



WESTERN BULLDOGS PAST PLAYERS

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The Two Dogs Podcast

Episode 11, Kevin Hillier interviews

Lindsay Gilbee and Mark Alvey

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Season 2021 Ticketing

The Past Players have 150 Reserved Seats for each Western Bulldogs' home game at Marvel Stadium. The seats are in front of the Past Players' room (Danvers Room, Level 2, aisles 24–27, entry via Gate 6).

AFL matches in 2021 will be fully ticketed and fully digital. You will no longer be able to scan your physical membership card to gain entry into the stadium.

To obtain a reserve seat follow the process below:

- Prior to **each** home game, email your request to westernbulldogspastplayers@gmail.com
- Include your name, mobile number, email and membership barcode.
- The deadline for the emails is by **5:00pm Tuesday – the week of the game.**
- Tickets will be emailed out by Marvel Stadium via Ticketmaster on the Thursday or Friday, directly to the individual who submitted the ticketing request.
- Tickets can simply be displayed on your smart phone to gain entry into the stadium and Past Players' room.

- You must be a member of the Western Bulldogs and also a member of the Past Players in order to gain game day entry.
- There is **no additional charge** for Past Player Reserved Seating.
- To ensure the safe return of crowds and allow for appropriate social distancing and COVID safe protocols, **all ticketing is handled by Marvel Stadium.**

Please be aware that, with current crowd capacity limits, the club is unable to fulfill any guest pass requests at this point in time.

As these limitations ease, the club hopes to re-open the opportunity for you to purchase guest passes for future home games.

For any membership queries, please email Linda West: linda.west@westernbulldogs.com.au.

Round 2, versus West Coast



Mitch Hannan (pictured on the left with Dale Morris) and Mark Hunter were interviewed by Danny McGinley.

Note:

Special guests will be interviewed 40 minutes before the match starts.



A 'Butcher's Block' was trialled. Phil O'Keeffe and Lynton Fitzpatrick were impressed.



Graeme Cook, Lynne Trainor and Graeme Joslin



Shelley and Ian Morrison, Colin Boyd and Yolande Field

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'.

Terry Wallace

Games 69 (1988–91); guernsey number 16; senior coach 1996–2002

[Hawthorn 174 games (1978-86); Richmond 11 games (1987)]

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.

Few people have had a bigger impact at the Bulldogs than Terry Wallace – first as a player and, more significantly, as a coach – yet, when he parted ways with the club, he was jeered by many and left out in the cold for a decade or more. But ask the man himself and he is quick to say he holds no grudges: ‘The way I look at it, I had fourteen very good years at the Bulldogs – and one very bad week.’

The ‘bad week’ of course refers to the days before the last round of the 2002 season, when Wallace decided his future lay elsewhere and informed the club of his decision – he says, to give them an early start finding a new coach. But, in the emotion of the moment, others didn’t see it that way. The news was soon leaked to the players who voted against Wallace coaching them for the final game of the season, prompting a negative response from supporters as well.

‘I understand where the players were coming from and I had no problems with that . . . my only beef was that the news was leaked out when I was only trying to give the club a bit of a heads-up in finding a new coach,’ Wallace said.

It’s funny how footy mentality works, particularly for coaches. When they are sacked by their clubs, it’s considered

just part of the ruthless business of professional sport but, if a coach dares to leave ahead of the axe, they are somehow viewed as deserters.

But that’s all in the past now. After a frustrating stint as coach of Richmond, and a successful decade in the footy media, Wallace has popped up at the odd Bulldog function over the past few years. ‘It’s been great to catch up with some old faces and, whereas before I was kind of restricted [from attending events] because of my media commitments, I’ve retired from that side of things now,’ he said.

What, no media at all? ‘No, I’ve decided to shut all that down. After forty years of continuous involvement in footy, I’ve reached the end of that journey,’ Wallace replied emphatically.

But, looking back, what a great journey it has been for the man they called ‘Plough’ because of the relentless way the nuggety midfielder played the game. As a teen he tried out, not once but twice, at Fitzroy (he was zoned to them), but he never made it past the first training run, even failing to win a spot on the Under-19 roster. So, instead, he went to local VFA second division club Camberwell where he found himself playing against some ex-VFL greats like Billy Barrot and David Thorpe before catching the eye of Hawthorn scouts.



The rest is history – rich history at that! A couple of years after being considered not good enough for Fitzroy Under-19s ('and they were bottom of the ladder') Wallace was a midfielder in Hawthorn's 1978 Premiership, the first of three premierships in his nine-year career with the Hawks (which also spawned two best and fairest trophies and one All-Australian Guernsey). But his career was cut short at the club, 'Inevitably,' says Wallace, because of his poor relationship with coach Allan Jeans. 'We just didn't see eye-to-eye, on just about anything really, so I knew I had to go, because he was a multi-premiership winning coach – he wasn't going anywhere.'

So, Wallace went to Richmond in 1987 'for not one cent more' than he had been getting at the Hawks, but then he got caught up in more point-scoring with his old club when he was prevented from training with his new club until Round 2. Wallace's appraisal of his year at Richmond is blunt: 'I couldn't train or play practice matches with my new team mates, so I had no sort of match-hard fitness . . . When I finally got onto the field for a match, I did all right; got three Brownlow votes first game back but then came the residual soreness (and persistent back problems) and things went from bad to worse. I was set up to fail – and fail is what I did.'

At the end of 1987, Wallace truly thought his footy career was cooked but then a stroke of good fortune found him in the right place at the right time.

Overlooked by all clubs in the 1988 pre-season, Wallace was invited to take part in the Bicentennial Carnival in Adelaide. 'The idea was that players would play for the side where their careers started, so



Jose Romero, Terry Wallace and Matthew Croft

Jason Dunstall played for Queensland, Rodney Eade played for Tassie and I was invited to play for the VFA in the second division and won the medal for best player,' he said. An invitation to train with the Bulldogs soon followed and, with Steve Wallis and 'Magic' Michael McLean both battling injuries, Wallace was quickly signed up and three days later was heading to VFL Park to play the Sydney Swans in the first round!

'I got my wife to drive me to the ground so I could study the team

photo and work out who was who,' laughed Terry. 'Everything happened so fast.'

'Anyway, we managed to win and I started to think things were going my way and then came Round 2 – and five minutes into the game there was the incident with Rodney Grinter . . .'

Wallace suffered horrific facial injuries as a result of a round arm blow from Grinter, with some medical opinion suggesting that he might miss at least half of the season. But Wallace knew that any such absence from the game would finish his playing career. 'On the Saturday night I had plastic surgery to repair my bottom lip which basically had disintegrated. Then, on the Monday, I had dental surgery to replace my two front teeth and also remove the nerves from all my bottom teeth and, on the Tuesday, I had more surgery to my cheekbones.' Wallace says he is unsure how many stitches his injuries required, although reports at the time claimed it was somewhere between 60 and 80, inside and out. Amazingly, on the Thursday he trained and was selected to play on the Saturday. 'Ironically Grinter missed out because he had suffered an infected hand in the incident,' said Wallace [Note: Grinter was not reported until later and was suspended for six weeks.]

So Wallace lined up against Fitzroy – something that could never happen today – just one week after having his face smashed to a pulp. 'The Lions were coached by Robert Walls back then so I knew he would have told them that anyone who turns up to play is fair game, which I accepted of course . . .'

Not only did he survive (despite a close call with a flying elbow, which may or may not have belonged to Ross Lyon) but Wallace went on to get the three Brownlow votes that day, which must have won the respect of his new team mates. He went on to win back-to-back Charles Sutton medals in his first two

seasons (playing for basic match payments 'plus performance incentives') before a back injury ended his Bulldog career after 69 games.

Circumstances then conspired to give him the chance to coach, and he took the Bulldog reserves to a premiership, before replacing Alan Joyce as senior coach mid-season in 1996.

An innovative coach who wasn't afraid to borrow techniques from other sports, such as basketball and gridiron, Wallace had immediate success, dragging the bottom-dwelling Bullies to third spot on the home-and-away ladder in 1997, second spot in '98, fourth in '99 and seventh in 2000.



But, like his players he was haunted by the Dogs' 1997 preliminary final loss to the Crows, after having lead for almost the entire game. 'We only went goalless in two quarters for the entire year and one of them happened to be the last quarter of the preliminary final when we kicked six points . . . Including one which might have been a goal,' he said ruefully.

Asked to sum up where his football loyalties rest, Wallace was typically honest and revealing, 'I will always treasure the success I had at Hawthorn and will never miss a premiership reunion but I can honestly say that the fourteen years I spent at the Bulldogs were the most enjoyable I had in football,' And I also have the Bulldogs to thank for elongating my career in the game by a couple of decades . . . the extra years of playing, the coaching, the media career, none of that would have been possible if the Bulldogs hadn't given me that chance.'

But actions speak louder than words, and one simple act demonstrates Terry's true feelings about the club he almost took to grand final glory. 'My outdoor area around the barbecue is made of bluestone blocks which I got from Whitten Oval when they removed the old cobblestones near the entrance, so a bit of the old Bulldogs will always be with me,' he said with a laugh.

1994 Reserves Premiership Team

Coached by Terry Wallace



Backs: Trent Churchill, Brad Nicholson, Sedat Sir
Half-backs: Rohan Smith, Andrew Nichol, Anthony Darcy
Centreline: Shannon Corcoran, Simon Atkins (captain), Nigel Kellett
Half-forwards: Scott Allan, Daniel Hargraves, Tyson Lane
Forwards: Luke Beveridge, Danny Del-re, Stephen Macpherson
Followers: Luke Darcy, Brad Johnson, Robbie West
Interchange: Paul Whelan, Zvonimir Suto, Paul Satterley

Matthew Dent

Games 63 (1997–2000); guernsey number 21
[Fitzroy 47 games (1994–96); Hawthorn 8 games (2001)]

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.

Before Matthew Dent arrived at the Whitten Oval in 1997 he'd seen nothing but toil and struggle in his footballing life.

His first three seasons at Sturt in the SANFL (1991–93) produced just five wins from forty-nine appearances and it didn't get any better at Fitzroy where he played in only four wins from forty-seven games (1994–96).

Sadly it was wall-to-wall wooden spoons in the early days for the hard-as-nails defender. 'I think I set a record for losses in my first six seasons,' Dent said from his home in Adelaide. 'I was twenty-four and had won about one game in every ten I'd played. The thing that kept me going was the mateship I had with my team mates and supporters. Every week I was hopeful we could win, but ten minutes into most of them you knew it was going to be a long day.'

The situation at the Lions wasn't helped by the club's clouded future and the revolving door on its coach's office. 'In three years at Fitzroy I had five coaches,' Dent said. 'Robert Shaw was first, then Bernie Quinlan, then Alan McConnell as a caretaker, then Michael Nunan and then Alan again when Michael Nunan quit mid-year.'

When Fitzroy merged with the Brisbane Bears to create the Brisbane Lions, Dent was looking for a new club. But, when the Bulldogs picked him up in the 1996 draft he wasn't all that impressed.

'When I got to the Bulldogs they weren't much better,' Dent said. 'They were second bottom to Fitzroy. The only reason the Dogs won a few games was they played us twice. I had plenty of clubs talking to me and the Bulldogs picked me up.'



But the arrival of Terry Wallace mid-way through the '96 season had sparked new optimism around the club and Dent's fears of another stint of struggle were soon allayed.

'I was a bit down but I had a chat to Terry Wallace and he told me what we were going to do and he had a lot of confidence in us, as did David Smorgon,' Dent said. 'From that moment I was on board and I played my first finals in senior footy for the Bulldogs. We went to back to back preliminary finals in '97 and '98 – losing in 1997 still hits a nerve. It was the worst feeling I've had in football. I felt so bad, it took me months to get over the hurt.'

Dent had to wait almost two decades for the antidote to the pain of '97 but it came at the MCG on 1 October 2016.

'The 2016 grand final was one of the highlights of my footy life,' Dent said. 'It was what the team did for the supporters that day that I will always remember. I sat next to a bloke in his eighties who went to the preliminary final in 1954. He missed the [1954] grand final but had barely missed a game after that, including the 1961 grand final. He couldn't open his eyes in the last quarter. In the end I told him to open his bloody eyes and enjoy it. To be sitting with him was the thing that stays in my mind from the day.'



Matthew Dent and Tony Liberatore

While Dent didn't play in a premiership with the Bulldogs, he finally broke his drought when he moved to Hawthorn in 2001 courtesy of the good word Hawks Ben Dixon and Aaron Lord put in for him. 'I played in my first senior premiership with the Box Hill Hawks,' Dent said. 'I was the grandfather of the team; Sam Mitchell was only eighteen. That was 2001 and Chance Bateman, Mark Williams, Michael Osborne and Robert Campbell all went on to play in senior premierships for Hawthorn. The next year I played in another premiership back at Sturt.'

Now forty-nine, Dent has turned his early battle for

success as a player on its head to become a very successful coach, winning four premierships including two in the last two years.

'My first was in the Amateurs with Edwards Town, then with Happy Valley in the Southern Football League and I've won the last two with Border Downs Tintinara in the Mallee League.'

This year he switched to rival club Lamerloo. After starting his SANFL/AFL career with almost a double hat-trick of wooden spoons, Dent is now on target for a hat-trick of coaching premierships. 'I've told them we're in it to win it,' Dent said, with plenty of confidence.

John Hoiles

117 games; guernseys 39 (1957) and 23 (1958–64)

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

John Hoiles had his fair share of premiership success throughout his football career – but just not at AFL/VFL level with the Dogs at the MCG.

He began playing for Sunbury Football Club while attending Essendon Tech, where he was captain of the school team, and he was selected to play full-back in the 1953 Victorian schoolboys team which was victorious in the interstate carnival in Queensland.

That year the Sunbury selectors had decided to play youth instead of older players – a strategy that worked, with Sunbury winning their first premiership in over thirty years. John was just fourteen and kicked the winning goal in that grand final. His older brother Norman also played in that premiership side.

John played in his second premiership with Sunbury in 1955 before playing three games for Footscray reserves in 1956, on permits from Sunbury without a clearance.

In 1957, Sunbury won their third premiership in five years but, by then, it was without John who had been cleared to become a Footscray player. Richmond and Essendon had both expressed interest in him, but he became a Bulldog, largely because of the ease with which he could travel by train to his work at H.V. McKay/Massey Ferguson in Sunshine where he had been employed as a blacksmith since 1954.



He started as a ruckman at the Dogs but, describing himself as '6 feet 2 inches [188 cm] and wiry', felt it was not his ideal position. He settled into a role in defence, at centre half-back, playing that position in the 1961 grand final when he kept Hawthorn's Garry Young goalless. This was no mean feat considering Young had topped the Hawthorn goal kicking the two previous seasons (1959 and 1960) and the VFL reserves goal kicking for the three years before that (1956–58).

John reflects on the youth of the Footscray 1961 grand final side, who he says 'did all right' but were just 'not good enough on the day'. Finishing fourth to make the final four and qualify for the finals had been hard enough, but working through a tough finals series to the grand final took its toll on the young side even though their energy and momentum had seemed to build the further they went.

Between 1959 and 1964 John played 104 consecutive games, which he partly puts down to good luck but he also says that, back then, 'You would line up with injuries and make it through the best you could.' Admittedly, that gets harder to do with age, but ageing also means a desire to play as many games as possible. No doubt this attitude contributed to him winning the Dogs' most determined player award in 1964, his last year with the club.

John also played in two night premierships under lights at South Melbourne's Lakeside Oval, in 1963 and 1964. He was selected in the back pocket for the defeat of Richmond in 1963 [Footscray 10-9 (69) defeated Richmond 9-9 (63)] and was centre half-back against St Kilda in 1964 [Footscray 11-12 (78) defeated St Kilda 11-7 (73)].

John always enjoyed playing in a key position on the back line because of the play being straight ahead of him when he took a mark.

During the 1964 season, John had been approached to take on coaching roles in the country so, in 1965, he left the Dogs and became captain/coach of the Corowa Spiders in the Ovens and Murray League. He coached Corowa 1965–67 until Fred Swift, who had been Richmond's premiership captain the previous year, was appointed captain/coach in his stead for the 1968 season. John stayed on as a player, filling a protector role, and was the ruck-rover in Swift's 1968 Corowa premiership team (Corowa's first since 1932, but John's career fifth including the night premierships with Footscray and excluding the schoolboys 1953 championship). Ironically, the team Corowa beat in that 1968 grand final was the Wodonga *Bulldogs*.

In 1969, John moved to Leichtville as the playing coach of the Leichtville Maroons – and, sure enough, despite him having to sit out the first game because his clearance from Corowa had not come through, Leichtville won him another flag.

That 1969 Northern District Football League grand final was played on the Cohuna ground which was renowned as the biggest ground in Victoria. Its size had caused trepidation among the Leichtville players who had lost grand finals there before. John piled his team onto a bus days before the grand final and took them to the Cohuna oval, where he asked them, 'What do you see?' When the answer came, 'A footy



ground,' John replied, 'Exactly, that's all it is!' His psychology obviously worked, with Leichtville winning their first flag in thirty years.

John mildly might not acknowledge himself as a tough player, but there can be no doubt of that when he recounts details of a shoulder injury recurring throughout the latter years of his career (when his shoulder would often 'pop out' as a result of him tackling and not letting go) and how he would put his thumb on it, push it back in and keep playing.

In 1974, after injuring his shoulder one last time, John became a selector and runner for the Leichtville team in 1975 and, you guessed it, Leichtville won another premiership!

After football, John worked at the Bendigo ordnance factory for 22 years and now lives in Junortoun, a suburb of

Bendigo.

In recent years, John has enjoyed attending fifty-year reunions for both the Corowa premiership team (in 2018) and his Leichtville premiership team (in 2019, which was also the centenary of the club's formation).

He says that anyone who spells their surname 'Hoiles' the same way his family does, must be a relative and he and his wife Bernadette have extended the family connections with their three sons, three daughters, eighteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Their son John continued the footballing tradition, playing seven games for Geelong (1985–86). John and Bernadette's ten-year-old grandson Eli is also a talented young left-footer (but, 'unfortunately he is a one-eyed Collingwood supporter').

Despite being involved in so many premierships John emphasises that grand finals are hard to win and it is a matter of taking opportunities when they offer themselves. Unfortunately he was in hospital recovering from an operation to give him his second 'new knee' on grand final day 2016, but he watched the game and was pleased for the 2016 Bulldog premiership team that they 'played together as a team' at the right time of the year and 'made the most of the opportunities they were offered'.

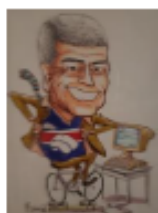
John Hoiles' Premiership Successes

- Sunbury Football Club 1953 (the club's first since 1915)
- Sunbury Football Club 1955
- Footscray Football Club night premiership 1963 (the club's first night premiership win)
- Footscray Football Club night premiership 1964
- Corowa Football Club 1968 (the club's first since 1932)
- Leichtville Football Club 1969 (the club's first since 1939)

Spargo a name for the ages: Rick Spargo

64 games (1966–71); guernsey numbers 36(1966–68) and 7 (1969–71)

By **MICHAEL STEVENS**



After a short stint playing Under-19s and reserves with Footscray in the 1960s, Michael Stevens completed a cadetship at the Footscray Mail before starting a long career in sports journalism, which ended in 2007 after 27 years at the Herald Sun.

The name Spargo is almost synonymous with Footscray/Western Bulldogs, and it is well-known within AFL

circles. When Rick Spargo's great nephew Charlie was added to Melbourne's list in 2017 the Spargos became the first four-generation family in Australia's premier football competition.

Following in the footsteps of his father Bob senior and brother Bob, Rick Spargo had always been destined to play with the Bulldogs, graduating through the fifths, fourths and Under-19s before making his senior debut at almost nineteen years of age in Round 3 of the 1966 season, against Richmond (after kicking 24 goals in his seventeen Reserves games in 1965).

Rick has fond memories of that 1965 season, when he played in the Reserves preliminary final side in front of 90,000 fans, against a Collingwood side featuring Peter McKenna.

He also has a vivid recollection of his debut game against Richmond when team mate Dallas Patterson kicked four goals. Rick was initiated into the big time that day by a vicious kick to his leg (no names, no pack drill).

As a 175 cm and 75 kg rover/half-forward, wearing the number 36 guernsey, Rick played three games in 1966, followed by twelve in 1967 and sixteen in 1968, when he was second rover to George Bisset.

Graduating to the number 7 guernsey in 1969, Rick had his most productive year at the Western Oval, earning seven Brownlow Medal votes to finish equal eleventh alongside Ian Stewart and Wayne Richardson, just twelve votes behind the winner Kevin Murray on nineteen votes.

Rick's 1970 season was marred by another vicious kick, from a St Kilda player who will also remain nameless. 'The bone was through the skin and [team mate] David Thorpe, who was 100 m away, heard the bone break,' he said.



Also hindered by a nagging shoulder injury, Rick admits that was when he lost his zest for football. 'It was bloody hard work with the Dogs during that time,' he said. 'We had a good side on paper, but players like Bernie Quinlan and Gary Dempsey were yet to hit their best.'

After nine games in 1970, Rick played another seven senior games in 1971, but was also captain of the reserves, when a half-time altercation with coach Len McCankie probably spelled the end of his VFL career. 'He said something like I was a "disgrace to the guernsey", so I took my jumper off and went home at half-time,' Rick said, candidly.

One of Rick's team mates in that side was renowned commentator Dennis Cometti, who was playing at full-forward after crossing from West Perth, where Rick's brother Bob coached.

Rick's last VFL game was in Round 20, 1971. He finished at a relatively young age – a week before his twenty-fourth birthday. He did take part in the pre-season for 1972, competing for a spot with Denis Collins, until a dislocated shoulder ended his aspirations of continuing at that level.

Bob Rose was the coach that season and Rick says, when the two meet up on the golfcourse, they often joke about Rose sacking him.

Always noted for his superior pace, Rick followed his father into the professional running ranks, where he won two major gifts, including the Morning Star Gift (which was worth more than the Stawell Gift at the time) and the Lancefield Gift. His father Bob had finished third at Stawell, in 1936 and 1940, and Rick finished fifth in 1974.

Rick also continued to play football at a lower level, having a season at Port Melbourne, where team mates included Bob Skilton and Ron Barassi and the coach was Ian Collins. He also played at Yarraville, with team mates including Graeme Joslin and John Sharp, and he also had a season with San Remo, on the outskirts of

Phillip Island, when that team made the grand final.

Ironically, Rick moved to San Remo twelve years ago to care for his ageing mother.

He has no regrets that his VFL career ended after only sixty-four games spread over six seasons. 'We had the best of times in a way,' he said, 'We didn't have to worry about social media.'

Four generations of Spargo footballers

First generation: Bob Spargo Snr – 65 games, 6 goals for Footscray (1934–41); 2 games, for Melbourne (1942)

Second generation: Bob Spargo Snr's sons

- Bob Spargo Jnr – 80 games, 43 goals for Footscray (1958–63)
- Ricky Spargo – 64 games, 65 goals for Footscray (1966–71)

Third generation: Paul Spargo (son of Bob Spargo Jnr) 81 games, 109 goals for North Melbourne (1985–92); 9 games, 9 goals for Brisbane (1993)

Fourth generation: Charlie Spargo (son of Paul Spargo), Melbourne (2018–present)

2021 Events Calendar



We plan to have pre-game events in Adelaide, Perth and on the Gold Coast. The details will be released when the dates and times of the games are known. A mid-season Melbourne function has not yet been arranged.

Left: Peter Quill receives his Recognition Jumper from Scott West and Gary McGorlick at the Inglewood Hotel, Perth, in April 2018

Friday 16 April	8:15am	AFLCPP Golf Day at Settlers Run Golf Course (Contact Jack Slattery: 0425 746 148)
		Flyer available at www.westernbulldogs.com.au/pastplayers
Weekend of 15 May v Port Adelaide	TBC	Pre-game function in Adelaide
Weekend of 5 June v Fremantle	TBC	Pre-game Function in Perth
Weekend of 26 June v West Coast	TBC	Pre-game Function in Perth
Weekend of 17 July v Gold Coast	TBC	Pre-game Function in Gold Coast
Sunday 7 November	11:00am	AGM at Barkers Café
	12:00noon	End of Year Lunch at Barkers Café
Sunday 14 November	9:30am	AFLCPP Bowls Day at Altona Bowls Club (Contact Len Cumming: 0418 374 079)



John Keast, Wayne Foreman, Barry Round, Geoff Jennings, Paul O'Connor and Laurie Sandilands at the Brisbane lunch, prior to the 2019 match at the Gabba

Get Well Soon



Les Bamblett

WB #751, 37 games, 59 goals (1984–88)
[and Melbourne 11 games, 12 goals (1983)]

Congratulations

60th Birthday

Michael McKenna

WB #685, 80 games, 45 goals (1979–84)
[and Richmond 22 games, 10 goals (1985)]

Michael is a Professorial Research Fellow (Muscle and Exercise Physiology) at the Institute for Health and Sport, Victoria University.



Memorial Service for Alan Clough OAM



A Memorial Service will be held for Alan Clough at 12:00noon on Sunday 18 April at Altona Bowling Club, Civic Parade Altona. Alan passed away on 20 April 2020, at the start of the COVID pandemic. He played 17 games for the Bulldogs (1955–57) and later served on the club's committee.



Alan was made a Western Region Football League Life Member in 1980 and, in 1988, was inducted as a Club Legend of the Seddon Football Club, in recognition of the significant contribution he had made to that club as president, committee member, player and captain/coach. He was inducted into the WRFL Umpires Association Hall of Fame in 2005, was elevated to legend status in 2008 and was honoured with a Medal of the Order of Australia in 2013 for his service to the sports of Australian Rules Football and Lawn Bowls.

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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 address and/or mobile number of any of the following, please forward them to ross.abbey30@gmail.com.

*David Allday
Michael Rolfe
Brennan Stack*

*Michael Kelly
Harry Skreja
Andrew Wills*

*Angelo Petraglia
Lindsay Sneddon*

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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 (WB #805, 1989–90) (pictured with Mitch Hannan at the 2021 Recruits Dinner) is the AFL Players' Association Football Operations 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.
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