



## ATHELSTONE FOOTBALL CLUB

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Dear Member

Welcome to 2020, hopefully you have enjoyed a great Christmas/New Year period. That is all past us now and we are only 11 weeks away from the opening round of the 2020 season.

2020 is going to be a big year for the Club. On field, we return to Division 1 of the Adelaide Footy League under the guidance of new Senior Coach Chris Radetti. Joining the club this year is Paul Niven to coach the B grade and Garry Williams to coach the C Grade. With new coaches comes a high level of enthusiasm and we both welcome and look forward to what Paul and Garry bring to the club. Familiar faces in Jim Cluse and Adrian Hart remain involved with support roles to our coaching staff. John Tomaselli will continue as our Senior Women's coach after our successful debut season in 2019.

Our junior program remains as strong as ever with some 280 boys and girls playing each week for the Raggies. More than half of our 2019 A Grade Grand Final winning side were Raggies Juniors at some stage, a fact the club is extremely proud of.

We also successfully launched a Masters team in 2019 with great numbers joining up and having a game each fortnight. The team is made up of past players, junior parents and mates who just loved the opportunity and supported the club well.

As you would be aware the club will also be re-developed towards the end of 2020. Whilst we look forward to some great new facilities we will encounter a period of 'homelessness' as the new club rooms etc are built. To this point it is imperative that the club gets all the support it can, particularly financially during 2020 as we will need to bank a 'war chest' to cover the revenue downturn associated without a club room to leverage from. Your membership renewal is just one way you can assist in 2020.

The fixtures are still being finalised, but we know our senior teams kicks off on the weekend of Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Look out for the seasons fixture on our website and Facebook pages.

In our Junior program we are expecting to field approx. 15 teams, made up of boys and girls teams across the age range of seven to 16½. For more information about registering contact David at [juniorsregistrations@athelstonefc.org.au](mailto:juniorsregistrations@athelstonefc.org.au). Round 1 commences 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> April. If you are interested in coaching, managing a team, volunteering in any capacity contact Mia at [juniorssecretary@athelstonefc.org.au](mailto:juniorssecretary@athelstonefc.org.au)

I encourage everyone to join the Raggies in 2020 and be part of the exciting times ahead. We would love as many members as possible to consider joining our 'Royal Raggies' membership group - the benefits as described in the attached certainly provide YOU the member with great value whilst supporting the Raggies in 2020.

Go Raggies!

Yours Sincerely

Stephen Young  
Club President

PS: If you are a life member of the Athelstone Football Club, your 2020 membership card is attached

