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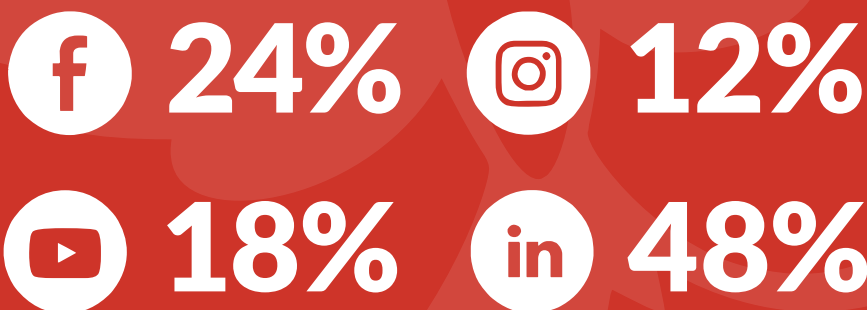


SEASON AT A GLANCE

> **Test Match Double-Header**, featuring Wallaroos v Black Ferns and Wallabies v Springbok

> **Host to the revitalised Australian Rugby Shield**, with 12 teams from all over Australia competing in both men and womens competitions

> **Growth in Social Media:**



> **Growth in participation:**

- Juniors **20.16%**
- Women **6.5%**
- Mens **8.97%**

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Mission Statement

To ignite passion, build character and create an inclusive South Australian Rugby Community. We will engage and inspire people, support clubs, engage communities and develop rugby players.



President's Report Mike von Berg

Another very successful year and thankfully without any basic Covid restrictions, which have been so destructive and debilitating at both Union and Club levels, affecting Clubs, in particular, economically, in trying to “keep the show on the road”. Morale is a principal of war and also in commerce, and the Clubs are to be congratulated during that very difficult period in keeping their members informed, but most importantly in keeping the enthusiasm and the morale high, where we all knew we would beat this and come out the other side, better, smarter, and more agile and ready to go, and that was very evident in the 2022 season.

Congratulations to Brighton Rugby Club in winning the First Grade Premiership, against Burnside, the 2021 Premier, but as the score of 25-22 indicates it was not a walk in the park and an exciting game throughout, but well-done Brighton and well fought Burnside. Congratulations to all grades, and I must continue to congratulate coaches and players for the standard at our level, that you bring, and the outstanding job of our referees. Many of the other topics will be covered by our Chair and CEO, so I thought I would

focus on the highlight of this year, which was our 90th Anniversary, the outstanding rugby luncheon, and the double header Test Matches at Adelaide Oval.

After some 20 years, international rugby returned to South Australia and to the newly developed Adelaide Oval. It's been a long time between drinks, but boy did we make up for it, in this the 90th anniversary celebration of the South Australian Rugby Union, and celebrate we did with an extremely well, 600 plus attendance at the pre-test luncheon on Friday the 26th of August, which was an outstanding success. The historic double header Test matches on Saturday 27th August 2022, of the Australian Wallaroos vs the New Zealand Black Ferns, followed by the Wallabies vs the Springboks in front of a crowd of 37,000 which was a record for rugby at Adelaide Oval and higher than the previous Rugby World Cup matches held there in 2003.

This surely must be a sure steppingstone in more international rugby to be played at Adelaide Oval, and with the coming 2025 British and Irish Lions tour; 2027 Rugby World Cup and the Women's Rugby World Cup in 2029, Australia has a feast of international rugby and the team of SA Rugby, Australian Rugby, and the SA State Government, all are working in bringing matches to Adelaide Oval. We have one of the most iconic and ideally located major sporting ovals in Australia, close to local accommodation, fine restaurants, coffee shops and general shopping all within a stroll or not too far walking distance, which is unique and hospitality friendly. Let's also not forget

the spectator benefits of Adelaide Oval, with its easy access and egress, escalators, bars, cafes, and great viewing locations and of course the famous “hill” and the heritage listed scoreboard, designed, and commissioned by Kenneth Milne, in 1911. Kenneth an architect and a cricket tragic was one of the founders of the South Australian Rugby Union and a Life Member, which gives rugby a connection with Adelaide Oval going back to 1911. The first scoreboard of its type in the world at the time. Once again, little old Adelaide, boxing above its weight.

We are entering a golden era of rugby, and its going to be a great opportunity to grow this great game but it would not be possible without the wonderful support of our Clubs, our hard working board, our employees and the support of our sponsors. On behalf of us all I would like to thank The Premier of South Australia, Peter Malinauskas MP, his Cabinet and in particular the Minister for Tourism the Hon Zoe Bettison MP and their respective departments for their support. There is the tangible economic impact for SA in hosting international rugby but the intangible benefit of international exposure and awareness of South Australia and Adelaide in particular cannot be underestimated. With the estimated 3.5 billion plus TV audience for the 2027 Rugby World Cup it's a great window to showcase the State and all that it offers.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you at all levels for your support. As President, I am both honoured and proud to represent the Union in this role and wish you all the very best for the 2023 season.

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Chairman's Report

Brett Smith

With the devastating impacts of COVID well behind us, the Directors of RUSA have during the year prioritised its efforts on developing a 5-year growth strategy, aligning with what is being termed by Rugby Australia (RA) as a "Golden Decade of Rugby". Consideration was given when drafting of the RUSA strategic plan with to the concurrent development of Rugby Australia's own Strategic Plan, which proposes a pathway for the "Golden Decade of Rugby in Australia" over the next 10 years. The pathway leverages the increased high-level exposure that Rugby will receive across the nation, with an increase in international tests, Olympic/Commonwealth games, British and Irish Lions in 2025, Rugby World Cups in 2027 and 2029 and associated marketing, development and financial opportunities. RUSA is committed and working closely with a supportive approach from the SA State Government and Rugby Australia to help optimise further opportunity with regards to high level domestic and world class international showpieces. Just to highlight potential impact, when Australia last hosted the Rugby World Cup in 2003, South

Australia experienced a 30% growth in participation rates.

The vision of our founding members when they established the first competing teams in 1932 has been respectfully considered. As we look past the recently celebrated 90-year mark, our strategy looks forward towards not only the next five years but with vision as we navigate towards our 100th anniversary in 2032, laying secure foundations for a sustainable organisation, competition for our great game well into the future.

To that end, the RUSA growth strategy is a measured and realistic growth agenda which aims to:

1. stabilise and support clubs already experiencing growth and capacity.
2. assist clubs struggling for players and members to increase their participation.
3. establish a more even playing field for the local competition.

Together we hope to work with our community to collaboratively achieve our participation goal 'Towards 5000', in growing the game of Rugby in South Australia.

The RUSA board continues in its core purpose on the delivery of competition, opportunity and risk management, with a particular effort during the year on better governance practice. A focus on supportive committee structures, utilising community expertise is recommended in the strategic review and will be ongoing to help with implementing delivery of the strategic plan. Director skills and inclusiveness have helped to identify director requirements and guided thinking around better governance practice.

I would further like to thank the board of directors for their efforts during the past year especially the heavy lifting in developing the strategic plan and supporting Implementation plan. Specifically, I would like to acknowledge out-going director, Megan Lloyd for her contribution to the board and multiple terms of service in support of the rugby community. In addition, a special

mention also for Meredith Knowler, director for her attention, passion and drive in project managing the development of the Strategic Plan and detailed Implementation plan.

During the year the board met with most clubs through an initiative of "around the clubs" board meetings, providing the opportunity for committees to join post board meeting and to meet and have to opportunity to ask questions. This approach worked well (although unfortunately we fell short of all clubs) the board of directors, who are entirely connected with the Rugby Community through their collective club affiliations remain motivated to be seen, aware and listening to the concerns of member community.

Moving forward, I am confident our Board, our hard-working operational staff and our community will all benefit from the Golden Decade of Rugby and our collective commitment to deliver the growth strategy "Towards 5000".

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REPORTING IN



CEO's Report Carl Jones

2022 was a challenging year from a RUSA staffing perspective; with staff taking up the opportunity to be seconded and ultimately employed by Rugby Australia, leaving the organizational structure under pressure to deliver. It wasn't until October that we were in a position to advertise for permanent replacements.

Despite this, we were able to roll out a full program of rugby. The Elizabeth 7s kick started the season again and all who attended were witness to a fantastically contested final between the Bula Boys and Mildura Warriors; The Bula Boys being crowned the champions.

In March we had an announcement of a Double Header Test Match with the

Wallabies & Wallaroos being held at the Adelaide Oval later in the year; this along with the RWC27 & 29 announcement created a great amount of interest in the media and provides a unique opportunity for the development of our game in SA over the next 5-7 years.

The season got off to an early start, managing to get two rounds in prior to the Easter break. Round three, the other side of Easter, we celebrated our ANZAC round which saw the Rematch of the Grand final between Burnside and Brighton at Parkinson Oval. A close fought match with Brighton taking out the win 26 - 20, with the Brighton halfback, Riley Byrne, being awarded the Mike von Berg Medal.

The influx of workers, through the Pacific Labour Scheme, had a real positive affect on the competition, bolstering the likes of Elizabeth and Barossa, and to a lesser extent, Southern Suburbs and Port Adelaide. To have an influx of players from rugby playing nations has really helped us stabilise our senior competition and make it more competitive week in week out. It would appear that the scheme is here to stay and along with key stakeholders we are working on a Pacific strategy to enable further involvement in our community.

Leading into the Finals Series, and benefiting from the influx of players, Elizabeth and Barossa were able to sneak into the Premier and Reserve Grade finals respectively. Elizabeth were knocked out in the second round, however Barossa managed to make it through to the Reserve Grade Grand

final to be narrowly beaten by Brighton. The Premier Grade grand final was a repeat of the previous year, however this time Brighton were able to finish on top, defeating Burnside 25 - 22. The Best on Ground award going to Nick Simpson of Brighton.

The Women's Grand Final was another close affair, with Southern Suburbs taking on the current premiers Burnside. Southern Suburbs winning the flag 17 - 12, with the Best on Ground being awarded to Frances Afeaki.

Junior finals were dominated by Old Collegians and Brighton who should be commended for their junior programs. The real good news story of the Junior finals was in U12s,



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where Adelaide University made their first junior Grand Final and narrowly defeated Brighton 21-20.

RUSA played host to the reinvigorated Australian Rugby Shield (ARS) two week after grand finals. This Nationally recognized event saw eight men's teams and six women's teams compete over the October Long Weekend, utilizing Woodville and Brighton's grounds. Our very own Black Falcons Men's and Women's represented South Australia at the tournament. The overall winners of the tournament were ACT for the Men and Victoria for the Women.

A very jam-packed year with some great excitement around the Test Matches and announcements, looking

forward for the increased interest this will create in our game.

I would like to thank all the RUSA staff for the time and effort it has taken to roll out an extensive program in 2022; I would like to thank Pete Garden for his 5 years of service to the Union and certainly leaving a legacy in the management of the competition. Leesa Kenny also leaves us after 5 years where she has provided a platform for our Women's game to grow.

Finally, there is no doubt that the union would not function without our volunteers, who all go above and beyond, week in week out. Thank you all for putting together another successful year.



RUSA staff (left to right): Kelvin Eder, Pete Garden, Leesa Kenny, Rose Jackson, Carl Jones & Nic Robertson

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Adelaide University

As the oldest rugby club in SA, in 2022 Adelaide University Rugby club celebrated its 90th anniversary at a gala dinner at the Adelaide Oval. The event was attended by many throughout the Union and welcomed back past players and supporters from as early as the 1950s.

Adelaide Uni RFC entered teams in all grades, and in a nail-biting end to the season, the U12s won the club's first junior premiership since establishing its program 16 years ago.

The Women's team played well all year, but fell short in the semi-final.

The Adelaide University's Third Grade team, the Sharks, continued to provide inclusive and accepting rugby opportunities for the LGBTQI+ community and its allies. In 2022, six of the Sharks were selected and travelled to Ottawa to play in the Bingham Cup, the IGR World Cup.

The 2022 season also included a number of well-deserved individual honours, including Ben Thomas as Best Under 18s Tackler in South Australia, and Lusia Raikiwasa who won Best Female Forward in South Australia and the Edna Reilly Medal for the Best and Fairest player in the women's grade in South Australia. This is the second time Lusia has won 'the Edna', the previous being in 2018. Also, at its Annual Awards Dinner (known as 'the Blues') Adelaide University Sport presented AURugby's President Matt Mooney with a special award for 'Service to University Sport'.

Barossa

The year 2022 has been one of excitement and challenges in equal parts.

After a pre-season with lower numbers attending than we have had for some time, an unexpected bonus for our senior playing group arrived in the form of a bus of Fijian workers living at Mallala with a few weeks before the first game was to kick off. Having to scramble to get an extra team registered in the competition as well as playing kit inclusive of boots was met with inspiring generosity from our community. What these men and women lacked in resources, they more than made up for in enthusiasm and an exciting playing style that rubbed off well on many of our existing players through the year. Two senior teams in finals was a great achievement for us, and our grand final appearance was highly anticipated though we were not able to take home the big prize in reserve grade. The future of the senior squad looks very hopeful with further Pacific island workers expected to base themselves in South Australia.

Junior grades were challenged by some lower player numbers in some grades but each playing group kept



their heads up regardless. Game On rules helped to keep player numbers equal and provided a more enjoyable playing experience for teams when they were down on players.

A new facility for the Rams nears construction commencement and while we will have to wait another year to play in Tanunda, the anticipation is growing as details come to light.

Brighton

2022 was a successful year for our juniors as all teams qualified to play in their retrospective Grand Finals. Congratulations to our U18s taking home a premiership against Old Collegians. We also had all three senior mens teams take the field in their Grand Finals with both Premiers and Reserves holding the silverware. Seven teams can't make it to Grand Finals without a load of work behind the scenes from our volunteers – managers, coaches, ground marshals and trainers.

To top off another great year at the club, we were fortunate to host this year's Don Smith Medal Night, with over 200 guests attending and showcasing our facilities and the capability of the functions and event space. We were also able to walk away with the Club Championship Trophy as well as the trophy for Most Team Tries.

To finish off the season, we were privileged to host the Australian Rugby Shield, with teams competing from all states at our venue, and putting us firmly on the map with Rugby Australia.

Burnside

As a club, we focus on providing players and supporters with a family-friendly environment that allows them to enjoy rugby and be part of the Burnside rugby community. This year Pat Betham did an excellent job making sure that the facilities were clean, well-maintained and available for home and visiting teams. We are still the only Club to have a dedicated female-only change room that can be used by Junior and Senior female players and Junior girls from visiting clubs. Thanks to Pat and Jeff Lindsay for making this possible.

The U18 were a combined Burnside/Uni/Souths team. It was a challenging year as the U18 rarely got to play at home with the other Burnside teams, and they are to be commended for their commitment. Next year we hope to have a dedicated Burnside U18 team.

The U16 made it to the finals and should be proud of their development and achievements for the year. The U14 seemed to have the most fun of any team in 2022, they always had good numbers at training and seemed to have fun on and off the pitch. U12 had a tough season competing against some other clubs that were

very strong in this age group. That said, the players, coaches and supporters never gave in and stayed positive until the season's end.

As a Club, we should be proud of our U7, 8 and 10 players. They always turned up and played with a smile. Attending the U7 – U10 presentations was a highlight of the year, seeing the joy and excitement on the faces of our next generation of rugby heroes.

While we congratulate those teams that make the finals each year as a club, we focus on providing players and supporters with a family-friendly environment that allows them to enjoy rugby and be part of the Burnside rugby community. As a Committee, we strive to provide players with the coaches, managers, and facilities to become better players. Although playing finals is not the ultimate measure of success, it is a reward for all the hard work put in by the players and coaches.

Crippled Crows

The Crippled Crows continue to grow each year. With 98 registered players in 2022, we played nine games in total with four clubs choosing to put together a team to face up against the "Crips", all of which were played in the true spirit of "fun, friendship and fraternity".

Our 40th anniversary was celebrated in style at the end of the season which was a fitting tribute. Sadly, this year we have lost a few of our key past presidents in Hugo Klynsmith and John Markwick and they will be sadly missed.

2023 looms large as an exciting year with the world Golden Oldies rugby festival to be held in Perth in March as well as the Australian Masters Games to be held in Adelaide again in October.

Elizabeth

What a year 2022 was for Elizabeth as we continued to achieve, grow and capture the attention of the wider rugby community with many of our successes over the year. We began the season with a little apprehension given the COVID interruptions over the past two years but fortunately for us and the competition we had an interruption free season. We kicked off as always with our annual 7s tournament which was the biggest participated 7s tournament in many years with 32 teams entering the tournament.

Our Juniors continue to grow exceeding both State and National averages and we saw for the first time in a very long time a full complement of junior teams in the competition (U7-U18). This of course was recognised in the wider community being awarded the Neil Charter State Development Award (Vanessa Van Dongen) noting this is 2nd time we have won this award in 4 years. And the success of our junior program now shows the benefits of many years of work with



six of our under 18s taking the field for Reserve Grade this year with a great showing. We all got a bit excited with the Wallabies hitting Adelaide oval for the Test Match, but none more than our junior players who got to take the ground pre match with the Wallabies and Springbok. And of course we can't say any more on our premier team grade who made it through to the preliminary final, narrowly going down to Burnside after what is one of our most successful seasons at the club.

2022 was an exciting year for the club with lots of successes and 2023 shaping up for yet another great year for the club on and off the field as we continue to grow and develop thanks to all of our hard-working volunteers who do so much to make our club a success

Old Collegians

2022 was Old Collegians 85th year, and what an amazing club and family we have. It was great to see such a healthy mix of both senior men and women players along with a good complement of junior players, junior parents and other members of the club volunteering and supporting in a number of roles across the club.

Congratulations to the U14s, U16s and Third Grade teams who finished as 2022 Premiers. Our womens team saw a big drop in players, but we a rebuilding the team with young and new players. Thank you to the girls for turning up each week and putting together a competitive game.

2022 saw the completion of Stage 2 of our club house upgrade and the additional home change rooms. With the generous support from the City of Burnside and Mark Pickard, the building works were completed. Our clubrooms were utilised during the week of the Wallabies v Springbok Test Match with the Springbok using the club room and training facilities in the lead up to the game.

Onkaparinga

Our first success this ear was to see Onkaparinga field a Women's team again. The coaches and players started the year, learning how to play the game with expectations based on developing rugby and not to put pressure on the players for results. But pretty soon, the women understood the game play and the results came.

Our Third grade made it to the elimination-finals with a magnificent victory in their first semi-final. All our Junior Grades from U12s to U18s made it all the way to the semi-finals but were eliminated by the knockout nature of junior finals. A few of these teams had it in them to play in the Grand Final but it just was not the be on the day.

We saw massive improvements in club culture in 2022. This is only the beginning, it won't happen in

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one season, but I believe that in time culture changes like these will give our players the best opportunity to achieve their goals.

Port Adelaide

Season 2022 was a year of determination to succeed, improve and grow as a club. Our Junior teams began to develop in all grades from U6s to U10s. We continue to develop great superstar rugby players for the near future.

Each weekend saw our senior teams trying to bring their best. Premier Men were competitive this year taking on the challenge put forward by other teams.

Our Womens team continued in growth with new and returning players came together in the game of rugby to create a sisterhood.

Our Club's received some of its most prized awards at the Don Smith Awards night, with Samu Tanaki taking out the Don Smith for Best & Fairest Mens and the club receiving the Darryl Ryan Best Grounds and Facilities shield.

We will continue to take giant strides in 2023.



Southern Suburbs

The 2022 season at Southern Suburbs started with a new President (and Life Member) Anthony Owen. This year our U16s combined with Adelaide University to form the Uni-Bulls, a great initiative between the clubs to keep the boys in the game of rugby. A strong bond was quickly formed and to finish 5th on the ladder was a great result; we look forward to continuing this partnership next season. Our Senior men worked hard and has good results finishing mid table but it was our Senior Women which brought home the gold winning the Grand Final on home ground.

Off pitch the SA Rugby community enjoyed some test rugby by Adelaide Oval with many juniors (especially the girls) getting the opportunity to meet international players.

Southern Suburbs had some good results at the Don Smith Awards and enjoyed the celebrations at the RUSA 90th Anniversary. We end the 2022 season on a positive note and look forward to 2023.

Woodville

While our senior men did not have the most successful year, we again fielded teams across all grades. Further to that we had 2 teams making finals which was an improvement on last year's 1.

The club continues to do well financially; this is a credit to our hard-working volunteers both in the canteen and bar.

Both our U14 and our senior women played finals and every team displayed the Woodville spirit. We were a much more disciplined club with yellow and red cards down on last year.

The new(ish) clubrooms begin to feel more like home, with some memorabilia up and a busier social calendar; a couple of highlights being the Crippled Crows v Weary Wasps on a Friday night and the Quiz night.

We began work to grow our culture within the club. Former SANFL CEO, Jake Parkinson volunteered his time to help us unearth the values of the club. The senior men and women along with our U18s decided upon the values of Inclusive, Supportive, Committed and Fun. The next step now is to have them form the backbone of everything we do. Towards the end of the year two senior players, male and female, were appointed our cultural representatives and will be tasked with ensuring every player feels welcomed, valued, and can bring best of their culture to our club.

We signed off on a new players academy, with the focus on giving players the tools to form the habits that will make them better rugby players and better people. It will help Woodville's goal of becoming a club of choice.





STATE REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAMS



State Representative ARS Mens Squad

Our Black Falcons' Men and Women participated in the Australian Rugby Shield at home after an absence through COVID times. It was a great opportunity to have high quality opposition here for us to compete and test ourselves again. The Men started with a large squad and encouraging engagement but for a variety of reasons unavailability challenged the squad's preparation. The playing group did battle hard on the field and finished well with their victory over Tasmania. The Women had similar hurdles with injuries as well as Sevens' commitments.

They also worked hard out on the paddock against strong Victoria and NSW Country teams, and ADF preparing

for an international tournament. Admirably, both coaching and management groups prepared tirelessly for the event, adapting to their changing environment right up to their final games. These learning experiences and reviews has led to in-depth discussion and planning on how to progress our performance program. The 2023 Black Falcons' Women team has matches confirmed against the Brumbies and Western Force Super W squads early in 2023 followed by the ARS later in the year again.

Similarly, we are looking at Black Falcon's Men's program that will stimulate interest and motivate our existing and young ambitious players to

work harder towards playing at the next level at ARS and other opportunities as they arise.

2022 saw the State Junior pathways program include Under 14, 16 and 18 teams participating in the Southern State Championships (SSC) hosted by ACT Brumbies at Duntroon in Canberra from July 12-15. This was welcomed by the South Australian rugby community after two years of covid disruption. Trials were open to all, through self-registration and Club Coaches who nominated players. A "scrum school" was also offered prior to trials, using Black Falcons coach, Tom Hankey, and referees who provided some guidance as part of their education evening. >



State Representative ARS Womens Squad

STATE REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAMS



U18 Boys



U16 Boys

> Although more registered, the inclement weather, injuries, and illness, we had over 50 trialists participate in each of the three grades. Although not ideal for a representative program, with continued covid restrictions, we adopted a “fly in-fly out” plan to Canberra. Results were mixed but encouraging considering the challenges. Our thanks to all the coaches and managers for their flexibility during these times. Post-tour feedback suggests there is still a demand for these opportunities. The strong attendance of players and families at the awards presentation evening demonstrated this support for a Junior Pathways Program in the future.

Our representative program for our Under 14, 16 and 18 girls were a strategically placed camp when the Wallaroos and Wallabies played international games were here in South Australia. Tasmanian teams joined us to contest two matches either side of their appearance on Adelaide Oval on the Saturday. The games were close

contests which allowed for our girls to continue their development as players. Our thanks to the coaches and managers who committed to the live-in three-day camp. This was a memorable experience to ignite even greater enthusiasm these young female players have for the game. We continue to look towards developing the opportunities for girls with clubs and at State level, especially after the Under 14 age-grade.



U14 Boys

Under 14

Illawara Rugby 17 d South Australia 7
 Brumbies 38 d South Australia 5
 South Australia 49 d South Coast & Monaro 5
 Brumbies 15 d South Australia 12
 Northern Territory 27 d South Australia 5

Under 16

Northern Territory 19 d
 South Australia 15
 Brumbies 7 drew South Australia 7
 Illawara Rugby 36 d South Australia 19
 South Australia 5 d South Coast & Monaro 0

Under 18

Brumbies 27 d South Australia 0
 South Coast & Monaro 22 d
 South Australia 17
 South Australia 27 d Tasmanian Rugby 5
 South Australia 29 d Tasmanian Rugby 7

Women Black Falcons: Australian Rugby Shield

New South Wales Country 36 d
 South Australia 5
 Rugby Victoria 24 d South Australia 0
 Australian Defence Force 22 d
 South Australia 0

Mens Black Falcons: Australian Rugby Shield

ACT & SNSW Griffins 52 d
 South Australia 12
 Rugby Victoria 50 d South Australia 13
 Perth Spirit 81 d South Australia 7
 South Australia 45 d Tasmania 30

SCHOOLS RUGBY

2022 Player Numbers

Player numbers were lower than usual in season 2022, with only two teams, PAC and SPSC, participating in the U14 and U16 15s competition in Term 2. Pembroke participated in the U18 competition but PAC and SPSC were the most competitive sides. SASRU did have good player numbers in the Term 3 7s competition with 40-60 students at each age group participating in a two-week round robin competition that was tightly contested. Low player numbers have been a talking point for the SASRU Committee for the past few years, however 2022 proved the most challenging season to date in this regard.

2022 Season Features

At U14 and U16, PAC and SPSC played each other in a best of three matches tournament. While games were close and the sides enjoyed the competition, a lack of diversity in fixtures was a concern for the SASRU committee and member schools. At U18, PAC won the Begley Cup, defeating St Peters College 25 to 10. The two sides also met in the annual Intercollegiate fixture on St Peters Main Oval. The game was notable for high quality play and also for a visit from the touring South African Test side and Rugby Australia CEO, Mr Andy Marinos. St Peters College won the intercollegiate fixture 13 to 10. In addition to the inter-school matches, both PAC and SPSC played SA club sides as part of their regular season, with PAC continuing its annual fixture against Old Collegians RUFC for the College Shield.

Developments for 2023 season

Change of administration

Following extensive conversations between SASRU and RUSA, it was decided to disband the SASRU



Schools Rugby St Peters 13 d Prince Alfred 10

committee after over 30 years of schools' rugby administration. Member schools and committee members felt that it was untenable to continue with the committee structure, with positions held by full time teachers, given that the nature of school sport and teaching had changed considerably over the past 15 years. Committee members sought to implement change that would:

- Promote schools' rugby to a wider number of schools and students.
- Provide a more well-resourced administration structure.
- Align Schools' rugby with other independent school sports.

In 2023, the Sports Association for Adelaide Schools (SAAS), working alongside RUSA, will administer the schools rugby competition. SAAS oversee a large number of weekday and weekend sport fixtures and have over 80 member schools. SAAS also recognised that they do not have extensive experience administrating rugby and hence RUSA will work closely with them to provide coaching, referee appointments and fixtures and results. This arrangement will be reviewed at the end of the 2023 season. Should it prove effective in achieving the aims above, will likely continue into the future. RUSA will represent SA Schools Rugby at all Australian Schools Rugby Union meetings and events in 2023.

SASRU Finances

In accordance with the change of rugby administration, the SASRU account and all funds will be transferred to RUSA. This transfer occurs with the understanding that the funds be used for:

- Growth of the schools' competition
- Financial support for new schools who wish to participate alongside SPSC, PAC, PEM and SHC.

TERM 2 - 15s COMPETITION			
	Under 18 <i>The Begley Cup</i>	Under 16	Under 14
1st	Prince Alfred College 25 Defeated SPSC 10	St Peters College	St Peters College
2nd	St Peters College	Prince Alfred College	Prince Alfred College
3rd	Pembroke School		

TERM 3 - RUGBY 7s			
	Under 18	Under 16	Under 14
1st	St Peters College	Pembroke School	Sacred Heart College
2nd	Sacred Heart College	Unley High School	St Peters College Blue
3rd	Pembroke School	St Peters College	Prince Alfred College
4th	Prince Alfred College	Prince Alfred College	Pembroke School
5th			St Peters College White
6th			Unley High School

AON Uni7s

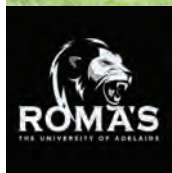
The University of Adelaide Roma's are SA's elite women's 7s pathway team. They play around the country in the National University 7s Series. The program is wholly funded and run by the Adelaide University Sports & Fitness (AUSF) as part of the High-Performance pillar of its Strategic Plan.

From 2017-2021 the Roma's played in 24 tournaments across Australia and in Japan, and cemented themselves as genuine contenders against their eastern state rivals. In addition to providing a platform for existing players from SA's rugby competition, the Roma's program also identifies and develops excellent newcomers to rugby. AUSF has also hosted three spectacular National Uni7s tournaments at Graduates Oval in North Adelaide.

In 2022 the management of the Series changed. Uni Sport Australia took over primary responsibility for the National Uni7s while Rugby Australia prioritized the new format three-team Aon7s (NSW, Qld, and Rising Stars).

The Roma's were pleased to field a number of players on debut in 2022: Grace Bridge, Tiara Hatchard, Lilly Rydon, Caitlin Stanley, and Jet Verwey.

pic: Alex Walwyn



Zahn Anthony

Special mention also to Mackenzie Sadler who has spent the last several years playing for UQ, but who we at last got in a Roma's jersey alongside her sister d'Arcy.

Special mentions must be made of Alice Gregory, Tiara Hatchard, Ellie Konopka and Caitlin Stanley. Alice continues to play for the Roma's but has relocated to Sydney to play 7s for NSW and Australia A. On a similar trajectory, Tiara, Ellie and Caitlin were all picked by the Aussie selectors for the Rising Stars team. Ellie's schedule has not allowed her to take part in that program, however Tiara and Caitlin have both taken the field for the Rising Stars. Tiara was a complete newbie who had not played any rugby until the first round of Uni7s in 2022, but her lightning speed saw her carry the ball over the line repeatedly throughout the Series, earning her a Rising Stars call-up. Caitlin Stanley's strong carries and relentless work-rate will take her far; she played three rounds of this season's Aon7s Series, and we predict that next season she will swap her Rising Stars jersey for a red or blue one.

The Roma's is proudly a pathway program and, is delighted to see the

exciting rugby journeys of the following players who have taken part in the program in the past:

- **Great Britain Olympics team 2021:** Jasmine Joyce
- **Waller Roos squad:** Eva Karpani
- **Welsh National team:** Alisha Butchers, Hannah Jones and Jasmine Joyce
- **NSW 7s:** Alice Gregory
- **Super W squads:** Taj Heald, Teliya Hetarka, Phoebe Linder-Patton, Edwina Munns Cook
- **Rugby scholarship to Lindenwood College, USA:** Claire Ferguson

Great thanks goes to AUSF and Adelaide University for their staunch support of the Roma's program, to Marcus Blackburn (coach), Lauren Potter (ass. coach), and Kim Evans (manager) for their tireless support of the team, and to Jas Bhathal and Alex Walwyn for their on-tour support. We are very sorry to lose Marcus, who has gone on to more exciting opportunities in NZ but are excited to be announcing our 2023 coach soon.

pic: Alex Walwyn



Ellie Konopka

COACH DEVELOPMENT

After a mixed start in 2022, coach development and education became a priority in the strategic thinking of our Rugby Union community in South Australia. This is by everyone for everyone at all levels, new coaches, experienced coaches, junior coaches, senior coaches, female coaches, male coaches, accredited coaches, non-accredited coaches. We want the right coach with the right environment, right training, right support, as every rugby player deserves the best quality coaching experience. As a State we are a leader as every one of our active registered club coaches attained the compulsory 'Smart Rugby' accreditation. However, with many new initiatives and opportunities currently being floated by Rugby Australia in the pre-World Cup years, our aim is to lead the other States and create better flow on to the next levels of coach education.

From 2021's introduction of Hudl, Neil Tunnah was retained to manage footage of three matches each week for the Premier Men coaches and referees. Mid-season identified a need to re-engage with our community coaches face-to-face to promote further learning opportunities and re-visit their accreditation levels. This started with Michael Magriplis from Rugby Australia visiting with ex-Wallaby, Sam Norton-Knight to work with our Junior and Senior State coaches. With historically low numbers and low completion rates with accreditation, six Foundation Courses were offered at Club venues post-season, a Level 2 Developing Coach course was delivered locally, with the able assistance of local Coach Educators and Referees. Four Level 2 coaches also travelled interstate to complete Level 3 Emerging Coach courses. With enrolments confirmed for six local coaches to attend an Educator course in Melbourne early next year, and our own Level 3 course in the calendar for late 2023, we will be close to achieving our goal of having at least one Educator and a Level 3 accredited coach in every club over the next 12 months. That will be an

achievement as at the end of the 2022 season, we had just one Level 3 coach in the entire State. Having two in Clubs would be even better.

As mentioned, the objective is to grow our coaching skill at all levels within our clubs, but also support coaches to increase retention. 41% of our coaches did not return to coach in 2022. Our State currently has a small group of well-qualified effective Coach Educators but using more experienced accredited coaches within clubs to share their wisdom will improve coaching for all our clubs, teams, and players, and in turn increase the quality of our game state-wide.

It is important our ambitious coaches also have a pathway to be challenged and grow at state and national level competitions. Our Junior State pathway has encouraged this with an off-season program supporting these coaches and their development, which will again be followed by an interstate exchange mid-season. Similarly, we have an education plan targeting our female coaches. Following a new recruitment and selection process, we will have two quality Black Falcons coaching groups going forward i.e., Men and Women, and they will work hard to upskill and deliver an advanced high-performance program.



REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Executive Committee

President: Phil Jones

Vice President: Dave Gunning

Secretary: Mike Meredith

Treasurer: Mike Hayes

Referee Development Officer:

Tristan Clements

Selections Chair: Ross Neal

Head Referee Coach: Peter Jackson



Craig Gardner from Tasmanian Referees Association as well Matt Wilson from Northern Territory Referees Association on exchange through the season. This was an excellent opportunity for shared knowledge and experience. We will be sending a referee to NT later in the year to officiate at their Hottest 7s competition.

Some of our members have been selected for representative duties throughout 2022. Amanda Sheeky and Jamie Wilson represented us at the Southern States Championships in Canberra in July, with Jamie selected to referee a final. Leesa Kenny was selected to referee U18s Super W game between Brumbies and Waratahs earlier in the year, and then was put to the challenge to officiate at the Australian Rugby Shield held here in Adelaide at the end of September. Amanda has also been selected to referee at the Adelaide leg of the Aon 7's held in October. It was fantastic for our members to be able to support these tournaments as well assistant referee's and number 4s.

The double-header test match in August allowed us the opportunity to host the International Referees in a forum held in the city. Paul Williams, Ben O'Keeffe, Tual Trainini and Brendon

Pickerill shared their experiences as elite referees in a Q+A and were generous with their time, posing for photos, chatting with our referees and providing a wonderful experience. Many thanks to Mike Hayes for hosting us at Piper Alderman.

During our Annual Dinner we had the bittersweet privilege of welcoming Quentin Fleischfresser into Life Membership posthumously. It was a delight for us that his wife Kerrin could join us and accept his Life Membership badge.

Our monthly meetings changed format in 2022, with a greater emphasis placed on practical examples and "outdoor" scenario's. We conducted these training events at different clubs each month. This provided both the field and the clubhouse for us to conduct different elements of our training.

Don Smith Awards:

Quentin Fleischfresser Most Outstanding Junior Referee

Brodie Smith

Life Members Most Improved Referee Jamie Wilson

Referee Development Officer

Coaches Award Josh Daly

President's Award Outstanding Contribution Chris Kummerow

The 2022 season began with uncertainty with the shadow of COVID heavily influencing our planning for the year. Early social events were cancelled for fear of a super spreader event wiping out the entire association for a couple of rounds. The threat of referee's being ruled out at short notice led to the expansion of the pool for premier grade referees as well as adjustments to our initial plan for the season.

The quality of the competition across all grades was dramatically improved in 2022. This was evident in the significant drop in 100-0 score lines, and in our juniors in particular the cumulative score difference on grand final day across all grades was only 15 points. With the quality of rugby on the improve, this provides more opportunity for challenges for our referees. This will only improve our referees.

We had the opportunity to host



2022 MINOR ROUND RESULTS

Coopers Premier Grade

RANK	TEAM	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Brighton	16	14	0	2	69
2	Burnside	16	12	0	4	63
3	Old Collegians	16	11	0	5	61
4	Elizabeth	16	10	0	7	54
5	Southern Suburbs	16	9	0	7	52
6	Onkaparinga	16	7	0	9	40
8	Port Adelaide	16	7	0	9	40
7	Woodville	16	2	0	14	14
9	Adelaide University	16	0	0	16	2

Reserve Grade

RANK	TEAM	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Burnside	18	16	0	2	81
2	Brighton	18	14	0	4	73
3	Old Collegians	18	15	0	3	71
4	Barossa	18	13	1	4	66
5	Southern Suburbs	18	10	1	7	55
6	Onkaparinga	18	8	0	10	44
7	Woodville	18	6	0	12	30
8	Port Adelaide	18	3	0	15	18
9	Adelaide Universtiy	18	2	0	16	12
10	Elizabeth	18	2	0	16	12

Third Grade

RANK	TEAM	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Old Collegians	14	10	2	2	58
3	Brighton	14	11	0	3	56
2	Barossa	14	9	1	4	50
4	Onkaparinga	14	9	1	4	50
5	Burnside	14	8	0	6	44
6	Southern Suburbs	14	5	0	9	30
7	North Torrens	14	1	0	13	12
8	Adelaide University Sharks	14	1	0	13	5

Open Women

RANK	TEAM	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Southern Suburbs	14	12	0	2	62
2	Burnside	14	11	1	2	57
3	Adelaide University	14	11	0	3	54
4	Woodville	14	8	1	5	41
5	Onkaparinga	14	7	0	7	37
6	Port Adelaide	14	3	1	10	17
7	Old Collegians	14	2	1	11	12
8	Barossa	14	0	0	14	2

2022 MINOR ROUND RESULTS

Under 18

RANK	TEAM	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Brighton	15	13	1	1	68
2	Old Collegians	15	13	0	2	65
3	Onkaparinga	15	9	1	5	47
4	Barossa	15	6	0	9	32
5	BAUSS	14	5	0	9	26
6	Woodville	14	3	0	11	15
7	Elizabeth	14	1	0	13	8

Under 16

RANK	TEAM	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Old Collegians	14	13	0	1	64
2	Brighton	14	11	0	3	58
3	Onkaparinga	14	10	0	4	49
4	Burnside	14	8	0	6	43
5	UniSouths	14	7	0	7	36
6	Woodville	14	5	0	9	31
7	Elizabeth	14	2	0	12	10
8	Barossa	14	0	0	14	3

Under 14

RANK	TEAM	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Brighton	16	16	0	0	80
2	Onkaparinga	16	14	0	2	70
3	Old Collegians	16	12	0	4	62
4	Woodville	16	9	0	7	48
5	Elizabeth	16	7	0	9	42
6	Burnside	16	7	0	9	38
7	Southern Suburbs	16	4	0	12	20
8	Adelaide University	16	2	0	14	13
9	Barossa	16	1	0	15	5

Under 12

RANK	TEAM	P	W	D	L	Pts
1	Brighton	16	15	0	1	74
2	Adelaide University	16	14	0	2	71
3	Onkaparinga	16	10	0	6	56
4	Old Collegians	16	10	0	6	53
5	Woodville	16	10	0	6	48
6	Elizabeth	16	5	1	10	30
7	Burnside	16	4	1	11	24
8	Southern Suburbs	16	1	0	15	10
9	Barossa	16	2	0	14	10

JUDICIARY

Rugby SA's Judicial Committee is an independent panel convened under World Rugby Regulation 17 and the Rugby Australia Disciplinary Rules. Its role is to adjudicate complaints under the Code of Conduct, and to conduct disciplinary proceedings for Foul Play. Its proceedings are governed by those Regulations and Rules, and by the established legal principles which apply to disciplinary hearings.

While the number of suspensions in 2022 remained steady with 2021, there was a significant increase in red cards for dangerous tackling (6 in 2021, 11 in 2022). However, the majority of incidents are still for incidents in the nature of striking, kicking, stamping etc.

As of 2020, any contact to the head is likely to result in a red card. This is the main contributor to the increase in the number of suspensions in 2020-2022. Clubs, coaches, and players are reminded of the changing expectations of the game, and are strongly recommended to adapt accordingly.

For any incident regarding contact to the head, the starting sanction is 6 weeks.

In 2022, the total weeks of suspension increased by 50% (89 weeks in 2022 up from 59 weeks in 2021). Although the number of suspensions barely increased, a higher proportion of those suspensions involved head contact and therefore attracted significantly higher sanctions.

Poor discipline has a quantifiable impact on the game. Across the competition in 2022, red and yellow-cards had teams playing short for approximately 5000 minutes. Suspensions had players unavailable for 89 matches.

Each Premier Grade team played short for an average of 175 minutes this season due to Cards.

More importantly, foul play causes injury to players, reflects poorly on our game and our community, has a negative impact on people's enjoyment of the game, and diverts valuable staff and volunteer time away from more productive uses. Clubs and players should also note individuals can be sued or prosecuted for incidents which occur on a sports field. In 2022 a player was jailed for 20 months for an on-field punch in an amateur Aussie Rules game in South Australia, and a rugby player in the UK was successfully sued for £10M for severe injuries she caused by an illegal tackle. Our players risk not just the safety of others but also their own futures when they engage in dangerous or foul play.

The good news is that we have seen proof that strong leadership from coaches and administrators can curb these behaviours. I sincerely thank and applaud the clubs and individuals working positively in this space.

The role of the Judicial Committee is a

largely thankless task; it requires specific skills and a high degree of integrity, and takes many hours of volunteer time each week. I cannot speak highly enough of the panellists who give up their Wednesday nights in the service of Rugby in dealing with its least inspiring moments and working to ensure uniformity in the way disciplinary procedures are administered in the game across Australia.

The 2022 panel included (in alphabetical order) Paul Black, Fiona Brady, Kim Evans, Michael Kelledey, Wayne Londema, Curtis Mohr, David Nolan, and Justin Olliffe. I thank them all and compliment them on their diligence and integrity. I also take this opportunity to thank the staff of Rugby SA, and particularly Rose Jackson, for all the administrative and background work necessary to schedule the hearings and manage correspondence with Clubs and players.

In 2022, the SA judicial panel was also asked to support a number of other tournaments and competitions, including the Elizabeth 7s, the Australian Rugby Shield, the National Uni7s, and the Tasmanian Rugby Union. I thank the members of the panel who made themselves available for this 'extra curricular' service.

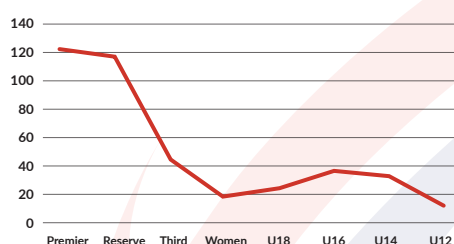
On a personal note, it is with mixed feelings that I report that 2022 was my last year as the Chair of the Judicial panel. In my 11 years on the panel and 6 as its Chair, I oversaw more than 1,500 cases, and was privileged to serve on Rugby Australia's National Judicial Committee, at Nationals XV's and 7s carnivals including the Australian Rugby Shield, and to assist other jurisdictions with some of their more difficult matters. Despite the role often being wearying and difficult, I have always been very grateful for the opportunity to protect the integrity of our game and the safety of our people, to recommend positive and proactive approaches to discipline, and especially to meet with people from across our competition (even if they'd much rather not be meeting with me!). I wish all the best to the incoming Chair, Chris Darby, and his panel.

Kim Evans
Chair, Rugby SA Judicial Committee

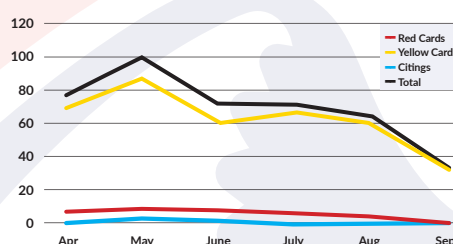
Send offs, Citations and Suspensions

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
TOTAL	17	18	28	39	40
Dissent	2	2	2	3	6
Dangerous tackle	6	5	4	6	11
Striking, kicking, stomping, etc	7	5	14	15	12
2 YCs in a game	2	1	2	6	6
3 YCs in a season	n/d	5	6	9	6
Total weeks suspension	55	73	27	59	89

2022 Cards and Citations by Grade



2022 Cards and Citations by month



2022 GRAND FINAL RESULTS



Premier:
Brighton 25
d Burnside 22

Reserves:
Brighton 25
d Barossa 19



Thirds:
Old Collegians 38
d Brighton 21

Women:
Southern Suburbs 17
d Burnside 12





Under 18:
Brighton 23
d Old Collegians 19

Under 16:
Old Collegians 15
d Brighton 7



Under 14:
Old Collegians 19
d Brighton 17

Under 12:
Adelaide University 21
d Brighton 20



DON SMITH MEDAL AWARDS



Edna Reilly Winner Lusía Raikiwasa and Don Smith Winner Samuela Tanaki

PRESIDENTS TROPHY
(Outstanding Forward Women)
Lusía Raikiwasa, Adelaide University

CHAIRMANS TROPHY
(Outstanding Back Women)
Frances Afeaki, Southern Suburbs

EDNA REILLY MEMORIAL CUP
(Best & Fairest Womens Player)
Lusía Raikiwasa, Adelaide University

PRESIDENTS TROPHY
(Outstanding Forward Men)
Felix Tappouras, Southern Suburbs

CHAIRMANS TROPHY
(Outstanding Back Men)
Samuela Tanaki, Port Adelaide

DON SMITH MEDAL
(Best & Fairest Premier Grade)
Samuela Tanaki, Port Adelaide

TAMAKI CUP
(Minor Round Premiers) Brighton

COOPERS CLUB CHAMPION
Brighton

COOPERS ALEHOUSE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Fraser Vivian

DARRYL RYAN MEMORIAL TROPHY
(Best Kept Grounds and Facilities)
Port Adelaide

SA RUGBY TOP TEAM TRIES AWARD
(Highest Try Count Women)
Southern Suburbs

BOB HOGARTH TOP TEAM TRIES AWARD
(Highest Try Count Men)
Brighton, Reserve Grade

HJ ROGERS MEMORIAL SHIELD
(Administrative Services)
Cathy Gardiner, Southern Suburbs

NEIL CHARTER DEVELOPMENT SHIELD (Junior Development)
Vanessa van Dongen, Elizabeth

RAY ROSSER MEMORIAL CUP
(Coach of the Year)
Tom Hankey, Burnside

UNDER 18s TACKLING TROPHY
Ben Thomas, Adelaide University

MEREDITH KNOWLER TACKLING TROPHY
Abby Lancaster, Woodville

SIR NORMAN JUDE TACKLING TROPHY
Liam Devine, Onkaparinga

JUNIOR MAUALAIVAO MEMORIAL SHIELD
(Best & Fairest U18)
Carl Arnold, Old Collegians

RAY HERDE MEMORIAL SHIELD
(Best & Fairest U21)
Felix Tappouras, Southern Suburbs



Vanessa van Dongen (left) with Leesá Kenny



Cathy Gardiner (left) with Rose Jackson

OFFICE BEARERS

PRESIDENT

Mr M von Berg MC OAM

RUGBY UNION SA BOARD

Mr B Smith, Chair
Ms E Casciano
Mr D Humble
Mr G Gibson (from May '22)
Mr M Hayes
Ms M Knowler
Ms M Lloyd
Mr M Lodge (resigned May '22)
Mr N Tunnah (from May '22)
Mrs J Schiller
Mr P Brown

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mr C Jones

RUGBY UNION SA STAFF

Ms L Kenny
Mr N Robertson
Mrs R Jackson

PLAYER LIFE MEMBERS

(2005) Mr H Dijkman
(2005) Mr S Elliott
(2005) Mr R Kitson
(2005) Mr M McKenzie-Smith
(2007) Mr J Fidock
(2013) Mr P Jackson
(2018) Mr G Cavuoto*
(2018) Mr B Hannam
(2018) Mr R Hannam
(2018) Mr T Londema
(2019) Mr B Scott
(2019) Mr G Millar OAM
(2019) Mr R Sen
(2019) Mr E Fidock OAM
(2021) Mr S Dumican
(2021) Mr J Wilson
(2022) Mr R Wasley
(2022) Mr T Mattin

REFEREE LIFE MEMBERS

(2002) Mr G Burrows
(2002) Mr M Rixon
(2005) Dr R Essery
(2007) Mr G Pope
(2021) Mr G Howat
(2021) Mr S Sandford

LIFE MEMBERS

1937) Mr NM Mair *
(1939) Mr G Portus *
(1948) Mr A Neilson *
(1950) Mr J Case *
(1952) Mr J Parry *
(1954) Mr P Campbell *
(1960) Mr J Carroll *
(1965) Mr C Runge *
(1972) Mr A Marks
(1975) Mr K Grayling MBE *
(1982) Mr C Plews *
(1988) Mr NC Mair *
(1989) Mr R Herde *
(1996) Mr G Millar OAM
(2002) Mr E Apted
(2005) Mr G Doughty *
(2006) Mr R Badcock *
(2006) Mr B Cooper
(2006) Mr E Fidock OAM
(2006) Mrs J Millar
(2006) Mr M von Berg MC OAM
(2007) Mr B Hickman
(2007) Mr K Phelps *
(2007) Mr N Whittaker
(2010) Mr A Mallison *
(2011) Mr P Badcock
(2013) Mr P Brown
(2013) Mr G Holdich
(2015) Mr J Hudson
(2019) Mr P Jones
(2021) Mrs P Jackson
(2022) Mr W Bell OAM

MEMBER DELEGATES

Adelaide University
Mr M Mooney
Barossa Rams
Mr F Vivian
Brighton
Mr K Bailie
Burnside
Mr G English
Elizabeth
Mr D Zeelen
North Torrens
Mr D Wooster
Old Collegians
Mr R Costanzo
Onkaparinga
Mr M Whitton
Port Adelaide
Mr A Williams
Southern Suburbs

Mr A Owen

Woodville

Mr C Basford
SA Schools Association
Mr A MacGregor
SA Referees Association
Mr D Gunning

NON-VOTING ASSOCIATES

Crippled Crows
Mr F Vivian
Firebrand
Ms K Evans

DELEGATES TO RUGBY AUSTRALIA

Mr B Smith
Mr C Jones

HONORARY SOLICITOR

Mr E Lagana

HONORARY ACCOUNTANT

Mr G Holdich

COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr J Daly

AUDITORS

PERKS Accountants

LIFE MEMBER INDUCTEES



Meredith Knowler with Richard Wasley, Tim Mattin, Wally Bell and President Michael von Berg

Hall of Fame Inductee

Bob Forbes

- Number of Premiership winning teams through the '60s and '70s where he was the Captain/ Coach
- State Coach, Director of Coaching Old Collegians and Australian Coaching Panel
- Number of state games though '60

- 19 years on Woodville's management committee
- CAG/ JYAC delegate
- Helped keep the social aspect of the club alive while the club went through the re-build phase

Hall of Fame Inductee

Dave Zeelen

- Coaching record from 2005 to 2022 across a number of senior and junior grades
- Referee in JPP games
- Junior Coordinator within the club
- CAG/ JYAC/ WAG delegate
- President of Elizabeth
- 10 years on Elizabeth's management committee
- Played in excess of 570 matches over 37 years

Player Life Member Recipient

Richard Wasley

- Richard has played 327 club games and 50 state games.
- He was captain for SA in 1995, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2001 and 2002
- Was awarded the President's Trophy for Outstanding Forward in 2005
- Richard coached state under 16s in 2008 and the Black Falcons in 2015
- He has coached Brighton's Premier Grade for 6 years and coached them to three premierships and coached the under 12s to back-to-back premierships in 2000-2001
- Was awarded the Coach of the Year in 2020

- Has played in excess of 500 club games and over 30 state games
- Was awarded the Black Falcons Best Team Player in 2005 and the Don Smith Medal in 2004, 2013 and 2015
- He has also been awarded the President's Trophy for Outstanding Forward in 2004, 2006, 2007, 2013 and 2015
- Won the Sir Norman Jude Tackling Trophy in 2006 and 2013

Hall of Fame Inductee

John Colley

- Player Life Member and Life Member of Woodville

Player Life Member Recipient

Tim Mattin

- Has been playing rugby union since the 1990s

Life Member Recipient

Wally Bell, OAM

- Has been involved with rugby union in SA since 1970s as a player, coach and administrator
- President of Burnside Rugby Club
- Board Director and Chairman of Rugby Union South Australia
- Involved in staging the Rugby World Cup games in Adelaide in 2003, the Provincial Rugby Sevens and the International Rugby Sevens
- Was also awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2022 for his outstanding achievement and service to Rugby Union in South Australia



RUGBY UNION SA | STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2027

**TOWARDS
5000**

- PILLAR 1** PEOPLE
- PILLAR 2** PARTNERSHIPS
- PILLAR 3** PROGRAMS
- PILLAR 4** PLACES
- PILLAR 5** PROMOTION
- PILLAR 6** PERFORMANCE
- PILLAR 7** GOVERNANCE

- Ensure our people are appropriately skilled to deliver their roles and responsibilities.
 - 1.1 Access to contemporary training for all volunteers.
 - 1.2 Streamline education for coaches and match officials.
 - 1.3 Recognise and reward our volunteers.
 - 1.4 Knowledge community engagement.
 - 1.5 Promote a culture of collaboration, inclusivity and diversity.
- Establish and maintain purposeful relationships with our partners.
 - 2.1 Develop and foster strategic relationships with State and local government.
 - 2.2 Secure Rugby's profile with increased local media coverage.
 - 2.3 Increase income from sponsorship.
 - 2.4 Expand networks with Rugby Australia, Super Rugby teams and member unions.
 - 2.5 Enhance networks with other sporting organisations to create pathways between sports.
- Deliver a competitive, fair and equitable competition.
 - 3.1 Invest in and expand the talent pipeline.
 - 3.2 Increase opportunities for growth through non-traditional Rugby programs.
 - 3.3 Grow girls and women's player participation.
 - 3.4 Expand programs with migrant communities and regional areas.
- Ensure appropriate facilities are developed and maintained to grow our sport.
 - 4.1 Increase facility standards for club rooms and grounds.
 - 4.2 Identify opportunities for game development to promote growth.
 - 4.3 Provide support to clubs to obtain and improve grant funding.
 - 4.4 Establish a 'Home of Rugby' in South Australia.
- Promote Rugby as a safe, enjoyable and inclusive sport.
 - 5.1 Ensure our rugby community is informed and engaged.
 - 5.2 Expand social media presence to engage with current and new audiences.
 - 5.3 Promote the game of Rugby in South Australia as a safe, inclusive, inclusive and rewarding sport.
 - 5.4 Maximise the opportunities for local and major events.
- Develop and promote clear pathways for the whole Rugby community.
 - 6.1 Provide clear career pathways for men / women / juniors.
 - 6.2 Create additional development opportunities for coaches and match officials.
 - 6.3 Enhance club administration / management / team support through education and training.
 - 6.4 Strengthen and balance the local competition across all divisions.
 - 6.5 Develop an improved State Representative Program for men / women / juniors.
- Ensure good management, leadership, and organisational sustainability to grow Rugby and its community in South Australia.
 - 7.1 Improve processes, systems and communication across all areas of operations and organisation.
 - 7.2 Build an employee and volunteer workforce with capacity and capacity to deliver operational and strategic outcomes.
 - 7.3 Commitment to good governance, contemporary business operations and a collaborative culture.

OUR VISION


Towards 5000
Grow the profile and participation of Rugby in South Australia to a sustainable community of 5000 players, coaches and officials by 2027.

OUR MISSION

To develop, administer and promote Rugby in South Australia ensuring an inclusive community for all.

OUR VALUES

- ▶ Passion
- ▶ Respect
- ▶ Teamwork

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Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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Directors' Report For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

The directors present their report on South Australian Rugby Union Ltd (the "Company") for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

1. General information

The names of the directors in office at any time during, or since the end of, the year are

B Smith (Chair)

M Knowler

M Lodge (resigned November 2022)

M Lloyd (resigned May 2022)

E Casciano

P Brown

J Schiller

M Hayes

M Humble (appointed May 2022)

G Gibson (appointed May 2022)

N Tunnah (alternate for E Casciano)

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Review of operations

The Company has continued to see growth in regular player numbers building from the prior COVID impacts with a further increase of regular players from 2021 by 6% across all clubs.

Grants funding from Rugby Australia, SA Government and sponsorships has reverted with some certainty to pre covid amounts with sponsors confident in honouring agreements, which was more difficult during COVID.

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1. General information

The Company has decided to relocate its head office premises due to workspace restrictions, the decision made not to extend for a further 5 years is therefore reflected in lease liability which ceases at the end of the current term, being June 2023.

A major event and draw card for the season was the first international test to be played in Adelaide in 20 years, coinciding with the 90-year anniversary of Rugby in SA. Both successful events created much excitement within the Rugby community but also more broadly with a high level of engagement from government. The 90-year lunch produced income variation of \$126,717, expense \$117,993.

Further variations resulted in realising share income \$16,657 and a significant investment in the black falcon Pathways programs throughout 2022, from U14 through to Senior Black Falcon Men and Women \$47,727.

The Company launched its Strategic Review to members and directors have invested further time in producing a comprehensive 5-year implementation plan, ensuring that key business priorities and objectives are delivered upon throughout the relevant timeframes.

Principal activities

The principal activities of the South Australian Rugby Union Ltd during the financial year were the playing and promotion of Rugby Union in South Australia and the stewardship of the accumulated assets of the Company.

No significant changes in the nature of the Company's activity occurred during the financial year.

Short term objectives

The Company's short term objectives are to:

- To maximise the South Australian community's interest in Rugby Union;
- To maximise the South Australian community's participation in Rugby Union;
- To improve the quality of the participation experience within the South Australian Rugby Union;
- To improve the sustainability and viability of South Australian community rugby providers;
- To grow the financial resources available to invest in South Australian Rugby union.

Long term objectives

The Company's long term objectives are to:

- To establish a thriving Rugby environment, underpinned by healthy participation, a high level of engagement and strong achievement at all levels.

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1. General information

Strategy for achieving the objectives

To achieve these objectives, the Company has adopted the following strategies:

- To work with local media, the Government of South Australia and the SA Rugby community to increase the profile of local Rugby Union and stage regular, international and high quality Rugby Union in South Australia.
- To work in partnership with a range of community stakeholders including Government, South Australian businesses, rugby clubs, rugby participants (players, officials and administrators) to conduct a range of programs and activities to attract and recruit junior and senior players, coaches, officials and volunteers to be actively involved in the rugby community.
- To retain a large percentage of participants from year to year by offering quality competition appropriate to the needs of our constituents, education and training programs and opportunities for players to participate in State Representative Programs.
- To work in partnership with local government, the Government of South Australia and the Australian Rugby Union to ensure SA Rugby facilities and SA Rugby providers have the capacity and capability to deliver quality rugby experiences and to cater for growth.
- To ensure SA Rugby and rugby providers have the financial and physical resources to carry out our collective strategies.

How principal activities assisted in achieving the objectives

The principal activities assisted the Company in achieving its objectives by:

- Providing the personnel, funds, competitions and consultative and regulatory structure to progressively achieve the objectives set.

Performance measures

The following measures are used within the Company to monitor performance:

- Player participation rates.
- Strategic plan milestones.
- Monthly CEO reporting.
- Budget targets for sponsoring income.
- Maintenance of net assets levels.
- Financial Surplus.

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1. General information

Members guarantee

South Australian Rugby Union Ltd is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of, and for the purpose of winding up of the company, the amount capable of being called up from each member is limited to \$100 subject to the provisions of the Company's constitution.

2. Other items

Events after the reporting date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or could significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

Meetings of directors

During the financial year, 11 meetings of directors were held. Attendances by each director during the year were as follows:

	Directors' Meetings	
	Number eligible to attend	Number attended
B Smith	11	11
M Knowler	11	10
M Lodge	11	11
M Lloyd	11	11
E Casciano	-	-
P Brown	11	11
J Schiller	11	10
M Hayes	11	10
M Humble	6	6
G Gibson	6	6
N Tunnah	7	2

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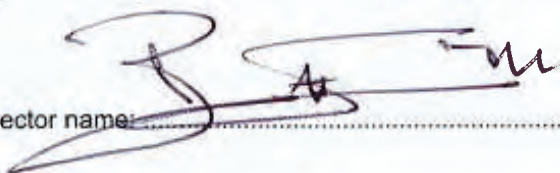
Directors' Report

For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Auditor's independence declaration

The lead auditor's independence declaration in accordance with section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, for the year ended 31 December 2022 has been received and can be found on page 6 of the financial report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:


Director name:

Dated this 17th day of April 2023

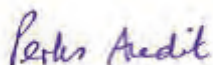
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Auditors Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 to the Directors of South Australian Rugby Union Ltd

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2022, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



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PETER J HILL

Director

Registered Company Auditor

Dated at this 17th day of April 2023

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the year ended 31 December 2022

		2022	2021
	Note	\$	\$
Revenue	3	663,425	691,601
Other income	3	322,460	188,004
Fair value gains on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		16,657	2,829
Employee benefits expense	4	(455,156)	(443,774)
Other expenses		(500,812)	(367,142)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	4	(11,844)	(30,943)
Interest expense		(14,845)	(14,831)
Profit before income tax		19,885	25,744
Income tax expense	1c	-	-
Profit attributable to members		19,885	25,744

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Statement of Financial Position

As At 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	281,454	318,037
Trade and other receivables	6	22,217	1,050
Inventories	7	15,131	20,506
Other assets	8	20,934	28,822
Investments at fair value through profit or loss		21,686	5,029
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		361,422	373,444
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Right-of-use-assets	9	12,334	117,272
Plant and equipment	10	21,310	23,872
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		33,644	141,144
TOTAL ASSETS		395,066	514,588
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	11	35,601	49,448
Lease liability		14,875	14,482
Other liabilities	12	49,601	58,313
Employee benefits	13	5,576	2,060
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		105,653	124,303
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee benefits	13	28,519	31,172
Lease liability		-	118,104
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		28,519	149,276
TOTAL LIABILITIES		134,172	273,579
NET ASSETS		260,894	241,009
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		260,894	241,009
TOTAL EQUITY		260,894	241,009

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the attached Disclaimer

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Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

2022

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2022	241,009	241,009
Profit attributable to members of the company	19,885	19,885
Balance at 31 December 2022	260,894	260,894

2021

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2021	215,265	215,265
Profit attributable to members of the company	25,744	25,744
Balance at 31 December 2021	241,009	241,009

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Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Receipts from clubs, players, grants, sponsors and others		1,081,592	1,002,895
Interest received		34	351
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,081,309)	(958,061)
Finance costs		(14,845)	(14,831)
Net cash (used in) / provided by operating activities		<u>(14,528)</u>	<u>30,354</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Purchase of plant and equipment		<u>(7,590)</u>	<u>(7,368)</u>
Net cash (used in) investing activities		<u>(7,590)</u>	<u>(7,368)</u>
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Lease repayments		<u>(14,465)</u>	<u>(15,517)</u>
Net cash (used in) financing activities		<u>(14,465)</u>	<u>(15,517)</u>
Net (decrease) / increase in cash held		(36,583)	7,469
Cash at beginning of financial year		<u>318,037</u>	<u>310,568</u>
Cash at end of financial year	5	<u>281,454</u>	<u>318,037</u>

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a General information

The financial report is for South Australian Rugby Union Ltd as an individual entity, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. South Australian Rugby Union Ltd is a company limited by guarantee.

b Basis of preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosure Requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the Corporations Act 2001. The company is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions.

Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements, except for the cash flows information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

c Income tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the company is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

d Revenue

The core principle of AASB 15 is that revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the Company expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. If a contract contains more than one promised good or service, the components of the contract should be reflected as such in the financial statements.

Revenue is recognised and measured by applying the following five step approach:

1. Identify the contract with the customer
2. Identify the performance obligations
3. Determine the transaction price
4. Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations
5. Recognise revenue as and when control of the performance obligations is transferred

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers as this is considered when the Company's performance obligations have been met and a transaction price can be allocated reliably.

Clubs and player fees are recognised when they are received.

Government grants are recognised at their fair value where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and the Company will comply with all the attached conditions. Government grants relating to costs are deferred and recognised in profit or loss over the period necessary to match them with the costs that they are intended to compensate.

Similarly Grants from the Australian Rugby Union are recognised in profit or loss over the period necessary to match them with the revenue, commitments and costs that they are intended to represent.

Sponsorship revenue is recognised within the financial year to which it relates to.

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d Revenue

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

e Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Inventories acquired at no cost, or for nominal consideration are valued at the current replacement cost as at the date of acquisition, which is the deemed cost.

f Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

g Goods and Service Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating activities.

h Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated less where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses

Plant and equipment

Items of plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight-line or diminishing value basis over the asset's useful life to the company commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The estimated useful lives used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Useful Life
Plant and Equipment	3 to 8 years
Office Equipment	3 to 10 years

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

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i Leases

At the inception of a contract, the Company assesses whether a lease exists - i.e. does the contract convey the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

This involves an assessment of whether:

- The contract involves the use of an identified asset - this may be explicitly or implicitly identified within the agreement. If the supplier has a substantive substitution right then there is no identified asset.
- The Company has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from the use of the asset throughout the period of use.
- The Company has the right to direct the use of the asset i.e. decision making rights in relation to changing how and for what purpose the asset is used.

At the lease commencement, the Company recognises a right-of-use asset and associated lease liability for the lease term. The lease term includes extension periods where the Company believes it is reasonably certain that the option will be exercised.

The right-of-use asset is measured using the cost model where cost on initial recognition comprises of the lease liability, initial direct costs, prepaid lease payments, estimated cost of removal and restoration less any lease incentives received.

The right-of-use asset is depreciated over the lease term on a straight line basis and assessed for impairment in accordance with the impairment of assets accounting policy.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments at the commencement of the lease. The discount rate is the rate implicit in the lease, however where this cannot be readily determined then the Company's incremental borrowing rate is used.

Subsequent to initial recognition, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The lease liability is remeasured whether there is a lease modification, change in estimate of the lease term or index upon which the lease payments are based (e.g. CPI) or a change in the Company's assessment of lease term.

Where the lease liability is remeasured, the right-of-use asset is adjusted to reflect the remeasurement or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

Exceptions to lease accounting

The Company has elected to apply the exceptions to lease accounting for both short-term leases (i.e. leases with a term of less than or equal to 12 months) and leases of low-value assets. The Company recognises the payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

j Financial Instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is the equivalent to the date that the company commits itself to either the purchase or sale of the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments are initially measured at cost on trade date, which includes transaction costs, when the related contractual rights or obligations exist. Subsequent to initial recognition these instruments are measured as set out below.

Trade receivables are initially measured at the transaction price if the trade receivable does not contain significant financing component or if the practical expedient was applied as specified in AASB 15.63.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial assets

Financial assets are subsequently measured at:

- amortised cost;
- fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL);

Measurement is on the basis of the two primary criteria:

- the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset and the business model for managing financial assets.

A financial asset is subsequently measured at amortised cost if it meets the following conditions:

- the financial assets is managed solely to collect contractual cash flow of the financial asset; and
- the contractual terms within the financial asset give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding on specific dates.

A financial asset is subsequently measured at fair value through other comprehensive income if it meets the following conditions:

- the contractual terms within the financial asset give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding on specific dates; and
- the business model for managing the financial asset comprises both contractual cash flows collection and the selling of the financial asset.

By default, all other financial assets that do not meet the measurement conditions of amortised costs and fair value through other comprehensive income are subsequently measured at fair value through profit and loss.

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

j Financial Instruments

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at:

- Amortised cost; or
- Fair value through profit or loss.

A financial liability is measured at fair value through profit or loss if the financial liability is:

- A contingent consideration of an acquirer in a business combination to which AASB 3: Business Combinations applies;
- Held for trading; or
- Initially designated as at fair value through profit or loss.

A financial liability is held for trading if:

- It is incurred for the purpose of repurchasing or repaying in the short term;
- Part of a portfolio where there is an actual pattern of short term profit taking; or
- A derivative financial instrument (except for a derivative that is in a financial guarantee contract or a derivative that is in an effective hedging relationship).

Any gains or losses arising on changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss to the extent that they are not part of a designated hedging relationship.

A financial liability cannot be reclassified.

k Impairment of non-financial assets

At the end of each reporting year, the company reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Value in use is either the discounted cash flows relating to the asset or depreciated replacement cost if the criteria in AASB 136 'Impairment of Assets' are met. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income income statement.

l Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the company during the reporting period which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

m Employee benefits

Provision is made for the Company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled and include on-costs.

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

n Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at reporting date.

o Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

Initial adoption of AASB 1060: General Purpose Financial Statements - Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities

The entity has adopted AASB 1060: General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures for For Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities for the first time this reporting period. The Standard, which sets out a new separate disclosure Standard to be applied by all entities that are reporting under Tier 2 of the Differential Reporting Framework in AASB 1053: Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting, replaces the previous Reduced Disclosure Requirements (RDR) framework. The application of this standard has resulted in reductions in disclosures compared to RDR.

2 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The directors make estimates and judgements during the preparation of these financial statements regarding assumptions about current and future events affecting transactions and balances.

These estimates and judgements are based on the best information available at the time of preparing the financial statements, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates.

The significant estimates and judgements made have been described below.

Key estimates - employee provisions

As described in the accounting policies, employee provisions are measured at management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period. These estimates are made taking into account the probability of staff reaching entitlement.

Key estimates - receivables

The receivables at reporting date have been reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that any of the receivables are impaired. An impairment provision is included for any receivable where the entire balance is not considered collectible. Any impairment provision recognised is based on the best information at the reporting date.

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3 Revenue and Other Income

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Revenue from contracts with customers		
- Club / Player Fees	277,710	274,904
- Australian Rugby Union Grants	246,662	246,662
- SA Government Grants	80,090	88,500
- Sponsorship	55,816	81,353
- Merchandise sales	3,147	182
	663,425	691,601
Other income		
- Other income	322,426	187,653
- Interest income	34	351
	322,460	188,004
Total Revenue and Other Income	985,885	879,605

Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue from contracts with customers has been disaggregated into revenue recognised over time and revenue recognised as a point in time, and the following table shows this breakdown:

Timing of revenue

- Over time	660,278	691,419
- At a point in time	3,147	182
Revenue from contracts with customers	663,425	691,601

4 Result for the Year

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Expenses:		
Employee benefits expense	455,156	443,774
Depreciation and Amortisation		
- Plant and equipment	10,152	11,144
- Right-of-use-assets	1,692	19,799
Total depreciation and amortisation	11,844	30,943
- Bad debts (recovered) / expense	-	(2,222)

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5 Cash and cash equivalents

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Cash at bank	281,454	318,037
	281,454	318,037

Reconciliation of cash

Cash and Cash equivalents reported in the statement of cash flows are reconciled to the equivalent items in the statement of financial position as follows:

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Cash at bank	281,454	318,037
Balance as per statement of cash flows	281,454	318,037

6 Trade and other receivables

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	22,217	1,050
	22,217	1,050

7 Inventories

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
At cost:		
Stock on hand	15,131	20,506
	15,131	20,506

8 Other non-financial assets

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Prepayments	20,934	28,822
	20,934	28,822

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9 Right-of-use assets

The Company leases its existing office at the West Beach Parks Administration Building. The directors made a decision during the year not to exercise its right to extend the lease for a further 5 years at the end of the initial term i.e. 30 June 2023, based on the need for additional office space. The right-of-use asset and corresponding lease liability have been recalculated to reflect this decision.

	Leased Buildings 2022 \$	Leased Buildings 2021 \$
Right-of-use assets		
At initial recognition	125,397	173,752
Accumulated depreciation	(113,063)	(56,480)
Net carrying amount at end of the year	12,334	117,272
		2022 \$
Opening net carrying amount		117,272
Opening net carrying amount		(103,246)
Disposals		(1,692)
Depreciation expense		12,334
Balance at end of year		12,334

Lease liabilities

The maturity analysis of lease liabilities based on contractual undiscounted cash flows is shown in the table below:

	< 1 year \$	5 \$	> 5 years \$	Total undiscounted lease liabilities \$	Lease liabilities included in this Statement Of Financial Position \$
2022					
Lease liability	15,093	-	-	15,093	14,875

The amounts recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income relating to leases where the Company is a lessee are shown below:

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Interest expense on lease liabilities	14,845	14,831
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	1,692	19,799
	16,537	34,630

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10 Plant and equipment

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Plant and equipment		
At cost	26,914	27,084
Accumulated depreciation	(20,281)	(16,372)
Total plant and equipment	6,633	10,712
Office equipment		
At cost	30,155	25,210
Accumulated depreciation	(15,478)	(12,050)
Total office equipment	14,677	13,160
Total property, plant and equipment	21,310	23,872

Movements in carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

	Plant and Equipment	Office Equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Year ended 31 December 2022			
Balance at the beginning of the year	10,712	13,160	23,872
Additions	-	7,590	7,590
Depreciation	(4,079)	(6,073)	(10,152)
Balance at the end of the year	6,633	14,677	21,310

11 Trade and other payables

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Unsecured liabilities		
Sundry payables and accrued expenses	35,601	49,448
	35,601	49,448

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12 Other liabilities

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Other current liabilities	12,351	18,313
Contract liabilities – grants received in advance	37,250	40,000
	<u>49,601</u>	<u>58,313</u>

13 Employee Benefits

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Employee benefits - annual leave	5,576	2,060
	<u>5,576</u>	<u>2,060</u>
NON-CURRENT		
Employee benefits - long service leave	28,519	31,172
	<u>28,519</u>	<u>31,172</u>

Movement in carrying amounts of employee provisions

	Long Service Leave	Annual Leave
	\$	\$
Opening balance at 1 January 2022	31,172	2,060
Additional provisions	(2,653)	21,095
Provisions used	-	(17,579)
Balance at 31 December 2022	<u>28,519</u>	<u>5,576</u>

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13 Employee Benefits

Provision for employee benefits represents amounts accrued for annual leave and long service leave.

The current portion for this provision includes the total amount accrued for annual leave entitlements and the amounts accrued for long service leave entitlements that have vested due to employees having completed the required period of service. Based on past experience, the entity does not expect the full amount of annual leave or long service leave balances classified as current liabilities to be settled within the next 12 months. However, these amounts must be classified as current liabilities since the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer the settlement of these amounts in the event employees wish to use their leave entitlement.

The non-current portion for this provision includes amounts accrued for long service leave entitlements that have not yet vested in relation to those employees who have not yet completed the required period of service.

14 Members' Guarantee

The Company is incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 and is a Company limited by guarantee. If the Company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$100 each towards meeting any outstandings and obligations of the Company.

15 Financial Risk Management

The Company's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, trade and other receivables, equity investments, lease liabilities and accounts payable.

The totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 9 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Financial Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	281,454	318,037
Trade and other receivables	22,217	1,050
Investments at fair value through profit or loss	21,686	5,029
Total financial assets	325,357	324,116
Financial Liabilities		
Financial liabilities at amortised cost		
Sundry payables and accruals	35,601	49,448
Lease liability	14,875	132,586
Total financial liabilities	50,476	182,034

16 Key Management Personnel Disclosures

The totals of remuneration paid to the key management personnel of South Australian Rugby Union Ltd during the year are as follows:

Short-term employee benefits	114,288	115,197
Long-term benefits	11,583	11,112
	125,871	126,309

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17 Auditors' Remuneration

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Remuneration of the auditor, Mr Peter Hill, Director of Perks Audit Pty Ltd, for:		
- auditing or reviewing the financial statements	8,500	8,100
Total	8,500	8,100

18 Related Parties

For details of disclosures relating to key management personnel, refer to note 16.

There were no related parties transaction occurred for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 (31 December 2021: Nil).

19 Contingencies

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company did not have any contingencies at 31 December 2022 (31 December 2021:None).

20 Events Occurring After the Reporting Date

The financial report was authorised for issue on 17th April 2023 by the directors.

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

21 Company Details

Registered Office

The registered office of the company is:
South Australian Rugby Union Ltd
8/81 Flinders Street
Adelaide SA 5000

The principal place of business is:
South Australian Rugby Union Ltd
West Beach Parks Administration Building
Military Road
West Beach SA 5024

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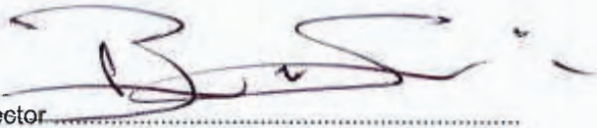
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Directors' Declaration

The directors of the Company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 7 to 23, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and:
 - a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosure Requirements; and
 - b. give a true and fair view of the financial position of South Australian Rugby Union Ltd as at 31 December 2022 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that South Australian Rugby Union Ltd will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



Director

B Smith

Dated this 17th day of April 2023

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Independent Audit Report to the members of South Australian Rugby Union Ltd

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of South Australian Rugby Union Ltd ("the Company"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of South Australian Rugby Union Ltd is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosure Requirements and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is included in the directors' report, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosure Requirements and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis of opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Director's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease or continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

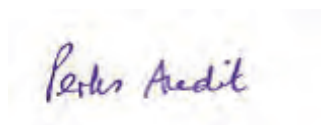
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Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report (continued)

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we may identify during our audit.



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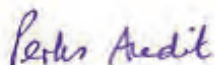
PETER J HILL
Director
Registered Company Auditor

Dated this 17th day of April 2023

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Disclaimer

The additional financial data presented on pages 29 to 30 are in accordance with the books and records of the Company which have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our statutory audit of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022. It will be appreciated that our statutory audit did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such financial data and we give no warranty of accuracy or reliability in respect of the data provided. Neither the firm nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility in any way whatsoever to any person (other than South Australian Rugby Union Ltd) in respect of such data, including any errors of omissions therein however caused.



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PETER J HILL
Director
Registered Company Auditor

Dated this 17th day of April 2023

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Private information for the directors on the 2022 financial statements

Trading Profit and Loss Account For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Player and Club Fees	277,710	274,904
Australian Rugby Union Grants	246,662	246,662
SA Government Grants	80,090	88,500
Sponsorship	55,816	81,353
Competition and finals staging (see offsetting expenses below)	33,447	37,263
Representative teams (see offsetting expenses below)	55,662	103,794
Development programs and courses (inc Academy)	4,786	37,448
Other income	3,147	182
Functions and events (see offsetting expenses below)	133,136	5,994
Courses conducted (see offsetting expenses below)	2,618	3,155
Fair value gains on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	16,657	2,829
Secondment reimbursement	92,778	-
Interest	34	351
TOTAL INCOME	1,002,542	882,434
LESS EXPENSES		
Salaries and wages (including Trainee and Contractors)	398,695	387,445
Competition staging costs including final series (see offsetting income above)	36,725	28,833
Superannuation	41,440	38,584
Leave provisions	863	(4,898)
Functions and events (see offsetting income above)	174,666	22,888
Depreciation	11,844	30,943
Marketing, communications and sponsor support	56,626	54,761
SARU Representative Teams (see offsetting income above)	99,832	102,355
Referee match payments, training and equipment	28,840	29,031
Staff expenses	8,498	14,335
IT and Telecommunication expenses	13,568	16,353
Motor Vehicle Expenses	20,606	22,566
Carried forward expenses	892,203	743,196

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	2022 \$	2021 \$
	892,203	743,196
Brought forward expenses		
SARU Office expenses	14,845	14,831
Postages, Printing and stationery	4,708	6,255
Audit Fees	8,500	8,100
ReturnToWork SA (previously WorkCoverSA)	5,852	7,817
Loss on disposal of assets	2,118	1,823
Insurance	1,772	1,772
Bank, Bartercard, Debit success and ASIC charges	1,057	1,117
Travel and accommodation	6,038	4,807
Course expenses	2,517	830
Meeting and hospitality expenses	7,223	4,232
Bad or Doubtful Debts (Recovery)	-	(2,222)
Contractor expenses	35,424	63,764
Sundry expenses	401	368
TOTAL EXPENSES	982,657	856,689
OPERATING PROFIT	19,885	25,744

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