

METRO SOUTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE INC.

History of the League.

1998

Metro South Junior Football League was established in 1998 to promote Australian Rules Football for junior players in the inner southern metropolitan area of Adelaide.

In 1998 the League operated with 7 clubs fielding two teams. Grades Under9's & Under11's providing the opportunity for some 400 children to play Australian Rules Football.

The clubs participating in 1998 were Adelaide Cricket Club, Colonel Light Gardens, Edwardstown, Goodwood Saints, Mitcham, PHOS Camden and Plympton.

1999

In 1999 a further two clubs joined the League namely Kenilworth and Glandore. The grades expanded to include Under13's and Under15's. The competition is now 9 clubs, four grades, and approximately 30 teams, providing the opportunity for some 750 (approx) children to play Australian Rules Football.

2000

In 2000 the League saw the clubs consolidate their grades with all clubs fielding Under9's, Under11's and under13's with Plympton and Goodwood Saints combining their Under15's giving us 8 sides. We also saw the introduction of the Grasshoppers competition by some clubs.

This year also saw the League strike its own medals, Gold, Silver and Bronze for the Leagues Best and Fairest Medal.

2001

In 2001 Mitchell Park joined the League. The competition is now ten clubs, four grades Under9's, Under11's, Under13's and Under15's plus Grasshoppers.

This year saw the League move the Grand Final from local clubs to Richmond Oval being the home of South Australian National Football League Club, West Adelaide.

This year we saw the introduction of the Presidents Award. This award is to acknowledge a person for his or her achievements throughout the year. They may be a player, umpire, club or committee person.

We all so saw the introduction of a Final 5 this season instead of the Final 4 system. The idea was to get more players to experience finals.

Late in the year we saw Glandore disaffiliated for various breaches of the Leagues Rules and Constitution.

2002

At the start of the 2002 season the League consisted of nine clubs.

Early in March we saw the affiliation of a new club Unley Jets.

The competition is back to ten clubs, four grades and 35 teams with approximately 1005 players.

We also had 6 clubs fielding "Grasshoppers" this season.

This season saw the introduction of the Umpires Award for the most outstanding or most improved umpire.

2003

Season 2003 saw the League with ten clubs, five grades, U8's, U9's, U11's, U13's and U15's, 42 teams and approximately 1065 players.

This season saw the League introduce the "Chris Buss" Medal and Perpetual Trophy for the Best and Fairest player in Under15's.

The League affiliated with the South Australian National Football League (SANFL).

2004

Season 2004 saw the League loose a club in the Adelaide Buffalo's (formerly Adelaide Cricket Club).

We started the season with nine clubs, five grades, U8's, U9's, U11's, U13's and U15's, 43 team and approximately 1059 players.

This season we saw Mitchell Park increase it's number of teams from two to five teams.

2005

Season 2005 saw the League change the grades from U8's, U9's, U11's, U13's and U15's to U8's, U9's, U10's, U12's, U14's and U16's.

We started the season with nine clubs, six grades, U8's, U9's, U10's, U12's, U14's and U16's, 47 teams and approximately 1154 players.

The League named the U10's Premiership Cup the David Wilson Cup, the U12's Premiership Shield the Neil Rodda Shield, the U14's Premiership Shield the Mark Pickering Shield and the U16's Premiership Shield the Wayne Clarke Shield in recognition for their work with the League.

The League also had its own Premiership Medal designed and manufactured.

This season saw the League move the Grand Final back to its own club grounds.

2006

Season 2006 saw the League add infill years of Under 11's and Under 13's.

We started the season with 9 clubs 8 grades, U8's, U9's, U10's, U11's, U12's, U13's, U14's and U16's, 55 teams and approximately 1342 players.

Season 2006 saw the Under 9's and Under 10's unable to play finals due to AFL rules.

Season 2006 saw the League introduce a carnival for Under 8's, Under 9's and Under 10's.

This season saw the introduction of inter-league games between MSJFL and MWJFL.

Season 2006 saw Glenunga Football Club affiliate for season 2007.

Once again the League has ten (10) clubs.

2007

Season 2007 saw the League start with 10 Clubs, 8 grades U8's, U9's, U10's, U11's, U12's, U13's, U14's and U16's, 62 teams and approximately 1503 players.

The League had Life Membership and Service Award badges designed and manufactured

The first Life Membership was awarded to Wayne Clarke for his tireless work for the League.

2008

Season 2008 saw the League with 10 Clubs, 9 grades U8's, U9's, U10's, U11's, U12's, U13's, U14's, U15's, and U17's, 66 teams and approximately 1635 players.

Life Membership of the League was awarded to Fabian Muller, Art Bradshaw, Mark Goodman and Colin Nelson.

2009

Season 2008 saw the League with 10 Clubs, 9 grades U8's, U9's, U10's, U11's, U12's, U13's, U14's, U15's, and U16.5's, 65 teams and approximately 1646 players.

At the end of July the League moved into its own office at Glandore.

This season the clubs also decided to bring the Medal Count back to its own clubs.

Life Membership of the League was awarded to Gary Siemering.