



WALLAROO FOOTBALL CLUB

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Newsletter

2025 preseason edition

Written by your esteemed ypct scribe, Yapper.

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PLAYERS WANTED

On the fence about playing?
Looking for a clean slate?

WFC is seeking players for season 25. Either committed for the season, or just to fill-in here and there, you will be welcomed to the club.

WFC has a talented young squad and a new group of coaches and committee to take the club forward.

Get in contact with the coaches to help be part of the future of the dogs.

Ricky Depledge - 0407 798 352

Highlights

Senior Colts Premiership

For the third year in a row, the WFC u17s win the premiership.

Three premierships in a row is a remarkable feat, and one u14s premiership in there too. It shows the excellent work out junior coordinators have been doing. The players involved have begun graduating to the A and B Grade and we hope they will bring the same quality to the seniors for many years to come.



300 Games for Lindsay Smith

Playing 300 games for Wallaroo is a rare occasion, even playing 300 in the YPFL is a rare sight. Since 1980 when the current record book was started, only one other has reached 300 games. Muddy debuted in 1995, and in 2024 he ran out for game number 300.

One of the community highlights of the year was seeing the club come together to celebrate some reaching the big 300 milestone.



Football Prospects

A year of new beginnings.

It is expected to be a year of change for the A Grade.

Ricky Depledge is now the A Grade coach, and walked into a rebuild. For reasons beyond his control his job has been made much harder than expected. For a variety of reasons, I won't go into each individual, much of last years A Grade side has moved on.

There are a heap of incoming players. Firstly, we have a group of last years u17s side moving up to senior football. We have recruited a group of players from the city and other clubs. Primarily amongst them are a group from Hope Valley FC, and a pair coming from Kadina FC.

Ricky has got perhaps the most talented young group going around. But they are young and will take time to become A Grade footballers. The year is expected to be difficult, but development is the key goal. So far trainings have focussed on heavily on skill and fitness.

Those involved with WFC footy operations are also looking ahead long term, and the team for next year is being planned well ahead of time. Many of the local players are likely to return, and the coaches intend to keep in contact with them. Plus Ricky has a bunch of imported players he missed out on this year that are on the cards to be recruited for next year.

The Young Dogs are On The Way Up.

Players to Watch

Tom Luck – coming from the WWT Eagles underage program, and having represented SA underage. Will provide height and class to the team.

Josh Bull – Best on Ground in the u17s grand final, it's likely Bully will be given an important role in the A Grade straight away.

Isaac Glasgow – Recruited from Colonel Light Gardens and Kadina, Glasgow could be a good addition to the midfield.

Quick Questions

“What WFC player are most looking forward to seeing play this year in the A and B's?”

“I'd like to see young Ryan Bull in WFC colours and Luke Hann going through the season uninjured as a leader in the reserves.” – Tom Nolan, current president.

“Hunter Wellgreen.” – Andy West, former president.

“The Bull boys.” - Joffa

Events

Upcoming is a training camp on the 15th of February, a getaway and bonding session for the young group.

Three trial matches are planned. 8/3 Long Plains at Home. 15/3 Kapunda at Kapunda. 22/3 Virginia at Home.

Off-Field

2025 Committee (as of writing)

President: Tom Nolan

Secretary: Thomas Boris Depledge

Treasurer: Sharne Thomson (new in 2025)

Michael West – League Delegate

Kristy Smith – Junior President

Todd Summerton

Shaun Miller

Brent Hines (new in 2025)

Craig Fletcher (new in 2025)

Scott Mumford (new in 2025)

Janet Errington

Darrell Woods (new in 2025)

Andrew Dekort (new in 2025)

Visit wallarooofc.com for information about the club, a programme, and historical records.

Volunteers Wanted!

WFC is always seeking volunteers to help gamedays run smoothly.

Especially required: trainers, umpires, timekeepers, kitchen/canteen workers.

Any help is appreciated, and honorariums can be arranged for the right roles.

It's a long season for club organisers, so make it easier by helping out.

WFC is continuously looking for alternative sources of incoming aside from bar and canteen sales.

If you know of any opportunities get in touch.

WFC always has ongoing projects. Often small fixes and upgrades that mostly go unnoticed to most.

In The Next Edition?

Who are the best WFC players of the 25 years? How would they fit into a team?

Player Profiles?

Season Review (up to that point)?

A section just for the colts?

Wait and see!