game of the season, along with it being our final home and away game, went in wanting the win!

Playing against Houghton, the 2nd placed team, we wanted to show them we could win, after narrowly losing to them earlier in the season.

From the first bounce we were tough and strong, getting the ball into our forward with Miley scoring the first goal. Chelsea was next to kick a great goal on the run.

Our mids were on fire and great at not allowing the ball into Houghtons forward 25 meters at all during the 1st quarter.

Houghton rushed out in the 2nd quarter and kicked 6 unanswered points. Alana laid a fabulous tackle to stop their best forward running into an open goal.

The 3rd quarter saw Golden Grove shoot out the gates scoring the first goal. Chelsea, Sway and Ruby dominated in the Centre, getting the ball into our forward easily. Jessica then come off injured, for the remainder of the game, after being tackled by 2 of Houghton full backs.

The last quarter saw Houghton come out firing and score 2 quick goals, but it wasn't enough with the Golden Grove girls taking the win by 3 goals at the final siren!

What a fabulous way to end our 2020 U12 gold girls season!

Massive thanks go to Scott Marshall for coaching the girls, they have learnt a lot and improved throughout the season! Big thanks also go to Brad for being the assistant coach & runner, along with our team manager, Lehr who was great at getting everything arranged throughout the season.





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### U13 White

With a somewhat rocky start to the 2020 season, it has been a pleasure for Ben and I to see how our team has grown and developed together over the past few months. The boys never fail to have a smile on their faces and wore their GGFC guernseys each week with pride.

We would like to thank all our weekly parent volunteers for your valuable help. A special shout out in particular goes to Tracey Baldwin (our fast paced Boundary Umpire), Lee Bryant Snr. (our weekly Runner), Ben Manhire (our First Aid Trainer) and Mark Dand (our Assistant Coach). Without everyone's time and effort put into both the training sessions and gameday, there would be chaos & madness & the game would not go on!

We finished our season with two special milestone games; Preston Bevitt reached his 50th milestone game and Josh Caldicott his 100th. Well done to both boys. We look forward to seeing the team together at Presentation Day to celebrate a great season together.

Many thanks, Ben Jankovic & Hayley Manhire - 2020 Coach & Team Manager





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#### U10 Girls Season Review

This season has shown us how much a group of girls can improve in a 12-game season.

To start we had only 3 girls who had played in 2019, and 10 girls who were brand new to football. The new girls all had a varied background, netball, basketball, dancing and softball just to name a few. We could easily pick the netball players as they stopped dead when they grabbed the ball!

It did not begin well. On a frosty Sunday morning in late June we fronted up to our first game against Glenunga at Glenunga. After a quick chat to their coach, "Our Glenunga girls have all been playing together for about 3 years.", he said. "Oh crap." We thought. It was a massacre GGFC 0.0.0, Glenunga LOTS. We lost by a LOT.

A positive was that the great football brain of my co-coach Danny Hintalla was able to pick some very basic areas of our game to work on at training on Tuesday.

Our second game wasn't nearly so bad, and on we went steadily improving week by week. We picked a basic skill every week and trained that skill on the Tuesday. Our loyal supporter base of Parents and Grandparents could start to see the difference. Often a basic skill drew applause from the eager 'Burras supporters. Who could forget our first running bounce?!

We began to come up against some teams with a similar skill level to our own and we started to show the competitive spirit that we knew our bunch of U10 girls possessed. We started to win a few games (we figured because we didn't actually keep score).

When we finally played Glenunga again, this time at home, their coach simply couldn't believe the development from that first game. We were a different and vastly improved side. Grandparents who only saw games every few weeks were saying the same thing.

Danny and I turned out to be a great coaching team. Danny would strategize and develop plans for improvement, he would also run the field with the girls on game day. I would use my loud voice to yell at the girls to implement the plans that Danny devised. I would also work out the quarterly rotations. A great duo!

#### Season Highlights

*Peyton's intercept and goal on the run that drew rapturous applause from all who witnessed.*

*Zoe's fearless attack on the ball.*

*Holly's vastly improved kicking and never-ending smile at training.*

*Asha's blistering pace and magnetism for the ball.*

*Izzy's first goal and smooth integration into the team mid-season.*

*Sophie's goal sneak abilities.*

*Savannah's 3 goals in a game.*

*Talia's improvement over the season & wow she loved that last game. Mia's white line fever and goal.*

*Matilda's love of the game, the best teammate ever.*

*Imogen's unstoppable runs with the ball tucked firmly under her arm.*

*Emie's return from injury and 4 goals in a quarter.*

*Alissia's goal and improvement especially late in the season.*





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U12 girls green

Our last game of the season happen to be our first Friday night game for the season! We were playing against Hectorville who last time we played them beat us by over ten goals.

The girls have shown some remarkable improvements over the last five weeks or so, beating teams that we had succumbed to earlier in the season, only losing to Modbury last week by a couple of goals who are undefeated on top of the ladder.

With Hectorville already locked in on second spot we knew we were in for a tough encounter, but I have to be honest I did not see this coming...

The girls all played out of their skin and we dominated the game right from the opening bounce keeping Hectorville to one point whilst we scored 9.12 66!!

It was a special night for us all, not just because it was our last game but we got to celebrate the achievements of Sienna LeRay and Caden Hussey, who both shared their 50<sup>th</sup> games for the club. I am personally so proud of these two, they have become great friends and certainly have given their all for the team this year. Before the game we spoke about the importance of milestone games and how everyone needs to lift 10%... That they certainly did!

The midfield through Charlee, Danika, Montana and Camryn dominated the clearances and general play all night. Down back Mia lead the way attacking the footy and rebounding everything that came her way. Abak and Caden were rock solid and Amelia's ferocious efforts at the ball all night was certainly a highlight. Caden topped off a great season with a fantastic game in her milestone game and Eire played some time back and forward and also had a tremendous game.

Up forward Sienna lead the way with two goals to celebrate a special night and with the Davey girls giving their all attacking the ball and keeping it in the area. A special note goes to Charlotte who had a great game up forward and kicked her first goal of the season...Well done!!

I am so incredibly proud of this group, and to think in a normal season finishing third would see us playing finals!! The mateship that the girls have developed within the team has been spot on, and its been very obvious that they are playing for each other. We have generally come up against bigger girls in our competition and it's been our spirit within the team that has seen us win these games of football. Well done girls, I am one very proud coach!

I would also like to thank the people behind the scenes that made this season proper. Kellie, Tim and Bre the support you have given this team cannot be underestimated, we would not have a team if it wasn't for you. Also the members of the junior committee. Without the work of our volunteers we simply do not play footy. Thank you to all of you & well done to the entire group on a fantastic season!!

### Final scores

**Golden Grove 9.12 66 dft Hectorville 0.1 1**

**Goal Kickers: Charlee 3, Eire 2, Sienna 2, Montana 1 Charlotte 1**





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#### Auskick 2020

With a slightly disrupted start to the season we were not sure if Auskick 2020 was going to get off the ground, but fortunately GGFC was able to provide a condensed "Term 3" program for our local community.

GGFC has one of the biggest junior football programs in the nation and this was mirrored with our Auskick numbers with a whopping 84 children signing up before the club was forced to close the door on registrations.

With great support from a number of our past and present junior coaches GGFC was able to provide 6 activity stations spread across the bottom oval with a multitude of different AFL skills being offered via our volunteer coaches.

We inevitably ran over time each session but the kids absolutely loved the activities on offer with a great mix of education and fun incorporated into each station.



Migrating a large number of families between 6 different stations isn't a simple task but with lessons learnt from previous years, this was tailored to make the process as quick and painless as possible and the kids and parents picked it up instantly. A couple of special guests have attended our training sessions with National Australia Bank's own "Captain NAB" along with GGFC's Mascott "KOOKA" getting amongst the training drills and pausing for numerous photo opportunities with the kids.

Working with other Auskick Centres in the area the club has again been able to offer an extension to the traditional Auskick program via the formulation of interclub carnival events where the kids get to put their training into action whilst wearing the GGFC guernsey.

Our relationship with the Modbury and Tea Tree Gully football clubs has enabled this to occur again in 2020 with the Auskick families moving between centres for 3 interclub carnivals consisting of 27 games being played across 5 ovals with each team participating in 3 games against different clubs during each event.

A big thanks go out to all of the parents who have assisted during our sessions along with our volunteer coaches who have donated their Saturday mornings with a special mention to the below individuals who assisted with every session.



**Gary Scott** (GGFC Junior Football Director),  
**Scott Smart** (GGFC Auskick-U11 Coordinator),  
**Jason Murdoch** (U15 Red Coach),  
**Shane Innes** (U15 White Coach),  
**Luke Hartwell** (U9 Gold Coach)





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#### GGFC U7 Green vs SALISBURY NORTH

On Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September the GGFC U7 Green played Salisbury North at Harpers Field.

Salisbury North were a much bigger side than us but it didn't stop the Kookaburras jumping on the footy and trying to run around them.

The team ran hard all game and followed through with everything we asked of them which was a good way to finish the year.

Throughout the year we have seen improvement from all the players which has been great to watch. We hope to see all the kids out again next year for another great season COVID free.

Thank you to everyone who has helped during the year in the various roles that are essential to make the season work. We extend that thanks to all the Junior Teams and Club officials that make GGFC a great club to be a part of.





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On Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup>, U8 Gold welcomed Modbury Gold to Harpers Field. It was a long wait but our Captain in the final game of the season was Taylan.

This was the second time in successive weeks we've come up against a Modbury team and much of the first quarter was feeling out the opposition. This has been a trend in games against bigger opposition this year but as soon as we navigate the first few contests we're good to go. After the Payneham game a few weeks ago, the side has really got back to our one wood, which is winning the ball at the contest.

The whole game was a tight contest throughout. We would kick a few and then Modbury would reply. The kids were linking up with some nice kick-mark chains that Modbury found difficult to defend. Our players have really developed their game sense throughout the year and instead of looking down the line they are now looking sideways a lot more or changing their running pattern and switching the direction of play with their legs. At U8 age group there's not too many teams we've come across that can do that at present so well done team! I said to the team after the game that if I had to give best players the 'all played well' sign would have gone up. It was a great team effort to finish the season!

Thank you to all the kids and parents for making a challenging year so enjoyable. Thanks also to Mark for taking on the role of Team Manager who has done a terrific job and was great support throughout the season. More importantly I think we can all say we've seen growth and improvement in the team from Round 1 right through to the end of Round 12 and therefore met our goal for the year.





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### U15 White

Last Sunday saw the Under 15 white team take on Gepps Cross in a twilight match at Harpers Field, as the sun set in a gorgeous but chilly Sunday evening, we took on what we all knew would be a challenging and arduous game to close out the season and the boys were ready to deliver on Luke's 150<sup>th</sup> game.

Gepps Cross came out fighting in the first quarter, putting the pressure on early and showing promising skill and accuracy on the scoreboard. The Kookaburras responded well, with goals going to Lachlan, Evan and Jacob Carpenter, and finishing out the first quarter 3 points down. Golden Grove came into the second quarter pumped up and ready to respond, and the work rate in the midfield directly led to the Kookaburras finishing the second quarter with 11 scoring shots to Gepps Cross 2 minors, and Golden Grove going into half time 36 points up. Goal kickers in our most successful quarter for the game were Evan, Jacob, Koby and James, with Xander kicking two majors out of three scoring shots to win the quarter.

The boys came back out following a half time break, and although a few attempts, were only able to accurately get one major score on the board, thanks to Callum's quick hands and an even quicker snap on the boot. Jaycob was strong in the backline, attacking the incoming ball late in the quarter and taking on several Gepps Cross players with his quick dash down the field, which brought the crowd to their feet.

We closed out the game with a strong home-crowd advantage, they were vocal and helped lift the boys to go on to kick 4 goals 1 point in the final quarter, with Xander putting on a show, kicking 3 goals, and Callum kicking another one late in the game. The final game win was great reward for effort throughout the year, we started the year strong, were 'rewarded' by moving to Div 3 for a few weeks, where the boys were defeated repeatedly and their confidence waivered. This strong finish saw this group lift their heads and finish the season with the same intensity, confidence and love for the game they started with.

During this season we also saw Luc Lindsay play his 50<sup>th</sup> game, and Reilly Close play his 150<sup>th</sup> game – more great milestones for these boys who love their footy and we look forward to seeing this group continue on next season.





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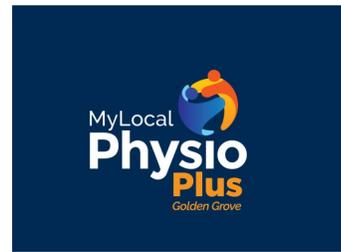
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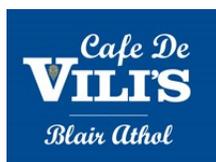
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