

Western Bulldogs Past Players



February 2023 Newsletter



Recruits Dinner Wednesday 8th February 2023



When: Wednesday 8th February

Where: Yarraville Club 135 Stephen St Yarraville

Time: 6pm for 6:30pm start till 9:30pm



MC: Kevin Hillier

Special Guests:

Jedd Busslinger, Charlie Clarke, Harvey Gallagher, Rory Lobb, Liam Jones and Oskar Baker



Cost: \$65 per person – includes two course dinner with drinks at bar prices.

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Season 2023

- **Past Players' Room at Marvel Stadium:** The renovations of the hospitality rooms will not be complete at the start of the season. We are working with the football club to have the use of the Danvers Room on Level 2 as soon as it is available but until then, the Past Players will use the Victory Room on the ground level and 150 reserved seats in front of the room. The Victory Room is the room we used in 2022 and is on the Harbour Esplanade wing. Enter the stadium via gates 8 or 9.



- **Home matches at Marvel:** Kevin Hillier will host the pre-match functions. They will commence 90 minutes before the first bounce and will feature interviews with former players, as well as presentations of Recognition Jumpers. There will also be time to socialise with mates.
- **Plastic WBFC Membership cards** will be reintroduced

2023 Membership subscriptions

- Former Player or Official \$50
- Partner \$50

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Vale Barry Round

By Ross Brundrett

As a footballer, Barry James Round was a unique specimen, a barrel-chested behemoth with the aerobic capacity of a finely tuned athlete.

But that wasn't what set the big man apart. Nor was it the fact that he kept playing footy at an elite level well into his forties, despite his wonky knees and a similarly dodgy dietary regime that would send most AFL nutritionists into a tailspin.

No, what made Roundy, as he was universally known, so special was his infectious personality and likability. He didn't have a bad bone in his body but he did have a smile for everyone he met. And he was genuine. Simply put, he liked people and people liked him, like few others in the history of the game.

In compiling a tribute to one of the Bulldogs' favourite sons, we spoke to some of his teammates who were proud to call the big bloke a mate:



Barry Round Playing Profile:

D.O.B: 26/01/1950

Height: 193cm (6'3)

Weight: 105 kg

Club: Footscray FC 1969-1975, South Melbourne FC 1976-1981, Sydney FC 1982-1985

Games: 328

Goals: 293

Career Highlights: Brownlow Medallist (1981), inaugural Swans captain

PETER WELSH

"There are legends of the game and I've played against a few and played with a few but Roundy was the only one who lived the part day in and day out. He was the ultimate larger-than-life character.

The ruck contingent at Western Oval ... we had Schultzy and Ron Greenwood, then Dempsey came along and there was me and Roundy and then others followed like Laurie Rippon, Les Bartlett and Gary Baker-- there was too many really. I mean, a list manager these days would get the sack for having so many ruckmen.



Barry Round and partner Jenni

It was a bit of a shock though when Billy Goggin let him go and the big bloke took it pretty hard but I remember telling him that it might just be the best thing for him, getting to a club where he could lead from the front, and that proved to be the case

Right from the start Roundy stood out for his aerobic ability, he would just keep pushing himself. It was something he demonstrated throughout his career, his durability and especially his ability to play through injuries. At Williamstown his knees were bone on bone but he was such an inspirational player.

We became pretty good mates... the four of us, Barry and me and our wives, and we would get together every Friday night before a game. I'd bring half a dozen stubbies to share and Barry would bring half a dozen stubbies to share and he'd have a large pizza followed by a small and I would too .. not sure dieticians would give it a tick these days.

I remember he used to quote Neil Young, "better to burn out than it is to rust", and he was consistent to his philosophy to the end.

LAURIE SANDILANDS

"The first thing that hit you was his grin and the sparkle in his eyes, he was such an open character. We were inseparable in those early years. Barry moved his parents down from Warragul into Suffolk Rd, West Footscray, and that's the same street I lived in and our mums would go to church together on Sundays while we knocked over a few beers in the backyard. He always reminded me of the Bazza McKenzie character with his massive shoulders and sense of fun.... He was so easy to like and that never changed throughout his life.

He was a groomsman at my wedding and I think I was best man at his wedding and we ended up living two doors apart at Gladstone Park. He was a carpenter and built his own house but like a true builder he never got around to putting the doors on the kitchen cupboards.

We probably spent too much time togetherthere was one time in my career when I was being reported quite often, including twice in two weeks, and each time he would be waiting outside Harrison House with a couple of bottles of beers, then the following week there was knock on my door and there was Barry with two bottles of beer, saying 'It's Monday night and I didn't know what to else to do'

(Years later, when Barry sold his Gladstone Park house, guess what? It still didn't have doors on the kitchen cupboards)

Later the two old mates both found themselves living on the Gold Coast.

"He became president of the AFL Club up here, " said Laurie, "and the monthly lunches went from 60 people to capacity crowds of 200 and that was mainly down to him."



Barry Round and Ian Rickman

ALAN STONEHAM

"I don't know anyone who has ever met Roundy who didn't like him, to me he was the best bloke I've ever known. I was just a kid when I came to the club but Barry had a way of taking young blokes under his wing and making them feel at home, he just had that presence about him. There was a joyfulness about him, so you always wanted to be in his company, even when he was building his house ... his teammates would be there lending a hand although I was bloody useless with a hammer, he used to say I'd be bending nails quicker than he could buy them. He was best man at my wedding so he had to read out all the so-called telegrams and he would look over to my grandmother and say 'Sorry gran, I can't read that one out', but more often than not he still did. He got so much out of life... even his singing. He had a terrible voice

but he belted out The Gambler whenever he had the chance. I just loved him and I'm heart-broken, but I know he lived his life to the full. He left nothing in the tank."

IAN RICKMAN

"I always tell the story about the first time Barry came to train at Willi and Terry (Wheeler) told me to look after him because we were going on a bit of a long run and by this stage Barry was 36 or 37. Anyway, we started running and we had gone about 200 metres and Barry was already 100 metres ahead of me and I just couldn't keep up, the bloke's endurance running was incredible and he showed it in matches as well, none of his opponents could keep up with him. People always talk about what a ripper bloke he was but as a footballer he was just as brilliant. When he coached he told the other selectors not to vote for him otherwise I'm sure he would have won two or three more best and fairest awards...

And he also had such a high pain threshold, which allowed him to play on when others would have put themselves on the injury list ... I remember one game against Port Melbourne which turned into a bit of bloodbath and the doctor was stitching up blokes left, right and centre." Long after the game, Barry sought out the doctor and asked him if he could have another crack at the cut above his eye. Turns out Baz couldn't shut his eye because the doc had stitched his eyelid to his eyebrow.



Barry Round pictured with his son David and grandson Nate.

I think he loved his time at Williamstown because it had a village atmosphere and that just suited him. Everyone knew him and while some people wouldn't like the attention, he genuinely liked talking to everyone he met. When we heard he was going into palliative care, Spud (Tony) Dullard and I managed to talk to him on the phone, just for 30 seconds because he was really struggling, but he still managed to say 'Chopper' so he knew who was on the line. That was the man he was, he had time for everyone. And if he was your mate, he was your mate for life."

GRAEME COOK

"I don't think he ever changed from that happy-go-lucky bloke who walked into the club in 1969. He was always happy to see you and he mixed in well with everybody, just a really happy soul. As a footballer his greatest attributes were his marking ability and his endurance level, which was very impressive and even though he didn't have much of a leap as a ruckman he read the play very well and I remember he used to palm the ball well to Georgie Bisset.

And, of course, he loved a beer. Most of us who knew him well would be invited to spend a week with him up on the Gold Coast but you'd only do it once because he'd destroy you."

Some Roundy stories

Peter Welsh: "One my wife likes to tell is how we played in a practice match in the LaTrobe Valley not long after Barry got married and after the game he jumped in his car and drove home to his mom's place in West Footscray. She asked him what he was doing there, and he said he had just forgotten that he was married and had moved out."

Laurie Sandilands: "In 1973 we had a pre-season game in Adelaide and I was rooming with Roundy, and for some reason he chose to return one night not via the elevator in the foyer but by climbing up the back of the hotel and jumping through a window while delivering a Tarzan callit scared the beejeezus out of me."

"As for his appetite, you couldn't fill him...after one game we ended up at the Palms Motel restaurant where he ordered not one but two main meals, then later the same night he finished up with nine pieces of KFC at the Williamstown pier."

Ian Rickman: "He had no fear of heights. I learnt this one night on the Gold Coast when we were sharing a room on the 10th floor of a hotel and after getting out of the lift, we realised we didn't have a room key. No worries for Barry. A knock on the door of the adjoining room and Barry convinced the guests to let him use their balcony. From there he just climbed on top of it and swung over to our room's balcony!



Barry pictured with his son David, then 17 who was signed by Footscray.

Graeme Cook: "I would go to Sydney when the Bulldogs played the Swans and usually Roundy would be almost running the show in the clubrooms after the match and invariably, he would burst into song. One time he tried to belt out "Somewhere Over The Rainbow" and he was so bad that Billy Thorpe (who had a hit with the song and was a Swans fan) emerged from the crowd and said 'mate, I'm going to have to join in with that song because you are murdering it'.

2022 End of Year Lunch

The highlight of the End of Year Lunch at Altona Bowls in November was the interaction of former players and officials from six decades.

Individual highlights were:

- Kevin Hillier's interviews of Mike Sheehan and Clay Smith
- Graham Ion being reunited with his 1961 Grand Final jumper (see story below)
- Recognition Jumper presentation to Graeme Cook by Bernie Quinlan and
- Recognition Jumper presentation to Paul Dimattina by Scott West



The Two Dogs Podcast

Episode 22: Kelvin Templeton and Jeff Gieschen

<https://omny.fm/shows/the-two-dogs-podcast/twodogs-ep307>



Website

Our website includes:

- previous editions of the newsletter
- podcasts
- match day information

The address is:

www.westernbulldogs.com.au/pastplayers.



**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.

**Graham Ion Playing Profile:**

D.O.B: 12 October 1940

Height: 178 cm (5'10")

Weight: 76 kg

Club: Footscray FC 1958-1965

Games: 107

Goals: 85

Coaching career: Deniliquin FC (as Captain-Coach, 1966-1967), Turvey Park FC (1969-1972) and Mangoplah Cookardinia FC (1973-1975)

Graham Ion: The Longest Footy Journey

Graham Ion's footy journey took him from the humble gravel footy ground at the Tasmanian mining town of Queenstown to the lush green expanse of the MCG on Grand Final day, but it didn't end there, not by a long shot.

The nimble-footed and spring-heeled Ion, who could play small or tall, moved on ...and on after choosing to end his tenure at the doggies after 108 games and 85 goals.

"I loved the Bulldogs...after moving from Tassie as a youngster we lived in Tucker St, West Footscray and I just worked my way through the junior sides at Footscray, starting with the Footscray sixths as they were called back then.



Graham in the early days of his footy career.

"There were I suppose 12 or 13 of us who all came through about the same time. We used to train at Angliss Reserve and we wore the red, white and blue of course and I must have done alright because I kept moving up until Ted (Whitten) noticed me and I got my chance." Although only 178cm (5ft 10") and a slight 76kg, Graham was more than handy overhead and found himself at centre half forward in the 1961 Grand Final when the Bulldogs were favourites against Hawthorn but were comprehensively outplayed.

"I had a shocker," he confessed. "I used to like to move around and the Hawthorn coach John Kennedy worked me out and had players cutting off my leads and I remember telling Teddy that maybe I could switch with Bob Spargo who was doing a good job on Brendan Edwards and as it turns out, Brendan then went on to be best afield!"

Graham continued at the Dogs until 1965 (captaining the side at 20 once in E.J.'s absence and wearing the big V in a state game), all the time juggling his footy with his job as an electrician.

But then came an offer to go bush. “My best year at the Dogs I earned 196 pounds and the offer to captain coach Deniliquin came with the promise of a job and a house and 1500 pounds. “ So began a football odyssey that saw Graham criss-cross the eastern seaboard of Australia over the following 15 years, playing for a host of country towns including Turvey Park, Wagga Wagga, Marrar, Lismore and the Brisbane suburb of Coorparoo before ending his playing days, at the age of 40, with half season at St Mary’s in Darwin.

“I just loved playing the game,” he said. “Loved everything about it, even the training, loved the way the community got involved in the footy and the mates you would make,” he said. He led teams to premierships and won awards such as the Dyer medal for the best and fairest in the Murray League and played in numerous rep sides for the Murray League, South-West League, Farrer League and Central Riverina League.

“Country footy had such a connection for me,” he said. Along the way, he got married a couple of times and had five children, but sadly leukemia claimed the life of his son Darren at the age of five. He is immensely proud of all his children. “Trevor had a very successful insurance business here in Wagga, Lisa is doing well up in Cairns, Yolande is working in Britain and Siobhan has an executive role in fitness centres down south.”

After footy Graham took up an invitation to work in a pub in South Australia owned by his former Footscray teammate David Darcy and then got into partnership with his brother Barry Ion (also a former Bulldog and for decades a huge radio star in Adelaide) in a pub in Arundel St before starting up his own pub. But the country life called again and he ended up running pubs and restaurants in Wagga and Lismore before returning to his trade as an electrician.



Graham photographed with his jumper from the 1961 grand final

“I finally retired at the age of 81, but my wife Julie is still working so that’s alright,” said Graham who, at the age of 82, made yet another footy trip from his home in Wagga last November to attend the Western Bulldogs past players’ annual meeting and get-together for a special presentation.

There, he was reunited with the no.17 guernsey he wore in Footscray’s 1961 losing grand final, before exchanging it with Hawthorn’s Reg Poole after the match, as was the custom back then. Poole passed away earlier in the year and his daughter, Katie Hudson (a Hawks board member) recovered the jumper and arranged for it to be returned to Ion to which he was very grateful. “Football has been good to me,” he said. “All the mates I’ve made and the places I’ve been. Wouldn’t have changed any of it.”



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. Neil now resides in the Gold Coast, working as a contributor to Code Sports and occasionally commentates on ABC and SEN radio.

Lin Jong: Looking Back with Pride

There are plenty of things Lin Jong could rightly feel proud about after his 10 year, 65 game career at the Bulldogs. His two VFL premierships (2014, 2016), a Norm Goss Medal (2016) and Life Membership at the club are all very worthy achievements. But the thing that gives him the most satisfaction is what it has meant for his parents Vitor and Fay and their sense of belonging in Australia.

“I’m really proud of what my footy experience has done for my parents,” Jong said.

“They came from a migrant background with zero idea of what footy was about. To be able to provide that opportunity where they could attend matches every weekend and have a sense of belonging is something which gives me real satisfaction. I don’t even play there anymore and they’re lifelong Bulldogs fans. They are still members and continue to go along.”

At roughly the same age as Lin was drafted by the Bulldogs, 18, Vitor was fleeing civil war in East Timor. He went to Japan, Macau, Hong Kong and finally Taiwan where he met and married Fay. They moved to Australia in 1985 and had five children-- four daughters and then a son, Lin.

Over recent years Lin has become more aware of just what his parents have been through.

“The older I got the more I appreciate the background my parents have come from,” Jong said.

“It’s hard to explain the difficulties you face as immigrants. It was a challenge for me, but it was



Lin Jong Playing Profile:

D.O.B: 4 June 1993
Height: 188 cm (6'2)
Weight: 89 kg
Club: Western Bulldogs 2013-2021
Games: 65
Goals: 33
Draft: Pick 9 2012 Rookie Draft



Lin photographed with his parents Vitor and Fay in the Etihad change rooms early in his playing career.

much harder for my parents and what they went through, especially for dad. He was fleeing the war in East Timor. Then they had to pick up everything and move to Australia where they didn't know a soul. The older I get the more I realise what the whole concept of that means, it's amazing what they did. For me to be able to play in the AFL from my background is a one in a million shot."

Jong is the sole representative of players in the AFL coming from an East Timorese/Taiwanese background. Adding to those long odds of Lin making it was the fact he'd never played the game until his mid-teens.

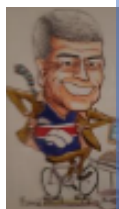
"I didn't start playing footy till I was 15," Jong said. "I just started playing footy with my mates. We'd have a kick at lunch time. I was into basketball and that was number one. I thought I'd give it a go and played a couple of years with the Glen Waverly Rovers. I got an invite to the Oakleigh Chargers pre-season camp. I played one year at the Chargers and so after three years of footy I was on the list at the Bulldogs."

Jong made his debut in round 20, 2012 against Richmond at the MCG and played in the last four games of the season. Two years later he played a pivotal role in Footscray's VFL Premiership. Ayce Cordy played in the ruck alongside Jong and remembered how he turned the Grand Final on its head. "Box Hill were leading us by four goals midway through the third quarter and Jongy said to me just hit it into space and I'll do the rest," Cordy said. "They couldn't get near him for pace, he was explosive. He and Brett Goodes just took over and went straight out the front gate and Liam Jones did the rest up forward."

Goodes won the Norm Goss Medal for best on ground and it could easily have gone to Jong. He would get another shot at it two years later against Casey in circumstances which are now part of Bulldog folklore. Jong's 2016 season looked to be over when he broke his collarbone in the Elimination Final against West Coast in Perth. But he courageously took the field against Casey in the VFL Grand Final at Etihad Stadium 17 days later. In a cunning piece of work by the Bulldogs medical staff Jake Landsberger and Gary Zimmerman the doctors taped his good shoulder to draw attention away from the bad one -- a method used by the late and great Charlie Sutton in his playing career.

"I didn't want to do it initially because I thought they wouldn't come after me," Jong said. He couldn't have been more wrong as Scorpions big man Lynden Dunn targeted Jong before the first bounce. "I thought here we go," Jong said. "It was a great piece of work from Jake and Zimm. It was only a small bit of tape but it was enough to draw the fire. It was a great day."

Jong had way more than his share of injuries throughout his time at the Kennel. His last game was round six, 2021 against GWS in Canberra. He continued to play football for Montmorency this year and will return to his former club Mulgrave in 2023. He is also working as a mental health coach. "Having gone through the life experience I thought I had something to give in that space," Jong said. "It makes you realise how insignificant footy is."



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.

Graeme Joslin Playing Profile:

D.O.B: 30 June 1950
Height: 183 cm (6'0)
Weight: 86 kg
Club: Footscray Football Club (1969-1971)
Games: 24
Goals: -

Graeme Joslin: Sporting Talent to Burn

Graeme Joslin grew up in an era when most kids played football and cricket and if you were any good, like Graeme was, you found a way to juggle them both.

Not having to make a choice between the two probably made life easier, but in Graeme's case, it also probably meant he didn't fulfil his potential in either.

That's not to say it wasn't for want of trying, but sometimes fate conspires against you, like it did when Graeme broke the scaphoid bone in his left wrist in his first game for the Bulldogs as an 18-year-old in 1969.



Gordan Casey, Bailey Williams, Ron McGowan & Graeme Joslin photographed in 2020

That match against Fitzroy at Princes Park, coincidentally, was also Ted Whitten's 300th game, so it was a memorable occasion in more ways than one.

The broken scaphoid bone meant Graeme spent the next 22 weeks with his arm in plaster, but he was still able to train and run messages for reserves coach Len McCankie, for which he was paid \$25 a week. Not bad when the seniors were paid \$35.

Wearing the No. 12 guernsey, Graeme had a standout year the following season on the half-back flank, playing 18 games and three night games, including the night premiership win against Melbourne.

At the same time as his blossoming football career, Graeme was also heavily involved in cricket. He was captain of the Australian under 19 schoolboys team which toured the Caribbean in 1969-70. That team included future Australian Test players Gary Gilmour, Trevor Chappell, Gary Cosier and Ian Davis as well as several other well-credentialled cricketers, so to be appointed captain was no mean feat.

Furthermore, Graeme says, as captain he was treated like royalty, being chauffeured everywhere, and being taken on flights around the islands. "It was a fantastic trip," he recalled.

Back to football, in 1971, Graeme played the opening two games of the season, and then was not seen in the seniors again until rounds 18, 21 and 22. The reasoning is unclear. "I just played

in the reserves," he said. Maybe the fact he didn't do pre-season training because of his cricketing commitments was a factor, who knows.

That was virtually the end of his career at the Bulldogs -- 24 games in three seasons, with his last coming at 21 years and 59 days.

Graeme says the reason for that was because he thought he was going to lose his license for going through a No Turn sign after a game and night out with teammates Stephen Power and Bernie Quinlan.

Then secretary Jack Collins organised a well-credentialed lawyer to represent Graeme in court and no conviction and and/or loss of license eventuated, but Graeme had other things on his mind as well.

He wanted to travel overseas to catch up with girlfriend Sue (whom he subsequently married in 1982 and have been together ever since) and stayed away for 18 months, including three months in Israel where he grew a beard and long hair and worked as a shepherd on a kibbutz.



Peter Welsh, Graeme Joslin, Ian Morrison & Ross Abbey at a Past Players function

On his return, he got a job selling Canon equipment around Victoria, and although sounded out by then coach Bob Rose, never went back to the Bulldogs.

His football career continued at Yarraville for two years (1974-75) and then as coach of Kingsville in the Footscray District League, the club where he played under 16s as a 13-year-old.

Meanwhile, his cricket career continued unabated. After starting with Footscray Seconds in 1966, he played in the Firsts until 1978, and on his return from overseas, before moving to St Kilda where he played seniors from 1978-79 until 1983-84 and then captained the seconds between 1984-85 and 1987-88, and was Chairman of Selectors from 1983-84.

It's fair to say Graeme's cricket prowess is unquestioned because among his credits are Victorian selector for two years (2008-9), life member of Cricket Victoria and selection in the Footscray Cricket Club's Team of the Century.

So does he have any regrets that he didn't get more out of his sporting talents?

"I probably should have got more out of my ability," he reflected. "As a free-flowing opening batsman I treated bowlers with disdain and dismissed the opportunity to move down to No.5 (in the order) when I was at St Kilda.

"It was one of those sliding doors moments, but I wasn't getting any younger."

On the business front, Graeme continued with Canon until 1989 when he formed his own company (Prodata), specialising in business information records management, which he ran for 23 years, and he still works in that industry part-time.

Nowadays, he is heavily involved in the Bulldogs Past Players Association and takes great delight in seeing the progress of his two children (Jack, head of sport at Brighton Grammar) and Tess (flourishing in the fashion industry).

2023 Events Calendar

Wednesday 8th February

6:30pm Recruits Dinner at Yarraville Club

Saturday 15th April

Pre-game Function (v Port Adelaide) in Adelaide TBC

Friday 28th April

AFLCPP Golf Day at Settlers Run (contact Jack Slattery
0425 746 148)

Sunday 12 November

11am AGM

12pm End of Year Lunch

Polo Shirts

Western Bulldogs Polo shirts are available for \$65 (including GST, postage and handling). Shirts for former senior players will include their player number on the shirt at no extra charge Photo: Phil O'Keeffe

To order - send the following information to
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Shirt size - M L XL XXL XXXL



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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.

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Birthday!

Celebrating milestones

Happy
Birthday!

January-February Birthdays

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Birthday!

80th Birthday

Peter Castrikum

D.O.B 19/02/1943

WB #533

6 games in 1965

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70th Birthday



Harry Skreja

D.O.B 13/02/1953

WB #577

18 games in 1969-1971

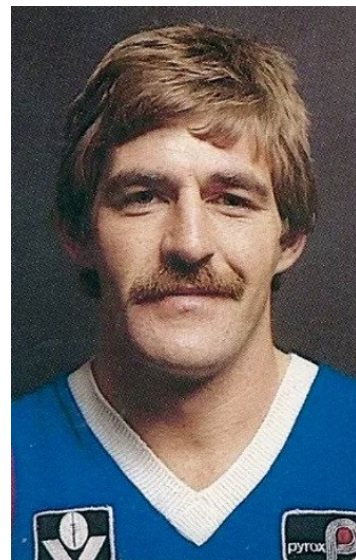
John Reid

D.O.B 25/02/1953

WB #644

78 games in 1975-1981

Also played 3 games with Melbourne
1972-1974 and 10 games with Sydney





Mike Pokrovsky

D.O.B 02/02/1953

WB #589

3 games 1970-1972

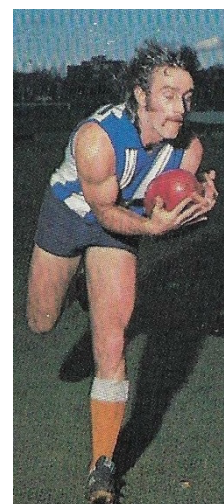
John Moylan

D.O.B 11/01/1953

WB #683

21 games 1979-1980

Also played 30 games with North Melbourne 1974-1978



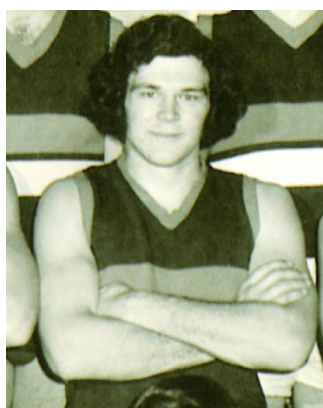
Marty McMillan

D.O.B 17/02/1953

WB #637

7 games 1974-1975

Also played 26 games with Richmond 1972-1974



John Keast

D.O.B 24/02/1953

WB #601

8 games 1971-1973

Ross Abbey

D.O.B 21/01/1953

WB #592

124 games 1971-1981



60th Birthday



Bernard Toohey

D.O.B 18/02/1963

WB #825

40 games 1992-1993

Also played 94 games with Geelong 1981-1985 and 129 games with Sydney 1986-1991

50th Birthday

Shane Ellen

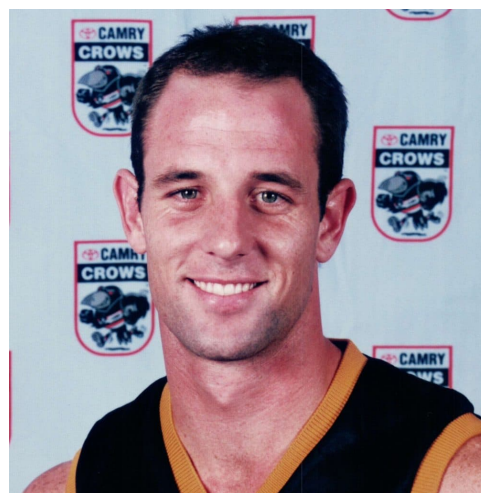
D.O.B 01/01/1973

WB #832

11 games 1993-1995

Also played 54 games with Adelaide 1996-2000

Premiership player 1997, 1998



Kym Koster

D.O.B 01/02/1973

WB #841

38 games 1994-1995

Also played 95 games with Adelaide 1996-2000

Premiership player 1997,1998



Todd Curley

D.O.B 14/01/1973

WB #858

115 games 1996-2001

Also played 3 games with Collingwood in 1994

Matthew Croft

D.O.B 26/02/1973

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186 games 1991-2004





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