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Today we welcome the Angaston Football and Netball Clubs to Dutton Park and wish everyone good luck for all the games across the day.

Today is a really important day for the Bomber across the Football and Netball with teams across the day playing to make finals. A number of teams are already locked in for September action and we witch them all the best.

Tonight we will celebrate our final home game with our Kids Disco and Steak Night. We encourage you to have a great night at the club with meal and a few drinks with friends and family. Just a reminder that if your kids are attending the disco that you please stay at the club.

We would like to congratulate Aidan Mudge for playing his 100th A Grade game today for Kapunda!

Last week was a fantastic afternoon on the Bombers deck with Ladies Day hosting over 170 women to raise money for Barossa Area Fundraisers for Cancer (BAFFC).

A reminder that we have released a commemorative premium Shiraz that is available to purchase in 6 packs and by the bottle over the bar. See further details in the Newsletter.

GO BOMBERS!

TONIGHT AT THE CLUB

KIDS DISCO

STEAK NIGHT

2026 SEASON OVERVIEW

A GRADE

COACH: Jesse Lonergan

What a year to be a Bomber. This season was built back in November, an early pre-season with huge buy-in, capped off by our camp at Semaphore that set the standard for everything that followed.

We started the season on fire, 6-2 at the halfway mark, including the Round 1 comeback from 43 points down and a 92-point win over the reigning premiers. Yes, the results slowed in the latter part of the season, but this group is improving every single week, and the more we improve and the more the players believe, then why can't it be us? And that belief matters, because we are right in the finals hunt as we speak. We need a few results to go our way, but all we can do is control what we can control, and we'll see what happens when the siren blows.

The growth in our players this year has been enormous. Co-captain Harry Wuttke has been a standout all season, as has Wyatt Ryan, the pair of them named in our best nearly every single week. Our new recruits Hamish Ralph, Callum Fairall, Mitch Bidmade and Zac Diekman have given an enormous amount of leadership and experience to our group of young men, and Jake Kelly and Braedyn Tralaggan are rising stars. It's scary to think what they could become for our footy club. So many positives this year and no doubt i've missed plenty of names but the belief and the smiles on these boys' faces says it all.

A few highlights that deserve a special mention:
Five of our players played representative football in 2026: Jack Ryan, Riley Menzel, Harry Wuttke, Zac Diekman and Aidan Mudge, with our boys part of Central Zone taking out the Country Champs for the first time in a number of years.

Max McCarthy and Riley Menzel played SANFL Reserves for Woodville-West Torrens, adding another level of football experience to bring back to the club.

We had 14 debutants play their first game of A Grade football, 4 of those U17.5s, and with the 17.5s sealing a finals spot, it shows the great talent coming up through the club, with plenty more joining the senior program next year.

The club as a whole is in a really strong position. The 13s and 17.5s have already locked in finals, and the 15s, B grade and A grade are all in the hunt. It's an exciting time to be part of this footy club.

Finally, a massive thank you to Wes Farley, Kym Mosey, Travis Opitz, Toby Ryan and Nathan Brady and Jake Smedley for their support behind the program all year. None of this happens without you.
The future at Dutton Park is bright. Up the Bomber

2026 SEASON OVERVIEW

B GRADE

COACH: Wes Farley

The 2026 season was a successful year from the B grade.

We have won 9 games compared to 2 last season, hopefully we can make it 10 wins today. We have added depth with new players moving to Kapunda and a few u17's coming up.

If we keep the majority of the current senior group of (A & B grade) together and add a few new players to the group plus the handful of U17's coming up we can expect to finish in the top 4 and play finals in both grades.

As said previously it has been a fantastic year and i have really enjoyed coaching this group of footballers.

Lastly I would like to thank my assistant coach - Kym Mosey, runner - Dan Ryan, team manager - David Hall and to Jesse and his coaching staff thank you for a really enjoyable year.

The professionalism Jesse has brought to this football club is fantastic and it hasn't only reflected on the A's but the B's as well.

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UNDER 17 COACH: David Leslie

The senoir colts have had a pretty successful year so far and hope to continue that on into the finals next week vs Angaston.

We have seen improvement throughout the whole group and great ability to put our ideas and desired game style at training into the way we play most Saturdays which is extremely pleasing to see as the coach.

We had three lads represent us BLG against the Riverland in association footy. Finn Gallagher, Hunter Turrell and Mitch Coutts did themselves and the club proud and we congratulate them on a their effort.

In addition to this we have had four lads make their A grade debut and from a coaching point of you this is what it's all about and what makes the job so enjoyable. Seeing these young men want to improve each week and when they got their chance to go up a level, they certainly have all fitted in well. It's great to know that next year they will fit in beautifully to senior footy and hopefully become regular A graders for the Bomber for years to come. Well done to Hamish Tralaggan, Ben White, Finn Gallagher and Mitch Coutts on this achievement.

Another highlight has come off field with the efforts to raise $520 for MND with our ice bucket challenges. When asking the group what we can do for a cause, this was quickly talked about and agreed upon with all 26 of us getting it done one day after another. I am very proud of the lads for all being a part of this.

For now it's focusing on finals and trying to go as deep as we can in what will be a highly contested finals series.

Lastly I would like to thank all the help I have received this year. Daniel Mudge (assistant coach, Brett Johnson (team manager) and Craig Prior (Runner). To be honest it's just a group effort on game day, kept quite relaxed and casual which is very enjoyable. I think the balance of seriousness but a bit of banter helps us all on the sidelines. At the end of the day the boys out on the oval are giving it their all most weeks and apart from the occasional quarter time clip to wake the lads up, they are a very coachable group.

A thoroughly enjoyable year that is not done yet!

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UNDER 15 COACH: Sam Ryan

Although the Under 15s will just miss out on finals, finishing 5th, I believe the season was both enjoyable and successful overall.

Throughout the year, Michael McCarthy (Assistant Coach), Brodie Cox (Runner) and I witnessed significant improvement from the boys, both individually and as a team.

We also welcomed several new faces to the group, with Micah Buckskin, Mason Rankine, Jack Smith and Zander Graham all joining the club. They are terrific young men who settled into the team seamlessly and became valued members of the squad.

Kobie Menzel spent the majority of the season playing with the Central District Under 16s, where he produced some outstanding performances and represented himself extremely well.

Archie Ryan, Nate Lukich, Riley McLean and Joel McWaters all earned selection in various representative games and carnivals throughout the season. Each player acquitted themselves well and proved they could compete at the next level.

I would like to thank Michael McCarthy, Brodie Cox, Jason Applebee (Team Manager) and Cameron Richmond (Trainer) for their dedication and support throughout the year. Each played an important role in helping the team both on and off the field.

Finally, I would like to thank all the players and parents for their ongoing support, commitment, and encouragement throughout the season. Your contribution to the team is greatly appreciated.

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UNDER 13 COACH: Jason MacKenzie

We've been fortunate to have an U13 group this year that already had a great competitive spirit and sense of team first football. This gave us a good base focus on both individual and positional skills, and ball movement as the year went on.

Our Captain and Vice Captains in Ned Tilley, Hamish Kerr and Max Davidson have been in the best players more often than not and led the team very well. Ollie Mickan, Levi Hewitt and Eddie Valentine have also frequented the best players.

Alistair Ross, George MacKenzie, Hamish Kerr and Eddy Verco are at the pointy end of our goalkickers, which pleasingly have been largely shared across the team.

All players have developed well through the year and had opportunities to hone their skills in different positions. Special shout out to Ethan Rogers whose development in the ruck has been noticeable and Billy Leslie who has largely held down a tricky position at Centre Half Forward very well in his first year of U/13's. Also to Levi, Ollie and Hamish for representing KFC in the BL&G Association teams. Well done also to Eddie Valentine who played in the SA team for a week in Canberra in the National Under 12's Carnival.

We play a strong Angaston team today which will be a good challenge as we prepare to possibly face them again next week in finals football. The group is looking forward to the challenge the rest of the season will bring and continuing kick the day off well for the Bomber.

UNDER 9 COACH: Damian Trowse & Craig Prior

We had 22 kids play Under 9's this season, with the majority playing in their first or second season for the Bombers. Trainings have been a lot of fun, and it has been great to watch each player grow in confidence and improve their skills throughout the year.

It was pleasing to see the kids encourage each other, on and off the field. A highlight for the year was watching the older kids help some of the younger kids get their first touch or goal of the game.

Thank you to the parents that helped throughout the season wearing the yellow vest during games, and a special thanks to Froggy Ryan for being our chief goal umpiring.

A big thanks to Jack for his helping at training and organising all the backend to make the U9's possible.

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UNDER 11 COACH: Daniel Pearson & Chris Smith

What a season it has been for the Kapunda Under 11s! From the first training session right through to the final siren, this group of young footballers has shown incredible improvement, determination and, most importantly, a genuine love for the game.

We don't keep score (but the kids know who won) and I'd say we lost a close game to Willaston and won the rest with a couple of close ones. Beyond the results, it has been fantastic to watch the boys grow not only as footballers, but as teammates.

The biggest highlight of the season has been the way the team has stuck together. They have encouraged each other, celebrated each other's successes and picked each other up when things didn't go their way. The improvement across the whole group has been something to be extremely proud of.

A huge thank you too all the parents and families who have supported the boys throughout the season. The early mornings, training sessions, game-day preparation.

And to the players, you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves. Every one of you has contributed something special to this team. Keep working hard, keep backing your teammates and, most importantly, keep enjoying your football.

Congratulations to the entire Kapunda Under 11s on a fantastic season. You've done your club, your families and yourselves proud.

Thank You Ladies!

A huge THANK YOU to the 170+ amazing ladies who supported the Bombers Ladies Day at our last home game!
What a fantastic turnout! It was wonderful to see so many beautiful ladies from our community come together, enjoy a great day and support such an important local cause.
We're still finalising the numbers, but we're already so excited to see the overall total raised for Barossa Area Fundraisers for Cancer (BAFFC). Every dollar raised will make a difference.
A very special thank you to our Football and Netball Clubs, the many generous local businesses who donated, our amazing organising committee, and of course, everyone who came along and supported the day.
Your generosity, support and community spirit made Ladies Day such a wonderful success.
We can't wait to share the final fundraising total with you!

TONIGHT

UPCOMING EVENT