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Dear Fellow Lions supporter and members,

I trust that you and your families are all well. We are over halfway into the 2023 Season and on the field we are performing very well through all grades in Football and Netball. All coaches and assistants, team managers and players have settled into their work and are showing a very determined and clear focus on their task at hand.

Our Senior Football teams are setting the pace, being undefeated so far and have withstood extreme pressure and challenges from most opposition teams so far this season. There is still a long way to go this season, so I will leave that there.

SGFC Women teams are also doing well and are developing a strong culture with a strong leadership group. The U 16's in particular, are doing very well. Well done to all and keep it going.

Our Senior Colts are developing well and have shown some real growth and promise. I am very confident that more success is coming their way very soon.

The same can be said for the U 15's and U 13's with both teams playing some really good footy, so congratulations to all coaches, assistants and supporters. I would also like to congratulate Dean Cutting, our U 13's coach, who has been selected to coach our Zone Under 13's team. Well done Dean and good luck! Our U 9s and U 11's are also doing really well and I have to admit that it is a lot of fun watching these soon to be stars, learning the game. A credit to all junior coaches, helpers, supporters and especially families, for being involved and making this a very important part of our youngsters' development.

Over the years, I have come to regard our SGFC community as a family. We gather to share and celebrate achievements and victories as well as sharing disappointments and defeats. As with our normal families, we grieve for those who have been integral parts of our history, when they pass. We have lost some of these over the past few months and on behalf of our SGFC I extend our heartfelt sympathy to their families, particularly the Brown and Connelly families who have lost dear ones over recent weeks.

Off the field, we are extremely busy, with everyone, working very hard. Thanks to all involved, especially Jannah our Canteen Manager and Rusty and Anthony looking after the Bar.

Our new lights were completed and work very well. The complete oval has much better coverage, making it much better for training and Friday night junior football.

Club Merchandise has been outstanding this year, with a lot of our club apparel being snapped up, particularly scarves, hats and clothing to keep us warm over these chilly winter days.

Jenny has been doing a magnificent job with this and making sure we have enough of everything available. Jenny is set up at every home game and is at the club most Thursday evenings, so don't miss out and grab some of our quality merchandise before it is all gone.

As we all know, we have taken over the Gawler Squash Centre and we are converting this to our South Gawler Football Centre. Many thanks to Anthony and Michele at Kalbeeba Builders for their great work in the building structural improvements associated with this. I would also like to acknowledge and applaud the efforts of the Senior footballers who have taken it upon themselves to clean and paint this area. A great job done, so well done and thanks very much on behalf of our SGFC family. I will keep you updated as the development of this centre continues.

Over the past few seasons, we have had a group of our passionate supporters and past players, get together on Monday mornings to do a clean, check and restock, under the guidance of Anthony Connelly. They are fondly referred to as our Monday crew. Thanks to you all for your continued efforts and I urge anyone looking for a bit of fellowship, to come along and join the party.

Our committee is very busy planning and arranging 2023. There is always much to be done and we are always happy to welcome anyone who is able to spare any time to help. Our volunteers dedicate an enormous amount of time and effort to ensure all is done. We all know that our facilities are ageing and are difficult to maintain, so the efforts by all volunteers is even more substantial. Please remember that this is our club and it is up to all of us to roll our sleeves up and ensure continued success, so please don't have the mindset that this is someone else's problem! Get involved!

Our Sponsors Day and Player Jumper Auctions were a great success in true Lion Spirit. Well done to Michele, Bailey and all of the Sponsorship team.

We have our Annual Blue and White night on Saturday 15 July at our club. This is always a fantastic success and tickets sell quickly, so please book now.

15 July is also our Annual Indigenous round, where we acknowledge the history and contributions of Australia's first people. This has proven to be very successful. This year we start on Thursday night 13 July where we present our Indigenous jumpers to the players and learn the significance of the stories associated with the special jumper design.

Our Past Players Day is planned for our home game against Tanunda on Saturday 29 July. This is one of the biggest days on our calendar and is always entertaining and enjoyable. We get to hear the stories from past players who have been an integral part of our successful and magnificent history. It is always good to hear the same stories being told and enjoy how they change from year to year!! A day certainly not to be missed so make sure it is marked on your calendar and contact Bob Bilney, Christopher Hurst or Stef Kiryk for any further information.

On behalf of our 2023 Executive committee, I wish you all well and extend a warm welcome to you all to be an active part of our club and enjoy the wonderful warm and welcoming friendship that is SGFC.

Cosie Costa  
President

**South Gawler Football Club**  
**GO LIONS!!!!!!!**