



## **Adelaide University Touch Club Annual Report 2012/13**

2013 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the AUTC. The committee has planned a big celebration because after all this time we are still the biggest and best touch club in SA. Be proud!

The 2012/13 year has seen the club continue to gain numbers and compete strongly in the local social touch competitions. AUTC continues to provide pathways for players into the State Cup and TFSA League through Eastern Stingrays. Thank you to all our members for being part of this awesome club. In particular, a big thank you to our hard working committee members who keep it all going with their enthusiasm and dedication to the sport.

### **Committee 2012/13**

President: Christine Thompson

Vice-president: Jo Waugh

Secretary: Caitlin Randall

Treasurer: Sarah Bernard

General Committee Members: Ben Murphy, Jemma Naumann, Kathleen Wright, Ruth Shaw

### **Players**

The club recruited 20 new student members this year and has retained them through the autumn and winter season. Non-student members account for 60% of the club's membership, although many of these are Adelaide Uni alumni. Non-student members were also recruited and this has kept club numbers strong as we lose members to family and work commitments at the other end.

At O-week next year the club will seek more members and new ways of attracting students into touch football. It is hoped that more students will join the committee to add the student perspective to our planning.

In March this year, 5 of our members were selected in SA Heat teams headed for the National Touch League in Port Macquarie. Additionally, Mark Jones and Ricki Irons were coaches and Caitlin Randall the team manager for the Mixed Open team.

- Christine Thompson
- Ninh Duong
- Rebecca Harper
- Darrren Jones
- Roxanne Betros

It is so valuable for the club to have these players in our social teams, providing mentoring and support to newer members as they progress along the touch pathways.

Additionally, one of AUTC's junior members was selected into the SA Heat teams for the National Youth Champs:

Boys under 18s

- Charles Green

The Under 18s state team was coached by Mark Jones with Ninh Doung as one of the assistant coaches.

It is really important for touch in SA to get juniors involved in the National Youth Champs so we can eventually compete against our eastern states neighbours and beat em! AUTC supports its state representative players, coaches and referees with a \$50 playing grant.

### **Coaches**

Shane Marshall (Kiwi) has continued his Head Coaching role this year and become a very valuable member of the club, running the winter training sessions and passing on his enthusiasm to everyone he meets. Welcome back to Matt Jacques who has been coaching the Southern Unigames team!

### **Referees**

The club has funded several referee courses this year and we hope to see them all out on the Waite fields this summer. This summer season at Waite Anton van Rensburg will again be Referee Coach and looking to upgrade anyone who is keen. The purpose of the Referee Coach is to ensure a high quality of refereeing at the Waite competition and provide pathways for those who enjoy refereeing to get recognised. It is hoped that this will result in better referee retention in coming year.

## **Competition participation**

### *Southern UniGames 2013*

AUTC decided to really work on its unigames this year. Players were required to commit to trainings and to play in a mixed team in the winter competition. Manager Kathleen Wright and coach Matt Jacques put them through their paces and you could really see the team improving every week.

Below is the summary of the SUG week by Kathleen:

"Our Southern Uni Games team travelled to very frosty Ballarat last week, competing against other teams for a place at Australian University Games. Nerves showed in the first match, where we went down 2-11 to a fast and fit Deakin. But those nerves were quickly diminished in our second match vs Victoria Uni Team 2, easily beating them 9-5, our first taste of victory!

"On Tuesday things really started to come together in our team, where despite a few onside-party-night hangovers we played an extremely tough and competitive game against Melbourne Uni. It was only really due to a few small lapses of concentration that we lost 7-5. Next up were LaTrobe, the eventual grand final winners, and despite the mismatch in experience we managed to score twice against them, which was the strongest opposition they had so far in the competition.

"On Wednesday morning, with slightly worse hangovers than yesterday (zombie hangovers this time), and cheered on by a bunch of animal-onsie-clad basketballers, we smashed Victoria Uni's Team 3, 11-0. With hardly a break at all between matches we played our first finals round, facing up against the top team of Pool A - Monash Uni. These guys were tough opposition. They had only been scored on twice. We played our best match of the competition against Monash, managing to score 3 tries against them, and the scoreline was 7-3, their narrowest winning margin by a long way.

"Thursday was back-to-back finals, and in the first we easily rolled over Victoria Uni's first team, 7-2. This set us up for a 5th/6th playoff, and despite a valiant effort our legs just ran out and RMIT beat us 7-4, so we finished 6th overall.

"It was amazing to see the development of our team across the 4 days, both in individual skills and in playing as a team. The level of touch played by AUTC's UniGames team at the end of the tournament is the strongest the club has seen for many years. The good news is that they are all keen to come back next year and smash the competition!"

### *Waite Competition*

The 2012/13 Waite competition was a fantastic season from an administrative point of view. The club had more nominations from external teams than ever before and was turning teams away after we reached capacity.

Juniors were well taken care of by Laura Teakle running junior training sessions. They were well attended and with lasted the whole season! It will be several years before we can track the progress of these juniors in touch, but our hope is that they will stick with the sport and be competing in the National Youth Champs in coming years. And by the time they reach uni they'll

be touch superstars for our UniGames team!

Our aim to have 2 referees on each field for every time slot was not quite reached, but we did increase the referee presence. Several referee upgrades were achieved with the assistance of the Referee Coach, Anton van Rensburg.

### **Finances**

The club is still in a strong position financially (see Appendix A). This is in large part due to the Waite Competition which enables the club to fund referee and coaching courses, purchase equipment, pay coaches, subsidise social events and subsidise representative players, coaches and referees.

Many types of grants are available at a state and federal level and the club committee keeps an eye on the opportunities for both the club and individual players.

Sorting out club finances from the last couple of years has been a nightmare. However, with much effort from Jo Waugh and the treasurer Sarah Bernard it may be finally all resolved! Thank you for all the hard work guys!

### **Awards**

At the 2012 End of Season Dinner the following awards were given:

Best Club Person: Jo Waugh

Best Coach: Shane Marshall

Most Promising Male and Female

Jo Mitchell Award: Georgie Angove

Garry Williamson Award: Nick Litchfield

Continuing excellence Female: Chrissi Thompson

Darren Jones Continuing Excellence Award: Ashley Johnson

### **What's next?**

The 2013/14 Waite season will start in late October. The club has Jo Waugh, Kathleen Wright and Christine Thompson stepping up to run things, with the assistance of 5 or 6 desk sitters.

Moving forward for Waite, the competition is at capacity now and the only way to make it larger would be to erect a couple of new light posts on the Waite playing fields. This major work would come at considerable cost to the club and would need to be done in consultation with the university other clubs that use the area. This potential project remains in the back of the committee's mind for future years.

In 2013/14 we would like to see more numbers at training and will think about ways this can be achieved. In addition, the club will focus on the social aspect of touch and look for more fun way for members to interact.

Administratively, the club has made changes in the coming year. The website was moved to a new

host and a new email system has been employed.

As usual, come O-week 2014 we will be seeking new student members to boost our ranks. Any innovative recruitment ideas are welcomed.

## **APPENDIX A**

Profit and Loss Statement 2012/13. See over page.

## APPENDIX A: AUTC Financial Overview 2012/13

Description	Expenses	Income	Profit/Loss		
<b>Club Membership 2013</b>		\$1,080.00		Start date	9/1/2012
		\$1,080.00	\$1080	End date	8/31/2013
<b>Winter season 2013</b>					
playing fees - mixed		\$3,290.00			
Playing fees - SUG		\$700.00			
playing fees - single sex		\$1,494.00			
Team nomination fees	\$6,780.00				
	\$6,780.00	\$5,484.00	-\$1296		
<b>Autumn</b>					
Mixed playing fees		\$1,960.00			
Team nomination fees	\$2,785.00				
	\$2,785.00	\$1,960.00	-\$825		
<b>Waite 2012/13</b>					
<b>External teams</b>		\$32,450.00			
<b>Adelaide teams</b>					
Junior AUTC playing fees		\$637.00			
Mixed AUTC playing fees		\$3,010.00			
<b>Other</b>					
Cash/CHQ Deposit		\$158.00			
Touch balls	\$579.30				
Affiliation fees	\$13,918.30				
Prize mugs	\$1,738.26				
Trophies	\$119.45				
Cones for Junior Clinic	\$18.00				
Summer comp waite venue hire	\$2,103.75				
Referee prizes	\$129.69				
Waite expense	\$126.00				
Referee + desksitting payments	\$5,756.00				
	\$24,488.75	\$36,255.00	\$11766.25		
<b>Summer single sex</b>					
Team registration fees	\$2,260.00				
Single sex teams		\$1,710.00			
	\$2,260.00	\$1,710.00	-\$550		

<b>SUG 2013</b>					
BBQ	\$242.34	\$850.00	\$607.66		
Registration	\$1,820.00	\$1,250.00	-\$570		
Accomodation (extra night)	\$715.00	\$660.00	-\$55		
Coaching	\$200.00		-\$200		
Playing shirts	\$630.00		-\$630		
	\$3,607.34	\$2,760.00	-\$847.34		
<b>Pub Crawl 2013</b>					
Shirts	\$901.35	\$1,025.00			
	\$901.35	\$1,025.00	\$123.65		
<b>Winter EOS dinner 2012</b>					
Tickets		\$1,785.00			
cupcakes	\$34.42				
British food and room hire	\$2,375.00				
Awards	\$113.60				
	\$2,523.02	\$1,785.00	-\$738.02		
<b>Refunds 2013</b>					
Junior clinic refunds	260.00				
State cup playing fees	\$95.00				
	\$355.00		-\$355		
<b>Referee Courses</b>					
Level 3	\$30.00				
Level 2	\$220.00				
Level 1	\$220.00				
	\$470.00		-\$470		
<b>Grants 2012/13</b>					
Adelaide sports association recurrent grant		\$1,430.00			
Scott Gear Grant	\$50.00				
Ricki Irons Grant	\$50.00				
Returned item AUTCREPGRANT		\$50.00			
SA Heat playing	\$200.00				
SA Heat coaching	\$50.00				
SA Heat playing	\$150.00				

