Preface

Rosstrevor. The idea of such a meeting was to discuss with those interested in the possibility of putting together a story of the club from its humble beginnings before WW2. From that moment until now Rob McKinnon, who played for our club in the 60s, has consistently given me help and encouragement. Rob, for many years operated SAM Sales and Marketing at 272 Bay Street Port Melbourne. Back in 2001 Rob was quite prepared, to the extent that his business could cope, to assist with the editing and publishing of the book, using whatever resources he had at his disposal within his business. Neither of us realised at the time how many years would pass before we even arrived at the editing stage! Ten years later, Rob has handed over his entire business to his son Peter. Rob also produced the chapter *Our Playing Fields*.

This treatment of the years of our club from pre-war until 2013 is perhaps not presented in the more traditional way. It attempts to deal with those years by calling on a significant number of writers. So we have here a team of writers, who all have a deep love of this club, presenting their specific topic in their own style.

This book may never have been finished if it wasn't for a most positive response to two requests. Firstly, a large number of people at our club responded to the suggestion that they share their memories of the time they spent there as a playing or non-playing member. There are over 20 of these spread throughout the book, for which we are most grateful as they give us a taste of what it was like to be at our club over the last 50 years; especially because we are reminded through their writings of past players, supporters and those who willingly donated their time to the club. Along with this request was another one, asking if there were those who would be prepared to tackle a chapter in this book on a specific topic. Graeme Templeton put his hand up immediately with a request to research our *Presidents*. Then, as expected, others followed. Roger Brown agreed to tackle the story of our *Club XVIII*; Michael Dickerson our 50th year (post-war); Peter Sedgwick our *Coaches*; Andrew Grant our *Best and Fairests*, and his brother Peter our *State Representatives*. Michael Wood not only agreed to handle the immense subject of *Fund Raising and Sponsorship*, but also somehow over the past ten years or more, found the time and patience to answer scores of questions about our club's past and always with good grace.

I have attempted to handle, with plenty of assistance referred to in the chapters, the *Pre-War* experience, the *Post-War Beginnings*, *Our Grand Finals*, *Sharpshooters*, our *Leaders into Battle*, overseeing the updating of our *OBGFC Club Records and Statistics* and have endeavoured to pay tribute throughout the book to those who have given exceptional service to our great club.

Andrew Mullett also deserves a very special mention. He has given huge amounts of his time over a very long period answering my many questions, but especially demonstrating his considerable writing skills with several quite superb articles about life at our club. In the chapter on *Our Grand Finals*, Andrew reveals his outstanding knowledge of our players, covering many seasons with his superb player-profiles and reviews of past games. He has also given much time to the updating of our chapter on *Club Records and Statistics*, as well as assisting Peter Grant in the coverage of our *State Representatives*.

On 20 June 1995, Drewe Bellmaine produced and printed *Old Brighton Grammarians Football Club Records and Statistics* in which he attempted to cover the period from 1957 until 1994, a period of nearly 40 years; a prodigious task indeed. The chapter included here merely expands on his work.

Keith Robinson and Andrew Paroissien have also spent many hours researching; work which they have kindly allowed to be included here in the *Pre-War* chapter.

Virtually all of the above have loaned valuable documents for use in this book. All have, without exception, over the years been extraordinary servants of our club.

There have been included here articles which are described as Tributes. As always when one tries to single out people it often becomes evident that there are many others who could have been included. Especially when covering a period of at least 60 years. I feel certain however that those not mentioned here have been and still are being appreciated for the time that they happily have given or are still giving to our Club.

There has been a determination to include as many photos as possible, for there is nothing like a photo to grab the interest of a reader. There has been an equal determination to honour our members by including as many players' and non-players' names as possible. There is an appreciation of the risk in having a number of different writers contributing to this book, but this is a team effort and therefore I feel that is most appropriate for such a subject. If the styles and approaches to a subject differ, well, hopefully the reader's interest will be enlivened by this.

Whatever involvement I have had in the production of this book is drawn from a need to hopefully give back to the club something worthwhile in return for what it has meant to me to be part of it; all too briefly. The truly wonderful thing about a football club such as ours is that those who become part of it, find themselves in the company of friends, who apart from their team-mates include both male and female supporters and Mums and Dads who may be helping or supporting; friends they can talk to, relax with, and confide in. Many personal benefits may be derived from being accepted into and being part of such an environment. I feel sure that all those who have contributed to this book have been motivated in the same way as I have.

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NOTE: Due to constant changes in the publication date there are no doubt errors and omissions to be found, for which we apologise.

Pre-War

his chapter would not have been completed without the contributions made especially by two people. Keith Robinson researched many old copies of *The Brighton Grammarian* and the results of such research are evident here.

Ian Paroissien also researched this period and his findings form a significant part of this chapter.

Rennie Ellis who played with the club in the 60s has now passed on, but thanks to his brother Phillip who was also active around the club, some material collected by Rennie has also been included here.

Graeme Templeton also kindly contributed some documents.



Keith Robinson



Ian Parossien



Phillip Ellis



Rennie Ellis

OLD BRIGHTON GRAMMARIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

KNOWN AS "OLD BRIGHTONIANS FOOTBALL CLUB" IN THE TWENTIES & THIRTIES

IT SEEMS THERE WERE 3 ATTEMPTS TO FORM THE CLUB BETWEEN 1920 AND 1931

First note of interest - 1920. Refer Grammarian - Aug. 1920. Further note of interest -Dec. 1920. Admitted Metropolitan Amateur Football Association - 1921. May 1921. Disbanded due to lack of players 1922. May 1922. Second application to form club 1923. Dec. 1923. Admitted Metropolitan Amateur Football Association - 1924. May 1924. The season 1925 appears to end of this era until 1931. 1925. Aug. Third application to form club 1931. Dec. 1931. Admitted Metropolitan Amateur Football Association - "D" Grade 1932. 1932. May

The Club was in existance through to 1939 and then obviously went into recession due to the war.

The above is Keith Robinson's introduction to his research on the pre-war copies of *The Brighton Grammarian*, which continues below —

The reader will note that in 1921 we entered a team in what was then called The Metropolitan Amateur Football Association. Unfortunately in 1922 and 1923 there was no team and then in 1924 and 1925 we were back in that competition. There was then a longer gap from 1926 – 1931 when were again not able to enter a team. In 1932 a team was again entered in this competition and continued playing until 1939.

In 1933, the name Metropolitan Amateur Football Association was officially changed to Victorian Amateur Football Association.

In the August 1920 edition of *The Brighton Grammarian* the following article was found:

A football match, O.B.G.S. vs Collegians, was played on the School oval on King's Birthday, and resulted in a win for the Colegians by 15 goals 16 behinds to 4 goals 5 behinds.

The game was far more evenly contested than the scores indicate, and was much enjoyed by both

sides. Numerous enquiries have been made about the possibility of entering a team from the O.B.G.S., in the Metropolitan Association for next year. This Association is composed almost entirely of Old Boys from the various schools, and although it was only revived this year, it has already proved a great success.

The Society has been invited to join this Association, and as there are a number of football enthusiasts among the Old Boys, we would be glad if all those who are willing to play, would forward their names immediately to the sports secretary, Mr. F.R. Lucas, 29 St. Andrew Street, or to the Secretary of the Society, Mr. R. W. Tovell, 9 Queen Street Melbourne, so that a meeting may be called to discuss the matter fully.

Then in the December 1920 issue we see this —

As mentioned in the last issue, names of all those who are interested in football are also required in order that we may make arrangements for the next season, when we hope to enter a team for the Metropolitan Association, which is composed almost entirely of the Old Boys of the Public Secondary Schools.

Old Boys in general will be pleased to hear that an O.B.G.S. football team has at last been organised, and is to bear the old school colours, in the series of matches arranged by the Metropolitan Amateur Association. Before the war an Old Boys' team occasionally played practice matches against similar combinations and usually one or two matches a year against the School, but there has never been an actual O.B.G.S. football club. This year, however, mainly owing to the efforts of a few enthusiasts who worked very hard in 1920, we have a tem in a recognised association.

An enthusiastic and well attended meeting was held at the School on Wednesday, 13th April, Mr. H.E. Dixon occupying the chair. The following office-bearers for the coming season were elected:- Selection Committee – Messrs. S. Rogerson, H.Lemon, and one other member (to be elkected).

Delegates - Messrs. B. Turner and D. W. Robinson. Hon. Secretary (Football Club). - D. W. Robinson.

Hon. Treasurer (Football Club). - J.H. Crowther.

Arrangements were also made for the use of Rosstrevor on Tuesdays and Thursdays, which are official practice days. These runs are well attended, nevertheless further support is badly needed, and any Old Boy who is able to play is urgently requested to turn out.

Brighton Grammar School was opened by Dr George Henry Crowther on the 14 February 1882.

The following are more extracts from *The Brighton Grammarian* — In 1921, an OBGS team made its debut in the Metropolitan Amateur Football Association. The founders proudly stated, "Never has there been an Old Brighton Football Club before this year." The founding stalwarts included S Rogerson and H Lemon (selectors), B Turner and D W Robinson (delegates), D W Robinson (secretary) and J H Crowther (treasurer).

From *Meliora Sequamur*, mention was made of how lucky the team was to gain the services of Gordon Robinson (captain). Others given special mention were Geoff Courtney, Ken Nicholson, Dick Gibbs, Stan



Dr G H Crowther

Rogerson, Brian Turner, A Wise, Lyons and Timson. Others mentioned who were excellent players but couldn't play regularly were Lockwood, Dethridge, Coventry and Gordon. Games where Old Brighton put on their best performances were against Old Trinity, Sandringham, South Yarra and the Melbourne Swimming Club. Other 1921 opponents were Collegians, University A and B, Old Scotch, Elsternwick, Old Caulfield Grammarians, Hampton, Old Melburnians and Teachers College.

In 1922 and 1923, owing to the difficulty of raising a sufficiently strong and representative team, the committee was reluctantly compelled to withdraw from the football competition.

An extract from *Meliora Sequamur* states:

"The fact that so many of our members are resident in county districts and the counter attractions of tennis, lacrosse, hockey and other winter sports are largely responsible for this. Some Old Boys then played with Black Rock where Mr J B Jack (gym instructor at the School for thirty years) was Vice-president."

In 1924, Old Brighton Grammarian Football Club was admitted to the Metropolitan Amateur Football Association. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer was A B Turner, captain was S W Rogerson, vice-captain H Lemon. On the Committee were R Lemon, Arthur Wise, L Detheridge and A B Turner. The most consistent players were Wise, Billings, Kiddle, Rogerson, Robinson, Walker and Detheridge.

In 1925, Mr Gibbs was elected President for the ensuing year and Dr W McLelland and Messrs Noall, Hugh Purse and Waring, Vice-presidents.

Arthur Wise was elected captain of the team; Mr Turner was Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

During the 1925 season most players played very well but the most consistent were A Wise, W Turner, C Darling and G Robinson. The subscription for the season was 15 shillings. Thanks were given to the Headmaster Mr H E Dixon for granting us the use of Rosstrevor (renamed the Crowther Memorial Sports Oval in 1926) and for his support at our matches.

There is no record of Old Brighton Grammarian football activities between 1925 and 1931. In 1931, it is recorded that in 1930 there had been an unsuccessful attempt to re-enter the Metropolitan Amateur Football Association and that hopefully we will succeed in our application to re-join in 1932. (An extract from *The Brighton Grammarian*)

Ian Paroissien, a senior player in the 70s, won the club Best and Fairest in 1971 and was captain of the Seniors in 1977 when the club won its first ever senior Grand Final.

Ian's father, David, played football with the Old Boys in the 30s. Ian has researched



1932 Team Photo (names left to right)

Bill Barnard, Jim Saunders, Angus Robertson, Basil Nicholson, Sid Rowell, Norman Fairway, Dave Paroissien, Bill (trainer), 'Bish' Dixon, Lyn Cock, Arthur Gibson, Kevin Meagher.

Harry Ellis, Jack Archer, Phil Anderson, 'Jim' MacNaughton, Roy Snell, Nick Walsh, Pat Ferrero, Don Donaldson.



(Photo taken from the 1921 1st X1, courtesy of Meliora Sequamur)



David Parossien

(Photo from the B G S 1926

Firsts cricket team, courtesy
of Meliora Sequamur.)

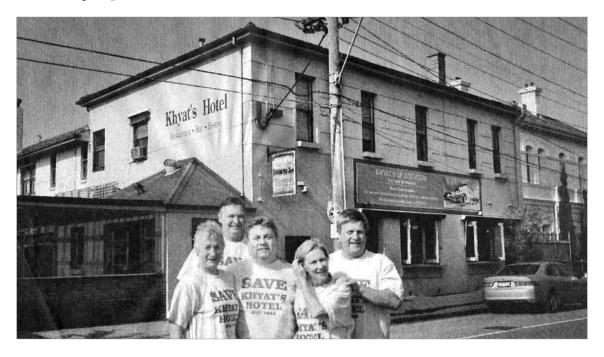
this period and he makes the comment that, "there are a few interesting things that struck me about the team in this decade." Ian illustrates this by quoting his Dad in the following paragraph:

"We got together as friends and Old Boys to play a game that we loved, but we did it for the enjoyment of the game and friends, not to strive for premierships. If they came great, but that is not why we played the game; it was the fun and camaraderie.

The team started in D grade. There was a core of players through this decade. As they got

older towards the end of this period, so the performance dropped away. For the three years of 1934 – 1936 the season took on a familiar ring. Fine weather and the enthusiasm of a new year and we were flying out of the blocks. We won most games at the half-way mark and were either on top or close to, but in the second half of the season we fell away. We made it into the four but not at the top of our form. The finals reflected that form at the end. In these years we played in all finals and did not win one. Our best finish at the end of the regular season was second. From a football perspective, this was a decade of missed opportunities."

There was great friendship and camaraderie. Over the years my father was great friends with many of the players of this time: Harry Ellis, Jimmy McNaughton, Nick Walsh, Ferrero, Rowell, Fairway, and others are names I knew from well after the football had finished. (See 1933 team photo below.) Khyat's Hotel features in *The Benchwarmer* dispatches and was, I know, a second home to this group.



Russell Jewel (far right) played in our Under 19 side coached by Don Cameron. His son also played for our club and his brother Blake also played in 1957. Residents successfully campaigned to save the hotel. According to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, "Khyats Hotel is so important to the social fabric and cultural identity of Brighton that it must not be torn down." There would be many hundreds of OBGFC members who spent many enjoyable moments socialising with their team-mates there who would certainly agree with that statement.

The sides of this era against which they played were interesting for two reasons. This was a period of change for sides coming and going from the amateurs. Firstly, there were three Brighton sides in the amateurs. In 1934 we were in D grade but Brightonians TSOB were in A grade. We played them in D grade in the last year 1939. Another side Brightonvale was in B grade. Both of these teams played at Hurlingham Park.

Then there were the names we were familiar with in D grade in the 1980s:

- Hampton Rovers
- Alphington
- Footscray Tech
- National Bank

- University High School
- Melbourne High School Old Boys
- Ivanhoe

And the not so familiar:

- St Ignatius
- Malvern
- Parkdale
- Burwood District
- Carnegie
- Mt Carmel Old Collegians

Ian makes this personal comment relating to his Father's involvement. "His final year at school was in 1928. He had been a good player at school and was captain of the school side. In 1929 he tried out at Carlton and after a few games with the seconds returned to play under his coach of the school side; I think his name was Ray Harper. Ray was a teacher at the School and I know my father and his friends like Harry Ellis had great regard for him. He was coaching at Murrumbeena which is where my father played and I dare say many of the Old Boys at the time. My father wore No. 1 and was captain of the club until 1938. His first year as Captain was in 1932, when he was selected in the Victorian Amateur side. (See photo below.)

It is perhaps typical of the men of their era that they didn't talk a lot about what they had achieved. I knew a lot about my father's school record from the things around the School and the Grammarians. I knew he played for the club, but I did not know he had been captain of the club for 7 years to 1938 until I did this research and for knowing that I am enormously grateful.

We know only too well how elusive winning Grand Finals can be. My father led the club as captain into the finals three years in a row without success. It was a great honour (for me) to captain our club to our first Senior premiership 41 years later, something I know was an immense pleasure for him. What I didn't realise at the time was how much. (See chapter *Our Grand Finals*.)



Harry Ellis
(Photo taken from the
B.G.S. 1926 1sts Cricket
team, courtesy of Meliora
Sequamur.)

Continuing with excerpts from *The Brighton Grammarian*

"In 1932, the Old Boys' Society was successful in entering a team in the Metropolitan Amateur Football Association in D Grade which is a new grade formed. The club is now known as the Old Brightonians and N Ferrero was elected as Honorary Secretary and H Ellis as his assistant."

Rennie Ellis has made available material for this chapter and makes the point that his Dad, Harry Ellis, was only 21 in 1932 and continued to play with the club until WW2. He wore No 5 and in 1935 won the Best and Fairest award. The jumpers were navy-blue with a red sash. His Dad played most of his games on the wing. Rennie goes on to say that his Dad was Social Secretary responsible for running events to raise money to fund the club, including the annual ball



This is the first Victorian Amateur team to play in Tasmania, 1932.

Old Brighton representatives were D W Paroissien, Roy Snell and Arthur Gibson
(incorrectly named as a National Bank representative). (Thanks to Ian Paroissien for this photo.)

at the Maison De Luxe in Elwood. He also conducted raffles down at the 'Dev' (Devonshire Hotel) during the gatherings there after home games. Rennie also mentions what great mates his Dad and Dave Paroissien were, being best man at each other's wedding and close friends for over 70 years.

Continuing with excerpts from The Brighton Grammarian

"Ray Harper was elected Captain and coach (Sports master at the School) and with playing experience at St Kilda, Carlton and North Melbourne, and D Paroissien as his 'lieutenant' (Captain). The team played on the School oval every second Saturday. At the end of a good season L Cock was awarded the Most Consistent Player award, D Paroissien won the D grade Best and Fairest award, L Cock won the club Best and Fairest and Gibson, Snell and Paroissien were selected in the Victorian Amateur team that visited Tasmania."

In 1933, the name Metropolitan Amateur Football Association was officially changed to Victorian Amateur Football Association.



Back Row: Fred Turnbull,, Noel Waring, Lyn Cock, Syd Rowell, Angus Robertson, Geoff Waring, Jim Saunders, Kevin Meagher, trainer.

Middle Row: Pat Finers, Harry Ellis, Don Donaldson, David Paroissien, Hugh Purse, Laurie Purse Front Row: Paddy Dane, Lorne Smith, John Piper, Nick Walsh, Arthur Gibson.

Roy Harper was re-appointed coach. N B Ferrero was not only again the Honorary Secretary of the club but has also been appointed to a seat on the Permit and Umpires Committee of the VAFA.

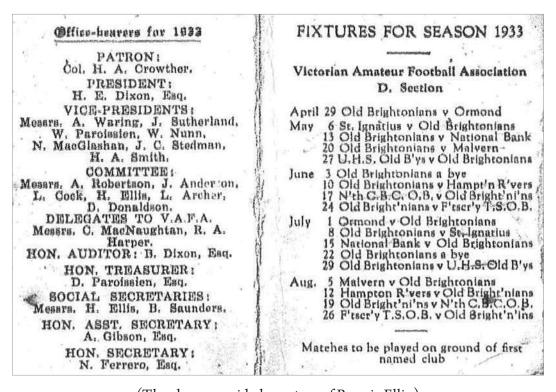
(Taken from the May 1933 edition of *The Brighton Grammarian*.)

Football Dance.

Please take notice that the Old Boys' Football Club is holding a Cabaret Ball at the Maison de Luxe, Elwood, on Monday, May 29, 1933. The tickets are 2/5 each, and there will be dancing from 8 p.m. till 1 a.m. The ticket secretaries are II. Ellis (J4181) and B. Saunders. Old Boys are urged to give their support to a worthy cause by being present themselves and bringing their friends.

At the end of the season the club finished fifth. Norman Fairway was voted the Most Consistent Player, (and also according to Drewe Bellmaine's research won the Best and Fairest Award) and Jim Saunders the Most Improved Player.

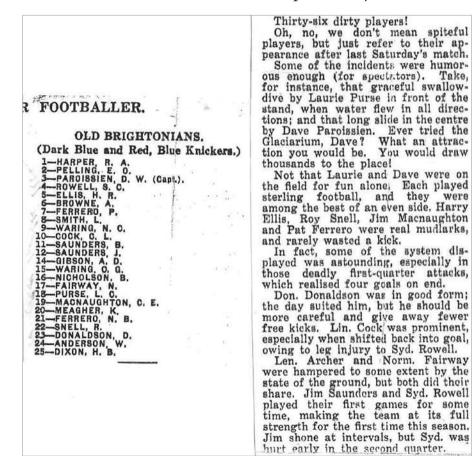
Players drawn from the School team were L Smith, Pat Ferrero and Noel Waring who kicked 60 goals.



(The above provided courtesy of Rennie Ellis.)

"In 1934, the Old Brightonians made the finals in D Grade but were defeated in the semi-final. Special mention was made of Hughie Purse and John Piper (both still at school) for their sterling performances in the semi-final game. The very popular Ray Harper, the team's coach, will not be able to coach next year." (Extract from *The Brighton Grammarian*.)

Below is an extract from a 1934 Amateur Footballer provided by Rennie Ellis.



Ian Parossien's research has produced the following information about the 1934 season.

D Section 1934:

Teams

- Old Brightonians
- Ivanhoe
- Malvern
- University High School
- St Ignatius
- National Bank
- Footscray TSOB
- Alphington
- Parkdale
- Hampton Rovers

Team List: (this differs to the one in the *Amateur Footballer* — a problem which continues to this day.)

	Position	Nickname
D Parroissien	Centre	Skipper
W Pelling		
N Fairway	Ruck	Bunger
D Donaldson		
H Ellis	Wing	
A Robertson *		
G Ferrero	Rover	Angle-shot
L Smith		
N Waring	Full Forward	
L Cock		
G Saunders	Half back	
L Saunders		
S Rowell		
A Gibson		
W Anderson		
B Nicholson		
M McLelland *		
L Purse	Half forward	
C E McNaughton		Younk
K Meagher		
H Gaunt *		
P Dane *		
L Collis-Brown *		
J Burton *		
W Hiscock *		
C Beere *		

^{*} These names do not appear on the 1934 *Amateur Footballer's* list shown above.

The following names appear in the *Amateur Footballer's* list shown above but not on Ian's list. A Browne, (may have been the father of Bill Browne, who as captain-coach in 1980 took the club to a C Grade Grand Final premiership), C G Waring, N Ferrero and H B Dixon ('Bish'). These sorts of errors regularly occur still today. A lot can depend on who sends in the list to the VAFA.

After six rounds the side was five wins and one loss and sitting in second place. In round 7, they played Ivanhoe who were undefeated. It was all over in the first half with Ivanhoe 61 points to 12 and we were well defeated. At the half-way mark we were 5 and 4.

We managed to repeat that win/loss ratio in the second half of the season and finished fourth, with the four being:

		Wins	Losses
1.	Ivanhoe	18	0
2.	UHSOB	14	4
3.	St Ignatius	11	7
4.	Old Brightonians	10	8

In the semi-final we played Ivanhoe and were heavy underdogs, having been well beaten in both season games by 16 goals and 10 goals. We played very well in the first half and scores were even at half-time. In the second half, Ivanhoe proved too strong and went away to win 18-24 to 12-3. Paroissien, Ellis, Fairway and Waring were all key players in the year. Waring kicked 58 goals. To quote *The Benchwarmer* in the game against Hampton Rover, "Norm Fairway is making his weight felt in the side whilst the same can be said of our capable skipper Dave Paroissien."

In round 12 *The Benchwarmer* started to show some of the frustration and sharper language that would be a hallmark of the 2000s:

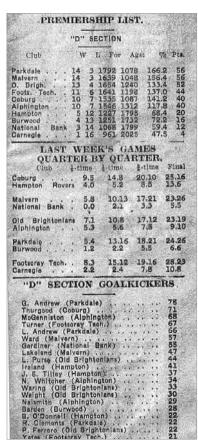
"Old Brightonians were soundly defeated last Saturday. The scores tell the old, old tale of crowded forward play and hurried shots for goal. It has been suggested by a supporter that the forward positions should be marked on the ground with whitewash. The half-forwards seem to think they should all migrate to the full-forward position with the result that it looks like a Friday morning's bargain sale. It is a good idea to occasionally keep up with your opponent. Don't wait for him to get the ball first and then give him a free by trying to pull him down. There is only one way to tackle a man with the ball and that is with your hip and shoulder."

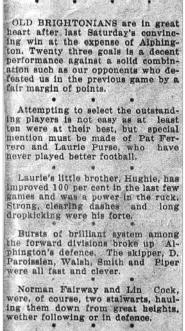
And the classic comment: "Now you non-trainers, how about coming down for a little training on Thursday nights?"

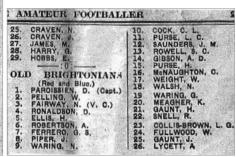
Back to excerpts from The Brighton Grammarian

"In 1935, the Old Brightonians again had a very good year and made the finals, but were defeated by Malvern in the semi-final.

The end of year dance was held again at the popular Maison De Luxe in Elwood. The social functions were such a success in raising funds that floodlights were able to be erected on the ground. Mr Turnbull was the new coach. Both Mr Ray Harper and Mr B Ferrero passed away this year. Mr N B Ferrero was paid tribute as the person who virtually brought the football club into existence and worked tirelessly for it until his death. The Ferrero family lived for many years opposite Brighton Grammar School on the corner of Lindsay and St Andrew Streets, closest to Church Street, and diagonally opposite the McLellan family who lived on the corner of Outer Crescent and St Andrew Street for over fifty years. H Ellis was awarded the Best Clubman trophy and H Purse was awarded the Most Improved Player. Mrs MacGlashan was again thanked for her efforts in arranging the many successful social functions and Mr Dawson for his assistance with injuries."







Above is an extract from the 1935 *Amateur Footballer*, courtesy of Graeme Templeton. Ian Paroissien's research continues for season 1935.

By the way, when is the next

Teams in D Section:

- Old Brightonians
- Malvern
- National bank
- Footscray TSOB
- Alphington
- Parkdale
- Hampton Rovers
- Coburg
- Burwood District
- Carnegie

Some of the players listed below may be new, but you will notice that Piper, Purse, Walsh and Saunders were included in the 1933 team photo above:

- 8 Piper
- 10 Purse
- 16 Lloyd
- 17 'Wally' Weight
- 18 Nick Walsh, (who re-started our club in 1957) Half forward/wing
- 21 Stiff
- 22 Cox
- 25 Anderson
- 26 Saunders
 Brown Half-back
 Fullwood

Rnd	Against	OB score	Op score	Best Players	Benchwarmer comment
1	FTSOB	18 – 10	23-13	Parossien, Saunders, Waring, (8 goals), Fairway	Individually players did well, but as a team, well, it was a rabble.
2	Hampton	20 – 18	8-12	Fairway, Purse, Parossien, Walsh	
3	Parkdale	14 – 19	12-22	Purse, Rowell, Parossien	Now fellows, no shocks like last Saturday. We must go all-out from the jump not wait for the last quarter. So attend training regularly and make sure you are fit.
4	Coburg	10 – 16	7 – 14	Fairway, Piper, Ferror, Saunders	
5	Malvern	12-6	8-24	Purse, Brown, Saunders, Piper, Ferrero	The lack of position play among the forwards is remarkable.
6	Carnegie	9-27	7 – 12		5 wins in a row which at the time was a club record. We were top 5 – 1.
7	Burwood	18-9	11-9	Purse, Rowell, Piper, Ellis	400 turned up at BGS for afternoon tea and <i>The Benchwarmer</i> was vintage, "A section of our supports must control themselves better than they did last Saturday. Remember the club suffers for its barrackers' behaviour.
8	Alphington	4-5	13-10		We are on top at 6 – 1 and only 16 players turned up. This idea of players not turning up to the match is very disheartening. Offenders will receive a shock.
9	National Bank	17 – 12	7 – 14		We dropped to 3 rd on 7 – 2. Goal kickers: Waring on 4 th with 33 goals. Purse and Weight both had 20.
10	FTSOB	9 – 12	6 – 16	Walsh, Waring, Ferror, Saunders, Ellis	Nick Walsh deserves credit for his great display either at half forward or roving. His handling of the ball was an eye-opener.

Rnd	Against	OB	Op score	Best Players	Benchwarmer comment
11	Hampton Rovers	14 – 12	7 – 10		Towards the end of the match it was difficult to distinguish players because of the thick layers of mud. Very little football about it, mostly kicking the football along the ground then fierce packs flying through the water with boots everywhere.
12	Malvern	8 – 12	10 – 12	Gibson, Fairway	Don't forget it's Bridge night on Saturday night.
13	Coburn	14-7	9 – 14	Fullwood, Gaunt, Ferrero, Piper, Ellis, Fairway	
14	Parkdale	8-7	12 – 15		
15	Carnegie	15-22	7-2		3 games to go, we were third on 11 – 4.
16	Burwood	23 – 25	25 – 14	L Purse (11 goals)	
17	Alphington	23 – 19	14-11	Ferror, Purse, Paroissien, Walsh, Smith, Piper	
18	National Bank	21 – 25	2-5		Finished 3rd on percentage. The final four was Parkdale 15 – 3, Malvern 14 – 4, OB 14 – 4, Coburn 11 – 7. Semi-final we played Malvern and lost 13 – 4 to 14 – 12 at Yarra Park. Teams had one win each. Malvern jumped Brighton in the 1st quarter and were 5 – 6 to 2 – 2 at quarter time. Malvern went on to beat Parkdale in the Grand Final by 2 goals.

Another excerpt from The Brighton Grammarian

"In 1936, the Old Brightonians are fortunate in retaining the services of Messrs N MacGlashan and H E Dixon as President and Patron respectively. New Vice-presidents were H Purse, H Pullen and G Ferrero. Mr Turnbull will continue as coach, David Paroissien will be captain again and Norman Fairway vice-captain.

The club again made the finals but were defeated in the first semi-final. At the Smoke Night, trophies were presented to David Paroissien for the Best Clubman and to Angus Robertson for

the Most Improved Player. The most successful of the new members included in the team were Jack Newdick, Max Simmons, Ted Fletcher, Bill Fullwood and Keith Rintoul."

Ian Paroissien continues his excellent research for season 1936 –

D Section 1936:

Teams

- Old Brightonians
- National Bank
- Footscray TSOB
- Alphington
- Hampton Rovers
- Coburg
- Burwood District
- Carnegie
- Fairfield
- Mt Carmel Old Collegians

Round one was against Hampton Rovers which we won 17 - 18 to 12 - 16. From *The Benchwarmer*: "Piper's stab kicking to position was an outstanding feature."

By Round 9, we were second to Coburg on percentage with eight wins and one loss. By Round 18, we finished second on 13 wins 4 losses and a draw.

The four was:

- Coburg 16 2
- Old Brightonians 13 1 4
- FTSOB 12-6
- MHSOB 10 8.

Waring who had been injured much of the previous year was back and kicked 47 goals. Once again into the finals with one win apiece, although Footscray had won the game in the second half of the season by 11 goals and the team was missing Waring, Piper and the Smith twins.

The Benchwarmer reflected on the team going into the game: "Dave Paroissien will again lead the team in a semi-final. Dave has been the captain of the team since 1932. He will be assisted by Norm Fairway as vice-captain. These two always play a good solid game and set a great example. Representing the old originals will be Nick Walsh, Harry Ellis, A Robertson, L Cock, L Purse, S Rowell and Don Donaldson. The new brigade are Jack Newdick, W Fullwood, Max Simmons, E Fletcher, K Rintoul and K Williams. Others with long service are Pat Ferrero, Hugh Purse, Jim Saunders, Hugh Gaunt, Geoff Waring and Wally Weight."

Success was to elude the club again and we were defeated by FTSOB 12-14 to 9-9.

D Section 1937:

Continuing with excerpts from The Brighton Grammarian

"In 1937, the Old Brightonians has completed its sixth season in the Victorian Amateur Football Association. Credit was given to the performances during the year of W Fullwood, J Gaunt, T Price, F Mitchell. H Gaunt was also congratulated for his goal kicking and H Ellis on his completion of 100 consecutive games. There were expressions of gratitude for Ernie James' enthusiastic work as Treasurer and Secretary. The team finished second-last 6 – 12."

D Section 1938:

The team finished seventh, 7 - 11.

In December 1938, a successful function was held at the Brighton Town Hall to raise much needed funds. This was a great success and the club started the year with a credit of 16 pounds. Thanks were expressed for the excellent efforts in raising funds for the club of Mrs Walter Jack and her committee.

In order to strengthen the side, a new rule was introduced by which ten players other than the Old Boys might be registered.

Mr H L Purse took over from N McGlashan as President. David Paroissien was again to be captain with Geoff Waring as vice-captain. Fred Turnbull will again be coach.

For the first time in The Brighton Grammarians' notes, mention was made of a non-playing membership ticket to cost 5/-. Also for the first time mention is made of the expenses created by having two trainers, goal umpires and a central umpire.

Teams played include Hampton Rovers, Alphington, Parkside, St Pauls, Myer, Fairfield, Carnegie and South Camberwell.

At the end of season 1938, thanks were given to Mrs Jack and Mrs Dyer for organising the social functions. Also thanks were expressed for the work put in by Colin Campbell, described as the 'backbone of our club'.

At the Annual Dinner, guests of honour were Mr G Taylor, one of our oldest supporters and Messrs MacDonald and H Pritchard who helped in the running of the matches throughout the year.

D Section 1939:

We finished eighth behind Brighton Technical School Old Boys, 5 wins 13 losses.

In 1939, the club was fortunate to obtain the services of Bill Fitzgerald as the new coach. Bill was captain of Collingwood Seconds and winner of the Most Consistent Player Medal for the last four years. (He later coached OBGFC in 1957, the club's first post-war year in the VAFA.)

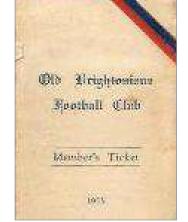
The club lost David Paroissien as captain and Hugh Purse had to resign as President. Haddon Smith took on that responsibility. Geoff Waring was the new captain and L Cock his vice-captain, but as he had a worrying injury Nicky Walsh was happy to take over as vice-captain.

Colin Campbell and Harry Ellis were praised for the great work that they have done for the club. Two pie nights were held this season where players could voice their opinions and receive

advice. At the end of a season where we had an unusually large number of injuries, thanks were given to Jack Harvey our Honorary Secretary, Hugh Purse, Treasurer, and Bill Fitzgerald for his coaching efforts.

Year	Captain	V. Captai	n Coach	Best & Fairest	Top Goal Kicker	I	Grade	W	L	D	Position
1932	D.Paroissien	L. Cock	R. Harper	L.Cock	S. Rowell	39	D	7	11	-	7
1933	D.Paroissien	A.Gibson	R. Harper	N.Fairway	N.Waring	60	D	9	7	÷	5
1934	D.Paroissicn	A.Gibson	R. Harper	D.Paroissien	N.Waring	58	D	10	9	-	4
1935	D.Paroissien	N.Fairway	F. Tumbull	H. Ellis	L. Purse	55	D	14	5	•	3
1936	D.Paroissien	N.Fairway	F. Turnbull	D.Paroissien	N.Waring	47	D	13	5	1	3
1937	D.Paroissien	N.Fairway	F. Turnbull	D.Paroissien	H. Gaunt	60	D	6	12	4	9
1938	D.Paroissien	N.Fairway	F. Turnbull	C. Waring	H. Gaunt	58	D	7	11	-	7
1939	G. Waring	L. Cock N. Walsh	W. Fitzgerald	A. Pollard	H. Gaunt	35	D	5	13	•	7
					Played 14	5		71	73	1	-
At the s	tart of 1936 se	ason Games	Played (As per	23rd May 193	6 Vol. 4 Pa	ge 30) Amateu	r Rec	ord)		
Harry E	Ilis	73		Donald Dona	eldson		63				
Lyn Coo	k	72		Noel Fairway	y		62				
David P	aroissien	66		Nick Walsh			58				
Jim Sau		66		Angus Rober	tson		50				
Arthur (Gibson	59		Nocl Fairway	1		53				
Pat Ferr	ano	50									

The above statistics were produced by Drewe Bellmaine to be included in his 1995 booklet *Old Brighton Grammarians Football Club* — *Records and Statistics*. (See chapter on *Statistics*)



1933 Membership Ticket (courtesy of Rennie Ellis)

DID YOU KNOW?

14 August 1976 at Beach Oval D Grade Seniors

Old Brighton 33:20 218

Defeated National Bank 4:7 31

J Priestley 10, K Holmes 3, P Simon 2, R Thomas 7, B McLure 3, A Gedye 1,

B Hamilton 3, G Jones 2, M Riddell 1, P Walsh 1.







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Keith Robinson

eith was with the club from the very first moment it was re-established. He was on the first committee and from then onwards helped in any way he could to assist in the day-to-day running of the club. On match days, Keith

was always one of the first down at the club helping to make whatever preparations were necessary for the day ahead. He made sure that the change rooms were fit for use and that medical supplies, scorers, goal umpires, boundary umpires, trainer, and numerous other items including oranges for half and three-quarter time were organised. Players' levies had to be collected at each game and the *Amateur Footballer* sold to all and sundry. Whilst it was not possible for Keith to personally attend to all of



these matters, he and brother Bruce and Nick Walsh would work as a team to see that all bases were covered. Fifty years later not a great deal has changed to the routine on match day, except to say that there probably would be only a slight increase in the number of those who volunteer for match day duties, although that would probably be disputed. Finding match day officials will always be one of the greatest challenges for an amateur football club as Keith would confirm.

Keith immediately set himself the task of raising funds for the club. Keith was always popular around the club as he had the knack of being able to talk to all supporters and players alike. He always had a ready smile for all of us and helped create a good feeling around the club.

In the club's fifth year (1961), Keith was appointed President and continued in that onerous position for seven years, the longest period in that office of any of our Presidents to date; this while being heavily involved in his own business.

After Keith finished his seven years as President, he immediately went onto the committee again and continued to assist in that capacity for many years. One area of responsibility that Keith was involved in on the committee was termed Insurance Fund Trustees where he was assisted at various times by Graeme Jeffery, Bruce Robinson, David Sedgwick and Don Cameron. But of course since 1957 (and we are now dealing with Keith's involvement into the 70s) nothing had changed regarding Keith's commitment to the club. On match day he was still being involved just as much as ever in whatever was needed to be done, ever encouraging the players and cheerfully greeting all supporters.

At the time of this book's publication 57 years later, Keith, while he obviously can't be involved any more in the match day activities, is still very much in evidence as a supporter and friend of many at the club. He also drove Harry Zachariah (often termed our No. 1 supporter) to as many games as Harry's health allowed; he passed away on 15 March 2009.

Keith has been at this club assisting in any way he can for over half a century or most of his working life. We cannot possibly ask or expect any more from any member.

—Thank you, Keith

Bruce Robinson

Played in the first game and was captain of that first side. In fact he would have virtually been Bill Fitzgerald's assistant coach as he knew all the boys so well. Bruce was on the teaching staff at Brighton Grammar School and had played for Power House with some of his schoolmates prior to the formation of our club in 1959.

(See *Post-War Beginnings*.) Bruce, like Keith, just loved being involved at the club. Any job to be done, Bruce was ready to help, whether it be goal umpiring, a duty which he must have performed scores of times, time keeping, boundary umpiring, helping in the rooms with the teams prior to the games, assisting at training. There were so many things to be done and as always never quite enough volunteers.



It wasn't long before Bruce in 1961 became a Vice-president, having always been on the committee from 1957 prior to that. Being Vice-president for Bruce simply meant another responsibility, another welcome challenge in addition to all the other duties, especially match day duties, which he happily continued to perform. Bruce held the post of Vice-president for well over a decade. His final year as Vice-president was 1974.

However, Bruce wanted to give even more to the club and in 1964 took on the position of coach for the Reserves, a post he held until 1967. Also in that year the club was fortunate to have a training camp at Lord Somers and of course Bruce was heavily involved with that as was John Sotheran, Bruce's predecessor as coach. Greg Kelly, an extremely talented player who had played with the club since its inception and had suffered a serious head injury, took on the job of Reserves coach from 1961 to 1963. This additional task of coaching the Reserves did not stop Bruce from continuing on after the game and putting his hand up for any jobs required for the running of the Seniors' game.

Bruce passed away much too early in his life. If he was still with us no doubt like brother Keith, his smiling face would still be seen each week at the club.

Graeme Jeffery

raeme Jeffery, from the moment he appeared at the club, was involved and in 1958 was on the Committee. It wasn't long before Graeme in 1960 became a Vicepresident along with Keith Robinson and John Hubbard. It was also recorded



at the Fourth Annual General Meeting that Graeme deserved thanks for the support that he gave to Horrie Berry our Seniors coach at training and for the fine job that he did in coaching and keeping the Reserve team together in their first and most difficult season.

In 1961 Graeme was appointed the club's Senior coach and in both this year and 1962 took us into the finals. We finished fourth in both years. In 1964 Graeme took the club into its second Grand Final in only our eighth year and although we finished runners-up, we were now promoted to C Section.

The end of season 1966 was our club's tenth year. Graeme who had coached the Senior team for six straight years retired from that position. No other Senior coach to date has equalled such a commitment, but by no means had Graeme become tired of serving this club that he loved. In 1967 he assisted our new coach, Ray Harper, as Team Manager. In that year we finished fourth, making it to the first semi-final.

When the club began in 1957, it had made a pledge to Brighton Grammar to raise a sum of 1000 pounds for its Building and Maintenance Fund. This was achieved by 1962. The club then went on to contribute to what was termed the Old Brighton Grammarians Football Club Scholarship. Another simply outstanding effort on Graeme's part was his fundraising, entirely through his own efforts over the years, of many hundreds of pounds for the Education Fund, to assist towards a scholarship for a student at Brighton Grammar School. There has been a determination since the club began in 1957 to maintain a close relationship with the School and its staff. The club's continued contribution to the aforementioned Education Fund has played a significant part in fostering such a valuable relationship. Our players acting as coaches to some of the junior teams at the School and in 1968 the agreement by the School to our club playing schoolboys in our Junior team, after they had completed their School XVIII obligations, are just a couple of examples.

In 1968 Graeme was appointed Club President, a very demanding role which he held for a total of six years. Apart from his predecessor Keith Robinson's seven year term as President, no other President to date has managed to emulate Graeme's enormous commitment.

During his time as President, Graeme would have had the enjoyment of seeing our Senior side reach our third Grand Final since 1957. Although our club would not yet hold that premiership cup aloft, this time in 1972 it escaped us by only one point! 1973 was to be Graeme's final year as President. By this time, Graeme had been at the forefront of our club's growth and activities for 15 years.

Harry Zachariah

he following is the speech made by Peter Sedgwick in honour of Harry Zachariah. Peter was speaking on behalf of the Old Brighton Football Club.

"Although I've been a part of the football club since 1962 over the past fifteen years, what we would call the Harry Zachariah years, my attendance has been sporadic. So to learn more, I called Keith Robinson, past President and Life Member of the football club and a close friend of Harry's.

During our conversation, Keith spoke freely and with great affection about Harry and his love of the Old Boys and after 20 minutes it occurred to me that if anyone should be talking about Harry Zachariah and the football club, it should be Keith. Of course, I had willingly accepted Peter Skelton's invitation to speak but nonetheless I said,

"Keith, I think you should be giving this address." His reply was immediate, "Peter," he said, "Harry's death has left a big hole in my life and even if I had been asked, I don't think I'd have trusted myself to get through it." I was very touched by this and it made me realise that like Keith, everyone in the football club has been affected by Harry's passing in their own way and there is a communal feeling of loss for a man who was our number one ticket holder, a Life Member and most loyal supporter.

Everyone here is aware of Harry's time at BGS and the huge number of boys he knew both as a teacher and then later as an author, historian and archivist. I have no doubt that his interest in the Old Boys' Football Club was his way of keeping in touch with the more sporting of them. I can only wonder what would have happened if there had been a more active Old Boys' Cricket Club.

I think we underestimate the importance of having things to look forward to when we retire and when there is less to do during the day. Of course, Harry's work at the School filled a big gap well into his eighties, but when that finally stopped I've no doubt that for half the years at least, the prospect of watching the Old Boys each week played a part in his wellbeing.

During the footy season, Harry hardly ever missed a game although he was selective about away games. When he did attend an away game, it was a mark of the respect in which he was held amongst the amateur football fraternity that every effort would be made by the opposing team to get him a window-seat at the luncheon or a priority car park to ensure that he was comfortable and out of the cold.

Interestingly, Harry didn't have a strong affiliation with an AFL team. What drove him to follow the Old Boys was just that ...they were, as he used to say, "the boys". Most of the players were too young for him to have taught, although he must have taught some of their

fathers, but he knew their names and their reputations and those he didn't know he quickly learnt about.

Playing on a suburban ground in front of a small crowd it was their individual and collective performances that interested him more than any of the hype associated with the AFL. That's not to say that he didn't enjoy watching AFL on television, but the Old Boys footy couldn't start soon enough for Harry and his membership fees were always amongst the first to arrive at the beginning of the season. And it wasn't always the Old Boys that gained his support. Even after a life-time of supporting the School team, he'd still occasionally go down to the Crowther Oval on a Saturday afternoon to watch them play, particularly if Melbourne Grammar or Xavier were the opponents. To Harry anyone wearing the BGS colours were "his boys".

I remember asking Harry one day a couple of years ago who his favourite players were amongst the current team and I wasn't surprised to hear him say he didn't really have any favourite. He said, "I just want them all to do their best and play well as a team."

Although the on-field performances of the teams were Harry's main focus, before the game and sometimes afterwards he also delighted in seeing and speaking to the large network of past players, many of whom he had known since school and who maintained a similar interest in the fortunes of the club.

In keeping with his conservative demeanour, Harry didn't celebrate loudly when Old Brighton kicked goals or won matches and only occasionally expressed disgust if he didn't agree with an umpiring decision. But he really hated losing ... probably a result of his competitiveness on the cricket field. In particular, Harry always hoped to beat Old Xaverians and although certainly not one to bear a grudge, it is believed that this goes back to his teaching days when there was a disagreement with Xavier College over playing standards. Like many of us, he must have had severe indigestion after the 2007 A Grade Grand Final.

Always immaculately dressed in a jacket and tie, (can anyone remember seeing him without one?), Harry attended many home game luncheons in the club rooms in company with Keith, Rod Ellison, Don Ashcroft and others and although not a big drinker he always made sure that he shouted a round of beers for his mates. In later years he would cheerfully complain that he couldn't eat steak with the new teeth that they'd given him, so the Committee of the day always made sure there was a serve of chicken pie on hand.



Don Ashcroft

Well into his nineties, special arrangements were made for Keith, who for some years had picked Harry up and dropped him home, to park his car in the forward pocket at the Beach Road oval and after lunch Harry would sit in the warmth of the car and watch the game. In the last couple of years, Harry found the two flights of stairs to the club luncheon a bit too demanding, so arrangements were made to deliver his chicken pie on a tray to the car where, with a stubby of beer, he'd see the footy uninterrupted; all the while engaging his fellow passengers with stories of his cricketing days, told I'm assured, with incredible recall of detail and more than a touch of humour.

It is this more recent image of Harry, sitting in the front passenger seat of the green Honda in the forward-pocket that most of us can associate with. Many Old Brighton supporters would say hello on their way to the clubrooms and he'd always wind the window down for a chat. Younger Old Boys would usually start with, "Hello sir" or, "Hello Mr Zachariah" and if he didn't recognise them, he'd politely ask, "Sorry, but who are you?" More often than not he'd then reply, "Of course", as he quickly linked the name with their football, cricket and other achievements at BGS.

Sadly Harry didn't see an Old Boys' game in 2009. He went to a Top Ender's luncheon, another of his passions, in February but by the time the season started his health had failed to the point where it wasn't possible for him to make it. But that didn't diminish his interest. Keith would call around to his place after the game to give him the results or telephone him after an away game. We can all take comfort in knowing that news of a win cheered him up greatly.



Over more than 50 years, Old Brighton Football Club has been home to a variety of people who've served in many capacities from President to Committee members, to players or coaches or team managers, to running the canteen or the boundary or the water bottle. Harry did none of these things. He was simply a loyal supporter of "his boys" and his enthusiasm never wavered no matter how the team was performing. I'm sure that Harry would be uncomfortable with the notion that he was a special supporter but there's no doubt that he was. In recognition of this he is one of only two of our 39 Life Members who've never played football or had an official role in the club.

The respect and affection in which he is held by everyone at Old Brighton is just another example of the ordinary humanity of this extraordinary man.

The Football club thanks those who had the vision and provided the resources for this permanent reminder of our dear friend Harry Zachariah."

(Harry Zachariah passed away on the 15th March 2009)

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1976 our first ever premiership was celebrated by a party at the home of captain-coach Graeme Templeton on the night of the Grand Final. Our Annual presentation Dinner Dance was also somewhat of a victory celebration and all who attended voted it a most enjoyable night President 'Nobby' Forster presented the Headmaster with the scholarship cheque to cover a year's fees for a boy at the School. Awards were also made to the following:

- Senior Side Best and Fairest Rick Thomas
- Senior Side Runner-up Gary Jones
- Best First Year player John Priestley
- Reserves Best and Fairest Marty Hunt
- Reserves Runner-Up David Warnock
- Clubman Trophy Neil Richardson
- Leading goal kicker Drewe Bellmaine D Reserves.

Post-War Beginnings

n 1954, Nick Walsh with his family was transferred back to Melbourne from Sydney. Nick was then Assistant General Manager of Louis Dreyfus and Company Limited. The Walsh family settled at 34 St Andrew Street about 100 metres from his old school, Brighton Grammar.



Nick Walsh

In 1956 Nick started to make contact with those he thought might like to play footy for an Old Boys' team in the VAFA. At that time Khyat's Hotel in Wilson Street Brighton, was a popular gathering point for younger staff members at Brighton Grammar School and also Old Boys, some of whom like Nick Walsh played for the Old Brightonians Football Club prior to its disbandment at the start of World War 2 in 1939. Nick, well into his nineties, still attends games and luncheons. In 2013 he joined Club President Rob Jakobi in presenting the Premiership Cup to our Senior Boys.

Bruce Robinson, who was to become a tireless contributor to the club in its formative years,

recalls how at Khyats he discussed with Nick Walsh the possibility of reforming an Old Boys Football Club. Bruce recalls how, on Friday nights one would usually find the likes of Roy Chellew, Nes Corr, Harry Ellis, Jim McNaughton, David Paroissien, and Nick Walsh at Khyats. As he says, "All these great blokes had been players or keen supporters of Old Brightonians Football Club prior to the disbandment of the club in 1939 when they all joined the Services."

It is also interesting to note that in those years between the end of the war (1945) and 1957 when Nick Walsh reformed the Old Brighton Grammarians Football Club, there were several clubs which attracted a significant number of our Old Boys. Bruce Robinson recalls how many played for the Power House Football Club which in some cases would have been a result of their having been to Lord Somers Camp. Bruce lists the following names of Old Boys who played with Power House in the 50s:

B Bocking, D Hazeldine, A McGuigan, J Boucher, G Jeffery, D McFarlane, G Bowell, G Maxted, J McFarlane, D Cameron, P Meagher, R Rust, G Coutts, P Mifsud, B Robinson, B Dove, B McDonald, G White, C Hankinson, A McDougall, P Whiting.



Bruce Robinson



Andy McGuigan



Power House Under 19 Football Team 1950 (courtesy of Andy McGuigan).

Back row: Gordon Robert, Jim Ingpen, Tom West, Syd Sinclair, Ron Butterworth, Dave Hilberg, Andy McGuigan, Graeme Coutts, Graeme Branch.

Middle row: Geoff Swain, Bruce Robinson, Bernard Bocking, Dick Cara, Jeff Harcourt (C), Frank Roberts, Morris, Don Hazeldine.

Front row: Robert Mynett, Ellec Yoiner, Allan Rediman.

Furthermore, Rod Ellison recalls how in 1946 many Old Boys who had left school, some returning from war service, still wanted to "have a kick of the footy". OBGFC was still in recession and there was always Power House (where some went), but to many of us, it was not 'Brighton'. An idea formed in the mind of Lyle McIntyre, the much loved Curate of St Andrew's Young People's Fellowship (YPF). We needed a home ground, so Lyle agreed to use his influence to obtain the use of the Crowther Oval on the condition that the team fronted to church on a Sunday. The deal was done! (And we never let him down.)

St Andrew's Amateur Football Club was formed, with colours the same as the old South Melbourne (white with the red V). Lyle McIntyre became the first President and the club was admitted to the VAFA in D grade. Old Boys in that original team were Sam Rogerson (1943 School captain and inaugural captain of the club), John Waller, John Hunt, Rod Ellison, John Winch, Brian Salter, Ken Huxley, Kev Wood (our full-back who won the D grade Best and Fairest in our first year and a State guernsey), one of the elder Berrys (I forget which) and others. We also had many good players from the YPF, such as David Bland later to become a St Kilda ruckman, and the three Plummer brothers (ex Ivanhoe Grammar). Two later captains were Brian Harvey (ex Collegians) and Rod Dorman.

After a couple of years we grew out of the Crowther Oval and its obvious restrictions. The club was renamed Brighton Amateur Football Club, its colours changed to light blue with dark blue yoke, and the home ground Elsternwick Park. A professional coach, Stan Judkins, was appointed; a former Richmond wingman and Brownlow Medallist. What other amateur club could boast a

Brownlow medallist as coach! The club had a wonderful social side; on one occasion over 400 turned up at a night-time garden party at the mansion home of one of our supporters.

We attracted many A-grade players, mainly from Hampton Rovers and Ormond. Some of the clubs we played against were Parkside, Fairfield, Alphington, Ajax, Glenhuntley (Bill McGrory, later OBGS coach, wore No 1 for Glenhuntly and I played against him in the centre), Power House (Bruce Robinson was an opponent) and Port Melbourne (which was our annual bloodbath!)

The turning point for the club was about 1957 when we lost a preliminary final by a point, after being a mile in front at the last change. It knocked the stuffing out of the club and it was never to recover, disbanding a couple of years later. In a sense it was the modern forerunner of OBGFC, in that it was originally composed mainly of Old Boys.

At its peak it was a very good side, capable of beating most. It never played against OBGFC. (Not so declares Bruce Robinson as he reminds us that in our first year we played them and defeated them.) So, in 1956 Nick Walsh set about the task of regaining entry for our club into the Victorian Amateur Football Association. Soon word spread that a move was being made to reform an Old Boys' team. It was not long before there was a substantial list of names.

On the 28th June 1956, Nick Walsh sent off a letter to the VAFA seeking re-admission. A copy of Nick Walsh's application for admission to the VAFA season 1957 is below.



As regards Finance, we anticipate no difficulty in coping with the usual obligations a Club has towards Your Association. As a matter of interest, our Governing body, O.B.G.S., has several hundred members and is rapidly growing. This no doubt is due to the fact that the school itself has some 670 boys and should prove a valuable recruiting

1957 Season-

ground.

We hope you will be able to give favourable consideration to our application.

For and on behalf of the O.B.G.F.

His letter explained that our club had been a pre-war member for many years. (See chapter *Pre-War*). Nick Walsh, of course, had realised that one of the most difficult obstacles in this path

to re-entry into the VAFA was securing a ground with suitable facilities. Naturally, Nick approached Brighton Grammar School with a request for the use of the Crowther Oval.

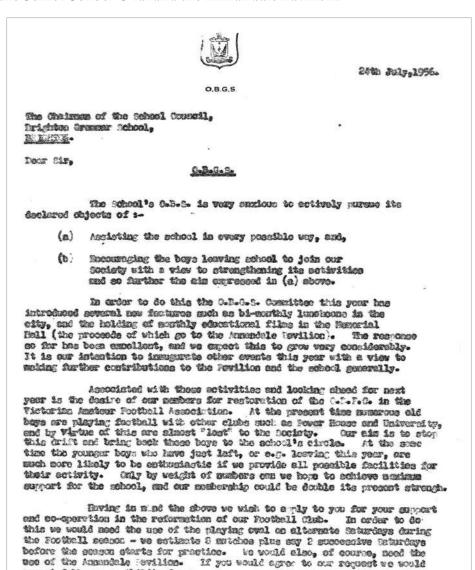
As Nick Walsh explains, Canon P St J Wilson, the Headmaster, was not too keen on allowing us to use the School ground. As Nick recalls, "Eventually I persuaded him it was really in the School's all-round interest to generate this extra-curricular activity and the club would be prepared to donate £100 to the School. In his letter to the VAFA, Nick was therefore able to use the argument that we had an excellent ground and facilities at Brighton Grammar School.

On 24 July 1956, Nick wrote a letter to the Chairman of the School Council indicating that one of the current aims of the Old Boys Society was the restoration of the Old Brighton Grammarians Football Club in



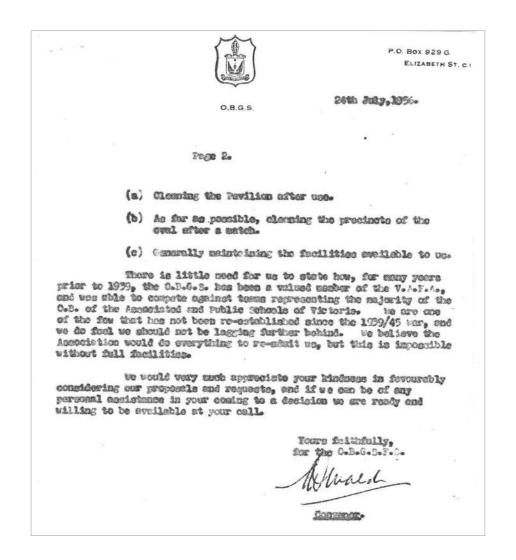
Canon P St J Wilson

the Victorian Amateur Football Association. Nick Walsh's letter to the School Council requested the use of the Senior School Oval and the Annandale Pavilion.



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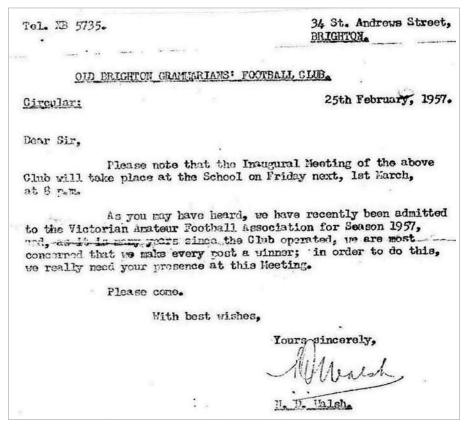
use of the Assendale Pavilion. accort full responsibility for :-



The argument used to support this aim was to regain potential members who would otherwise be 'lost' to other football clubs. Also, such a reformation of the OBGFC would further increase the Old Boys Society's chances of gaining more members if we could provide all possible facilities for their activity. The letter goes on to request the use of the School ground and its facilities.

As a result of the letters sent by Nick Walsh to the VAFA and to the School Council, the Old Brighton Grammarians Football Club in 1957 was re-admitted into the Victorian Amateur Football Association. Brighton Grammar School allowed us the use of its main oval and facilities. The Headmaster at that time was Canon P St John Wilson.

On the 25 February 1957 Nick Walsh sent a letter to all those interested, advising that an inaugural meeting of the Old Brighton Grammarians Football Club was to be held at the School on 1 March 1957.



The letter also mentioned that the club had been successful in its application to be admitted to the Victorian Amateur Football Association. We were to commence in E Grade.

We are told by Nick (who played with Old Brightonians before the war, see chapter *Pre-War*), that of the original Commitee chosen, Nes Corr, who was appointed Honorary Treasurer was boundary umpire with the Old Brightonians prior to World War 2. Nes and Nick organised a Melbourne Cup Sweep in 1956 to raise money for the club's entry into the VAFA and this raised £33.

1957 Statement of Receipts and Expenditure:

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OBGFC Committee Meeting 1/3/1957

Office Bearers:

- President N D Walsh
- Hon. Secretary D Burt (Buzza)
- Hon. Treasurer Nes Corr
- Committee Bruce Robinson, John Tilton, Keith Robinson, Bob McLellan, Bob Lane, John Edwards, Doug Ridley
- Hon. Social Secretary Rex Burchell
- Social Committee Rex Burchell, Kingsley Sheehan,
 Dave Sedgwick, Malcolm Armstrong, Peter Mifsud, Denny Schwarz
- Hon. Auditor Athol Pike (teacher at BGS)
- Delegate VAFA Nick Walsh
- Coach Bill Fitzgerald (also the last coach appointed for Old Brightonians prior to WW2, see chapter *Pre-War*).
- Goal Umpire D Rebecki
- Boundary 'Buzza' Burt (teacher at BGS)
- Timekeeper Bortnoski
- Trainer/Medical Assistant John Sotheran (teacher at BGS)
- Medical Supplies Harry Pickering (chemist).

There was a Patron appointed onto our first post-war committee. This was Brigadier R W Tovell, a very distinguished old boy.

So, in 1957, our club's first year after the Second World War, Nick Walsh was President, John Edwards and Denny Schwarz who both played in our first game were Honorary Secretary and Honorary Assistant Secretary respectively. Nes Corr was the Honorary Treasurer, Kingsley Sheehan the Honorary Social Secretary and Athol Pike a teacher at BGS, Honorary Auditor (and masseur).

On the Committee were Keith and Bruce Robinson and soon after, Graeme Jeffery, whose contribution and commitment to the club in its formative years was just extraordinary. John Tilton, Doug Ridley and Bob McLellan who all played in the first game were also on the committee as was David 'Buzza' Burt.

Bruce Robinson, who was captain in our first year, lists the following eighteen players who played in our first game against Brighton Amateurs on the 27th April 1957 which we won. Scores were 18-18 to 14-14. Bruce Robinson (captain) kicked 4 goals.



D Burt



John Sotheran



Athol Pike 1948



Brigadier R W Tovell

- Peter Thomson
- Blake Jewell
- John Tilton*
- L Thomson (kicked 3 goals)
- Alan Hart*
- Bob McLellan
- John Edwards*
- Denny Schwarz*
- Bob Lane
- Peter Bryant*
- David Sedgwick*
- Doug Ridley*
- John Knight
- Rex Burchell
- Greg Kelly
- Brian Mulligan
- B Crutchfield

Peter Thomson

*These players were in last year's School premiership team. There is no record of who was on the bench.

Other comments recorded in the Amateur Footballer on that day:

Coach Bill Fitzgerald — BBQ tonight at Mifsuds; Blake Jewell was mentioned as the present Victorian Junior Sprint Champion; Nick Walsh was captain in 1939 and is now President. Dave Burt Honorary Secretary, Nes Corr Honorary Treasurer.

In the *Amateur Footballer*, Saturday 27 April 1957, in addition to the above names, the following names were also listed on the OBGFC Senior list: D Singleton, P Mifsud, B Rothwell, G Flavell, K Sheehan, M Armstrong, I Baum, I Callaghan, I Malins, B Parry, D Swann, R Lindsay. Other players who Bruce Robinson mentions played at least one or more games: Dave 'Buzza' Burt, N Clements, P Coutts, L Duclos, I Head, N Huttley, T Lobb, R Lloyd, H McGregor, J Mifsud, M Page, G Thompson, P Whiting.

Bruce Robinson lists the following as 'Registered only': J Hannaford, P Harvie, R Lindsay, L Malins, L Nottingham, B Reilly, J South, D Swan, C Wilson, and T Wortley.

Nick Walsh produced a list in 2007 of those who were members in 1957 which he claims is 95% accurate. (Apologies if your name is not here.)

N Walsh, N Corr, D Burt, J Tilton, P Bryant, D Sedgwick, M Armstrong, R McLellan, D Ridley, R Lindsay, D Schwarz, J Edwards, R Ellsworth, B Robinson, K Robinson, R Burchell, B Crutchfield, R Peachey, J Leggo, J Mifsud, R Lane, H Hollow, J Tempany, B Luxton, H Keith-Anderson, J Grant, D Swann, P Harvie, B Reilly, L Nottingham, T Wortley, L Malins, J Knight, T Fowler, C Wilson, A Hart, G Kelly, I Batiste, K Sheehan, N Wood, N Huttley, P Kellaway (sons played for Richmond in the AFL), J Pullar, I Baum, B Parry, L Thomson, P Thomson, G Thompson, B Jewell, G Flavell, D Singleton, I Callaghan, B Mulligan, G Rothwell, I Head, I Ritter, G Bolitho, M Page, N Baker, T Lobb, N Clements, B Dove, P Downie, K, McGregor,

J Hannaford, P Whiting, G Coutts, F Shillabeer, C Greene, L Duclos, A Sinclair, M Banks, R Lloyd, P Mifsud, J South.

In the inaugural meeting held by Nick Walsh in March 1957, it would have been announced that our first coach was to be Bill Fitzgerald who in 1939 had also coached the Old Brightonians. Bill had been captain of Collingwood Seconds and winner of the Most Consistent Player medal for 4 years.

1957 VAFA leading goal kickers: Our Lachlan Thomson kicks 32.

E Section	
Mahoney (P. Melb.) (2)	74
Carfrae (O. Carey) . (2)	67
Birrell (O. Trinity)	54
Farker (Univ.) (-)	47
Bright (Brighton)	42
Conway (P. Melb) (-)	41
Marsden (Univ.)	40
Folson (Brighton)	33
R. Merkel (AJAX) (2)	37
D. Cohen (AJAX) (-)	35
L. Thorson (O. Btn.) .	32
Adams (I Melb.) . (1)	32



Lachlan Thomson

The Amateur Footballer's team list for the day we played ANZ Bank in 1957 and 1957 Grade Best and Fairest Players

In our Section, Bob McLellan came in third on 17 points, while there were two winners equal on 20 points. (See E Section results below)

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*1. R. BRIGHT (Brighton) ... 4 3 2 20
*2. P. KALMAN (AJAX) ... 3 5 1 20
3. R. McLellan (Old Brighton) ... 4 1 3 17
4. K. Mason (University) ... 3 3 1 16
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A&NZ Bank v. Old Brighton G.
A. & N.Z. BANK O. BRIGHTON GR.
                              (Navy Blue, Red "V")
(Royal Blue & Gold)
                               1. MULLIGAN, B.
2. SINGLETON, D.

    Cook, G. D.
    BLOOM, J.
    McLAUGHLIN, E.

                               3. RIDLEY, D.
 4. ROGEAN, N.
5. DIBBIN, N.
                               4. MIFSUD, J.
5. MIFSUD, P.
 4. ROGERS. B.
                               6. SEDGWICK, D.
 6. PEAKE, R.
7. BENDALL, J.
8. TRELEAVEN, P.
                               7. ROTHWELL, B.
                               8. EDWARDS, J.
9. KELLY, G.
 9. BLACK, H.
                              10. JEWELL, B.
10. HOLT, G.
11. SPENCER, C.
12. SANDERS, B.
                              11. TILTON, J.
                              12. THOMSON, L.
13. ROBINSON,
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14. LEWIS, I.
                              B. (c.)
14. IANE, R.
15. CHRISTENSEN,
B. (c.)
16. GOLDSMID, J.
                              15. SCHWARZ, D.
17. RIDGWAY, G.
18. HENDERSON,
                              16. McLELLAN,
                              R. (v.c.)
17. CRUTCHFIELD,
19. O'BRIEN, F.
20. FLINN, R.
21. LYONS, F.
                              18. KNIGHT, J.
                     (v.c.)
        TAYLOR
                              19. BRYANT,
                              20. BURCHELL, I
21. FLAVELL, G.
22. SHEEHAN, K.
 This Week's Umpire:
PICKFORD
                              28. ARMSTRONG, M.
34. CLEMENS, N.
                              24. BAUM, L.
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35. LOBB, T.
36. HEAD, 1,
                              25. HART, A.
26. CALLAGHAN, I.
27. THOMSON, P.
                                                             H
37. McGREGOR, K.
38. BANKS, J. 39. WILSON, C
                              28. MALINS, L.
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                              29. PARRY, B.
40. HANNAFORD,
                              30. SWANN, D.
                              31. LINDSAY,
41. HUTTLEY, N.
42. WHITING, P.
                              32. PAGE, M.
46. COUTTS, G.
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1958

In 1958, the coaching was taken over by Horrie Webber, who was then a teacher at BGS. We made the finals in that our second year in the competition.



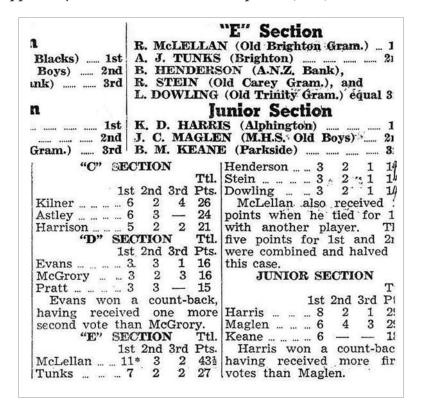
Back row: Denny Schwarz, Athol Pike (trainer), Mike Wortley, 'Buzza' Burt (boundary umpire and teacher at B.G.S.), John Knight, Nick Walsh, Horrie Webber (coach), Bob McLellan (captain), Doug Ridley, John Tempany, John Boucher, Brian Mulligan (injured).

Second row: (crouching) John Tilton, Bruce Robinson, Barry Morris, Alan Hart, John Haslem. Front row: David Sedgwick, Ken Kendall, Keith Peachey, Noel Huttley, John Edwards, Greg Kelly, Graeme Tozer (with parents and friends in the background at Annondale Pavillion).

An extract from *Amateur Footballer* (below) showing the end of season Premiership Lists for 1958 showing that our club finished in fourth spot. (There were no Reserves or Juniors at that stage).

"E		Se	ctio	n		C
	W	. L	. For	Agst.	%	Pts.
St. Kilda CBC	16	2	1983	971	227.7	64
Univ. Reds	16	2	1683	950	177.2	64
A.N.Z. Bank	10	8	1399	1181	118.5	40
*Old Brigh. Gr.	9	8	1587	1411	112.5	38
Old Carey Gram.	9	9	1284	1284	100.0	36
*Brighton	8	9	1285	1369	93.9	34
*Collegians Gold	. 8	9	920	1020	90.2	34
Old Trinity Gr.			1078	1488	72.4	24
*P. House Gold	4	13	807	1282	62.9	18
Huntingdale	2	16	725	1865	38.9	8

Below we see the VAFA 1958 Grade Best and Fairest Players. In our grade Bob McLellan is first with what apparently is still a record number of points (43½).



Team List when our club Played Power House Gold in 1958

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. Old Brighton
 OLD BRIGHTON
  GRAMMARIANS
  (Navy Blue, Red
         "V")
                      19 BATISTE, I.
 1 MULLIGAN, B.
                      20 MORRIS, B.
 2 TEMPANY, J.
                      21 FLAVELL, G.
 3 RIDLEY, D.
                      22 BUNNY, M.
 4 LANE, D.
                      23 ROBERTSON, J.
 5 BOUCHER, J.
                      24 JEFFERY, G.
 6 SEDGWICK, D.
                      25 HART, A.
 7 ROTHWELL, G.
                      26 HASLEM, J.
27 PEACHEY, K.
 8 EDWARDS, J.
 9 KELLY, G.
                      28 MALINS, L.
10 GODDARD, J.
                      29 PARRY, B. 30 SWANN, I
11 TILTON, J.
12 WORTLEY, M.
                      31 KENDALL, K.
13 ROBINSON, B.
                      35 LOBB, T.
                      37 McGREGOR, K.
38 BANKS, J.
14 KELLAWAY, P.
15 SCHWARZ, D.
                      39 WILSON, C.
16 McLELLAN, R.
17 TOZER, G.
18 KNIGHT, J.
                      41 HUTTLEY, N. 44 THOMSON, G.
                      43 DUCLOS, J.
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1958 VAFA Goal Kicking List, with Doug Ridley on 57 goals. Bruce Robbie and John Tempany also feature.

1959

Then in 1959 – 60, Horrie Berry an Old Boy, took over the coaching. In 1959, only our third year in the VAFA (post-war), we had our first taste of a Grand Final which we lost. In 1960 we were again in the finals.

Extract from 1959 *Amateur Footballer*, the possible line-up for the Grand Final between OBGFC and Preston.

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6 SEDGWICK (OB)
                      18 LAWRENCE (P)
         PEACHEY (OB)
                                     14 KELLAWAY (OB)
          7 BEST (P)
26 HASLEM (OB)
                       20 MORRIS (OB)
                                              31 RENDALL (OB)
                         4 REENE (P)
25 MEADOWS (P)
                                             17 PARKINSON (P)
    16 McLELLAN (OB)
                                             Reserves:
     2 TEMPANY (OB)
                                        13 ROBINSON (OB)
  Rover: 8 EDWARDS (OB)
                                         15 SCHWARZ (OB) #
 25 HART (OB)
                        33 REUSS (OB)
                                                7 HINDLE (OB)
  3 WATT (P)
                       1 PAARMAN (P)
                                               14 M. MILLS (P)
   10 CHAMBERLAIN (P)
                                             Reserves:
     12 STEWART (P)
                                         9 N. MILLS (P)
   Rover: 19 VERDON (P)
                                          6 W. DUNN (P)
30 PRYOR (OB)
                        3 RIDLEY (OB)
                                                 4 LANE (OB)
 16 GRANT (P)
                       2 PETERSON (P)
                                                21 SCOTT (P)
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                       24 RYCROFT (P)
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×	OLD BRIG	H	ON	GRAM	MI	RIANS v. PRESTON
	(To be pla	ayed	at R	loss Gr	egoı	ry Oval, Albert Park)
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	(Dark Blue, F	ced	V)	50000		(Grey and Red)
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2	TEMPANY, J	23	5.101	12. 4	2	PETERSON, J. F 23 5.11 12. 9
)3	RIDLEY, D. (ve)	19	5.10	11.10	3	WATT, R. J 24 5. 9 11. 7
4	LANE, D.	18	5. 61	9. 5	4	KEENE, R. W 26 6. 0 12.10
5	BOUCHER, J.	20	5. 7	11. 8	5	CRONE, N. J 25 5. 8 14. 0
6	SEDGWICK, D.	19	5. 91	12. 2	6	DUNN, W. A 24 5. 7 10. 7
7	HINDLE, J	18	5. 81	11.10	7	BEST, H. R. (vc) 28 5. 6 16. 7
8	EDWARDS, J	19	5. 91	11. 0	9	MILLS, N. A 27 5.10 15.10
10	COOPER, P	19	5.10	11. 2	10	CHAMBERLAIN, R. 21 6. 2 12. 9
12	WORTLEY, M.	19	5.105	11.11	11	SEWELL, R. M 24 5.10 12, 9
13	ROBINSON, B.	27	5. 8	10. 6	12	STEWART, R. C. 17 5. 9 12.13
14	KELLAWAY, P.	20	6. 01	13. 0	13	HALL, M. G 26 5.10 10.12
15	SCHWARZ, D.	20	5.11	12. 0	14	MILLS, M. A 21 5. 5 11. 3
16	McLELLAN, R. (e)	23	6. 04	12. 3	15	
17	TOZER, G.	18	5. 71	9. 7	17	
18	KNIGHT, J	21	5.10	14. 7	18	LAWRENCE, R. E. 23 5.10 10. 5
20	MORRIS, B.	18	5.10	12. 0	19	VERDON, J. E 24 5. 6 11. 4
25	HART, A.	19	5. 81	11. 0	20	ROOS, D. H 22 6. 2 12. 0
26	HASLEM, J.	20	5.10	10. 8	21	SCOTT, L. D 28 5. 9 11. 4
27	PEACHEY, K.	18	5.10	12. 0	22	
29	BRYANT, P.	19	5. 81	11. 0	24	
30	PRYOR, B.	19	5. 7	9. 5	25	MEADOWS, R. W. 22 6. 9 11. 2
31	KENDALL, K.	20	5. 81	10. 7		
32	ELLIS, R.	18	5. 7	9.12	3	
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Team lists for the 1959 Grand Final between Old Brighton Grammarians and Preston (above).

In the list at right we see the **1959 VAFA Leading Goal kickers**. Note that Barry Pryor, whose son Andrew was to become one of the club's finest players, was second on the goal kicking list.

Below is the **1959 VAFA Grade Best and Fairest** which shows that either there is a misprint or miscalculation or Bob McLellan should be on 20 points.

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G. El	DY (West Brunswi	ck)	е	qua	2nd
B. CUR	RIE (University)				4th
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_ 1	22	Douglas	4	4		20
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_ 2	20	Batrouney	2	2	4	. 14

"D" SECTION	
Shiel (St. Kevin's)	68
Pearce (Fairfield)	46
McDonald (FTSOB) (3)	35
O'Brien (St. Kilda CBC)	38
Shostak (AJAX) (1)	34
A. Seefeld (AJAX) (1)	34
"E" SECTION	
Hughes (W. B'wick)	57
Pryor (U. Brighton)	46
R. Mathew (Un. Reds)	45
McSwain (Un. Reds)	34
N. Mills (Preston) (-)	33
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In this *Ball Briefs* extract, note the reference to the then OBGFC Secretary 'Buzza' Burt, followed by comments referring to the generous hospitality of our President Nick Walsh and wife Bev.



Old Brighton report in answer to the Editor's query that there are eight fair-haired footballers in the side, nine dark, one red-headed and three nondescripts in-cluding the secretary, "Buzcluding the secretary, zer" Burt.

(Thanks for the information.—Ed.)

Much of Commonwealth Bank's success this year is their house is still standidue to Roy Stabb. Roy began coaching in 1957 when Bev, not forgetting Lucy.



Old Brighton Grammar-ians wish to thank President Nicky Walsh and his wife Bey for the tremendous hoswife pitality shown towards the Football Club boys throughout the year. What with parties, barbecues and Sunday afternoons it's a wonder their house is still standing. Thanks again, Nick and Rey, not forgetting Lucy.

Even "scribes" can learn something from players — in this case, he who writes a few lines for UHS Old Fove has found out that shaded lights, soft music, etc., etc., can turn "tough" men on the field into men of gentle "peace(s)," all in the space of a few hours of a few hours.

Amazing, isn't it?

Two of Preston's oldest players, Frank Grant and Merve Hall, played the games of their lives last Saturday. can rest all you want to after a similar display to-Congratulations, fellows,

Our Senior Team with Coach Horrie Berry in 1959



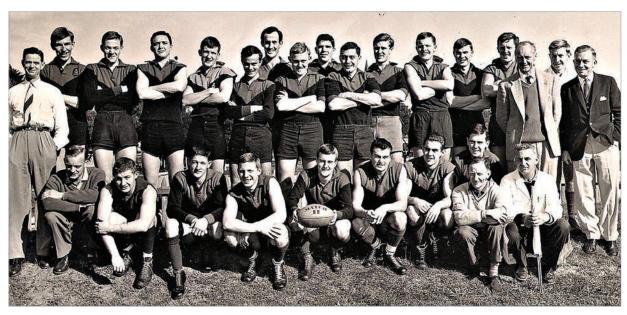
Back row: Greg Kelly, Brian Mulligan, John Hindle, Ken Kendall, Keith Peachey, Alan Hart.

Centre: John Haslem, John Tempany, Graeme Tozer, Peter Sedgwick, Bob McLellan, Dave Sedgwick,

Horrie Berry (coach), Peter Bryant, Doug Ridley, Barry Morris, Peter Cooper.

Front: Barry Pryor, Rennie Ellis, John Edwards, John Boucher, Darryl Lane.

At the rear of the team, note the picket fence along Cramer Rd., which ran between the Crowther oval and the Junior oval. Cramer Road was later closed off and was replaced with a footpath. Also it can be seen that there is work being done on St Andrew's Church in the background.



1960 Senior Team with Coach Horrie Berry

Back row: Horrie Berry (coach), George Thompson, Blake Jewell, Brian Mulligan, Arthur Reuss, Graeme Tozer, Bob McLellan, David Sedgwick, Doug Ridley, Barry Morris, Peter McKinnon, Peter Kellaway, Ken Kendall, Mike Wortley, Nick Walsh (President), Brian Scoullar, Keith Robinson.

Front row: Bruce Robinson, John Boucher, Darryl Lane, John Hindle, Lyle Nottingham, Keith Peachey, Alan Hart, Barry Pryor, Tom Cullinan (trainer) Bob Leone ('permanent' goal umpire).

Note the freshly polished boots!

1961

In 1961 Graeme Jeffery took over the coaching for the next six years, during which time we made the finals three times, one of which was another lost Grand Final in 1964. (Graeme was a prefect in 1947.)



Graeme Jeffery



1962 Team with Coach Graeme Jeffery

Still at Crowther Oval.

Back row: Barry Morris, John Haslem, David Pullman, Keith Robinson (president), Phillip Ellis (boundary umpire) Tom Cullinan (trainer), Graeme Jeffries (coach), Bill Jackson, Dave Sedgwick, Doug Ridley.

Second row: Chris Larcombe, Bob McLellan, Jeff Thomas, Graeme Templeton, Peter Hayman, Peter McKinnon.

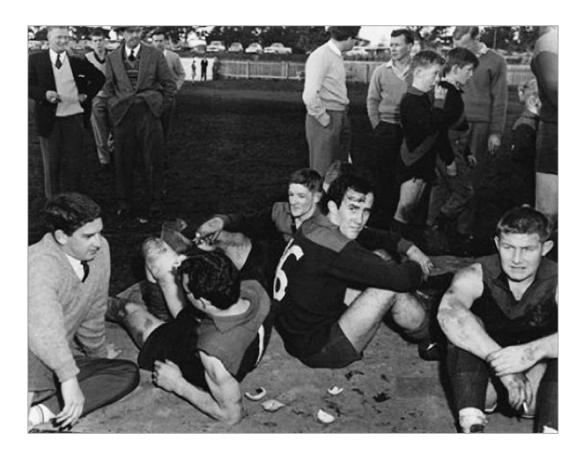
Front row: Peter Sedgwick, Darren Gribble, Alan Hart, John Boucher, Peter Kellaway (captain), Rob McKinnon, Rick Grant, Darryl Lane.

This photo could be in 1960 when Doug Ridley was captain and Horrie Berry was in his second and last year as coach.

In the photo below, it is the third-quarter break at Crowther Oval, with coach Graeme Jeffery looking as relaxed as ever and chatting to a parent. On the mat left to right, Greg Kelly (recovering from head injury), Brian Mulligan, Darryl Lane, Bob McLellan, John Boucher, top left corner Mr lane, Rennie Ellis,



Mr Ridley, John Tilton and top right is coach Graeme Jefferies chatting to others. Smokers a plenty! You will notice that the three quarter routine back then has changed dramatically from what occurs now.





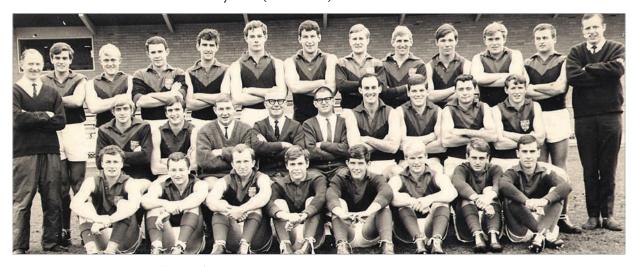
The Senior team photo above includes Barry Pryor who was captain in 1964 and 1965, and Graeme Jeffries into his 4th or 5th year of coaching as 1966 was his last year.

Back row: Rob McKinnon, Dave Sedgwick, Leigh Myers, Barry Morris, Doug Wood, Brian Crutchfield, Alan Hart, John Code.

Middle row: Peter Sedgwick, John Berry, Barry Jarvis, Roger Wilson, Chris Larcombe, Graeme Templeton, Peter McKinnon, Dick Fraser, Brian Mulligan, Ossie Spence, Lance Westerman, Victor Stewart.

Front row: Bob McLellan, David Pullman, Keith Robinson, Graeme Jeffries (coach), Barry Pryor (captain), Rick Grant.

Below is the **1966 Senior Team photo**. It was Graeme Jeffery's 6th and final year of coaching. He soon became President for 6 years (1968-73).



Back row: Tom Cullinan (trainer), Lance Westerman, Dave Sedgwick, Dick Fraser, Rob Wilson, Don Agar, Geoff Hosie, Peter McKinnon, John Berry, Jamie Agar, Peter Sedgwick, Keith Peachey, Peter Kellaway. Middle row: Mark Millis, Dave Myers, John Boucher, Keith Robinson, Graeme Jeffery (coach), Bob McLellan (captain), Graeme Templeton, Barry Morris, John Devine.

Front row: Ossie Spence, Doug Wood, Les Walker, Huggins, Paul Taylor, Mike Wood, John Code, Barry Pryor.

In 1960 we began a Reserve team which was coached by Graeme Jeffery. In an extract from the history of the Old Haileybury Football Club *Play Hard and Play for the Game,* headed

DID YOU KNOW?

The OBGFC marquee acquired in 1967 was well known and loved and it was erected in dozens of back yards and at other locations for footy club functions, 21st birthdays and all kinds of community events including the Annual Charity Golf Day for the Royal Children's Hospital at Royal Melbourne. The marquee was a great fund raiser for the club for both our own functions and when it was let out for private parties. A team of skilled players and officials took charge of storage transport erection and removal.

'The Brighton Connection 1960', it is recorded that in 1960 a number of Old Haileyburians helped to fill the Old Brighton Grammarians' Reserves team, with a view to forming a nucleus of their own club in following years. As such the project was most successful and players such as the Home brothers, David Child, Ross Venn, Morris Brown, and Peter MacFarlane all played together for the first time as Old Boys. The article goes on to say that "Old Brighton finished an enjoyable season in tenth place on the ladder". The home ground for the first year had been the Brighton Beach Reserve, (then the State Savings Bank's ground). In those days the Senior Brighton Grammarians still played at the School Oval in New Street.



1963 Reserves Team

Greg Kelly, (because of a severe head injury couldn't play), coached the Reserves from 1961-63.

Back row: Graeme Scoullar, Greg Kelly, Barry Jarvis, Jon Ellerton, Victor Stewart, Peter Fergus, John Hindle, Doug Wood, Keith Peachey, Brian Mulligan, Peter Siggins.

Middle row: Brian Scoullar (boundary umpire), Geoff Gutteridge, Darren Gribble, Lance Westerman, David Meek, David Wells, Dick Fraser, Brian Crutchfield, Mike Harvey, Tom Cullinan (trainer), Phillip Ellis. Sitting: Rod Bruce, Barry Pryor, Graeme Tozer, Peter Cooper (captain), Tony Thornhill.

Bruce Robinson, assisted by Rex Burchill coached the Reserves from 1964 – 1967. The photo below could be the 1966 team as Graeme Tozer was captain that year.



Back row: Peter Cooper, Nobby Forster, John Swanell, Peter Bunning, Roger Wilson, Brian Crutchfield, David Meek, John Gray, Victor Stewart, Ken Kendall.

Centre row: Andrew Weight, Dick Neville-Smith, Bruce Robinson (coach), Rex Burchill, Graeme Tozer (captain), Tony Thornhill

Front row: Clive Taylor, John Dutton, Hugh Purse, Bruce Allcock, David Jackson, Rennie Ellis.

In 1965, our ninth year in the VAFA, our Junior side was admitted into the competition. Don Cameron was coach and Peter Cooper their first captain. The team finished fourth.

It must be said that the club in those early years was extremely fortunate to have had such an exceptionally dedicated group of people to help administer our club; Nick Walsh, Keith and Bruce Robinson, Graeme Jeffery and then in 1959 along came Tom Cullinan.

Tom was initially our Honorary Masseur, but for twenty or more years took on other responsibilities. Tom just loved to be around the club.



Tom Cullinan

Furthermore, in the 50s and 60s our club was also blessed with a significant group of ladies — mostly mothers of our players.

The group overleaf were called the OBGS Football Club Auxiliary (this photo is taken from *Meliora Sequamur*), who through their efforts created a wonderful atmosphere of friendship and good fun as well as raising an astonishing amount of desperately needed funds to keep the club going. The club didn't, as yet, have too many members. So there were very regular house parties on Saturday nights and pleasant Sunday mornings or Sunday BBQs. To a very large extent these social activities were the glue that not only helped to keep the club strong but also helped it to grow in membership. A huge number of parents opened up their homes so that the club members could enjoy one another's company and there was always an excellent programme of social activities.

The Old Brighton Grammarians Football Club in the 60s was gradually developing a strong group of players, a very solid managerial group, outstanding support from parents and other supporters and a social agenda which would have been the envy of most other clubs. 1965 was the inaugural year of our Under 19 side and Don Cameron was their first coach.



Former Mothers' Circle members (see p. 124), now O.B.G.S. Football Club Auxiliary

L to r.: Mary Edmondson, Tupp Mullett, Kay Hutchinson, Peg Webb, Doreen Richardson, Lois Keast,

Jean Appelton, Susan Gluning, Norma Trotter



Back row: Ian Gutteridge, Tim McDonald,, Chris Trew, John Hardie, Andrew Timms, Colin Heseltine,

Middle row: Howard Smith, Duncan Van Woerden, Ken Jellis, Bruce Easton, Don Cameron (coach), Rick Thomas, Rick Trewavis, David Black, David Parkinson

Front row: David Wood, Ray Huggins, Wayne Comper, Graeme Willis, Joe Rundas, Russell Jewell, Mullin.

To cap it off, before we had reached the 70s we had the valuable (but unsuccessful) experience of two Grand Finals and in our ninth year had moved from E to C grade. In our 20th year (1976) our Reserves team achieved our club's first ever Grand Final win. In our 21st year, 1977, our Senior team had its first Grand Final win. In 1981 we had our first taste of B Grade and in 1993, our 37th year, we made it to A Grade for the first time.



Old Brighton Grammarians Football Club 18t XVIII

BACK: Bruce McBriar, Robert Dale, James Agar, Linden Adamson, Brian Templeton, Donald Agar, Nick Tonkin, Harvey Webb, Rob McKinnon, Doug Ridley.

DENTRE: John Devine, David Myers, Doug Wood, Keith Peachey, Peter Sedgwick, Roy Harper (Coach), Graeme Jeffrey (President), Graeme Templeton, John Berry, Peter Wynne

FRONT: Alan Beckett, Les Walker, David Wood, Ossie Spence, Michael Wood, Rick Thomas

"C Grade" Kinalists 1967

Back: Bruce Mc Briar, Robert Dale, James Agar, Linden Adamson, Brian Templeton, Donald Agar, Nick Tonkin, Harvey Webb, Rob McKinnon, Doug Ridley.

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Below is an Extract from *The Tonners Times* by 'Vic Bitter'.

MY SATURDAY by VIC BITTER

I remember the first time I came down for a training run sometime in the Autumn of '64. In the times when some things were permanent - the quid, Menzies, Melbourne winning premierships Holdens, Jock straps. When we played district sides every second week and oppositions were farts in bottles and your opponent was a pizzle ... and crew cuts. There was a harmony, and certainty about life - you didn't have to go to Uni. I remember that first day, when walking towards the Club rooms, Barry Pryor coming across to the fence - he knew who I was - I was in Grade 6 when he used to score all those centuries at school. All those heroes of the Crowther Oval. Buddha's Uncle Rick. Charlie Sedgewick the greatest of the full backs, Dave Pullman, the best talker in the game (Bert Draper and Steve Priestley

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rolled into one) and the greatest of them all, the old sage, Bob McLellan - never missed a knockout. He'd ruck all day -I know - I was supposed to change in the back pocket with him. In those days of course there were boundary throw ins all the time - a back man always turned towards the boundary line and kick it out. And the young lads Nobby, Wick and Stick -Stick with the baby face and the gleam in the eyes when crashing opponents into the fence ... "Sorry I done it" the face used to smile with all the feigned charm of the three year old larrikan. Doug Wood, who'd leave Don Nicholson standing in the blocks and Ossie Spence, the goal sneak, all 9 stone of him, who'd stand his bround in the forward pocket and out smart the pack thundering down on him. (Ozzie broke a leg in a car accident about 12 years ago and never played after that). And the will o' the wisp John Code who used creative handball - in the days where hand ball was used only to get you out of trouble and never on the backline. Oh, yes and the shed after the game - when upstairs didn't exist and you didn't have time to shower and change before the beer was flowing. It cost 1/- a glass and definitely no women. But we would invite them in once a year. They were the times when you drank only beer - the old man who didn't enjoy a beer used to take his whiskey along with him. I remember two 6 year old apprentices to the Australian way of life, Steve Jeffrey and Andrew Cameron - getting a taste for it as it used to spill on to the floor. But times were a-changing. At school we were starting to test Pinhead and the Generals with side burns and hair below the collar and low school caps perched on the front of our heads. The Beatles, Bob Dylan and the 'Stones, Albert Lange and Mavis Bramston Shows and before long we had our own Hoges and Strop (way before Hoges and Strop were even thought of) Bardy Dale and Rick Harvey who were the Monkees and who regularly would give their arse for a glass of Victoria Professional coaches. who actually trained with us, training lights, so that in mid winter training was not just 20 minutes of sprints. And outsiders good 'Evans was the first. And still not a premiership. success on the field all that important? After the 1977 Premiership I felt that it gives a club a sense of pride, after 1980 I was sure of it. The Reserves wins in 1976 and 1978 also played their part. And the coaches McLellan, McGrory and Browne.

Tom Lullinan

eter McKinnon, in an article he wrote paying tribute to Tom, remarks that Tom came from Tasmania. He worked for Mobil Oil and was transferred to its Australian Head Office in Melbourne. Being unmarried, he looked for interests there and found the OBGFC. This was in its founding days in the late 1950s. It was a major and abiding interest and was to last for more than fifty years. In 1959, our club's third year, Tom was chosen for the position of Honorary Masseur, later changed

in Committee notes to Masseur and First Aid, which meant that he was also responsible for medical supplies. He had an arrangement with an Old Boy, Harry Pickering who ran a pharmacy, so that he could obtain bandages and other medical supplies at a significant discount. So, as Peter comments, Tom would provide rub-downs and bandages for the Senior team, and the oranges and drinks at the intervals during games. One use for the bandages



was the weekly binding of Geoff Hosie's boots, which needed this attention to survive. Tom became absolutely dedicated to any of the tasks he took on before his untimely departure due to cancer. We all loved Tom, his beaming smile, his generosity, his willingness to help at all times and his friendliness to all and sundry made him a very popular character around the club. Tom didn't have similar qualifications to those trainers we have at the club today, but at the time we were just very grateful to have someone who could give us a rub-down before the game or rub something on any sore spots that we had or just give us a bit of sympathy if we needed it. When out on the ground if we injured ourselves in some way, Tom always had a towel which could be held over the spot and a bit of rubbing might be applied and even a lotion of some sort rubbed in. This was it; up we got and soldiered on if we could, or sometimes Tom would need to assist us from the field and apply ice to the injured area as we were left lying on the bench. No one ever complained or questioned Tom's methods. Tom did the very best he could and that satisfied us.

In 1966, Tom added to his responsibilities and took on the job of Social Secretary, a position to which he gave all his energies and skill. As Peter adds, "Tom was a member of the OBGFC Committee for many years. His principal role here was as organiser of social functions. The annual ball (a black-tie event) was a major responsibility. The venue often changed, as perhaps footballers proved to be a high-wear risk for these places. We were unable to re-book at one venue after an incident which involved prunes. Prunes proved to be a poor choice for dessert, as many were left over on the tables. Someone threw one of these, which drew retaliation and soon there was a pitched battle between occupants of some tables using prunes and bread rolls as missiles. Very good fun, but frowned upon by the management of the place. Tom, personally, had nothing to do with an incident such as this, although he had to suffer much of its adverse downside.

Tom was an accomplished ball-room dancer. This was a rare attribute and made him popular with those of the mothers who were interested in a proper dance at the Balls.

Tom was very sociable and obliging. He enjoyed a drink after game and was ever prepared to pitch in wherever help was needed. He was a frequent overseas traveller, and always willing to elaborate on the circumstances and events of his most recent excursion."

In 1968 Tom relinquished his duties as Social Secretary, (Rick Harvey took on the job), and accepted the nomination as Vice-president. All this time Tom had continued with his duties as Masseur and First Aid official. These responsibilities he carried out every week and training nights with both the Reserves and Senior teams. Finally in 1969 after ten years in what must have been a physically challenging job, Tom handed over the position of Masseur and First Aid to Les Edwards. He was Vice-president for six years from 1968 to 1973. So Tom up until that time had given 14 continuous years of service to our club.

Peter continues, "In his later years, Tom was a regular spectator at the OBGFC games. He was frequently there, often wearing his tartan cap, working the spectator field. That is, it was his habit to circle the field stopping to say a few words to each person or group of persons that he knew. As he knew quite a few, this was a lengthy process.

Tom was around so long and did so many things that he was the type of volunteer who, over time, tends to be taken for granted, but who is the very life-blood of an amateur football club.

So in summary, Tom Cullinan served the club as trainer and a highly successful Social Convener, organising events such as dinner-dances and balls, with attendances of up to 500 people! He became a very deserving recipient of an Honorary Life Member of the Old Brighton Grammarians Society for his services to the club.

Vale Ian "Beefy" Christophersen

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an "Beefy" Christophersen was a real Amateur man who was a member of both the MHSOB and Old Brighton Football Clubs, but he retained a very keen interest in all VAFA clubs. He loved being around Sportscover Arena, and would always have a chat to anyone who was there and make all players and umpires feel welcomed as they entered through the gate. Beefy would always assist with the afternoon teas at Sportscover Arena on a match day he was a friendly, kind, likeable man who loved to help the Amateurs out in anyway he could.

Sourced from a Victorian Amateur Football Association publication.

Presidents

N D Walsh:

Club President	1957 E Grade	(5th)
	1958 E Grade	(4th)
	1959 E Grade	(2nd)
	1960 D Grade	(4th)

In March 1956 under the soon to be elected Club President Nick Walsh, a few members of the pre-war team decided to re-form the Old Boys' Football Club. The School Council gave the club use of the school oval and the Annandale Pavilion. After much organising, the club was re-admitted to the Victorian Amateur Football Association for 1957. We were very fortunate for there were eleven applications for only two vacancies. Our last season with the Associa-



tion was in 1939. Nick Walsh had played for the club for a number of years pre-war and in 1939 was vice-captain under the then coach Bill Fitzgerald who also became coach in 1957. Other well-known names in the pre-war team were David Paroissien, Harry Ellis and Laurie Purse.

Nick was also the club's No. 1 ticket holder and the club would never have survived the early days without his personal commitment and infectious enthusiasm that he created amongst the playing group, the social members and the large number of supporters who attended the matches, especially at the school.

Victory and defeat were equally balanced in the first year; however, off-field the administration was able to place the club on a sound financial basis for the season ahead.

In 1958 the club consolidated its position in E Grade and played-off in the finals, unfortunately missing out in the semi-finals. Once again with a solid administration backing up the on-field effort, the club was able to provide a financial contribution to the BGS Building and Maintenance Fund. Season 1959 became our most successful to date and we played-off in the Grand Final; unfortunately going down to Preston by 9 points. However, we earned promotion to D grade for 1960. Once again Nick was an inspirational leader with great assistance provided by all team officials together with the administration back-up.

In 1960 the club established a second team in the association with Haileybury who supplied 50% of the required manpower as well as some good footballers. The Senior team played off in the finals for the third successive season and finished fourth on the ladder. The coaches Horrie

Berry and Graeme Jeffery did a fine job in reaching the finals with the Seniors and keeping the Reserves/Seconds team together in their first and most difficult season.

The club is indebted to Nick for his leadership as President and devotion to duty in his year as President. He is a Life Member and an Old Boy of the School. His son, Peter, was Best and Fairest winner of the Senior side in 1975.

K Robinson:

Club President	1961 D Grade	(4th)
	1962 D Grade	(4th)
	1963 D Grade	(5th)
	1964 D Grade	(2nd)
	1965 C Grade	(8th)
	1966 C Grade	(5th)
	1967 C Grade	(4th)

Keith attended Brighton Grammar and played football at school, leaving in 1945. He was very involved in the reforming of the club along with Nick Walsh and served on the committee and also as Vice-president in 1960. His brother Bruce was captain of the E Grade team in 1957.



Keith was very involved on match days, ensuring that the oval was marked, change rooms were cleaned, medical supplies were on hand, footballs were

available, and team officials such as timekeeper, scoreboard attendant, boundary and goal umpires were found. Also cordial needed to be mixed and oranges cut. The players' levies had to be collected at each game, the *Amateur Footballer* was sold to 'all and sundry', and team sheets had to be filled correctly. Whilst it was not possible for Keith to personally attend to all these matters, he developed a team around him including his brother Bruce, close friends Graeme Jefferey, Don Cameron and Tom Cullinan and many others to ensure all these activities were carried out in a professional manner.

His time as President of the club from 1961 to 1967 is the longest anyone has served in that position and for that we should be extremely grateful. The hours he spent on football activities were enormous and in his 'spare time' he was able to capably run the long established family business Carison and Robinson in Gardenvale.

In addition to his service to the football club, Keith was very involved with the Old Brighton Grammarians Society as a Committeeman, Vice-president and President. His involvement with the Society and a close association with the School encouraged ongoing assistance and support in those early formative years of the football club. As a thankyou gesture to the School for the use of the Crowther Oval, the club made regular donations to the School Building and Maintenance Fund. Keith was also the main thrust behind the formation of the Old Brighton Grammarians Football Club Scholarship. This scholarship was awarded annually to someone not necessarily able to attend the School. To assist with the raising of monies to fund the scholarship, regular major raffles were held in conjunction with large social gatherings of parents, players, friends

and supporters to help with this fundraising. Keith's good mate Graeme Jeffery was the main one behind these activities, with Keith providing significant support and backup.

Keith also enlisted the assistance of the players' mums in forming a ladies committee who contributed significantly in their own way in raising monies.

Keith was also the driving force behind the formation of a Junior/Third Eighteen in 1965.

Keith's wife June was also a tireless contributor, opening up the family home for team parties and committee meetings on many occasions and we should not forget their son David for his contribution to the club over many years.

Keith is a Life Member of the club.

G C Jeffery:

Club President	1968	C Grade	(6th)
	1969	C Grade	(10th)
	1970	D Grade	(7th)
	1971	D Grade	(8th)
	1972	C Grade	(2nd)
	1973	C Grade	(5th)

Graeme attended Brighton Grammar and played four seasons in the School 1st Eighteen football team. In 1957, which was the time of our club's first season in the Amateur Association, Graeme was captain of Power House in opposition to our E Grade side. He played over 150 games in total with Power House and was also involved as a coach. He played one season with our club in 1958 and was



described as a reliable back-pocket when free from injury. He was coach of our first ever Reserves team in 1960 that played on the Brighton Beach Oval on a Saturday morning. Old Haileybury supplied half the administration and fifty percent of the players. Graeme was Senior coach of the club from 1961 to 1966 inclusive. In all of these seasons we were very competitive and played-off in the finals on three occasions. Our best year was 1964 when we finished on top of the ladder, but unfortunately lost to St Bernard's in the Grand Final. As well as his coaching duties, Graeme served the club on the committee and was also Vice-president in the years from 1964 to 1967.

Graeme became President of the club in 1968 and performed this function very admirably for six years to the end of season 1973. He was very involved in all aspects of the club and was a tower of strength with his fundraising activities that proved to be very beneficial to the overall financial position of the club. These activities included running major car raffles, auctions and spinning-wheel promotions. Our clubrooms were also extended and renovated during his period of administration. The major on-field success during his time as President was in 1972 where we earned promotion to C Grade in the second semi-final, but unfortunately lost the Grand Final by one point at the Ross Gregory Oval. Graeme's son Stephen played a number of games with the club. His brother-in-law, Don Cameron coached the Under 19s in the mid-sixties and his nephew, Andrew Cameron played 85 games.

The club is indebted to Graeme for his outstanding service over a long period of time. He is a Life Member of the club.

John R Devine:

Club President 1974 C Grade (6th) 1975 C Grade (9th)

John played 110 games with the club. He won the Best and Fairest in 1965 and is the only player to win the award in his first year at the club. Unfortunately a severe knee injury cut short his playing career.



John had been on the committee for a couple of years prior to 1974 and was approached by Keith Robinson and Graeme Jeffery to consider becoming President and he agreed to take on the role.

The early months of John's term were very eventful. Prior to the commencement of the season, a new coach had been appointed. This was Alan Miller, (ex South Melbourne VFL), a most colourful character who found it difficult to come to terms with the casual attitude of many amateur footballers. After only a handful of games and during a game against University High, Alan decided enough was enough and 'walked away'. In some ways this was a blessing in disguise as Bill McGrory, who was the Reserves coach, took over and changed the culture of the club over the ensuing years; no doubt helped by the introduction of Jimmy Rose and Paul Valle.

Another interesting aspect of John's term was the game at Brighton Beach against Alphington. Duncan Wright (ex-Collingwood) was playing for the visitors and at the end of the game confronted the Field Umpire regarding the standard of umpiring. As the home club President, John was asked by Jack Fullerton, (Secretary VAFA), for a full explanation as to what happened and in due course the matter was finalised to our club's satisfaction.

John is an Old Boy of the School, also taught there and was the Headmaster of Rosstrevor.

J F Forster:

Club President 1976 D Grade (6th) 1977 D Grade (9th)

John (Nobby) Forster played 48 games with the club in the Reserves and the Thirds. He coached the Under 19s in 1972 and 1973 and in both years the team finished just outside the top four. Prior to becoming President, he had been on the committee for a number of years and was involved in all the duties and 'odd jobs' that are required to run a successful amateur football club.



Assuming the Presidency, Nobby, assisted Bill McGrory (in his third year as Senior coach), in changing the culture of the club. Bill did not want the players to think that the reasons for their on-field endeavours were mainly social ones but that the main focus should be aimed at on-field success. Enjoying a good time after the game was certainly important.

The success came and in 1976 the D Grade Reserves team coached by his great mate Graeme Templeton who was also captain, won the club's first ever Grand Final.

The momentum continued in 1977 and the D Grade Seniors won the Grand Final, coached

by Bill McGrory defeating Alphington. Unfortunately the Reserves lost their Grand Final in a tight game to State Bank.

Nobby is an Old Boy of the School, a Life Member and a long term supporter and financial contributor to the club.

P N Sedgwick:

Club President 1978 C Grade (5th) 1979 C Grade (3rd)

Peter played 204 games and was captain from 1967 to 1971 inclusive. He was named as full-back in the OBGFC Team of the Half Century 1957 – 2007. Prior to becoming President, Peter had served on the General Committee for a number of years.

In 1978 back in C Grade once again, the Senior team were reasonably competitive and finished fifth on the ladder. However, the C Grade Reserves after a draw in the Preliminary Final and winning the replay, won the Grand Final against Geelong.

After an absence of four years, a Junior team recommenced in 1979. Mark Louis was the coach and they finished fourth on the ladder. The Senior team was under the direction of Peter Murphy as captain and coach. Peter had been a leading player at the Ormond Club for a number of years. The team performed well and finished third on the ladder. Peter returned to his old club as coach in the following year.

Peter Sedgwick is an Old Boy of the School, a Life Member of our club and served on the Brighton Grammar School Council for many years.

G R Templeton:

Club President	1980 C Grade	(1st)
	1981 B Grade	(6th)
	1982 B Grade	(10th)
	1986 B Grade	(9th)

Graeme commenced playing with the club in 1961 and retired in 1978 as the club record holder with a total of 251 games. He was Runner-up in the Senior Best and Fairest in 1963 and Vice-captain from 1968 to 1971.

In the latter part of his football career, success came when he was involved in the Reserves team. In 1976 he was captain and coach of the club's first ever



premiership team that comfortably defeated Elsternwick at Albert Park. More successes followed in the late seventies and early eighties. Graeme was also part of the C Grade Reserves team which won the premiership in 1978, coached by Phil Meyer.

Graeme was on the committee for a number of years while he was playing and served as Vice-president prior to being elected President in 1980.

The 1980 season was most successful with the Senior team winning the C Grade premiership against Geelong at Elsternwick Park. The team was very ably led by Bill Browne, who was captain and coach. Bill was backed up by a very good team including Tony Gedye and John Priestley who both represented Victoria in the State Amateur side. This success meant that our club was promoted to B Grade for the first time in the club's history.

Off the field the club's administration was first class, especially the secretarial and treasury roles filled by Norm Stretton and Ian Paroissien respectively.

Our first season ever in B Grade in 1981 was reasonably successful with the Senior team finishing sixth on the ladder, winning a total of nine games for the year. The highlight was the success of the Under 19s in Junior Section 3. They finished on top of the ladder and were successful in the Grand Final against Clayton by a huge margin of 112 points.

Season 1982 was very disappointing and the club was relegated back to C Grade. However, off the field the club was very active, undertaking a re-building programme to update our Brighton Beach facilities, including social amenities and improved changing rooms.

In 1986 Graeme President again after Doug Dick decided to travel overseas with his new bride Di Farrow, who had been a physiotherapist with the club.

1986 was a tough year on the field and the club was not able to hold its place in B Grade. However with the nucleus of a strong side maintained and with the anticipated influx of many well-performed players from the School, we looked forward to a more successful season next year.

Graeme's brother, Bryan played 89 games and kicked 150 goals with the club, was Best and Fairest with the Under 19s in 1968 and club runner for the Senior side in its premiership win in 1980. His son James played 73 games and kicked 99 goals in a career cut short by injury and his nephew Cameron was a State Amateur Representative in 1995.

Graeme's wife Margaret was a tower of strength during his involvement, as were his parents Eunice and Jim who also closely followed the club and were involved over many years.

Graeme was an Old Boy of the School, a Life Member and was on the Brighton Grammar School Council for many years.



Graeme & Margaret Templeton



Eunice and Jim



Cameron, Graeme, James, Jim and Bryan

M C Wood:

Club President 1983 C Grade 9th) 1984 C Grade (2nd)

Michael played 138 games with the club, was captain of the Reserves in 1971 and 1972, and Best and Fairest of the Reserves in 1968, 1970 and 1971. His brother Peter played 145 games and his father Keith was active on the committee when Keith Robinson was President.

The first year of Michael's Presidency in 1983 was an eventful one as the club finished ninth in C Grade but avoided relegation due to Alphington being banned from the competition.



The following year was far more successful, with both the C Grade teams, Seniors and Reserves making it through to the Grand Final. Unfortunately both fell at the final hurdle, with the Senior side going down to St Kilda CBC. However the club was once again promoted to B Grade.

As a reward for the enormous amount of off-field service given to the club, Michael was named as President of the Best OBGFC Team-1957 to 2007. Over what would be a period of nearly 40 years, Michael continues to give service to our club as this book is published. He is a major sponsor. Michael is an Old Boy of the School and is also a Life Member.



Michael & Margaret Wood

DID YOU KNOW?

Horrie Berry was the coach in 1959 – 60. In commercial life he was the manager of a business that produced among other things an invigorating drink. Bottles of this dubious substance were freely available for the team after each Old Brighton game. You could have more than one if you wished as the supply was not rushed. But what was its name? This is purely a trivia question as no Old Brighton player was ever known to purchase the drink and it has long ceased manufacture.

D A Dick:

Club President 1985 B Grade (8th)

1990 B Grade (7th)

Doug played 117 games between 1977 and 1983. He distinctly remembers Michael Wood and Andrew Quinn taking him to the Marine Hotel for a 'Fisherman's Basket' to suggest he should stand as President. It was an offer he couldn't refuse. His best mate Peter Grant was captain, and together they made a strong team. Doug stayed as President for one year. His marriage to the club physiotherapist Dianne Farrow meant that he couldn't continue into the next year.

Doug's second term was in 1990. He has fond memories of organising a lunch for 110 people, running the boundary and then bringing in the sponsors' banners from where they had been hanging on the boundary fence; not before a passing supporter suggested that he should learn to delegate! With regards to volunteers around the club since we began in 1957, nothing has





Doug and Dianne

changed. There is always a nucleus of those who are really passionate about our club who just do too much.

Doug fondly remembers all the great people that he has met at the club, many of whom have provided him with a wealth of knowledge and advice over the year. He also has good memories of playing coins with Toots, Woody, Buddha and others on Thursday nights. The camaraderie that existed between the clubs was something that Doug really appreciated. His was at the time when the President would go into the opposition's rooms after the game to congratulate them on their efforts and then members from both teams could get together for a drink.

Doug, as well as being an Old Boy, is a Life Member of the club and was also a teacher at Brighton Grammar School from 1980 to 1986.

D R Siminton:

Club President 1987 C Grade (5th)

David served for one year as President. Prior to 1987 he was involved with the club as Secretary and was also on the General Committee. As well, he was a generous supporter of the club financially. David is an Old Boy of the School.

R W Browne:

Club President 1988 C Grade (2nd) 1989 B Grade (3rd)

Bill joined the club in 1980 as the Senior coach of the C Grade team. He had been a student at Brighton High School and was known to many past and present players. Bill was an 'Iceberger' who swam daily at the Middle Brighton Baths. Some of the regulars included Peter Sedgewick, Michael Wood and Mal Titshall. Over a period of time there were discussions with Bill as to his



thoughts on continuing his football career with our club. He went to the 1979 preliminary final, which we lost, but saw enough potential within the playing group to apply for the vacant coaching position. He was duly appointed coach and after a short period of time was reinstated as an amateur to enable him to play as well.

Prior to joining the club, Bill played Junior football with East Brighton and then one season with the Senior side in the South East Suburban league. He then joined St Kilda in the AFL and was captain of the Under 19s and then went on to play 50 or more games with the Reserves. He then moved to Sandringham in the VFA and played 91 games over 5 years. Bill then played with Latrobe Club in Northern Tasmania, coached by Darrel Baldock on a fly-in/fly-out basis.

Bill's year as playing-coach was highly successful. The Senior team finished on top of the ladder and won 18 out of a total of 20 matches; the highlight being the Grand Final, where we were successful against the highly-ranked Geelong Amateurs by 20 points. Bill coached for two more seasons in 1981 and 1983. He had a year off in 1982 to assist his wife Sheila with the triplets that had increased the family to five under five. Bill played a total of 49 games with our club.

Bill took over as President in 1988 and was in the role for two years. His first year was very successful with the Senior team playing off in the Grand Final and achieving promotion to B Grade once again. Unfortunately we lost a tight Grand Final to Old Melburnians by six points. The Under 19s also played in the Grand Final but missed out on the major prize by 5 points.

The following season in the higher grade the club was able to consolidate under Bill's leader-ship, assisted by a hard-working committee and enthusiastic supporters. On field both the Senior team and Under 19s finished third on their respective ladders. Bill is a Life Member of the club and an Honorary Old Boy. It is interesting to note that his father was an Old Boy at Brighton Grammar and also played in pre-war Old Boys' teams.

IW Mullett:

Club President 1991 B Grade 8th)

Ian played 213 games with the club, the highlight being a member of the 1980 C Grade premiership team. He won a Best and Fairest with the Reserves side in 1981 and was runner-up in the Seniors (1974) and the Reserves twice (1977 and 1979).



Off the field Ian has been a tower of strength, filling many roles for over thirty or more years including member of the General Committee, press and registration Secretary, team manager, time keeper, goal umpire and President. Ian is an Old Boy of the School and a Life Member of the club. Ian, at the time of publication, is still goal umpiring every week at the Club and assisting wherever else he is needed.

Ian's father Bill was a keen and vocal supporter of the club. He also served on the Committee for a number of years, was a regular keeper of the scoreboard throughout the 1970s, team manager for both the Seniors and Reserves and winner of the Best Clubman Award in 1982.

Ian's mother, 'Tup', was one of the foundation members and President (1978) of the Old Mums' Footy Group, which began raising funds for the club during the 1970s and to this day still makes contributions. She also assisted in operating the canteen in the 70s and early 80s and still regularly attends home games.

Ian's brother Andrew has given over 40 years of service to the club. He started as a player in 1969 and played a total of 142 games. He was Best First Year Player in 1969 and Runner-up for the Best and Fairest in 1973, a member of the 1978 C Grade Reserve premiership team, captain of the Reserves and coach of both the Seniors and Reserves. Andrew won the Best Clubman Award in 1991, was awarded the VAFA Certificate in 1990 for Outstanding and Meritorious service to the Association. He served as the VAFA delegate from 1995 to 2009 and has been the club's timekeeper for both Seniors and Reserves from 1997 to 2012. Andrew with his exceptional writing skills has penned *The Benchwarmer* from 1986 to 2012 and in addition, has fulfilled the following roles in his years at the club: Vice-president, Registration Secretary, Committee member, Team Manager, Chairman of Selectors, and Club Manager. He is also a Life Member of the club and an Old Boy of the School.

P J Grant:

Club President 1992 B Grade (2nd) 1993 A Grade (9th)

Peter had excellent on-field achievements with the club playing 156 games, and was captain from 1983 to 1986 inclusive, Best and Fairest in 1983 and 1984 as well as State Representative in the VAFA. He was also named as captain and half-forward in the Best of OBGFC 1957 to 2007 (50 years).

His two brothers, Andrew and Tony, were also selected in the Best of OBGFC Team of the Half Century.

In his first year as President, the B Grade team were runners-up in the Grand Final. However, the club was promoted to A Grade for the first time in its history. With Mark Parker as Senior coach (from De La Salle), he had been successful in changing the team's playing style with a play-on at all costs,



maintain possession, handball-out-of-trouble-type of game. The depth in the club was evident with the B Grade Reserves being successful in winning the Grand Final.

The first year in A Grade was always going to be tough. The team was reasonably competitive but in the end won only six games, which was not enough to save us from relegation.

Peter's parents, John and Margaret, have been a great support to the Grant boys over the years

and fantastic stalwarts of the club. On the cricket field Peter also achieved success playing 195 games with the Prahran District Club and was a member of two premiership teams.

Peter is an Old Boy of the School and is also a Life Member of the club.

M W Perry:

Club President	1994	B Grade	(6th)
	1995	B Grade	(3rd)
	1996	B Grade	(4th)
	1997	B Grade	(1st)
	1998	A Grade	(9th)

Michael became involved in the club through his son Nick who played 241 games and captained the B Grade premiership team in 1997, successfully defeating St Kevin's. Michael was also named centre-half-forward in the Best of OBGFC Team of the Half Century.



He was captain of the club from 1995 to 1998, runner-up in the Best and Fairest twice and is a Life Member of the club.

Michael went to Scotch College where he was a very prominent footballer. In his first two years out of school, he played with Old Scotch Collegians and won the Best and Fairest in both years. He is a member of the Team of the Century of both the School and the Old Boys teams. He then went on to play 53 games with Richmond. He was a member of the 1967 premiership team and missed out on the 1969 premiership because of suspension.

Michael then became involved in amateur football as playing-coach of both Old Geelong Grammarians and Power House.

Michael's Presidency involved one of our most successful eras: the Under Nineteens won the premiership in 1996 and in 1997, and for the first time in our club's history both the Seniors, with Nick Perry as captain, and the Reserves won a premiership in the same year.

Michael also enjoyed the social side of amateur football and he was responsible for introducing sit-down lunches at each of our home games.

Ross Paterson:

Club President	1999	B Grade	(4th)
	2000	B Grade	(2nd)
	2001	A Grade	(9th)

Ross first became involved in the club in 1995 when his son David started playing in the Under 19s. David was captain of the Under 19s when the team won the premiership in 1996. His three other boys, Peter, Anthony and Nick, also played with the club. Nick was still playing in 2012.



Ross served on the Committee in the years prior to becoming President and was very involved in the financial management of the club. As President, Ross headed up a very strong management team mainly made up of parents of boys from the School. This support enabled the club to embark on a great era of fundraising that developed a solid bank balance and assisted in creating our reputation as one of the leading amateur clubs of the Association.

On-field success followed through and the B Grade Reserves were Premiers in 1999 and 2000. The B Grade Seniors were runners-up to Mazenod in 2000.

Ross contributed significantly in his term as President from a financial point of view and this has been ongoing.

His wife Chris has also been a 'tower of strength' off the field over many years.

John Trotter:

Club President 2002 B Grade (6th)

John played 107 games with the club in the years from 1971 to 1979. This tally increased to 180 following a lengthy involvement with the Warriors in their early days under the Becker/Draper regime.



On the administration side, John has given great service to the club in the roles of Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer over many years. In 1993, John was awarded with the Best Clubman Award.

In his year as President, the Senior team struggled early; however as the season progressed they became more competitive.

The highlight of the year was the club winning the Premier Division of the Under 19s, defeating St Kevin's in the Grand Final.

One of John's most significant contributions to the club has been the ongoing employment opportunities with Deloittes that he has provided for Old Boys of the School, which at last count would be close to 30.

John has also been a long term major sponsor of the club. He is an Old Boy of the School and a Life Member of the club.

Roger Brown:

Club President	2003	B Grade	4th)
	2004	B Grade	(6th)
	2005	B Grade	(3rd)

Roger was introduced to the club by Leigh Bowes. Roger had formed a friend-ship with Leigh and a number of others connected with OBGFC at the Marine Hotel in 1986.

Roger was educated at Wesley College and only played football in his early school days. He excelled at water polo and was accepted as a mature-age student



at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra. He played for the Victorian Water Polo team for seven years and also represented Australia overseas.

Roger played 145 games with the club in the Seniors, Reserves and Warriors. He was captain of the Reserves from 1988 to 1992 and led them to a premiership in B Grade in 1992 under Shane Young as coach.

In 1995 he assisted in re-forming the Warriors and also coached the Reserves in 1996 when they won another B Grade premiership. His coaching career continued with the Warriors in 1997 and 1998. He then took over the Under 19s in 1999 and 2000.

Prior to becoming President, Roger served on the General Committee for ten years. In his three years as President, the Seniors in B Grade performed very well playing in the finals on two occasions. In 2003 the Reserves won the B Grade premiership.

For his great service to the club, Roger has been made a Life Member of the club. He continues to support and help the club whenever possible.

M Dickerson:

Club President 2006 B Grade (2nd) 2007 A Grade (2nd)

Michael became involved in the club in 1999 when his son Josh, who had gone to Wesley, started playing with the Under 19s.

He served on the General Committee in 2004 and 2005 and was given responsibility for IT issues, particularly in arranging the redevelopment of the ageing website. A new site was brought on-line in late 2004.



Michael had been President of Sandringham Little Athletics Club for eight years. The strategies, ideas and thoughts that Michael implemented when elected President of OBGFC in 2006 proved very successful. (See Michael's chapter on the club's 50th year.)

His main goals in 2006 were to win the B Grade premiership, recruit new players, increase sponsorship, complete improvements in the club's facilities and improve player welfare via a mentoring group, a job network and the best options for player insurance.

Most of these goals were achieved and the Senior team played-off in the Grand Final against Collegians, which we unfortunately lost but were promoted up to A Grade for the upcoming season. The Reserves also made the finals; we had previously been in A Grade in 1993, 1998 and 2001. Now that we were in A Grade, it was important that the club set goals and key objectives to ensure that we stayed in the top section for many years to come. Recruiting was the number one priority and a lot of time was put into identifying and talking to potential Senior recruits. By the start of season 2007, a large number of new recruits had committed to the club. Also a special effort was put into players' welfare and a big focus directed onto injury management to reduce the recovery time for key players.

The Senior team spent much of the home and away series on top of the ladder, but after two successive losses late in the season, they finished in second position moving to the finals.

We beat University Blues in the Preliminary Final to reach our first ever A Grade Grand Final

against Old Xaverians. Unfortunately, even though we had beaten them in both home and away games, their finals experience and maturity saw them handle the Elsternwick wind better than OBGFC and they won the day. Even though we lost, what a great achievement for the Senior team to play off in the A Grade Grand Final straight from B Grade.

The Reserves and Under 19s also made the Grand Final with the Reserves, beaten on the last kick of the day.

2007 was our 50th year as a VAFA club and Roger Brown agreed to co-ordinate a special function to select the Best of OBGFC 1957 – 2007. A black tie dinner was held at the Brighton International where the nominees were presented and the final selection was announced.

Michael should be congratulated for his two successful years as President which were certainly two of our club's very best, both on and off the field.

J Oliver:

Club President	2008	A Grade	(5th)
	2009	A grade	(7th)

Jim had been on the Committee with Michael Dickerson prior to taking over the Presidency.

He comes from a famous football background. His father Arthur was captain-coach of Footscray and played 272 games. This was a club record until it was broken by Ted Whitten who also wore the number 3 jumper.



Arthur was also in the Bulldog's Team of the Century and is a member of the AFL Hall of Fame. Jim had thirteen years on the Board of the Western Bulldogs as Football Director and is also a Life Member of the club.

Two of Jim's boys have played at OBGFC; Adam who was captain of the School premiership team in 1992 played 32 games in U19s; Scott, in 2005 was captain of the Under 19s. He also was the Under 19s winner of the Best and Fairest Award and played in excess of 100 games. Scott was also selected in the VAFA State Under 23 Representative team on two occasions.

2009 brought on-field success, with our Under 19s playing in the Grand Final, but suffering a loss to Old Melbournians and our Club XVIII side winning the Grand Final against Marcellin.

R Jakobi:

Club President	2010	A Grade	(9th)
	2011	B Grade	
	2012	B Grade	
	2013	B Grade	

Rob took over the role of President in 2010, after three years as Treasurer from 2007 to 2009 inclusive.

He became involved in the club when his son Tom, who was at BGS, started



playing in 2006. In that year he was the Best First Year Player and also played in the VAFA State Representative Under 19s team. Rob's other son Ben was captain of the BGS team in 2009 and in 2010 was on the list of the Coburg VFL side.

Rob saw the challenges for the club in 2011 were to be well organised, respected, financially sound and competitive.

In 2011, with the Club now back in B Grade, we quickly became more competitive with the Senior team making the first semi-final much to the delight of all concerned. With the depth we now had in the Club, there was plenty of anticipation we would have more success during Rob's term of presidency.

His professional approach, aided by his very progressive way of thinking and plans that were thoroughly carried out by the very active committee under his leadership, went a long way to ensure the Club was on a winning strategy.

Success came the following year with the Under 19s winning the U/19 Section 2 premiership over arch rivals, Caulfield Grammarians. The B Grade side was once again very competitive finishing fourth on the ladder, but for the second year in a row missing out in the first semi-final.

During his term as President, Rob was very capably assisted by his wife Rosie, who backed him in all aspects of his role. Rosie was present at most Club functions, especially the very popular home-game luncheons and half-time and after-game activities.

Claiming the 2013 B Grade Premiership when we defeated Old Trinity by 8 points was the 'icing on the cake' for Rob's term as President and was a great reward for his huge contribution to the Club in the four years he served in the role.

S Young:

Club President 2014

In 1986 I was promoted in my employment with Coles when they had just taken over the acquisition of Myer and I was relocated back to Melbourne. I had previously lived there in the early seventies as a teenager, after I had been recruited by Melbourne on what was known in those days as a Form 4 by club secretary Jim Cardwell.

1986 saw me travelling back to Launceston from Melbourne every



Shane and Amanda

Friday night to continue playing with my team North Launceston in the Statewide competition. The coach was my father who had coached many successful Grand Final reserves' sides and was also senior coach from 1984 – 1988, in which he was successful in coaching the senior side to a Grand Final.

Travelling back to Tassie was becoming taxing and my form had been dropping off due to lack of a training venue. I had intended to play at Sandringham and was training there for a while, but found the environment non-inviting even though I knew a few players who I had played against during the VFA v Tassie sides.

My training regime normally consisted of a long run on Tuesday from the corner of South Road and Hampton Street, up to Warrigal Road, down North Road and back home to Little Wood Street Hampton, and a couple of sprints. Needless to say I was not touching the footy and my enthusiasm was waning. This particular night, instead of turning right I went left and stumbled across the Beach Road oval. On walking into the ground, I recognised Mark Sarau who I had known from my Tassie days, as Mark had also played in a couple of State footy sides.

I asked Mark if I could train, with the intention of getting a clearance prior to June 30 and playing with OBFC. Unfortunately the VAFA rules were quite strict at this time and because I had declared that I had been paid as a professional, I was rejected. I then went and played the next two years in the Seniors at VFA side Frankston under Mark's brother Geoff, who had recently retired at St Kilda as a rugged ruck-man.

I returned to Old Brighton as I had kept in contact with Mark and several players who Mark had an association with. I played one game in the back-pocket at St Bernard's prior to the finals. The idea was tossed around that I play finals, but I was not fit enough and it would have been an injustice on the guys who had played that year to get the team into the final against De La Salle. This game was not a highlight of the history of our club, however out of that year I have become very good friends with Carl Anderson, who played for DeLa, Marcus Barber, Paul Woff, Gutty Bennett, Tony, Andrew and Peter Grant, and Noel Prior.

I coached the Reserves in 1991, 1992 and 1993. In 1991 when I captain-coached, we won one game. I tried to bring to the team the attributes from my old Tassie club that saw us play in nine Grand Finals. These values were: respect your performance, respect friendship, work hard, train hard and have a strong social environment after each game. I also was successful in

convincing the players to train hard three nights a week and the following year we won the Reserve Grand Final.

Mark Parker had come to the club in my first year and had the same philosophy of promoting kids and the following year both sides were playing in A grade. On Mark's departure, I was recommended for the senior position, but the incoming committee thought that I was too close to the players so I was appointed assistant coach of VFA side Prahran and captain-coach of the Reserves.

Close friends and previous Reserves captain and vice-captain Roger 'Doggy' Brown and Stuart 'Eggy' Murray followed me there as runner and assistant coach, along with several previous senior players Chris 'Chooker' Brook and Andy 'Hooker' McGlauchlin. I must state here that I did not ask them to come, they just saw it as an opportunity to play a better grade of football and with me there it was more comfortable for them to make the transition. Both players acquitted themselves exceptionally well.

My second year at Prahran saw the senior coach, ex-Collingwood full-forward and now footy commentator Brian Taylor resign. I was approached to do the senior position, but declined as I only ever held the view that if I could stay a long term one-time player, coach, committee man, then that was what I would do and Old Brighton was the club that I had chosen to do that at. My mind had been made up about this since my first day back in 1986 when I first met great people on my first night, such as Peter Grant, Michael Wood, Roger Brown, Stuart Murray, Noel Pryor, Tony Hoar, Drewe Bellmaine, John Trotter, etc.

John and Drew implemented the player welfare programme in my first year as senior coach, trying to entice players from other clubs and to help develop our own players.

I think Old Brighton had two coaches in my time away from the club. I accepted the senior position in 1995 after the Seniors were close to being relegated back to C grade. I also coached the Seniors in 1996 to a Preliminary Final.

In my first senior year, I tried to entice Dale Tapping and a few Prahran players to top-up our side. None accepted. In 1997 I resigned for family reasons. I felt it was in the best interests of all concerned that I resign and take a break and went as assistant coach to Mark Sarau at Sandringham. In that same year (1997) Dale Tapping took over from me as Coach and coached for the next five years, a period which included two Grand Finals and one Premiership.

As I was able to gain access to leadership programmes being implemented into corporate organisations and saw how these same ideas could be applied to sporting clubs such as ours, I am proud to say that Old Brighton Grammarian Football Club is possibly the first Amateur Football Club to be familiarised with them. On our first footy camp, I introduced the team to a guy who ran the leadership programme. He later went on to be part of the now legendary Geelong turnaround.

In 2002 I returned to the club and became Chairman of Selectors and later as Director of Football until I took up the presidency. During this tenure, we introduced the culture to promote youth and will continue to do so as it has paid dividends over the past five years with the Seniors playing and winning the B grade 2013 premiership.

2013 was when the position of President became vacant as a result of the resignation of

hard-working and very popular Rob Jakobi. Unfortunately many people who were approached to become President had various reasons on why they thought they could not accept. I thought that it was important that someone with a fairly long association with the club accept the position and as a result of what was happening, I put my hand up.

As it is my first year as President, I think that it is important to continue to support Rob Jakobi's excellent work in ensuring that club values of our players and club members have a respectful code of conduct towards language and alcohol consumption on the clubroom premises

My aims for the club are:

- To remain as an A-grade club both on and off the field.
- To encourage past players in a 'Back to Brighton' programme.
- To become Bayside's No. 1 community football club.
- To build a stronger relationship with Brighton Grammar School. We currently donate trophies for their first and second 18 to be presented to a player after each of their home games. We have also invited all players to train pre-season and during school holidays with our Under 19s.
- To ensure that we continue to develop the increase in sponsorship dollars and create a value proposition where sponsors get introduced to a commercial network beneficial to their business.
- To lower the current subs for players within three years where players pay a membership only.
- To keep pressure on the council to deliver better amenities to Beach Road oval by installing a better ground surface, nets behind the goals at South Road end, and change room extensions.
- To see how we can work with current junior clubs into morphing into one club.
- To involve the players to take more ownership in the funding of their club.

—Graeme Templeton

Contribution from John 'Nobby' Forster



Then I joined the footy club after I left school, I had no idea of what I was in for. Fifty years on and I am still interested in what happens around the place and what is in the future for the club.

Wicka (Peter Sedgwick) made the comment about Boucher's (John Boucher) 'Shed' and I remember it well. The Boucher's lived in McKinnon Road, McKinnon. The Shed was a building about five metres square in total size and about one and a half meters high inside, with a dirt floor, and built along their back fence. I am not a big person, but I had to stoop to get in. The Boucher's were not big people either, so maybe the shed was big enough for them. If it was raining, you tried not to stand under a nail-hole in the roof. I can remember the first few times I went there, banging my head on the rafters; it took me a while to work it out, but it was great fun. How an entire football side plus supporters ever fitted into that building still makes me wonder. Fellows like Peter Kellaway, Brian Mulligan, Graeme Templeton, Bob McLellan, all big tall fellows, were almost bent double when they



Peter Sedgwick



John Boucher

walked in. Getting out was not so bad. Most were on their hands and knees by the time it was to go home, after a gut-full of beer. Drink-driving was unheard of in those days.

There was a trestle at one end of the shed, Khyat's provided the barrels of beer, and you drank out of anything that was available. If it was a glass it was a bonus. For young blokes like us, it was a magical place.

The funny thing was that after a home game, even some of the opposition would turn up at The Shed; it was that legendary.

After playing at the School, and the small oval at the gas works in Moorabbin, (long gone), we eventually got the use of South Road Oval. It was like we had got the MCG!

In those early days, finances were made from mostly things like the infamous 'pleasant Sunday mornings', and after-match drinks. Realising that I was not such a great football player came as a great shock, and after the initial disappointment I thought that maybe I could help the club in other ways, in particular with social things and serving on the club committee. With my old mate Peter Walsh, later a Club Secretary for a number of years, we were in charge of the grog, which in those days was mostly beer, with the occasional flagon of red and white wine. At Brighton Beach, where the stairs are now, there was a small room

that we used as a bar. There was a small window, like a servery window, between this little room and the main change room. We didn't open the sliding window until nearly all the players had showered and changed, and then we would start serving.

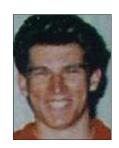
Our record was 26 gallons, (an 18 and 9 gallon keg), in less than an hour. When you served someone, you couldn't see their face, because the window was so small and not high off the ground. We didn't take cash through the little window, so to get a beer, one would buy tickets off whoever was on Ticket Duty and a ticket would get you a beer. So if a player was late out of a shower, too bad for him. The floor was usually running in spilt beer within minutes. Ladies, (usually the Mums and sometimes girlfriends), would already be in the change room, so it was fairly hectic. If you were embarrassed about nudity ... well too bad.











David Pullman

Ken Jellis

Graeme Templeton

Bryan and

James Templeton

Pleasant Sunday Mornings were something else again. Generally held in someone's backyard, they were great fund raisers. Again we would set up a barrel, sell tickets, charge a small amount to come into the function and hope we realised a profit at the end of the day. David Pullman was a great footballer in his time and his parents owned quite a large house behind Bay Street, Brighton. They had a wonderful back yard, and the Pullman family were great supporters of the club, so we often had a PSM there. Other venues included the Jellis's (Ken Jellis), the Templeton's (Graeme, Bryan, James), the Kelly's (Greg Kelly), the Smith's (Richard Neville-Smith) and many others I can't quite remember. The parents were fabulous supporters in those days, and were hospitable in more ways than we could ever have imagined. I can remember that Roger Wilson worked for Kraft Foods in those days, and would most times turn up with a huge slab of cheese, so along with a few dry bickies, food was supplied.







Greg Kelly

Richard Neville-Smith

Roger Wilson

I must mention the Smith family. Mr and Mrs Smith were the most generous people one would meet in a lifetime. They had three sons; Neville played for our club, Howard and Murray played hockey for BGS. The Smiths owned a very large house down near the beach,

just off Bay Street, and they had some wonderful social functions for the club. Nothing was too much trouble to them and on most occasions, they would supply food at no cost to the club. Wonderful people.

After some time, PSMs became Father and Sons days; same set-up, same result, and always great fun.

One of Walshy's (Peter Walsh) and my tricks was to lift the beer barrel plunger up a few inches off the bottom of the barrel, so that in the morning, or whenever, there would still be a little beer left in those barrels. After cleaning out the club rooms the next morning after a game, we would settle into some great 'rewards'. They were wonderful days, I can tell you.

Tempo (Graeme Templeton) and I came up with the idea of buying a marquee for the club to use for our own functions, and when we could, hire it out at a nominal charge for some added income for the club. Many parents would offer their lawns and yards but were always a bit anxious about inside their houses, which was very understandable. So with the marquee, we could have a social function, under canvas, protected from the elements. That marquee was used hundreds of times; it was relatively easy to erect, and Tempo and I got to putting it up by ourselves in no time at all, in all types of back and front yards. After we had paid it off, it made quite some dollars for the club, but sadly it slowly fell into a state of disrepair and I believe it spent its last days in a back shed somewhere at BGS.

In those early days we played some 'mongrel' clubs like Bellfield, Parkside, Preston, Alphington, Tooronga (later to be Tooronga-Malvern), West Brunswick, Footscray Tech, Port Melbourne Colts, all 'blue-collar' areas and with players who generally had no regard for a load of 'public school poofters'. The funny thing was, once the game was finished and we all had a beer together, we made some great friendships and those clubs eventually started to treat us with a bit more respect than they did initially. Alphington put on a special night for our club once. There was food, grog, entertainment, games; the whole thing was a display of club interaction.







Barry Morris



Keith Peachey



Dave Sedgwick



Peter Sedgwick



David Pullman



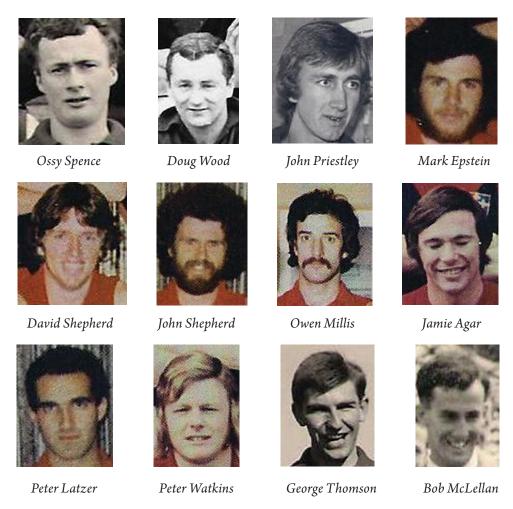
Peter McKinnon



Graeme Templeton



John Code



There will be mention in other areas of the players who have helped make this club what it is today, but I will mention a few of the 'oldies' who to me stand out as wonderful players and people: Greg Kelly, Brian Mulligan, Barry Morris, Keith Peachey, Dave and Pete Sedgwick, David Pullman, Peter McKinnon, Graeme Templeton, John Coad, Ossie Spence, Doug Wood, John and Rob Priestley, Mark McClure, Mark Epstein, David and John Shepherd, Owen Millis, are just some who spring to mind. There is also a list of players who we could mark as 'characters', like James Agar, Peter Latzer, Jimmy Biss, Peter Watkins.

Although I wasn't there, the story was told of George Thomson, yes, *that* George Thomson, who kicked 5 goals against Port Melbourne Colts with a pair of ripple-sole desert boots. Imagine doing that now. But a special mention also of Bob McLellan and Doug Ridley, wonderful players and leaders of the club; always encouraging us young blokes.



Doug Ridley



Peter and



Andrew Grant



Rick Thomas



Andrew Pryor

Of recent times there have been so many wonderful players and the list is too long to be added here, and I believe that this list will continue to grow as history moves forward. The Grant brothers, (Peter and Andrew), were all great and fearless players. There were so many more, but two players stand out for me. It is hard for me to separate them in ability, dedication and leadership — Rick Thomas and Andrew Pryor, different players in different eras, but both wonderful exponents of Aussie Rules footy.







Tom Cullinan

Graeme Jeffery

Bill McGrory

I will also mention Tom Cullinan, who was a friend of Graeme Jeffery and came to the club as trainer, having served as a First Aid officer during WW2. He stayed at the club for the rest of his life, loved the club, loved the people, and the club loved him. He also holds a special place in the history of the club.

When I took over as President in 1977, the club was struggling a little, but we did have a special person who would help us get 'over the line' — Bill McGrory. He had been appointed the year before as a Reserve coach, but took over the First Eighteen when the Senior coach left half-way through the season. The first thing I did before even sitting down as President was to make sure that Bill would stay on board as Senior coach. He did not know me, and I was only acting on advice from others, as I didn't know him well either. He accepted, thank heavens. We became great friends; what a difference he made. He took the club from being a group of players who enjoyed a good time, to a group of players who realised that they could win and still have a good time, and put the club into a winning attitude with the first two premierships in the club's history; 1977 the Reserves with Tempo (Graeme Templeton) at the helm, and 1978 the Seniors. He was responsible for changing the whole club's idea of what an amateur football club was all about, and I believe that the club owes an enormous debt to him for making it so. Although he passed away long ago, Bill holds a very special place in my memories.

Contribution from Robin Larcombe

ne of my earliest recollections is a training camp at the Lord Mayor's Camp at Somers. All camp food as you will recollect was moaned about, so the 'slushies' came in for a fair bit of stick. Anyway we had to raise ourselves at about 6am to have brekkie ready for the boys after their early morning run. This would have been circa 1964 – 65.







Richard Zachariah

Peter McKinnon

Doug Ridley

One night, Norm Zantuck and Richard Zachariah said, "Bloody hell 'Jeep' you could talk under water. I bet you can't tell jokes for an hour!" A few others chimed in, so for a few dollars I started. After 5 or 6 successes there was silence, so I just kept going. After about half an hour I realised I had put them all to sleep!

Another memory is at one of the eventful after-season trips to Ron Todd's 'Palace of Carnal Knowledge' as we used to call the famous Pacific Hotel at Lorne. We used to give our livers a hell of a work-out, but we were young and our powers of recuperation were amazing. All-night card games, Poker, Pontoon, were quite common. I remember Peter McKinnon holding an Ace and a Four in a true James Bond bluff. We also used to play kick-to-kick on the road outside the pub. This did not amuse the bike riders in the Warrnambool to Melbourne bike race who had to slalom around some inebriated Old Brighton footballers. Bill Peachey even went for a long swim to retrieve a wayward kick over the cliff and would you believe it, devilish Doug Ridley (see chapter on *Best and Fairest*) sent it back again. Thursday night was selection night, after which we usually adjourned to Khyat's Hotel.







Tom Cullinan



Chris Larcombe

I was usually 12th man and after a particularly nasty day out at Fairfield, in desperation I was brought on, looking a picture, which included shorts with a pleat (thanks Mum). On putting out my hand for a handshake, in spite of Graeme Jeffery's (see chapter on *Coaches*) warning not to do that, my opponent who was covered in tattoos, spat on my hand, muttering

something about 'public school pooftas'. I don't remember much about the game as when the ball came to the forward-pocket where I was, I was knocked out by a very good hip and shoulder. After Tom Cullinan had been waving smelling salts under my nose for a while, brother Chris (Lumpy or Tank as he was known) said, "See those big sticks, kick the bloody thing between them". Apparently that was one of the three goals scored in my illustrious 54 game career (minus 43 as the 19th man for the Reserves)!









Barry Jervis

Ossie Spence

John Code

Greg Kelly

Being a pianist I was scared of getting my hands hurt, but I received very good advice from Barry Jervis, Ossie Spence, John Code, Greg and Rod Kelly, "You can always hit 'em with your elbow or give 'em the 'squirrel' when the umpy's not looking".









Rick Trewavis

Peter Kellaway

Barry Pryor

Brian Mulligan

Who could forget the away games at West Brunswick, Bellfield or Tooronga/Malvern where we were not made very welcome after the games, especially if we won! Who remembers the old lady who hit you with her umbrella at Toorong/Malvern? I think it was after one such game, and as it was a long way to the toilet out back at Khyats, that Rick Trewavis (brother of the Reverend Terry), decided to use a short cut!

Practice games were always interesting. We used to have a great day down at Hastings where the then President, Graham Jeffery, was our host and made us welcome. The aftermatch BBQ meant a great day out for both clubs' families, with Mums and wives all helping as usual. Hastings was short of players and we were not, so Peter Kellaway played for Hastings. During the game he and Chris Larcombe, Shell and BP being their places of employment at the time, were opposing in the ruck. Up went the ball, in came Chris and Peter. Chris tried to punch the ball, but collected Peter's jaw instead. Not many clubs have two of their own players, best of mates, causing so much damage unintentionally. Witness to the fact of how seriously we took our rise up the ladder from D to an A Grade side we're all so proud of now. In one other pre-season game, Andy Becker had no gear and played bare foot.

Barry Pryor, (see chapter on *Captains*), would always find Brian Mulligan with a pinpoint-pass near the goals, which usually resulted in a goal for the 'Redlegs'. Ossie Spence nearly

had his ear cut off — claret everywhere, and a testament to Ossie's courage. He had a few stitches at the New Street Clinic and was back on the field playing only a few weeks later. Tom Cullinan was a sheer magician with tapes etc. for dislocated fingers, so that players could continue.









Neville Smith

Keith Robinson

Mike Woods

Peter Woods

You may remember the great parties at 5 Moule Ave, Neville Smith's home, where we had such fun-and at the Larcombe's after Carols by Candlelight at the Myer Music Bowl. Audrey and Ray Larcombe would have open-house for the club, dancing to Trini Lopez, Buddy Holly and the Beatles.







Paul Taylor

Clive Taylor

Roger Wilson

Keith Robinson, (see chapter on *Presidents*), and the Woods, Mike and Peter's parents, also opened their homes for our parties after we purchased the large tarpaulin. Linacre's Motors used to help us out with sponsorship for our raffles. Remember the Morris Eleven some club member won? Everyone called "it's rigged" and requested a re-draw. Paul and Clive Taylor's parents also offered their beautiful home right on the beach for parties. Where would we be without the parents and wives support?



John Berry

I also remember another game where 'The Voice of Rowing' Roger Wilson, (see chapter on *Best and Fairest*), would have two or three opponents hanging off him, but with sheer strength and determination still managed to get his kick in. He and many others like John Berry were a joy to rove to for us little rovers or wingmen.

OBGFC — The Playing Fields

Brighton Grammar School Ovals:

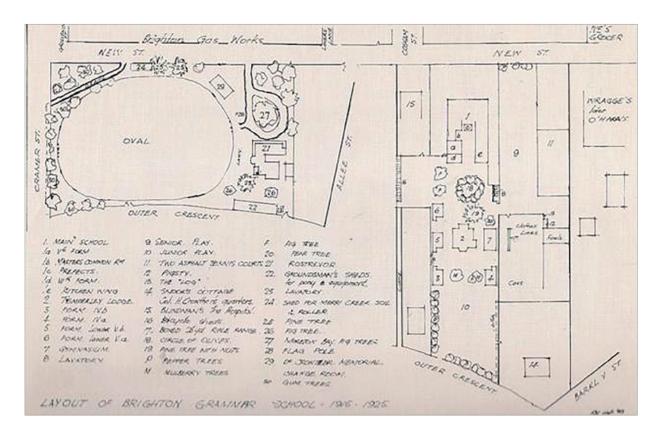
The original home ground for the Old Brighton Grammarians Football Club was the School oval at Rosstrevor which was bounded by New Street, Outer Crescent and Cramer Street, (later to become Cramer Walk following expansion of the playing fields area).

As early as 1914 the Old Boys played an occasional game against the School XVIII and in 1920 a game was recorded against Old Wesley Collegians on the School oval.

Extracts from 1920 editions of *The Brighton Grammarian*, August 1920:

"The first Old Brighton Grammarians team recorded as a member of the then Metropolitan Amateur Association, (also called the Metropolitan Junior Football Association and now the Victorian Amateur Football Association) was in 1921 with an impressive achievement of no wins for the season. This first team was soon disbanded but reformed two years later."

The Rosstrevor Oval 1915 – 1925:



Prior to the Second World War, the Old Boys played all their home games at the Rosstrevor Oval which was part of the extended property acquired by the school founder Dr Crowther. The area earmarked for playing fields was mainly marshland which was drained and filled with 4000 loads of soil from the sewerage works which were going through Brighton at the time.

The Rosstrevor Oval was officially opened on October 25th 1907 by the Mayor of Brighton, an Old Boy, W G Weigall. This ground was further improved and renamed the Crowther Oval in 1926.

The Old Boys resumed playing at the present School oval site in 1924 when they re-joined the Amateur Association.

The playing fields were further enhanced in 1927 when St Andrew's Church, the new owners of BGS, gave the School the use of the 'cow paddock' for a sports ground which was enlarged in 1928 when the St Andrew's vicarage was moved to its present site.

The BGS School oval, like the Brighton Beach oval, has historical links to Brighton's founding fathers, the English brewer and farmer Henry Dendy and his merchant partner J B Were. These early pioneers set aside a generous allotment from their Brighton Beach Estate in 1841 as a Church of England reserve, the land that is now occupied by St Andrew's Church and the Brighton Grammar Senior School. Dendy was also the driving-force behind the Brighton Cricket Club which was established in the 1840s and now shares Brighton Beach ground with OBGFC. The acquisition of BGS by St Andrew's followed the death of the School founder and owner Dr Crowther in 1918. (The School experienced a few difficult years after his death and the Crowther family decided to sell out in 1923.)

In the parish paper for August 1925, the vicar of St Andrew's began with the message: "My Dear People, the acquisition of the Brighton Grammar School and the proposal to build it on our own land is the biggest thing ever attempted in the history of the parish." The School expanded to its new location bordered by St Andrew's Street, Outer Crescent, Cramer Walk and New Street in February 1927 and continued a long association as home ground host to the Old Brighton Grammarians Football Club.

The club had a stop-start history in the 1920s and a period of consolidation in the 1930s. Old Brighton was an active member of the VAFA in the 30s, using the Brighton Grammar School oval for their home games. Their ranks included Nick Walsh as a team member, who was instrumental in reforming the club in the 1950s after it was disbanded like most sporting clubs during the Second World War.

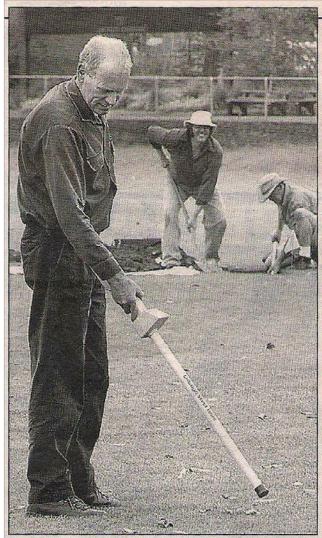
DID YOU KNOW?

In 1960, Old Brighton
Reserves team was effectively
a half Brighton/half Old
Haileybury side. Old
Haileybury started out as a
separate club in 1961, but in
getting its momentum going
in 1960 whilst giving its
initial small group of players
a game, used the opportunity
provided by Old Brighton.



1930s Membership Card overlapping our team photo at that time

In 1956, OBGFC re-joined the Amateur Association and played in E Grade from 1957 using the Crowther Oval as their home ground. This ground received quite a lot of media attention in recent years because of the Turkish cannon that was buried there. The cannon was previously displayed in the School quadrangle and historians were keen to dig up the oval to locate it.



Turkey chase: Peter Green hunts for the missing cannon. Picture: FIONA HAMILTON

Great cannon hunt resumes

THE great hunt for a World War I cannon buried beneath the cricket field at Brighton Grammar was renewed yesterday, but the only relic uncovered was an old iron water pipe.

Gallipoli enthusiast John Besarin, who is leading the search for the German-made canon, spent a patient day with Les Cook and his electro magnetrometer.

After an early hit they dug down about 70cm to find what they hoped would be a 77mm

Krupp cannon. But it was the iron water pipe.

Two former teachers, both in their 90s, know the canon was buried there as landfill shortly after World War II.

Mr Besarin was hoping to share the luck of another of the search team, Peter Green, who found a similar cannon in northern Victoria at the weekend.

Mr Besarin hopes a restored cannon can be sent to Turkey as a gift for the 90th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing next Anzac Day.



The 1962 Senior team photographed outside the Crowther Oval Pavilion, the last Old Boys' team to play at the school grounds.

The Halifax Street Oval:

In 1960, two important decisions were made. The first was to field a combined Reserves team with the Old Haileyburians at the Halifax Street oval and the second was to ultimately move from the BGS Crowther Oval to the Brighton Beach ground in South Road. The combined Haileybury team played in the reserve grade competition in 1960 and 1961.

The Highett Gasworks Oval:

In the early 1960s, the School oval was due to be resurfaced and the Old Boys moved to a temporary home ground at Highett for the 1961 season. This was the site of the original Highett Gasworks, a landmark along Nepean Highway for many years which was demolished after the introduction of natural gas and converted into parklands. It is now called the Sir William Fry Reserve and was used in the 60s for archery competitions. Adjoining the reserve is the site of the new Melbourne Justice Centre.

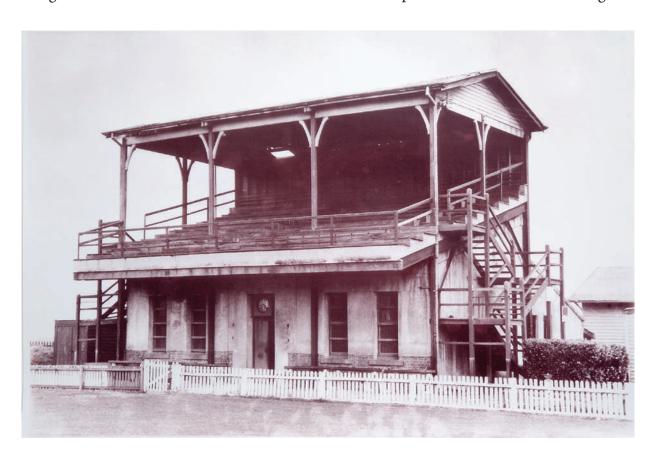
Minutes from the 1961 Annual General Meeting recorded that we used the Highett Ground and thanked the Highett Gas Works Cricket Club for allowing us to do that.

The Brighton Beach Oval:

The Beach Road Oval was originally the site of the Brighton Race Track with horse racing recorded there as early as the 1840s. The course changed shape as a result of government land

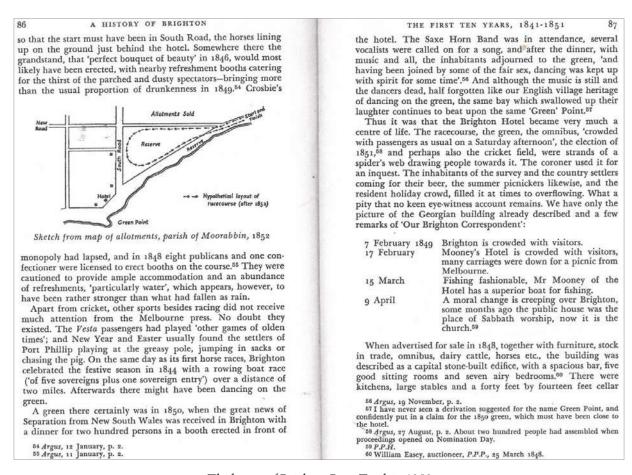
sales in the 1850s and roughly followed the triangle formed by South Road, the beach and New Street (then called New Road).

Brighton was a resort town at this time with the major attractions being the Brighton Baths, Brighton Cricket team, boating, the Brighton Hotel and a seaside green for picnickers. This track was very popular because it featured publicans' booths to quench the thirst of the often hot and sand-fly-bitten crowd. The licensee of the Brighton Hotel, T M Crosbie, had a monopoly on liquor sales at the race track until 1848 when his special permit lapsed. After that there were eight publicans and one confectioner licensed to erect booths on the course. This amenity was a huge drawcard with a notable increase in drunkenness reported at the later race meetings.



DID YOU KNOW?

The OBGFC crest was modified from the School coat of arms in 1962 and was incorporated into collectables such as cufflinks, tie bars and key rings over the next decade.



The layout of Brighton Race Track in 1852

In 1962 the Old Boys returned to BGS for one final season at the School ground.

In 1963 Old Brighton moved to the Beach Road Oval and the Minutes from that year's AGM recorded a ground rental of £20 paid to the Brighton City Council. (This rental had increased to £94 by 1965.)

The cricket club moved to its present site in South Road in 1887 when it amalgamated with the cricket section of progressive Brighton Beach Recreation Club.

The first Brighton Football Club was formed in 1878 and occupied the Beach Road Oval as a member of the Metropolitan Junior Football Association from 1892 to 1908 when it joined the Victorian Football Association. The ground featured a distinctive eight foot high picket fence at this time. This pioneering club moved from the Beach Road Oval to Elsternwick Park in 1926, were premiers in 1948 and merged with Caulfield in 1962. By 1965, the Brighton Football Club had gone. The State Savings Bank football team used the oval for many years as co-tenants with the Brighton Cricket Club.



Early Pavilion at Brighton Beach Oval

Pioneering officials of Old Brighton, including Graeme Jeffery and Keith and Bruce Robinson, were instrumental in developing the Brighton Beach Oval single-story clubrooms into a modern two-story facility with upgraded change rooms, showers that worked, and an upstairs bar, kitchenette and entertainment area.

The Beach Road oval was the home ground for our first senior premiership team in 1977, twenty years after the club was reformed at the School oval.



Brighton Beach Clubhouse — late 1960s and 70s

The clubrooms were further upgraded in the 2000s.



Brighton Beach Clubhouse — 2008



The 2008 Hawthorn Premiership Coach, Alistair Clarkson, addresses a mid-season lunch in the refurbished clubrooms.

—Rob McKinnon

Roger Brown

oger was a Committee man for 12 years. In 1995 not only was he instrumental in re-forming the Club XVIII side after 10 years, but he took on the coaching position. (He was also responsible for the chapter *Warriors/OBGFC Club XVIII* in this book.)



In 1996 Roger was appointed coach of the Reserves and what a year it was; a Grand Final and the boys were able to proudly hold aloft the JFX Trophy. In 1999 Roger took on the coaching of the Under 19s and finished the year in a respectable fifth position. In 2000 the Under 19s under Roger's guidance finished a very pleasing third.

But Roger was not finished serving the club. In 2003 he was appointed President of our club, a position he also held in 2004 and 2005. During that time the Seniors were beginning to show a hint of what was to come by finishing fourth in 2003 and third in 2005.

Roger also took on the very demanding job of Bar Manager. He was a very popular and much loved person around the club and taking on this position would have only immeasurably enriched any social functions that occurred at the club; which in turn simply helped to boost the overall strength of our club. This position Roger held for two years.

'Doggy', as he was more affectionately known, was heavily involved with the Past Players' group in arranging a Past Players or All Stars match followed by a luncheon for Life Members and those who had played 150 games, all of whom were presented with special badges. This hugely successful mixed function was held in the adjoining Bowling Club.

In 2007 Doggy decided that in celebration of our 50th year, we should create a Team of the Half Century. A Selection Committee was created, a team was chosen and then Roger was, of course, heavily involved in arranging a very large and successful 50 year Anniversary Dinner.

Roger was a very active member of the Ground Development Committee, which eventually gained approval for the exceptionally fine balcony construction we now see in front of our clubrooms and from where our supporters can give voice at every home game.

Because Roger was an excellent speaker and raconteur, he was often called upon to perform such duties as Master of Ceremonies at one of the many Sportsmen's Nights held at Riva, and took on a similar task at a pre-season sponsors' lunch.

Contribution from Bruce Easton

ere are a few details of my very modest involvement I attended BGS and played in the first XVIII in 1958

and 1959. Whilst I was studying for a Commerce Degree at Melbourne University from 1960 to 1962, I played a few games with Ormond Juniors in the amateurs. When I became ineligible for the Junior Competition,

some of my friends at OBGFC suggested I come down to Brighton. I played my first games in 1963.









Greg Kelly

Bruce Robinson

Don Cameron

We had a team in D Grade and Reserve Section 3 and I played in the Reserves throughout 1963 and 1964. The coach was Greg Kelly in 1963 and in 1964 Bruce Robinson. (See chapter on *Coaches*.) In 1965 I was working in the northern suburbs for Containers Packaging, later called Amcor. Getting to Brighton for training looked too difficult, so I offered to act as Team Manager for the new Junior team we were to establish in E Reserve section. The team was entered in the Reserves because we thought we would be scratching to obtain sufficient under 19 players in the first year. The team was supplemented by 'old stagers'; players who could not get to regular training and others who may have been returning from injury. Injuries took their toll and we ran short of players, so I ended up playing for the latter half of the season. However under Don Cameron as coach we had a most successful season, going down to Ajax in the semi-finals. I think that was my last match as a player.







P Kellaway



Les Walker

In 1966 we entered our Junior team in the Junior section and I was Team Manager in 1966 and 1967 with Don Cameron as coach. These were challenging years as we lacked depth and we had to work hard to put a full team on the field each week. We had a few star players and the rest could be described as 'honest triers'. In 1967 I was pleased to receive my only award from the club — a silver mug for Best Clubman. Keith Robinson, (see chapter on *Presidents*), as President, thanked me for combining the roles of Team Manager, orange boy and goal umpire for the Junior team.

(Note: Bruce's memory of things past differs to our club records which indicate that the Juniors commenced playing at our club in 1965 and that Don Cameron was coach in 1965 and 1966. In 1965 the Reserves finished tenth on the ladder and Bruce Robinson was the Reserves coach from 1964 to 1966. P Kellaway is recorded as Junior coach in 1967. However these matters take nothing away from Bruce's excellent contribution, further enriching memories of our club's past history.)





Rob Wilson

Andrew Weight

Bruce also mentions that he has eleven copies of the *Amateur Footballer* from the years 1963 to 1965. He also remembers that in the E Reserve section semi-final against Ajax he kicked the first goal. Among the best players mentioned in the *Amateur Footballer* were Les Walker, Robbie Dean, Rob Wilson, Heseltine and Andy Weight. Ah, memories ...

Contribution from Rick Trewavis

Spectator career: 1964 — currently a cyberspace supporter.

Playing Career: BGS First Eighteen 1963 – 5, OBGFC 1966, (played 62 games).

Highlights: Clubman Trophy 1972, Equal Runner-up Best and Fairest U19s

1966.

Academic: BGS 1959 – 1965

1970 Diploma Civil Engineering RMIT 1971 Trained Secondary Teachers Certifi-

cate Melb. Uni.

1986 B.Ed (Dux-Harold Cowen Award)

Melbourne Uni.

1991 M.Ed. 'Indonesia in Transition' First

Class honors.

Prof. Career: Teacher: Australia, UK, Canada

Social Worker: Canada

Development Assistance Project Director/Manager

Freelance Consultant Social Sector: Indonesia, Cambodia,

Vietnam, Brunei

Regional Manager, Melbourne Enterprises International:

Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Cambodia, Laos and Middle East.

Sporting Achievements: Founding member, Jakarta, Aussie Rules Society (JARS).

OBGFC Memories: Lost premierships by barest of margins.

Watching great amateur footballers (McLellan, Ridley, Pryor, Sedgwicks, Code, Kellaway, Thomas, Berry, Priestly, Grant;

the list goes on).

Assisting one of South Melbourne's legends, Billy Faul, in the

sixties.

Limiting a not too bright career by running into Clark Warnock

while off the ball in my first game with the ones.

Getting a game in the ones every time we played Alphington,

Fairfield or Parkside.

Waking up in the clubrooms during games against Alphington,

Fairfield and Parkside.

Watching and listening to my Dad enjoy the football and the

opposition banter.

Friday nights at Khyats, and half time at the Terminus.

Meeting gentlemen like Keith Robinson.

Watching the 'Crab' (David Jackson) kick miracle goals before

Daicos could tie his boots.

OBGFC Memories:

Forgetting age barriers.

The 'Sapphire Phil' recruitment coup of the year



Bev and



Nick Walsh



Neville Smith



Andrew Weight

Saturday night celebrations under canvas at the Walsh's (Bev & Nick), Smith's (Neville Smith), Weight's (Andrew Weight), etc. Mabberley-Smith's motorbike doing a lap of the South Road oval. Graham Templeton riding a tricycle in my parents' lounge room. PSMs (Pleasant Sunday Mornings).



Graeme Templeton



Nobby Forster



Bardy Dale



Richard Harvey

Tapping barrels, drinking and singing in ankle-deep water and beer with the likes of Nobby Forster, Bardy Dale, Richard Harvey. (Note: That took place in our change rooms.) Rennie Ellis trying to line up my girlfriend for a photo-shoot.



Rennie Ellis



Roger Wilson



Geoff Hosie

Elephant Allies (Roger Wilson) carrying the Ressies for years on end.

Having to listen to Geoff Hosie abuse opponents, then duck myself. Having to sit next to Geoff Hosie driving his Monaro around Red Hills, in preparation for an OBGFC BBQ.

Making lifelong friendships.

Watching my son play one game.

In 1980, The Tonners Times, printed on A4 paper, came into existence. The Editor in the first edition of 19 April in that year wrote: "The Tonners Times is designed to promote spirit within the club as well as to communicate and inform club members and supporters. So we wish to hear from everyone in the club who has something humorous, philosophical, whimsical, reminiscing, topical, constructive, historical, social or scandalous to relate — all subject to the laws of good taste, defamation and anti-discrimination."

He then went on to write, "We aim to produce a Grand Final edition." The aim was to produce an edition for each home game throughout the season. And so we had match reports from Ian Mullett (Firsts), Barry Gartner (Seconds), 'Alf Junior' aka Mark Louis (U 19s), and the late Dave Becker (U 19s Warriors).

The President, Graeme Templeton, wrote about the new coach Bill Browne and the Buckin brothers, (later the Buccan Brothers), wrote their first piece — picking up on the scandalous requirement.

There was a Looking Back section, Milestones, the Firsts team for the day was included, a small photo was published and the back page was dedicated to the sponsors; all 53 of them. By the time June had rolled around there was a People section and the late Dick Gedye got a mention as follows: "Dick Gedye had a hard time at a recent auction he conducted. Featuring on Channel Nine news, Dick auctioned the Pram Factory in Carlton, much to the chagrin of the actors who perform there. They made as much commotion as they could to prevent Dick from being heard and even started up a band. But for someone who has weathered the barrage of supporters from Hampton Rovers, Old Haileybury, Brunswick etc, it was like water-off-a-duck's back. Dick had the last laugh — the property was sold after auction."

As hoped for at the beginning of the season, an edition was indeed published — the cover in colour no less — and featured a special tribute (by the Buccan Brothers) to the Kwan Wah, the famous Church Street Chinese restaurant, where all the after-match celebrations tended to finish. Graeme Templeton and Bill Browne got special mentions. As well, there was a photo of each member of the Grand Final team. All the season's contributors were thanked; Rob Draper, Ian Mullett, Peter King and Peter Grant (aka Buccan Brothers), Alf Junior (Mark Louis), John Priestley, Steve Priestley and Barry Gartner.

Buoyed by the paper's and the club's successes in 1980, the first edition of 1981 carried the headline, A GRADE THE AIM, and carried in it the blue and red poster that had been published by *The Tonners Times* after the 1980 Grand Final win. It read:

IT'S OUR FLAG BRIGHTON 1980 PREMIERS 6 September 1980

The Buccan Bros were in full flight again and were offering the Buccan Award for the best off-field performances. *The Tonners Times* Award for the most valuable player was started and such luminaries as Bud Hamilton, James Agar, Keith Robinson, (the late) Jim Kemp, Mike Wood, Barry Gartner, Graeme Templeton and Don Draper gave their votes during the season. There was even a Spot the Ball competition for somebody to pick where the ball actually was in the photo and Player Profiles. By now advertisements including 'Tan up Suntan' and 'Brighton Automotive Mercedes Benz Service Centre' featured prominently.

The Tonners Times actually broke news and reported in the 23 May edition that Sunday football had arrived, with Old Brighton and Kew to play on 21 June at Elsternwick Park. Noel Rundle, Treasurer of the VAFA praised Old Brighton and Kew for co-operating in this fixture. (Old Brighton no doubt pleased because it was a Kew home game.) Noel went on to say: "If clubs have any particular objections to playing on Sunday, then of course the Association would take notice. The Association will reciprocate any such co-operation. But there is no chance of more than 4-5 games per year being played at Elsternwick on Sundays. The officials certainly don't want to be tied down any more. Last Sunday for the Old Melbournians and Old Scotch encounter, there was the largest crowd at a home and away game seen at the park. It is a good opportunity for a local club such as Old Brighton to draw some more supporters."

Bill McGrory wrote a piece in the July 4th edition about his years at Old Brighton, (with a little help from his friend who remained anonymous). Reproduced below is Bill's gem.

"I was appointed assistant-coach at Old Brighton in early 1974. Thereafter I worked tirelessly assisting the Senior coach to achieve success and cement his precarious position at the club. He was indeed an inspirational character and his expressions "win a manly kick", "give me an act of valour", and "Hamilton the tickler" have entered football folklore. I was of course shocked when he resigned mid-season after making the charitable gesture of suggesting the Club Secretary deposit the coach's cheque in some obscure part of the Secretary's anatomy. Although ill-prepared and totally without design on the Senior position, I was persuaded to reluctantly assume the Senior role.

Upon my appointment I immediately formulated a set of rules to be followed at all times by all players. I treated all communication with the strictest confidentiality and insisted upon the highest degree of fidelity and morality. It was purely coincidental that in my first two years as coach there were four divorces, one kidnapping, two cases of arson, one case of misappropriation of club funds and no acts of valour. My disciples Paul (Ruddy) Velle and James (Lionel) Rose attempted to set new standards of on-field behaviour. I remember fondly Paul's stern, manly frown and James' flailing arms.

Recruiting reached new heights during my years at Brighton. I attracted such unforgettable on and off field performances such as Greg Healey, Len Hawkes, Les Beer, Sam Brooker and Nobby Forster's cousin, and personnel almost lost to the club as Reecy, Bob Evans, and Peter Latzer

became re-enthused and rejuvenated. I remember with pride how Len Hawkes raised pie-eating to a veritable art form and how I improved the literacy of the older players by frequently sending them 'please come back letters'. Celebrities such as Denise Drysdale, Peter Ewin, Roger Wilson (3LO) flocked to the club to bathe in the gaiety and joviality that typified the sophisticated, cosmopolitan atmosphere of after-games entertainment.

I was responsible for the creation of a panel of experts to assist on the technical aspects of coaching. At the height of my reign, the 'brains trust' outnumbered the players. However I never interfered with the club administration and would advise any of my successors to follow my example and remain aloof from the club politics.

Most people would assume that my greatest triumph at Old Brighton was winning the 1977 D Grade premiership. However, being a humble, shy man who shuns the limelight, I derived greater satisfaction from Doreen's little kisses, the comradeship I developed with Owen Mills, Bud Hamilton and Joey Nicholls; and the simple, inexpensive and delightfully useless gifts the Committee insisted on giving me annually at the dinner dance."

The Buccan Brothers were prolific and this little piece has proven to very prescient: "When filling out the census, Mr Latzer, father of Peter, was faced with a question relating to his son's status. Is he: Married? Never Married? Mr Latzer created a new category, 'Never to be married'. (And so it proves to be true in 2013.)

In 1981, Volume 2, No 9 August 22nd, Barry Gartner's 250th amateur game was mentioned and 'The Tsar' Latzer was due to play his 150th if coach Mullett gave him a run off the interchange bench.

The headline on Thursday September 24th was 'Juniors Flag' — they created history and Mark Louis the coach gave a comprehensive report. Obviously *The Tonners Times* was specially produced after the last Saturday game to celebrate a unique occasion.

The Tonners Times Award went to Tony Gedye on 218 votes, ahead of David Shepherd on 187 votes. This compared with the club's Best and Fairest which had David Shepherd on 45, winning from Peter King on 40 and Tony Gedye on 39.

By 1983 the printing had improved, thanks to Ralph and Graeme Drew and the photo reproduction was a whole lot better. But the Buccan Brothers had gone overseas and there was a considerable gap in the scandal pages. The masthead was a very sophisticated one as shown.

The Tonners Times

1984's first edition was six pages and by the time of the June second edition there were 21 advertisements displayed, although they were mostly club sponsors and plenty of photos.

Debonair's Droppings and Tonners' Trials & Tribulations were now the replacements for the Buccan Brothers' column, but contained just as much inside information and some witty observations such as:

"Brighton Beach Oval is presently being dug up and the general comments have been made that they have never seen the ground in better condition."

The Grand Final edition headlined: "Up to B. Now for Two Flags." History had been created

by both the Firsts and Reserves moving into the Grand Final on the same day, *The Tonners Times* exhorted.

"Today is the chance to go for it. On certain days, in certain moods, one group of men will be indomitable, unconquerable. Today's the day. Confident is the mood; Old Brighton is indomitable."

Maybe borrowed from Churchill? There were photos and profiles of every First's player.

1985 was the sixth year and the masthead was in red with the printing in blue, on shiny paper no less. Was this the last year?

Apparently not, because in 1994 there was a comeback of sorts, with a smaller version expertly printed, once more by the Drews with almost perfect photo reproduction.

And so that was the finale of *The Tonners Times*, as we knew it. From then on, cyberspace took over. Had *The Tonners Times* fulfilled its mission? That may be for others to judge, but in the opinion of this writer there is no doubt that *The Tonners Times* was eagerly awaited at every home game at the Brighton Beach Oval.

Andrew Quinn

The Tonners Times



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GRAND FINAL EDITION

UP TO "B" - NOW FOR TWO FLAGS

OLD BRIGHTON GRAMMARIANS created Club history by having both its FIRSTS and RESERVES move into today's Grand Finals. The Club has never before had both teams in the play off for the Flag on the one day and it has been done the hard way. The RESERVES have had to win the first semi and preliminary final while the SENIORS lost the second semi and won a 4 point victory in the preliminary final over ST. KEVINS in a heart stopping last quarter. Although we were leading by 4 goals at 3/4 time, ST. KEVINS - handicapped with injuries - fought back with the wind to take the lead with only 3 minutes to play. A great mark and fine goal by ANDREW BIACSI with 90 seconds left, gave us a 4 point lead and fortunately enough we were able to hold onto that margin until the final siren:

LAST week's selected team was:
BACKS: Bennett, Cameron, Cooper
HALF BACKS: Kay, Welsh, Clarkson
CENTRES: Cochrane, Grant, P. McLennan
HALF FORWARDS: Taylor, King, Biacsi
FORWARDS: Nicholson, Tate, Wakeham
RUCKS: McMahon, A.Grant, T. Grant
INTERCHANGE: Wilson, Wittey

Who could forget the inspirational play of the veteran warhorse ANDREW CAMERON who attacked the ball relentlessly especially in the first half; crashed through packs; dashed upfield; held ground in packs and generally held the backline together in face of a torrid onslaught? Or the tireless display of skipper BUDDHA GRANT who totalled 35 possessions for the day? And the great games by ANDREW GRANT and GUT BENNETT? Some would say we were lucky to escape with a win: others said we would have been unlucky to lose after such a season: TODAY IS THE CHANCE TO CO FOR IT: ON CERTAIN DAYS, IN CERTAIN MOODS, ONE GROUP OF MEN WILL BE INDOMITABLE, UNCONQUERABLE: TODAY'S THE DAY: CONFIDENT IS THE MOOD: OLD BRIGHTON IS INDOMITABLE.

The Tonners Times and The Benchwarmer

In today's digital age where communicating is so easy, it is hard to fathom how a simple newsletter produced for every home game between 1980 – 1984 could generate such excitement and become such an important part of the fabric of the club during this era. (It re-appeared in 1994 for a brief time.) The fact was that while it appeared simple in its presentation compared to modern software packages such as Power Point, it was a major production to get *The Tonners Times* created and distributed amongst the membership.

Its editor and chief was local solicitor and APS sprint champion Andrew Quinn, an Old Xaverian who worked tirelessly during this time to get the chronicle to players, supporters and sponsors. His staff, Karen and Dina, no doubt dragged away from more important duties at Quinn and Associates, would transcribe the free-hand written articles given to them every second week and type them on the ancient typewriters which have long since been relegated to a museum. Pictures were literally cut and pasted onto the master before being monotonously photocopied for distribution on the Saturday.

The production of *The Tonners Times* started in 1980 and this coincided with one of the most successful years on the field in the club's history. This was no mere coincidence and many thought the premiership that year could not have been achieved without *The Tonners Times*.

The format of the newsletter was to provide a summary of the Firsts, Seconds, Under 19s and Warriors. While this was informative, it was the other contributions which were keenly sought.

The major club event at this stage was the Red and Blue Disco which was coordinated by Mark Johnston. This function provided heaps of literary fodder for *The Tonners Times*.

It was generally accepted that no one could sue *The Tonners Times* for defamation and some contributors to *The Tonners Times* were protected by adopting pseudonyms, for instance the Bucchan Brothers, (Peter Grant and Peter King) to hide their true identities, just in case.

Player profiles featured heavily in each edition. Each player was asked a series of questions to give the supporters a better understanding of their likes and dislikes regarding music, food, favourite TV show and biggest influence on their footy career. Most answers were given 'tongue in cheek' and on many occasions I doubt whether what was printed was actually the answer given by the player.

The match reports were accurate and gave those supporters who did not attend the game a fair description of who played well and why we had lost or won the game. Pictures of the action were in black and white but you could still recognise the players in the middle of the action shots. To be mentioned in *The Tonners Times* was indeed an honour and greatly contributed to the camaraderie around the club.

Another source of amusement around the club has been *The Benchwarmer* reports. In 1990 the club showed how progressive it was in the telecommunications sphere, and through the generosity of a sponsor introduced a telephone service where supporters and players could ring a number to listen to club information. In the early days, the selected sides for the coming Saturday fixture were announced via this system. However, when we were aware that the opposition sides were tuning in, we stopped this.

The Benchwarmer however, is more known for the match summary written, produced and recorded by club stalwart Andrew Mullett. For anyone who has attempted to record a free flowing, comical and at times scathing monologue all in one sitting would realise that it takes great skill.

You have to be a master of the English language, theatrical and of course passionate. Andrew possesses all these skills in abundance. The opposition still listen at times to their dismay as *The Benchwarmer* is brutally honest if he feels that an opposition player has acted outside the rules of fair-play. On occasions, a quiet whisper to Andrew to tone down his honesty was required as threats of legal action were heard to rumble through the Brighton baths after one particular explosive outburst.

While extremely supportive of our lads, *The Benchwarmer* was capable of telling the players as it is and if their performance was sub-standard they heard it first from *The Benchwarmer*. However the thrill of being mentioned on the recording for a heroic act or best-on-ground performance filled players with pride and again contributed to camaraderie around the club which has inspired even greater performances. These days you can of course listen to the reports online and many supporters have been known to tune in whilst on overseas business.

Between *The Tonners Times* and *The Benchwarmer*, the club owes those responsible a great deal of gratitude and hopefully others will continue with such creativity and hard work in the future.

-Doug Dick

Front pages from the Tonners Times

From this...



EDITORIAL OPINION

WELCOME to "the Tonners Times".

This is the first of what we hope will be many editions in years to come. For the present, we aim to produce an edition for each Home game. Whilst we expect to have regular contributors, we also welcome any reader's "gems". Even if you do not feel inclined to put pen to paper simply ring "Telephone Times" on 596-2817 and ask for me or contact any of the others whose by-lines appear on the following pages.

"The Tonners Times" is designed to promote spirit within the club as well as to communicate and inform club members and supporters. So we wish to hear from everyone in the club who has something humorous, philosophical, whimsical, reminiscing, topical, constructive, historical, social or scandalous to relate - all subject to the laws of goodtaste, defamation and anti-discrimination.

The Season has started on the right foot - "The Times" will be there throughout the season to report the good news. We aim to produce a Grand Final Edition.

ANDREW QUINN - Editor

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FIXTURES,

NEXT WEEK

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and RESERVES V BULLEEN TEMPLESTOWE

JUNIORS V POWER HOUSE at BRIGHTON

WARRIORS V LIONS AT BRIGHTON

(May 3rd v BLOODS at PRINCES PARK off Bambra Road, CAULFIELD)

great victory

The 1980 Season started with a great victory against Hampton Rovers and shoots us to top place on the ladder - a position we should strive to maintain throughout the Season: The Reserves and under 19's made it a clean sweep for the day. Can the Warriors come good?

FIRSTS REPORT

IAN MULLETT

The Senior sides began the 1980 football season as the guests of our Hampton neighbours and enjoyed the renowned good natured character and rhetoric of the Rovers patrons.

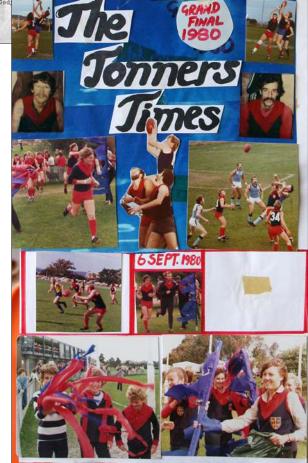
The First 18 showed promising early season form and ran out comfortable winners in an encouraging performance in which every player contributed to the victory.

Tony Gedye and Bruce Beddoe put in excellent performances enguring Brighton's supremacy around the packs while Bill Browne showed that he has lost nothing since his days at Sandy

GOALS - J. Priestley 5, King 3, McClure 3, Tate 3, Beddoe 2, Jones 2, Ged Nicholson, S. Priestley, Wilson

BEST - Beddoe, Browne, Wilson, Gedye, Jones, King.

FINAL SCORE - OBG 25.9 def. Hampton Rovers 15.11





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TODAY THE JUNIORS JOIN BATTLE WITH HEATHERTON IN A RUN UP TO THE SECOND SEMI-FINAL. THEIR FORM HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF MARK LOUIS AND THEY ENTER THE FINALS AS FAVOURITES TO BRING KOME THE BACON, GOOD LUCK NEXT WEEK AND IN THE GRAND FINAL!



MICKER "I SUPPOSE YOU KNOW LENNIE HANKES IS BACK TO GIVE THE BOYS A RUB-DOWN"

BILL MCGRORY: "STRIKE A LIGHT! NEXT YOU'LL
BE TELLING ME ALAN MILLER WANTS HIS
OLD JOB BACK!"

LOOKING BACK

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A GRADE STILL THE AIM - TOUGH BATTLE AHEAD

SATURDAY'S LOSS AGAINST PARADIAMS COULD BE VERY COSTLY. WE HAVE NON BEEN TIPPED OUT OF THE FOUR FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS SEASON. AMEAD OF US ARE A FORMIDABLE QUARTET - COLLEGIANS, IVANHOE, UNIBLUES AND PARADIAMS. PRESSING FROM BEHIND IS KEW. TODAY, WE HAVE A CHANCE TO REGAIN AND RECROUP IN PREPARATION FOR THE WEEKS AMEAD.

The destiny for this year rests fairly and squarely in the team's hands. If we continue winning, we can participate in the finals. Any more losses will probably eliminate us. Our draw is:

Today: MONASH BLUES

August 1: GEELONG (Away)
August 8: COLLEGIANS (Ho August 15: IVANHOW (Away)
August 22: KEW (Home) me)

Ne have, of course, already beaten four out of these five sides with Collegians being the exception. The team's desperation was evident in the game against UNI BLUES when the Blues kicked four goals in the First 6 minutes. The team managed to climb off the floor to kick five goals for that quarter and hold BLUES to its 4. Determination of that type would be extremely helpful in the struggle ahead. The pity is that we are good enough to be a worthy A grade contender: Let's ensure that we can give ourselves a chance by winning today and in the weeks ahead.

Last time we played Monash we beat them convincingly but not before a few flat spots were overcome. Monash at one stage kicked 4 goals with apparent ease and it was feared complacency could have cost us the match. Rick Wakeham kicked 5 goals and Brad Green 4 while Peter King and Dave Shepherd scored most points in the T.T.Award. Tony Gedye played his 100th game. The Reserves had a big win against the Ashers with Bud Hamilton claiming 8 goals.





V.A.F.A. PRESIDENT, MR. ALEX JOHNSON PRESENTS TROPHIES TO JOHN PRIESTLEY AND TONY GEDYE AT THE PLAYERS REUNION.

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OLD BRIGHTON HAVE HAD A PROMISING START IN THE NEW SECTION WITH TWO STRAIGHT VICTORIES. AT THE OPENING GAME, AFTER THE UNFURLING OF THE 'C' GRADE PREMIERSHIP FLAG BY MARGARET TEMPLETON, THE TEAM WENT STRAIGHT INTO TOP GEAR WITH A SOUND THRASHING OF FAMKNER. LAST WEEK, CAULFIELD SUCCUMBED TO THE PRESSURE. HOWEVER, B GRADE IS SURE TO BE VERY EVEN AND CERTAINLY THERE SHOULD BE NO SIGNS OF COMPLACENCY AFTER THE TWO WINS. IN FACT, IT MOULD NOT SURPRISE IF AT LEAST 8 WINS WERE NEEDED TO AVOID RELEGATION WITH 11-12 WINS EMOUGH TO GAIN A SPOT IN THE FINALS.

The Meserves and Juniors are both playing strongly, indicating a good and much both playing strongly, indicating a good and much needed depth in the Club. To-day's game sgainst forward of the strongly strongly



THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE Back Row: Messrs, Templeton & Gartner Front: Messrs, Becker, Johnson & Draper

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SMAK KING EPSTEIN GREEN PRIESTLEY

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JUNIORS BIGCHI - FIRST GRAND FINAL FOR U. 19.

The Juniors have a big chance of creating history for Old Brighton when they venture into the Junior Section 3 Grand Final against Clayton at the Ross Gregory Oval. After a convincing season at the top of the ladder, a win today sould be a fitting culmination for a good year. In fact, in the words of kevin Sheedy, a loss today would virtually mean the waste of a scason.

A great victory in the Second Sem Final by Old Brighton left Old Cambernell in the hot seat and they succusibed to the pressure of Clayton to dip out for Season 1981. Mark Louis with assistance from Howard Louis and others has honed the team to a fine point for today's clash and the Club wishes them well today and hopes (and even expects) them to bring home the bacon!

The YEAR IN REVIEW
Three years of planning... talking...and most of all "hard yakka" culminates today when the under 19st play Clayton for the Junior Section Three premiers.

The side finished the year with the highest percentage (320.8 of any side in the entire Victorian Amateur Football Association competition.

If any real vote of thanks was to be given (which can be paid to the property of t

play Clayton for the Junior Section Three premiership.

All five gruelling months of training and playing,
the side has fimily settled into a classy, tight
knit side full of players willing to "non though
brick walls" to win a fig.
The difference between previous years and Season 81
comes from having so many players working desperately
to hold does their positions always knowing that if
they failed there was someone on the bench ready
to pounce.

But let's look at some of the palyers and incidents
which made this season more than memorable.

Who could forget in round one when it hailed goals
at North Brunswick and the side broke the goal
scoring record kicking 44,27 to 3.3.

Or the day at Heatherton in round eleven when the

or well ministric and the side broke the goal scoring record hicking 44.27 to 3.3.

Or the day at Heatherton in round eleven when the ground was so wet that if you fell on the outer side wing you could have dromed.

At the same game, when the umpire came off the ground in the first quarter and threatened if the head hunting did not stop he would report both sides and call off the game.

In what could only be described the worst conditions have ever seen, 6063 settled down ended up battere and bruised but won by four goals.

This game set the team spirit alight for the rest of the season and only two games later against ST Pius at home we kicked a mumpoth 14 goals in the third quarter which for you mathematicians is just on a goal every two minutes.

It has also been a great season for individual efforts.

Vice Coptain Peter Goetz headed the competition goal

efforts.

Vice Coptain Peter Goetz headed the competition goal kicking with 71 for the year including a bag of 10 against Parkside in round 5. (Get a bag today Goetzy Lion-hearted Chris "Sid" James, who had his cheek bone shattered against Old Iwanhoe in round 8 and fought back into the side to be best on the ground in the second semi win against Old Camberwell two weeks and

ago. And if you have ever heard of a doubles act, what about "aqua" rovers Tony "Buddah Grant and skipper Steve Redman finishing respectively second & third

If any real wore of thanks was to be given (which can be put in cans of beerly the players thank their manager, runner, cordial boy, oil man and physical instruction officer in the above of Mosard "Meckle" Louis who worked his guts out each seek to make sure that every detail was done.

And let's not forget the coach, his brother, Mark Lo who battled his players, the umpire, the spectators wife but still managed to stay on top of everything hopefully win a flag. THE CoACH 4R FI HE



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DOWN BUT NOT OUT

JUNIORS A FINALS CHANCE

After a short burst of wins gave us hope of recovering and staying in "C" grade, the loss against traditional rivals OLD MAILEVBRAY two weeks ago was the lid on the coffin and last weeks loss to ST. KEVINS OLD BOYS put in the nails.

The year, then, has to be seen as disappointing but realistically, with player losses as they were, it needed a minor miracle to survive in the grade. Players like TONY GEDYE, PETER KING, DAVID SHEPHERD, RICK WAKEHAM, JOHN SMAK would have made a tremendous difference but their presence was not to be and, in the end, the lack of stature and experience told.

Next year gives us a chance to hold and consolidate, to nurture the younger players, to try to recruit some strength and maturity and to return to the winning rein to which we have grown accustomed.

Coach BILL BROWNE has indicated that the Club needs a playing coach and he will stand down in 1984. Maving taken the Club into "B" grade, it was very disappointing for him to have the Club go down this year, but his enthusiasm never wane In fact, neither did that of the players, who continued to show up at training and to keep going. A win in the final game, would be a fitting finale for BILL so let us get together and play a burster.

The WARRIORS won their 1st semi-final and now advance to the preliminary final today. Can they reach the Grand Final? DAVE BECKER seems to think so and at 2.00pm today, we shall know the answer. GOOD LUCK!

The JUNIORS have fought tenaciously to be in the Four. ANDREW KOMP has his team firing at the right team and now needs a couple of results to go right today. If so, the first semi should be played at POWER HOUSE next Saturday, but CHECK.

We haven't forgotten the RESSIES but their season has not been a successful one owing in many games to lack of numbers.

TWO 50's

CONGRATULATIONS to TONY GRANT and LINDSAY MCMAHON on reaching their 50 games with the Club today. Let's hope they aim to break the Club record held by BUD HAMILTON.

IMPORTANT DATES

- * MONDAY 29th AUGUST '83: V.A.F.A. VOTE COUNT NIGHT (INVITEES ONLY)
- * WEDNESDAY 31st AUGUST '83: The Mayor of Brighton's Sportsman's Night at Brighton Yacht Club. We have booked a table for 12 and a few vacancies available - \$25 per head.

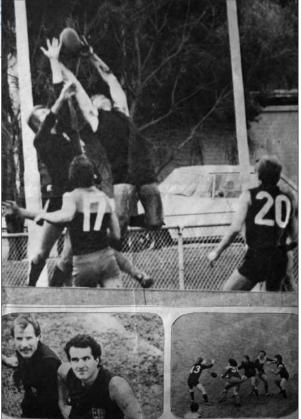
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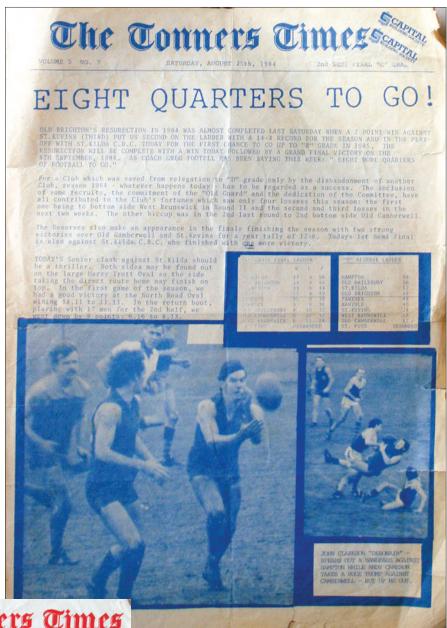


JUMPING JACK PRIESTLEY IS AIRBORNE BEFORE HIS HALLEYBURY OPPONENT HAS EVEN TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT!

- * FRIDAY 8th SEPTEMBER '83: CLUB VOTE COUNTING AT THE CLUB ROOMS. DRINKS AT 7.00, VOTING LATER. ALL WELCOME
- WEDNESDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER '83: (SHOW EVE)
 ANNUAL DINNER DANCE AT AYLESBURY COURT

* SATURDAY 25th SEPTEMBE FINAL BRUNCH AT CLUB R BE THERE FOR A GREAT D.









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HOMEVER THE COMPETITION IS STILL VERY EVEN WITH NO SIDE CERTAIN OF PROMOTION, ALTHOUGH KEW AND AJAX

THE RESERVES HAVE ENJOYED LITTLE SUCCESS WINNING ONLY 3 GAMES, AND THE U.19'S ARE ALSO STRUGGEING.

BO WE NEED TO FINISH THE YEAR STRONGLY WITH A FEW MORE WIRS AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE SPECTATORS AND SUPPORTERS.



OLD BRIGHTON FLYING HIGH

OLD BRIGHTON GRAMMARIANS FOOTBALL CLUB IS FLYING HIGH IN "C" GRADE OF THE VICTORIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BEING UNDEFEATED AFTER 7 GAMES. DOOMED TO RELEGATION TO "D" GRADE AFTER A POOR SEASON IN 1983, OLD BRIGHTON WAS ABLE TO RETAIN ITS POSITION IN "C" GRADE AFTER THE SUSPENSION OF ALPHINGTON FROM THE VAFA COMPETITION, AND HAVE THEY MADE THE MOST OF IT!

UNDEFEATED

GREAT VICTORY OVER HAMPTON

A sign of the team's souring confidence was the ability to come from behind against traditional rivals HAMPTON ROVERS and secure a two-peal victory at the Rovers' ground in Round 6. The enthulsiasm and tinness of the side paid dividends an amarathon last quarter which lasted 38 minutes. Several times the scores were level and it was only in the last 5 minutes that victory was secured.

FIVE-GOAL VICTORY

The FIRST'S opened up the season with a favorable stream of the Last 5 minutes.

FIRSTS opened up the season with a five-goal victory over OLD HAILEYBURY followed with victories over WEST BRUNSWICK by 25 points (PETER GRANT

OST OF IT!

kicking 7 goals; ST. KILDA C.B.C. at ST. KILDA'S ground; BANYULE by 20 points (DAVID WITTEY kicking 8); FAWKNER by 20 points (WITTEY bagging another 6 goals) and then HAMFTON ROVERS. The game against ST. PIUS, scheduled for May 52, was foreided by ST. PIUS who have now willfrawn from the competition. This St. was breated by ST. PIUS who have now willfrawn from the competition. The St. was breated by ST. PIUS with have now willfrawn from the competition. The Course Brithday weekend. That weekend has been set aside for the VAFA persesnative maches at ELSTERNIVICK PARC (Other representative games excheduled for June 17th, when the VAFA plays the Victorian Football Association for the third successive year. In the first two games, the VAFA has been successful the third successive year. In the first two games, the VAFA has been successful variety of the VICTOR of the VICTOR ST. WITTER AND THE ST. WITTER A

U/19's IN TOUGH SECTION

In U/19's are finding the going tough in zone two, but have still had three wins in the first round with victories over MONSH, ST, KILDA C.B.C. and HAMPTON ROVERS, with narrow losses to ORMOND and MARCELLIN in recent weeks.





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SATURDAY 1ST JUNE 1985

BRIGHTON SOARING HIGH AGAIN

AFTER TWO DEE ALL OF OLD MELBURNIANS AND MARCELLIN, OLD BRIGHTON CAME GOOD LAST SATURDAY TO DEFEAT TOPSIDE PARKSIDE: PARKSIDE ARE NOW SECOND BEHIND OLD CAULFIELD SO THERE IS A CHANCE TODAY TO AGAIN KNOCK OFF THE TOPSIDE. THE COMPETITION IN 'B' GRADE IS VERY KEEN AS CAN BE SEEN BY THE LADDER PRINTED IN THE BOX. ONLY ALAX SEENS TO BE OUT OF ITS DEPTH WITH PARADIANS AND UNI BLACKS STRUGGLING. THE REMAINDER OF THE TEAHS ALL APPEAR TO HAVE AN EXCELENT CHANCE OF MAKING THE FOUR WITH NO TEAM YET EMERGING AS OUTSTANDING. THERE IS A DANGER THAT IT MAY REQUIRE 8 - 9 WINS TO AVOID RELEGATION IF BLACKS OF PARADIANS START TO COME GOOD. TODAYS GAME AGAINST CAULFIELD WILL BE A TOUGH ONE AGAINST TRADITIONAL RIVALS. LAST WEEK THEY HAD A SOLID WIN AGAINST PARADE VINNING SACKETS BUILDING SOCKETY RIVALS. LAST WEEK THEY HAD A SOLID WIN AGAINST PARADE VINNING SECHNICH SHEET, BRIGHTON 1568

THE RESERVES HAD A THRILLING 3 POINT WIN AGAINST PARKSIDE SCORING 12/11 TO THE OPPOSITIONS 12/8. TODAY SHOULD SEE OWEN ""SNOWY" MILLIS EQUAL THE CLUB RECORD OF BUD HAMILTON FOR MOST GAMES PLAYED AND WE CONGRATULATE HIM ON THIS STERLING EFFORT. HAGINE HAVING TO PLAY ALONGSIDE THE LIKES OF LATZER, TAPP, GARTNER, HAMILTON, DOBBIE, HUNT AND WAKEHAM FOR MANY OF THOSE GAMES AND STILL BEING ABLE TO SLEEP SOUNDLY AT NIGHT, HE DOES.

THE JUNIORS ARE FINDING IT TOUGH IN THEIR ZONE BUT COACH MARK SWAIN IS OVERALL PLEASED WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS PLAYERS AND EXPECTS A GOOD WIN IN THE MEAR FUTURE.

THE WARRIORS ARE SOLDERING ON AND THEIR REPORT IS ON ANOTHER PAGE.

OFFICE BEARERS

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CAUL. GRAM. 5
PARKSIDE 5
OLD MELB. 4
ST KIL. CBOC 4
Marcelin OC 4
Old Brighton Gr. 4
Kew 3
Uhl. Blacks 2
Old Paradlans 2
AJAX 1 D F 875 - 746 1 798 - 852 - 745 1 878 - 852 - 655 - 635

FIXTURES

JUNE 8TH STATE CARNIVAL AT ELSTERNWICK PARK UI9'S V OLD SCOTCH AT HOME

JUNE 15TH 1st AND 2nd V OLD PARADIANS HOME U19'S V OLD HAILEYBURY AMAY WARRIORS V DE LA SALLE AMAY

JUNE 22ND IST AND 2nd V ST. KILDA CBOC AWAY
U19'S V M.H.S.O.B. HOME
WARRIORS V COLLEGIANS HOME



BRIGHTON FOUR

THREE WINS IN FIRST FOUR GAMES

OLD BRIGHTON HAS MADE AN IMPRESSIVE DEBUT IN '8' GRADE FOR 1985 BY MINNING 3 OUT OF ITS FIRST 4 MATCHES AND SHARING 4TH SPOT ON THE LADDER-EQUAL ON POINTS BUT MITH AN INFERIOR PERCENTAGE TO THE 3 TEAMS ABOVE IT: THE LADDER READS:

	3	POINTS
ST. KILDA	148.9	12
PARKSIDE	119.4	12
CAULFIELD	112.2	1.2
OLD BRIGHTON	94.3	12
OLD MELBURNIANS	111.0	8
KEW	109.6	8
MARCELLIN	91.0	8
UNI BLACKS	107.5	14
OLD PARADE	73.5	4
AJAX	58.0	-

LAST WEEK'S WIN AGAINST BLACKS AT THE UNIVERSITY OVAL WAS PLAYED IN BEAUTIFUL CONDITIONS AND A BIG CROWD WITNESSED SOME FINE FOOTBALL. AFFEA A SOLID IST QUARTER-WITH THE BACKLINE LED BY SID JAMES AT FULLBACK HOLDING BACK A FAIR ONSLAUGHT-THE BLACKS MANAGED TO GET MANY IN THE 2MD QUARTER AND AT ONE-STAGE HELD A 36 POINT LEAD.

OLD BRIGHTON CHARACTERISTICALLY FOUGHT BACK TO MHITTLE DOWN THE LEAD AND AT 3/4 TIME WERE ONLY A COUPLE OF COALS IN AREARS. IN A MAGNIFICENT AND ABSORBING LAST QUARTER, WITH THE LEAD FINALLY ACHIEVED BY DUE TEAM AND THEN LOST AGAIN - AND DUE TO SOME DETERMINED RUCK, PLAY BY "PHOLO" MEAHADON WITH THOMMO AT FULL-FORWARD TAKING SOME SCREAMERS -

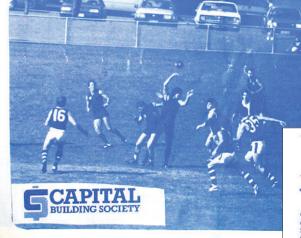
FORTHCOMENG MATCHES SATURDAY MAY 18th MARCELLIN - AWAY

SATURDAY HAY 25th PARKSIDE - HOME SUNDAY JUNE 2nd CAULFIELD - ELSTERNWICK

THE TEAM OSTAINED THE LEAD AND WITH 5 MINUTES TO GO LASTED LONG ENOUGH TO THWART THE BLACKS AND WIN BY 10 POINTS. THE GAME WAS REMINISCENT OF THE FIRST ROUND VICTORY AGAINST CURRENT LEADERS ST. KILDA. THE WEEK BEFORE PRODUCED ONLY A PATCHY WIN AGAINST AJAX WHICH IS YET TO WIN A GAINE. TO WIN A GAME.

TODAY'S GAME AGAINST OLD HELBURNIANS IS OBVIOUSLY VERY IMPORTANT AS OLD MELBURNIANS WILL BE DETERMINED TO BOUNCE BACK AFTER BEING BEATEN BY A HOST ACCURATE CAULFIELD LAST WEEK (23/5 to 19/18). THEIR TWO WINS HAVE BEEN AGAINST PARADIANS 17/20 to 14/14 AND HARCELIN 19/10 to 10/7 AND THEY ALSO LOST TO PARKSIDE.

ACTION IN THE GAME AGAINST AJAX - HUGO MCMAHON AND GUT BENNETT CONTROL THE BOUNCE



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1ST QUARTER BURST SINKS AJAX

Old Brighton started the game in blistering form kicking 9 goals in the first quarter. The hand-balling and disposal of Old Brighton was the key to the quarter with fittle pressure being applied from the Ajax players. Seven different players kicked goals in the first quarter as the ball moved freely in Old Brighton's forward line. Philips was winning the centre bounce contests, continually feeding Lennox,

Ajax started the second quarter as a different side that was determined to make Old Brighton work hard for the ball. Ajax were first for the ball and consistently applied pressure to Old Brighton on-ball players. Krzywniak, Lennox and Howden continued to amass possession's but were forced into making mistakes in

Old Brighton's second half was rather lack-lustre, as Ajax continued to apply pressure and were first to the ball. Ajax changed their forward-line players around, positioning running players to exploit the larger Old Brighton back-line.

Overall Old Brighton had too many running players capable of gathering possession's and kicking goals. Reid and Pryor had the most effect on the game tackling the hardest and disposing the ball accountaely. Other players in Krywniak, Oliver, Perry, Begley and Farrer came in and out of the game when required.

Old Brighton had the opportunity to score a big win but let the opposition back into the game with their aggression and desperation for the ball. The running game of Old Brighton continues to improve but the aggression and desperation for disposal requires improvement.

The win against Ajax put Old Brighton into the four and with the weeks break before playing top side University Blues should enable the players to work-on-their game plan and skills. Scores: Old Brighton 20-18-138 Ajax 15-07-97 Goals; Perry 3, Begley 3, Kryzwniak 2, Talbot 2, Williams 2, Pryor 2, Hamilton 2, Oliver 2, Lennex, Sloan. Party Deldy Design Company 1, 19-10 Perry 1, 19-10 Perry 1, 19-10 Perry 2, 19-10 Perry 2, 19-10 Perry 3, 19-10 Perry 4, 19-10 Perry 3, 19-10 Perry 4, 19-10 Perry 4, 19-10 Perry 5, 19-10 Perry 5, 19-10 Perry 6, 19-10 Perry 6, 19-10 Perry 7, 19-10 Perry 7, 19-10 Perry 7, 19-10 Perry 8, 19-10 Perry 8, 19-10 Perry 8, 19-10 Perry 8, 19-10 Perry 7, 19-10 Perry 8, 19-10 Perry 8, 19-10 Perry 8, 19-10 Perry 9, 1

Best: Pryor. Kryzwniak. Perry. Oliver.

RESERVES WIN 4 IN A ROW

The Old Brighton reserves continue to improve and won their fourth consecutive game. The game was won in the first quarter when Old Brighton scored eight goals to Ajax one. McMahon was winning the ruck contests, feeding Augistine, Grant and Morton who continually moved the ball into the forward line where Hoar and Schober marked strongly and kicked goals. Skelton was solid defence, risking his body in marking contests and Teschendorff improving each week, gathered many possession's and showing skill in his disposal. This was a good result for Old Brighton as Ajax were fifth on the ladder, one position behind Old Brighton currently sitting in fourth position.

fourth positi

Teschendorff, Skelton, Augistine, Grant, Schober, Hoar, J. Farrer.

Contribution from John MacKenzie

didn't attend Brighton Grammar, but went to Scotch during an enormously strong era in which I never played in a losing football side (from U14s to Open). I had only just turned 17 when I started 1st year medicine at Monash in 1969, so I didn't have a car and had no way of travelling to Old Scotch at Olympic Park. But a fellow medical student named Nigel Minogue was going to play with OBGFC Under 19s offered to drive me, so we both rolled up for the first U19 match of 1969. Unfortunately, Nigel sprained his ankle



in the opening minutes of the game and never played football again, but I enjoyed myself so hung around until my last season in 1988.

My first seasons were played in the U19s coached by Bill Faul, an old timer who we were told played for South Melbourne way back in the 1930s, but none of us could take him seriously. I learnt only this year (2002) that he had in fact been a star player for South Melbourne, having won their Best and Fairest in 1932, and played through their halcyon era including the 1933 premiership with such players as Bob Pratt and Laurie Nash.

1971 was my first year in the Seniors and I recall a game played at Parkside where, for some reason, a couple of players didn't turn up due to a sudden attack of the 'flu. So when I badly corked a thigh, I was moved from the wing to the forward-pocket. This is when I first

met champion full-forward, Jamie Agar, a most charming gentleman off the field, but who suffered a type of 'white line fever'. As I hobbled towards the full-forward line, Jamie was pointing way out to the pocket boundary line, and said distinctively, "Piss off". Shortly afterwards, the ball was kicked high and long to our goal square, so I hobbled in to be front and square just in time to crumb the spilled mark and snaffle the goal. Before I had a chance to do my version of the aeroplane, Jamie was pointing out to the boundary line again and saying with even greater passion, "Didn't you hear me tell you to piss off?"



James Agar

In 1972, the Seniors had a star-studded side and we easily won the second semi-final. Parkside scraped into fourth position by winning the last game of the season by one point, and then won their first semi and preliminary finals by similar small margins. The premiership seemed a foregone conclusion and we weren't particularly concerned at three-quarter time when trailing by two goals, but coming home with a useful breeze. Then in the first two minutes of the final quarter, everything went pear-shaped. Parkside jumped out of the blocks and kicked two unbelievable goals into the wind at the start of the final quarter. We were stunned and knew it was time to hit the panic button. For the rest of the quarter we peppered the goals, but there seemed to be 20 goal posts at the eastern end of the Ross Gregory,

and we kept hitting them. I think we had four posters in this last quarter. I hit the post twice to finish the day with 2 goals 2 behinds from the wing. But the one we all remember was in the dying moments when Johnny Levvey streamed down from the back-flank and drilled what we all thought was going to be the winning goal, only to hit the post yet again. Shortly afterwards, the siren sounded and we had lost the Grand Final by one point.

In 1973, the otitis pubis that had started towards the end of 1972 worsened, and I struggled through the year. In 1974 I had important mid-year final exams, therefore I didn't start to play until these had finished, which was after the sensational Alan Miller dummy-spit, walkout incident. So I started 1974 fresh and injury free, at about the same time that Bill McGrory took over. I got on well with Bill and even after graduating at the end of 1974 and moving to Warrnambool (where I worked and played football), I occasionally returned to Melbourne for a weekend and although no longer registered, (things were slack in those



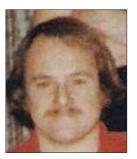
John Levvey



Bill McGrory

days), Bill used to still give me a game. In fact things used to be so slack in the early 70s, that often I used to play the last quarter of the Reserves match before the Seniors game, just to warm up.

I worked and played football in the Western District in 1975 and 1976 but then worked overseas in England in 1977 and 1978. After returning to Melbourne in 1979 and 1980 and although working very long hours, I started playing in the Reserves with Andrew Mullett. In 1981 and 1982 I again moved to the Western District, but later returned and played in the Reserves with Andrew Komp coaching.



Andrew Mullett



Greg Tootell

Andrew was very young, keen and put in a lot of effort and we responded likewise. And with Greg Tootell coaching a competitive Seniors side, both sides reached the final. I remember the Thursday night before the semi-finals when a full senior playing list meant that one unlucky player would have to be dropped to play in the Reserves semi-final. That player was a young Cameron Lade. A lot of players in this situation are easily disheartened, lose interest and drift away from the club. Cameron had shown plenty of potential in the Seniors and I was worried when he came into the changing rooms prior to the Reserves game and sat in a corner with his head down. So I had a little word with him; I told him he was unlucky to be dropped, that he really was a First's player, he was too good to be playing in the Reserves

and he would make the rest of us look silly so to go out and show everyone what you can do. And so he did — he played on the wing and just blitzed everyone. That was the first and last time he played in the Reserves, and of course he went on to win the Seniors Best and Fairest in 1986 and 1989 and captain the club from 1988 – 91.

Anyway, in 1984 both the Reserves and Seniors progressed to the Grand Final. The Reserves were playing against Hampton Rovers who began well, but we had steadied and were becoming confident of victory as we methodically pegged them back. It was a beautiful day for football at Elsternwick Park, and I was having an even better day on the back line until early in the third quarter when a Hampton player went past me and went 'bang'! A short sharp blow with his knuckles to the ball of my right shoulder dropped me to my knees and it felt as if my shoulder had been torn out of its socket. The pain was excruciating and I could only jog off holding my useless right arm to watch from the boundary line as we lost by a solitary point. My right shoulder has never been the same since.

In 1986, Reserves' coach Rod Cowling had a difficult year finding the numbers to fill the team, so I volunteered for the job in 1987 and did a lot of after-hours recruiting at the Marine Hotel. But in 1986, the Seniors, coached by Mark Sarau, were relegated back to C grade, and the 'brains trust' identified poor performance north of the Yarra as the club's weakness. The remedy was to arrange our 1987 pre-season practice games away from home at Parkside and Fawkner. Well, as good a theory as this might have been for helping the Seniors, it was completely suicidal for the Reserves. So the Reserves started the season short of numbers and were destined to struggle through another lean year.

In 1988, a friend of senior coach Mark Sarau, policeman Wayne Marshall, took on the job of Reserves playing-coach, but again the Reserves had a lean year. Probably the most memorable incident occurred towards the end of the season when we were playing away at MHSOB. About half-way through the game, we were unexpectedly in the lead and playing well, when my opponent decided to turn things around by running 50 metres to king-hit our coach Wayne Marshall. It was the dirtiest, most mongrel, unprovoked piece of thuggery that I had witnessed and I immediately told the MHSOB player that I would be reporting the incident to the VAFA — he scoffed. At the tribunal, the MHSOB player appeared quite confident and comfortable. He had said that he only pushed our player away from one of their players, and the umpire said he didn't see the behind the play incident and couldn't really comment. Then the Tribunal Chairman turned to Wayne and said, "Now Constable Marshall, are you a policeman?" "Yes," said Wayne. The MHSOB player immediately shifted uncomfortably on his chair. Wayne then said that he didn't know what happened and that he had no idea who or what hit him, but it felt as if he had been clobbered with a hay maker. The Chairman, (I could sense he was enjoying this), then turned to me and said, "Now Doctor, are you a medical doctor?" "Yes," I said, "I graduated in 1974." I then had to report the incident as I had seen it. The MHSOB player slid further down his chair. The Chairman then said, "Now, I have a statutory declaration to read from an eyewitness, police constable Marcus Barbour," and he read his written account of the incident. By now the MHSOB player knew

he was really in the 'poo'. The Tribunal Chairman then pronounced the guilty verdict and the suspension for eight weeks. The MHSOB player was dismissed, and finally we were thanked for reporting the incident. That was my only visit to the VAFA tribunal and I've got to say that they don't muck around.

1988 was my final season at OBGFC, because I then moved to the Mornington Peninsula and all my time has since been taken up with my general practice; that is until a Superules team started in Mornington in 1996 and I dusted off the old boots for a run. I even got enthusiastic enough to play in the Superules Annual Carnival in 1999 in Canberra, where I played for the Victorian over 45s team. I played five games in the 2002 season, but then decided to retire for good.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the 6os, Old Brighton played a season based at a ground at the then Highett gasworks property in Nepean Highway. Fairly primitive conditions prevailed including a change room which was little more than an empty box (i.e. nowhere to sit and no fittings for hanging up your clothes).

Contribution by Don Draper

Ithough an Old Boy of BGS (1939 – 1944), I had no involvement with the OBGFC until our elder son Robert commenced playing football — I think in the 1974 season. Naturally I became an observer, but it wasn't until 1975 that I was introduced to the after-match social aspects of the club and missed very few matches over the next ten years.



Don & Wilma Draper





Robert Draper

Peter Draper

During that time our second son Peter also played a few games with the Reserves and my wife Wilma played a significant role in fund-raising per medium of both home games and end of season raffles. This she did for a number of years and in recognition of her efforts, in 1981 was awarded the Club-Person Award, (possibly the first to a lady supporter). In the meantime I continued to support the club on both sides of the 'bar' and served as a committee man for one year.

I am now a 'fair-weather' supporter and am delighted to have been involved with the OBGFC in one way or another for the past forty-something years.

A Timekeepers View From The Bench and the Birth of the Benchwarmer

By Andrew 'Fish' Mullett

reserve teams, trying to blast the siren in their interests. It's a very powerful position. You can control time if you concentrate and time can slip away if you don't. Not everyone concentrates at the footy. If you can harness your emotions, you can sometimes win an advantage. I will admit



that I rarely miss an umpire's crossed arms to halt the game when we've got the wind behind us, but when we're struggling into it, I leave it to my colleague to 'call' the stoppages.

I must have blown the horn on well over 400 games and quite a few of those have been very close finishes. It's a heart-stopping way to enjoy the footy, but I love it and I've met some terrific blokes from other clubs over the years. Kenny does the job for De La Salle and he's a bonza bloke. If our clocks suddenly fall out of synch, Kenny is always happy to adjust his, and his generosity was most appreciated in the 2007 clash at the Beach. We were desperately hanging on at the finish as the visitors stormed home on the breeze. I didn't like our chances as a series of ball-ups took it closer and closer to the far end to which De La sought a last-gasp victory. With the scores level, the umpire hurled it up again and I was aghast to notice that Kenny's clock had ten seconds more on it than mine. We had a quick chat, arrived at a compromise and the siren sounded before the ball fell into the player's grasp. Kenny and I thought it a fitting result!



Peter Gadsden



John Hendra

We had a new siren in 2008. It was an elegant silver trumpet, purchased from a local marine supplier. It was born to sit on a boat. Now it is affixed to the box where 'Old Faithful' used to reside. It sits on the balcony overlooking the boats on the bay and bleats mournfully. When you press the button, you can hear it take a deep electrical breath, and three seconds elapse before it blasts. I love the umpire standing with the ball aloft, calling to start the game while the new trumpet keeps him waiting. Old Faithful gave a reluctant wheeze during a preseason practice match and died. We panicked for a week, trying to find a replacement that wouldn't cost a fortune and Peter Gadsden sourced the new trumpet, which is now known in

all correspondence as 'The Horn'. Supporters *expect* time-keepers to manipulate the time and win games. They cannot fathom how some quarters last twenty-two minutes and others run for thirty-two. They seem to think it is merely the whim of the men or women on the clock. In a close finish, you are besieged by supporters, committeemen, runners, assistant coaches, all shouting for a time update; it is great fun. I especially enjoy signalling that there are two minutes to go and then watching the disbelieving looks on the faces of the tortured when two minutes later, they learn there is still another minute until the result emerges. They forget that with every score, every stoppage, every out of bounds, every blood rule — time stops. "What the hell were you doing, Fish? The bloody quarter went thirty-five minutes!" "Very simple, mate. They kicked twelve goals. Two blokes were sent off ... and we took a coffee break."

The balcony at Brighton beach is a great place to keep the time on a calm day. If it's wet and windy, it's tough work. Conditions vary at away matches. It's quite prestigious at Elsternwick Park where you have your own room behind glass, an uninterrupted view, and Phil to control the siren. At the Varsity, you stare around posts from behind a wire cage, and decisions are sometimes hard to make. Even at HQ things can go wrong. We played Old Scotch at Elsternwick in round two of 2007, and Phil, the resident scoreboard operator, pressed the button for three-quarter time and nothing happened. Quick as a flash, he grabbed a huge bell and clanged it out the window. The irony was that the previous week, the same thing had happened to me at Brighton, when Old Faithful shorted a fuse in protest against the new canteen caravan that had chewed into his power source. I had no recourse to a bell and had to use my lungs to alert the umpires to stop play. Needless to say the likes of John Hendra were quick to pounce at Elsternwick. "What's wrong with your horn, Fish? That's the second week in a row that you haven't fired a shot!"

It's a tough gig at some grounds. At Chelsworth Park and The Trott, the setting sun makes players indistinguishable in the final quarter. Inside the old scoreboards at grounds like the Gillon, Bulleen-Templestowe, Old Caulfield and Kew, the wind whistles around your privates and the rain attacks your paperwork. The green Paradians perch my friend Guy and his visitors on scaffolding that surely requires a work-safe check, while the Righetti sits you back behind the crowd and the trees and it's often a matter of guess-work. I'd hate to be the St Kev's regular. It was always good fun doing the time with Tony Orchard at The High, but he reciprocated with the outdoor facility that could be testing on a wet day. I always enjoyed Mazenod up in the stand, and the visit to Princes Park to join Andy Smith and play the Blacks with a 'real time-keepers box' is a treat, once you negotiate the climb.

Having suppressed the urge to support all day, I always felt like talking about the matches at the end of play. The older you are, the more heroic the players seem to be. I can't believe the courage, the strength and the effort I see from behind the fence. Sometimes I can't believe I ever played this wonderful game. Then somebody misses a shot at goal from twenty out dead in front, and I just wish I could do it all again. Because I can't play it any more, I love to talk to those who do, and I think the desire to share their experiences led to the birth of *The Benchwarmer*; my press reporting alter-ego.





Doug Dick

Andrew Cooper

Doug Dick worked for one-time President, David Simington, whose company had offered the VAFA its phone messaging service back in the early 80s. Doug suggested that I could have my own phone number and record a match report each week. Supporters could ring the number and hear my thoughts. It sounded like fun. I decided to adopt the old Jack Dyer phrase, 'for them', which Captain Blood added to virtually every sentence in his wonderful after match summaries. It's a great phrase to use for emphasis or to alter the rhythm of your sentences.

The Benchwarmer was only ever meant to be fun. In the early days when about three people listened, I used to amuse myself berating the umpires, the opposition, the crowd, the facilities, creating the archetypal one-eyed Tonner supporter. I feigned prejudice against opposition colours, religion, body shapes, change facilities, pies ... everything was fair game. You could do that before we took life so seriously. Only Old Brighton supporters knew *The Benchwarmer* was there and the faithful few enjoyed a laugh. I found an old 1989 tape recently which covered the controversy surrounding our win in round two over Old Melbournians, who had pinched the 1988 flag from us in the dying minutes. We were really keen to knock them over, and did too with Andrew Cooper goaling with the last kick of the day. Everyone except the two goal umpires could count the goals, and yet the result remained in dispute and we had to play round three at Therry before the VAFA had awarded us the points for round two. *The Benchwarmer* had fun with that one.

These days, modern marketing has required *The Benchwarmer* to throw open the doors to all ears and eyes and rant away to anyone who happens along. One week, 'The Benchie' had the temerity to suggest on the website that the Reserves had endured some shocking umpiring at Old Ivanhoe. A VAFA board member, despite the clear warning that he listened at his own risk, ordered that we remove the report from our site as it wasn't in the interests of the game! Talk about taking yourself seriously! I guess he hasn't been listening since 1989 and worked out that it's just a lot of nonsense that has nothing to do with anything. But that's footy 2008 style. We're on the Internet and are accessible to everyone. Why would anyone other than an Old Brighton fan bother? A secretary from another club asked me at last year's VAFA Annual Meeting, "if we still had that bloody idiot on the phone who bags our players?" When I revealed myself as the 'bloody idiot', he looked astonished and said he'd never speak to me again. He was serious and walked away. I'd had a crack at one of his players who'd been reported for belting one of ours; you can't do it these days. *The Benchwarmer* prattles on, but he's lost his edge I would say, for them.

(In the Pre-War Chapter you will see that back then the Benchwarmer was alive and well.)

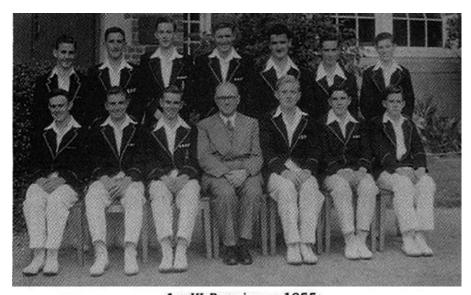
Contribution by Michael Wood

grew up at 78 Glencairn Avenue, Brighton East, in a home built by parents, Keith and Betty after WW2. We had a gate through the back fence providing access to what was then our 'playground' in Dendy Park. I loved nothing better than racing home from Brighton State School to play 'pick up' games of cricket and football after school with other local kids.



I entered BGS in Grade 5 in 1956, the year of the Melbourne Olympic

Games, with my last year being 2nd year Matriculation, or year 12 for those too young to remember, in 1964. Ms Chapman was my first teacher and her class room was one of two at the northern end of Crowther Oval. At that time I used to watch the likes of the great John Hannaford, School captain and later captain of the School's Cricket Team of the Century, David Sedgwick, Doug Ridley, Arthur Reuss, etc all strutting their stuff at after-school sports training.



1st XI Premiers - 1955
Standing: C. Banks, J. Edwards, B. Jewell, E. Fowler, D. Macfarlane, B. Pryor, B. Alldersea
Seated: J. Tilton, R. Rust, J. Hannaford (Captain), Mr H. Webber, I. Batiste (Vice-Captain),
D. Ridley, D. Gribble

I loved my time at the School and was encouraged to repeat my matriculation year in 1964. The incentive was to improve my University entry score to achieve a long held ambition to attend Melbourne University's School of Architecture. I was young for my year, so in addition to achieving academically, I had an ambition to progress from the U16 A team in both cricket and football and play in the 1st X1 and 1st XVIII. This I achieved, although in those days BGS was the whipping boy to the more established and talented APS teams. We didn't win a game of football for the year but went close against Caulfield and St Kevin's. We were more competitive in cricket with talented players such as Jeff Moss, who played a test for Australia. Please see web extract below:

"Jeff Moss was a hard-hitting left-handed batsman, who scored 7271 runs @ 37, 86 for Melbourne, North Melbourne and Prahran in 208 matches between 1968/69 and 1986/87. He scored 14 centuries, with a top-score of 200 against Ringwood in 1977/78. First selected for Victoria at 29, Moss scored 149 in his second match against NSW and was Victoria's leading run-scorer in the Shield-winning seasons of 1978/79 and 1979/80. Moss replaced the injured Graham Yallop in the Second Test against Pakistan in Perth in 1978/79, scoring 22 & 38* in Australia's victory. He toured England with the Australian World Cup squad in 1979, playing in one match. Moss finished his first class career in 1981/82 with 3416 runs @ 43, 79 with 9 centuries and a highest score of 220 against South Australia in 1978/79. He also scored 200* against WA at St Kilda in 1981/82, adding an Australian record third wicket partnership of 390 with Julien Wiener, who also attended Brighton Grammar School."









Nick Tonkin

Rick Thomas

John Berry

Ossie Spence

Nick Tonkin and Rick Thomas were also higher 'cricket achievers' after leaving school. Our best result for the year was an outright tie with Carey. I was also a Prefect, School House Captain, House Captain of swimming and cricket and the Senior CUO in Cadets. Needless to say that on gaining admission to Melbourne University's School of Architecture for 1965, I considered my final year at BGS a successful one.

John Berry was a great mate all through BGS. He was also extremely bright and matriculated 'first time around' in 1963 at the age of 16, went to university and studied Science, (I think). The majority of older Old Boys who I admired at school were all playing footy with the OBGFC, so there was never any doubt that on leaving school I would join them, along with most of my football playing mates from the 1964 School 1st XVIII. John was one of a group of OBGFC players who spent several nights knocking on doors pre-season 1965. He was with someone else, I think Ossie Spence, and I naturally signed up for what was to be the first Junior side in the club's history. We didn't have enough U19 players to play in that competition so we played in E Reserve with Don Cameron as coach and Peter Cooper as captain. Other 'older' players that I recall were John 'Nobby' Forster, Bruce 'Crackers' Easton, Richard 'Dick' Fraser and Peter Bryant with Don Cameron as coach.







Peter Cooper



'Nobby' Forster



Bruce 'Crackers' Easton







Richard Fraser

Peter Bryant

Colin Heseltine

Colin Heseltine won the Best and Fairest and was another 'bright bugger' who was Dux of BGS in 1964 and went on to a distinguished career with the Australian Overseas Diplomatic Service. See extract below:

"Colin Heseltine is a Nautilus Institute Senior Associate working in Canberra, Australia. He has had a forty year career with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade focused on Asia including many postings in the Asian region and senior policy advisory positions in Canberra. In 2006 he was appointed by the Australian Government to head the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Secretariat in Singapore during Australia's host APEC year in 2007. He served as Australian ambassador to the Republic of Korea from 2001 – 2005, head of the Australian Commerce and Industry Office (Australia's unofficial mission in Taiwan) from 1992 – 1997 and deputy head of mission in the Australian Embassy in Beijing from 1982 – 85 and 1988 – 1992. He has also had diplomatic appointments in Chile and Spain. Having worked on major strategic, economic and trade policy issues involving Australia's interests in the Asia Pacific region during more than 30 years with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Colin Heseltine brings a clear understanding of the region along with skills in developing economic, trade and political strategies for private and public sector organizations. He has extensive high level government links and has worked with Australian companies doing business in the Asia Pacific."

Colin played in the back-pocket on resting ruckman. I played at full-forward and in the middle and won the goal kicking with 42 goals. (As an aside, John Berry won the senior goal kicking with 29 and best mate John Devine the Senior Best and Fairest. John was the only player in the history of the club to win this coveted award as a first-year player straight from school.) We ended up third at the end of the home and away series, but bombed out against AJAX in the first semi-final.

I studied Architecture for three years from 1965 – 67 and then transferred to Town and Regional Planning for 1968. The course had only been introduced the previous year so my admission was in only the second year of its establishment within what had been renamed the Melbourne University School of Architecture, Building and Town Planning. I had credits in a number of subjects carried across from Architecture, so was effectively 'part time' and able to take up a position as Assistant Town Planning Officer with the City of Brighton. At the time I occupied a work station directly behind my old mate at the OBGFC, Peter Cooper,

who was a Civil Engineer with the Council. During this time most of the Town Planning Faculty students were studying for a Post Graduate Diploma so lectures were held at night, making it increasingly difficult to get to footy training other than perhaps one night a week, invariably Thursdays; after which we would all go to Molina's Hotel in Church Street for ten pots and a veal parmigiana. Jo and Lou Molina's father Ernesto Molina, was a close friend of Salvatore, the chef at the Florentino, which he and his Italian immigrant mates credited with the first introduction to Australia of a slab of veal covered with ham, bolognaise sauce and melted cheese. It was certainly compulsory cuisine on a Thursday night and Saturday's after a game for the OBGs during the mid to late sixties.

On completion of the academic component of the Town Planning course in 1971, I applied for and was appointed Town Planner at the City of Camberwell, a position I held for two years until resigning and taking a position as Commercial Property Development Manager with a retail bakery chain.













John Devine

Bruce McBriar

Robert Dale

Rob McKinnon

Doug Ridley







Peter Sedgwick



Graeme Templeton



Ricky Thomas

I went on to play 138 games between 1965 and the early part of 1973, before getting married in June and to take up an overseas position with the company based in Hertfordshire in the UK. Of my 120 senior games from 1966, I remember playing at full-forward in the 1967 C Grade first semi-final loss to St Bernard's. Faces in the team photo that can still be seen from time to time around the club were Bruce McBriar, Robert 'Bardy' Dale, Rob 'Crack' McKinnon, Doug Ridley, John Devine, Keith Peachey, Peter Sedgwick (captain), Graeme 'Bones' Templeton and Ricky Thomas. I played possibly 50 Senior games either on the forward line or in the centre, was captain of the Reserves 1971 – 72 and won the Reserves Best and Fairest in 1968 and 1970 – 71.

Committee Service: I joined the Committee with my father Keith in 1966, my second year at the club and the first of five years we served together until 1970. He resigned and I stayed on the Committee for a further year at which time my career took precedence, until marrying Margaret and leaving for overseas in August of 1973. Margaret also had a position with

the company as Office Manager and we resigned to return home with our first-born baby son Peter in June 1975, to find John Devine in his second term as President and my brother Peter Wood on his Committee. I re-joined the Committee the following year and served from 1976 – 1985 with the exception of sabbaticals in 1978 and 1981.



I was President in 1983 – 84 and Vice-president to Doug Dick in 1985. I took a break in 1986 – 87, was back on Committee in 1988, 1989, 1992 – 94. I had another absence in 1995 – 97, returning for Mike Perry's final year in 1998. I was again Vice-president during Ross Paterson's three year Presidency from 1999 – 2001.

Roger Brown took over from John Trotter as President in 2003, I was Treasurer and with Peter Grant, Vice-president. It was the same scenario in 2004, except that Peter Gadsden was the other Vice-president. In Roger's final year as President in 2005, I was again Treasurer, 2006 was Michael Dickerson's first term as President and I was Treasurer. Then in 2007, Rob Jakobi's name appears for the first time as Treasurer with me as Vice-president.

As those who attended The Best of OBGFC 1957 – 2007 black-tie 50 Year Anniversary gala ball held at The International on the 2nd June will attest, I was dumbfounded, speechless or whatever you want to call it, when I was announced as the club's President among this fantastic group of The Best of OBGFC. I had only returned to Melbourne from the UK the previous day, after celebrating friend Frank Horsley's 70th birthday and wasn't even aware that the nomination of a President was 'part of the agenda'. I only mention Frank's name as I first met him in 1973 while establishing a UK office for the company I worked for. Over the years right up until the present time Frank and his wife Chris have provided most generous hospitality to numerous Old Brighton Footy Club travellers to the UK. They have also been regular visitors to Australia over the years where Frank has attended a number of Brighton Icebergers' Christmas lunches which are always held on the second Friday in December. I can remember one occasion when he attended a pre-Christmas OBGFC Committee meeting at Brighton Beach and served behind the bar at its conclusion. Apart from family and the maintenance of our business, the club has been very much a significant part of my life since

1965. I can say that with only a couple of exceptions I haven't met anybody through the club where I haven't enjoyed the experience.

I also consider myself blessed that I have been in a position to assist many younger members of the club in getting started in their business life. There is no better group of people that one could meet in a lifetime of searching; the camaraderie is unbelievable. I still look forward every year to the planning for the pre-season Camp and the Thursday 'sippers' prior to the first game of the season, with the inevitable discussions about the first home-game lunch, or in more recent times, the next game of golf, which invariably will include fellow footy club members.

May we all maintain good health and happiness for many years to come! We all deserve to continue enjoying 'Our Club' in the spirit for which it has become renowned.

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One only needs to read Michael Wood's truly engrossing chapter on *Fund Raising and Sponsorship* to appreciate what an extraordinary amount of time and effort our 'Godfather' has devoted to our club for decades and still is as this book is being printed.

Contribution By Robert 'Bardy' Dale

fter leaving school in 1963 and with the Old Boys not having an Under

19 side, I played a season with Power House Under _19s with a lot of other APS boys — Turk, Ian Smith,

Don Vance, Peter Kent, John Clements (who I got to the club several years later), Peter McAdam, Peter Graham, etc. I think I concentrated on my water polo career in 1964/5 which necessitated training eleven times a week. I played with the Reserves in 1966 and 1967, being elevated to the Seniors halfway through the '67 season by Roy Harper (who obviously had



a good eye for emerging talent), culminating in a career-high of five goals against OMs at the Cordner Oval in a thirteen goal demolition of 'School'. Once again in 1968 – 1970 water polo took over with the selection for Victoria at National Titles over that period.

Socially I was still active together with Rick Harvey during the mid to late sixties, leading renditions of various songs after Nobby had tapped the barrel at home games and big Roger Wilson cut the block of cheese he borrowed from his employers Kraft at Port Melbourne. Apart from our club theme song, other renditions included "I'll give my arse for a glass of Victoria", the "Four and twenty pie add" and also some of the Monkeys' hits. Some of this entertainment was also present at some of the Saturday nights we had at various parents' houses in the club marquee with the juke box and bar. I also remember helping organise a big fundraiser down at Red Hill at Peter Ewin's parents' holiday house, which was a big production around the 1968/9 period. We also used to raffle a car for a scholarship to the school for several years; I had the good fortune to win a Chrysler Valiant in 1969.

I left Australia in October 1970 on the Fairstar with Geoff Ainsworth and Gareth Andrews for over 12 months and was transferred to Adelaide on return to Australia late 1971. I played water polo for South Australia in 1972 – 74 at the National Titles and returned to Melbourne for a short time at the end of 1974 until mid-1975.

I played water polo for Victoria again in 1975 and was then transferred by the Bank of Adelaide to Brisbane. I didn't return until 1986 and then with a wife and two young children. I purchased several newsagencies which as seven-day businesses prevented me having much time to be involved with the club. After selling my last business in 1993, I have been involved in a social and sponsorship role with the club.

My son Luke played for two years in the Under 19s in 2001 and 2002 culminating in winning Best and Fairest in the club's only Premier Division Premiership in 2002 and was also selected in the State 19 squad. The next two years he played in the Seniors and finished fourth in the Best and Fairest two years in a row, before business interests curtailed his football career.

I think I started cooking BBQs about eleven years ago and during Ross Paterson's reign as club President also did quite a few Under 19 lunches and Senior lunches, apart from two years of pantry disasters.

Sharpshooters — Our Finest Goal Kickers

SENIORS:

Please note that not every year's goal kicking figure for a particular leading goal kicker are indicated, as with a few exceptions only those who kicked more than 40 goals in a season are mentioned. Where a year with goals kicked is shown, this indicates the leading club goal kicker for that season.

John Priestley:

1976 (51)

1977 (71)

1978 (72)

1979 (66)

1980 (117)

1981 (74)

1983 (41)

A career total of 515 goals over 126 games; an average per game of 4.08 goals.

Drewe Bellmaine in his Records and Statistics publication tells us that John Priestley kicked 26 goals in 7 State games, including 10 vs WA in 1981. His 1980 season tally of 117 goals was scored in the following sequence: 5, 5, 3, 10, 9, 10, 8, 9, 3, 5, 6, 2, 2, 6, 3, 8, 7, 7, 3, 6 = 117 goals.

OBGFC defeated Geelong in the C Section Grand Final that year.

Doug Ridley:

135 games, 188 goals

1957 (63)

Outstanding centre half forward; had all the skills; courageous team player.

Also played in 1959 and 1964 Grand Finals, both runners-up.

Barry Pryor:

1959 – 1966 126 games, 262 goals 1959 (46)

1960 (46)





1963 (46)

Very classy rover with excellent kicking skills. Also played in the 1959 and 1964 Grand Finals, both runners-up. Son Andrew joined our club in 1986.

Geoff Hosie:

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1962 – 1971, 97 games, 188 goals
1966 (49)
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John Boucher:

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1958 – 1962 65 games, 104 goals
1961 (47)
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C Warnock:

1967 (42)

Jamie Agar:

1965 – 1978
Also played in the 1972 Grand Final
(runners-up)
151 games, 311 goals
1972 (70)
1973 (76)
1974 (44)
Physically very strong, excellent mark, good speed.





Barry Hamilton:

1969 – 1987
267 games, 429 goals — a truly magnificent feat.
Seniors — 198 including 1977 and 1980 Grand Final premierships.
Reserves — 181 including 1978 Grand Final win and 1977 Grand Final (runners-up)
Under 19s – 50



John Priestley — 1976 — 1983: (See above)

David Wittey:

1983 (47) 32 games 108 goals (Ave. 3.37 per game) 1984 (46)

D Thomas — 1985 – 68:

David Cochrane:

1987 (43)

2003 (66)

Leading goal kicker Club XVIII Section 2 South. One of the select few at our club who have played over 300 games (354) and kicked a total of 396 goals.



Andrew Pryor:

278 goals

1988 (63)

Four times Best and Fairest, Grade Best and Fairest 1995, State representative on five occasions. Played in the 1992 (lost) and 1997 (won) Grand Finals. Captain 1992/3.

Played 230 games and kicked a total of 278 goals; a truly remarkable record.



Malcolm Shippen:

88 games, 195 goals

1990 (44)

1991 (36)

Tom Hayden:

1990 - 1993

1992 (53)

1993 (48)

62 games, 188 goals (Ave. 3.03 per game).

Nick Perry:

222 games, 212 goals

1994 (43)

Captain for four years. In 1997, one of the five years during which his father Mike was President, he captained the team which

won the 1997 B section Grand Final.



Jarrod Bradley:

64 games, 200 goals (Ave. 3.125 per game)

1995 (70)

1997 (80) (We won the B section Grand Final this year.)

1999 (42)

2000 (84) (Another Grand Final this year which we lost.)

As with John Priestley, our club was most fortunate to have such a remarkable full-forward.



James Murch:

131 games, 355 goals

1996 (55)

Played in the 1997 Seniors B Section premiership and the 2000 B Section Reserves premiership. See also James' phenomenal goal kicking record in the Under 19s.



Matthew Jackson:

96 games, 204 goals

1998 (33)

2001 (32)



Adam Pirrie:

118 games, 208 goals

2002 (22)

2004 (33)

2005 (60)

2006 (60)

2007 (56)

2008 (39)

Adam was often dubbed 'Mr Magic' due to some of his extraordinary goal kicking feats.



Adam MacGillivray:

2000 – 2008, 71 games, 130 goals

2003 (41)

A left footer who had extraordinary skills in front of goal, but plagued by injuries throughout his career.



RESERVES:

Drewe Bellmaine:

1974 - 1988, 100 games, 220 goals

1976 (61)

1977 (64))



Peter Latzer:

1971 – 1993, 350 games, 156 goals

1978 (39)

One of that elite group in our club who played more than 300 games. Also 'The Tsar' was one of those priceless characters in our club about whom many wrote anecdotes, some of which you will find in this book.



David Smyth:

154 games, 117 goals 1992 (47)



1983 – 1994, 185 games, 308 goals Andrew played in the 1984 and 1988 Seniors Grand Finals. Later he played in the Reserves back-to-back premierships 1996 – 1997 1996 (82) 1997 (52)





Matthew Talbot:

220 games, 250 goals1999 (32)Captained the 2000 Reserves premiership.



Brian Scott:

2003 (58) 2004 (24) Played in the 2003 Reserves B Section premiership.



Trevor March:

2007 (40)

Trent Zantuck:

2008 (32) Under 19



1965 – 1973, 138 games, 118 goals 1965 (42)



D Wilson:

1969 (52)

Brian Grandin:

1970 – 1972. 33 games, 115 goals (Ave. 3.485 goals per game) 1970 (53) 1971 (57)

John Trotter:

1971 – 1979. 111 games, 122 goals 1972 (58)

Played in the Reserves first premiership in 1976. He has been an absolute pillar of our club for over 40 years.



1972 – 1979. 102 games, 155 goals. 1973 (52)

Craig Stevens:

1980 – 81. 33 games, 118 goals (Ave. 3. 576 goals per game). Played in the 1981 U19 Grand Final win. 1980 (64).

Peter Goetz:

1980 – 81. 36 games, 133 goals (Ave. 3.694 goals per game)
1981 (80)
Vice-captain in the 1981 Under 19 premiership team.

D Whittey:

1983 – 4 32 games, 108 goals (Ave. 3.75 goals per game).

John Hillier:

1984 (72)

Cameron Knight:

1989 – 90. 34 games, 145 goals (Ave. 4.265 goals per game) 1989 (93)

1990 (52)

P Swanell:

1992 (58)

D Atkin:

1993 (47)









James Murch:

1994 (73)

1995 (101)

Played in the 1997 Seniors B Section Premiership. Kicked 355 goals at an average of 2.71 goals per game.

A Price:

41 games, 62 goals 1996 (58)

At the time of publication figures for leading Under 19 goal kickers for the following years were unavailable.

Andrew 'Fish' Mullett

ndrew arrived at the club not long after Michael Wood. In one of the superb articles which Andrew has contributed to this book *A Life at The Beach*, he mentions how in 1968, his final year at school after the

APS season was over, he went down to the Brighton Beach oval and met Bill Faul who was to coach the Under 19 side for the next three years. Andrew played with the Unders and then continued on in 1969 with the Seniors in C Grade. After the 1973 season finished, Andrew's teaching career took him to the country. He returned to the club in 1977, to see the Seniors win the flag. In 1978 'Fish' had the pleasure of playing in the Reserves Grand Final victory. Then in 1979, 1980 and



1981 Andrew took on the job of playing-coach of the Reserves. After the Reserves game Andrew would then assist the coach of the Seniors. In 1982, Andrew was called on to coach the Senior team. Billy Browne had been coach for the last two years and had been playing coach in 1980 when our Senior team won the Flag. In 1981 for the first time our club was elevated to B Grade. In early 1982, Billy's wife gave birth to triplets, which meant that Bill then had five children under five years of age. Under those circumstances coaching was not an option, so Fish answered the call and entered his fourth straight year of coaching.

In 1985, Andrew took on the job of Senior Team Manager, when Greg Tootell was coach. Also Fish began what he termed *The Benchwarmer* reports, which in 2014, 29 years later, are still being produced after each Senior game. As Fish explains, "They were only ever intended as a bit of fun for Old Brighton supporters." At first members had a phone number which they could ring to hear the report. Now, of course the report continues on our club's website (See chapter *Life at the Beach*.)

In addition to *The Benchwarmer* reports, Fish soon took on the job of allocating jumpers and shorts to all players. This can be a very time-consuming and onerous task. As Fish himself describes it, players often lose or forget to bring their gear to a game. Numbers have to be allocated to players and then re-allocated when a player somehow has lost track of his jumper! Andrew has also taken on the responsibility of supplying socks to players and making sure that new footballs are available for the Seniors home games. The club has four teams playing in the competition today or near enough to 100 players. So this represents a lot of jumpers, shorts and socks to be responsible for and can mean a lot of replacements during a football season. Fish has performed this task superbly for over 20 years. In addition, Andrew on a regular basis compiles press reports after the games and completes voting sheets. But as with all those who are honoured in this chapter for their extraordinary service to our club, Fish would have carried out numerous other duties for the club at various stages of his involvement and it is not possible here to mention them all. For example, he would have been on

some selection committees created for the appointment of new coaches and he also would have attended numerous VAFA meetings as our club's representative.

In addition to all that Andrew has done for the club over so many seasons, he took on the job of being our permanent timekeeper and that is for both the Reserves and Senior games, a task which Fish has performed with his usual zeal for at least fifteen years.

Understandably, our Past President Michael Dickerson who wrote a very interesting chapter 'The 50th Anniversary of the Club's Inception(Post-War)' — containing in-depth comments on players performances throughout that year — very sincerely praised Andrew towards the end of his chapter. In the section 'Finale and Thanks' he mentions Andrew's 'creativity and dedicated efforts for the committee and Club'.

Finally, there could be no better proof of Andrew's pure passion for this club than the two articles which we have had the privilege of including in this book. You will find Andrew's poetic skills on full display in his article *Desperate Days*, illustrating his razor-sharp observations about his fellow members at the club, to say nothing of the sheer pleasure he gets from observing the weekly on-field and off-field dramas. In the chapter *Our Grand Finals*, Fish illustrates his in-depth knowledge of our players over many years by supplying us with profiles of our Grand Final participants. Then to cap that, we can enjoy Andrew's extraordinary recall in his article *A Life at The Beach*, *Benchwarmer Reflections*; a virtual summary of his memories of his 40 years at the club. We recommend that in order to be fully impressed by the sheer passion that this man has for our club you switch to those two articles next.

Peter Grant

eter started as a player in 1978. Peter represented Victoria when the VAFA played against Tasmania in 1983 and again in 1984. In 1986 Peter was selected again to represent his state. He also won our Club's Best and Fairest award in 1983 and 1984. He was also Captain of the seniors from 1983 to 1986.



He was on the committee in some form from an early stage especially

for social events. He was also our VAFA delegate from 1988 until 1993. Also with Peter King (aka Buccan Brothers), he was a major contributor to *The Tonners Times*. Peter was Club Secretary and then President in 1992 and 1993. In 1992 our club reached A grade for the first time since our re-entry into the VAFA in 1957.

In later years Peter was on the Coaching Selection Committee, President of the Past Players' group working with many on the Ground Redevelopment Committee and a member of the Team of the Half Century Selection Committee and function.

Peter was also heavily involved in arranging and running the Past Players or All Stars match a few years ago, which was followed by the Life Members lunch and presentation of badges to the life members and those who had played 150 games.

Peter is a Life Member and still a most valued person to have around the club. As with the entire Grant family of Tony, Andrew, John and Margaret, Peter is regularly seen at club luncheons, functions and games.

A further example of the high regard that the Club has for Peter is proven by the fact that he was part of the selection panel which chose the senior coach for 2015 to replace Simon Williams.







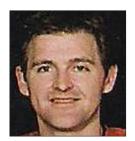
John and Margaret Grant



Tony Grant

Desperate Days

Thursday night after training has always been a sacred ritual for every footy team in the country. When I played, we stood around in the rooms after a few hours of circle work, devoured a few snags and sauce and knocked the top off a can or two until the teams for the weekend were read out. At South Road these days, the players don't know how lucky they are. They relax at comfortable tables and enjoy bar service and catered meals, brought in from local restaurants or beautifully cooked by their Mums. They don't even have to wash their dishes. In recent years they have been entertained by 'Wheel Girls', David Paterson and Antony Bristow, and Cam McKimm's weekly video scandals. The bar is home to a band of regulars who turn up to read the *Amateur Footballer's* predictions for the weekend's matches, to brood over the injury list and to 'pick the side'. When we're winning, the place is buzzing and the numbers swell. If we're struggling, attendance is a test of faith.







Antony Bristow



Adam McLachlan

Old Brighton was well and truly on the VAFA roller-coaster during the 1999 season. Attendance on Thursday nights fluctuated, and the mood grew increasingly sombre. We had won both Senior and Reserves B Grade premierships in 1997, had failed and been relegated from A Grade in 1998, and now found ourselves in familiar territory trying all over again in B Grade to lift ourselves back into the best company. By mid-May, furrowed brows gathered around a rather gloomy bar. Our form was wildly erratic, illustrated by a disastrous 75 point thrashing at North Old Boys' Brunswick premises in Round 3, followed the next week by an astonishing 98 point win over Collegians who had been unbeaten at that stage! After six games, we had two wins, were languishing in seventh place, and the word 'relegation' was dribbling into the beer glasses of a worried few. With no intention other than to try to lighten the Thursday night mood, I decided during the week to pen a nonsense ballad about the exploits of one of the players and choose enigmatic forward, Adam 'Hooker' McLachlan, simply because his nickname offered a suitably bawdy notion or two. Some of the content is best left 'in the dressing room', but the

closing lines give you some idea of the yarn about a mythical 'happy hooker' who became infatuated with, amongst other things, Adam McLachlan's thighs!

Hooker

"Yet nothing could distract her from her Red and Blue Adonis! Not Coops or Dog or Rob or Steve or Michael Bilionis She followed him to every ground to drool at him and stare, and marvel at his exploits taking speccies in the square and if anyone enquired, she'd say, "My Hooker's playing there." But Adam didn't trust her And he doubted her allegiance So we did the only decent thingand cleared her to Collegians. The treasurer was angry though, Jim said, with more endurance "We could have leased her to Old Xavs And paid off our insurance." But after all, a win's a win, I'd better stop the clock then, We're better off all rooting for **Our** Hooker — A McLachlan.

Not only did everyone seem to enjoy the tale, but Hooker took it in good heart and the crowd clamoured for more! We lost again on Saturday and now sat ninth on the ladder. I wondered whether I had plunged us into the relegation spot by introducing a note of levity that had blurred our focus! However I tried again, and so began a new Thursday night ritual, which took a bizarre twist the following week, when cult hero Andrew 'Pigeon' Vandendungen entered the literary limelight. This time my intentions were very much directed at drumming up a bit of enthusiasm for the weekend's home game against Mazenod who were soon to become our arch enemies. Vanders was a relatively new player — he is a 150 game veteran these days-and although a shy and quiet bloke, he was popular and the ideal player to celebrate. I knew that he harboured a quiet determination to do well, and I am chuffed to say that he tells me his parents have the following verses framed in their home.

The Ballad of Vander

"Where has Tommy Hayden gone?" cried diners at the function, "We loved to see him kicking goals that lit up every luncheon."

"Where has Shooter Shippen gone?" moaned those on the verandah, Hayden? Shippen? Priestley? Reid? Who cares? 'Cause we've got Vander!

> Simon Lennox stabs a pass to Andrew Pryor's heart Noel flicks it out to Krizza Backing up, he shoots a dart

To Matty Jackson sprinting past, And heading down the guts,
He baulks the Mazenod defence;
Across a pack he cuts

A cunning path that leads him now To Vander's killing ground, The Long Man senses something's on As Jackson looks around

Considers Tymmsy briefly then, 'cause Tymmsy's on his own, But last time Tymmsy stuffed it up So Matthew goes alone.

Kick it to the lanky bloke In number seventeen! Kick fast and low to Vander's lead Before his lead is seen!

Kick the ball to Vander, boys!

He'll mark the thing for sure,

His long and penetrating boot

will soon reverse the score.

'Specially now the game is tight,

our need is greater still

to find a forward quickly boys, who's clearly got the skill

to win a game! A final goal!
One more will break their backs!
So grab the bloody thing my boys
and don't kick blind to packs!

Pass it Matt, to Vander's lead, Our long-sleeved streak of blue! A gap in Mazenod's defence, And Vander's nearly through!

Our elongated, spindle-legged ace is moving fast, Just hit him on the tit please Matt, And we can win at last!

Yes! Beautifully done Jacko!
It's up to Vander now,
And as he lines the big sticks up,
Supporters wonder how

he'll cope with distance, angle, wind that's howling in his face, Insufferable embarrassment, Or victory's embrace?

The Nodders try to put him off with insults, taunts and boos, but Vander lines the bastard up And Vander slams it through!

The siren's gone! The game is ours!
The Grand Old Flag was sung then,
We hailed the hero of the day...
T'was Andrew Vandendungen!

If Vander became the focus of good natured ribbing that Thursday night, it was nothing compared with the attention he received fewer than forty-eight hours later! Nor did it ease the pressure on this accidental balladeer who was in the throes of creating great expectations. It had been a very wet week, probably the last time we have played on a really heavy ground. The Beach Oval was a bog, and Saturday was a miserable day. Only eight goals had been scored to three-quarter time, and we led by two points. With a minute or so left on my clock, Mazenod had scored the only goal of the last quarter and they led 5 – 4 to 4 – 7. You can see where this is heading! Whether or not Matt Jackson enacted his role I can't remember, but a hush went round the ground as we landed the ball with Vander, and as the poet had foreseen, he lined up the tall erections and booted our fifth to win the game. I was never more delighted to sound the siren on proceedings! Vander was the day's deserved hero, and I planned our next victory anthem!







Andrew Vanderdungen

Alan Munkittrik

Andrew Krzynwiak

It required careful thought. We went heading down to Bluff Road to take on the Rovers. I was confident I could rhyme our way to victory. Our wonderful late friend, Alan Munkittrik, lived next to the ground, and confided that thieves had recently been annoying local residents. We would need to keep an eye on our gear during the day. That sparked an idea, and the daring, dramatic Andrew Krzynwiak, who often drew criticism from those without imagination, became my chosen muse. On Thursday, June 3, I went with this.

The Krizza Dash

In the shadows of Commission flats, the coppers hang around to book unwary motorists outside the Rover's ground.

The Rovers got promoted and they say their Club is back! Their gun's a bloke called Denver Artz, But we've got Krzywniak!

Big Al resides in David Street beside the Hampton rooms. He said some local thieves hang round, And trouble surely looms.

"Just let the mongrels come!" I say, We shouldn't fear attack, We'll interchange our number one and let loose Krzywniak!

He'll left-foot snap them on the full until the fight is won, He'll bare his biceps and his chest, They'll shit themselves and run!"

And when the footy battle starts and Krizza's on the wing, despite the sceptics' anguished cries he'll do his usual thing.

The left-hand handpass, fifty feet, will arc across a space We'll switch the play to Krizza's side, A grimace on his face.

His solo effort just might bring the Rovers to their knees, while Dale Tapping's plans for Kriz are floating on the breeze. A loosely canonised approach, His own game plan is found, He dodges Denver Artz's lunge and charges down the ground.

Now Krzywniak is dashing on a weaving path to goal...
A baulk, a twist, a jinking run...
He's in his favourite role!

He'll try the unexpected, He'll even double back, He'll sit on some bloke's shoulders then he'll burrow under packs.

The Hampton boys? Bewildered!

The copper's book is bare,

The thieves are empty-handed

Now that Krizza's playing there!

It's often all or nothing, boys, when Krizza's on the ball. He'll take them on; we hold our breath with Krizza risking all.

But when it's tough, he'll rally us and Hampton will fall back. We'll ride the roller-coaster ride with Andrew Krzywniak!

Well readers, you will not be surprised to learn that Krizza played a cracker. Jarrod Bradley kicked ten goals and we won by 95 points! With a few strokes of the pen, I had turned our season around! In the coming weeks, even the illiterate were impressed. A tribute to Brad Berry's 'barnstorming', Reserves saw off Melbourne High, Old Paradians were knocked over by a tribute to Under 19 youngster, Andrew Walsh, who had taken St Kevin's apart, and I admit the return match against NOBs required a special effort ... and a touch of arrogance. The following snippet gives you a taste.

From Just Another Week

The NOBs are here this weekend clad in white and purple hue, Their first win was impressive but their colours make me spew. They blitzed us out at Coburg and I had a bird's eye view of a loss that needs redressing, and I reckon NOBs are due to get a decent caning at a beachside goaling spree. Some obliteration football from our potent armoury.

Two days later, Old Brighton 19 - 14, 128, defeated North Old Boys 11 - 21, 87, and the legend was starting to fit the facts! Flushed with false notions of grandeur, I pulled out the big guns to greet the Violet Crumbles, for what would surely be another Tonner triumph. The two big red-headed superstars, Robbie 'Bus' Kent and Nick Perry, were the inspiration for the Round 13 clash against Collegians.



Robbie 'Bus' Kent



Nick Perry



Jarrod Bradley

Busted

Play it through the middle or the channel or the guts. Kick it down the corridor-It's all the same to us. The Tonners drive there constantly and always go by BUS.

Try the flanks and pockets
if you like and if you dare,
But in the end to score
you need the footy in the square,
At either end we know the way
to operate down there.

When in defence, that number thirteen BUS is just the ticket,
The Big Red Robbie Kent machine will mark the ball and kick it,
If Robbie was a cricketer,
he'd belt the ball not snick it!

Collegians will go down, I guess, to seek a goal or two, They'll only find a Big Red BUS and he won't let them through, It's one way traffic only boys! Go back and join the queue!

A punchy pass to Pryor, then to crooked-fingered Darren, A long ball to the Big Red BUS and Robbie's grabbed the Sherrin! He bombs the pigskin long, to see how Big Red Pezza's fairin'.

The number 13 BUS connects with BIG RED number 5,
A double-decker limousine has patently arrived,
Big Pezza slots another goal and moves to overdrive.

All day the Big Red BUS's troops go hunting them in packs, Again Collegians, massacred, can only brown their dacks, The Harry Trot is scarified with Big Red BUS's tracks!

Collegians once were riding high, now simply left for dead, We smother them in Blue and then a lethal dose of Red! Run over by a rampant BUS, They'll all be hitch-hiking instead.

The crimson-haired conspiracy will shoot them down in flames,
The're in the air so frequently we should have called them planes!
When Robbie Kent and Pezza toss the coin to start the game...
Just back the Red! The bet's a cert!
Collegians ... down again!

To everyone's astonishment we were hammered by 39 points, and for a moment I thought I'd lost the power. I don't know what Tapps tried on the track the next week, but I went 'blue' and suggested that Big Coops and Adam Fitzgerald would conspire to thwart Ormond's key players, McConville and Grace, with some squirrel work; thoughts which are best unrecorded. In any event, they were idle thoughts for which I now apologise. We crashed badly and were stuck in sixth place with four rounds to play. The following Thursday night, the tension was palpable as I stood before expectant faces; I had to dig deep. The players had to dig deeper. We were heading down to 'Beauy', and the Sharks were staring at relegation and would be desperate to win the bayside derby. It was definitely...

The Business End

It's down to business,
Four to play,
Our final's hopes
in every way
demand a lift
if we're to stay
in B Grade..., or go higher.

Let's run and fight
and bite and scratch
and win this crucial
football match
Let's find some form
a purple patch!
And show the Sharks some fire!

A win will make supporters happy reinforce their faith in Tapping.
If Jacko's changing bloody nappies this week, I'll enquire

just what the hell
is going on?
We're staring
at oblivion!
Our final's hopes are
all but gone,
It's going to the wire.

Four chances left
to rise or fall,
to make it work
or blow it all,
to ALL be desperate at the ball
And not just Andrew Pryor!

Let's set the Shark hooks
deep and fast,
and send them back
to C Grade... last!
And raise our flag up
on the mast,
This game's a do-or-dier!

We must demand
the deed be done!
I'll not be back
unless it's won!
Without four points
This poet's done
This Fish is in the frier!

It was a trifle indulgent and I'd have looked a complete idiot if we'd gone down, but the boys were sensational and battled out a real dogfight to win by 16 points. We were still sixth, but now only out of the four on percentage and we threw at the Rovers again, won by five goals and moved into the four. Steve Barnes was under the illusion that he and Tapps had been responsible for this monumental revival. With extraordinary confidence they threw the side around for Round 17 against the Nodders at Waverley, where Barnesy, on his own admission, was once a legend. We won again. Steve thought his moves had been ingenious, but truth be known, the muse had returned, and as the poet had crowed on the Thursday Night...

From On Our Selection

And last time, Vander won the game with that sensational goal.

This week he's picked to don the whites and play a flagging role!

They've left out Steve Topakis and dropped Spiro to the two's That made the local headlines in the Greco tabloid news!

Will we win with these selections?

Can we move in for the kill?

The simple truth's the answer

Just pick any side, we will!

Ironically, in the last game of the home and away matches, we took on the B Grade leaders, Old Trinity, only one win adrift of them. Our semi-final place was assured fortunately, because predictions

When Jarrod Bradley launches balls
into infinity
and tears their backline into shreds,
the holy Trinity
will mourn the day it dared
to think the Tonners' cause was lost!
They'll scuttle to their dressing room
In vain, to count the cost.

that proved misguided, and we dropped a low-scoring game by sixteen points.

Nevertheless, the season was not yet lost, and I reached for a new pen as we saddled up for a semi-final clash against Mazenod. As they were the mob who launched this runaway, mythic, poetic, revolutionary coaching movement, I was happy. Newly inked and confident, I hold to the view that I did all that I could! Perhaps, on reflection, the final poetic offering betrayed the result in its title! *Prematch Nerves* admitted that 'sleeplessness and palpitating hearts' were the stuff of finals, but despite injuries leading into the first semi-final, I was confident.

From Prematch Nerves

A third time we'll consign them
to a miserable fate.
They won't contain Fitzgerald
or a dozen of his mates,
They're terrified of Logan
and the havoc he'll create,
and fear the cunning tactics
of coach Dale Spiderbait!

(Tapps had spent time in hospital during the year after a nasty spider bite). The final verse now looks ominous —

I'm sure you've got them covered boys but don't let things get slack,

Don't leave that match day hardness for the footy, on the track,

Just keep the pressure mounting on the scoreboard 'til they crack,

It's three strikes for the Nodders and at last they can't come back.

But they did! We led by five goals at three-quarter time and lost by five points. The only consolation later was a wonderful Reserves premiership, but the poet threw away his pen. Thursday nights would have to resort to more traditional footy-speak.

Several seasons later there was a brief burst of poetic energy, inspired by the marvellous Andrew MacGillivray, one of our finest players. Andrew's career has been tragically curtailed by injury in recent years, but even now as I write in March, 2009, Andrew is training hard and is hoping to once again delight us with his skills. His courage is inspiring, and it was never better illustrated than during a match against Whitefriars in 2003, when he played only days after an appendectomy. I conclude these meanderings with a tribute to one of my favourite Old Brighton footballers; the best left-foot snap for goal in the business.

When Magilla Spilled His Guts

We had struggled under Glascott
And there seemed no rhyme nor reason
To be overly excited
About any Saturday,
But the Thursday night selection
Brought the sudden revelation
That the line-up for the Friars
Had Magilla picked to play.

So we welcomed back Magilla who was missing all last season when our fortunes catapulted and our dreams went down the tubes.

A recent appendectomy had left him feeling poorly and the pain was even worse than when he'd osteod his pubes.

Yet it didn't seem to matter
that the lower right hand corner
of Magilla's solar plexus
had been summarily gashed.
Soon his fifth goal had us cheering,
At the rate that he'd been scoring
it was pounds to pennies really
That the Friar's would be thrashed.

But then down below a rumour soured all our expectations and suspicions were confirmed because there seemed no 'ifs' or 'buts',

The friars had discovered that our goal sneak had a secret, so they thumped him in the midriff and Magilla spilled his guts!

A grievous situation and the sight was so offensive that the physios were reeling and his team-mates heaved and chucked, When they saw his entrails seeping, they all knew that without question poor Magilla's game was over And his half-way point was ... muck?

> Our Magilla needs stitching and the Friars got a run-on, It required quite an effort till we had the foe subdued, But the prospects for Magilla were considerably bleaker as it seemed without a doubt he was abdominally screwed.

I hoped he'd only bruised his guts or punctured them or bruised them. Had the Friar merely fondled them or tickled them perhaps?

Had Magilla **really** rent his guts?

Were his innards **really** trailing?

Could it be some other organ that was dangling in his lap?

He'll miss another season now!

His golden days are over!

A pained and tragic genius

was all supporters saw,

That Magilla's guts were leaking

was an image so repulsive

that it even blocked the memory

of Mr Magic's jaw!

I tried to find a brighter side,
a hope to hang our hats on,
when the doom and gloom subsided
and the black predictions stopped,
In the heat of such a moment
I imagined all his team-mates
found a little consolation that
his bloody guts weren't dropped!

But you can't suppress a champion,
It was temporary madness and
a custom fitted girdle had
Magilla back in two,
And he belted Hampton Rovers
with that strap around his middle,
They had patched him up and now
his guts were filled with superglue.

So the balcony is pumping as the Rovers cop a pounding their defenders left flatfooted as Magilla weaves and bobs.
It's the opposition bleeding and we can't wait for the weekend when our sides will split with laughter watching Gilla slaughter NOBs.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1992 our club won the club championship award for the best performed club in the amateur competition. This award is open to all clubs participating in the amateurs and we are extremely proud to have won this prestigious award as one of over 70 teams participating in the amateurs.

Contribution from Rick Thomas

played with the Old Brighton Grammarians Football Club from 1966 through to 1977. From my first game with the under 19s in Junior Section 2 through to the final match which was the 1977 D grade premiership, I had a great time and met many wonderful people along the way. This is my account of those years.



Rick Thomas

By way of a lead-in I can remember firstly playing First 18 football in 1964 under Jim Pettifer as coach. In particular I remember 1st XVIII football camp at Somers in which we rehearsed some quite revolutionary strategies and

camp at Somers in which we rehearsed some quite revolutionary strategies under Jim's direction. One in particular I recall was centred on the team (or a good part of it) surrounding, in



Jim Pettifer



Peter Harkness



Don Cameron

a close circle, one of our players who had the ball and running downfield in this defensive circle as the player bounced and carried the ball down the field. Jim thought this might work and we practised this drill at Somers before abandoning it.

In my last year at school in 1965 I was Vice-captain in the 1st XVIII to Allen Beckett and was privileged to be part of the first Brighton Grammar win in APS football over Geelong College at the Crowther Oval. Peter Harkness or 'Pole' as he was more commonly known because, I believe, of his height (and who incidentally had enjoyed an outstanding career with Old Scotch in amateur football) was the coach.

I completed two years at year 12 level and a number of my year 12 peers in 1964 moved on to the Old Boys in 1965 playing Junior Section 2 football that year. It was a natural extension to join them in 1966. The first thing that struck me about the Old Boys was the warmth of the welcome. In my first year I started with the Under 19s for whom the coach was Don Cameron. Don created a very happy atmosphere for those of us just out of school. We had team meetings at his home where everyone would gather and the getting together was every bit as important as any of the tactics that might have been talked about.



Graham Jeffery



Bruce Robinson



Keith Robinson



Tom Cullinan







Peter Sedgwick

Graeme Templeton

Bardy Dale

On the senior side Graham Jeffery was the coach with Bruce and Keith Robinson the leading lights around the club. Tom Cullinan was there in the role of trainer and general supporter and all of them to a man were very welcoming to us new players. The senior players as well, amongst whom I remember particularly Peter Sedgwick and Graeme Templeton, helped us settle in. In those days at the South Road Oval there was not the social club on top of the pavilion and it was beers in the change rooms after the matches, but that didn't seem to matter. Bardy Dale regaled the group and often led 'sing-songs'.

In Don's Under 19 Junior section 2 team we enjoyed some good successes and in particular I recalled the players being encouraged to contribute ideas and take responsibility. This was Don's style.

The Under 19s had a bye in round three of the 1966 season and I was selected as a reserve for the senior side which was playing Geelong Amateurs at Geelong. In those days the question of diet was not planned the same way as it is today and the lead-up to a football match with a 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon start was often steak and eggs around 11.30 am.

The trip to Geelong was on a bus with the whole team involved and we stopped at a pub in Geelong to have the steak and eggs before moving on to the ground before the game. Also in those days the 19th and 20th men were not interchanged in the way they are today and when someone was taken off they did not come back on. Thus it was a bold move for the coach to use the reserves unless they were certain that the person that they would take from the 18 on the field was spent, injured or whatever, as they could not utilise them again. My recollection of the game was that we lost it relatively narrowly and how fast it was compared to the Under 19s.

The following week I resumed in the Under 19s and the season continued. I played nine rounds in total in the Under 19s and then was promoted to the Firsts. The game was against North Old Boys at their home ground at Royal Park. This was a hard and tough game which we managed to win very narrowly. At the end of it all I was close to tears as I was very disappointed with my performance. It seemed to me every time I got to the ball I was tackled without being able to get the ball away as effectively as I wanted.



John Devine



Bob McLellan



Barry Prior

The next game was against St Bernard's at the Beach Road Oval. This was also a narrow win for us in very wet and slippery conditions. I recall Graeme Templeton having a number of collisions, one of which put an opposition player into the boundary fence. (I can't recall if this was the year.) The season concluded with a game against Old Haileybury at Halifax Street and I recall a lot of drop-kicks being kicked in that match; John Devine and Peter Sedgwick were good at that. The team narrowly missed out on the four for the C Grade finals. This may have been I believe the last season for some great luminaries such as Bob McLellan and Barry Pryor.

My first season had a happy conclusion when I found out that I had been awarded five best-on-grounds out of nine games to come runner-up with 15 votes in the Junior 2 Best and Fairest to player A Neale from Army Apprentices. This amateur football was good stuff!

In 1967 the season was a successful one and we finished fourth in C Grade, only to lose the first semi-final to St Kevin's. I was pleased with my season but at about round 14 I fell awkwardly at a match at the Beach Road Oval hurting my shoulder. Tom Cullinan attended me with a towel assuring me that everything would be fine. He got me on my feet and when I complained about soreness in the collarbone region, he suggested that I needed to warm the area up and encouraged me to rotate my arm. When I did this there was a grinding sound. I stopped immediately! The collarbone had a clean break and I missed the balance of the season including the St Kevin's semi-final.







Keith Peachy



John Code

Peter Marshall played this year in the ruck with great success; he was big, mobile and had plenty of stamina. He later transferred to Monash University where he played in the representative team for the VAFA. I also recall Barry Morris and his dashing and tough displays off the half-back line with Keith Peachey 'down back' as well, and John Code showing skill around the packs.



Roy Harper



Wayne Comper



Nick Tonkin

This season also marked the introduction of Roy Harper as Senior coach. Roy was highly skilled and at training devoted time and ran drills, teaching individual skills to players. Roy

had enjoyed a successful career representing Footscray in the then VFL and in fact kicked seven goals in one quarter in one match. I recall his brother was an outstanding player at Sandringham.

I learnt more from Roy in relation to skills, twisting, turning, baulking, fending off and the like than from any other coach during my time at the Old Boys. Roy also continued the tradition that Graham Jeffery had of holding team meetings in their homes and there was a good feeling amongst the group. Peter Sedgwick was the Firsts captain and brought a lot of enthusiasm to the role. He played full-back and was a skilful player, marking well and kicking long drop kicks out of defence.

The presentation night at season end was at the Prince of Wales Hotel in Fitzroy Street, St Kilda. I went in with Wayne Comper and Nick Tonkin, with me driving. At the end of the night both Wayne and I had a trophy and Nick had a skinful. Going home we travelled down Fitzroy Street towards Beach Road (or the Esplanade as it was called). The Fitzroy Street, Upper/Lower Esplanade intersection then had no lights. You still, however, had the same choice as today of turning hard left into the Upper Esplanade or continuing on for 30 yards and turning left into the Lower Esplanade. The mood in the car was buoyant to say the least.

As we approached the left-hand turns, a Holden came up on the outside of us in my Morris Minor. Down came the front passenger side window and out came a beer bottle at speed. Luckily I was looking in their direction, more by chance than anything else, braked hard and watched the beer bottle pass our bows. Panic set in. Nick, who had worn my trophy as a hat from the time we left the Prince of Wales claiming it was stuck on his head and wearing it down over his eyes resulting in him having to be led to the car, sobered up in about five seconds flat and had the trophy off his head. We turned into the Upper Esplanade with our unknown 'friends' on our outside being forced to go onto the Lower Esplanade. We moved off at speed, travelling through the back streets of St Kilda to avoid detection. Wayne lost his pewter tankard in the excitement and never saw it again.

1968 was another good year with the team being highly competitive but just again missing out on the finals, finishing sixth.

In 1969 and 1970 I was away doing National Service. This was the time of the Vietnam War. Society was quite divided over conscription and various related issues. The time in the Army was to prove a great learning experience for me and I enjoyed it immensely. Amongst other things we had an opportunity to play a whole range of sports in the various postings that you experienced. I proved that I wasn't too good at Rugby dislocating my elbow in 1969 and playing no football that year.

In 1970 the year was injury free and I played with the Army team Bandiana in the Tallangatta league near to Wodonga. One of my Sergeants was the coach and the Club President was the officer in charge of our training unit. Soldiers who played with the Army team while on their ten weeks' training course with us often got their preferred posting as the President decided on the postings. This provided some incentive. If everyone was in and not away on weekend leave we had a fantastic team, with a number of players already or subsequently playing league football or league seconds in Victoria, SA or WA. It was a great experience.

Coming back in 1971, it was a little difficult to adjust to civilian life for a while. The team was now in D Grade and I had overtures to transfer to Ormond and play A Grade with them. I thought about it for a while before deciding to stay at Beach Road Oval. In 1971 I also had a number of injuries dislocating my other elbow and missing quite a bit of football as a consequence.

It was a year to forget from a personal point of view. However there were some encouraging signs around the club. Bob McLellan took over as coach, with Bill Faul continuing for his fourth and final year as assistant coach. Bill had coached South Melbourne in the VFL and even though he was in his 50s, was as keen as mustard. He loved nothing more than doing the drills with the players and I can remember being slightly bemused by a 50 year old running around with the younger 20 year olds with the various drills. Having later done much the same thing into my own 50s with my own kids and various sporting teams with whom I have had an association, I can now empathise with Bill much better. There is nothing quite like playing and the urge to play never leaves you, even though physically it passes you by.

1971 was Peter Sedgwick's last year as captain after a run of five years, as he was going overseas after the season. This was an average season in D grade and we finished eighth, just avoiding relegation.

1972 marked a turning point for me and the team under Bob McLellan. With Peter overseas I was appointed captain. Doug Ridley was back from a work posting in Adelaide for his final season and being one of the club legends it was great to have him as part of the team. We had a lot of younger players coming into the team and that added tremendous enthusiasm. The season was a great success.

Unfortunately we lost the game that mattered most, being the Grand Final. This was against Parkside at Ross Gregory Oval. We always had very spirited battles against Parkside and the Grand Final was typical. Near to the end we were six points down and then kicked 5 points in a row to lose by one solitary point. It haunts me still. Bruce McBriar will have the same memories.



Bruce McBrian

One of the great things about amateur football was that we got to know players in opposing teams. I recall striking up a good friendship with Brian

McNaughton, captain of Hampton Rovers in the early 70s. In 1972 we played them in the last round. I'm not sure whether it was Brian or John McNeish who gave me a couple of black eyes; I didn't see them coming! Brian then arranged after the game to pick me up the following Monday night to take me to the Amateur Best and Fairest vote count at the Collingwood Football Club. I was lucky enough to win the medal for D Grade that year and collected it with Brian's black eye well in evidence. Harry South, President of Hampton Rovers Football Club was another personality well-known and admired by those of us at the Old Boys at the time.

Other top line players at that time included Abernathy from Brunswick, Alan Flavell from UHSOB, Ox White and Tony Dynon from CBC Old Boys, Rob Thomson and Peter Rattray from OMs and Andy Home, Peter Gadsden and my old cricketing mate Andrew (Stink) Langford-Jones from Old Haileybury, Mitch MacKenzie from Old Xavs, Billy Rodda from Parkside and Richard Elliot from Old Carey.





John Shepherd

Jamie Agar

The following year having been promoted to C Grade, we started very strongly. With John Shepherd and Jamie Agar in top form we had an outstanding first half of the year. John had good skills as any player I saw playing football in my time. He was completely comfortable kicking either foot and very dangerous around goals. By the halfway point (i.e. nine games) both he and Jamie Agar each had around 50 goals and were very potent forwards.

In the second half of the season, we struck a few snags and eventually came to the last game of the season in fourth position. We needed to win to stay in the four and National Bank needed to win to avoid relegation. The game was played on a very wet and windy day at Albert Park. We lost by a couple of points, dropped out of the four and finished fifth. Fairfield with Chapman a star forward took our place and easily won the first semi-final and the preliminary final to qualify to play in the Grand Final. On the Saturday morning of this match it was announced that Fairfield had been disqualified on account of paying players, I think, and they left the amateurs. Power House were C Grade premiers. This was a blow to us because had it been known earlier and had we finished in the final four, there was plenty of ability to take us further and perhaps promotion out of C Grade into B Grade for the first time. We only had ourselves to blame.

In 1974 Alan Miller, (see chapter on *Coaches*), was appointed Senior coach. In 1970 he had been South Melbourne's Senior coach so this is quite a coup for the club. However Alan

never really settled into the job with us and halfway through the season called it quits at half-time in the middle of a match. Bill McGrory, who was assistant coach to Alan Miller, stepped into the breach as Senior coach right there and then. The position fitted like a glove but then Bill had a lot of experience as a coach.



Bill McGrory

Bill was absolutely fantastic for the club and made a major contribution in his five years as Senior coach through to 1978. He was an outstanding player himself, having won at least three competition Best and Fairest

during a long playing career and was amongst the most positive fellows that I have ever struck. Even with a bad loss he would find good points coming out of it and would always pick everyone's spirits up very quickly and turn attention to the next week. In 1974 we were again competitive in C grade finishing sixth. However in 1975 we struggled, won only five games and were relegated to D Grade. It was time for someone else to have a go as captain and I stepped down in 1976 in what I thought would be my final season.

Bill McGrory was also very significant from my own point of view. When I decided to retire at the end of 1976 at the age of 29, Bill would not give up on me. At that time I was

playing sub-district cricket at Brighton and during the summer, Bill was a regular visitor to practice on a Tuesday or a Thursday night. He wasn't interested in the cricket, rather he just came to let me know he was hoping I would still play football the following season.









John Priestley

Tony Geyde

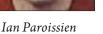
Mark Epstein

Garry Jones

I stayed retired from football for some time but made the mistake of going along to games and found barracking far worse than playing. Bill kept at me and at me. Finally I relented, with three rounds to go in the season. The team was fighting to keep alive the hope of playing in the finals. From my point of view it was a dream-run from there on in. The team had an influx of new players and it was a good blend of experience and youth; John Priestley (as good a forward with John Shepherd as I saw in amateur football), (see chapter on *Sharpshooters*), Tony Gedye (see chapter on *Best and Fairest*) an outstanding ruckman, Mark Epstein a very effective centre player, Garry Jones, (see chapter on *Sharpshooters*) a top rover and a bunch of others were just starting their careers. My first game back was against, I think, State Savings Bank at Albert Park and we narrowly won that, won the next two to finish fourth and then went through the finals series undefeated in three finals.

Each of the finals' games were held at Monash and that ground suited us. All the finals' matches were won very comfortably on the score board although, of course, the ascendancy needed to be established in the first couple of quarters to allow a (seemingly on the scoreboard) comfortable win to take place. Bill McGrory was the coach and richly deserved the premiership that was achieved in 1977.









Andrew Cameron

The 1977 side, captained by Ian Paroissien, (see chapter on *Captains*), was a terrific blend of youth and experience. John Berry, one of my all-time great players at Old Brighton, was in the back-pocket. John could play on smaller players and taller players alike as he was very strong overhead. He was wiry and tough. One of the really good things about the 1977 season even though I only played six games was having Andrew Cameron playing at centre half-back. Andrew was as strong a player as I ever saw at amateur football level. He was in the

Peter Gadsden mould. He ran straight at the ball and collected anything in his way. It was fantastic to have him behind you on the ground as when the ball went over your head and into our backline, inevitably there was a crash and bash at the contest and it would be thumped forward in our direction allowing the centre line players to get onto it and move it forward.









Steve Priestley

Jim Kemp

David Shepherd

Peter Grant

The celebrations of the 1977 premiership that night at Khyat's were terrific. Like all good wins it was just a tremendous feeling of satisfaction. No alcohol was needed to bring the point home. The parents were all there and I particularly remember Steve and John Priestley's (See Chapter on *Sharpshooters*) Mum thanking me for looking after her boys. If only she knew I couldn't look after anyone; Steve in particular was harder at it than I was and didn't need a minder.

In my experience, successful teams generally have a certain structure of complimentary styles of players. To have one or two extremely hard players was a major advantage, indeed it was an important component for success. For these guys possessions were less important, but their impact was just as significant. It causes the opposition to be continually looking over their shoulder. Down at the other end Jack Priestley would catch it and kick goals and if it wasn't him, Garry Jones would crumb the ball and convert.

Unfortunately at this time Jamie Agar, (see Chapter on *Sharpshooters*), had finished. Jamie was one of my mates; in fact we grew up in the same street. He had as good a pair of hands as any I ever saw in amateur football. If only his kicking could match his marking. Jamie also had plenty to say and I was often berated by him from the forward line with, "Thomas stop being so gutless; just get the ball," or similar. The comments hurt the pride, but were generally spot-on. Another stalwart in the 1977 team was Jim Kemp, (see chapter on *Best and Fairest*), who played in the back-pocket, won a Best and Fairest and in the modern parlance kept his head over the ball. Sadly Jim died prematurely.







Matt Jackson

I never had the opportunity to play with David Shepherd, (see chapter on *Best and Fairest*) who started after I finished. He was another outstanding player to rank with Priestley and others. Another who caught my eye after I finished was Peter Grant, (see chapter on *Captains*). Peter was really hard at it in the Andrew Cameron mould but was also highly skilled as well. I would have enjoyed playing in the same team as him. Unfortunately after I finished I only tended to see a handful of games each year, as with a young family and I was then teaching and coaching schoolboy teams, this meant that quite often Saturday afternoons were well and truly taken care of. I did briefly see Andrew Pryor, (see chapter on *Best and Fairest*), who everyone rated highly (and I could see why), together with Matt Jackson, (see *Best and Fairest* chapter) who was a top player to watch, highly skilled and very quick.









Mike Wood

Nobby Forster

Peter McKinnon

Rob McKinnon

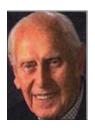
Through my playing period the club had some tremendous supporters. A number of them had played and on retirement had continued to come along and support the club. The likes of Mike Wood, Nobby Forster, Peter and Rob McKinnon and others were there week in and week out. We even picked up a number of local supporters who had no direct connection with the team but just liked to come to the Beach Road Oval to watch games, even following us to away venues. This was great support.

My Dad who died in 1970 didn't get to see me play a lot as his health was generally pretty ordinary. However, Mum came regularly to games and enjoyed herself with a number of the Mums with whom she had established friendships in the last few years at Brighton Grammar.

There is nothing quite like team sport. Individual sports in my view can never hold a candle to team sports from the point of view of satisfaction, camaraderie and friendships which flow from that environment. One of the great things about amateur football is that it is, in my view, a very positive influence on character development. Ratbags never last long at amateur clubs.

I look back on my time at Old Brighton with great affection. Even though I see players of my era only occasionally now, I like to think the friendships remain and conversation is always very easy. Of course as we all know, we have improved as players since we retired and we continue to get better with every year!





John Sotheran

Harry Zachariah

Some of my old mentors from school also followed the Old Boys and gave encouragement. I think of John Sotheran, (who was my House master and Form Master at Brighton Grammar), who left an indelible impression and encouraged me in so many ways. And Harry Zachariah who was my year 12 English teacher and spin bowling coach. It only really sank in a few years later after I finished school that Zach had played for an Australian X1 with his left-arm Chinaman spinners.

It is difficult to pick representative sides but at the risk of starting controversy in relation to my time at the club between 1966 and 1977 inclusive, I offer the following team which would be pretty competitive.





Backs:

Half-backs:

Centre Line:



Peter Sedgwick



Ian Paroissien







Andrew Cameron



Barry Morris



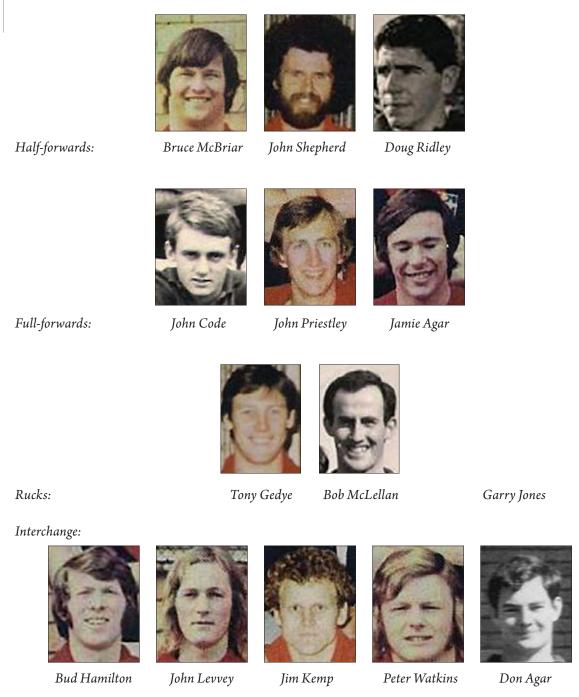
Bruce McClure



Mark Epstein



Martin Castle



—Rick Thomas (July 2003)

(Note from Bob McLellan: I certainly don't like to intrude on any of these absolutely superb contributions and I do understand that it is hard to pick yourself, but all of us who saw him play realise that Rick Thomas should be included above. In fact he would probably be first pick.)

Contribution from Chris Larcombe

- Brighton Grammar years 1954 1959 1st and 2nd 18s.
- OBGFC 1960 1965, except for one year in country on business when
 I played footy for Sea Lake in the then Tyrrell League (now Mallee
 League).
- B. Comm. Melbourne Uni.
- 30 years with British Petroleum-Australia, Greece, UK. 4 years MD Linfox. 8 years CEO Melbourne Zoo only previous animal experience was playing in the ruck for OBGFC with Graeme Templeton. Now retired from business life to allow complete concentration on fly fishing.
- End of season trips to Todd's Pub at Lorne.





Clockwise from left. Barry Morris, John Berry, Nobby Forster, Graeme Tozer, Rob McKinnon, Rick Harvey, Roger Wilson, Graeme Templeton. (Morris and Tozer were both 'Ford' Valiant drivers)

- 'The Shed' in Johnny Boucher's parents back yard, (refer to 'Nobby' Forster's contribution for further descriptions of The Shed).
- Learning to play 'real' poker on OBGFC committee retreats at Labertouche with Keith and Bruce Robinson, Keith Wood (Mike's old man) and Graeme Jeffery.

History of Fundraising and Sponsorship

By Michael Wood



1957 - 1969:

ike all amateur and suburban football clubs in the 1950s and 60s, the main source of income was generated by player subscriptions, after-match bar sales, raffles, supporter donations and social functions.

From day one in 1957 under the guidance of Nick Walsh and his dedicated fellow committee members, the club has pursued the objective of providing all football-playing Old Boys the opportunity for a game of football with their old school mates.

The role of the Team Manager in those earliest days was similar to today's role in that he not only assisted in ensuring there were sufficient numbers at the ground in good time to fill in and sign the weekly team sheet, made sure that all players had a pair of boots and the correct colour shorts, collected player valuables for safe keeping until after the game, but in the absence of the electronic communications facilities that we take for granted today, he also played an important role in communicating advice about the venue for an after-match get-together or a 'pleasant Sunday morning' the following day. In addition, he was also involved in the club's financial management, with responsibility for the collection of the players' match 'subs'. Up until 1966, player subscriptions were by way of a weekly pre-match collection of 5 'bob' or shillings and from 1966 \$0.50, and it was part of his role to ensure that all players paid their dues which went toward covering the cost of VAFA umpires, footballs, tape and the trainer's medical kit.

The club's Social Secretary was also a most significant appointment and as has been the case throughout the club's history, the 'anointed one' worked extremely hard to ensure there was a

regular programme of Saturday after-match entertainment, impromptu house parties, PSMs or 'Pleasant Sunday Mornings', interspersed with major fundraisers.

The club's Social Secretary/Convenors during the first two decades were:









Rex Burchell

Kingsley Sheehan

Graeme Tozer

Tom Cullinan

1957	Rex Burchall
1958	K Gibson
1959 – 60	Kingsley Sheehan
1961	Kingsley Sheehan and Graeme Tozer
1962	Graeme Tozer
1963 – 67	Tom Cullinan
1968	Richard 'Rick' Harvey
1969	David Sedgwick





Rick Harvey

David Sedgwick

In those earliest years from 1957 – 60, the club played on the School's Crowther Oval. A renovation in 1961 required that we locate an alternative and we played at the old Gas Works ground, off Nepean Highway in Highett. In 1962 we moved back to the School for one season prior to the move to the Brighton Beach Reserve where we secured a joint 'winter tenancy' with another VAFA club, State Savings Bank, for the princely 6 month rental of £20.00, or \$450.00 in 2007.

After-match drinks at the School under the reign of Canon P St J Wilson were strictly 'verboten' and the facilities in Highett consisting of one terrible ground and a brick shed with one cold water tap at head-height were considered totally unsuitable for any form of after-match entertainment, other than the odd 'VB and a fag' whilst getting changed.







John Boucher

'Nobby' Forster

Peter Sedgwick

Players, parents and supporters during those years invariably ended up at the legendary 'Boucher's Shed', which is well remembered with universal affection and acclaim by all associated with the club at the time. (John Boucher was a leading goal scorer in 1961 and Vice-captain in 1962.)

John 'Nobby' Forster left school in 1959 and first played for the club in 1960 where matches were played at the School and then the next year at the tiny Gas Works ground in Nepean Highway. He played his last season in the 1965 'composite' side, comprised of 'old timers' and U19 players fresh from the 1964 BGS sides. He also coached the U19s in 1972, went on become President 1976 – 77 and will tell anyone prepared to listen that under his Presidency the club won its first ever premiership; D Reserve Grade in 1976 and then its first Senior premiership, D Grade in 1977. He was awarded Life Membership for Services to the club in 1986 and is still a passionate supporter today.

Peter Sedgwick is another highly decorated member of the club. He left school in 1960 and played for the club the following year. He went on to become captain from 1967 to 1971, was awarded 200 Game Life Membership in 1976 and was President in 1978 – 79. He was also full-back in the Best of OBGFC side announced in 2007 to celebrate the club's first 50 Years.

An extract from his 'recollections' reinforces the legend that was Boucher's Shed:

"In my first year at the club I clearly remember going to Boucher's shed somewhere in Bentleigh after games. It was literally a smallish fibro shed with a car port and furnished with a trestle table, 7 oz. glasses in various states of cleanliness and an 18 gallon barrel. I think we used it as the after match for some or all of our home games and even after a long trip to places like Alphington, Parkside and Fairfield we'd somehow find our way back there. To my amazement, many of the opposition players for our home games made the journey too, keeping in mind that the pubs shut at six and The Shed went on until the barrel was empty. I have clear memories of drinking icy-cold beer in an even icier garage, rubbing shoulders with players like Kelly, Mulligan, my brother, Doug Ridley and the redoubtable Johnnie Boucher whose capacity for drinking beer was light-years ahead of his playing ability.

Without exception, all players and supporters during those formative years 1957 to 1963 will confirm that Boucher's Shed played a key role in after-match bar revenue.

In addition to the fascination with Boucher's Shed and the after-match income generated, the largest percentage of the club's income was generated with the assistance of a very active Mothers' Committee. From day one the likes of Bev Walsh, 'Foss' McLellan, Sylvia Ellis, ... Ridley, Phyllis Kelly, Molly Pryor, Enid Myers, Enid Mulligan, Hilda Tozer and Eunice Templeton, directed their considerable organisational skills behind the club. With apologies

to those invariably missed, the sixties saw this group strengthened by the addition of Jess Smith, Norma Devine, Betty Wood, Tilley Walker, Tup Mullett, Kay Hutchinson and probably many others.

In those days the club was small, alcohol and drug-fuelled gate crashers were unheard of and there were a number of generous supporters prepared to open their homes to the 'escapees' from Boucher's Shed. It wasn't uncommon to 'kick-on' until the early hours of Sunday morning at such venues. The inaugural President Nick Walsh with wife Bev lived in St Andrew's Street, the Morris's and Tozers in Beaumaris, the Peachys in Sandringham, the Pullmans in North Brighton, the Paynters in Brighton, the Sheehans in the Dandenongs, the Becketts in Sandringham were all great and generous supporters that spring to mind.

The pleasant Sunday morning 'Father and Sons Barrel' also conjures up fond memories for many and regular hosts for such occasions, apart from those mentioned above, were the Jellis' who lived on the corner of Dendy and New Streets and later the Pitchers in Comer Street.

At this time all coaches and trainers were recruited from within, all positions were honorary and the club's outgoings were minimal. Rostered committee members and supporters cleaned the rooms on a Sunday morning and the players all purchased their own 'kit', including the mandatory white elasticised ankle bandages. There was no ground lighting until about 1964 when a single training light was installed on the side of the pavilion.

There was no rub-down table, but with volunteer trainers such as the great Tom Cullinan, down on his knees attending to dodgy hamstrings with his signature towel over the shoulder and tube of '*Dencorub* in hand. There were no training aids such as warm-up bikes, punching or tackling bags.

1963 was a Landmark Year, the club's first at Brighton Beach and a dream come true for all club members.

1965:

Another 'Landmark Year', with the club entering a third side into the VAFA. Its popularity as both a sporting club and a social centre for Old Boys had seen steady growth. They may not have thought it at the time but until this point when the club only fielded a Senior and Reserve Grade side, the footy club's administrator's life was very much simpler and less demanding than it was to become later.

It was inevitable that the end of the period for after-match 'house parties' was approaching and this was to coincide with what had always been the club's 'dream' to build a second-story Social Club above the changing rooms. This would be an expensive exercise with incumbent President Keith Robinson and his would-be successor Graeme Jeffery involved in heavy discussions with both the Brighton Council and Brighton Cricket Club.

It is also significant that in 1967 Committeeman Keith Wood's cousin Roy Harper, who had played at Sandringham and Footscray and coached Glenhuntly the previous year, was recruited as Senior coach. Whilst Roy's remuneration was very modest, up until then all club appointments had been honorary and were readily filled by volunteer parents, past players or supporters. The

total annual expenditure budget for all sides during this period varied from £1500 in 1957 (\$37, 000 in 2007) to \$15000 by the end of the sixties, equating to \$140, 000 in 2007.

Graeme Jeffery is one of the club's acknowledged benefactors and administrators and along with his great mate Keith Robinson was instrumental in advancing the club's financial position and its player and member facilities. Graeme first played in 1958 and joined the Committee in the same year. He was Senior coach for a record six years from 1961 to 1966 and took over from longest serving President Keith Robinson (1961 – 1967) in 1968. He served as President for six years until 1973.

At the time and until he retired and moved interstate in 1972, Graeme was a partner in the stockbroking firm, Eric R Jeffery & Son with a seat on the Melbourne Stock Exchange and he used his many contacts and associates for the benefit of the club.

It was Graeme's dream to establish a Scholarship Fund to Brighton Grammar School on behalf of the club. This was to provide assistance for a family that had perhaps fallen on hard times and would not otherwise have been able to keep their son at the School.

In 1966 he introduced the concept of a Major Car Raffle for the first time, and again in 1967 and 1968. There were 350 tickets at \$20 (\$200 in 2007), the prize a Chrysler Valiant sourced through one of his business contacts at a most advantageous price. A Valiant sedan in those days used to sell for \$2300 but Graeme somehow was able to secure it at a 'pre-tax' price and generate a gross profit in the order of \$5000, or the equivalent in 2007 of \$50,000.

Members could pay their \$20 up front with the option to pay in \$2 instalments to participate in the weekly raffle draws or 'teasers' held on Thursdays after training. Prizes comprised of an extra ticket in the raffle or the occasional donated items that Graeme had managed to scrounge from somewhere. A dinner for two at Khyat's, compliments of Laurie and Stan Khyat, springs to mind. It invariably took all season to sell the tickets and in those years the draw was held on a Friday night at the Prince of Wales Hotel in Fitzroy Street. A ticket in the draw entitled the purchaser to attend the function that went for several hours with drinks and finger food provided. Usually less than 30% of those entitled would turn up, resulting in a net result after payment for the function of \$3500 (or \$35,800 in 2007). This was a substantial amount in those days, with Graeme investing the proceeds into secure bonds with the income derived donated annually to the School for the club's BGS Scholarship Fund.

With the Scholarship Fund to support and the seeds for a Social Club extension sown, some serious additional fundraising opportunities had to be identified and implemented. There was certainly no second-floor Social Club for Thursday nights, match day luncheons or social fundraising events such as the infamous Red 'n' Blue discos introduced in the early 70s.

With assistance from the still highly active Mothers' Committee, the club set about identifying families with strong club connections willing to offer their family properties for serious fundraising opportunities. One such family was the Tozers. Son Graeme joined the club from BGS in 1959, (daughter Alison later married Bob McLellan). The Tozers lived in a magnificent 'Australian Home of the Year' in Beaconsfield designed by celebrated Architect, Charles Duncan. The house was set in magnificent surrounds of some 38½ acres and for several years in the midsixties the club conducted a huge Sunday fundraiser attended by some 300 parents, players and supporters. Graeme Jeffery's sideshow alley was a huge hit, as was the superb catering. Live music and dancing in the barn and stable complex was also a feature.

This function along with that held on a Saturday evening during the same period at the equally magnificent home of Jess and Harry Smith in Moule Avenue, Brighton, were the foundation stones that enabled the Committee to fund the commencement of its first renovation of the club's facilities at the Brighton Beach Reserve, while contributing the annual surplus to assist its Brighton Grammar School Scholarship Fund and provide all tuition fees for the son of a family in need to continue his education at the School. The Smiths were great BGS supporters with sons Neville, Howard and Murray all attending the School. Jess was a stalwart of the School Mothers' Committee and when eldest son Neville finished school and joined the OBGFC in 1963, she also threw herself into fundraising by the OBGFC Mothers Committee, culminating in what was at the time considered to be one of the Brighton community's best publicised and recognised social events, with all proceeds going to the club.

Some may also recall a 1967 Sunday function at the Ewin family property at Red Hill. Bardy Dale recalls this clearly with the comment, "I don't think anybody who was there got to work for four days afterwards."

Other Fundraisers:

There have always been some pretty keen gamblers around the club and during this period Keith Wood, (father of Michael and Peter), was one. Keith was also an Old Boy of the School and on the Club Committee at the time. With wife Betty, who was on the Ladies Auxiliary, they offered their home in Glencairn Avenue for what was a highly successful 'gambling night'. This was possibly the first of its kind, with a good outcome for the club.

All the furniture was relocated to two of the boys' bedrooms with other rooms converted for roulette, crown and anchor, two-up and 'Killer'. A bar on the back patio ran pretty solidly all night with members coming and going until all hours. This was 1967, the year after Bardy Dale won a Chrysler Valiant in Graeme Jeffery's car raffle. The following year the Nichols (parents of Joe), had a similar function at their home in Church Street. This was the last of these functions conducted in private homes but there were many others conducted later after the opening of the Social Club.

Over most of this period, playing membership was restricted to Old Boys of the School but in 1967 the club welcomed Bob Evans the first non-Old Brighton Grammarian into its playing ranks. The following year saw Terry Smith, an Old Carey Grammarian who knew Keith Robinson through business and had moved to live in Munro Street, and Phil Graham who was distantly related to Billy Pinner. Bill was a housemate of Peter Sedgwick at that well recognised, local amateur footballer haunt known as 'Normanby Street', which saw many a fine 'Pleasant Sunday Morning Sippers' and whilst of no direct financial benefit to the club, was part of the development of a strong camaraderie at the time.

He was later best known to Old Brighton supporters as a passionate Old Scotch committeeman and much later again, Old Brighton past player and Vice-president Marshall Hill's father-in-law. Phil was well past his best as an established player with Norwood in the SANFL, but a more than handy addition to the OBGFC forward line.

Up until this time the club had been regarded by outside observers as being very much the 'exclusive domain' of the boys from Brighton Grammar School, so this 'opening of the ranks'

provided a different story to tell and with it an expanded opportunity to recruit financial support from the wider local community.

1970 – 1979:

1970 saw Graeme Jeffery as President, Kevin Deer as coach and the club relegated to D Grade.

The club's Social Secretary/Conveners during the 70s were:

1970 - 71	Arthur Pitcher
1972 - 73	Doug Ridley
1974	Graeme Willis
1975 – 76	Andrew Corns
1977 – 78	Drewe Bellmaine
1979	Rob Draper

1970 saw a Marquee Party organised for the club's benefit by Edward Maberley-Smith (Mabs) and his wife Noel at their home in Southey Street in Sandringham. Recollections by those who attended suggest that this was a huge night with record attendance and the beer dispensed from a mobile refrigerated temprite. Wives and girlfriends organised the catering with the entry cost per head minimal, payable at the front gate. The 'cashless' bar and mandatory drink tickets always used on such occasions were inevitably big money spinners for the club.

There can be little argument that 1971 was the Landmark Year in the club's development as an increasingly popular social destination for Old Boys of the School, their friends and associates with our move into the new upstairs Social Club. All the fundraising and planning that had gone in beforehand had finally borne fruit, with the Cricket and Football Club contributing a total of \$42000, (or the 2007 equivalent of \$356,000), in order to provide members with what back then was one of the best facilities in amateur footy.

At this point everything changed, as the facility to conduct as many planned social functions as required to achieve the annual income budget was now available. The south wall of this original area finished where the island bar is now located and the bar ran across this wall, with the ladies' toilet at the end. There was no kitchen, so pre-match luncheons as we know them today were still some years away.

Kevin Deer was replaced as Senior coach after one season by past player Bob McLellan (1971-73), so once again there were no paid 'servants' of the club until Alan Miller and Bill McGrory in 1974.

It is an interesting observation that 1974 sees Tom Cullinan's name disappear from the volunteer administration team for the first time since 1958. Club membership had grown considerably, coinciding with a 'changing of the guard' and a discernable falling away of numbers prepared to put their hand up to assist. Looking back, this period marked a change in the culture of the club, from one where all players and their parents were heavily involved in all things football and social, to one where club management required a much more business-like approach with the scale of the fundraising required for its ongoing maintenance and wellbeing growing dramatically.













M Johnston

R Draper

D Bellmaine

Steve Priestley

Marty Hunt

Jim Kellaway

New blood was essential and 1974 saw Graeme Willis appear as club Social Secretary for the first time and the likes of Mark Johnston, Rob Draper, Drewe Bellmaine, Steve Priestley, Marty Hunt, Jon Tapp, Jim Kellaway joining the club and involving themselves in social fundraising.

1975 saw John 'Nobby' Forster replacing John Devine as President and the Brighton Grammar School side winning its first ever APS premiership. With a group of seriously accomplished players expected at the club the following year, there was an expectation that a budget for the football department had to be reviewed if we were to attract and hold the quality of player required to move upward in VAFA ranks.

It also saw a rise in popularity of the Games Night, with the various options set-up downstairs and the emerging talent of Tramps Mobile Disco, with second-year player Mark Johnston and Chris Wood (Michael and Peter's younger brother), providing entertainment for the girls and those either not interested or looking for a break between the games downstairs.

During 1976 Chris spent time travelling overseas, requiring 'Johno' to upgrade his equipment

in order to cope with a single-handed operation during that year. In 1977 and coinciding with the club's first ever Senior premiership, the era of the full-blown Red 'n' Blue Disco was launched. These occasions were generally arranged on the occasion of away games, with the Social Club invariably packed four or five times a year, providing Tramps and the club with a regular income stream. Johno readily recalls those days when he would confiscate the



Neil Richardson

calico bag from a 'not-necessarily sober' duty committeeman at the end of the night. A count the following day would on most occasions see the takings at \$1,250, (or the equivalent of \$5500 in 2007). This of course played a key role in keeping Treasurer of the day Neil Richardson happy, with his ability to maintain a healthy bank balance and cash surplus going into the following season.

1977 also saw for the first time the club budgeting for the payment of professional medical staff, when trainee Physios and sisters Sue and Di Farrow were appointed to the club's Football Department. Even after the completion of their courses and recruitment to full-time positions in the hospital system, they continued for some years in the recruitment of suitable trainers from the Melbourne University School of Physiotherapy. Just as John Priestley who married Sue, and Doug Dick who married Di, had found, the club's appointment of the sisters' Farrow was significant in the development of more than just the club's Football Department.

During this period we also saw the recruiting of local or 'friendly' sponsors for the first time. It was a gradual process and amounted to a total income of a few hundred dollars to cover Andrew Quinn's cost in publishing his *Tonners Times*; hilarious periodical publications touching on all happenings around the club in the years 1980 – 85 and then again for a comeback in 1990.

The Brightonians Buying Guide:

The first of these publications was produced in 1979. Peter Sedgwick's first year as President was in 1978 and at the end of that season he worked on using his Marketing degree for the benefit of the club. He recruited a number of others with well-established commercial networks and sales and marketing backgrounds and together with Graeme Templeton, Michael Wood, Rob McKinnon and Andrew Quinn, made up the club's first Sponsorship and Marketing Committee.

The idea was to create a Club Buying Guide featuring a summary of the history of the club, including all office bearers, Best and Fairest winners, captains and player statistics from day dot along with the previous season's match results and the current season fixture. It also included as many local traders and larger corporates that the club membership could 'coerce' in anticipation of member loyalty, along with tax-deductible advertising dollars for the club's benefit.

The inside front cover was sold to Middle Brighton Mercedes Benz, the back cover to Statewide Building Society and the inside back cover to Carison & Robinson Home Improvements (Keith and Bruce Robinson). Hodges Real Estate (nee Robert Hodges) made their first appearance as a Corporate Sponsor with a full page advertisement, as did Miele in association with Michael's Appliance Centre (nee Kings of Brighton), Barclay Insurance Consultants in North Melbourne, EmailAir and Repco Air airconditioning manufacturers (King's Heating & Air Conditioning), Leonard Chemicals (Keith Wood & Dendy Village Hardware), Nicky's Antiques (Nick Walsh) and Khyat's Hotel.

There were fifteen businesses that took out a half page, with 23 individual shop fronts taking out 1/3 page advertisements offering a discount to members producing the booklet at the time of purchase.

This was a huge task only made possible with the cooperation and assistance of Old Boy Julian Clarke, a BGS contemporary of Peter Sedgwick, Graeme Templeton and Rob 'Crack' McKinnon. At the time Julian was General Manager of Standard Newspapers in Nepean Highway, Moorabbin. Standard Newspapers was a division of the world-wide Murdock News Limited conglomerate, and Julian was subsequently appointed Managing Director. In 1986 he was appointed General Manager of the HWT Limited and in 1991 Managing Director, a position that he only recently relinquished. Julian provided the facility, including his type-setting room for the club to layout and typeset the document which Standard Newspapers then printed for member distribution.

This publication generated a net result of \$3,500 for the club. This equates to \$13,000 in 2007, a considerable sum by any standards, but far short of the sponsorship income to be generated later.

1980 - 1989:

1980 saw 200 games Life Member Graeme Templeton elected President. His Executive comprised John 'Nobby' Forster and Peter Sedgwick as Vice-presidents, Ian Paroissien was Secretary and Norm Stretton Treasurer. The General Committee was made up of Rob Draper, Mark Johnston (Social Convenor), Rob McKinnon, Andrew Mullett (Registration Secretary), Ian Pascarl (VAFA Delegate), Mal Titshall, Peter Wood and Michael Wood.









Mark Johnston

Doug Dick

Bill Browne

David Robinson

The club's Social Secretary/Conveners during the decade were:

1980 - 82	Mark Johnston
1983	Doug Dick
1984	Bill Browne
1985	David Robinson
1986	Bill Browne (Club General Manager)
1987	Leigh Bowes
1988	Pam Woff
1989	Michael Wood

Graeme Templeton was President in 1980 – 82 and then again in 1986, with the Brightonians Buying Guide again the primary source of all sponsorship income. The list of advertisers grew each year over this period until 1982 when approximately \$4500 of net income was recorded. This was around the time of the 'recession' that PM Paul Keating said "we had to have" so any increase was an outstanding result. However not surprisingly, despite a 30% growth from 1979 – 82, this equated to the same equivalent as at 2007 of around \$13,000.

This period has been described by many a club 'scribe' as being the Golden Era. Bill Browne, ex St Kilda Reserves player during the club's VFL premiership era and later a dashing CHB for Sandringham, was appointed captain-coach of our C Grade side in 1980 and took the club to premiership success in his first season. It was a champion side, brim full of champions on every line with the on-field success, mirrored by everything we undertook on the social side. It was a fantastic time and set the club up for the success that was to follow.











John Trotter Barry Gartner

ner Dave Becker

Clark Davies

Brian Templeton

At the 1982 AGM, Graeme Templeton stood down and Michael Wood was appointed President for 1983. Local identity, long time Old Brighton supporter and ex Old Xaverian, Andrew Quinn was Vice-president, player/father Norm Stretton, Secretary, and John Trotter, Treasurer made up the Executive. Doug Dick was Social Convenor, Barry Gartner Registrations-Secretary and VAFA Delegate, with Dave Becker, Clark 'Snake' Davies, David Robinson and Brian and Graeme Templeton making up the Committee.

The first task for the Marketing Committee was to sign as many sponsors as possible from the previous year, in addition to recruiting replacements to cover the expected annual attritions. The business environment at the time was tough and a number of corporate supporters, who had happily diverted a portion of their advertising budget to the club in the past, were not as enthusiastic.

It was becoming increasingly difficult to get commitments within the time-frame required to get to print with the club's Brightonians Buying Guide prior to the commencement of the season. As a consequence and despite the risk, it was decided to go to print for the last time, pre-season 1983, with only the Major sponsors such as Hodges Real Estate, Capital Building Society, Michael's of Brighton and Miele Australia, Marine Hotel and Ready Plan & Hannan Insurances having committed.

Those sections displaying the club fixture, officials and social calendar were updated with local trader advertisements entered as per the previous year as we set about explaining 'we had run out of time' and appealing to their sense of loyalty in paying for advertising they hadn't officially agreed to. This was a necessary 'punt' under prevailing circumstance with the Treasurer of the day, John Trotter, thankfully being able to report a small increase in sponsorship income at the AGM.







Neil Rumble Mark Dobbie John Levvie

Michael Wood was again elected President for the 1984 season with Andrew Quinn Vicepresident, Norm Stretton Secretary and John Trotter as Treasurer making up the Executive. 1983 coach, 'Billy' Browne was Social Convenor, Barry Gartner VAFA Delegate, with Neil Rumble's name appearing for the first time as Registrations Secretary. Mark Dobbie, John Levvey (1975) Runner-up Best and Fairest and 200 Game Life Member 1983), David Robinson and Brian Templeton and Graeme Templeton made up the balance of the Committee.

From this time until the launch of the club's first Internet website in 2000, the method for acknowledging sponsor contributions was by way of a small club member DL fold-up directory card, displaying among other things the names of those on Committee and the coaching panel and their contact details. The year's fixture for all teams, social calendar, sponsor list with tearoff membership application form and a message from the President were also included.

Social Club signage was an option offered to the club's Corporate sponsors with the Majors

offered the additional opportunity of displaying around the ground advertising banners. This system still exists today, where we can only use this method under a council requirement that we remove the banners at the completion of play each Saturday afternoon. Over the years this has proven to be a real chore for the club administrators and those loyal supporters that have volunteered to assist. However there is never likely to be a situation where this will ever change.

Major sponsors, Hodges Real Estate, Capital Building Society, Michael's of Brighton, Marine Hotel, and Ready Plan & Hannan Insurances all committed, and in addition Doug Dick from CIC (Computer Implementation Consultants) convinced his Managing Director, David Siminton, to join the sponsor team as a Major with a \$6000 sponsorship. At the time this was an extraordinarily generous commitment, equating to equivalent of \$14,000 in 2007.

Social Club extension and Bar Refurbishment:

1982 saw initial planning commence for a long overdue extension of the first-floor Social Club above the visitors' changing rooms. It was designed to allow for an island bar providing three times the length of the existing bar. It also created a physical separation between the existing and what was planned to be a carpeted Past Players' and Sponsors' Bar, along with provision for a permanent games area where the kitchen now stands.

The Council appointed Tony Green & Associates as Architects and Carison & Robinson Home Improvements (Keith & Bruce Robinson) was the builder. Total cost was \$73,000 (\$180,000 in 2007) of which the council funded \$42,000 and the club had to find \$31,000 (or the 2007 equivalent of \$76,000).

The Cricket Club had no funds, but agreed to enter into joint promotion of a number of our by now hugely popular Red 'n' Blue Discos over their summer tenancy. It was also agreed that going forward both clubs would promote the facility to members and friends of the club for various functions such 21st, 30th birthdays, corporate Christmas functions etc. If this was to proceed, we needed curtains installed across the main window overlooking the ground and the Cricket Club agreed to cover this cost.

At the time the club was preserving an \$11,000 balance in the BGS Scholarship Fund, established years earlier by Graeme Jeffery's administration and where interest earned was directed each year as a donation to the School. This was converted to an Investment account with the Westpac Bank against which they provided an overdraft facility of \$16000.

Parent and sponsor Dick Gedye, immediate Past-President Graeme Templeton, Committeeman and sponsor Edward 'Mab' Maberley-Smith, President and sponsor Michael Wood, Vice-president and sponsor Andrew Quinn, Treasurer and sponsor John Trotter and Secretary Norm Stretton also provided personal guarantees of \$1000 each to support the overdraft. \$250 memberships to a coteries group known as the Club 25 raised in excess of \$6000 toward the club's commitment for the bar fit-out.





Rob McKinnon Peter Wood

Originally there was no kitchen but a BBQ and commercial extraction system was installed inside the island bar where the drinks fridge is now located, along with a three-door undercounter refrigerator which is still there today, a twin post temprite beer chiller with remote compressor downstairs in the barrel room and a 'post mix' dispenser, compliments of Cadbury Schweppes and Rob McKinnon's business network. At that time it was the 'bees knees' and as good as any small pub. We also boasted a fresh orange juice chiller/dispenser, compliments of Peter Wood, at that time the General Manager of Berri Fruit Juices. We introduced dispensed mixed drinks from an overhead 6-bottle spirit dispenser in an effort to encourage attendance by more members of the fairer sex. This worked well in the first hour or so directly after a game, but as the night wore on, and in the absence of direct Committee supervision or paid bar staff, it proved to be a serious case of 'profit leakage' so the idea was scrapped and to this day has not been reintroduced.

As a consequence of the 1983 handover of the club's new extended Social Club facility, we were able to introduce a big change in the way sponsorship income was derived. From an exclusively printed format we were now reliant on the tax deductibility of Social Club and 'around the ground' advertising signage acknowledging sponsor contributions to the club. This was inevitable and took away the pressure to finalise the club's sponsor list by the first game, with contributors signing up over the entire season. This formula has served the club most successfully for the past 25 years.

Thursday nights saw regular darts competitions in the area currently occupied by the kitchen, along with games of 'Coins' sitting around the bar. This was a diabolical game introduced by Peter Grant, Doug Dick and Peter King and it saw some serious dollars won and lost. While the club derived no financial benefit from the games themselves, the bar often stayed open until extremely late, resulting in additional revenue and fantastic camaraderie for the groups involved. Those wonderful times are invariably recalled with great affection and much hilarity at the various 40th, 50th and 60th birthday get-togethers over the intervening years.

This period also saw the first of the home game pre-match luncheons. The games versus Old Caulfield, St Kevin's and Old Haileybury were nominated, with students from the William Angliss College recruited to assist with the catering. There were only three for the season but it was the forerunner to the regular home-game 'Porterhouse and Pepperjack' luncheons introduced later.

The Gala Seafood Extravaganza was another particularly successful sell-out fundraiser. It was a Bill Browne and Michael Wood's 'baby', held in 1983 and 1984 at the Brighton Councilowned 'Bellilla' in Halifax Street. Memories of a Friday night springs to mind with Michael, Bill, Doug Dick and Peter Grant standing inside the bar at the clubrooms wearing gumboots while

cleaning copious quantities of fresh crayfish and shelling prawns. The next day Bill would have been coaching with Doug and Peter playing so we had members of Committee, Norm Stretton, Barry Gartner, Edward 'Mabs' Smith, Andrew Quinn, Brian and Brian Templeton pitching in with assistance from wives and girlfriends in charge of decorations, while the boys set up 44 gallon drums full of ice and beer, 'iced the Chardy' and assisted Mark Johnston in setting up his Tramps Mobile Disco. At that time we had a very good local contact that flew King Island crayfish into Pakenham at \$14.50 per kilo. With maximum seating for 100 and tickets at \$35 per double and drinks at bar prices, it was a great night out for the members and a real money spinner for the club.

1985 saw it held for the last time in Doug Dick's first stint as President. The price of crays had escalated rapidly and we were forced to switch to the clubrooms that year to save costs and sadly from that time it was no longer viable. They were however fantastic events, as those that attended will happily attest.

OBGFC Fun Run:

This period was very much the era of the Fun Run as a fundraising initiative, with the first of four such events in 1986 during Graeme Templeton's second stint as President. The organisation for these most successful events was the sole domain of sponsor Andrew Quinn from Quinn & Quinn Lawyers (nee Solicitors). Andrew's organisational skills came to the fore with this popular event which was conducted in the May of 1986 – 89.

Over the period the number of entries varied between 300 – 400 runners. The cost of entry was \$5, which entitled the entrants to a commemorative T-shirt emblazoned with the club emblem and sponsors' names on the back. Typically sponsors were large Corporates with whom Andrew had contact, or local traders who had advertised with the club previously. Regardless, the club benefited to the tune of \$5000 (which equates to \$10,000 today), a most substantial contribution to club's coffers from a 'died-in-the-wool' Old Xaverian.

Andrew's contribution was duly noted and thanks expressed in the annual President's Report presented each year at the club's AGM. This decade saw the club competing for five years in C Grade and five in B Grade.

1998 and 1999 saw that man R W 'Billy' Browne bob-up again, not as Senior coach and not as Club General Manager, but this time as President, with his good mate for the 1984 season Andrew Quinn as Vice-president, Norm Stretton as Secretary and John Trotter as Treasurer making up the Executive. 1983 coach, 'Billy' Browne was Social Convenor, Barry Gartner VAFA Delegate, with Neil Rumble's name appearing for the first time as Registrations Secretary. Mark Dobbie, John Levvey (1975 Runner-up B & F and 200 Game Life Member 1983), David Robinson and Brian Templeton and Graeme Templeton made up the balance of the Committee.

1990 – 1999:

1990 saw Doug Dick as President, Mark Sarau as coach and the club relegated back to C Grade following a very disappointing season in B Grade in 1989.











Ian Paroissien

Ian Mullett

Jeff Bennett

Stuart Murray

Marshall Hill

Doug was also Club Secretary with the balance of the Executive being Ian Paroissien Vice-president and VAFA Delegate and Ian Mullett as Treasurer. The General Committee included Jeff Bennett (Social Convenor), Billy Browne, Peter Grant, Andrew Mullett, Michael Osborne and Michael Wood.

The Club's Social Secretary/Conveners during the decade were:

1990 Jeff Bennett

1991 Stuart 'Egg' Murray

1992 – 94 Marshall Hill

1995 – 96 Andrew 'Rutsy' Rutter

1997 Stuart 'Egg' Murray

1998 Kate McPherson

1999 Max Williams

This decade saw a number of past-players and for the first time, non-Old Boy fathers of current players prepared to take on the daunting task of President.







Peter Grant

Michael Perry

Ross Paterson

Doug was followed by 200 game past player and Life Member Ian Mullett in 1991, past player and Life Member Peter 'Buddha' Grant in 1992 – 93, Nick Perry's father and ex Richmond premiership legend Michael 'Big Red' Perry from 1994 – 98, with David Paterson's father Ross Paterson taking over for the last year of the decade in 1999, the first of his three year term. This period also saw the emergence of a strong group of past player 'mates' showing an interest in administrative roles and the club's social fundraising activities.









Roger Brown Andrew Cooper David Smythe Andrew Grant









Chris Haling

Peter Latzer

Owen Millis

This group included Roger 'Dog' Brown, Andrew 'Coops' Cooper, Stuart 'Egg' Murray, David 'Spock' Smyth, Andrew 'Noo' Grant, Chris 'Brizzy Bear' Haling and others. They were at the end of their playing days and at the time, being unmarried without family, the footy club was pretty much the centre of their universe. 'Dog' and 'Egg' were housemates living in Moorabbin and they, along with the likes of Peter 'The Tzar' Latzer, Owen 'Snowdrop' Millis and Paul 'Woffy' Woff were never very far from the action at the Brighton Beach Reserve.

Just as today, the traditional match-day-theme luncheons were big money earners for the club. Today there are eight or nine per season, depending on the VAFA Elsternwick Park fixture and the parental support for our Junior section team. In the 90s there were generally four carefully selected dates when we played the likes of our traditional school rivals or local opposition clubs where a keen rivalry has developed over the journey. In an appropriate year there would have always been the promotion around a Premiership Reunion, along with the perennial Past Presidents' or Life Members' luncheon.

The 90s were also very much the era of the \$1000 Day, spit-roast party and dance nights, the much celebrated Mystery Tour, starting off at the Social Club after a home game and then progressing via train or coach charter to various dinner or party venues. Later it was back to the club, where those still standing would 'kick-on' until all sorts of disgraceful hours the following Sunday morning.

Of these, the \$1000 Day was by far the best patronised and the biggest money earner. The concept was first introduced in 1990 at the time of Doug Dick's Presidency. It was supposed to be a fundraiser for the Players' end-of-season trip with a projected 'net earn' of \$2,000, which was to go to the playing group in its entirety as a token of the club's appreciation for their season's effort and to assist with part of the cost of their trip. However, the Committee and the Players' Trip Committee were blown away by the huge turnout and the final figure of \$6,000 (or in excess of \$9,000 in 2007 terms). From this time it became a regular feature on the club's social fundraising calendar with a pre-determined amount going to the players.

Regardless of the format, all other functions, of which there were generally four during the season, generated an average of \$1,500 or a total of \$6,000 for the club in any given year during this period, (equating to \$9000 in 2007).

These functions, along with the perennially successful Sportsman's Night and end-of-season

Presentation Dinner Dance, were the stuff that legends are made of during this period, with the results of interviews conducted in historical research revealing much about why the club has always been such a popular place for players and past-players alike. Unfortunately there isn't the time available or the space in this summary of the club's fundraising activities over the period to include these recollections. Perhaps we may see a dedicated section in the second edition?

Over the journey the club's sponsors have been incredibly loyal and generous. Member and sponsor recruitment each year focuses on past players and parents of players, both established and new, who are either willing to assist financially 'because they can', or increasingly because they are business owners who see an advantage in allocating some of their tax-deductible advertising budget to the OBGFC. The club's member and business network is strong and extremely diverse and over this decade generated an average of \$50,000 in 'cash and kind' to the club's coffers each season. With inflation taken into consideration, this figure equates to approximately \$68,000 as at 2007.

Peter 'Buddha' Grant was elected President for the 1992 season and the reason for specific mention of this year is that the club was B Grade runners-up to Old Melburnians and promoted to A Grade for the first time in the club's history the following season.











Andrew Mullett David Cochrane Bruce McBrian Matthew McLennan Greg Tootell

Graeme Templeton and Michael Wood were Vice-presidents, Billy Browne Secretary and John Trotter as Treasurer making up the Executive. Marshall Hill's name appears for the first time as Social Convenor, Andrew Mullett VAFA Delegate, Jeff Bennett, David Cochran, Doug Dick, John 'Nobby' Forster, Bruce McBriar, Matthew 'Boots' McLennan, Peter Sedgwick and Greg Tootell made up the balance of the Committee. This Committee was unique in the club's history as it contained no less than seven members who in 2007 were past Presidents of the club and eleven Life Members, Billy Browne and Greg Tootell (Old Caulfield Grammarians Life Member and member of their Team of the Half Century) both coached when Peter was captain of the club. The make-up of this Committee is indicative of the camaraderie that has existed at Old Brighton across the decades. It also demonstrates the high regard for Peter Grant's contribution to the club over his long association.

Unfortunately this time was 'pre-computer' for most and as a consequence of the ravages of time, much of the hard-copy financial records as to where the income came from have 'gone to God'. The social functions have already been mentioned earlier and the same sponsors, give or take the odd 'drop off' when a son stopped playing, have supported us over many seasons.

Major sponsors mid-way through the decade in 1995 were, in alphabetical order:

- Cadbury Schweppes Vice-president Chris Haling held a senior Financial Management position.
- Devonshire Hotel Simon Fitzpatrick is an Old Boy of the School.

- Hannan Insurance Group Graham Hannan and Peter Grant are both Old Boys of the School.
- Hodges Real Estate Campbell and Michael Cooney are both Old Boys and past-players.
- International Receptions Greg Carns is an Old Boy and a school mate of Peter Grant and Doug Dick.
- Kennedy Cleaning Services Clients of Old Boy, past-player and President, John Trotter at Deloitte.
- Michael's of Brighton Michael Wood is an Old Boy, past-player and Past-President of the club.
- Miele Australia Managing Director Peter Murphy's son Paul is an Old Boy and 1992 U19 captain.
- Nine Darling Street Greg Carns' family own Nine Darling Street, Quat Quatta and The International.
- Robert Lane Prestige Cars Recruited when young sons first commenced at BGS Wilson House.
- Radins Canvas Tony Bond is an Old Boy and past-player.

At the time we also had Level 2, Level 3 and a Trophy Sponsor.

Level 2 Sponsors were Australasian Shopfitters, Australian Slatwell Industries and PMC, all of whom were contractors at that time to Just Jeans where Shane 'Gonzo' Young held court as the National Development Manager. Others were Caltex Brighton East, operated by Old Boy and past-player Mark Hutley; CIC Pty Ltd where Old Boys and past Presidents David Siminton and Doug Dick controlled the purse strings. A special mention must be made of Sam Sales & Promotion operated by Rob McKinnon. Rob is an Old Boy who played 130 games for the club. His name first appears on Committee in 1963 and then again in the premiership year of 1980 when he served with his great school-mates, Graeme Templeton who was President, John 'Nobby' Forster and Peter Sedgwick, who were Vice-presidents. He has not been a sponsor since the time of Andrew Quinn's first *Tonners Times* which coincided with the first Brightonions Buying Guide in 1979 and for which he was effectively the Editor.

Greg Tootell from Tootell's Wines & Spirits also appears in this document. One way or another Greg has used his business and its contacts to sponsor the OBGs over the journey from his first appointment as coach in 1984 until the current time.

Level 3 sponsors were Deloitte Ross Tohmatsu, Bank of Melbourne, Challenge Bank and Fildes Labels, along with local business operators, the Brighton Sports Store, Café Bay Restaurant (Tom Hayden's parents in Bay Street), the Empire Café, Hair Sculpture, Kwan Wah Restaurant, No Jacket Required, Poci's of Hampton, Quinn & Quinn Solicitors, Raoul of Brighton, Salon 111 and Thesaurus. All these were well patronised providing concessionary pricing for goods and services to members of the Old Brighton community. As they had always done, the restaurants provided Best Player awards for after-match presentation over the season.

For the first time the club welcomed Paul Vincent, from Emery Vincent Associates, as Trophy

Sponsor for the year. Paul and his wife Pam had a son at BGS and became entangled with Mal and Jo Titshall, who also had a son in the same year and introduced them to the club.

In 1998 for the first time an electronic spreadsheet records the club sponsors along with financial social members and their commitment by way of 'cash or kind' in support of the club.

This was also the first year where club sponsors were acknowledged by way of a full-page advertisement in the A and B Grade Grand Final issue of the VAFA *Amateur Footballer*.

At this time the club Treasurer, Ian McPherson, recommended we consider splitting the club's income and expenditure into two separate entities; Marketing and Social Club.



Deposits into the Marketing account recorded all revenue from sponsorship and Social Club membership. This amounted to \$38,050 (or the equivalent of \$50,000 in 2007). In addition, the club received 'goods and services' donations

to the real value of \$13,780 (or \$20,500 in today's terms).

Ian McPherson

Interestingly, of the \$52,830 total, Social Club subscriptions amount to 11% with goods and services in kind 26% and sponsors' cash payments 63%. Social subscriptions today represent less than 2% of total income, indicating that a large percentage of members at that time are today generating additional income as part of the club's sponsor team.

There were however a large number who were happy to be financial during this time without going to the additional expense of sponsorship, but who have 'fallen off the back of the wagon' and have not been replaced by a more recent generation. This phenomenon identifies the need to concentrate on increasing Social Club membership if we are to achieve the long held dream of an extended Social Club. This has been a topic of discussion in more recent years as we tend to sit back, look at the illuminated Sponsors' Board and pat ourselves on the back as we survey the large number of club sponsors. These generous contributors effectively provide the facilities for the many that come to the club and enjoy the facilities, but don't put their hand up and become financial.

The Social Club account records all other revenue, including player subscriptions, Social Club revenue such as food and beverage sales including luncheons, along with merchandise sales.

It also includes income from all outside functions with the main one for 1999 being the Sports and Comedy Night conducted at The International in Bay Street and held in conjunction with the St Kevin's Old Boys. This event saw in excess of 230 Old Brighton supporters and friends in attendance with the SKOBs pitching in with another 180. This was the largest function in terms of numbers ever conducted by the club. With a major auction of donated items conducted by Campbell Cooney from Robert Hodges and numerous silent auction items on display, the night was a big money earner for the OBGs with our share of the profit being \$18,000, (or the equivalent of \$23,000 in 2007 terms).

At the time all overheads and purchases expenditure was made from this account with the Treasurer's objective being to have as close to a zero balance as possible as at the 31st October, the end of the club's financial year. If required, a transfer of funds was made from the Marketing account with the balance remaining in this account as at the 31st October providing an indication as to accumulated retained earnings.

A slight increase was recorded in the Marketing account for 1999 where of the \$57,150 total (the equivalent of \$73, 500 in 2007), cash banking amounted to \$39,900 or 70%, with the difference being donated goods and services or 30%. In this year Social Club memberships were banked in the Social account and with no copy of the end-of-year financials having survived, this figure can't be determined or comparative percentage increase calculated.

Club sponsors for the last year of the decade were as follows:

Premier Sponsor:

Robert Hodges Real Estate (Campbell Cooney)

Major Sponsors:

Cadbury Schweppes & Chris Haling, Deloitte Touche Tomatsu & John Trotter, Jakes Night Club & Drewe Bellmaine, Khyat's Hotel & Peter Loncraine, Michael's of Brighton, Miele Australia & Michael Wood.

Platinum Sponsors:

Barts the Chemist & Peter Gilmore, House in Brighton & Des Dickerson, New Oak Ford & Tony Brown, Michael's of Brighton & Robert Bosch Michael's of Brighton and St George Appliances, Paterson Fine Jewellery & Ross Paterson, The International & Greg Carns.

Gold Sponsors:

Chandler Direct Mail & Alan Chandler, Clare Castle Hotel & Kevin MacNamee, Corporate Copying & Rob Denton, Dalgarno's Party Hire & Glen Dalgarno, Poci's of Hampton & Tullio Damiano, Scotia Engraving & Graeme Stewart, The Half Moon Hotel & Jim Olliver, David and Di Sedgwick, the Keith Wood family (new Honour Board in his memory).

Silver Sponsors:

Leigh Bowes Plumbing, Brighton Service Centre & Steve Blatt, Brighton Star Mercedes Benz & Andrew Weight, Clive Champion Kitchens, Crisp & Green the Fruit Specialists, Fildes Printing & Packaging & Rob Fildes, Finishing Services & Matthew Allen, Forty Winks King Koil Bedding & Roger Wilson, G A Thompson Real Estate & George Thomson, Hair Sculpture & Dave, Imperial Crest Hair Company & Shaun Crosby, J P Dixon Real Estate & Jonathon Dixon, Milano's Brighton Beach Hotel, Omron Healthcare & Bruce McBriar, SAM Sales Promotion & Rob McKinnon, Synectic Systems & Tony Brown, Silvers Nightclub, W T Grant & Allan Grant, Barry Pryor and family, Ian and Kate McPherson, Malcolm Titshall and family.

Bronze Sponsors:

Australian Unity Brighton, Brighton Grammarians Masonic Lodge, Brighton Sports Store & Phil Hopley, Briner Signs & Brian McNamara, Ganton Shirts & Bruce Tolsher Agencies, Kwan Wah Restaurant, Mig Gun Services & John Forster, Quinn & Quinn Solicitors & Andrew Quinn, Raoul of Brighton & Bob Feast, Mark Dobbie, Jim Fox, Tony Gedye, Peter Grant, Ian Paroissien, Steve Priestley, Phillip Rowell, Peter Sherman, Shane Young.

Family Sponsors:

Clean Air Services & Phil Adamis, Leigh Betts family, Geoff Ewert family, Mike Ginnivan family, Don Handley, Graeme Lennox family, Leon Parnham family, Matthew Reid family, Max Williams family.

Members will identify many of these names as being sponsors since introduction of the first Brightonians Buying Guide in 1979, a fantastic contribution to the club's wellbeing over almost 30 years.

2000 - 2007:

2000 saw Ross Paterson as President for the second of his three year term. Dale Tapping was returned as coach for the fourth year and with an extraordinarily strong player list, the club was very much looking forward to finals success and a return to A Grade for 2001.











Tony Brown

Peter Gadsden Graeme Lennox Alan Munkittrick John Geddes

John Trotter was a Vice-president with Michael Wood who was Treasurer and Ian McPherson Secretary. The General Committee included parents Tony Brown, Peter Gadsden, Graeme Lennox, John Murchie and Graeme Stewart, along with past player and sponsor Jim Kelleway and club stalwarts, Alan Munkittrick who was Social Secretary and Andrew Mullett.

The club's Social Secretary/Conveners during the decade up to and including the club's 50th Year in 2007 were:

2000	Max Williams
2001	Roger Brown
2002	Alan 'Big Al' Munkittrick
2003 - 05	Andrew Cooper
2006 - 07	John Geddes

Since the start of the decade the club's social calendar has become well established. In terms of the club's 50 year history, a pre-season function held prior to the first round of competition was a relatively new innovation. The first was held in 2000, thanks to the generosity of Max Williams and the Victorian Club. The club's promotional material of the time refers to a Players and Parents mid-week sit-down dinner, which also included a jumper presentation for new players. Max's main recollection of the night was that we had a good attendance with encouraging support from the new players and parents. Our number one supporter, Harry Zachariah, was invited to present the jumpers which have been supplied for years by the official VAFA

manufacturer, Hugh Lyon Knitwear. Unfortunately they let us down and the jumpers didn't arrive but that great club stalwart Andrew Mullett, who has looked after stewardship of the club's playing group attire since the mid-seventies, saved us from total embarrassment by producing a sample jumper and enabling Harry to complete the presentation.

This event was again held at the same venue in 2001 when we were fortunate to secure 1958 Brownlow Medallist and media personality Neil 'Coco' Roberts as Guest Speaker. This function has always been planned as a not-for-profit function, with the emphasis on securing attendance by as many new players and parents as possible. Recollections are flimsy but it's believed that despite the salubrious surroundings of the Victorian Club, attendance was not encouraging, although match day club jumpers were on hand for presentation by Neil Roberts to the new players.

The following season the format was dropped. However in November 2002, newly appointed President, Roger Brown, introduced a club sponsors' luncheon for the first time. This was held at Drewe Bellmaine's Riva St, Kilda with 3AWs John Burns doing a great job as Guest MC. From that inaugural occasion, this function has become firmly entrenched in the club's social calendar. It regularly attracts 100 - 120 attendees and whilst not intended to be a major fundraising event, it is invariably a great catalyst for the securing of sponsors for the forthcoming season.

There have been a number of different venues over the years. In 2004 it was again at Riva St Kilda, thanks to the generosity of past player, Drewe Bellmaine. This particular occasion is well remembered for the candour displayed by John 'Big Jack' Elliott at the time of his serious issues with ASIC and the falling out with his beloved 'Blues'. It was a memorable occasion with John mingling freely with club members and sponsors late into the afternoon.

2005 again saw us at Riva where the compere was Drew Morphett with newly appointed Hawthorn coach, Alistair Clarkson. How impressive he was, with none who attended at all surprised to see him take the Hawthorn Football Club to a somewhat unexpected AFL premiership in 2008.

2006 we were introduced to the Sandringham Club by newly appointed President, Michael Dickerson. Steven Phillips was compere, with author and a very eccentric raconteur Jeffery Patterson as guest speaker.

In 2007 we ventured to the newly renovated Half Moon hotel where David Parkin demonstrated why he is held in such high regard as an outstanding motivational speaker. This was an outstandingly successful launch to a season that saw the club achieve a number of 'firsts', not the least of which was of course the club's first ever appearance in the VAFA A Grade Grand Final.

I am sure that Michael Dickerson and his Committee would like to think that David's great presentation and the excellent response to the promotion of this event was directly responsible for the 40% increase in sponsorship income from \$66,000 to \$93,000. This on its own is of course highly unlikely; however, it would be remiss not to list the club's sponsors in this milestone year. You will notice the name change for long standing Premier sponsor, Hodges Real Estate and introduction of additional categories, providing the opportunity to introduce greater flexibility and consequently a number of new sponsors by way of additional financial programmes.

Major Sponsor:

Robert Hodges Real Estate & Campbell Cooney.

Premier Partners:

Apex Electrical & Data & Garry Riseley, Bendigo Bank Brighton, Deloitte Touche Tomatsu & John Trotter, Lexus of Brighton, Michael's Appliance Centre & Michael Wood, Miele Australia, Riva St Kilda & Drewe Bellmaine, Robot Technologies Systems & Doug Smith, Shane Young Storepro & Shane Young.

Sovereign Sponsors:

Half Moon Hotel, Paterson Fine Jewellery & Ross Paterson, Picasso's & John Keogh, Red Hill Estate Winery & John Trotter, Toyota Australia, VIPs & Doug Dick.

Platinum Sponsors:

Barbecues Plus & Tony Spencer, Crisp & Green Fruit Specialists Brighton, Golf Club Properties & John Hendra, Health by Design & Greg McLaughlin, Hunter Overseas & James Hunter, New Oak Ford & Tony Brown, Michael's Appliance Centre & BOSCH Household Appliances, Recover Sports Medicine & Sam Rosengarten, Sportsmart Moorabbin & Gerrard Wood, The International & Greg Carns, Virus Defence & Michael Dickerson, the Bill Edge family.

Gold Sponsors:

Affinity Risk Partners & Peter Grant, Chandler Direct Mail & Alan Chandler, Eastgate Gallery & Rod Eastgate, Gibson Legal & Stuart Gibson, J G King Projects & Marty Lynch, Mitsubishi Pencil & Bruce McBriar, SAM Sales Promotion & Rob McKinnon, Scotia Engraving & Graeme Stewart, SPM Australia & Bryan Horskins.

Silver Sponsors:

American Car Parts & Steve Blatt, Australian Security & Fire & Greg Thomas), Bayley Stuart & Andrew MacGillivray, Brighton Beach Chiropractic & Scott Maginness, Budget Group Packaging & Andrew Thomas, Digitelle Australia & Peter Ellison, Fildes Printing & Packaging & Luke Fildes, Finishing Services & Matthew Allen, Forty Winks King Koil Bedding & Roger Wilson, Ganton Shirts & Bruce Tolsher Agencies, Genesis Insurances & Peter Johnson, Inform Design & Construction & Chris McKimm, Level 41 at Rialto & Max Williams, Quinn & Quinn Solicitors & Andrew Quinn, Selby's & Marc Selby, Sports Conscious & Andy Stuart-Menteth, The Eastern Townhouse & Bob McLellan, Thompson Real Estate & David Thomson, Robert 'Bardy' Dale, Ian & Barb Paroissien, David & Di Sedgwick, Neil & Isabel Smyth.

Bronze Sponsors:

Andrew Krzywniak Certified Practising Accountant, Jim's Mowing Service & Mark Sarau, Mig Gun Services & John 'Nobby' Forster, Radins Australia & Tony Bond, Raoul of Brighton & Bob Feast, Roger Brown, Mark Dobbie, Tony & Janine Furzer, Tony Gedye, Martin Lynch, Andrew Mullett, Leon & Marie Parnham, John & Sue Priestley, Phillip Rowell, David Smyth, Matthew Talbot, Greg Tootell.

Family Sponsors:

Peter Borradale, Antony Bristow, Terry & Lisa Edwards, Rod & Marie Eastgate, Adam Fitzgerald,

Peter & Yvonne Gadsden, John Geddes, Mike & Elaine Ginnivan, Rob & Rosie Jakobi, Stuart & Sandy Kay, Rowan & Elizabeth Kennedy, Joe & Vicki Mason, Larry & Pam McNicol, John & Rosemary Murchie, Jim & Merrilyn Olliver, Ross & Helen Perrett, Steve & Jacqui Priestley, Peter & Vera Sherman, Peter & Annie Williams.

Community Partners:

Bayside City Council, Brighton Beach Bowling Club, Brighton Cricket Club, Brighton Grammar School.

On the social side the revenue from social activities was up nearly 33% from \$44,267 in 2006 to \$58,828. This was in no small part due to the club's celebration of its 50th year with the announcement of The Best of OBGFC 1957 – 2007 at a black-tie 50 Year Anniversary Gala Ball held at The International in Bay Street on the 2nd June.

A Selection Panel comprising Peter Grant, Roger Brown, Bob McLellan, Andrew Mullett, Nick Perry, Steve Priestley, Mark Sarau and Peter Sedgwick was to impartially discuss the relative credentials of individuals who had played a minimum of 50 games for the club across the decades, to play in a specific position in this team.

They worked diligently over many months to arrive at the final fifty-five nominees, including coaches, with names announced at the time of the promotional launch for the function.

An enormous effort was put into the organisation of this function, primarily by club stalwarts and Past Presidents Roger Brown and Peter Grant.

The final social event every year is the annual Presentation Dinner Dance and needless to say that it was not surprising to see the 160 who attended at The International on Friday 5th October, breaking all previous attendance records for the event.

With outstanding on-field results coinciding with our 50th Year celebrations, it is stating the obvious to say that 2007 was a standout year for the club. The 'buzz' among players and supporters from the Lorne pre-season camp to Grand Final day was electric and something that no one who was involved will ever forget.

Michael Dickerson's President's Report presented at the Annual General Meeting records that our A Grade and A Reserve Grade sides both played in losing Grand Finals to Old Xaverians, with our Junior XVIII suffering a similar fate at the hands of St Bede's-Mentone Tigers.

During this decade and up until 2007, the club had developed its financial reporting systems significantly and with a strong social events calendar and great support from a well-established line-up of loyal sponsors, the club has no reason to expect anything other than solid and successful fundraising results going forward. The average annual surplus during the first eight years of the decade amounted to approximately \$13,150, with the Balance Sheet at the end of financial year 2007 showing total equity of \$161,500.

The long held dream for an expanded Social Club and improved player and member facilities is alive and well. All that's required is for an active and dedicated supporter group to drive the growth in income and a diligent Committee to keep a close check on expenditure and it will happen, either with or without assistance from the Bayside Council, which it must be noted is looking less and less likely going forward.

Peter and Yvonne Gadsden



vonne has been involved in helping out on a Thursday night, Saturday lunches and whatever other functions we have organised since Matt first played for the club in 1996. By the time you are reading this, that will be a long fifteen years as at least one if not two of Yvonne's three sons are still likely to be playing. Simon first played in 1996 with our club and was a member of the Under 19 premiership team in that year; he also rowed for Australia. Peter tells us that in 2003 when Ben (Bunji) Gadsden was Captain of the Under 19s, he was Team Manager which with the Under 19s virtually means doing everything due to lack of volunteers. Then in 2005 and 2006 Peter was Vice-president, alongside President Roger (Doggy) Brown. In 2007 Peter was Secretary/Club Manager, and in 2008 he was on the Committee again when Mike Dickerson was President. In recognition of Yvonne's exceptional service to our Club in 2014 she was made a Life Member.

For those of us who were regularly around the Club on a Saturday, Peter seemed to be Boundary Umpire forever; Peter thinks at least from 2005 – 2009. If that wasn't enough he then was our Club's representative Field Umpire, along with Adrian Lynch, for Reserve and A Grade matches.

The reality is that Peter, regardless of the positions held, has always been an extremely valuable helper for virtually anything that needed to be done. Many times at major functions, Peter was a superb MC and that means a lot of preparation behind the scenes. He has also been the MC at our home game luncheons for a very long time and has always done an excellent job.

Michael Dickerson in his excellent chapter 'The 50th Anniversary of the Club's Inception (Post-War)' pays Peter a very sincere tribute indeed. You will see it near the end of his chapter under the heading 'Finale and Thanks'.

As with Yvonne, we are sure that at least until their sons hang up their boots, Peter will still be around the Club helping in some way as usual.

Contribution from Keith Peachey

t was in the late 50s or early 60s and our team was getting a thrashing. Horrie Berry, one of my favourite coaches, was in charge and at three-quarter time

Letook us into the centre of the ground and proceeded to get stuck into us; the hands were gesticulating and fanning the air, the head bobbing up and down and the mouth was open as wide as Luna Park.

All heads were bowed and looking very solemn into the murky mud which in summer forms part of the centre turf wicket — when all of a sudden silence reigned. There in the middle of the sticky turf was Horrie's false teeth, the poor old guy had got so carried away that his teeth fell out. This, of course, brought tumultuous laughter to all the boys' faces. The momentum was lost... end of 'pep talk'.

PS. Sorry, I can't recall whether this inspired us to go out and win or not!

DID YOU KNOW?

On 9th July 1983, the extended wing of the Brighton Beach pavilion was officially opened by Councillor Len Coysh, thanks to the financial commitment of both the Brighton council and the Football Club. The total cost is estimated to be \$80,000 (extract from The Tonners Times).

Some Reminiscences of the 60's

by Peter McKinnon

Our Culture

The writer joined Old Brighton mainly as a result of Nick Walsh's promotion of the club to him whilst still at school. Nick was the President in 1959, and a great worker for the club.

About February 1960, the writer was persuaded to attend the annual meeting, Nick stood down as president and the writer was appointed to the committee. These events, however, were by no means connected. Nick stood down from election as President in favour of Keith Robinson, so as to avoid members of the club having to take sides over an issue that had arisen. The issue was whether a more controlled or more liberal attitude should be taken in respect of the social life of the club. By default the liberalists prevailed, and this has been reflected in the culture of the club ever since.

The writer was appointed to the Committee as it was desired to have someone to represent the younger players, and because he did not know how to say no.



The writer was on the committee for about 10 years (not continuously). His strongest committee recollection is of drinking beer (kindly provided by Keith Robinson) after the Sunday morning meetings at Keith's house. Whilst not thinking of it at the time, in hindsight this was truly representing the younger players.

Pre-game preparations

Tom Cullinan has filled a number of important roles for the club. In this era he was responsible for medical supplies and for massage.

He had an arrangement with an Old

Boy who ran a pharmacy, so that he could obtain bandages and other medical supplies at a significant discount.

If a player had soreness or needed a warm-up rub, he would hop up onto the table erected in the middle of the change-room, to allow Tom to have a go at him. Barry Pryor had more upmarket needs than this. He regularly consulted a Collins Street physio (hopefully at the Club's expense), although this was more after match recovery than for pre-match preparation.



Keith Robinson

Phillip Ellis Tom Cullinan

Graeme Jeffere

Keith Robinson was Club President from 1961 to 1967 and was succeeded by Graeme Jefferey who was President from 1968 to 1973 (Graeme was also Coach from 1961 to 1966). These two were the driving force in building the Club - and the Clubhouse at Brighton Beach - to the well organised, efficient and well funded entity it is today. They followed on the pioneering efforts of Nick Wash who played with Old Brighton pre war and was our first president in the reformed club from 1957 to 1960. Tom Cullinan served the club as trainer and as a highly successful social convener, organising events such as dinner dances and balls - with attendances up to 500 people! He was made an Honourary Life Member of the Old Brighton Grammarians Society for his services to the club an honour he shares will Bill Brown (Club Captain and Coach in 1980 and 1981).

Did you know?

Horrie Berry was the coach in 1960. In commercial life he was the manager of a business that produced, among other things, an invigorating drink. Bottles of this dubious substance were freely available for the team after each Old Brighton game. You could have more than one if you wished, as the supply was not rushed. But what was its name? This is purely a trivia question, as no

Old Brighton player was ever known to purchase the drink, and it has long ceased manufacture.



Some Reminiscences of the 60's

Miles of Tape

Often strips of medical tape were needed for urgent jumper identification. This would be simple enough if the missing number was, for example, 11, as two vertical strips of tape would suffice. Other numbers were more difficult.



Peter Sedgwick No. 11 (Notorious user of Tape for personal I.D.

When Geoff Hosie was our full forward, there was the added difficulty of having to get at the tape before Geoff did (as otherwise there would be none left). Geoff was a very big guy, with very big, but old, footy boots. These boots had seen their best days many moons ago. Indeed there was very little that held the uppers and soles together. This deficiency had to be corrected by the regular application of tape. This taping was weekly pre-match ritual, although none too soon completed, as Geoff often was still at his task when the team was required on the field (the Amateurs had then a system of fines. for among other things, tardiness, although the details are not recalled).

Profile -

Peter McKinnon No. 23.

Peter McKinnon joined Old Brighton in 1960 and played 113 games, mainly on the back line and was a club committeeman for ten years. He was school captain in 1959 and has the distinction of being the first Brighton Grammarian to play in the Combined Public Schools Victorian Football Team in that same year. Peter worked as a lawyer until his retirement in 1996, initially in Melbourne, then for the Crown Law Department in Papua New Guinea, where he also played Aussie Rules football for the local Koboni team, and finally with Mobil Oil where he was Chief Counsel and Company Secretary. He has a wife Caryl and three children. Fiona, Paula and Leish.





The Koboni Football Team Port Morsby 1964

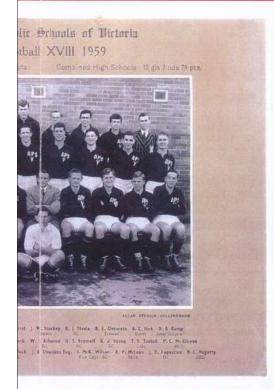
Did you know?

In 1960 Old Brighton reserves team was effectively a half
Brighton half Old Haileybury side. Old Haileybury started out
as a separate club in 1961, but in getting its momentum going
in 1960, whilst giving its initial small group of players a
game, used the opportunity provided by Old Brighton.

The OBGFC crest was modified from the school coat of arms in 1962 and was incorporated into collectables such as cuff-links, tie bars and key rings over the next decade.



Peter McKinnon (foreground) followed by Bob McLellan after a big win in 1962



The Annual Footy Trip

For most of the 60's the Annual end-ofseason trip went to Lorne where we enjoyed the hospitality and firm, fatherly guidance of former Collingwood legend, Ron Todd. Later in the 60's we gave the Barwon Heads Hotel a try and even managed to combine this with a social game of footy against the local side. In those days wine wasn't a big item at country pubs and we were all greatly amused when Roger Wilson was served the after dinner port he ordered in a beer glass topped up with ice cubes!

Did you know?

In the '60's Old Brighton played a season based at a ground at the then Highett gasworks property in Nepean Highway. Fairly primitive conditions prevailed, including a change room which was little more than an empty box (i.e. nowhere to sit, and no fittings for hanging up your clothes).



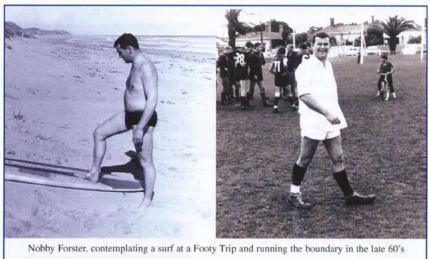
Toddy's Pub

Ron Todd's Hotel Pacific at Lorne was the site of the annual end of season footy trip. The usual agenda was on the following lines: Get down there on Friday evening, play cards and drink until collapsing to bed very late, rise late on Saturday looking



Clockwise from left. Barry Morris, John Berry, Nobby Forster, Graeme Tozer, Rob McKinnon, Rick Harvey, Roger Wilson, Graeme Templeton. (Morris and Tozer were both 'Ford' Valiant drivers)

less than bright, gingerly make it through lunch, play beach or back yard cricket in the afternoon, then back to the cards and drink, on Sunday (depending on one's constitution) enjoy or refrain from enjoying a late breakfast, before settlings one's share of the damages bill and gently returning to Melbourne.



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Of course, this summary gives little indication of what a rollicking good time was generally had by all. One year there was some unpleasantness with a group of the local youth. Words were spoken in a local cafe and it looked like this could lead to a "rumble in the jungle", but fortunately nothing came of it.

The same evening we were visited at Toddy's by the local police. They quizzed us about a car seen in the vicinity of a nurses' hostel. In particular they asked did anyone know the driver a a Ford Valiant. We were able to answer, truthfully, that no one knew any person who drove a Ford Valiant.

Graeme Tozer's Chrysler Valiant had not returned to the hotel at the time! The delightful setting at Lorne, the old world charm of the somewhat ancient and rambling Hotel Pacific, and the recreation of much joshing and banter with one's mates all combined to make a very enjoyable, and partly memorable, weekend.

The Social Scene

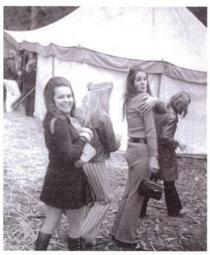
The Footy Club Marquee

In the early 60's Old Brighton was a small enough club to allow most of the social activity to take place in private homes. Many great Saturday night parties, pleasant Sunday mornings and father and son days were held at the homes of player's parents and club members including the Tozers, the Morrises, the Walshes, The Robinsons and the Paynters to name just a few.

One memorable occasion was a Father and Sons Day at Rob and Ken Paynters place in Halifax Street in Brighton when typically we would have some biscuits and cheese and a few beers with the Dads who, as always, have been a vital part of the Club's success and prosperity. Roger Wilson worked at Kraft Foods at the time so we were always supplied with tasty cheese rounds for after game and other social events, much to the pleasure of the old Dads who used to really enjoyed this premium quality snack as well as the beer which went with it. On this particular day some of the boys decided to test just how discerning the old Dads were, so they sliced up a cake of Velvet Soap, which had the same colour and texture as Kraft Cheese, and served it to selected fathers on the Sao biscuits in the normal way. Much to the delight of the gathering it took some little time before the targeted Dads woke up, in fact Ed Kelly (father of Greg and Rod) said that he thought the 'cheese' was particularly good that day when questioned by one of his considerate sons!



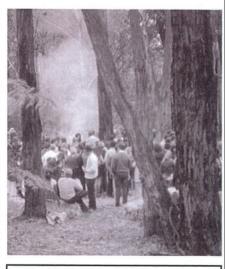
Cathy and Ken Jellis



Dee McKinnon leads the girls to the club marquee for lunch at an OBGFC bush BBQ in 1970

It wasn't long before the Club's growth and the popularity of our social events put pressure on the suitably of the interior of private homes for social gatherings. The second story extension of the Brighton Beach Pavilion was still in the planning stages so the committee had to find another alternative. In typical style they had a stroke of genius and decided

to buy a very large tent (or marquee as it was called to give it a better name) and this became the main party facility for a number of years even after the social clubrooms were opened in 1970.



Did you know?

The OBGFC tent was well known and loved at this time and it was erected in dozens of back yards and at other locations for footy club functions, 21st Birthdays and all kinds of community events including the Annual Charity Golf Day for the Royal Children's Hospital at Royal Melbourne. The Marquee was a great fund raiser for the club for

both our own functions and when it was let out for private parties. A team of skilled players and officials took charge of storage, transport, erection and removal. It served us so well that the sides and other components had to be replaced from time to time.

I wonder where it is today?



Marg Templeton with baby James (later to play 73 games and kick 99 goals) with proud father Graeme who played 251 games and was President in 1986 $\,$ and 1987