

 **SUNS**

MEDIA GUIDE

AFLW

2026



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SUNS 2026 AFLW SQUAD



BACK ROW: Jamie Stanton, Mia Salisbury, Bronte Parker, Charlotte Wilson, Katie Lynch, Ellie Veerhuis, Elise Barwick, Sienna McMullen

3RD ROW: Alannah Welsh, Annabel Kievit, Clara Fitzpatrick, Georja Davies, Darcie Davies, Paige Price, Havana Harris, Dekota Baron, Georgia Clayden

2ND ROW: Meara Girvan, Maddy Brancatisano, Charlie Rowbottom, Niamh McLaughlin (Captain), Rhyce Shaw (Senior Coach), Lucy Single (Captain), Daisy D'Arcy, Anne Hatchard, Lily Mithen

FRONT ROW: Mikayla Nurse, Lily Quigley, Heidi Talbot, Ava Usher, Sunny Lappin, Nyalli Milne, Tara Harrington, Rhianna Ingram

2026 AFLW FIXTURE

*ALL TIMES LOCAL



ROUND 1 v WESTERN BULLDOGS



7:15PM, Sat 15 Aug

People First Stadium

ROUND 2 v WEST COAST



12:35PM, Sat 22 Aug

Mineral Resources Park

ROUND 3 v GEELONG



3:05PM, Sun 30 Aug

People First Stadium

ROUND 4 v PORT ADELAIDE



2:05PM, Sat 5 Sep

Alberton Oval

ROUND 5 v COLLINGWOOD



2:35PM, Sat 12 Sep

People First Stadium

ROUND 6 v ESSENDON



1:05PM, Sun 20 Sep

Windy Hill

ROUND 7 v ST KILDA



5:05PM, Sun 27 Sep

People First Stadium

ROUND 8 v BRISBANE



5:05PM, Sat 3 Oct

Brighton Homes Arena

ROUND 9 v MELBOURNE



7:15PM, Sat 10 Oct

Great Barrier Reef Arena

ROUND 10 v ADELAIDE



12:35PM, Sat 17 Oct

Thomas Farms Oval

ROUND 11 v RICHMOND



4:05PM, Sat 24 Oct

People First Stadium

ROUND 12 v GWS



12:35PM, Sun 1 Nov

Henson 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.



GM Women's Football - Erin Phillips

One of the leading pioneers of elite women's football in Australia and hailed as the most decorated player in the competition, Phillips was appointed General Manager at the end of 2025. Following her footballing career, Phillips continued to contribute to the league working with the AFL Football Operations department in roles supporting Game Analysis, Talent Pathways, Player Movement and Player Engagement across the AFLW. With more than 20 years of experience working in elite sporting environments around the world, Phillips brings a plethora of knowledge, professionalism and expertise to the SUNS AFLW program.



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. Simon 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. Simon was elected as the Gold Coast Ambassador from 2002 to 2004, was the former 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.



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. Rising early through the ranks in key roles in corporate Australia, Jess was most recently Chief Executive Officer for The Star Entertainment Group on the Gold Coast. Jess holds a number of qualifications, including an Executive Masters in Business Administration and a Bachelor of Property and Sustainable Development, is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and was awarded the highly acclaimed AFRBOSS Young Executive of the Year in 2021.



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. Helen has two decades of experience in the audit and assurance industry on the Gold Coast, working in a mid-tier firm, and more recently as Founder and Managing Director at Solitaire Audit Solutions. Helen's extensive client sector experience includes a wide range of for-profit and not-for-profit organisations. In addition to running her own practice, Helen is currently contracted with the Queensland Audit Office as the Senior Investigations Manager - Parliamentary Services Department. Helen is the Chair of the Finance and Audit subcommittee for the Gold Coast SUNS board.



Marie Festa

Marie Festa has over 25 years' experience in corporate, not-for profit and ASX listed companies. She is currently a Partner of corporate advisory firm, Bespoke Approach. Marie 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 with her career spanning several sectors including property, fintech, retail, mining and transport logistics. Marie joined the Gold Coast SUNS Board in May 2025.



COACHES & STAFF

CAPTAINS



Head Coach: Rhyce Shaw

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.



Senior Assistant Coach: Sam Iles

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.



Assistant Coach: Hugh Greenwood

Hugh Greenwood joined the SUNS AFL coaching ranks in 2024 after retiring from a playing career which spanned 121 games across the Adelaide, Gold Coast and North Melbourne. Greenwood represented the SUNS from 2020-2021, playing 32 games in two seasons. Since moving into the coaching ranks at the club, Greenwood has held the position as AFL Development Coach whilst also providing assistance to the AFLW program. As an assistant coach, Greenwood will be charged with strengthening Gold Coast's midfield line in the 2026 AFLW season.



Assistant Coach: Rory Thompson

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.



Development Coach: Selina Priest

Priest joins the Gold Coast SUNS as part of the AFL Coaching Acceleration Scholarship with a primary focus on developing the club's first and second-year players. Since retiring from AFL football, the inaugural Lion and AFLW premiership player has developed the next generation of Queensland footballers through several roles including as Head Coach of the StreetSmarts SUNS Academy U18 Girls side. In previous years, Priest also worked alongside Rhyce Shaw and Sam Iles at the Academy, priming a number of local talents that have since graduated onto the Gold Coast SUNS AFLW list.



Key Football Support Staff

High Performance Manager: Anthony Gallomarinio

AFLW Physiotherapist: Angela Flack

Football Operations Coordinator: Ariana Reilly

Player Development Manager: Trish Walding



Lucy Single

Niamh McLaughlin



Season By Season Record - Home & Away Season

Year	Played	Won	Lost	%	Position
2025	12	2	10	41.3	18 th (18 teams)
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

* PLAYED FINALS ^ INCLUDES DRAW

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
2026: Niamh McLaughlin (c), Lucy Single (c), Charlie Rowbottom, Meara Girvan, Maddy Brancatisano

Club Administrators

Year	Chairman	CEO	Head Coach	Captain/s
2026	Bob East	Mark Evans	Rhyce Shaw	Niamh McLaughlin/Lucy Single
2025	Bob East	Mark Evans	Rhyce Shaw	Niamh McLaughlin/Lucy Single
2024	Bob East	Mark Evans	Cameron Joyce	Tara Bohanna
2023	Bob East	Mark Evans	Cameron Joyce	Tara Bohanna
2022 (S7)	Tony Cochrane	Mark Evans	Cameron Joyce	Tara Bohanna
2022	Tony Cochrane	Mark Evans	Cameron Joyce	Hannah Dunn
2021	Tony Cochrane	Mark Evans	David Lake	Sam Virgo/Hannha Dunn

#1 Ticket Holders

Male: Bruce Coulson
Female: Jill Mathieson

Individual Records

BOLD = CURRENT SUNS PLAYER

Games Records (Gold Coast SUNS)

66	Lauren Bella	2020 – 2025
55	Jamie Stanton	2020 –
51	Charlie Rowbottom	2022 –
51	Lucy Single	2021 –
50	Daisy D'Arcy	2021 –
49	Jac Dupuy	2022 – 2025
47	Lauren Ahrens	2020 – 2023
44	Georgia Clayden	2022 –
43	Claudia Whitfort	2022 – 2025
42	Tara Bohanna	2022 – 2024

Goals Records (Gold Coast SUNS)

45	Tarah Bohanna	2022 – 2024
37	Jac Dupuy	2022 – 2025
34	Jamie Stanton	2020 –
20	Kalinda Howarth	2020 – 2023
11	Havana Harris	2025 –
10	Darcie Davies	2023 –
9	Kate Surman	2020 – 2022
9	Sarah Perkins	2021 – 2022
8	Courtney Jones	2022 – 2022
8	Claudia Whitfort	2022 – 2025

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
3.1	Jac Dupuy	v HAW, R9 2025, Frankston Oval

Rising Star Nominations

BOLD = CURRENT SUNS PLAYER

Havana Harris - R3, 2025
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

All Australians

Niamh McLaughlin - 2025 - Interchange
Charlie Rowbottom - 2024 - Interchange
Charlie Rowbottom - 2023 - Interchange
Kalinda Howarth - 2020 - Interchange

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Charlie Rowbottom - 2025 - Centre
Havana Harris - 2025 - Half-Forward
Charlie Rowbottom - 2024 - Rover (Vice Captain)
Charlie Rowbottom - 2023 - Centre (Captain)
Daisy D'Arcy - 2023 - Full Back
Charlie Rowbottom - S7 - Wing
Katie Lynch - S7 - Full-Back
Charlie Rowbottom - 2022 - Wing
Ellie Hampson - 2022 - Interchange
Claudia Whitfort - 2022 - Interchange
Lauren Bella - 2020 - Ruck
Kalinda Howarth - 2020 - Half-Forward



Head-to-Head Records

BOLD = RECORD SET IN 2025

Against	P (W-L)	Highest Score	Lowest Score	Greatest winning margin	Greatest losing margin	Most Recent Meeting	Last Five
Adelaide	3 (0-3)	5.4 (34)	2.3 (34)		70	R6, 2025	LLL
Brisbane	7 (0-1-6)	4.4 (28)	0.2 (2)		73	R8, 2025	LLLLL
Carlton	6 (1-5)	6.6 (42)	2.4 (16)	27	60	R5, 2025	LWLLL
Collingwood	3 (1-2)	5.3 (33)	3.6 (24)	12	15	R11, 2025	WLL
Essendon	2 (1-1)	6.3 (39)	4.3 (27)	14	9	R6, 2024	WL
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	LLWL
GWS Giants	7 (2-1-4)	7.10 (52)	1.2 (8)	31	15	R4, 2025	LLWLW
Hawthorn	2 (0-2)	6.1 (37)	3.4 (22)		23	R9, 2025	LL
Melbourne	4 (0-4)	5.5 (35)	0.6 (6)		87	R7, 2025	LLLL
North Melb	3 (0-3)	5.3 (34)	2.2 (14)		63	R10, 2024	LLL
Port Adel	4 (1-1-2)	7.4 (46)	3.6 (24)	14	68	R3, 2025	WDLL
Richmond	6 (4-2)	5.9 (39)	3.1 (19)	14	15	R12, 2025	LWLWW
St Kilda	3 (1-2)	5.12 (42)	3.2 (20)	14	54	R1, 2024	LWL
Sydney	4 (2-2)	7.8 (50)	3.3 (21)	34	82	R2, 2025	WLWL
West Coast	6 (4-2)	15.9 (99)	2.8 (20)	73	15	R1, 2025	LWWWL
Western Bulldogs	3 (1-1-1)	7.6 (48)	0.6 (6)	4	66	R10, 2025	DWL

Scoring Records

BOLD = RECORD SET IN 2025

Highest Scores (Game)

15.9 (99)	v West Coast	R2 2023, People First Stadium
7.10 (52)	v GWS Giants	R4 2025, 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
19 points	v GWS	R4 2025, People First Stadium
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
14 points	v Richmond	R12 2025, IKON Park

CLUB CHAMPION

AWARD WINNERS



Year	Club Champion	Runner-Up	Third Place
2025	Charlie Rowbottom	Havana Harris	Lucy Single
2024	Charlie Rowbottom	Daisy D'Arcy & Niamh McLaughlin	
2023	Claudia Whitfort	Charlie Rowbottom	Daisy D'Arcy
2022 (S7)	Charlie Rowbottom	Alison Drennan	Claudia Whitfort
2022	Alison Drennan	Charlie Rowbottom	Jamie Stanton
2021	Lauren Ahrens	Alison Drennan	Daisy D'Arcy
2020	Jamie Stanton	Lauren Ahrens	Jade Pregelj



2025 Club Champion

1st Place: Charlie Rowbottom
2nd Place: Havana Harris
3rd Place: Lucy Single

Players' Player Award

2025 – Charlie Rowbottom
2024 – Daisy D'Arcy
2023 – Maddy Brancatisano
2022 (S7) – Georgia Clayden
2022 (S6) – Daisy D'Arcy
2021 – Daisy D'Arcy
2020 – Jamie Stanton

Excellence Award

2025 - Charlie Rowbottom

Most Professional

2025 – Annabel Kievit
2024 – Sienna McMullen
2023 – Maddy Brancatisano
2022 (S7) – Bess Keaney
2022 (S6) – Tara Bohanna
2021 – Bess Keaney
2020 – Tiarna Ernst

Leading Goalkicker

2025 – Havana Harris (11)
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)

Coach's Award

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

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



Life Members

2025 – Jarrod Witts
 2025 – Ben Ainsworth
 2025 – Sean Lemmens
 2025 – Andrew Thomas
 2025 – Megan Green
2025 – Jamie Stanton
 2023 – Tony Cochrane
 2023 – Sam Day
 2023 – Rory Thompson
 2022 – Touk Miller
 2022 – Gary Ablett Jnr
 2021 – Alex Sexton
 2020 – David Swallow
 2020 – Bob East
 2020 – Paul Scurrah
 2019 – Michael Rischitelli
 2018 – Jarrod Harbrow
 2016 – John Witheriff
 2016 – Bob Gordon
 2016 – Dr Alan Mackenzie

StreetSmarts SUNS Academy AFL Graduates

Kalinda Howarth	Sienna McMullen
Lauren Bella	Kiara Bischa
Tori Groves-Little	Havana Harris
Kitara Whap-Farrar	Heidi Talbot
Charlotte Hammans	Mia Salisbury
Ellie Hampson	Nyalli Milne
Taylor Smith	Tara Harrington
Serene Watson	Sunny Lappin
Dee Heslop	Ava Usher
Georgia Breward	Georja Davies
Annise Bradfield	Alannah Welsh
Maddison Levi	Mikayla Nurse
Lucy Single	Dekota Baron
Daisy D'Arcy	Bronte Parker
Wallis Randell	Rhianna Ingram
Teagan Levi	
Giselle Davies	
Jasmyn Smith	
Kaylee Kimber	
Alana Gee	
Darcie Davies	

Season Review

Played: 12
Won: 2
Lost: 10
Drew: 0
Finished: 18th

Played every game
 Annabel Kievit
 Ella Smith
 Georgia Clayden
 Havana Harris
 Lily Mithen
 Lucy Single
 Niamh McLaughlin
 Maddy Brancatisano

AFL debuts (games played in brackets)

R1: Havana Harris (12), Mia Salisbury (11), Ellie Veerhuis (11), Tayla Gregory (5), Nyalli Milne (4)
 R5: Tara Harrington (8)
 R10: Sienna McMullen (3)

Highest score: 7:10 (52) v GWS 4.9 (33) R4, PFS
Lowest score: 0.6 (6) v Western Bulldogs 10:12 (72) R10, GBRA
 0.6 (6) v Melbourne 13:15 (93) R7, CF
Greatest winning margin: 19 points - 7:10 (52) v GWS 4.9 (33) R4, PFS
Greatest losing margin: 87 points - 0.6 (6) v Melbourne 13:15 (93) R7, CF

Goals for: 42
Behinds for: 67
Points for: 319
Average score for: 27
Goals against: 107
Behinds against: 130
Points against: 772
Average score against: 64
Average winning margin: 16pts
Average losing margin: 48pts
Wins by 7+ points: 2
Wins by 1-6 points: 0

2025 Club Champion

78	Charlie Rowbottom
74	Havana Harris
72	Lucy Single
67	Niamh McLaughlin
59	Annabel Kievit
58	Meara Girvan
53	Georgia Clayden
49	Maddy Brancatisano
49	Lily Mithen
41	Darcie Davies

2025 AFLW Best & Fairest Votes

10	Charlie Rowbottom
10	Niamh McLaughlin
2	Lucy Single

2025 AFLW Honours

Niamh McLaughlin	All Australian (Interchange)
Charlie Rowbottom	22Under22 Team (Midfield)
Havana Harris	22Under22 Team (Half-Forward)
Havana Harris	Rising Star nominee (R3)



2025 Stats Leaders

BOLD = CLUB RECORD

Goals		Tackles	
11	Havana Harris	78	Lucy Single
7	Jac Dupuy	70	Charlie Rowbottom
6	Jamie Stanton	53	Lily Mithen
4	Darcie Davies	43	Annabel Kievit
		40	Maddy Brancatisano
Disposals		Clearances	
304	Charlie Rowbottom	55	Charlie Rowbottom
280	Niamh McLaughlin	43	Lucy Single
237	Lucy Single	37	Maddy Brancatisano
179	Lily Mithen	23	Niamh McLaughlin
164	Maddy Brancatisano	17	Lily Mithen
Marks			
46	Georgia Clayden		
45	Meara Girvan		
44	Niamh McLaughlin		
37	Havana Harris		
37	Charlie Rowbottom		

Latest Draft & Trade

2025 Trade Period

OUT: Lauren Bella (Carlton), Claudia Whitfort (Carlton), Jac Dupuy (Hawthorn), Kiara Bischa (delisted), Wallis Randell (delisted), Ella Smith (delisted), Tayla Gregory (delisted), Ella Maurer (delisted), Taya Oliver (delisted)

IN: Anne Hatchard (Adelaide)

2025 Draft

Sunny Lappin (Pick 4), Ava Usher (Pick 7), Georja Davies (Pick 9), Alannah Welsh (Pick 12), Mikayla Nurse (Pick 13), Dekota Baron (Pick 15), Bronte Parker (Pick 32) and Rhianna Ingram (Pick 44)

100 AFLW Games

Lily Mithen (94)

50 AFLW Games

Clara Fitzpatrick (38)

25 AFL & SUNS Games

Annabel Kievit (23)

Elise Barwick (15)

50 AFLW Goals

Jamie Stanton (34)

Personal Info

DOB: 22/9/2005

Height: 176cm

Home Territory: Northern Territory

Multicultural background: German

Nickname: Bel

Name Pronunciation: Anna-bell Kee-vit

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

Kievit is yet to miss a match since debuting in the 2024 season opener. The 20-year-old brings pace, athleticism, pressure and a penetrating kick to the SUNS forward half and after stints further down the field in 2025, will look to spend more time solidifying Shaw's line of defence this season. The Territory talent is locked in until the end of 2026.

Football Background

Junior Club: Waratah

Senior Club: Waratah

AFLW Games: 23

AFLW Goals: 3

Debut: Round 1, 2024

Fun Facts

- Kievit is fluent in German.
- Boasting outstanding athleticism, Kievit competed in soccer, athletics, tennis, swimming, hockey and dance as a child before making her NTFL debut at just 16 years old.
- She is one of five Territorians on the club's AFL and AFLW lists.

Instagram

@annabel_kievit



Personal Info

DOB: 28/11/2007

Height: 170cm

Home State: Queensland

Name Pronunciation: Sun-ee Lap-in

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

Selected with Pick 4, the StreetSmarts SUNS Academy graduate was the first of eight local talents to join the SUNS list in 2026. A prolific ball winner and equally strong distributor, Lappin starred for the Academy and Queensland in 2025, finishing runner-up in the National Championships best and fairest before claiming Female Academy Player of the Year.

Football Background

Junior Club: Southport Sharks

Junior Representative Teams/Honours:

StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; Queensland U18 2023, 2024, 2025; All Australian U16 2023; All Australian U18 2025; StreetSmarts SUNS Academy Female Player of the Year 2025

Senior Club: Southport Sharks

Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- The 18-year-old is a talented guitarist and singer. She also performs in musical theatre.
- In 2025, Lappin was named best on ground in the Southport Sharks QAFLW premiership coached by her father and 2004 AFL All Australian Matthew Lappin.
- Lappin is studying a Bachelor of Arts.

Instagram

@sunny_lappin



Personal Info

DOB: 14/6/2005

Height: 184cm

Home State: Queensland

Multicultural background: Welsh

Nickname: Darce

Name Pronunciation: Dar-see Dave-iss

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

In her third season, the versatile ruck tallied 81 hitouts to rank in the league's top 25 while up forward the 184cm SUN was a reliable contributor to the scoreboard, nailing a career-best four goals. Davies polled in the top 10 at the SUNS AFLW Club Champion and penned a two-year extension taking her through until at least the end of 2027.

Football Background

Junior Club: Southport Sharks

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; NAB AFLW Academy; Queensland U18 2022

Senior Club/s: Southport Sharks

AFLW Games: 30

AFLW Goals: 10

Debut: Round 1, 2023

AFLW Honours: Rising Star nominee (Round 10, 2023)

Fun Facts

- A junior multi-sport prodigy, Davies represented Australia in netball at Under 17 level and was previously a member of the AFLW Academy.
- She is one of three Davies sisters in 2026 on an AFLW list alongside Georja (GC SUNS) and Fleur (GWS Giants). Older sister Giselle was a former SUN and Swan.
- The Gemini loves being in the kitchen. Her death row meal includes sweet potato wedges to start, followed by an extra crispy chicken parmi and topped off with chocolate mousse and sticky date pudding.

Instagram

@darciedavies



Personal Info

DOB: 17/01/2007

Height: 184cm

Home State: Queensland

Multicultural background: Welsh

Nickname: George

Name Pronunciation: Jor-ja Dave-iss

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

Davies is the fourth sister to graduate through the StreetSmarts SUNS Academy onto an AFLW list. Standing tall at 184cm, her natural leap and strong overhead mark allows her to influence games at both ends of the ground and in the ruck.

Football Background

Junior Club: Southport Sharks

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; Queensland U18 2023, 2024, 2025; Queensland MVP 2024; All Australian U16 2023; All Australian U18 2024, 2025; National Academy 2025

Senior Club: Southport Sharks

Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- Away from football, the young SUN works as a labourer and is studying a Bachelor of Creative Industries.
- A junior national netballer, Davies grew up in a highly active and competitive household with three sisters all pursuing AFLW careers.
- The 19-year-old has travelled to 19 countries, with Kyrgyzstan her next dream destination.

Instagram

@georjadavies



Personal Info

DOB: 5/9/2000
Height: 169cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Brancs
Name Pronunciation: Mad-ee Bran-cat-iss-ar-no
Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

Heading into her ninth AFLW season, Brancatisano is showing no signs of slowing down. Consistency and reliability saw the 25-year-old record career-high averages around the stoppage last season before earning a top-10 place in the SUNS AFLW Club Champion. Brancatisano steps into the leadership group for the first time this season, as one of three Vice-Captains.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Montmorency/Northern Knights
AFLW Games: 61
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

- Over the pre-season, Brancatisano launched her journal business Simply Daily.
- Brancatisano's godfather is Australian basketball legend Andrew Gaze.
- She is a former Vic Metro representative in both Aussie Rules and basketball, also reaching NBL1 level as a basketballer.

Instagram

@maddybrancatisano



Personal Info

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

Bio

Barwick made an immediate impact since arriving at the SUNS as an injury replacement player ahead of the 2023 season. Known for her speed, agility and aerobic endurance, she has won the previous two pre-season 2km time trials and possesses the qualities to play across all three lines. The 27-year-old will be eager to return to the field after being sidelined with an ACL injury suffered on the eve of Round 1, 2025.

Football Background

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

Fun Facts

- Barwick has two horses, Buddy and Titch, and a well-trained Border Collie, Sadie
- Barwick won four Tasmanian State League premierships with Glenorchy and North Hobart and was best-on-ground in North Hobart's 2022 premiership.
- Her nickname "Saucey" is derived from the "wick" part of her surname (Bar-wick - John Wick - soy wick - soy sauce - Saucey).

Instagram

@elisebarwick



Personal Info

DOB: 06/04/2000

Height: 180cm

Home State: Victoria

Nickname: Lynchy

Name Pronunciation: Kay-tee Linch

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

The 26-year-old has struggled for consistent game time in recent seasons and was an important contributor in the final four games of the 2025 season. At her best, Lynch has shown herself to be one of the AFLW's premier key defenders and adds invaluable experience to a developing SUNS side.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Camberwell Sharks / Kew Rovers / Oakleigh Chargers

Senior Club: Collingwood VFLW

AFL Games Played: 54

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), AFLPA 22Under22 Team (Season Seven)

Fun Facts

- Lynch played junior football alongside boys until she was 14 years old, winning the Yarra Junior Football League best and fairest in Under 11s.
- Lynch has the perfect symmetry for Nordic hamstring exercises.
- In her spare time, she works in the Player Development department at local rugby league club Tweed Seagulls.

Instagram

@katielynchy



Personal Info

DOB: 22/01/2003

Height: 179cm

Home State: Victoria

Nickname: Chuck, Rowie

Name Pronunciation: Char-lee Row-bottom

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

The 2021 No.1 draft pick further cemented her standing among the AFLW's elite midfielders in 2025, leading the league again for average contested possessions (15.5) and ranking among the top four players for average disposals (27.6). Rowbottom became the first SUN to win the Club Champion award three times while also claiming the Players' Player Award and Excellence Award. A respected leader within the program, she has been elevated to one of three vice-captains for 2026.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: East Malvern Knights / Oakleigh Chargers

AFLW Games Played: 51

Goals: 4

Debut: Round 1, 2022

AFLW Honours: All Australian (2023, 2024), All Australian Squad (Season Seven, 2025), Club Champion (Season Seven, 2024, 2025), Club Champion Runner-Up (2022, 2023), SUNS Players' Player (2025), SUNS Excellence Award (2025), AFLPA 22Under22 Team (2022, Season Seven, 2023-Captain, 2024-Vice Captain, 2025), SUNS Leadership Group (2024, 2025, 2026), SUNS Vice-Captain (2026), Rising Star Nominee (Round 2, 2022)

Fun Facts

- Rowbottom has never finished lower than second in the Club Champion award, winning her third best and fairest in 2025.
- A lover of the outdoors, the 22-year-old hiked across South America in the off-season.
- Rowbottom is a keen surfer and is actively involved in Surf Life Saving and Ocean Heroes programs.

Instagram

@charlie.rowbottom



Personal Info

DOB: 01/10/1990

Height: 184cm

Home Country: Ireland

Multicultural Background: Irish

Nickname: Claz, Fitzy

Name Pronunciation: Clar-rar Fitz-pat-trick

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

One of two Irishwomen on the SUNS list who only first touched a football in 2016, Fitzpatrick has been deployed most commonly as a key defender across the past three seasons as a SUN. Fitzpatrick had a career-best season in 2025, averaging 12.5 disposals per game as the last line in Rhyce Shaw's defensive territory.

Football Background

Senior Club: Bryansford GAC / Southern Saints

AFLW Games Played: 38

AFLW Goals: 1

Debut: Round 1, 2020

AFLW Honours: Ireland Representative (2026)

Previous AFLW Club/s: St Kilda (12 games; 2020, 2022)

Fun Facts

- Fitzpatrick first picked up a Sherrin after travelling to Melbourne in 2016, winning St Kilda's Coaches' Award in her inaugural AFLW season.
- Alongside Niamh McLaughlin, she represented Ireland in the AFLW Australia v Ireland match.
- Fitzpatrick played Gaelic football for Australasia at the 2019 World Games.

Instagram

@clarafitz1



Personal Info

DOB: 11/08/2007

Height: 162cm

Home State: Queensland

Name Pronunciation: Ay-vah Ush-er

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

Selected by the SUNS with Pick No.7 in the 2025 AFLW Draft, the highly competitive inside midfielder arrives as one of the country's top young prospects, having earned Under 18 All Australian honours as a 16-year-old in 2023. Injury curtailed both her 2024 and 2025 campaigns, but her explosiveness, athleticism and elite football IQ will excite SUNS fans heading into 2026.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Burleigh Bombers

Junior Representative Teams/Honours:

StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; Queensland U16 2023; National Championships U16 Best and Fairest; Queensland U18 2023, 2025; All Australian U16 2023; All Australian U18 2023; National Academy 2025

Senior Club: Bond University

AFLW Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- Usher previously competed at national level in basketball, swimming and Surf Life Saving before the Lappin family convinced her to join the StreetSmarts SUNS Academy.
- Growing up, Usher modelled her game on AFL legend Dustin Martin and looked up to AFLW stars Charlie Rowbottom and Monique Conti.
- She first started wearing a white ribbon in her hair as a Burleigh Bombers junior in the Under 15s and it has since become a game-day staple.

Instagram

@ava_usher



Personal Info

DOB: 31/08/1993

Height: 157cm

Home Country: Ireland

Multicultural Background: Irish

Nickname: Steve

Name Pronunciation: Neeve Mc-lock-lin

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

A rare tri-code athlete, McLaughlin's foray into Aussie Rules hit new levels in 2025 when she earned a maiden All Australian blazer. Her run and flair both in defence and midfield have seen her regularly lead the league for bounces and she will once again lead the SUNS alongside Lucy Single in 2026.

Football Background

Senior Club: Moville GAA Club

AFLW Games Played: 33

AFLW Goals: 6

Debut: Round 1, 2023

AFLW Honours: All Australian (2025), Club Champion Runner-Up (2024), Gold Coast SUNS Captain (2025-2026), SUNS Leadership Group (2025-2026), Ireland Representative (2026)

Fun Facts

- She has led the AFLW in total bounces in two out of three seasons in the competition, finishing second in the other.
- McLaughlin captained 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.
- McLaughlin is the first Irish-born captain at either AFL or AFLW level.

Instagram

@_niamhmclaughlin



Personal Info

DOB: 01/07/2006

Height: 182cm

Home State: Queensland

Nickname: Hav

Name Pronunciation: Hav-ah-na Harris

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

Taken with Pick No.2 in the 2024 Telstra AFLW Draft, Harris made an immediate impact in her debut season, showcasing her unique skill set across the ruck, midfield and forward line. She averaged 13.2 disposals and 2.7 tackles per game while finishing as the SUNS' Leading Goalkicker with 11 majors and recording two Goal of the Year contenders. Her outstanding campaign earned an AFLW Rising Star nomination and saw her finish runner-up in the SUNS Club Champion.

Football Background

Junior Club: Burleigh Bombers

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; AFLW U17 Futures 2023; Queensland U18 2022, 2023, 2024; National Championships MVP U18 2023; All Australian U18 2023, 2024

Senior Club: Bond University

AFLW Games: 12

AFLW Goals: 11

Debut: Round 1, 2025

AFLW Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy Player of the Year (2024), Rising Star Nominee (Round 3, 2025), SUNS Leading Goalkicker (2025), SUNS Club Champion Runner-Up (2025)

Fun Facts

- A multi-talented athlete, Harris grew up competing in Nippers, tennis and Oztag before representing Queensland and winning national gold in the high jump.
- Harris loves surfing and beach camping.
- She is eager to run out again alongside best mate and 2025 draftee Ava Usher. The pair first met through Surf Life Saving before progressing through representative and club football together.

Instagram

@havana_harris



Personal Info

DOB: 28/09/2002

Height: 175cm

Home State: Queensland

Multicultural Background: Korean / New Zealand

Name Pronunciation: Loo-see Sin-gull

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

Regarded as one of the AFLW's most athletic players, Single had a career-best season in 2025 to finish third in the SUNS Club Champion. Known for her ability to win contested ball and play a shutdown role when required, the Burleigh Bombers junior will play a key role in developing a young SUNS midfield in 2026 and will co-captain the side for a second time.

Football Background

Junior Club: Burleigh Bombers

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy

AFLW Games: 51

AFLW Goals: 3

Debut: Round 1, 2021

AFLW Honours: SUNS Club Champion Third Place (2025), Gold Coast SUNS Captain (2025-2026), SUNS Leadership Group (2025-2026)

Fun Facts

- Single is the only StreetSmarts SUNS Academy graduate, male or female, to have captained the SUNS.
- Single represented Queensland in rugby and competed at World Championships in Surf Life Saving.
- She's taken up golf as a hobby with teammate Tara Harrington as her mentor.

Instagram

@lucyysinglee



Personal Info

DOB: 02/03/1998

Height: 158cm

Home State: Victoria

Nickname: Lil

Name Pronunciation: Lil-ee Mith-en

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

Following a decorated career at Melbourne dating back to the AFLW's inaugural season, Mithen quickly became a fan favourite in her first year at the SUNS. What the midfielder lacks in size, she more than makes up for in grit, fearless contested work, leadership and experience. In her 11th AFLW season, Mithen will have her sights set on joining the 100-game club.

Football Background

Junior Club: Newton & Chilwell

Senior Club: North Geelong VFLW

AFLW Games: 94

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), Melbourne Best Club Person, SUNS Leadership Group (2025)

Fun Facts

- Away from football, Mithen channels her entrepreneurial spirit into vintage furniture restoration through @dopaminebydesign and her latest venture with Tall Boy Coffee, founded by former AFL SUN Zac Smith.
- Over the off-season, Mithen completed a surfboard-making workshop with SUNS teammates and shaped her own twin-fin. She plans to craft a long-board next.
- She estimates she owns more than 75 playing guernseys, accumulated throughout her AFLW and junior football careers.

Instagram

@lilygracemithen



Personal Info

DOB: 23/11/2007

Height: 170cm

Home State: New South Wales

Nickname: Welshy

Name Pronunciation: A-lar-nar Welsh

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

2025 National Academy member Welsh became a SUN with Pick 12 in the 2025 Draft, bringing A-grade agility, endurance and scoreboard impact to the SUNS list. A dangerous rebound defender turned powerful forward, Welsh earned All Australian honours in 2025 before putting her elite endurance on full display with a blistering 2km time trial at the Draft Combine.

Football Background

Junior Club: Coolangatta-Tweed Blues

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; Queensland U18 2023, 2024, 2025 (Queensland MVP); All Australian U16 2023; All Australian U18 2024, 2025; National Academy 2025

Senior Club: Southport Sharks

Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- She does yoga every morning and is regularly out surfing as well.
- Welsh is one of eight StreetSmarts SUNS Academy graduates drafted in 2025 and the only one hailing from Coolangatta-Tweed.
- She wears the same pink ribbon for every game.

Instagram

@alannahwelsh



Personal Info

DOB: 19/09/2007

Height: 167cm

Home State: Queensland

Nickname: Mikki, Mik

Name Pronunciation: Mik-ay-lah Nurse

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

Nurse starred for both Queensland and the StreetSmarts SUNS Academy in her draft year with elite endurance and speed on full display at the Draft Combine, where she ranked among the top performers in both the 2km time trial and 20m sprint.

Football Background

Junior Club: Southport Sharks

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; Queensland U18 2025; All Australian U18 2025

Senior Club: Southport Sharks

Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- Nurse began playing for Jimboomba Redbacks at nine years of age.
- Overlooked for Queensland selection in 2024, Nurse responded with a best-on-ground performance in a QAFLW Reserves premiership to propel her up AFLW draft boards.
- She is one of several SUNS players who wears a white bow as part of her game-day ritual.

Instagram

@mikayla_nurse



Personal Info

DOB: 07/11/1995

Height: 166cm

Home State: New South Wales

Nickname: Stanno

Name Pronunciation: Jay-mee Stan-tin

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

One of the most experienced players in the SUNS team, Stanton is a tough-as-nails midfielder who has evolved into a crafty and intelligent small forward in recent seasons. One of the club's best ball-winners, Stanton is equally as skilled inside forward 50 and adds a wealth of experience to a young SUNS list.

Football Background

Junior Club: Coolangatta-Tweed Blues

AFLW Games: 78

AFLW Goals: 34

Debut: Round 1, 2017

Previous AFLW Club/s: Brisbane Lions (16 games; 2017-2018), North Melbourne (7 games; 2019)

AFLW Honours: All Australian Squad (2020), Club Champion (2020), SUNS Leading Goalkicker (2021, 2023), SUNS Players' Player (2020), SUNS Leadership Group (2020, 2021, 2022, Season Seven)

Fun Facts

- In 2025, Stanton became the first player to reach 75 AFLW games while playing for the Gold Coast SUNS and also played her 50th club game.
- She is the last remaining Gold Coast SUNS foundation player and 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: 01/06/1995

Height: 176cm

Home Territory: Australian Capital Territory

Nickname: Claydo, Doughy

Name Pronunciation: Jor-ja Clay-den

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

One of the SUNS' most infectious personalities and consistent contributors, Clayden has become a mainstay on the wing thanks to her strong aerobic capacity and ability to impact the scoreboard. She has not missed a game since her AFLW debut in Season Seven, 2022, but will spend 2026 on the inactive list as she prepares to welcome her first child.

Football Background

Senior Club: Ainslie

AFLW Games: 44

AFLW Goals: 4

Debut: Round 1, Season Seven

AFLW Honours: SUNS Players' Player (Season Seven), SUNS Leadership Group (2024, 2025)

Fun Facts

- Clayden is a prolific all-round sporting talent who represented the ACT and Australia in Aussie Rules, cross country, netball and volleyball.
- Clayden is a keen surfer and a big Swiftie.
- Clayden, husband Simon and Border Collie Mintie are preparing to become a family of four, with Clayden set to be the first SUNS AFLW player to welcome a child while on the club's playing list.

Instagram

@georgiaclayden



Personal Info

DOB: 27/06/2006

Height: 169cm

Home State: Queensland

Nickname: Moo

Name Pronunciation: Mee-ah Sorlz-bree

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

Salisbury is a composed ball-winner who featured prominently for the SUNS in her debut year, playing 11 matches. Most frequently deployed as a rebound defender, she also excelled on-ball in her draft year and her ability to read the play provides plenty of options for SUNS coaches.

Football Background

Junior Club: Coolangatta-Tweed Blues

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; Queensland U18 2023, 2024; All Australian U18 2024

Senior Club: Bond University

AFLW Games: 11

Debut: Round 1, 2025

Fun Facts

- Salisbury is one of three Coolangatta-Tweed Junior AFC products to feature on the SUNS list.
- The young SUN started her football journey at just six years old, competing in mixed competitions.
- Pre-game ritual includes styling her hair the same way every game and listening to AC/DC and Metallica.

Instagram

@miaa.salisbury



Personal Info

DOB: 12/12/2002

Height: 167cm

Home State: Queensland

Nickname: Dizz

Name Pronunciation: Day-zee Dar-see

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

D'Arcy is a versatile and combative defender whose ability to impact games in the air, on the scoreboard and through the midfield has made her one of the competition's most exciting young talents. A two-time AFLW 22Under22 representative and three-time SUNS Players' Player award winner, the North Queensland returns in 2026 after missing the 2025 season with an ACL injury.

Football Background

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; Queensland U18 2019

Senior Club/s: Hermit Park Tigers / StreetSmarts SUNS Academy

AFLW Games: 50

AFLW Goals: 2

Debut: Round 1, 2021

AFLW Honours: Club Champion Runner-Up (2024), Club Champion Third Place (2021, 2023), SUNS Players' Player (2021, 2022, 2024), All Australian Squad (2023), Rising Star Nominee (Round 2, Season Seven), AFLPA Most Courageous Award Third Place (2024), AFLPA 22Under22 Team (2023, 2024)

Fun Facts

- D'Arcy has represented Queensland in no less than four sports: Aussie Rules, Rugby 7s, Soccer and Cricket.
- In 2024, she finished third in the AFL Players' Association Most Courageous Award and recorded career-best averages in disposals, clearances, inside 50s and tackles.
- She is the club's official Disability Inclusion Ambassador for 2026.

Instagram

@dizzydarcy



Personal Info

DOB: 18/12/2006
Height: 160cm
Home State: Queensland
Indigenous/Multicultural Background: Torres Strait Islander
Nickname: Heids
Name Pronunciation: High-dee Tal-bot
Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

The electric Cairns and StreetSmarts SUNS Academy product is a well-balanced, hard-running utility who will be eager to break into the SUNS forward line after being sidelined with a shoulder injury in 2025. Her quick turn of speed and clean hands are sure to create issues for opposition defences.

Football Background

Junior Club: North Cairns
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; Queensland U18 2023, 2024; All Stars 2024
Senior Club: North Cairns
Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- Talbot is the one of two players on the SUNS list hailing from North Queensland.
- She has impressed during pre-season after missing the entire 2025 season with a shoulder injury.
- She is scared of snakes.

Instagram

@heiditalbot_



Personal Info

DOB: 29/12/2000
Height: 177cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Char, Willo
Name Pronunciation: Shar-lot Wil-son
Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

A strong lockdown defender, Wilson continued to be a key pillar in the SUNS backline despite an injury-interrupted season in 2025. The experienced and mobile SUN celebrated her 50th AFLW game while recording career-best averages and will be looking to build on that form in 2026 as she continues to take on some of the competition's most dangerous forwards.

Football Background

Junior Club: Monbulk/Ferntree Gully
Senior Club/s: Eastern Ranges/Southern Saints
AFLW Games: 50
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 made her debut part way through 2019, reaching a Grand Final with Carlton in just her fifth AFLW game. She is one of four SUNS, alongside Lily Mithen, Jamie Stanton and Anne Hatchard, to have played in an AFLW Grand Final.
- Wilson works part-time as a fitness instructor.
- A charismatic member of the club, she is known for her seagull impressions.

Instagram

@charlotte_wilsonn_



Personal Info

DOB: 15/07/2005

Height: 165cm

Home State: Queensland

Nickname: Si Si

Name Pronunciation: See-en-na Mc-Mull-en

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

Now into her third AFLW season, McMullen will be eyeing consistent game time after missing large portions of her first two seasons through injury. Her strengths include agility, speed and aerobic capacity, with her ability to hit targets under pressure a trait seen throughout her three games late in 2025.

Football Background

Junior Club: Burleigh Bombers

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; Queensland U18 2021, 2022, 2023; AFLW Academy 2023

AFLW Games: 3

AFLW Goals: 1

Debut: Round 10, 2025

AFLW Honours: SUNS Most Professional (2024)

Fun Facts

- Despite not playing a match in her debut season, she was named the SUNS Most Professional in her first year on the list.
- McMullen has represented Australia in Oztag and is a twin.
- She would like to become an upper limb therapy specialist beyond football after breaking her hand numerous times growing up.

Instagram

@sienna_mcm



Personal Info

DOB: 03/01/2007

Height: 180cm

Home State: Queensland

Nickname: Baz

Name Pronunciation: Duh-koh-ta Ba-ruhn

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

After an injury-interrupted draft season, Baron became the sixth StreetSmarts SUNS Academy graduate drafted to the club inside the first round, bringing with her a strong natural leap and raw athleticism. She is a former Under 16 and 18 All Australian and has dominated key positions for Queensland and the Academy in recent seasons.

Football Background

Junior Club: Springwood Pumas

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; Queensland U18 2023, 2024, 2025; Queensland U16 2022, 2023; All Australian U16 2023; All Australian U18 2024, 2025; QAFLW Rising Star 2024; National Academy 2025

Senior Club: Southport Sharks

AFLW Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- Baron started playing Auskick at Springwood Pumas when she was five years old after being encouraged by her nan.
- As a junior, she spent her off-seasons competing in athletics where she excelled in discus and shot put.
- Currently studying education with hopes of pursuing a degree in psychological science.

Instagram

@dekotabaron_



Personal Info

DOB: 17/09/1997

Height: 176cm

Home State: South Australia

Nickname: Miz

Name Pronunciation: Meer-ra Ger-vin

Pronouns: She/Her

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 four games in three seasons on the list and added the ability to impact as a forward to her bow in 2025. She stepped into the leadership group in 2025 and has been elevated to Vice-Captain this season.

Football Background

Senior Club/s: Glenelg/Bond University

AFLW Games: 30

AFLW Goals: 3

Debut: Round 1, 2023

AFLW Honours: Coach's Award (2024), SUNS Leadership Group (2025), SUNS Vice-Captain (2026)

Fun Facts

- Coming from an elite netball background, Girvan didn't play her first season of Aussie Rules until 2021, where she won a SANFLW premiership with Glenelg.
- Game-day ritual includes taking her dog, Daisy, for a walk.
- She lives with teammates Maddy Brancatisano, Niamh McLaughlin.

Instagram

@mearagirvan



Personal Info

DOB: 30/04/2003

Height: 184cm

Home State: Victoria

Nickname: Pricey

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

Price joins the SUNS as a replacement player following a dominant 2025 VFLW season with Box Hill Hawks. Averaging 32.4 hitouts and 12.5 disposals per game while also kicking six goals, the 184cm ruck earned selection in the rebel VFLW Team of the Year. The 23-year-old previously spent two seasons on St Kilda's AFLW list and is a willing competitor who plays a combative style of game and follows up strongly at ground level.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: St Bede's / Mentone

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: South Metro Stars Interleague

Senior Club: Box Hill Hawks

Previous AFLW Club/s: St Kilda (0 games; 2021-2022)

Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- Price is a passionate musician who previously played the drums in a rock band with her older sister and friend. Her vinyl collection boasts more than 100 records.
- She is three subjects short of completing a Bachelor of Biomedical Science with a major in Pharmaceutical Science and is considering a forensic science or pharmacology career post football.
- After breaking her right arm, she learned to throw discus, shot put and javelin with her left hand and finished top three in all events at regional level.

Instagram

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Personal Info

DOB: 20/10/2007

Height: 168cm

Home State: Queensland

Nickname: Rhi

Name Pronunciation: Ree-ann-nah Ing-rum

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

Ingram rounded out eight StreetSmarts SUNS Academy products drafted in the 2025 AFLW Draft. The Southport Sharks junior boasts a balance of offensive and defensive traits as a rebounding defender and was incredibly consistent throughout her draft year, earning All Australian honours in defence alongside fellow SUNS draftee Georja Davies.

Football Background

Junior Club: Southport

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; Queensland U18 2025; All Australian U18 2025

Senior Club: Southport

Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- Ingram was born in Northern Ireland and was there on a lengthy family holiday when she was drafted to the SUNS in 2025.
- She owns 13 fish and can solve a Rubik's Cube in under two minutes.
- She was one of five SUNS Academy draftees named in the Under 18 All Australian side in 2025.

Instagram

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Personal Info

DOB: 24/03/2006

Height: 167cm

Home State: Queensland

Nickname: Tarzy, T

Name Pronunciation: Tar-rar Harrington

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

The StreetSmarts SUNS Academy graduate became the SUNS sixth debutant of the 2025 AFLW season after overcoming an injury-interrupted draft year. A well-balanced midfielder with a strong blend of offensive class and defensive grit, Harrington played in the final eight matches further up the field and will be looking to earn more opportunities at AFLW level in 2026.

Football Background

Junior Club: Broadbeach Cats

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; Queensland U18 2022,2023,2024; National Academy 2024

Senior Club: Bond University

AFLW Games: 8

Debut: Round 5, 2025

Fun Facts

- Away from football, the 20-year-old is a support worker and studies Event Management.
- Harrington is also a golf coach alongside her parents and former professional golfers Peter and Lee Harrington.
- In 2025, she was listed in the AFL/AFLW Top 50 Golfers by handicap, sitting at No.26 as the only female player on the list. She holds one of the best handicaps at the Gold Coast SUNS (7).

Instagram

@taraharringtonn



Personal Info

DOB: 26/05/2006

Height: 172cm

Home State: Queensland

Nickname: Narls, Alli

Name Pronunciation: Nye-ar-lee Milne

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

The explosive forward burst onto the scene with a Round 1 debut in 2025 before injury interrupted the second half of her campaign. Her blistering speed and outstanding defensive traits allow the Burleigh Bombers product to play both wing and forward with an ability to impact both in the air and at ground level.

Football Background

Junior Club: Burleigh Bombers

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; Queensland U18 2022, 2023, 2024

Senior Club: Bond University

AFLW Games: 4

AFLW Goals: 1

Debut: Round 1, 2025

Fun Facts

- She grew up playing a variety of sports including Oztag, Touch Football, Athletics and Beach Sprinting.
- Milne has worn headgear for her entire football career.
- She is studying a Bachelor of Paramedicine and her bucket-list travel destination is Greece.

Instagram

@nyalli_milne



Personal Info

DOB: 19/01/2007

Height: 171cm

Home State: Queensland

Nickname: Diesel, Brontempelli

Name Pronunciation: Bron-tee Par-kuh

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

Taken with Pick No.32 in the 2025 AFLW Draft, Parker became the seventh draftee to join the SUNS. Despite an ACL injury ruling her out for the season, Parker started 2025 in scintillating form in the Coates Talent League and is expected to become a valuable long-term prospect.

Football Background

Junior Club: Burleigh Bombers

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; Queensland U18 2024, 2025

Senior Club: Bond University

AFLW Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- The Burleigh Bombers junior played in the U17 premiership alongside AFLW SUNS teammates Havana Harris, Ava Usher, Alannah Welsh, Sienna McMullen and Nyalli Milne.
- Parker only started playing football during the pandemic after joining with friends from Nippers.
- Loves the beach.

Instagram

@bronteparkerr



Personal Info

DOB: 18/01/2006

Height: 174cm

Home State: New South Wales

Nickname: Ell

Name Pronunciation: El-lee Veer-us

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

Veerhuis was one of the finds of the 2025 off-season, playing all but one game in her debut season after joining the SUNS just weeks before Round 1. She is a hard-running talent known for her speed, run and carry and defensive pressure and featured both across half-back and on a wing throughout 2025.

Football Background

Junior Club: Figtree Kangaroos

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Sydney Swans Academy; U18 Allies

Senior Club/s: Figtree Kangaroos / UNSW Eastern Suburbs

AFLW Games: 11

Debut: Round 1, 2025

Fun Facts

- Veerhuis grew up playing field hockey and represented New South Wales.
- Graduating from the Sydney Swans Academy, Veerhuis is one of three NSW born SUNS.
- Go-to karaoke song is either Mr Brightside or Stacy's Mom.

Instagram

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Personal Info

DOB: 07/03/1998

Height: 175cm

Home State: South Australia

Nickname: Hatchy

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

Known for her competitive nature and unwavering attack on the ball, Hatchard arrives at the SUNS with more than 100 AFLW games of experience. The three-time Adelaide Club Champion has been a mainstay of the AFLW competition since the inaugural season, featuring in all three Adelaide premierships and winning Grand Final best-on-ground honours in 2022.

Football Background

Junior Club: Ingle Farm

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: South Australia U18

Senior Club/s: Morphettville Roos / Adelaide University

AFLW Games: 102

AFLW Goals: 40

AFLW Debut: Round 1, 2017

Previous AFLW Club/s: Adelaide Crows (102 games; 2017-2025)

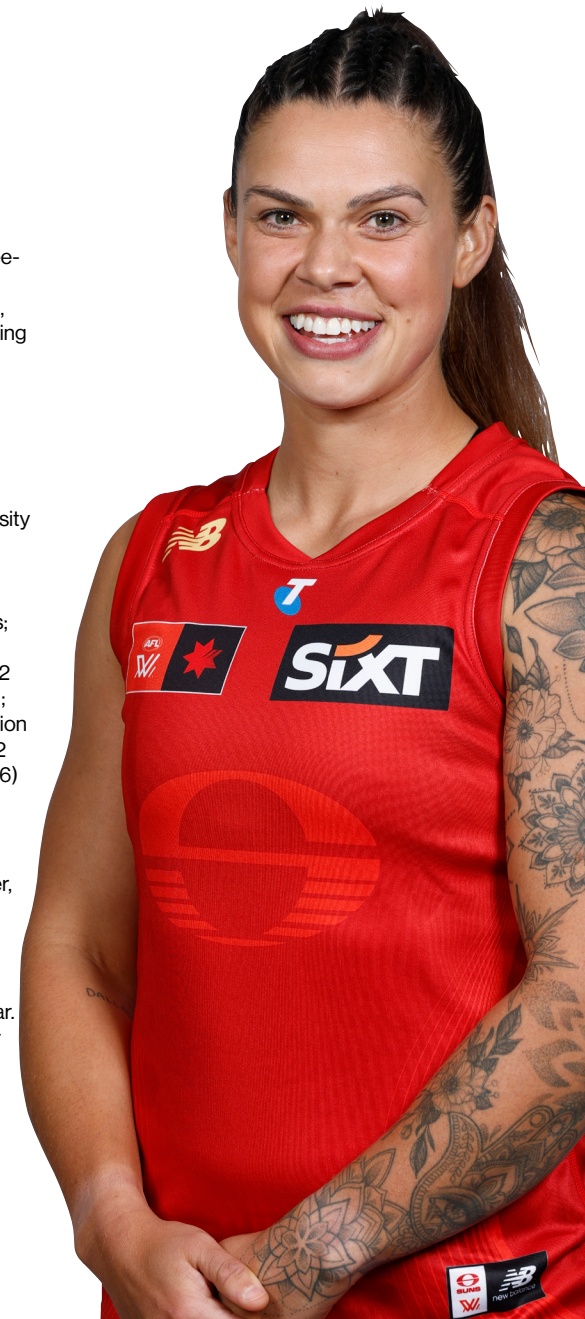
AFLW Honours: Premiership player 2017, 2019, 2022 (S6); All Australian 2019, 2020, 2022 (S6), 2022 (S7); All Australian squad 2021, 2023; Rising Star nomination Round 7 2018; Adelaide Best and Fairest 2020, 2022 (S6), 2022 (S7); Grand Final best on ground 2022 (S6)

Fun Facts

- Hatchard loves the outdoors and recently built her own home gym. A self-confessed thrill-seeker, she's right at home on the Gold Coast with the theme parks on her doorstep.
- In 2023, Elvis Presley officiated Hatchard's wedding to wife Georgie in Las Vegas and the couple welcomed daughter Dallas earlier this year.
- She is a qualified lash technician and animal lover who owns two Dachshunds.

Instagram

@annehatchard



Personal Info

DOB: 26/11/2007

Height: 161cm

Home Territory: Australian Capital Territory

Nickname: Quigs

Name Pronunciation: Lil-ee Quig-lee

Pronouns: She/Her

Bio

The 18-year-old spent time in both the Giants and Lions academies before the SUNS came calling during the off-season. She impressed with the Brisbane Lions Academy and throughout SUNS pre-season with her elite speed and lateral movement, assets that are expected to be valuable inside forward 50.

Football Background

Junior Club: Ainslie

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Brisbane Lions Academy; GWS Giants Academy

Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- Quigley has represented Australia in both Touch Football and Oztag.
- She can't click, wink or whistle.
- After growing up in Canberra, she relocated to Queensland for further opportunities in the Brisbane Lions Academy before earning a list spot with the SUNS.

Instagram

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PEOPLE FIRST STADIUM



Construction of the original stadium began in 1986 and venue 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 from the ARL. The venue had main grandstands on either side of the ground, and grassed areas with seating behind the goals. Total capacity was around 18,000 including 5,300 undercover seats.

People First Stadium (formerly Metricon Stadium) re-opened in mid-2011 following a \$144 million redevelopment into a 25,000-seat stadium for the Gold Coast SUNS AFL expansion 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 major 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 was officially unveiled as “People First Stadium” on March 8, 2024 after a year of being called “Heritage Bank Stadium”. The stadium is a Stadiums Queensland venue and was designed by Populous and built by Watpac.

Official Capacity

27,500 (Sporting Events)

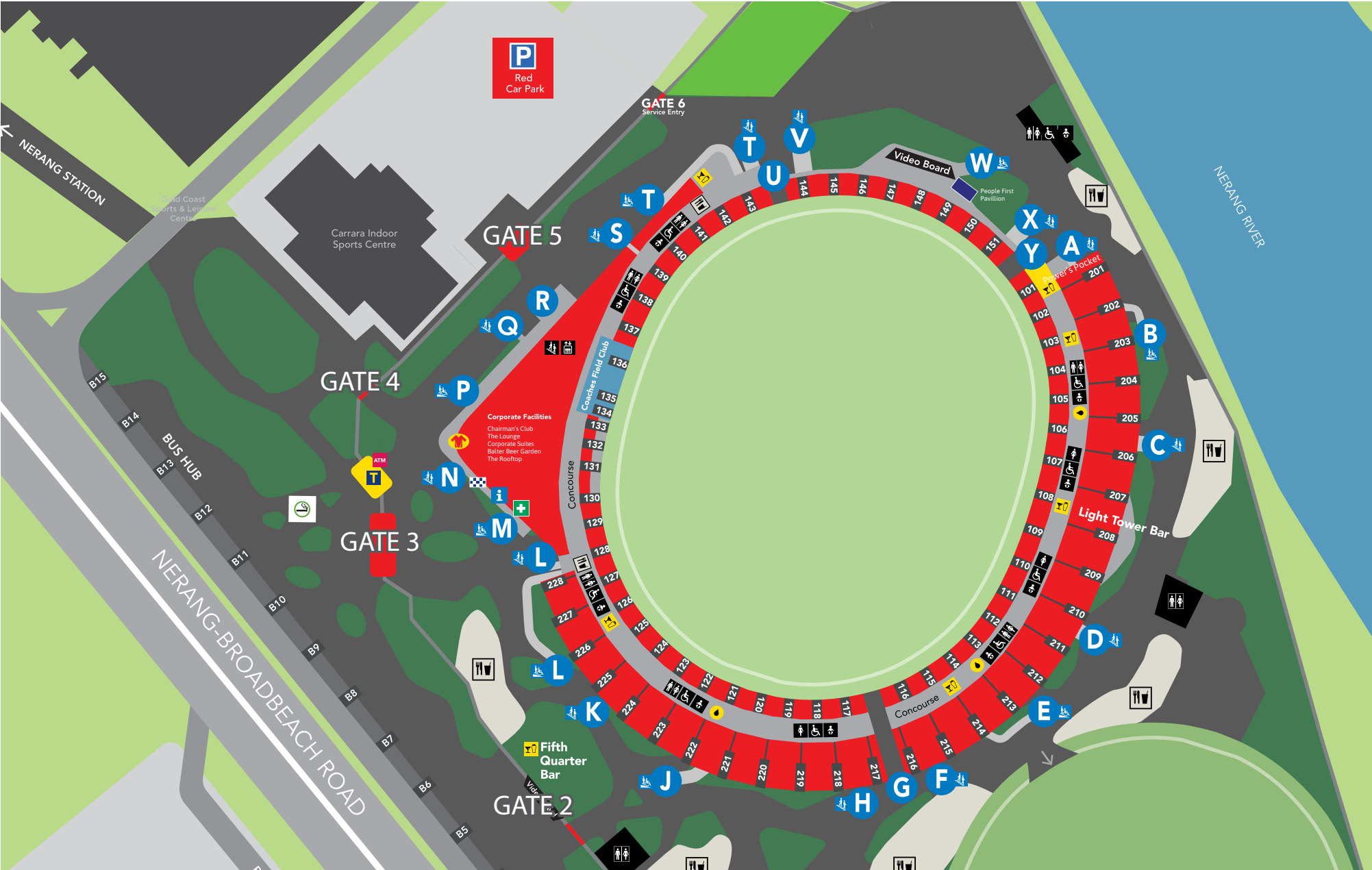
40,000 (Concerts)

Major Events

Foo Fighters, 2018 Commonwealth Games, Queen + Adam Lambert, Guns N' Roses, Harry Styles, Paul McCartney, P!NK, Pearl Jam, Nitro Circus, Spilt Milk, Big Bash Cricket, International Cricket.



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