



January 2023

Dear all fellow Lions Players, Supporters and Members

A very happy and hopefully prosperous 2023 to you all.

At the AGM Meeting held on 14 November 2022, I was fortunate enough to be elected as President of South Gawler Football Club. It is a privilege and an honor to hold this position in our successful club and I look forward to our continued success both on and off the field. We have some exciting events planned for this year, starting with our Life Membership Awards Night on Friday 24 March 2023 and I will expand on this a bit later.

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our 2023 Executive Committee:

Wayne Greatorex (Vice President), Jo Connelly (Treasurer), Jenny Judd-Smith (Secretary), Jake McVicar (Senior Football Director), John Giannitto (Junior Football Director), Colin Wardrop (Women's Football Director), Brodie Hudson (Affiliates Manager), Russell Smith (Facilities Manager), John Costa and David (Butch) Barker committee members.

Together we will do our best to maintain the highest levels in every aspect of this wonderful club.

On behalf of our club, I would like to extend our deep and heartfelt gratitude to past President Daniel Kiryk. He has dedicated so much effort and time over many years for our club and we are the better for all his efforts. A special thank you to his wife Narelle and their family for their unending support, patience and tolerance, particularly with the countless hours Dan devoted.

I would also like to acknowledge the long serving efforts of Dale Lawrence, who served on our Executive Committee for a number of years along with Anthony Connelly and Shane Clark. They all devoted countless time and effort to our club, so a huge thank you to all of them.

Moving forward, we are extremely fortunate to have Senior Premiership Coach Gavin Chaplin, at the helm again for the next 2 seasons. Chappy has led the way through our club with his dedication, energy and enthusiasm. We are extremely confident that the success over the past few seasons will continue. Other coaching positions are almost finalised so I will keep you informed of these when they are all in place.

Currently we are amidst the 2022/23 Cricket Season and SGCC are performing very well. If current form continues, we should have our 2 senior teams playing in finals, so we wish our cricketers the best of luck.

After an extremely successful 2022, Netball preparations for 2023 are well under way. Over the past few seasons our South Gawler Netballers have led the way and we expect that this will continue, so good luck to you all as well.

South Gawler Women's football teams also had a successful year in 2022. After looking a bit shaky at the start, through a lot of hard work and dedication, the longer the year went, the more improvement we saw. We look forward to a very good 2023 season for our Women's Football teams.

As alluded to above, we have a special event planned for Friday 24 March 2023, this being our Club Life Membership Awards Night. Over the past few years our Executive Committee have worked very hard to design a more comprehensive process to recognise those who contribute in many ways to the success of our club. This includes our players, volunteers, coaches and support staff etc. Consequently, a clear process to recognise those who have given so much to our club and to reward them with Club Life Membership has been designed and was presented at the recent AGM.

Further information about this event will be shared very soon, however please put this date in your diaries and I urge you to make the effort and be a part of this very special and unique occasion.

The 2023 season will start a little later, due to the AFL Gather round being held in SA. Our first game will a home game and will be the ANZAC clash against Willaston on Saturday 22 April. Attached is a copy of the BLGFA 2023 Program for your reference.

Our committee is now very busy planning and arranging 2023. There is always much to be done and we are always happy to welcome anyone who can 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 aging 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 its continued success.

Whilst on the point of facilities, after a lot of effort, we have finally received approval for new Oval Lights on the Eastern side of our oval. We expect that these will be in place over the next month or so, giving us better lighting coverage on our oval. Following on from this we have a few other projects we have dedicated some time to and hope that they will soon be able to bear fruition.

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 with South Gawler.

I look forward to a strong and successful start to 2023 season.

Best regards

**Cosie Costa**  
**President**  
**South Gawler Football Club**

**GO LIONS!**

**BENEATH THE BLUE AND WHITE WE STAND**