

# GAZA GAZETTE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GAZA SPORTS & COMMUNITY CLUB



## WELCOME

We would like to welcome you to the first edition of the Gaza Gazette.

As a club we are committed to ensuring our members are kept informed of our progress and what is happening around our club.

We are aiming to update you all regularly, so stay tuned for each new edition!

## MEET YOUR COMMITTEE

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

<b>President:</b>	Natasha Jenke
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Davina Dolman
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Ali Hellewell
<b>Secretary:</b>	Kim Thomas

*Our goal is to foster a welcoming environment where our members and supporters feel at home. We are committed to the growth and ongoing development of our club.*



### GENERAL COMMITTEE

<b>Senior Football Director:</b>	Kev Kock
<b>Junior Football Director:</b>	Chris Radetti
<b>Cricket Director:</b>	Pete Ellis
<b>Affiliated Sports:</b>	Paul Woodford
<b>Netball Director:</b>	Zoe Thomas
<b>Social Director:</b>	Ben Beioley
<b>Communications:</b>	Jaimi Rock

## PRESIDENT'S BRIEF



**Natasha Jenke**

Gaza Sports and Community Club have formed a new committee, please join me and welcome our new team members;

Kim Thomas - Secretary  
Davina Dolman- Chairperson  
Ali Hellewell- Treasurer

I am very grateful and fortunate to be working alongside these ladies who all bring and have different skills, experience and knowledge. I can confidently state that our great club is in very good hands.

Many of you know we have been struggling as a community club over the last 18 months, I would like to assure the community that we are working very hard and many of our devoted members have dug deep in their pockets and made cash donations to help kick start what I believe will be the beginning of rebuilding our club.

We appreciate anyone that puts their hand up in any capacity, so please reach out via our socials, website, email or my mobile which is 0402 148 883 if you can spare your time, we would welcome your help.

In closing, I look forward to seeing you all at the club soon.

#onboardfor24

# We are extremely grateful to our members for their donations in the lead up to the Chrysler Day

**Executive Committee**

Jim & Margaret Sheridan

Gary & Helen Marshall

Trevor & Vivienne Holst

Pat & Sue Sandlands

Gerry & Leslie Feltus

Rosco

Les & Glennis Sugars

Wayne Hammond

Lester Ramsey

Chook & Sharon Greer

Tony & Jenny Wheeler

Tony Greer

*We  
thank  
you!*

## TREASURERY TRENDS

### Ali Hellewell

For those who don't know me, I'm Ali Hellewell, and I was first associated with the club in 2011 when my sons played junior football here. My background is in Business Management and my motivation in joining the Executive Committee this year is to offer my skillset for the benefit of the club, following the difficulties of the past few years. I have a great respect for the proud history of this club and will do the best I can to help turn things around.



On 1st March, when the new committee formed, the club had debts of approximately \$115,000, excluding the SANFL fine of \$186,000. I say approximately, because, we are still being alerted to historic outstanding debts, some two months after our election. The latest of these was received by us on Friday, 26th April, for an amount of \$3,000. Unfortunately, some creditors have an incorrect email address to send invoices to and so we were unaware of the existence of these debts. Hopefully, we won't get any further surprises. Most of the debt was more than 90 days overdue, and a substantial amount being older than that. With only \$812 cash at hand, on March 1st, this was setting up to be a huge challenge.

Furthermore, the accounting package used by the club (MYOB) had not been kept up to date, and invoices not entered when they were first received, making it impossible to know the true state of affairs. To say that there is a lot of work to be done to bring the financials up to date, is an understatement. For now, I am committed to focusing on the current year and moving forward. At some point, when there is more time, a small team including myself, will reconcile the financials from last year, so that members will have clarity.

In the past month the situation has been further exacerbated, as our football fees include amounts totaling \$5,170 for two teams that we cannot field (B's and Women's) because the club did not withdraw its nominated teams before a cut-off date, earlier this year. This, it would seem, is a non-negotiable expense.

Maintenance on the club has been negligible, most notably in the kitchen. Many appliances do not work properly, if at all, and there is no fridge. The kitchen gives us a great opportunity to create much needed funds, however, without the proper equipment this just isn't possible. We are committed to fixing this as a matter of priority, as we feel this investment will have the most impact, not only to our financial situation, but more importantly to our purpose as a community club.

Having said all of this, and by now you may be wondering how we will ever turn this around, we have already started to move the mountain. A few events in March, particularly the Chrysler Show, saw significant turnover and much needed injection of funds. By mid- April we were able to keep up with current expenditures and start to chip away at the debt. Most of our creditors have been genuinely understanding and willing to work with us.

And for those who are wondering about the SANFL debt; we are very encouraged by the conversations we have had so far with their representatives, who are also willing to work with us. They have a much better understanding now of our situation, and do not want to see the club fold.

In summary, and despite everything, I believe there is a light at the end of the tunnel. We must be diligent and responsible with our finances moving forward, and that is certainly my intention. Please show your support by attending fundraising events, coming out to a few home games and buying a pie and a pint, TGIF, or a few drinks on a Saturday night, maybe a meal or two, or buy some raffle tickets. Come back to our club, be an active member again, volunteer an hour or two, and let us all breathe life back into the place, together.

# FOOTBALL FILES

## SENIOR FOOTBALL

What a massive start to 2024. Firstly, I'd like to welcome in the wonderful new committee and thank them for doing their absolute best at steadying the Gaza ship. Secondly, thanks to the playing group that have committed this year, from the bottom of my heart I truly appreciate the loyalty. Pre-season was a mixed bag with indifferent numbers and low player registrations suggesting that for the first time in Gaza's 120 year history we would only be able to fill a solitary senior men's A grade side. Rest assured we are working hard on and off the field to ensure we return with 2 senior men's and a women's team in 2025.

With that said, 2024 was always going to be a tough assignment. However, can I just say how proud we are of the lads who, against some quality opposition, have shown great heart and fight to be in the contest at half-time, the quest now for the lads is to remain in the game and be better for longer. I'd like to say a big thank you to Kilburn and Morphettville Park, who showed the utmost respect and appreciation towards our lads.

Finally, I'd like to say a big thank you to the Gaza faithful (the Sugars, Benny Abes, Janz, Tom Rypstra, Tank, Holsty, Coot, Freddo, Chris Cook, Chook, Harvs, Tony, Baggy, Smithy, Kimmy and our umpires). Can I please implore those that wish to affect change at the club, please, please if you're passionate about Gaza it's not enough to merely suggest something to the committee and leave it with them, please own it be a champion of an event own it, past player's, sponsors or any other Gaza function we're making Gaza better but we need your help!

**Kev Kock - Senior Football Director**



## JUNIOR FOOTBALL

We are very excited that the U9's football season has started when our first game kicked off on Sunday 28th at Salisbury Oval. We are hoping to build on the fantastic work that Josh Donnely Hart did with the team last season. The development that these kids showed over the course of the year was quite impressive. The returning players have hit the ground running and they are jumping out of their skin to get out and play on the weekends. The connection that they have formed with each other has ensured there are plenty of smiles as they go about not only learning the art & craft of football, but also in learning other important life skills.

They have also been very welcoming with our new players to the group to ensure that the transition for them into the group is as smooth as possible.

As the U9's are the only junior team Gaza has this year, it is important for us to really get behind these kids and provide the best possible experience for them at our great club. From coming down to watch a game, helping out at the odd training session, or offering time to be a buddy/mentor for these kids, it will all help in a positive way (and really help with the retention & recruitment of kids out to Gaza).

If anyone wants to lend a hand in any capacity, we look forward to hearing from you. A big thanks to Samantha Connor who will be Team Manager for this year. A big shout out to Michele Tudorovic for all the work behind the scenes she has done for the team so far.

**Chris Radetti - Junior Football Director**



# NETBALL NATTER

We are extremely excited to confirm that Gaza has entered a Netball team in the SADNA Competition. A huge thank you goes out to our Netball Director Zoe Thomas for all her hard work in getting the team registered, organised and outfitted! Looking forward to hearing how they go through the season. Come out and support the team, they play every Monday night at the Golden Grove Netball Courts.



# CRICKET CHRONICLES

## Gaza Cricket Club Celebrates a season of Growth and Promise

The recently concluded Gaza cricket season was a testament to dedication and progress. Our junior teams displayed remarkable improvement throughout the season, with the U17 squad narrowly missing out on the finals. Meanwhile, the U18 team fought valiantly but fell short in the T20 Semi-final – a valuable learning experience for the future. In an exciting first, the debut season of the Gaza Senior Women’s cricket team was a remarkable milestone. Their passion and dedication shone brightly as they stepped onto the field, leaving a trail of promise in their wake. With each match, they demonstrated growth, resilience, and a hunger for success. As we look ahead, we’re committed to nurturing this momentum and building upon our maiden season. The future holds great things for Gaza cricket, and the Senior Women’s team is at the forefront of that exciting journey!

Looking ahead, keep an eye out for upcoming U10, U12, U14, as well as the Blast cricket and Girls Strikers program and we’re optimistic about the possible changes in the U15 and U17 grades. Let’s wait and see how it all unfolds! The unwavering support from our community and fans has been the driving force behind our success. Whether it’s cheering from the sidelines, volunteering, or simply spreading the word about Gaza cricket, every contribution matters. We’re grateful for your encouragement and look forward to an even more exciting season ahead! As we gear up for the next season, we’re actively seeking coaches for all junior sides. So, if you’re passionate about cricket, we’d love to hear from you. Becoming a player or a coach for our sides is a rewarding opportunity to nurture young talent and contribute to the growth of Gaza cricket. Feel free to reach out to us, and let’s create a vibrant and supportive cricket community together!

*Together, we’ll continue to nurture the love for cricket at Gaza and continue our legacy of success!*

**Pete Ellis - Cricket Director**





### AFFILIATED SPORTS

**Paul Woodford**

The darts season is well underway at Gaza again this year, with three teams in the current competition. Games are held every Wednesday night at the club. We would like to thank life member, Gavin Wright, for donating the dart boards we are using for competitions, which enables us to preserve the fixed boards for our social members.

We are looking at joining the upcoming 8 Ball competition, so if you are interested in joining a team, email us at [gazaeagles@outlook.com](mailto:gazaeagles@outlook.com).

### GAZA SOCIAL SCENE

Can't get to the games, but still want to be involved? Check out our upcoming social events:

- TGIF - The club is open every Friday night
- 25th May - Past Players and Volunteers Day
- 1st June - Indigenous Round
- 29th June - Ladies Day - \$70
- 27th July - Last Man Standing

The club needs your support at these events more than ever. We'd love to see you there!



*Congrats!*

to the TGIF meat tray winners!

*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  
Drinks package 1:30-4:30pm

Book your table via email [gazaeagles@outlook.com](mailto:gazaeagles@outlook.com)




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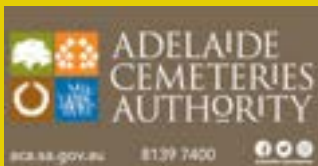
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# VOLUNTEER ROUNDUP



## CHRYSLER DAY

The Chrysler Day in March was a very successful day for our club. Not only did it raise some needed income, we came together as a club. We put out a call for help and you showed up in droves. Thank you for all of your support in making the day the success it was, we couldn't have done it without you.

## HELP NEEDED!

Our Canteen and BBQ not only offer excellent food and beverages, but they are a valuable source of income for our club. However, this is dependent on help from our members. We need help on Saturday A Grade home games and each Sunday as we host junior games at our club.

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!

## #ONBOARDFOR2024

**Social Membership for 2024 is \$35 we need your support more than ever.**

If you haven't updated your payment for 2024 please pay over the bar or via EFT:

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