

# GAZA GAZETTE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GAZA SPORTS & COMMUNITY CLUB



## WELCOME

Welcome to the second edition of the Gaza Gazette.

Let's start this addition Celebrating Success!!

### **Congratulations Paul "Woody" Woodford**

Woody was recently inducted as Life Member North Eastern Darts Association.

What a fantastic achievement Woody!!



## LIFE MEMBER'S UPDATE

### **Congratulations Pete Ellis**

Last month we held our annual Life Member's Dinner where we inducted Pete Ellis as a Life Member.



Pete has had a long association with the club, not only as cricket player, but also as Cricket Director. Under his leadership Cricket has flourished, with multiple junior and senior teams. Most recently his achievements include the establishment of the men's T20 team and the inaugural women's T20 team.

### **Congratulations Tory Radetti**

This year Tory Radetti was acknowledged as a Distinguished Life Member for his continued service to Gaza.



Tory's association with the club commenced as a trainer, a role he loved and continued in an ongoing capacity for a number of years. His support this year has also been invaluable.

## PRESIDENT'S BRIEF



**Natasha Jenke**

First and foremost I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the overwhelming support that we have received from our dedicated, supportive members, without you all, Gaza would be lost. The Committee thanks you, no congratulations for your commitment to keep our doors open....because you ARE!

We have reached the end of one of the most challenging seasons in Gaza football history, it's rewarding to see the amount of commitment and dedication our players display every time that they take the field....wearing the blue and gold so proudly. This 2024 Team will be remembered in history as the team that saved football at Gaza.

Super excited that cricket is in the planning stages ready for 24/25 Summer. Fantastic results for the end of season for our Darts Teams.

Our Netball ladies are destined for finals, so keep your eyes on the socials and get around them!

We are a great community that is building, so much good is happening, so much great is coming!

Get on board   

# Thank you!

**Executive Committee**

Ladies Day wouldn't have been the great success it was without the tireless effort of Michelle Tudorovic.

The Executive Committee thanks Michelle along with her team, Nell Karparny, Leah Spencer, Nikki Simpson and Kate Fisher.

Last Man Standing was an amazing social and fundraising event for our club. The Executive Committee would like to thank Ben Beioley for his relentless efforts behind the scenes that help made this event successful.

## TREASURERY TRENDS

### Ali Hellewell

Hello Members



In my report this issue, I would like to address one of the changes our committee has implemented over the past few months. The move to online ticket sales for our events.

While most have thought nothing of the transition, there has been feedback to the committee, that some are unhappy with the change or don't understand why we have done this. I would love to take this opportunity to explain our reasoning, and to put minds at rest.

Historically, all events have seen ticket sales handled over the bar, or paid directly into the club's bank account, in the weeks/months leading up to events. As you can imagine, this means that the income from those sales is coming into the club along with all other takings, and often gets swallowed up in the day to day running expenses, rather than being put aside until the event to cover costs etc. Usually out of necessity, more than anything else. It is also very time consuming to keep track of this income, and as a group of volunteers, we have tried to find efficiencies in all our processes, so that we can achieve better outcomes for the club.

By moving to online ticket sales, it means that the ticketing platform handles the management of the sales, as well as keeping the money quarantined for us until the event occurs. It is such a boost to our income to get the benefit of a lump sum payment to cover event costs and, specifically, any prize money that may be an integral part of the event. For example, the Last Man Standing events.

Yes, there is a small fee to use the platform, and for some events we will absorb the cost of that. For some events though, the cost of this is passed on to the purchaser of the ticket. This saves the club in EFTPOS fees, which are substantial each month/year. By spreading this amongst many, at a very small amount each ticket, it will save the club hundreds of dollars.

If anyone needs more information or clarification about online ticket sales, please contact me and I would be happy to discuss it further.

For the past couple of months, we have been working hard to keep our financial situation moving in an upward trajectory. Whilst it is fair to say that we have been able to keep our heads above water, it has not been easy. We are also chipping away at our debts, to maintain healthy relationships with creditors. Unfortunately, we are not seeing the level of income coming into the club, that we need to sustain the business, let alone build it back up. We need this to improve, quickly. I cannot stress strongly enough, the importance of this.

We need our members back, not only to improve our takings, but to re-create the life and atmosphere that the club was known for in its glory years. I am confident that this can be achieved if everyone pulls together.



# FOOTBALL FILES

## SENIOR FOOTBALL

What a massive start to the second half of the 2024 division 4 men's A grade competition. A big welcome to GFC's favourite son David "Chook" Greer, who joins us as the interim head coach for the remainder of the season. I'd also like to take the opportunity to welcome on board both Div 1 premiership player Matt Downie, who brings with him a wealth of football knowledge and also young Yang who is a physiotherapist student, who, under the watchful eye of Moz, is honing his skills.

A big thanks must be afforded to club legends Rusty Haythorpe and Chris Radetti (both represented the club at state level just a couple of years ago), Brad Dohrman and Matt Richards in helping to ensure we put a side out on the deck each week.

Again, results haven't necessarily always gone our way, however, I assure you the lads are flying the blue and gold flag and in particular during home games.

Can I please also give a massive shout out to the Executive Committee, who have done everything humanly possible to steady the ship, these ladies are the very epitome of teamwork and dedication often volunteering Friday, Saturdays and Sundays to ensure the financial statements return a profit. Also, well done to all who either assisted or attended the recent hugely successful Ladies Day and Life Members dinner held at the club, and finally, thanks to all who have either put their hand up to assist some way be it MDO, scoreboard attendant (miss you Smithy wishing you a speedy recovery), runner, boundary umpire and goal umpire.

Get on board and support the lads doing us proud.

**Kev Kock - Senior Football Director**

## Football Milestones

### Josh Smith's 200th Game

In Round 8 Josh played his 200th senior game for Gaza against Gepps Cross.. Congratulations Josh!



**Awesome!**

### Ben Beioley's 400th Goal

Congratulations goes to Ben for kicking his 400th goal in Round 15 against Kenilworth. This is a fantastic achievement.



# Embracing Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Pride

## A Message from the 2025 Senior Coach

Dear Members, Sponsors, and the Gaza Community,

I am incredibly excited and honoured to join the Gaza Football Club as the newly appointed 2025 Senior Coach. It is a privilege to be part of a club with such a prestigious history, and I look forward to working alongside all of you as we embark on this thrilling new chapter.

Firstly, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Executive Group for their outstanding efforts over the past 5 months. Your dedication and hard work have been instrumental in getting us to where we are today. The saying, "Honor the Past, Dominate the Present," resonates deeply with me, and I am committed to upholding this ethos as we strive for excellence on and off the field, acknowledging the great work of those who preceded us.

Gaza has always been a family club, and it's inspiring to see the incredible support from our volunteers, past players returning, and the solid spirit of our community. This collective effort is pushing us forward in a progressive and dynamic way, ensuring that we remain a force to be reckoned with and the destination club of South Australia.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our current playing group for their tireless efforts and enthusiasm. Your commitment and passion are the backbone of our club, and I am eager to build on the solid foundation you have established.

To all past and current players, sponsors, and members, I strongly encourage you to recommit to Gaza for 2025. Our journey forward requires the support of our loyal community. Without you, we would not be able to achieve our goals. We are entering an era of "Pride in the Tradition, Glory in the Future," and your involvement is crucial to our success.

I am thrilled to announce that Jack Sandland, Rhys Jones, and Chris Radetti will be rejoining us for the 2025 season. These returning champions epitomise our rich history and our bright future. Stay tuned for more exciting announcements as we continue to strengthen our team.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication. Together, we will honour our legacy and create a future filled with pride and (hopefully) many premierships to come.

Gaza Community Club 2025

***Pride in the Tradition, Glory in the Future***

Yours truly,  
Matt Downie



# FOOTBALL FILES

Congratulations



## SANFL Debut

### Kelsey Rypstra

In Rund 3 of the 2024 SANFL season, Kelsey Rypstra made his SANFL debut for the North Adelaide Football club.

Kelsey was then drafted to the Western Bulldogs in the mid year draft, which is a wonderful achievement.

Kelsey played junior football at Gaza. We congratulate him and we wish him well with his football career.

## JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Well the junior football season has now wrapped up, with our last game being played on Sunday 4th August. The kids battled through the season, and it was so pleasing to see their best team performance coming in their last game, which shows that kids never gave up and continued to develop right the way through.

You could see the pride the players had when receiving their well deserved "Eagle of the Week" awards. The award is a great initiative that not just rewards fantastic effort, but due to the enjoyment of getting the awards it brings out the best in the kids in future weeks. The continued support of these kids is crucial to the future of our club.

A big thank you to the many that have helped out over the course of the year:

- Sam Connor (our dedicated and hard working Team Manager)
- Mark Stencil and Clint Walker, & Jim Sheridan (for helping during various trainings),
- Selina Radetti & Jarrad Lusher (helping out game day),
- Our A grade players Dan & Seb (for regularly coming out to help at training), plus many more.

Really looking forward to seeing everyone back out in season 2025.

## Auskick

Term 3 Auskick is now up and running, with Toby Hellewell continuing at the helm. The work he does with these kids each Saturday is amazing, and it has resulted in an increase from 10 participants in Term 2, to 17 in Term 3.

It is also great to see multiple A grade players at every session to assist with the drills. This is another key commitment that has been made to help build that connection between our senior and junior programs.

We are really excited at where Auskick is heading at Gaza. The growth of this is a very important part of our plans to rebuild our junior program.

**Chris Radetti - Junior Football Director**



# CRICKET CHRONICLES

Hello, fellow cricket enthusiasts! 🌟 As the cricket season draws near, we've got some exciting updates to share with you. 🎉

## Cricket Committee Announcement 🎯

We're absolutely thrilled to share some wonderful news with our beloved cricket community! A heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you who expressed interest in being a part of our vibrant cricket committee. Your enthusiasm is what makes our team truly special.

It's with great pleasure that we announce the addition of several enthusiastic new members to our committee for the upcoming season. Their passion for the sport and commitment to excellence is already palpable, and we can't wait to see the fresh energy they bring to the team.

Please join us in extending a warm and jubilant welcome to our newest committee members:

- Taylah Fergusson - bringing a fresh perspective and innovative ideas.
- Kel Naisbitt - known for strategic thinking and a keen cricketing mind.
- Edwina Burton - whose dedication to the sport is simply inspiring
- Nick Leonard - ready to hit the ground running with his dynamic approach.
- Jed Greer - a true team player with a winning attitude.
- Shannon Dragomir - whose nickname 'Snag' reflects his ability to catch on to any challenge thrown his way.

Let's all give them a hearty round of applause and show our support as they embark on this exciting journey with us. Here's to a season of success, camaraderie, and unforgettable cricketing moments! Go Team! 🎉

## Cricket Net Upgrades

We're thrilled to announce that with the assistance of the Port Adelaide Enfield Council and SACA, we're upgrading our cricket nets to four lanes, complete with brand-new matting and netting that will protect your cricket balls from damage. This exciting project is set to kick off on August 26th, and if the weather cooperates, we aim to have everything ready by late September, weather permitting. Get ready for an enhanced practice experience that will take your game to the next level!

Winter Preseason Training: Mark your calendars! 📅 At 6 PM, head over to the Northern Districts Indoor Centre located at Salisbury Oval, Memorial Ave, Salisbury on the following Tuesdays:

August 13

August 17

September 10

September 24

Let's kick off the season with high-energy training sessions! 🙌 Spots are limited, so keep an eye on your email and Facebook for the links to register or by clicking [here](#)

## Registrations Open

Whether you're a budding cricketer or a seasoned pro, we've got a spot for you:

- Cricket Blast: Perfect for our youngest players! 🌟
- Junior Cricket: Sharpen those skills and make new friends. 🎯
- Striker's Girls Cricket League: Empowering our talented female players! 🙌
- Senior Women's Cricket: Join the sisterhood of cricket lovers. 🤝
- Senior Men's Cricket: Calling all cricket legends! 🏆

Ready to hit the pitch? 🎯 Just [click here to register](#) and secure your spot! Let's make this season a sixer! 🎯

**Pete Ellis - Cricket Director**



Interested in playing cricket?

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YOU**



**Cricket Blast** is an energetic & fun program for kids up to the age of 10 to develop new skills, make new friends and play cricket in a team environment!

## **Gaza Cricket Club**

**Fridays 6.00pm- 7.00pm**

**Starting 18th October 2024**

**-Term 4 only**

**-Term 4 & Term 1 programs**

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# CRICKET

## 2024/2025

Cricket Blast - Ages 5-10  
Strikers Girls Cricket League  
North Eastern Junior Cricket Association  
Adelaide Turf Cricket Association

Juniors  
Senior Mens  
Senior Womens  
T20



**Register Now**



# NETBALL NATTER

Wow what a season we have had! During our first edition of the Gazette we had just began our season. Now fast forward to our second edition and we have hit round 13! With only one game to go we are currently sitting 4th with 7 wins, 3 losses and 1 draw. Our finals campaign begins on the 19th of August and we would love to see as many familiar faces on the sidelines as we can.

After such a successful first season registrations for summer season are now open... Whether you are looking to keep playing in the blue and gold, making a club change or dusting off those cobwebs we would love to have you! Please reach out to me if this is something you are interested in as we are so excited to have our Ea-Gals family grow!

**Zoe Thomas - Netball Director**



# AFFILIATED SPORTS UPDATE

Summer season of darts has finished. Two of Gaza's teams did well. Gaza Eagles came runners up, losing the division 2 grand final 8-3 to Tea Tree Gully R.S.L. Ring ins. Gaza Invaders came 4th losing to the Eagles in the first round of finals.

We again held the Associations Preliminary Finals at Gaza Sports and Community Club, it was a great night and our hospitality and venue was so good that we ended up signing up a new team for next season and hopefully a long time.

## Key Milestones 2004 - 2024

### Biggest peg outs

- Paul Woodford 170
- Gavin Wright 167
- Anthony Trenaman 161
- Marque Lemaistre 160
- Andy Leonard, Phil White and Ronnie Clark 158.

### 180s

- Danny Scally 104.
- Des Daniels 65.
- Matthew Roessel 64.
- Shaun Johnston 49.
- Paul Woodford 30.

### Top 5 games played

- Des Daniels 808 games.
- Shaun Johnson 781 games.
- Paul Woodford 758 games.
- Gavin Wright 740 games.
- Rosie Millard 473 games.

**Paul Woodford - Affiliated Sports Director**

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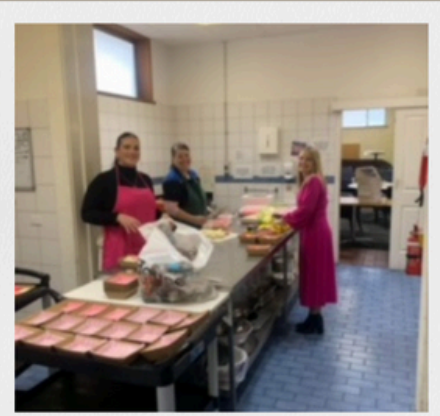
It has been a busy few months as we enjoyed iPod Shuffle night, Ladies Day and Last Man Standing. We were also lucky enough to be able to host Triple M's The Rush Hour.

Thank you to all those who attended and participated in our events.

### Upcoming Events:

- Senior Netball & Football Presentations - 14 September
- Summer of Cricket Launch - TBA
- Quiz Night - 19 October
- Christmas Celebration - TBA





### Ladies Day

We recently held our annual Ladies Day proudly supporting the Jane McGrath Foundation with around 100 ladies in attendance.

This year's Ladies Day was proudly sponsored by Chicken Chef, and we extend our gratitude to Eyad and Laura for their continued support.

We were again entertained by the incredible Claire, Dot, and Theo, who ensured the dance floor was pumping during the day!

A wonderful afternoon for the ladies of Gaza and the Jane McGrath Foundation, together we raised \$3,924 - a fantastic accomplishment!

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this important cause!



Show your support!

# LADIES DAY '24

Join us at Gaza for our annual ladies day fundraiser with all fundraising proceeds donated to the Jane McGrath foundation.

\$70 per person includes - cocktail on arrival, 3 course lunch, frozen cocktails, Prosecco, wine, cider, beer.

Date: Saturday 29th of June  
Time: 1pm for 1:30pm start  
Pubic address: 190, 4000



In July we hosted the Rush Hour with Bernie, Blewey and Jars. it was an afternoon of great excitement as we formally announced our 2024 A Grade Coach Matt Downie!



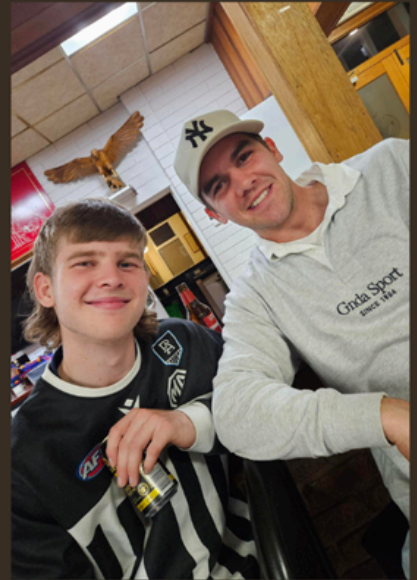
# 2024 LAST MAN STANDING

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**\$100 TICKET** 3 hour Drinks Package

**\$3000** For the Last Man Standing





Gaza Sports & Community Club

**2024**

**Senior Football & Netball**  
*Presentation Night*

**Saturday, 14th September**  
**6:30pm arrival for 7:00pm start**  
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# SPONSORS SPOTLIGHT

We have been so heartened by the response of our Sponsors who have stuck with us in 2024, together with businesses that have reached out and donated goods to us because they heard we needed help.

Firstly, the extremely generous sponsorship by Rachel Lawrie, Principal, Ray White North Adelaide, in supporting Gaza to the tune of \$17,500. As mentioned previously, this money will be used solely to pay-off the incredibly large (and overdue) amount to the Port Adelaide and Enfield Council. But not only is Rachel doing that, she is further financially supporting Gaza by way of a referral program. What this means for the Club is that every person (doesn't have to be a member of Gaza) wishing to sell their or place their property of the rental market, and engages Rachel Lawrie to be their selling agent or property manager (and mentions Gaza to Rachel) the Club will receive a financial amount on a slide scale of \$400 - \$1,500. The amount will be payable at completion of settlement or putting a property on the rental market. So please contact Rachel at Ray White North Adelaide on 0428 882 864 or via email [rachel.lawrie@raywhite.com](mailto:rachel.lawrie@raywhite.com). Rachel is in the process of changing brands, so stay tuned for an update.



**Rachel Lawrie**

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For people like Mr Nick Karasoulis of **Harvey Norman at Gepps Cross**, who has generously provided us with a brand new washing machine, a clothes dryer and a vacuum cleaner. Appliances that are much needed around the Club and will make life just that little bit easier for members of the Executive Committee who have been taking it in turns washing the football guernseys and other items from around the Club. The Executive Committee took on the washing of the guernseys in order to save the Club from having to pay a dry cleaning company to launder the guernseys etc. Now with this incredibly generous donation, the washing of the guernseys can be done at the Club straight after a game. Thank you Nick for your incredibly generous donation to Gaza. If you're looking for appliances then please support Harvey Norman at the Gepps Cross Home Centre.

A big thank you to Mr Eyad Achkar of Chicken Chef, a long-time sponsor and supporter of Gaza who once again generously supplied the chickens for our Ladies Day 2024 function and also came down to the Club on the day and cooked the chips and helped in the kitchen, words can't express how grateful we are to you Eyad for not only supporting our Ladies Day function but your continuous support and generous sponsorship of our Club. If you want the best tasting chickens and chips you just have to go to see Eyad at Chicken Chef, 1/511 North East Road, Gilles Plains 0882616670 or [gillesplains@chickenchef.com.au](mailto:gillesplains@chickenchef.com.au)



## SPONSORS SPOTLIGHT

Mr Benn Cox of Elmac Industrial Cleaning Services who also heard of our plight and has generously donated a commercial dishwasher to replace our broken dishwasher in our kitchen. This appliance will help us as we get the kitchen up to scratch ready for our community and the general public to hire our function room which will bring in much needed revenue. Benn is also assisting us in locating a commercial fridge that will further enhance the kitchen. If you need an industrial cleaning company, then please contact Benn Cox at (Telephone): 1800 4 ELMAC or [clean@elmacindustrial.com.au](mailto:clean@elmacindustrial.com.au) Thank you Benn for your donation and assistance that you have provided to us.



And to Mr Anthony (Mooga) McGoran Director of ExitPest SA a former champion player for Gaza in the A grade and a coach of junior teams at Gaza and at North Adelaide Football Club, who has shown his support of, and belief in, our great Club by coming on board as a sponsor. Anthony will look after the pest control of the Club, something which we really appreciate. Anthony can be contacted on 0419 625 717. And I can honestly say that Anthony is a true professional, because I have engaged the services of ExitPest SA for a few years now, and Anthony inspects our house for pests and vermin on an annual basis. Thank you Anthony for showing your support and belief in Gaza.



We honestly appreciate all our Sponsors, who support the Club whether it be via sponsorship donation or donations of goods or services.

If you have a business and would like to become a Sponsor of Gaza Sports and Community Club, then please send an email to [gazaeagles@outlook.com](mailto:gazaeagles@outlook.com) and attention it to myself and I will contact you immediately.

Davina Dolman  
Chairperson & Sponsorship Director

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# VOLUNTEER ROUNDUP



Our club wouldn't run without the support of a whole band of volunteers. This edition we give a shout out to the volunteers that run our BBQ and Canteen - Tony Wheeler, Darren Jenke, Chris Cooke Leah Spencer, Pam Smith - we thank you!

## Finals Football @ Gaza

We are hosting Junior Preliminary Finals competitions on Sunday 18th August 2024 and Sunday 25th August 2024.

This is a fantastic way to raise some much needed income for our club. **We will need your help.** If you can donate an hour of your time to work in the canteen or in the BBQ, please reach out.

If you can help, email Kim at [gazaeagles@outlook.com](mailto:gazaeagles@outlook.com) or complete the online form [here](#) with the days and times you are available.

Thank you!

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