



WESTERN BULLDOGS PAST PLAYERS

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The Two Dogs Podcast

Kevin Hillier's Podcast will appear in the next newsletter.

Website

Our website now includes:

- previous editions of the newsletter
- podcasts
- Match Day information



The address is www.westernbulldogs.com.au/pastplayers.

Welcome to Season 2021

This season promises to be exciting and challenging.

Our list has been strengthened by six recruits, including Adam Treloar, Stefan Martin, Mitch Hannan, number 1 draft pick Jamarra Ugle-Hagan and youngsters Dominic Bedendo and Lachlan McNeil.

In 2021, only ticketed financial members will be able to gain access to the Danvers Room on Level 2 at Marvel Stadium due to Victorian Health Department requirements. There are 150 seats in front of the room for home games which can be reserved using your club membership barcode. Details on how this will work will be available soon.



Adam Treloar

It is important to pay your subscription now so that your barcode can be upgraded to enable access the Danvers Room and the reserved seating.

The membership form can be accessed from www.westernbulldogs.com.au/pastplayers to facilitate payment. We are endeavouring to set up an electronic renewal process which will streamline the process in the future.



Stefan Martin

Western Bulldogs Past Players' Recruits Dinner



Jamarra Ugle-Hagan

You are invited to the Past Players 2021 Recruits Dinner on Tuesday 3 March.

When: Tuesday, 3 March

Where: Barkers Cafe, Victoria University Whitten Oval

Time: 6:30pm–9:30pm

MC: Kevin Hillier

Special Guests

Western Bulldogs Board Member: Luke Darcy and

Recruits: Jamarra Ugle-Hagan, Stefan Martin, Dominic Bedendo, Lachlan McNeil and Mitch Hannan

Cost: \$55 per person – includes a buffet style dinner with drinks at bar prices.

How to Pay:

By EFT to: Footscray Western Bulldogs Past Players

BSB: 063 893 **Account:** 10100 208

Please use your surname as payment identification.

By credit card: Contact Treasurer Andrew Howlett on 0418 510 635

RSVP: By Thursday 25 February to Owen Madigan (0408 105 151 or belpas1@bigpond.com)



Mitch Hannan



Lachlan McNeil from Woodville West Torrens



Dominic Bedendo from Myrtleford

2021 Events Calendar

Note: The mid-season function has not yet been arranged.

Tuesday 2 March

Sunday March 14th

Friday 16 April

Weekend of 15 May v Port Adelaide

Weekend of 5 June v Fremantle

Weekend of 26 June v West Coast

Weekend of 17 July v Gold Coast

Sunday 7 November

Sunday 14 November

6:30pm Recruits Dinner at Barkers Cafe

9:30am AFLCPP Bowls Day at Altona Bowls Club
(Contact Len Cumming: 0418 374 079)

8:15am AFLCPP Golf Day at Settlers Run Golf Course
(Contact Jack Slattery: 0425 746 148)

Pre-game Function in Adelaide TBC

Pre-game Function in Perth TBC

Pre-game Function in Perth TBC

Pre-game Function in Gold Coast TBC

11am AGM at Barkers Café

12noon End of Year Lunch at Barkers Café

9:30am AFLCPP Bowls Day at Altona Bowls Club
(Contact Len Cumming: 0418 374 079)

Western Bulldogs Past Players Facebook

We will be using Facebook more to communicate information to former players and officials. It is a closed group. If you are not a member, please go to Western Bulldogs Past Players on Facebook and request to 'Join Group'.

Susan Alberti: Confessions of a True Believer

By **ROSS BRUNDRETT**



As a kid growing up in Footscray, Ross Brundrett wore Dave Darcy's no.15 on the back of his Bulldog jumper and his main claim to footballing fame was being in the same year at Kingsville Primary School as Ted Whitten jnr. His first job as a journalist was at the Footscray Mail where he covered Bulldog games for eight years, and for a further three years at the Western Times. He later wrote for the Sunday Press before spending the last 24 years of his career as a senior feature writer and columnist for the Herald Sun.

So how did Susan Alberti become a passionate Bulldog fan? She wasn't a child of the western suburbs. On the contrary, she was born in Bairnsdale and later moved to Ashwood as her father's career in the police force progressed.

She wasn't born into a family of Bulldogs – her parents barracked for North Melbourne.

No, she simply liked the colours – and she loved the game. So, Susan and her big brother Richard made a blood pact ('seriously') to break the family allegiance and follow the Doggies.

'I remember the thrill of going to the games and watching players like Peter Box and it was so exciting – I was hooked.' She joined the cheer squad and became fully invested, not just in the Bulldogs, but the game as well.

'I loved playing footy, I really loved it! In fact I only stopped when my father forced me to give up playing at the age of 15 . . . he said I was being belted around too much and I had to stop. 'I was so upset I didn't speak to him for weeks,' Susan said.

But, of course, back in the early 1960s, girls who wanted to play footy had to play with the boys and in the Under-16s that meant playing against boys almost as big as men.

'Of course, my father was just protecting me . . . but I never recovered from that. Women were just pushed into the background back then – 'Go home and do some knitting!' – but I always thought to myself, if I could change this, one day I would.'



Susan Alberti AC

How fortunate for the Bulldogs that Susan Alberti preferred the red, white and blue, and stayed true to the club in good times and bad, and how lucky for the women's game to have such a true believer championing their cause over the course of the journey.

It's almost impossible to quantify the impact that Susan Alberti has made on the fortunes of the Bulldogs or in pushing women's footy forward, other than to state the obvious: that her contribution has been enormous.

'I have always known I would be an entrepreneur, and that started in business. But I always had other things in mind. It was a challenge in sport [for a woman] and I had to step back for many, many years before I could make a difference.'

But make a difference she most surely did, with more than a decade serving on the Western Bulldogs' board of directors, including a stint as vice-president. But years before that, Susan helped in the David Smorgon led Taskforce in the mid-1990s, both in terms of time and money – lots of money.

'I was never that worried about titles, I just liked rolling up my sleeves and getting stuck in,' she remembered. For her, the beginning of the rejuvenation of the club came under the presidency of David Smorgon when Campbell Rose was appointed CEO. 'I remember Campbell called me in on his first day – his office was basically an old fire escape – and told me his plans to create something special at Whitten Oval. That's where it all began. He had the dream, and I should know.'

'I told him: "Cam, all my life I've been told what I can't do, whether it be business or sport . . . Let's do it!"'

'Slowly we got all the funding and . . . now we have a wonderful club with a future. People can come here and feel proud. I look at the childcare centre named after me . . . that was needed desperately even though I was told it was wasn't by those who didn't want to see it built.'

These days, whenever Susan returns to Whitten Oval the years melt away.

'It is like my spiritual home when I go there. Now I don't live in the west, have never lived in the west, but when I go there, I feel like I'm home again, like when I was a little girl going there. 'I meet so many supporters there; down-to-earth, salt-of-the-earth types. I've done all the corporate stuff in the boxes but I like being with the real supporters and I sit in the grandstand with all those lovely people just like when I was a kid in the cheer squad. And I try to sit on the seats that are named after my brother and myself because it brings back the memories, of smelling the liniment drifting up from the rooms beneath.'

I've never forgotten where I've come from and the history of this club and the joy it has given me.'

While Susan's contribution to the Bulldog cause is monumental, it can be argued that her efforts in promoting the woman's game are even greater.

She quit the Bulldogs' board after the 2016 premiership, partly because she thought her role in rebuilding the club had come to an end and also because she wanted to devote more of her time to women's footy.

'I felt that [the 2016 flag] was the absolute ultimate for me and I had done all the hard yards but I wanted to concentrate more on the women's game and, up until then, I had been restricted in what I could say.'

Not that Susan had ever stopped supporting the women. Even during her time on the Western Bulldogs' board she was always watching the women's game. 'For more than 20 years I was attending games and encouraging them to push forward. I was forever promoting the sport, and I shared the frustrations of many who wanted more for the game.'

So, while many were surprised by the rapid formation of the AFLW, Susan Alberti was not.

'Oh no, not at all,' said Susan, who was appointed the women's league's inaugural ambassador. 'In fact, I could have said "I told you so", because I had the utmost faith that women's footy belonged on the AFL stage.'

'I remember that first game of AFLW between Carlton and Collingwood and how emotional it was in the dressing room with the girls . . . I just wanted to be alone with my tears and I certainly didn't want to be in the corporate area with the suits . . . Anyway I got lost in the huge crowd and in the end I found myself in the grandstand with the Collingwood cheer squad and even though they lost it was just a wonderful place to be.'

Which just goes to show that you can take the footy tragic little girl out of the cheer squad, but you can't take the cheer squad out of the girl.

Shane O'Sullivan

AFL Life Member. Footscray General Manager 1982–86

By **NEIL CORDY**



Neil Cordy played 235 VFL/AFL games with Footscray and the Sydney Swans. After his AFL career Neil coached and played for East Sydney. He worked for Network Ten for 15 years as a reporter/presenter and on their AFL coverage. He was the AFL Editor for the Daily Telegraph from 2011 to 2018 and is currently a member of ABC Grandstand's AFL broadcast team.

Former Bulldogs' general manager Shane O'Sullivan has been rewarded with AFL Life Membership for his 41 years of service to Carlton, Footscray, the Brisbane Bears and the game.

Neil Cordy looks back at O'Sullivan's time at the Western/Whitten Oval, when the Dogs went from last to third in three years and infamously ended the era of end-of-season trips.

The Bulldogs first practice match of the 1983 season was against reigning premiers Carlton at Traralgon.

In the off-season Shane O'Sullivan had made the switch from Princes Park to the Kennel to become general manager. It was a classic 'Penthouse to the Outhouse' move.

The Blues 1982 premiership triumph had been their third flag in four years, the Bulldogs were wooden-spooners and hadn't been out of the bottom four in the previous five seasons.

There were plenty of people surprised by Shane's change of clubs, including Carlton's chairman of selectors Wes Lofts. The coaches' box at Traralgon had paper thin walls and, just after the final siren, Lofts was heard to say, 'What a bloody stupid thing to do [Shane moving to the Bulldogs], I bet he's regretting it now.'

But Lofts couldn't have been further from the truth. 'When I heard that, it fired me up,' O'Sullivan said. 'It just made me more determined than ever to make it work at the Bulldogs.'

The Bulldogs' trouncing at Traralgon was only the start of Shane's problems. At the end of the 1982 season, the Dogs lost captain and Brownlow Medallist Kelvin Templeton to Melbourne and that year's best and fairest, Ian 'Mocha' Dunstan, to North Melbourne.

Undaunted, O'Sullivan went on a massive recruiting drive.

In just a few months he had WA guns Andrew Purser and Jim Sewell from East Fremantle and Ian Williams from Swans Districts. A trio of young stars were added – Brian 'Chocko' Royal from Bairnsdale, Steve Wallis from Leongatha and Michael McLean from Darwin. Depth was also bolstered with former Fitzroy player Chris Hansen, Carlton's Robbert Klomp, and Saint Kilda's Mark 'Captain' Kellett and Bruce Duperouzel, plus Geelong's Stephen Lunn.



Shane O'Sullivan

Duperouzel and Klomp were the only recruits who didn't line up in the season opener, a 31 point loss to Geelong, but the following week the Dogs hit back with a shock 17 point win over Carlton at the Western Oval avenging their Traralgon practice match humiliation.

'Carol and I were invited to a Carlton function that night and we made sure we turned up late so we could make an entrance,' O'Sullivan remembered. 'I think I had a few beers that night!'

By season's end the Dogs had 10 wins and finished seventh, a dramatic improvement on the three games they had won in 1982.

'We had some really good players already there to build on in 1983,' O'Sullivan said. 'Simon Beasley was a great full forward, Jock Edmond stepped up as captain and Dougie Hawkins was hitting his straps. We'd wanted to get players who had come from successful teams – like Andrew Purser and Jim Sewell from East Fremantle and Ian Williams from Swan Districts. 'Chocko' Royal had an unbelievable debut season and won the best and fairest.'

The following year Mick Malthouse replaced Ian Hampshire as coach, O'Sullivan believes that was the game changer. 'Getting Mick Malthouse in 1984 was the best recruit of the lot,' according to O'Sullivan. 'He changed the whole club around.'

In the same year, Les 'Lelly' Bamblett came across from Melbourne in a swap for Steven O'Dwyer.

When South Fremantle's Brad Hardie, Claremont's Allen 'Shorty' Daniels, Carlton's Phil Maylin and Essendon star Tony Buhagiar came on board in 1985, the Dogs were ready to make a real tilt at the flag.

'That combination of 'Lelly' Bamblett and Simon Beasley was one of the greatest forward combinations I've seen,' O'Sullivan said. 'Simon kicked 105 [goals] that year and 'Lelly' kicked 51, they were lethal. And Brad won the Brownlow in his debut year, which was unbelievable.'

Sadly the '85 campaign fell just short of a grand final berth with the loss to Hawthorn in the preliminary final but the season remains one of O'Sullivan's happiest memories in football. 'I was really proud of what we did in 1985,' he recalled. 'We really liked our chances against Essendon if we had made it through to the grand final. We beat them by 41 points earlier in the year and we just set up well against them.'

While there was plenty of on-field success in O'Sullivan's time at the Kennel there were some challenges with player behaviour, especially on end-of-season trips.

His first challenge came in 1983 in New Caledonia when Stephen Lunn 'borrowed' a car parked outside the team hotel in Noumea. ' 'Lunny' decided to go for a bit of a joy ride and picked up 'Chocko' Royal, Steve Wallis and Gary Walpole on the way,' O'Sullivan recalls.

'The local police caught up with him and locked them all up. I was able to get 'Chocko', Steve and Gary out but 'Lunny' played up a bit so they kept him in for a few days. I spent most of the trip at the police station and the court. We only got 'Lunny' out the day before we flew home.'

Shane didn't go on the infamous 1985 trip to Hawaii and Los Angeles when Qantas booted the team off an LA bound flight in Honolulu but he still managed to get caught up in the strife back in Australia.

'I had to organise flights home but none of the airlines would have a bar of us,' O'Sullivan said. 'The original fares had cost us \$1000 for the round trip but we had to pay \$1500 for the flight back from Los Angeles with Air New Zealand who was the only airline who would take us.'

Shane left the Bulldogs at the end of the 1986 season to become the inaugural general manager of the Brisbane Bears. His brother Garry stayed on at the club for another 11 years after starting as a zone development officer shortly after Shane arrived in 1982. Garry became football manager in 1991 and earned Life Membership in 1992 before taking up the same job at Richmond in 1997.

'The social aspect of footy at that time was wonderful,' Garry O'Sullivan said.

'I loved the social club at Footscray – 'EJ' would come back to the club after his radio commitments with K-Rock. There were the after-matches with opposition players and officials and then the players would be there at the social club. They were priceless memories.'

Garry is now working at Melbourne's VFL club Casey as a facilities manager.

Shane has been back at Carlton since 2003 and is the football administration and past players' manager. He and wife Carol's eldest daughter Lilian is Carlton's welfare manager.

SHANE O'SULLIVAN'S CAREER

1979–80 Carlton promotions officer

1981–81 Carlton assistant general manager

1982–86 Footscray general manager

1987–92 Brisbane Bears' general manager football

1993 Oakleigh coach, North Melbourne recruiting

1994–2002 Carlton recruiting manager

2003–18 Carlton football administration manager

2019–present Carlton past players' manager.

Bulldog Locker

By **NEIL CORDY**

I haven't seen my old Bulldogs locker number 29 since I left the club in 1986 but, thanks to the generosity of Doggies' fan Mark Rowe, its custodian for most of the last 35 years, I'll be reunited with it in the coming weeks. The locker is set to become the centre piece of a 'man cave' at my new home on the Gold Coast.



and then to its current home in the family's holiday house on Phillip Island in 2014.'

That's where it was spotted just before Christmas by Jimmy Powell, a team mate of Mark's son John, who was on Phillip Island having a few beers with him. The pair had been team mates at Monash Uni and, before that, at Rowville juniors. Jimmy is a workmate of my nephew Ayce Cordy (former Bulldog, now Uni Blues captain) at Next Generation Electrical. He sent a photo of the locker to Ayce, who passed it on to me.

I was expecting to pay a decent price for the locker but Mark was having none of it. 'I'm more than happy to pass it on,' he said. 'As a Bulldog fan I'm happy to be part of its history.'



Mark, John, Michael and Shane Rowe

How this all came about is a long story.

Mark is part of a four-generation Bulldog family, starting from when his dad, Ted, returned from WW2 (having served in Wewak, Papua New Guinea) to work on the wharves in Williamstown.

Ted would make some extra money laying concrete driveways and that's where he crossed paths with my locker, shortly after 1999 when the dressing rooms at the Whitten Oval had been renovated.

'My dad worked for Humes Pipe Limited for 31 years and he was always bringing stuff home,' Mark Rowe told me.

'He picked it up from a job and had it at his hobby farm in Lock in South Gippsland. When he passed away it went to my son John's place in Clyde. Then it moved to my place in Rowville and then to its current home in the family's holiday house on Phillip Island in 2014.'

Why Mark's dad Ted chose that locker in particular remains a mystery but I suspect it was the fact it was attached to Kelvin Templeton's locker number 31 that was the attraction – with all due respect to other custodians of each of the three conjoined lockers, Don McKenzie (30), Ross Abbey (30) and the last three before the renovation, Stephen Powell (29), Matthew Robbins (30) and Mark Alvey (31). Templeton's Brownlow Medal and two Coleman's probably clinched the deal.

Mark and his three sons have been Bulldog members for 20 years and have added a fourth generation recently with Mark's grandson. They all have locker visitation rights whenever they're on the Gold Coast.

Barry Ion

40 senior games; guernsey numbers 38 (1961–62) and 21 (1963–65)

By **SCHARLAINE CAIRNS**



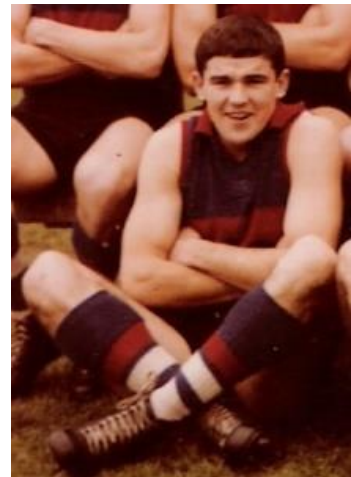
Editor of A History of the Footscray Football Club: Unleashed and The Bulldog Heritage Vol.1 and Vol.2 and long-time Player Sponsor

Barry Ion started working at radio 3KZ as a fifteen-year-old office boy, well before he came to the Footscray Football Club, but had little idea a highly successful career awaited him in radio.

The Ion family had moved from Tasmania to Victoria and Barry spent 20 years growing up in West Footscray. After a time with Footscray Under-16s, he began playing for West Footscray YCW but, knowing that he needed to play against men and prove himself if he was to be a VFL footballer, he began playing for Carlton Rovers in a league in which players were tough and had both life experience and football experience, with about eleven players in the Rovers team being ex-VFL players.

Barry recalls one Carlton Rovers' game in which he was knocked down twice in one melee – but not by opposition players. He was told later that, when he had attempted to get to his feet, his team's protector, a tough up and coming centre half-back who had been told to look after him, had been collecting Barry instead of the opposition as he flailed his arms trying to ward them off.

While he was playing for Carlton Rovers, famed 3KZ presenter Phil Gibbs finally gave Barry the opportunity to join the on-air sports panel. The first interview Barry did was with swimmer John Konrads at his home. Interviewer and interviewee were both just sixteen years old. Barry had nervously prepared and rehearsed his questions.



He and Konrads were listening to the recording after the interview when Don Talbot, Konrads' coach, interrupted telling them to forget what had been recorded and start again, just conversing and seeing where it led them. The resulting recording was a great improvement on the original. Barry learned a lot from this tip which stood him in good stead in the years to come.

While working at 3KZ, Barry interviewed Ted Whitten a couple of times and Ted had suggested he come and train with the Dogs where his brother Graham ('Curly') was playing – which he did. But radio remained his focus and Barry didn't really think far beyond the fact he was training with Footscray.

At the age of eighteen, Barry had started calling games of football on 3KZ. Then 1961 brought with it a huge decision for him. Phil Gibbs had taken ill and, in his absence, Barry was made the chief 3KZ football caller. At the same time, Barry was told he had been selected on Footscray's senior list. A decision between football and radio was required – and the stakes were high. Barry recalls Ted Whitten's response when told of his dilemma: 'You've got a big decision to make, son. The opportunity to play VFL football doesn't last and you have the rest of your life to work in radio.'

So Barry became a Footscray player, playing four senior games in 1961. He started on the bench for his first four games – but he was selected on a half-back flank for his fifth game, the 1961 preliminary final, and his sixth game was the 1961 grand final! Grand final day felt like the

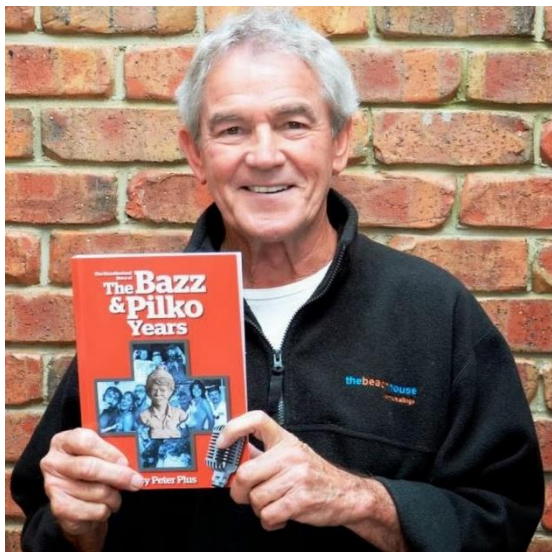
best day of his life, until 5:00pm when the loss to Hawthorn made it feel like the worst day of his life! There were thirteen players in that team whom he had played with in the Footscray Under-16s just a few years before and he believes that, by the grand final, the very young Footscray team just ran out of steam.

Footscray Football Club was pretty broke at the time, according to Barry, and lucrative interstate offers were made to young players who had managed to take the team to the 1961 grand final. As a result, the playing list changed markedly by 1962, when Barry became the player representative. He recalls that the players' trip to Surfers Paradise looked like being cancelled due to financial constraints. As player representative, Barry told the board and administration that it 'wasn't good enough'; the players had managed to take the club to its second VFL grand final the season before and deserved better. The trip did eventually go ahead.

After leaving Footscray, Barry played one season at Yarraville in 1966, finishing third in the VFA's J.J. Liston Trophy, while still working at 3KZ.

In 1967 Barry received offers to play for Claremont in Western Australia, and Woodville and South Adelaide in South Australia. He indicated he would go wherever someone could find him a good job in radio. Woodville managed exactly that and he began working at 5AD in Adelaide. His football career ended at Woodville with the 1968 recurrence of a knee injury he had first suffered in 1963 at Footscray.

Barry's television variety show *Tonight with Barry Lon* went to air on Adelaide's Channel 7 in the early 1970s, but it was in 1976, while still at radio station 5AD, that Barry first met Tony Pilkington and a legendary on-air radio partnership was forged. The two were thrown together on a Good Friday Appeal radiothon and thus began a working relationship that would last 21 years. 'Bazz' and 'Pilko' became household names and their Adelaide breakfast radio program in the late



1970s and early 1980s became the highest rating show in Australia, breaking ratings records.

In 1983, ready for a challenge, the duo moved from top-rating 5AD to 5KA (a station with low ratings at the time). They proved they were up to that challenge. Success followed them.

The lure of greater challenges, this time in Sydney, resulted in them taking their brand of breakfast radio to New South Wales in 1985. The pair stayed on air at 2UW Sydney till 1991, then returned to Adelaide radio and finally pulled the plug in 1996.

Barry admits that building ratings and sponsorship was hard work, both on and off the air. Fêting sponsors and spending long hours establishing and building relationships was a full-time job.

There were many appearances at functions and shopping centres, as well as business lunches at which Barry would ask prospective sponsors whether they listened to the show and then would convince those who didn't to listen for two weeks – after which, if they weren't hooked and prepared to come on-board, well and good. The two attracted many sponsors with this approach – people who became not only sponsors, but also friends and willing targets for many on-air pranks and jibes. 'Bazz' and 'Pilko' had an irreverent attitude that attracted listeners. Ratings increased wherever they went.

'Bazz' had very different interests from 'Pilko', so the pair didn't spend a great deal of time together socially – but that worked well for them and kept things fresh, benefitting them in that 'Pilko' opted to go to movie premiers/opening nights, while 'Bazz' attended functions at pubs and clubs.

Throughout his career Barry also played in a band, writing and recording songs (including parodies – such as ‘Bite Your Bum’, a parody of ‘Shaddap Your Face’; and ‘A Day Trip to Victor [Harbour]’, a parody of ‘A Day Trip to Bangor’; both recorded in the early 1980s).

In 2006, he was a presenter on *Go! Caravan and Camping SA*, on Adelaide television and has also enjoyed many caravanning holidays to Queensland.

In 2013 Barry published *The unauthorised story of the Bazz and Pilko years*, under the pseudonym Peter Plus, a character he had voiced on radio, who was always able to comment on topics that ‘Bazz’ and ‘Pilko’ never could without repercussion. Barry found approaching the book in this way, as another person, was easier than just him writing about himself.

He still presents a sports report every Friday afternoon on ABC 891 in Adelaide.

Barry considers himself fortunate, having worked in fields incorporating his three passions: sport; music; and travel. But even this fortunate life had a downside. At one time he was doing five breakfast radio shows and two night-time television shows a week, and calling football on weekends. Later, with ratings success on breakfast radio, came more commitments. He says that the two things he has always hated are ‘getting up and going to bed’ but what enabled him to survive years of early starts for breakfast radio was sleeping between 4:00pm and 6:00pm each afternoon, getting up and exercising, then involving in normal social activities and getting to bed by midnight. He is a firm believer that: ‘The easy life is not always the best life.’

Admittedly, his daily routine and devoting long hours to work put stress on his marriages. Barry has been married three times, but he does have ‘five beautiful kids’ – two sons and three daughters.

In 2020 ‘Bazz’ and ‘Pilko’ were reunited on 5AA radio to raise money for the Variety children’s charity. Barry has been a member of Variety for close to 20 years, having taken part in their annual ‘Bash’ car rally and offering support whenever possible.

Having left Footscray all those years ago, it amused Barry during the 2016 finals series that he became the ‘go to’ man for sports journalists in South Australia. It would appear past Bulldog players are not easily found in Adelaide, so Barry featured in many media stories leading up to grand final day. Unable to be at the MCG himself, he did enjoy the involvement he felt from that media focus, but he has vowed he will be there in person for the next one!

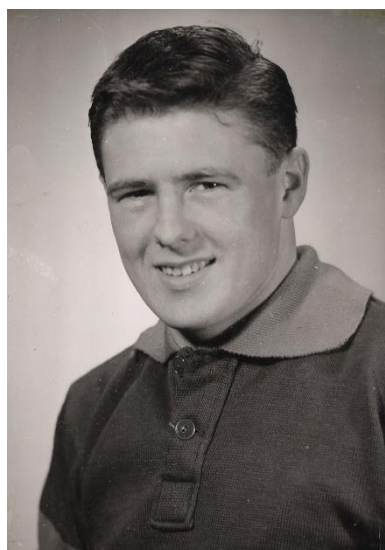
Congratulations

80th Birthday

Keith Beamish

WB #472, 1959–61,

34 games including the 1961 grand final





60th Birthday

Glenn Coleman

WB #808, 1990–93, 69 games

(64 games at Fitzroy; 61 games for the Swans)

60th Birthday

Brian Cordy

WB #708, 1981–88, 124 games

Pictured with sons Ayce (WB #956, 2011–15, 27 games) and Zaine (WB #990, 2015–, 85 games so far, including the 2016 AFL Premiership)



50th Birthday

Michael Johnston

WB #851, 2 games, 1995

(and 8 games for Hawthorn)

50th Birthday

Shannon Corcoron

WB #815, 23 games, 1990–94

(and 5 games for Sydney; 2 games for Brisbane)

Shannon's story appeared in the November 2020 Newsletter. To access it go to:

www.westernbulldogs.com.au/pastplayers



Vale

Ian Foreman (1930–2021)

A tribute by Owen Madigan

It is with great regret that the Western Bulldogs past players acknowledge the passing of Ian Foreman. In 1952, Ian realised his boyhood dream of playing senior football with the Footscray Football Club and most of our members would be aware of Ian's outstanding contribution to our past players' association, commencing in 1975 and ending 43 years later with his retirement in 2017. During that time, Ian held the positions of committee man, vice-president, president and treasurer.



Barry Thornton, Owen Madigan, Ken Duff, Lionel Ryan, Ian Foreman (holding cup), Jack Slattery, Rohan Smith and Ian Bryant

Ian had the gift of leadership on the field (demonstrated by his success in winning the 1956 FDFL/WRFL premiership when captain and coach of the Braybrook Football Club) but also, in

administrative roles off the field, he had the ability to deal with people from all walks of life. He treated everyone with respect and, in return, was liked and well respected by all that knew him.

Fond of a good laugh, Ian would often tell jokes – some good, some not so good – the only problem being that he enjoyed his own jokes so much that he would get halfway through telling one and start to giggle, then break into laughter and have trouble getting to the finish.

One of nature's true gentlemen, Ian was a man people liked the instant they met him. He will be missed by all of us – and the time and effort that he put in to ensuring that our Past Players and Officials Association became stronger and to guarantee its successful future will never be forgotten.

RIP Ian.

LOSTDOGS

We would like to send our newsletter to all Past Players and Officials.

Keeping the database current is an ongoing challenge as people change email addresses. If you know the email and/or mobile of any of the following, please forward them to ross.abbey30@gmail.com.

*Phil Cronan
Ian Williams
Lindsay Sneddon
Dallas Patterson*

*Andrew Wills
Angelo Petraglia
Brennan Stack
David Allday*

*Michael Kelly
Michael Rolfe
Harry Skreja
Colin Shaw*

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Player Welfare

We strongly recommend past players join the AFLPA Alumni. Benefits include:

- up to \$500 refund on excess payments when in hospital if you are in a private health fund
- up to \$8000 refund for extra operation charges should you require surgery on body joints, including damaged teeth.
- an opportunity to seek funds from the Geoff Pryor Fund or an Injury and Hardship fund in the event of suffering financial hardship.

The one-off joining fee is \$50. To join, contact Chris Smith at AFLPA on 0400 019 391 or csmith@aflplayers.com.au.

Tim Harrington (right) (WB #805, 1989–90) is the AFL Players' Association Football Operation Manager and Head of Alumni



Western Bulldogs Community Foundation

Benefits of joining Sons of the West

- Learn about health, with experts covering topics including nutrition, mental health, alcohol, gambling, skin cancer, bowel cancer, and prostate and testicular cancer.
- Get active with a range of exercises to suit everyone's fitness levels.
- Get involved with a community of great people and meet other locals
- Plenty of support along the way.
- More accessible than ever, with options to complete the 2021 program online.
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Memory Lane

Ray Huppatz

WB #631, 66 games, 1974–77

Ray was recruited from Woodville and lives in Adelaide. He also played 19 games for North Melbourne, 1978–80).

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