

 **SUNS**

MEDIA GUIDE

2025



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SUNS 2025 AFLW SQUAD



4TH ROW: Daisy D'Arcy, Ella Maurer, Kiara Bischa, Ellie Veerhuis, Wallis Randell, Nyalli Milne

3RD ROW: Taya Oliver, Annabel Kievit, Katie Lynch, Havana Harris, Lauren Bella, Darcie Davies, Clara Fitzpatrick, Jacqueline Dupuy, Charlotte Wilson

2ND ROW: Claudia Whitfort, Jamie Stanton, Charlie Rowbottom, Niamh McLaughlin (Captain), Rhyce Shaw (Head Coach), Lucy Single (Captain), Georgia Clayden, Meara Girvan, Lily Mithen

1ST ROW: Keely Fullerton, Tara Harrington, Mia Salisbury, Maddy Brancatisano, Elise Barwick, Ella Smith, Sienna McMullen, Heidi Talbot

2025 AFLW FIXTURE



ROUND 1 v WEST COAST



Thur 14 Aug, 9:15PM

Mineral Resources
Park

ROUND 2 v SYDNEY



Sat 23 Aug, 3:05PM

People First Stadium

ROUND 3 v PORT ADELAIDE



Sat 30 Aug, 5:05PM

Alberton Oval

ROUND 4 v GWS GIANTS



Sat 6 Sep, 1:05PM

People First Stadium

ROUND 5 v CARLTON



Sat 13 Sep, 2:35PM

IKON Park

ROUND 6 v ADELAIDE



Sun 21 Sep, 5:05PM

People First Stadium

ROUND 7 v MELBOURNE



Fri 26 Sep, 1:05PM

Casey Fields

ROUND 8 v BRISBANE LIONS



Sat 4 Oct, 5:05PM

People First Stadium

ROUND 9 v HAWTHORN



Sat 11 Oct, 2:05PM

Kinetic Stadium

ROUND 10 v WESTERN BULLDOGS



Sun 19 Oct, 4:05PM

Great Barrier Reef
Arena

ROUND 11 v COLLINGWOOD



Sun 26 Oct, 3:05PM

Bond University

ROUND 12 v RICHMOND



TBC

IKON Park

CLUB LEADERS



Chairman - Bob East

East has more than 20 years' experience in the tourism, hospitality and property industry. He established the Mantra Group with a core group of executives under a private equity model in 2006. Over 12 years the Mantra Group was developed into the largest Australian-based hotel company, growing from 41 properties in 2006 to more than

140 properties in 2018. He has chaired Tourism Australia, Tourism Events Qld and co-chaired the ASEAN business and tourism summit. He is an inaugural SUNS board member and replaced Tony Cochrane as chairman in 2023.



CEO - Mark Evans

A senior leader in professional sport, Evans was appointed Gold Coast's CEO in 2017 after working as a successful administrator at Hawthorn and with the AFL as the competition's football operations manager for four

years. He was central to the club's introduction into the AFLW competition in 2020 and has overseen the growth of the club's women's program throughout its existence in the competition.



Head of Women's Football - Fiona Sessarago

Fiona Sessarago has been a key figure throughout the Gold Coast SUNS' AFLW journey, playing a leading role in the club's bid for a license in 2018 before being appointed as the first employee in the SUNS AFLW program. A pioneer of women's football in Queensland, Sessarago was the first full-time development officer in Australia.

Her off-field positions have included AFL Queensland Participation Program Officer before stepping up to Participation and Fan Development Manager, later taking on roles as AFL National Auskick Manager and Gold Coast Regional Manager in 2016. In 2023, she was inducted into the Queensland Football Hall of Fame.



GOLD COAST SUNS BOARD

Simon Bennett

Simon Bennett was admitted as a Solicitor in 1993 after obtaining an Honours Degree in Law from Bond University. Bennett joined OMB Solicitors in 1996 as an Associate and then became a Partner of the firm in 1999. He is a QLS Accredited Specialist in Property Law and also specialises in Commercial Leasing including providing structuring

advice, drafting all forms of contracts and agreements. Bennett was elected as the Gold Coast Ambassador from 2002 to 2004, is the chairman of The Southport School (TSS) Audit and Risk Committee and former chairman of the Gold Coast Community Fund. He joined the GC SUNS board in May 2016.



Marie Festa

Marie Festa has over 25 years' experience in corporate, not-for-profit and ASX listed companies. She has held various roles including CEO and executive management positions in the areas of corporate affairs, stakeholder engagement, crisis management, investor relations, government relations, sustainability, human resources, change management and innovation. She was also the

CEO of the not-for-profit organisation, Chief Executive Women. Marie has extensive experience in multi-faceted stakeholder communications and engagement, leading teams, and developing and executing strategies in large and complex environments. Her career spans several sectors including property, fintech, retail, mining, and transport logistics.



Damien Walker

Damien Walker was appointed to the SUNS board at the commencement of season 2022. Walker is an experienced executive who has a broad background in strategic planning, industry development and public policy. He was formerly Director-General of the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and

Planning, in the Queensland Government. Walker has also served on a number of boards in the areas of economic development, trade and investment.



Kurt Tippett

Originally from the Gold Coast, Kurt Tippett had a decorated 11-year AFL career with the Adelaide Crows and Sydney Swans, playing 178 games across both clubs. His career highlights include winning the leading goalkicker award at Adelaide in 2010, and Sydney in 2013. After retiring from AFL football, Tippett has forged a career in property and

business development in the Gold Coast region. He also spent time with the SUNS in 2021 as a part-time ruck coach. Tippett has a Master of Commerce degree from Sydney University and joined the SUNS board in 2023.



Jess Mellor

Jess Mellor joined the SUNS board in 2023 and is the former Chief Executive Officer for The Star Entertainment Group on the Gold Coast. Mellor has risen through the ranks in key roles at large scale integrated resort projects, earning herself the highly acclaimed award of AFR BOSS Young Executive of the Year in 2021. Mellor holds a number of

qualifications, including an Executive Masters in Business Administration, a Bachelor of Property and Sustainable Development, has graduated from the Australian Institute of Company Directors and is currently studying a Bachelor of Laws.



Mark Witheriff

Mark Witheriff joined the Gold Coast SUNS board in 2023 as one of the most prominent commercial property agents on the Gold Coast, with over 25 years of experience. Currently serving as Managing Director of CBRE's Gold Coast office, Mark is known for his unsurpassed track record in the sale of major assets on the Gold Coast, and

has successfully sold over \$2bn in commercial property in the region. Witheriff has lived and built business networks in South-East Asia and still travels extensively throughout the region, including China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Korea.



Helen Edwards

Helen Edwards joined the Gold Coast SUNS Board of Directors in June 2023. Edwards has two decades of experience in the audit and assurance industry on the Gold Coast, working as a Senior Audit Manager for Crowe Australasia, and more recently as Founder and Managing Director at Solitaire Audit Solutions. Edwards' extensive client

sector experience includes a wide range of for-profit and not-for-profit organisations. In addition to running her own practice, Edwards is currently contracted with the Queensland Audit Office as the Investigations Manager - Parliamentary Services Department. Edwards is Chair of the Finance and Audit subcommittee for the Gold Coast SUNS board.



COACHES & STAFF

Rhyce Shaw: Head Coach

Rhyce Shaw joined the Gold Coast in 2021 as Head of Development in the AFL program, before being appointed to Director of Coaching within the StreetSmarts SUNS Academy in 2023 and most recently promoted to SUNS AFLW Head Coach. Following a 237-game career at Collingwood and Sydney, which included three Grand Finals and a premiership in 2012, Shaw was appointed to

various coaching roles at the Sydney Swans and North Melbourne. After earning the NEAFL Coach of the Year in 2018, Shaw served as the Roos interim Senior Coach in 2019 before taking on the job full-time in 2020. Shaw's appointment as the SUNS AFLW Head Coach makes him the first person to lead both AFL and AFLW sides.



Sam Iles: Senior Assistant Coach

Sam Iles has a lengthy history with the GC SUNS having won the club's VFL best and fairest award in 2010 before playing 26 AFL matches during the club's first two seasons in the AFL competition. Iles has overseen the development of many of the club's local products and has held several positions in the

club's Academy including Development Coach and Head of Female Pathways, as well as Queensland U18 Women's Head Coach from 2019 – 2023. Having taken charge of the midfield since 2021, Iles was elevated to Senior Assistant Coach in 2023.



Chris Bryan: Head of Football Performance / Assistant Coach

Chris Bryan brings a unique pool of experience to the Gold Coast. The Carlton and Collingwood product served a stint in the NFL as a punter between 2010 – 2011, before returning to Australia where he was recruited as a Senior Playing Coach for Keysborough Football Club, followed by a stint

for Bonbeach Football Club. In 2021, Bryan was appointed as Director of Football at NTFL club Waratah. The former ruckman will take charge of the SUNS midfield and lead coaching education and development within the AFLW program.



Rory Thompson: Assistant Coach

Thompson is a Gold Coast SUNS Life Member after first joining the club as an 18-year-old before the club's 2009 TAC Cup season, going on to play 106 games across an injury-disrupted career. He has remained involved with the club since retiring in 2022 and since 2024 has taken charge of the defence as an AFLW Assistant Coach.

During his lengthy playing career as a key defender with the SUNS, Thompson finished a career-best fourth in the 2013 Club Champion, also winning the Most Improved Player and Most Professional Awards.



Michael Richardson: Development Coach

Richardson joins the SUNS coaching panel in 2025 from QAFL outfit Wiston Grange where he's served as Senior Assistant Coach since 2020.

He brings a wealth of experience to the club following a lengthy playing career in South-east Queensland.

Key Football Support Staff

High Performance Lead: Henry Hopwood

AFLW Physiotherapist: Jasmine Herlihy

Football Operations Coordinator: Ariana Reilly

Player Development Manager: Trish Walding

CAPTAINS





Season By Season Record

**Played finals*
^ Includes draw

Year	Played	Won	Lost	%	Position
2024*	11	1	9	54.7	17 th (18 Teams)
2023**	10	6	3	118	5 th (18 Teams)
2022 (S7)	10	5	5	88	9 th (18 Teams)
2022*	10	3	6	68.2	10 th (14 Teams)
2021	9	0	9	36.5	14 th (14 Teams)
2020**	6	2	3	101.3	4 th Conf A

Leadership Group

2020: Sam Virgo (c), Leah Kaslar (c), Jamie Stanton, Tiarna Ernst, Sally Riley
2021: Hannah Dunn (c), Sam Virgo (c), Jamie Stanton, Jade Pregelj, Sarah Perkins
2022: Hannah Dunn (c), Bess Keaney (vc), Jamie Stanton, Serene Watson
2022 (S7): Tara Bohanna (c), Bess Keaney (vc), Jamie Stanton (vc), Ellie Hampson
2023: Tara Bohanna (c), Jac Dupuy (vc), Bess Keaney (vc), Claudia Whitfort
2024: Tara Bohanna (c), Jac Dupuy (vc), Georgia Clayden, Charlie Rowbottom, Claudia Whitfort
2025: Niamh McLaughlin (c), Lucy Single (c), Georgia Clayden, Meara Girvan, Lily Mithen, Charlie Rowbottom, Jamie Stanton

Club Administrators

Season	Chairman	CEO	Head Coach	Captain/s
2020	Tony Cochrane	Mark Evans	David Lake	Sam Virgo Leah Kasler
2021	Tony Cochrane	Mark Evans	David Lake	Sam Virgo Hannah Dunn
2022	Tony Cochrane	Mark Evans	Cameron Joyce	Hannah Dunn
2022 (S7)	Tony Cochrane	Mark Evans	Cameron Joyce	Tara Bohanna
2023	Bob East	Mark Evans	Cameron Joyce	Tara Bohanna
2024	Bob East	Mark Evans	Cameron Joyce	Tara Bohanna
2025	Bob East	Mark Evans	Rhyce Shaw	Niamh McLaughlin Lucy Single

#1 Ticket Holders

Male: Bruce Coulson
Female: Jill Mathieson

Individual Records

BOLD DENOTES CURRENT SUNS PLAYER

Games Records (GC Suns)

58	Lauren Bella	2020 –
50	Daisy D’Arcy	2021 –
47	Lauren Ahrens	2020 – 2023
46	Jamie Stanton	2020 –
42	Tara Bohanna	2022 – 2024
40	Jac Dupuy	2022 –
40	Charlie Rowbottom	2022 –
40	Alison Drennan	2021 – 2023
39	Lucy Single	2021 –
39	Bess Keaney	2021 – 2023

Goals Records (GC Suns)

45	Tara Bohanna	2022 – 2024
30	Jac Dupuy	2022 –
28	Jamie Stanton	2020 –
20	Kalinda Howarth	2020 – 2023
9	Kate Surman	2020 – 2022
9	Sarah Perkins	2021 – 2022
8	Courtney Jones	2022
7	Claudia Whitfort	2022 –
6	Darcie Davies	2023 –
5	Ellie Hampson	2020 – 2022

Most goals in a match

6.2	Jamie Stanton	v WCE, R2 2023, People First Stadium
4.2	Tara Bohanna	v WCE, R2 2023, People First Stadium
4.0	Tara Bohanna	v Syd, FW1 2023, People First Stadium
4.0	Kalinda Howarth	v WCE, R6 2020, Mineral Resources Park
3.1	Jac Dupuy	v WCE, R2 2023, People First Stadium

Rising Star Nominations

BOLD DENOTES CURRENT SUNS PLAYER

Darcie Davies - R10, 2023
Daisy D’Arcy - R2, S7
Ellie Hampson - R6, 2022
Charlie Rowbottom - R2, 2022
Lauren Bella - R7, 2021
Kalinda Howarth - R3, 2020

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Charlie Rowbottom - 2024 - Rover (vice-captain)
Daisy D’Arcy - 2023 - Back flank
Charlie Rowbottom - 2023 - Centre (captain)
Daisy D’Arcy - 2023 - Back pocket
Charlie Rowbottom - S7 - Wing
Charlie Rowbottom - 2022 - Wing
Ellie Hampson - 2022 - Interchange
Claudia Whitfort - 2022 - Interchange
Lauren Bella - 2020 - Ruck
Kalinda Howarth - 2020 - Half-forward



Scoring Records

Highest Scores (Game)

15.9 (99)	v West Coast	R2 2023, People First Stadium
7.8 (50)	v Sydney	R8 2024, Henson Park
7.7 (49)	v Geelong	R6 2022, People First Stadium
7.7 (49)	v Sydney	R7 S7, Henson Park
7.6 (48)	v W Bulldogs	R4 2023, People First Stadium
7.6 (48)	v GWS Giants	R9 2023, People First Stadium
7.5 (47)	v West Coast	R2 S7, People First Stadium
7.4 (46)	v West Coast	R2 2022, Whitten Oval
7.4 (46)	v Port Adel	R5 S7, Bond University
7.3 (45)	v Port Adel	R8 2023, Alberton Oval
6.6 (42)	v Carlton	R9 S7, People First Stadium

Largest winning margins

73 points	v West Coast	R2 2023, People First Stadium
34 points	v Sydney	R7 S7, Henson Park
33 points	v West Coast	R2 S7, People First Stadium
31 points	v GWS	R9 2023, People First Stadium
27 points	v Carlton	R9 S7, People First Stadium
25 points	v West Coast	R6 2021, Mineral Resources Park
14 points	v St Kilda	R4 S7, Great Barrier Reef Arena
14 points	v Port Adel	R5 S7, Bond University
14 points	v Essendon	R10 2023, Great Barrier Reef Arena

Head-to-Head Records

Bold = record set in 2024

Against	P (W-L)	Highest Score	Lowest Score	Greatest Win-ning Margin	Greatest Los-ing Margin	Most Recent Meeting	Last Five
Adelaide	2 (0-2)	2.3 (15)	2.3 (15)		70	R5, 2023	LL
Brisbane	6 (0-1-5)	4.4 (28)	0.2 (2)		73	R7, 2024	LLLLL
Carlton	5 (1-4)	6.6 (42)	2.4 (16)	27	60	R2, 2024	LLWLL
Collingwood	2 (1-1)	5.3 (33)	3.6 (24)	12	3	R5, 2024	LW
Essendon	2 (1-1)	6.3 (39)	4.3 (27)	14	9	R6, 2024	LW
Fremantle	3 (0-3)	1.4 (10)	1.0 (6)		70	R12, 2022	LLL
Geelong	4 (1-3)	7.7 (49)	2.6 (18)	11	69	R4, 2024	LWLL
GWS	6 (1-1-4)	7.6 (48)	1.2 (8)	31	15	R3, 2024	DWLLL
Hawthorn	1 (0-1)	3.4 (22)			13	R6, 2024	L
Melbourne	3 (0-3)	5.5 (35)	1.3 (9)		49	R8, S7	LLL
North Melb	3 (0-3)	5.3 (34)	2.2 (14)		63	R10, 2024	LLL
Port Adelaide	3 (1-1-1)	7.4 (46)	3.6 (24)	14	34	R9, 2024	LDW
Richmond	5 (3-2)	5.9 (39)	3.1 (19)	11	15	R6, 2023	WLWLW
St Kilda	3 (1-2)	5.12 (42)	3.2 (20)	14	54	R1, 2024	LWL
Sydney	3 (2-1)	7.8 (50)	6.5 (41)	34	17	R8, 2024	WLW
West Coast	5 (4-1)	15.9 (99)	4.9 (33)	73	1	R2, 2023	WWWLW
West. Bulldogs	2 (1-1-0)	7.6 (48)	6.5 (41)	4		R4, 2023	WD

CLUB CHAMPION

AWARD WINNERS



Year	Club Champion	Runner-Up	Third Place
2024	Charlie Rowbottom	Daisy D'Arcy & Niamh McLaughlin	
2023	Claudia Whitfort	Charlie Rowbottom	Daisy D'Arcy
2022	Charlie Rowbottom	Alison Drennan	Claudia Whitfort
2022 (S7)	Alison Drennan	Charlie Rowbottom	Jamie Stanton
2021	Lauren Ahrens	Alison Drennan	Daisy D'Arcy
2020	Jamie Stanton	Lauren Ahrens	Jade Pregelj



Charlie Rowbottom - Club Champion (2024)

Players' Player

2024 – Daisy D'Arcy
 2023 – Maddy Brancatisano
 2022 (S7) – Georgia Clayden
 2022 (S6) – Daisy D'Arcy
 2021 – Daisy D'Arcy
 2020 – Jamie Stanton

Coach's Award

2024 – Meara Givan
 2023 – Bess Keaney
 2022 (S7) – Jac Dupuy
 2022 (S6) – Claudia Whitfort
 2021 – Emma Pittman
 2020 – Hannah Dunn

Most Professional

2024 – Sienna McMullen
 2023 – Maddy Brancatisano
 2022 (S7) – Bess Keaney
 2022 (S6) – Tara Bohanna
 2021 – Bess Keaney
 2020 – Tiarna Ernst

Leading Goalkicker

2024 – Tara Bohanna (9)
 2023 – Jamie Stanton (16)
 2022 (S7) – Tara Bohanna & Courtney Jones (8)
 2022 (S6) – Tara Bohanna (13)
 2021 – Maddison Levi, Leah Kaslar, Jamie Stanton, Sam Virgo, Kalinda Howarth & Sarah Perkins (3)
 2020 – Kalinda Howarth (9)

Members Player of the Year

2020 - Kalinda Howarth

Pre-AFLW Competition Awards

Women's Player of the Series

2024 – Tara Bohanna
 2023 – Jac Dupuy
 2019 – Kate Surman
 2018 – Jordan Membrey

Women's Best Emerging Player

2021 – Jade Pregelj
 2020 – Paige Parker

StreetSmarts SUNS Academy AFLW Graduates

- Kalinda Howarth
- Lauren Bella
- Tori Groves-Little
- Kitara Whap-Farrar
- Charlotte Hammans
- Ellie Hampson
- Taylor Smith
- Serene Watson
- Dee Heslop
- Georgia Breward
- Annise Bradfield
- Maddison Levi
- Lucy Single
- Daisy D'Arcy
- Wallis Randell
- Teagan Levi
- Giselle Davies
- Jasmyn Smith
- Kaylee Kimber
- Alana Gee
- Darcie Davies
- Sienna McMullen
- Kiara Bischa
- Havana Harris
- Heidi Talbot
- Mia Salisbury
- Nyalli Milne
- Tara Harrington



Season Review

Played: 11
Won: 1
Lost: 11
Finished: 17th

Played every game:
Lauren Bella
Tara Bohanna
Georgia Clayden
Annabel Kievit
Ella Maurer
Charlie Rowbottom
Charlotte Wilson

AFL Debuts (games played in brackets)
R1: Annabel Kievit (11)
R1: Kiara Bischa (7)
R3: Lauren McConville (3)
R5: Keely Fullerton (7)
R6: Taya Oliver (6)

Highest score: 7.8 (50) v Sydney, R8, Henson Park
Lowest score: 2.3 (15) v North Melbourne, R10, Arden Street
Greatest winning margin: 4 points v Sydney, R8, Henson Park
Greatest losing margin: 69 points v Geelong, R4, People First Stadium

Goals for: 42
Behinds for: 59
Points for: 311
Average score for: 28.28
Goals against: 80
Behinds against: 89
Points against: 569
Average score against: 51.73
Average winning margin: 4
Average losing margin: 29.11
Wins by 7+ points: 0
Wins by 1-6 points: 1

Latest Draft & Trade

2024 Trade Period

OUT: Tara Bohanna (Carlton), Alana Gee (delisted), Lauren McConville (delisted), Cara McCrossan (delisted), Jordan Membrey (delisted), Vivien Saad (delisted)

IN: Lily Mithen (Melbourne)

2024 Draft

IN: Havana Harris (Pick 2), Heidi Talbot (Pick 27), Mia Salisbury (Pick 29), Nyalli Milne (Pick 41), Tara Harrington (Pick 47)

2024 Club Champion

- 313 Charlie Rowbottom
- 258 Daisy D'Arcy
- 258 Niamh McLaughlin
- 234 Meara Girvan
- 227 Elise Barwick
- 225 Georgia Clayden
- 223 Jac Dupuy
- 221 Lauren Bella
- 216 Clara Fitzpatrick
- 213 Charlotte Wilson

2024 AFLW Best & Fairest Votes

- 9 Charlie Rowbottom
- 5 Lucy Single
- 4 Niamh McLaughlin
- 2 Claudia Whitfort

2024 AFLW Honours

Charlie Rowbottom All-Australian (interchange)

2024 Stats Leaders

Goals		Tackles	
9.7	Tara Bohanna	87	Charlie Rowbottom
8.7	Jac Dupuy	61	Lucy Single
4.7	Jamie Stanton	52	Daisy D'Arcy
4.3	Taya Oliver	48	Claudia Whitfort
3.3	Darcie Davies	33	Elise Barwick
Disposals		Clearances	
306	Charlie Rowbottom	84	Charlie Rowbottom
165	Claudia Whitfort	43	Claudia Whitfort
165	Lucy Single	36	Lucy Single
158	Daisy D'Arcy	24	Lauren Bella
144	Niamh McLaughlin	22	Daisy D'Arcy

Marks

- 43 Charlie Rowbottom
- 35 Jac Dupuy
- 32 Georgia Clayden
- 30 Tara Bohanna
- 26 Ella Maurer

#	Player Name	Ht	DOB	Debut	Junior Club	Senior Club	Games		Goals	
							2024	Career	2024	Career
1	Annabel Kievit	176	22/09/2005	Rd 1, 2024		Waratah	11	11	1	1
2	Lauren Bella	188	12/09/2000	Rd 1, 2019	Sarina Demons	Bond University	11	61	0	1
3	Darcie Davies	184	14/06/2005	Rd 1, 2023	Southport Sharks	Southport Sharks	10	20	3	6
4	Claudia Whitfort	170	31/07/1999	Rd 5, 2018		St Mary's	8	52	2	9
5	Maddy Brancatisano	169	05/09/2000	Rd 1, 2020	Montmorency/Northern Knights		6	49	0	1
6	Elise Barwick	169	31/03/1999	Rd 6, 2023		North Hobart/South Adelaide	10	15	2	2
7	Katie Lynch	180	06/04/2000	Rd 2, 2019	Camberwell/Kew Rovers/Oakleigh Chargers	Collingwood VFLW	8	50	0	1
8	Charlie Rowbottom	179	22/01/2003	Rd 1, 2022	East Malvern Knights/Oakleigh Chargers		11	40	0	3
9	Clara Fitzpatrick	184	01/10/1990	Rd 1, 2020	Morwell (Vic)/Gippsland U18	Bryansford GAC/Southern Saints	11	31	1	1
10	Ella Maurer	169	01/02/2002	Rd 4, S7	North Launceston	Old Scotch Collegians	11	15	2	2
11	Niamh McLaughlin	157	31/08/1993	Rd 1, 2023		Moville GAA Club	10	21	0	4
12	Havana Harris	182	01/07/2006	NA	Burleigh Bombers	Bond University	-	-	-	-
13	Lucy Single	174	28/09/2002	Rd 1, 2021	Burleigh Bombers	Bond University	8	39	1	2
14	Lily Mithen	158	02/03/1998	Rd 1, 2017	Newtown & Chillwell	North Geelong (VFLW)	11	82	0	8
15	Wallis Randell	170	14/07/2021	Rd 5, 2021		Mackay Magpies/Bond University	10	36	0	0
16	Ella Smith	169	27/05/2004	Rd 1, 2023	Sandgate	Aspley	4	5	1	1
17	Jamie Stanton	166	07/11/1995	Rd 1, 2017		Coolangatta-Tweed Heads	10	69	4	28
18	Georgia Clayden	176	01/06/1995	Rd 1, S7		Ainslie	11	32	1	3
19	Mia Salisbury	169	27/06/2006	NA	Coolangatta Tweed	Bond University	-	-	-	-
20	Daisy D'Arcy	167	12/12/2002	Rd 1, 2021		Hermit Park	10	50	1	1
21	Heidi Talbot	160	18/12/2006	NA	North Cairns/Cairns City	North Cairns/Bond University	-	-	-	-
22	Charlotte Wilson	177	29/12/2000	Rd 5, 2019	Monbulk/Ferntree Gully	Eastern Ranges/Southern Saints	11	41	0	0
23	Sienna McMullen	165	15/07/2005	NA	Burleigh Bombers	Bond University	-	-	-	-
25	Meara Girvan	176	17/09/1997	Rd 1, 2023		Glenelg/Bond University	9	19	1	2
26	Kiara Bischa	174	15/04/2005	Rd 1, 2024	Burleigh Bombers	Bond University	7	7	0	0
27	Jacqueline Dupuy	181	19/07/1994	Rd 1, 2022		Cairns Saints/Maroodyhore Roos	10	40	8	30
28	Tara Harrington	167	24/03/2006	NA	Palm Beach Currumbin/Broadbeach	Bond University	-	-	-	-
29	Nyalli Milne	171	26/05/2006	NA	Burleigh Bombers	Bond University	-	-	-	-
30	Keely Fullerton	161	30/01/2005	Rd 4, 2024	Eaglehawk/Bendigo Pioneers		7	7	0	0
32	Tayla Gregory	184	06/07/1997	NA		Southport Sharks	-	-	-	-
33	Ellie Veerhuis	172	18/01/2006	NA	Figtree AFC	Figtree AFC/UNSW Eastern Suburbs	-	-	-	-
44	Taya Oliver	173	17/10/2001	Rd 5, 2024		Coorparoo	6	6	4	4

1 ANNABEL KIEVIT

Forward

Personal Info

DOB: 22/9/2005

Height: 176cm

Home Territory: Northern Territory

Position: Forward

Indigenous/Multicultural background: German

Nickname: Bel

Name Pronunciation: Anna-bell Kee-vit

Bio

Kievit played all 11 matches in her debut season for the SUNS, making the wing position her own. Her athleticism and kick penetration as well as a quick turn of speed and ability to impact both in the air and on the ground continues to provide options for her coaches. She is one of eight Territorians on the club's AFL & AFLW lists.

Football Background

Senior club: Waratah

AFLW Games: 11

AFLW Goals: 1

Debut: Round 1, 2024

Fun Facts

- Kievit is fluent in German.
- Kievit played all 11 games for the SUNS after debuting in Round 1, 2024 and made the wing position her own.
- Boasting outstanding athleticism and ability to complete at ground level as well, she made her NTFL debut as a 16-year-old.
- Pre-game ritual includes putting on right sock, left sock, right boot, left boot in that order.

Instagram: @annabelk2



2 LAUREN BELLA

Ruck

Personal Info

DOB: 12/9/2000

Height: 188cm

Home State: Queensland

Position: Ruck

Nickname: Loz, Lolo, Lo

Name Pronunciation: Lauren Bella

Bio

Hailing from Sarina, south of Mackay, Bella came through the StreetSmarts SUNS Academy before spending one season with Brisbane prior to Gold Coast's acceptance into the League. As one of the premier rucks in the AFLW competition, Bella averaged career best averages in hitouts (27.7 per game), disposals (8.2 per game) and clearances (2.2 per game) in 2024.

Football Background

Junior club: Sarina Demons

Senior club: Bond University/StreetSmarts SUNS Academy

AFLW Games: 61

AFLW Goals: 1

Debut: Round 1, 2019

Previous AFLW Club/s: Brisbane Lions (3 games; 2019)

AFLW Honours: 22Under22 team (2020), Rising Star nominee (Round 7, 2021)

Fun fact:

- Bella is the only player to have played every AFLW match in the club's history.
- Bella is the Gold Coast SUNS' AFLW games record holder and is just one of two players to have played more than 50 games in SUNS colours.
- She has also represented Queensland in Netball.

Instagram: @laurenn_bella



Personal Info

DOB: 14/6/2005
Height: 184cm
Home State: Queensland
Position: Key Forward/Ruck
Nickname: Darce
Name Pronunciation: Dar-see Dave-iss

Bio

Davies played the first 20 matches straight of her AFLW career, missing just the final round match in 2024. Standing at 184cm, the second youngest of four Davies sisters is incredibly competitive at ground level and provides versatility with the ability to play both ruck and as a key forward.

Football Background

Junior club: Southport Sharks
Senior club: Southport Sharks/StreetSmarts SUNS Academy
AFLW Games: 20
AFLW Goals: 6
Debut: Round 1, 2023
AFLW Honours: Rising Star nominee (Round 10, 2023)

Fun Facts

- Davies' father Darren was a junior international rugby union player for Wales.
- A junior multi-sport prodigy, Davies represented Australia in Netball at Under 17 level and was previously a member of the AFLW Academy.
- She played a range of sports growing up including Aussie Rules, Netball, Karate, Swimming, Touch Football, Little Athletics and Dancing.
- She is one of three Davies sisters on AFLW lists alongside Giselle (Sydney Swans) and Fleur (GWS Giants). Younger sister Georgia is a member of the StreetSmarts SUNS Academy.

Instagram: @darciedaviess



Personal Info

DOB: 31/7/1999
Height: 170cm
Home State: Victoria
Position: Midfielder
Nickname: Clauds
Name Pronunciation: Clor-dee-ah Whit-fit

Bio

Off the back of a career-best season in 2023, Whitfort had an interrupted 2024 campaign, missing the SUNS condensed fixture period through concussion. She was influential in her eight games in midfield, averaging 20.6 disposals and six tackles per game. She signed a four-year extension early in 2023 and is contracted at the club until the end of 2027.

Football Background

Senior club: St Mary's
AFLW Games: 52
AFLW Goals: 9
Debut: Round 5, 2018
Previous AFLW Club/s: Melbourne (4 games; 2018-19), St Kilda (10 games; 2020-21)
AFLW Honours: AFLW Best & Fairest runner-up (2023), Club Champion (2023), Club Champion third place (Season Seven), SUNS Coach's Award (2022), All-Australian squad (2023), 22Under22 team (2022), SUNS leadership group (2023, 2024)

Fun Facts

- Whitfort is currently completing a Masters degree in Cyber Security.
- She played a number of sports including Aussie Rules, Netball, Surf Live Saving and Athletics growing up.
- Whitfort was originally drafted to Melbourne as a netballer following a RookieMe combine event for athletes in other sports.
- Her pre-game ritual includes pasta & ice-cream the night before a game.
- Whitfort became engaged to long-time partner Callum during the off-season.

Instagram: @claudia_whitfort



Personal Info

DOB: 5/9/2000
Height: 169cm
Home State: Victoria
Position: Midfielder
Nickname: Brancs, Puma cat
Name Pronunciation: Mad-ee Bran-cat-iss-ar-no

Bio

Now heading into her fourth season on the Gold Coast and as one of the team's most experienced players with eight campaigns under her belt, Brancatisano is one of the SUNS' finest around the contest and will be looking to get back to her ball-winning best from the 2023 campaign. She's contracted on the Gold Coast for the next two seasons.

Football Background

Junior Club: Montmorency/Northern Knights
AFLW Games: 49
AFLW Goals: 1
Debut: Round 1, 2020
Previous AFLW Club/s: Melbourne (0 games; 2019), Richmond (32 games; 2020-2022)
AFLW Honours: SUNS Players' Player (2023), SUNS Most Professional (2023)

Fun Facts

- Brancatisano's Godfather is Australian Basketball legend Andrew Gaze.
- Brancatisano lives with teammate Meara Girvan and SUNS AFL star Bailey Humphrey.
- She is a former VIC Metro representative in both Aussie Rules and Basketball, also reaching NBL1 level as a basketballer.

Instagram: @maddybranc



Personal Info

DOB: 31/3/1999
Height: 169cm
Home State: Tasmania
Position: Forward
Nickname: Saucey
Name Pronunciation: E-lease Bar-wick

Bio

Barwick made an immediate impact after joining the club as an injury replacement player in 2023 and has missed just two games since debuting through concussion and injury respectively. Known for her speed, agility and aerobic endurance, she won a second consecutive 2km time trial in pre-season and possesses the qualities to play across all three lines.

Football Background

Senior Club: North Hobart/South Adelaide
AFLW Games: 15
AFLW Goals: 2
Debut: Round 6, 2023

Fun Facts

- Her nickname 'Saucey' is derived from the 'wick' part of her surname (Bar-wick → John Wick → soy wick → soy sauce → saucey)
- Known as one of the club's finest runners, Barwick has won the previous two 2km time trials.
- Barwick won four Tasmanian State League Premierships with Glenorchy and North Hobart, and was best-on-ground in the North's 2022 Premiership.

Instagram: @elisebarwick



Personal Info

DOB: 6/4/2000
Height: 180cm
Home State: Victoria
Position: Key Defender
Nickname: Lynchy
Name Pronunciation: Kay-tee Linch

Bio

One of the AFLW's premier key defenders who will be eyeing more consistency after a couple of injury hampered seasons. Lynch is a strong overhead mark, brings a wealth of experience to the SUNS defensive line and will have a key impact as the SUNS launch a new era having signed a contract extension until the end of 2027.

Football Background

Junior club: Camberwell/Kew Rovers/Oakleigh Chargers
Senior Club: Collingwood VFLW
AFLW Games: 50
AFLW Goals: 1
Debut: Round 2, 2019
Previous AFLW Club/s: Collingwood (7 games; 2019-2020), Western Bulldogs (35 games; 2021-2023)
AFLW Honours: All-Australian (Season Seven)

Fun Facts

- Lynch said she first envisioned one day playing for the SUNS as a teenager whilst playing representative footy on the Gold Coast.
- Lynch played junior football alongside boys until she was 14 years old, winning the Yarra Junior Football League best and fairest in Under 11s.
- In Season Seven, she took the second-most marks across the AFLW and was named in the 22Under22 and All-Australian teams.
- Lynch signed a four-year contract upon joining the SUNS, securing her future at the club until the end of 2027.

Instagram: @katielynchy



Personal Info

DOB: 22/1/2003
Height: 179cm
Home State: Victoria
Position: Midfielder
Nickname: Chuck, Rowie
Name Pronunciation: Char-lee Row-bottom

Bio

The 2021 No.1 draft pick took her game to another level in 2024, solidifying her position as one of the league's best midfielders by securing a second straight All-Australian berth. She led the league for contested possessions (17.7 per game) and broke the record for the most clearances recorded in a home-and-away season (84), also averaging a career high tally in disposals (27.8 avg). Once again, she holds an official leadership role in 2025 and is signed on until the end of 2026.

Football Background

Junior Club: East Malvern Knights/Oakleigh Chargers
AFLW Games: 40
AFLW Goals: 3
Debut: Round 1, 2022
AFLW Honours: 2x All-Australian (2023, 2024), All-Australian squad (Season Seven), Club Champion (Season Seven, 2024), 2x Club Champion runner-up (2022, 2023), 4x 22Under22 team (2022, Season Seven, 2023 - captain, 2024 - vice captain), SUNS leadership group (2024, 2025)

Fun Facts

- The former No. 1 draft pick is a keen surfer and photographer.
- Rowbottom has never finished lower than second in the Club Champion award, winning her second best & fairest award in 2024.
- She has established herself as one of the AFLW's most dominant midfielders, leading the league for contested possessions in both of the last two AFLW seasons.

Instagram: @charlie.rowbottom



Personal Info

DOB: 1/10/1990
Height: 184cm
Home State: Ireland
Position: Defender
Indigenous/Multicultural background: Irish
Nickname: Claz, Fitzy
Name Pronunciation: Clar-rar Fitz-pat-trick

Bio

One of two Irishwomen on the SUNS list who only first touched a football in 2016, Fitzpatrick's versatile skillset enables her to play in key positions right across the ground. Deployed most commonly as a defender in her first two seasons at the SUNS, she showed capacity to swing forward in 2025, kicking her first AFLW goal.

Football Background

Senior Club: Bryansford GAC/Southern Saints
AFLW Games: 31
AFLW Goals: 1
Debut: Round 1, 2020
Previous AFLW Club/s: St Kilda (12 games; 2020, 2022)

Fun Facts

- Fitzpatrick played Gaelic Football for Australasia at the 2019 World Games.
- Fitzpatrick first picked up the Sherrin after travelling to Melbourne on her vacation-turned-temporary-residency in 2016, winning St Kilda's Coaches' Award in her inaugural season at the elite level.
- One of two Irishwomen in the squad, Fitzpatrick has close ties to the Irish community on the Gold Coast and is regularly seen assisting local Gaelic Football side Gold Coast Gaels.
- If she could have dinner with 3 people, she would invite Dan Carter, Brian O'Driscoll and Ryan Reynolds.

Instagram: @clarafitz1



Personal Info

DOB: 1/2/2002
Height: 169cm
Home State: Tasmania
Position: Forward
Nick Name: Ell
Name Pronunciation: Ella More-rah

Bio

Having played five matches prior to last season, Maurer had a breakout season in 2024, playing in all 11 matches and recording several career-best averages in a role split between the forward line and on-ball. The young Tasmanian is clean both by hand and foot and is one to watch in 2025 after a strong pre-season under new Head Coach Rhyce Shaw.

Football Background

Junior club: North Launceston
Senior club: Old Scotch Collegians
AFLW Games: 16
AFLW Goals: 2
Debut: Round 4, Season 7
Previous AFLW Club/s: North Melbourne (1 game; 2022)

Fun Facts

- Maurer competed in Aussie Rules, Netball, Touch Football, Athletics and Dancing growing up.
- Maurer is an inside midfielder known for her contested abilities, power, and clean hands.
- After five matches in three seasons at two clubs, Maurer was a mainstay in the SUNS side in 2024 playing in all 11 matches.
- Her bucket list includes skydiving and travelling Europe.

Instagram: @ellamaurer



Personal Info

DOB: 31/8/1993

Height: 157cm

Home State: Ireland

Position: Defender

Indigenous/Multicultural background: Irish

Nickname: Steve

Name Pronunciation: Neeve Mc-lock-lin

Bio

A rare tri-code athlete, McLaughlin hasn't taken a backwards step with the Sherrin in hand and her trademark run and flare off half-back has seen the former soccer and Gaelic football star become a fan favourite. In 2024, she finished as runner-up in the SUNS Club Champion and in 2025 will become the first Irish-born captain of an AFLW club.

Football Background:

Senior club: Moville GAA Club

AFLW Games: 20

AFLW Goals: 4

Debut: Round 1, 2023

AFLW Honours: Club Champion runner-up (2024), Gold Coast SUNS captain (2025), SUNS leadership group (2025)

Fun Facts

- McLaughlin is the first Irish-born captain at either AFL or AFLW level.
- McLaughlin has missed just one match since debuting in 2023, leading the league for average bounces in that time.
- McLaughlin has captained her county Donegal in Gaelic Football and was the GAA Ladies Footballer of the Year in 2022.
- She has also represented English soccer giants Newcastle and Sunderland.

Instagram: @_niamhmclaughlin



Personal Info

DOB: 1/7/2006

Height: 182cm

Home State: Queensland

Position: Forward/Ruck

Nickname: Hav

Name Pronunciation: Hav-anna Harris

Bio

Joining her hometown club as one of the highest touted rookies in the league, StreetSmarts Academy prospect and Pick No.2 in the 2024 Telstra AFLW Draft is set to soar at the SUNS. The 19-year-old's explosive speed combined with her tremendous vertical jump, equips her to play her role in the ruck, on the ground in the middle and provide a target in the forward line for the SUNS.

Football Background

Junior club: Burleigh Bombers

Senior club: Bond University/StreetSmarts SUNS Academy

Debut: Yet to debut

AFLW Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy Player of the Year (2024)

Fun Facts

- A multi-talented athlete, Harris grew up competing in Nippers, tennis and Oztag but it was Athletics where she really excelled - representing Queensland and earning gold at the national level for high jump.
- Harris loves surfing and beach camping.
- Harris won back-to-back Under 18 All-Australians in 2023 and 2024 and was the Under 18 National carnival's MVP as a bottom-ager in 2023.

Instagram: @havana_harris_



Personal Info

DOB: 28/9/2002
Height: 174cm
Home State: Queensland
Position: Midfielder
Nickname: Sucy
Name Pronunciation: Loo-see Sin-gull

Bio

Single had a breakout season in 2023 before taking another step forward in 2024, recording a career-high 20.6 disposals whilst also playing key shut down roles where required. Regarded as one of the AFLW's most athletic players, the StreetSmarts SUNS Academy product will become the first Gold Coaster and Academy graduate to captain the Gold Coast SUNS in 2025.

Football Background

Junior Club: Burleigh Bombers
Senior Club: Bond University/StreetSmarts SUNS Academy
AFLW Games: 39
AFLW Goals: 2
Debut: Round 1, 2021
AFLW Honours: Gold Coast SUNS captain (2025), SUNS leadership group (2025)

Fun Facts

- Single represented Queensland in rugby and competed at Worlds for Surf Life Saving.
- Single boasts exceptional speed and agility with a background in rugby sevens and beach sprinting and was voted by a majority of teammates as the 'MVP of the gym.'
- After just 12 matches in two seasons in 2022, Single has become a mainstay in the SUNS midfield, missing just a handful of matches through injury in recent seasons.
- In 2024, she penned the joint-longest contract extension signed by a StreetSmarts SUNS Academy player, locking her in until 2027.

Instagram: @lucyysinglee



Personal Info

DOB: 2/3/1998
Height: 158cm
Home State: Victoria
Position: Midfielder
Nickname: Lil
Name Pronunciation: Lil-lee Mith-en

Bio

Mithen arrives at the SUNS following a storied career at Melbourne, dating back to the league's inaugural season. What the midfielder lacks in size, she more than makes up for in grit with a fearless approach making her a standout at the contest. She brings a wealth of experience to the SUNS and forms part of a new-look leadership group in 2025.

Football Background

Junior Club: Newton & Chilwell
Senior Club: North Geelong VFLW
AFLW Games: 82
AFLW Goals: 8
Debut: Round 1, 2017
Previous AFLW Club/s: Melbourne (82 games; 2017-2024)
AFLW Honours: Premiership player (Season Seven), All-Australian squad (2017), 2x Melbourne Best Club Person, SUNS leadership group (2025)

Fun Facts

- Mithen is the most experienced player on the SUNS AFLW list (82 games) and is the only premiership player at the club.
- She estimates she owns more than 75 playing guernseys throughout her AFLW and junior football careers.
- In 2011, Lily dominated the Under 14s league as the only female player, securing the Best and Fairest Award.

Instagram: @lilygracemithen



Personal Info

DOB: 14/7/2001
Height: 170cm
Home State: Queensland
Position: Defender
Nickname: Wally
Name Pronunciation: Woll-iss Ran-dell

Bio

Known for her defensive pressure, Randell has become a mainstay in the SUNS defence missing just three matches in as many seasons. Hailing from Mackay, the talented dual-sport athlete debuted in the 2021 season, and has since been involved in 36 matches at AFLW level.

Football Background

Senior club: Mackay Magpies/Bond University/StreetSmarts SUNS Academy
AFLW Games: 36
AFLW Goals: 0
Debut: Round 5, 2021

Fun Facts

- Her pre-game ritual includes texting her Grandma the colour of her boots and ribbon.
- Randell extended her contract in pre-season and is signed until the end of the 2025 season.
- A former Queensland representative in both Aussie Rules and Basketball, she moved to the Gold Coast to study and has graduated university with a Bachelor of Nursing.
- She can recount the first 25 numbers of Pi.

Instagram: @wallis_randell



Personal Info

DOB: 27/5/2004
Height: 169cm
Home State: Queensland
Position: Midfielder
Nickname: Chips
Name Pronunciation: Ella Smith

Bio

A speedy inside midfielder, Smith provided plenty of spark around the contest during four games in her first season on the Gold Coast in 2024. Her strengths lie on the inside with her ability to get her hands on the ball and clear congestion part of her repertoire.

Football Background

Junior Club: Sandgate
Senior Club: Aspley
AFLW Games: 5
AFLW Goals: 1
Debut: Round 1, 2023
Previous AFLW Club/s: Brisbane Lions (1 game; 2023)

Fun Facts

- Smith is a four-time U19 national rowing champion and was selected in the U19 Australian team in 2021.
- In the three years before being drafted, Smith juggled rowing and football training commitments, excelling in both sports.
- She is a former Lions and AFLW Academy member, and was among the top 10 runners in the 2km time trial at the 2022 Draft Combine.
- She recorded the second most disposals (39) of any players who played at least two games at the 2022 AFLW Under 18 Championships.

Instagram: @ella_ssmith



Personal Info

DOB: 7/11/1995
Height: 166cm
Home State: Queensland
Position: Forward
Nickname: Stanno
Name Pronunciation: Jay-mee Stan-tin

Bio

A tough-as-nails midfielder who has developed into a crafty and intelligent small forward in recent seasons. She is one of the club's most experienced players and is on the verge of 75 AFLW games in 2025 despite several serious injury setbacks throughout her career. One of the best ball-winners at the club, Stanton is equally as skilled as a forward and knows how to hit the scoreboard, giving great flexibility to her game. She returns to the leadership group in 2025.

Football Background

Senior Club: Coolangatta Tweed-Heads
AFLW Games: 69
AFLW Goals: 28
Debut: Round 1, 2027
Previous AFLW Club/s: Brisbane Lions (16 games; 2017-18), North Melbourne (7 games; 2019)
AFLW Honours: All-Australian squad (2020), Club Champion (2020), 2x SUNS Leading Goalkicker (2021, 2023), SUNS Players' Player (2020), SUNS leadership group (2020, 2021, 2022, S7)

Fun Facts

- Stanton has coached Queensland to consecutive State Game wins over Tasmania in 2022 and 2024.
- Stanton is in contention to become the first player to reach 75 AFLW games whilst playing for the Gold Coast SUNS.
- She is one of two remaining foundations players at the SUNS and was the club's first-ever AFLW Club Champion in 2020.
- Stanton holds the club record for most goals kicked in a single game (six).
- She has represented Queensland in Indoor Netball and was an Australian Schoolgirls representative in Soccer.

Instagram: @jamie_stanton



Personal Info

DOB: 1/6/1995
Height: 176cm
Home State: ACT
Position: Midfielder
Nickname: Claydo, Doughy
Name Pronunciation: Jor-ja Clay-den

Bio

Clayden is one of the most infectious personalities within the SUNS squad and has become one of the club's most consistent contributors. She is most often seen on a wing with a strong aerobic base stemming from a storied multi-sport upbringing, having also added the ability to hit the scoreboard in recent seasons. She's contracted until 2026 and forms part of the SUNS leadership group for a second time in 2025.

Football Background

Senior Club: Ainslie
AFLW Games: 32
AFLW Goals: 3
Debut: Round 1, Season 7
AFLW Honours: SUNS Players' Player (Season Seven), SUNS leadership group (2024, 2025)

Fun Facts

- Clayden represented Australia at under-age level in Netball as was involved in four Australian tours in Volleyball.
- Clayden hasn't missed a match for the SUNS since making her AFLW debut in Season Seven (32 consecutive), also winning Players' Player in her first season.
- She is a prolific all-round sporting talent who represented ACT in Aussie Rules, Cross Country, Netball and Volleyball.
- Clayden is also a keen surfer and married long-time partner Simon earlier in 2025.

Instagram: @georgiaclayden



Personal Info

DOB: 27/6/2006

Height: 169cm

Home Territory: Queensland

Position: Midfielder/Defender

Nickname: Sally

Name Pronunciation: Mee-ah Soriz-bree

Bio

Salisbury is a composed ball-winner who after playing the majority of her upbringing as a rebound defender, excelled on-ball in her draft year. Her clean hands, defensive pressure and ability to read the play provides plenty of options for Salisbury to be deployed in her first year at the SUNS.

Football Background

Junior Club: Tweed Coolangatta

Senior Club: Burleigh/StreetSmarts SUNS Academy

Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- Salisbury is the only Coolangatta/Tweed Junior AFC product to feature in the SUNS list.
- The young SUN started her footy journey at just six years old, competing in the mixed competition, prior to joining the StreetSmarts SUNS Academy at 14 years of age.
- Mia competed in the 2024 QAFLW grand final for the Bond University Bull Sharks and earned a Reserves premiership in 2023.
- Pre game ritual includes styling her hair the same way every game, and pumping the likes of AC/DC and Metallica

Instagram: @miaa.salisbury



Personal Info

DOB: 12/12/2002

Height: 167cm

Home State: Queensland

Position: Defender

Nickname: Dizz

Name Pronunciation: Day-zee Dar-see

Bio

D'Arcy is a versatile and combative defender who's added the ability to hit the scoreboard and contribute on-ball to her repertoire in recent seasons. She's a two-time 22Under22 team representative who will unfortunately be sidelined for the 2025 season as she recovers from an ACL injury. The North Queenslander is contracted to the SUNS until the end of 2026.

Football Background

Senior Club: Hermit Park/StreetSmarts SUNS Academy

AFLW Games: 50

AFLW Goals: 2

Debut: Round 1, 2021

AFLW Honours: Club Champion runner-up (2024), 2x Club Champion third place (2021, 2023), 3x SUNS Players' Player (2021, 2022, 2024), All-Australian squad (2023), Rising Star nominee (Round 2, Season Seven), AFLPA Most Courageous award third place (2024), 2x 22Under22 team (2023, 2024)

Fun Facts

- D'Arcy has represented Queensland in no less than four sports – Aussie Rules, Rugby 7s, Soccer and Cricket.
- D'Arcy is a three-time SUNS AFLW Players' Player award winner and has finished on the Club Champion podium on three occasions.
- In 2024, she finished third in the AFL Players' Association Most Courageous Award.
- Last season she recorded career-best averages in disposals, clearances, inside 50s and tackles.

Instagram: @dizzydarcy



Personal Info

DOB: 18/12/2006

Height: 160cm

Home State: Queensland

Position: Forward

Indigenous/Multicultural background: Torres Strait Islander

Nickname: Heids

Name Pronunciation: High-dee Tal-bot

Bio

The electric Cairns product talent is a well-balanced, hard-running utility who starred for the SUNS Academy in 2024 after earning the opportunity to represent Queensland in 2023. She averaged 20.8 disposals, seven tackles and three inside 50s in the Coates Talent League. She is now inactive for the 2025 season due to a shoulder injury.

Football Background

Junior Club: North Cairns/Cairns City

Senior Club: North Cairns/Bond University/StreetSmarts SUNS Academy

Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- Talbot is the only player on the list to hail from Cairns.
- She now joins fellow North Queensland products Daisy D'Arcy, Lauren Bella and Wallis Randell on the SUNS list.
- Off field, Heidi recently completed a Certificate III in Business.

Instagram: @heiditalbot_



Personal Info

DOB: 29/12/2000

Height: 177cm

Home State: Victoria

Position: Defender

Nickname: Shar, Willa

Name Pronunciation: Shar-lot Wil-son

Bio

A strong lockdown defender, Wilson strengthened the SUNS defensive set up and added plenty of experience ahead of the 2023 season. One of several players to play every match, the mobile key defender was utilised often as the SUNS deepest defensive pillar and will continue to be tasked with lining up on some of the league's finest forwards.

Football Background

Junior Club: Monbulk/Ferntree Gully

Senior Club: Eastern Ranges/Southern Saints

AFLW Games: 41

AFLW Goals: 0

Debut: Round 5, 2019

Previous AFLW Club/s: Carlton (22 games; 2019-2022), Melbourne (8 games; 2022-2023)

AFLW Honours: Rising Star nominee (Round 5, 2020)

Fun Facts

- Wilson works part-time as an instructor at BFT Miami.
- Wilson made her debut part way through 2019, reaching a Grand Final with Carlton in just her fifth AFLW game. She is one of three SUNS - alongside Lily Mithen and Jamie Stanton to have played in an AFLW Grand Final.
- Standing at 177cm, she's not only strong in the contest with a clean overheard mark, but more mobile than most key defenders.
- After just 11 matches in the previous three seasons, Wilson has become a mainstay in the SUNS defence, playing all 11 matches in her first season at the club.

Instagram: @charlotte_wilsonn_





Personal Info

DOB: 15/7/2005
Height: 165cm
Home State: Queensland
Position: Midfielder
Nickname: CC
Name Pronunciation: See-en-na Mc-Mull-en

Bio

Now into her second season in the AFLW, McMullen will be eyeing a debut after spending 2024 on the sidelines as she recovered from an ACL injury. Her strengths include her agility, speed and aerobic capacity, with her ability to hit targets under pressure a trait seen throughout her draft year and in pre-season.

Football Background

Junior club: Burleigh Bombers
Senior Club: Bond University/StreetSmarts SUNS Academy
Debut: Yet to debut
AFLW Honours: SUNS Most Professional (2024)

Fun Facts

- McMullen has represented Australia in OzTag.
- McMullen moved to the Gold Coast in 2020 and trialed for the StreetSmarts SUNS Academy after it was recommended by a family friend.
- Despite not playing a match, she was named as the SUNS Most Professional in her first season on the list.
- She would like to be an upper limb therapy specialist beyond her career after breaking her hand numerous times growing up.

Instagram: @sienna_mcm



Personal Info

DOB: 17/9/1997
Height: 176cm
Home State: South Australia
Position: Defender
Nickname: Miz
Name Pronunciation: Meer-ra Ger-vin

Bio

Known as a superb reader of the play, Girvan's strengths include her defensive pressure and intercepting capabilities. After joining the SUNS through the 2023 Supplementary Draft, Girvan has missed just three games in two seasons on the list, developing into one of the league's finest intercept defenders in 2024. She is contracted until 2026 and moves into the club's leadership group for the first time in 2025.

Football Background

Senior Club: Glenelg/Bond University
AFLW Games: 19
AFLW Goals: 2
Debut: Round 1, 2023
AFLW Honours: Coach's Award (2024), SUNS leadership group (2025)

Fun Facts

- Girvan didn't play her first season of Aussie Rules until 2021.
- Girvan has an elite netball background as well as winning a SANFLW premiership with Glenelg in her first season as a footballer.
- Game day ritual includes taking her dog, Daisy for a walk.
- She lives with teammate Maddy Brancatiscano and AFL player Bailey Humphrey.

Instagram: @mearagirvan



Personal Info

DOB: 15/4/2005
Height: 171cm
Home State: Queensland
Position: Defender
Nickname: Bish
Name Pronunciation: Kee-ar-ra Bish-ah

Bio

Bischa has a lot of traits that both stand out for a lockdown defender, and an offensive defender, with a strong two-way game. The former StreetSmarts SUNS Academy Player of the Year played seven matches in her debut season and is ultra-competitive with a clean pair of hands, whilst her second efforts following contests are a cornerstone of her game.

Football Background

Junior Club: Burleigh Bombers
Senior Club: Bond University/StreetSmarts SUNS Academy
AFLW Games: 7
Debut: Round 1, 2024
AFLW Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy Player of the Year (2023)

Fun Facts

- She aspires to be a forensic scientist in the police beyond footy.
- Bischa was named as the StreetSmarts SUNS Academy Player of the Year in 2023 as well as earning Under 18 All-Australian honours.
- In her draft year, Bischa represented Queensland, the StreetSmarts SUNS Academy and won a QAFLW premiership with Bond University.

Instagram: @rara.bischa



Personal Info

DOB: 19/7/1994
Height: 181cm
Home State: Queensland
Position: Forward/Ruck
Nickname: Dupes
Name Pronunciation: Jac Doo-pay

Bio

Boasting incredible versatility as a tall, Dupuy is known for her strong contested marking, ability to finish in front of goal as well as her rucking ability. Off the back of a career-high 13 goals in 2023, the former vice-captain finished second in the goal kicking ranks for the SUNS in 2024 and she will be a key cog in Rhyce Shaw's forward structure.

Football Background

Senior Club: Cairns Saints/Maroochydhore
AFLW Games: 40
AFLW Goals: 30
Debut: Round 1, 2022
AFLW Honours: SUNS Coach's Award (Season Seven), Women's Player of the Series: Autumn Series (2023), SUNS vice-captain (2023, 2024), SUNS leadership group (2023, 2024)

Fun Facts

- Dupuy has played for Sapphire Series Netball sides Sunshine Coast Thunder and Northern Rays, serving as the Rays' inaugural captain.
- Dupuy has missed only a single match since debuting in 2022.
- The 31-year-old is sits second on the club's all-time leading goalkicker list and second for most matches with 2+ goals.
- In 2024, she signed a contract extension tying her to club until the end of 2026.

Instagram: @jacdup



Personal Info

DOB: 24/3/2006

Height: 167cm

Home State: Queensland

Position: Midfielder

Nickname: Tars, Harry

Name Pronunciation: Tar-rar Harrington

Bio

The tough and classy midfielder became the club's fifth StreetSmarts Academy selection at the 2024 draft. She is a well-balanced player with a combination of both offensive and defensive traits, and while her draft year was plagued with injuries, her mix of class and grit was on full display in three Coates Talent League matches, averaging 23.3 disposals and eight tackles.

Football Background

Junior Club: Broadbeach

Senior Club: Bond University/StreetSmarts SUNS Academy

Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- Harrington's parents are former professional golfers Peter and Lee Harrington.
- Harrington was one of five StreetSmarts SUNS Academy players drafted to the club in 2024.
- In 2025, she was listed in the AFL/AFLW's Top 50 golfers by handicap, sitting at #26 as the only female player on the list. She holds the second best handicap of any player at the Gold Coast SUNS.

Instagram: @taraharringtonn



Personal Info

DOB: 26/5/2006

Height: 161cm

Home State: Queensland

Position: Forward

Nickname: Narls, Alli

Name Pronunciation: Nye-ar-lee Miln

Bio

Explosive forward Nyalli Milne was the club's StreetSmarts Academy selection at the 2024 draft after an impressive draft year for several outfits. Her blistering speed and outstanding defensive traits allow the Burleigh Bombers product to play both on a wing and forward of the ball with an ability to impact the play both on the ground and in the air.

Football Background

Junior Club: Burleigh Bombers

Senior Club: Bond University/StreetSmarts SUNS Academy

Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- The multitalented athlete grew up competing in OzTag, beach sprinting and athletics.
- Milne is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Paramedicine.
- Her bucket list travel destination is Greece.

Instagram: @nyalli_milne



Personal Info

DOB: 30/1/2005

Height: 161cm

Home State: Victoria

Position: Midfielder

Nickname: Keels, Monti

Name Pronunciation: Kee-lee Full-er-ton

Bio

Fullerton is a skilled left-footer who boasts both terrific speed and endurance with an ability to impact the scoreboard. She is one of the club's best endurance athletes and didn't take a backwards step after debuting partway through 2024, making the wing position her own in the final seven matches of her debut season.

Football Background

Junior Club: Eaglehawk

Senior Club: Bendigo Pioneers

AFLW games: 7

AFLW goals: 0

Debut: Round 5, 2024

Fun Facts

- Keely is an active greyhound trainer and her long-term career ambition is to become a greyhound vet.
- Fullerton is a former Vic Country U18 representative and debuted in 2024 following her selection with the club's first pick in the draft prior.
- She is one of the club's best runners, regularly seen on a wing and finishing inside the Top 5 in both of the last two seasons' 2km time trials.

Instagram: @keelyfullerton



Personal Info

DOB: 08/07/1997

Height: 184cm

Home State: New South Wales

Position: Ruck

Nickname: Tay

Name Pronunciation: Tay-la Greg-or-ree

Bio

Gregory is a mature-aged recruit from the Southport Sharks, presenting as a marking target inside forward 50 with the ability to get her hands on the ball first when in the middle. She caught the eye of SUNS coaches as a train-on player in 2025 on the back of a standout QAFLW season for the Sharks.

Football Background

Senior Club: Southport Sharks

Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- She was best-on-ground in Queensland's win over Tasmania in July, finishing the match with 31 hitouts and 23 disposals.
- Gregory featured in the Southport Sharks' best on nine occasions from just 11 matches in 2025 before joining the SUNS.
- She is just the second player on the club's AFLW list to hail from New South Wales, alongside fellow injury replacement player and locker buddy Ellie Veerhuis.

Instagram: @taylaagregory

Personal Info

DOB: 18/01/2006

Height: 172cm

Home State: New South Wales

Position: Midfielder

Nickname: Eli

Name Pronunciation: El-lee Veer-us

Bio

Veerhuis is a hard-running talent, best known for her speed, run and carry and defensive pressure. She caught the eye of recruiters as a rebounding defender for the Swans Academy in 2024 whilst also getting the chance to shine on ball, showing off explosive power at the contest and in transition going forward.

Football Background

Senior Club: Figtree, Sydney Swans Academy & UNSW Eastern Suburbs.

Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- Initially selected to play as a rebounding defender, Ellie flourished as a midfielder for the Allies in the 2024 Marsh AFL National Championships U18 Girls.
- Graduating from the Sydney Swans Academy, Veerhuis is one of two NSW-born players to join the SUNS list, recruited as a replacement player for Daisy D'Arcy.
- Ellie has also represented her home state in Hockey.

Instagram: @ellie.veerhuis



Personal Info

DOB: 17/10/2001

Height: 173cm

Home State: Victoria

Position: Forward

Nickname: Tay

Name Pronunciation: Tay-ya Oliver

Bio

After debuting midway through 2024, Oliver became a key cog of the SUNS forward line, creating headaches with her quick turn of speed and ability to read the play. Mostly seen previously in a back pocket in the QAFLW with Coorparoo, her tackling ability and a strong pre-season adds plenty of versatility to Rhyce Shaw's side.

Football Background:

Senior Club: Coorparoo

AFLW Games: 6

AFLW Goals: 4

Debut: Round 6a, 2024

Fun Facts

- Oliver only played her first season of Aussie Rules in 2021, for QAFLW side Coorparoo.
- Despite being a late-comer to football, Oliver was named in the QAFLW Team of the Year after finishing in the Top 5 in the league's best and fairest.
- Oliver's pre-game routine includes always taping her left wrist.
- Taya represented Queensland against Tasmania before being drafted to the SUNS.

Instagram: @_tay.chris



PEOPLE FIRST STADIUM



Construction of the original stadium began in 1986 and opened the following year after the Brisbane Bears were granted a license to play in the VFL. Then known as Carrara Oval, the highest crowd recorded in that era was in 1989 when 18,198 people watched the Bears play Geelong. However crowds dwindled and the Bears moved to the Gabba in Brisbane in 1993. The ground was left without a major tenant and was sold to the Gold Coast City Council. The ground occasionally played host to Rugby League games and in 1996, the Gold Coast Chargers moved full-time to the stadium until 1998 when they were kicked out of the ARL. The venue had main grandstands on either side of the ground, and grassed areas and seating behind the goals, with a total capacity of around 18,000 including 5,300 undercover seats.

People First Stadium (formerly Metricon Stadium & Heritage Bank Stadium) re-opened in mid-2011 following a \$144 million redevelopment into a 25,000-seat stadium for the Gold Coast SUNS AFL club. The venue also served as the main stadium for the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games, hosting the athletics, opening and closing ceremonies. Capacity was extended to 40,000 for the Games with the addition of a temporary grandstand at the scoreboard end. All that remains of the old stadium are the six light towers with everything else flattened. Original plans were for two main grandstands on either side with uncovered seating behind both goals, however additional funding allowed for the roof to continue around the Southern end. The redevelopment transformed the old Carrara Stadium into a world-class venue. As well as being home of the new Gold Coast SUNS Football Club, the venue also plays host to international concert acts, cricket fixtures, and other major events. The stadium is a Stadiums Queensland venue operated by the Gold Coast SUNS. It was designed by Populous and built by Watpac.

Official Capacity

27,500 (Sporting Events)

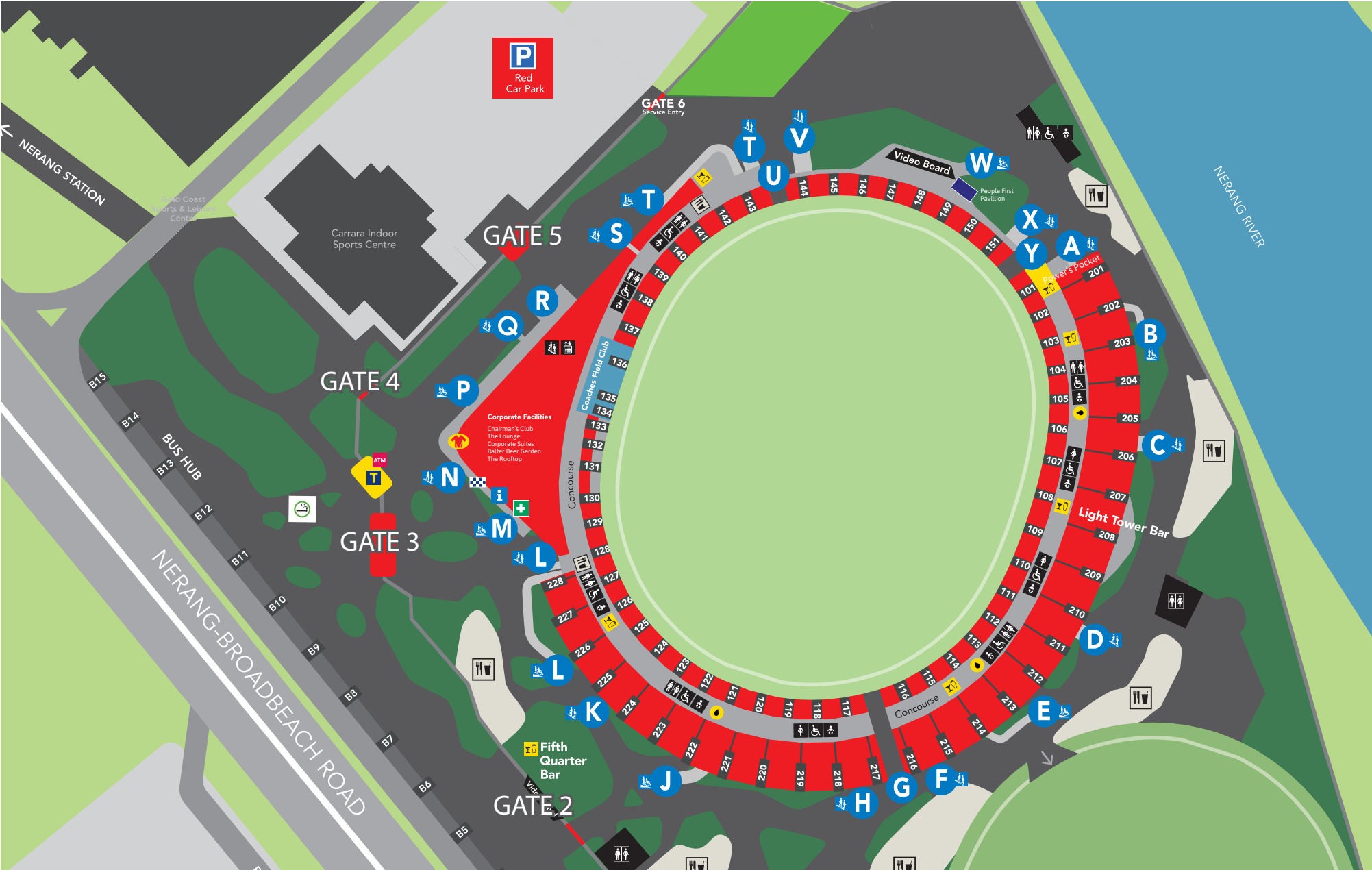
40,000 (Concerts)

Major Events

Foo Fighters; Big Day Out, 2018 Commonwealth Games; 45 AFL matches during 2020 season; International & Big Bash League cricket; Queen & Adam Lambert; Guns N' Roses; Harry Styles; Paul McCartney; Spilt Milk; P!NK, Pearl Jam



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