



## Annual Lunch is on Sunday 8 November 2026

**Register Your Attendance**

All Past Players and Officials and their partners are invited to attend.

**Venue:** Altona Bowling Club – 113 Civic Pde Altona

**Time:** 12pm for 12.30 to follow the AGM which starts at 11am

**Tickets:** \$65 per person. Includes three course lunch. There is access to a cash bar

**MC:** Kevin Hillier

**Special Guest:** Golfing Legend Craig Parry

**Note:** There will be a Recognition Jumper presentation

### **In this issue:**

Neil Cordy talks to golfing great Craig Parry

Neil also reveals what's next for former Bulldog Anthony Scott

Ross Brundrett catches up with Dan Southern

Michael Stevens chats to Lauren Ahrens and you can also read his interview with Bob Cockerell

AGM President's Report



## Golf legend is a true Bulldog

**By Neil Cordy**

Our annual lunch on November 8, 2026, will have a special guest with Australian golfing legend Craig Parry confirmed to attend.

The winner of 23 Tournaments worldwide including two huge victories on the USPGA tour, Craig 'Paz' Parry is also a rusted-on Bulldogs fan.

Born and bred in Sunshine, Craig grew up playing as a rover for Albion until one high tackle too many forced him to give the game away.

"I used to get tackled around the head every time," Craig said. "I finished up at 13 because my opponents were going after me, I was getting all these free kicks for high tackles. I got sick of that and gave the game away to concentrate in golf and cricket for Sunshine Park." Australia's sporting public would celebrate that decision many times over in the coming decades.

While Craig stopped playing footy, he didn't give the game away. His passion for the game was then focused on the Whitten Oval.

"I used to go to the games at Footscray with my grandma and my auntie," Craig said. "We'd sit up in the stands, and I remember it being freezing cold. My first autograph was the great EJ Whitten; I was only three when I got it."

While golf was quickly becoming Craig's number one sport, his high school years were still immersed in footy.

"I went to Sunshine Tech which was very football oriented," Craig said.

Craig now lives in Sydney and has a very successful course design business but doesn't miss out on the chance to watch the Bulldogs whenever he can.

He recently took his six-year-old grandson Lincoln to the match against the Swans at the SCG. "I love watching the Bulldogs play," Craig said.

"We look at the draw, and the Bulldogs games are a priority. We work out how we can fit things around watching the games.

"I'm one-eyed and I get as emotional and frustrated as the players. I make no apologies for that. As long as we win, that's all that matters."

Craig has three adult children, April, Brendan and Ryan, and three grandchildren, Lincoln, Tyler and Declan.

"All my kids follow the Bulldogs, and so do my grandkids. They had no option," he said.

***Craig Parry is our guest at the Annual Lunch on Sunday 8 November 2026 at the Altona Bowls Club. Tickets are \$65 per person, which includes a three-course lunch:***

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## Anthony Scott

Age: 31

Games: 59 (29 goals)

Years: 2021-25

# New link keeping Anthony on course

**By Neil Cordy**

Following on from the golfing theme, former Bulldog Anthony Scott has teamed up with fellow enthusiasts Bailey Dale and Oskar Baker to create 'Duck Hook Golf'.

It's a YouTube social media-driven enterprise which is capitalising on the resurgent popularity of golf and the huge number of golf lovers among AFL players.

All three are very talented players: Anthony plays off six, Oskar off five and Bailey off three.

The trio recently staged the 'Duck Hook Classic' featuring rival players from other clubs including Melbourne's Max Gawn and Collingwood's Jeremy Howe and Steele Sidebottom.

The Bulldogs' golfing talent doesn't stop with the Duck Hook boys. Ed Richards, Rory Lobb, Matt Kennedy and Laitham Vandermeer are also very skilled with a club in hand.

Former Bulldog Anthony Scott is the driving force behind the project.

"I love golf, YouTube golf and social media so Duck Hook is a natural fit for me," Anthony said.

Golf is often described as sports' most mentally challenging pastime which is something Anthony experienced throughout his football career which he described as a 'whirlwind.'

After being overlooked in the 2013 Draft, he won the Rising Star award in the VAFA playing for Old Trinity. It earned him three years on the VFL list at Richmond without any senior football.

He then returned to the amateurs and played another season at Trinity.

"I'd put a line through my AFL dream at that stage," Anthony said.

"Then at the end of 2018 Jamie Maddocks (Footscray VFL) called, I was working full time at Telstra, in Treasury, going in early to work and then to training and getting home very late."

Anthony won the Best and Fairest at Footscray VFL in 2019 but was again overlooked in that year's draft.

The dark cloud of Covid in 2020 meant that Anthony's AFL dreams were put on hold yet again. They looked to be finally over when Sam Power called to say he wouldn't be drafted. Weeks later, Sam Lloyd's retirement left a spot on the rookie list open. In January, 2021, Anthony finally found himself on an AFL list.

In March he lined up for his debut against Collingwood at the MCG, a 16-point win. "It was all happening so fast I didn't have time to absorb it which helped me just concentrate on playing good footy," Anthony said. "In September I played in the preliminary final against Port Adelaide."

Anthony won best first year player award in 2021 and played 21 games that season. He played 57 senior games in three years and two in his last two before being delisted.

"I viewed my career as a whole," Anthony said. "While it didn't finish like I wanted I look back and think the chance of me playing the games that I did from where I was, was miniscule."

"I'm grateful I was able to do it and I would hate to think of what I would be like if I didn't achieve what I did. I also got to play with some great teammates, and the best player I have ever seen, Marcus Bontempelli."

## Past Players Day #2 (includes 1980s Reunion) held on 12 July 2026



***Above: Terry Wallace, Terry Wheeler and Mick Malthouse were interviewed by Kevin Hillier***



***Left: Lin Jong presented Hayden Crozier with his Recognition Jumper***

***Below: Co-Host Tom Boyd kept the former players who played in the Twenty first century under control. L-R Patrick Veszpremi, Lin Jong, Hayden Crozier, Sam Lloyd, Andrew Hooper, Tom Boyd, Zaine Cordy, Fergus Greene, Will Minson, Matthew Croft & Paul Dooley. Fletcher Roberts also attended.***



# Events calendar



## Club Life Members and Past Players Day

Date: TBA for NOV/DEC  
Venue: Whitten Oval

## 2027

Recruits Dinner Tuesday 23 February  
Time: 6pm  
Venue: Whitten Oval

MAY : Sir Doug Nichols Round  
Venue: Marvel

## MAY/ JUNE

1<sup>st</sup> Past Players incl. 2000s reunion  
Venue: Marvel

## JUNE/JULY

2nd Past Players incl. 1970s reunion  
Venue: Marvel

## OCT 2027

AFLW Past Players Day  
Venue: Whitten Oval

## SUNDAY NOV 14

Annual lunch starts at 12 noon  
Venue: Altona Bowls Club

## NOV/DEC

Club Life Members and Past Players  
Day  
Venue: Whitten Oval

## 2028

Recruits Dinner  
Venue: Whitten Oval  
Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
Time: 6 pm

## May/JUNE

1<sup>st</sup> Past Players incl. 1990s reunion  
Venue: Marvel

## JULY/AUG

2nd Past Players incl. 2010s reunion  
Venue: Marvel

## OCT

AFLW Past Players Day incl. 10-year  
reunion  
Venue: Marvel

## NOV 2028

Annual Lunch Date: 19  
November  
Venue: Whitten Oval

## NOV/DEC

Club Life Members & Past  
Players Day

# AGM: President's Report

## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 8 November at 11am at Altona Bowls Club before the End of Year Lunch. The lunch starts at 12 noon.

If you wish to be nominated for the committee, please download the nomination form [here](#) and email it to Owen Madigan at [belplas1@bigpond.com](mailto:belplas1@bigpond.com)

If you can't make the meeting but wish to vote, please download the proxy form [here](#)

Contact Owen Madigan 0408 105151 if you have any questions regarding the meeting.

## President's Report 2026

Over the last 12 months we have held the following functions:

- End of Year Lunch in November 2025
- Recruits Dinner in February
- Past Players Day #1 R10 May 24 v Melbourne
- Past Players Day #2 R18 July 12 v West Coast
- Home game pre-match functions at Marvel
- Pre-match functions in Brisbane, Adelaide, Gold Coast and Perth

Again, the highlight for us has been the number of past players and officials who have attended the functions. **Thank you for your support.**

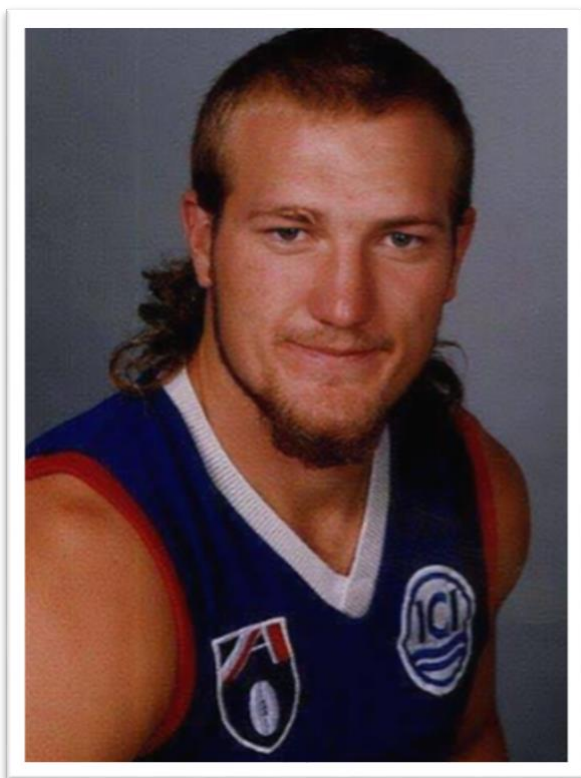
Thank you also to:

- **Kevin Hillier** who hosted the main events and pre-match functions at Marvel
- **Tom Boyd** who co-hosted the Recruits Dinner and both the Past Player Days
- Newsletter contributors: **Ross Brundrett, Neil Cordy, Michael Stevens, Scharlaine Cairns, Jamie Sanderson** and editor **Alexandra Brundrett**
- Western Bulldogs staff members **Kon Karavias, Rhys Contessa** and **Courtney Russell**

It has been a privilege to continue to strengthen the Western Bulldogs Past Players.

### **Ross Abbey**

President on behalf of the Committee: **Phil O'Keeffe, Owen Madigan, Andrew Howlett, Les Bartlett, Adam Contessa, Brian Cordy, Len Cumming, Gary McGorlick** and **Michael McKenna**



### **Dan Southern**

Age: 51

103 games (28 goals)

Years: 1994-2000

## **Dan's still the man**

**By Ross Brundrett**

In 1994 Daniel Southern burst onto the AFL scene like few other teenagers.

Despite being undersized for a key defensive role at just 188cm (6ft 2"), he played all 24 games for the Bulldogs (including two finals) in his debut year and polled an impressive 12 Brownlow votes.

"I polled more Brownlow votes in my first year than Nick Daicos, and they reckon he had the best debut year of all time," he says with a smile. (For the record, Nick polled 11 votes in 2022). Dan quickly added: "Hey, I'm no Nick Daicos but I did have a pretty good year."

With his lion-hearted efforts on the field coupled with his umm, distinctive haircut, he quickly became a cult figure at Whitten Oval.

"Yeah, I had the rat tail and the mullet there for a while and I came from a working-class background and the supporters connected with me, (saw me) as just a battler that tried my best," Dan said.

So much so that a few years later when he was painted as the bad boy in a fiery clash against the West Coast, it was the Doggie fans who rallied behind their man.

"I ended up copping a \$10,000 fine for an incident and the supporters did a tin rattle and ended up paying the fine for me," he said.

Fearless at the footy and gifted with natural ability, his future seemed assured.

"I thought I'd be playing for the Bulldogs into my 30s," Dan said.

But then fate intervened. For Dan there was to be no cabinet full of trophies, instead his most pointed reminder of his footy career is a humble glass jar, full of fragmented pieces of bone, the unwanted shrapnel from a wonky left knee.

From the age of 15 when he was part of the West Coast Eagles juniors' program, that ever-troublesome knee would be prodded and poked by all sorts of specialists, and with each operation there would be more bone chips tossed into the jar.

“It started out as a lateral meniscus, which should have been a pretty simple procedure, and afterwards I went to Ireland with the Australian junior team but needed another operation on my return which discovered a “foreign body” in the knee which, basically just destroyed my cartilages... so that meant I had a bone on bone degenerative condition from the age of 15,” Dan said.

With each passing season the condition worsened, to the point where he was getting painkillers pre-game, at halftime and, toward the end, at three quarter time as well.

“I couldn’t train during the week, and I would get about 200mls of fluid drained off it on a Monday or Tuesday,” Dan said.

Things came to a head in 2000 after he had played the first eight games of the season mostly at the brand new Docklands stadium, “which was like playing on concrete back then ... you’d have a fall and you’d chip a bit off and you’d be trying to prepare for games with bits of bone floating around your knee getting caught”.

Yet despite the constant pain, Dan still thought he could endure.

“I thought I’d still make it to at least 30 but it just became too much, and I sort of fell off the cliff quick.

“I went in for more surgery but on the morning before the op I woke up with a big infection, so I was put on a drip, (then) had the surgery, tried the rehab but came to the realisation that it was just not working.

“So, one day I just went to the club and let them know that was it.”

At the age of 25, when most footballers are looking forward to their best years.

For Dan though, his best year would remain his first year. “Oh yeah ’94 was my best year by far,” he said.

Life after footy began with a dabble in footy media, doing radio commentary with Tim Lane on ABC and appearing on Rex Hunt’s footy panel on Channel 7.

But he now admits that he struggled to find his place in those post footy years which also saw him work as a zookeeper at Melbourne Zoo.

“The, after four years (post football) I sort of shot through, left Australia, ran away I suppose,” he said.

“I went across to the Middle East and lived in Egypt for 10 years, eventually finding work as a tour leader, running trips from Cairo to Istanbul for a Melbourne based travel company.

“I ended up working in operations there, so I was sort of a ground manager from Morocco right through to Iran... never a dull moment... mind-blowing.”

He married Reham, an Egyptian, and the couple had their first child, Zakaria, there before turmoil in the region convinced them to move back home where Dan found a new vocation working with indigenous youth in central Australia with the Clontarf Foundation for almost 10 years.

“It was an amazing experience, working in places like Tennant Creek and Alice Springs... I loved it, learnt so much and the young boys were just sensational,” he said.

Dan now works for the AFL Players Association, based in Perth, supporting members in a variety of ways.



“I understand the challenges they face, especially forging a new career outside of footy and we get some great results ... but there are always going to be a few that struggle,” he said. For him family comes first. “I’ve travelled to about 60 odd countries, so I’ve been blessed and for me the greatest gift has been showing my kids (a second son Zaidan arrived 10 years ago) the world,” Dan said.

“We took the boys to India, and we went to Europe and back to Egypt and then this year we went on safari in South Africa... so that’s three trips in 18 months.” As for the future, well, footy might yet play a big part of Dan’s life. Both his boys, he said, have shown a liking for the game.

At 15, Dan says his eldest son Zack has some natural abilities while younger son Zaidan is more of a battler, but with an enormous thirst for the contest ... “he’d lay 40 tackles a game and gets a chocolate every week from the coach for his endeavours,” Dan said.

“So yeah, I’d be proud of them, you know, if one of my boys lined up for the Bulldogs one day.” And wouldn’t it be nice to see another rat tail at the club.



## Lauren's footy journey from pupil to teacher

### **Lauren Ahrens**

Age: 35

47 games with Gold Coast (1 goal)

Years with Western

Bulldogs: 2020-

Games: 21

### **By Michael Stevens**

Lauren Ahrens had a torrid initiation into women's football after growing up on the Gold Coast and playing only touch football as a junior.

That was with the St Kilda Sharks when she started in the ruck and broke her ribs in her first game, causing her to miss most of the season.

"I had never played football in my life and after that first game I vowed I would never play in the ruck again," she laughed.

Now a teacher at the Maribyrnong Sports Academy (MSA), Lauren is an established player in the Footscray defence, playing all 12 games last year for a total of 66 since switching to the AFLW code.

After completing year 12 at Palm Beach Currumbin High on the Gold Coast, Lauren says she travelled a lot before coming to Melbourne 10 years ago to continue her university studies, completing a Bachelor of Health Sciences degree and a master's in teaching.

It was when having a kick-to-kick with boyfriend David that she decided to try out with St Kilda. "He said to me, 'you could have a go at this, you kick all right'.

"As I said before, that first game was a disaster, but we played division 2 finals and after I figured out the game a little bit, I decided to try out for some VFLW clubs and Melbourne Uni took me on.

"I had an okay year although I was pretty raw and played all the games -- in every position other than the ruck.

"That's when Melbourne Uni and North Melbourne aligned and North Melbourne introduced their AFLW team, but North Melbourne weren't interested. They said I should go to St Kilda or Richmond.

"I went to St Kilda and did a pre-season with them and was very fortunate to get picked up as a priority signing by the Gold Coast Suns in 2019 after playing in a pre-season match against the national talent league."

Lauren says she still wanted to play in the VFL women's comp, so had a season with Essendon before moving back to the Gold Coast, where her parents Glenn and Tracey still live.

In five seasons with Gold Coast, playing as a key defender, Lauren made the All Australian squad in 2021 when she also was club champion.

"Winning individual awards is great, but it was a hard year to digest because we didn't have great team success, finishing with the wooden spoon," she said.

Moving back to Melbourne offered Lauren the chance to play football in a recognised football state and was something she said she was really interested in, while the opportunity was available.

The Bulldogs are building positively, according to Lauren. "We just missed out on finals last year," she said. "And since I've arrived, we've done better each and are aiming for finals this year."

As one of the older players in the team at 34, Lauren says there a couple of other girls in their 30s and there is a lot of young talent coming through.

"My knowledge of the game has improved, and also my skills, being so raw coming in," she said. "The ability to win one-on-one have really developed over the time."

Lauren says she has also learned to manage her football and teaching time because early in her career she had a few injuries because she was trying to do too much.

At the magnificent MSA complex, which has coaches for 15 sports and receives significant government support, Lauren teaches physical education and health and food technology as well as being an athlete wellbeing co-ordinator.

"I coach football, but with my athlete wellbeing role I work with all the students in years nine and 10, however I have been fortunate to work with students who are rock climbers, students who are tennis players, taekwondo, everything really, all incredible athletes in themselves," she said.

Lauren says she knows her football career is getting to the pointy end, but plans to continue playing as long as she is still enjoying it.

While coaching might be a chance in the future, Lauren says her passion is for the "wellbeing space" and developing well-rounded athletes.

And she says she really enjoys watching the Bulldogs men's team play and getting to know the players and staff. "It's hard not to be a Bulldogs fan," she said.

## Top cop's footy career cut short by crook shoulder



*Bob Cockerell (left) receiving his recognition jumper from good mate and former Bulldog Don Brown.*

### **Bob Cockerell**

Age: 74

Games: 21 (11 goals)

Years: 1971-72

### **By Michael Stevens**

Bob Cockerell played 21 games for the Bulldogs in 1971-72, including 18 of a possible 22 in his second season.

But the rover's career was cut short in sensational circumstances because of an innocuous training mishap during the 1973 pre-season.

"During the pre-season we would always go to David Thorpe's gym in Sunshine to do weights twice a week," Bob explained.

"Then training was at Skinner Reserve. I went for the ball with Steve Power and thought I fell over and hit the ground, but I couldn't move because of a dislocated shoulder.

"Ben Bradley (head trainer) came out and they carted me off, but I couldn't get my (right) arm down and so they took me to hospital in an ambulance.

"An x-ray showed that I had a tumour in my shoulder which had stopped the bone growing.

"Luckily the tumour was benign, but they had to take bone from my hip and from the bone bank to create a new shoulder for me, and I missed the entire season."

Bob said even today he cannot raise his right arm as high as his left, and that predicament came to the fore during pre-season in 1974 when coach Bob Rose asked him to bowl in a friendly cricket game between teammates.

"I couldn't turn the ball over, and then once the season started, I realised I'd had enough because I didn't think I could combine both my football career and my job as a policeman," Bob said.

The clash between football and work was an issue for Bob from the first game he played (against Essendon in round 19, 1971) when he was named on the bench.

"I was a constable stationed at Footscray and worked night shift," he said. "On the Saturday, I finished at 7am and got to bed at eight, so I slept for two hours before going to the ground.

"I came on in the last quarter and went straight on the ball because George Bisset was being rested, and I think I had seven possessions and kicked a point - and we won by a point."

His family lived in Albert Street, Footscray, but he said he barracked for Essendon as a junior because a friend next door always wore an Essendon jumper.

After starting with Yarraville Young Christian Workers (YCW) Under 15s, he graduated to the under 17s and then progressed through the Footscray fourths, Under 19s and then the Reserves.

But Bob was probably always destined to play for the Bulldogs because his great, great uncle was Joe Marmo, a member of the club's Hall of Fame, whose 12 seasons at the club included three premierships (1899, 1900 and 1908) and a reputation as one of the greatest half-backs of his time.

Incidentally, Bob's brother Neil and cousin John Potter also both played with the Bulldogs' reserves.

After the shoulder mishap, Bob was offered \$2000 to sign with Oakleigh plus a match fee of \$85 a game, an offer too good to refuse considering he was paid \$35 a game at Footscray.

But the Bulldogs demanded a \$2000 transfer fee, which Oakleigh wouldn't pay and so he ended up at Tatura for two seasons as assistant coach.

After a preliminary final loss to Kyabram, he joined former teammate Don Brown at Seddon, forging a close friendship that continues to this day.

However, as his career with the police force surged, Bob realised playing football wasn't fun anymore.

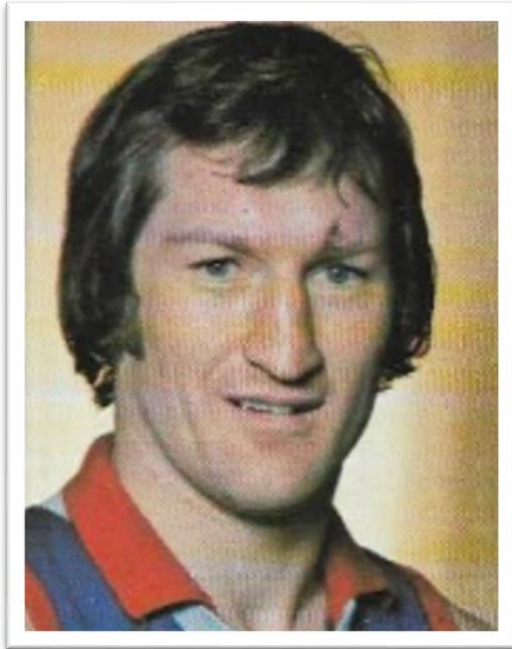
He made sergeant by the age of 30, senior sergeant at 33, inspector at 37 and chief inspector at 40 and as a member of the major fraud squad received two Chief Commissioner's Awards for excellence for his role in confiscating 79lb of illegal heroin and thwarting a \$109 million bank fraud.

After 30 years in the police force, Bob joined Ernst and Young for another 25 years, investigating major companies throughout the world, including New Guinea, Brazil, Cyprus, London, the Middle East, Hong Kong and Asia.

Nowadays at 74, he lives on a 10-acre property between Daylesford and Castlemaine and still works one or two days a week as he is recognised an expert in detecting deception by analysis of words (something I can vouch for as he put me under the microscope at the end of our interview).

# AFL Players Medical Support

The lasting bruises: How the AFLPA is providing support beyond the game



## Stephen 'Snapper' Power

**Games:** 177. A gritty defender and wingman, he had the ability to play undersized and was the only Bulldogs player to feature in at least one senior game of football in every season of the 1970s.

Every AFL player understands the commitment and bravery that is required to compete on the field, and for many, the physical toll of the game is extremely demanding. For past players, the biggest obstacle often comes post career with the persistent pain of an injury sustained at the highest level impeding their life.

However, are enough former players aware of the medical and personal assistance the AFL Players Association provides?

Tim Harrington played 46 games across three clubs in his AFL career and now stands tall as the 'Head of Alumni' for the AFL players association (AFLPA).

Harrington takes care of over 5000 past players both male and female who have played at least one senior game of AFL footy. He also works closely with current players on the assistance that can be provided for those who exit the game.

The current AFL players fund the assistance for the past players, and the latest deal in the CBA has seen major improvements in resources that former footballers can access.

"We provide health screening days, which includes blood test and skin testing which has proven to be beneficial, we fund for joint surgeries, dental damage, hospital admissions and surgery avoidant treatments," Harrington said.

The lack of awareness surrounding what the AFLPA provide is something that lingers at the front of mind for Harrington and his team, and with constant contact to clubs and past player groups, the association is doing everything in its power to ensure everyone is protected.

"Awareness is one of the biggest issues, people change emails, phone numbers, addresses, we try spread the word wide and far by communicating with our past players associations, through membership groups and clubs to try keep our databases up to date," he said.

"There are still a lot of players who don't know what we offer and what they are eligible for."

Former Footscray backman Stephen Power, knows just how important these services are in managing issues post career. "Snapper" played 177 games for Footscray, putting his body on the line for almost a decade. A gritty defender and wingman, he had the ability to play undersized and was the only Bulldogs player to feature in at least one senior game of football in every season of the 1970s.

For Power however, years of tough footy, and the unforgiving surface at the Western Oval may have been the catalyst to years of pain, and although he refuses to blame those struggles on footy, there's no doubt a 177-game career left a few battle scars.

Power was left in agony over a three-to-four-year period before he sought assistance for his troublesome knees. Long days at work left many physical limitations in his life, until one day the penny dropped.

"I couldn't walk, I couldn't stand, which is when I knew I needed to do something about it," Power said.

His initial search for help left him staring down the barrel of significant costs for his two knee operations. Power thought he had few options until a casual chat with mates made him aware of the services that Harrington at the AFLPA provide, and from there, a simple phone call changed the trajectory of his pain.

"A mate of mine said did you know Tim Harrington is helping out the past players at the AFL," he said.

"I got an assessment, and I met the criteria [For assistance]."

Power was able to have funding provided for his two knee operations and despite complications post-surgery on both knees, he expressed his gratitude for the service and says his life has changed dramatically.

"I could finally walk again," he said.

Harrington says that past players are generally relying on their club doctors post career, however as time goes on, regular contact often becomes lost and players are often left searching for an answer, Harrington urges these individuals to get in touch with the AFLPA.

"Players don't have that regular contact anymore, and if they are looking for contact [For doctors or assistance], we can actually assist in that way," Harrington said.

"We aren't difficult to find; it's just making sure people are aware of what's available to them."

The AFLPA has expanded its support to include assistance to those who find difficulties in moving away from the game, and with abrupt exits occurring yearly in the AFL system, the association are providing more proactive services.

"We have been able to go from reactive services to proactive services. Now we lean into things such as educational training grants to retrain [players] or get them more expertise in particular areas to earn money outside of football once you finish your career, there's funding available," he said.

Harrington's biggest focus is ensuring that more past players are becoming aware of the services they can gain access to before years of pain or hardship build up.

"We can be found through the ['AFLPA' website](#), through your own club network and even ringing or emailing us direct."

The assistance that is provided now ranges from medical to transitioning from the game, and for players like Stephen Power, being able to use such resources came at a crucial time and the hope that more players reach out will ensure an improved quality of life for these athletes once they have finished their careers.

**Whatever your inquiry is, and you meet the criteria as a past player, the AFL Players Association is here to support you and your future in whatever way is required.**

(A big thank you to John Harms and Ross Abbey for making this piece a reality, as well as a warm thank you to Stephen Power and Tim Harrington for their patience in the interview process.)

# Upcoming Birthdays

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| <p>90<sup>th</sup> Birthday<br/> <b>Frank Johnson</b><br/> D.O.B: 1/11/1936<br/> Years at Bulldogs: 1964<br/> Games played: 6<br/> Jumper number: 11<br/> Debut number: 517</p>      | <p>90<sup>th</sup> Birthday<br/> <b>Ron Henriksen</b><br/> D.O.B: 20/09/1936<br/> Years at Bulldogs: 1956-58<br/> Games played: 19<br/> Jumper number: 14<br/> Debut number: 431</p>   | <p>90<sup>th</sup> Birthday<br/> <b>Lyle Anderson</b><br/> D.O.B: 1/11/1936<br/> Years at Bulldogs: 1957-59<br/> Games played: 24<br/> Jumper number: 41<br/> Debut number: 443</p>   |
| <p>70<sup>th</sup> Birthday<br/> <b>Terry Wight</b><br/> D.O.B: 11/11/1956<br/> Years at Bulldogs: 1981<br/> Games played: 3<br/> Jumper number: 24<br/> Debut number: 707</p>       | <p>70<sup>th</sup> Birthday<br/> <b>Brian O'Keefe</b><br/> D.O.B: 10/12/1956<br/> Years at Bulldogs: 1980<br/> Games played: 3<br/> Jumper number: 36<br/> Debut number: 703</p>       | <p>70<sup>th</sup> Birthday<br/> <b>Kevin Salt</b><br/> D.O.B: 11/11/1956<br/> Years at Bulldogs: 1981<br/> Games played: 13<br/> Jumper number: 52<br/> Debut number: 713</p>        |
| <p>60<sup>th</sup> Birthday<br/> <b>Phillip O'Keeffe</b><br/> D.O.B: 17/12/1966<br/> Years at Bulldogs: 1989<br/> Games played: 9<br/> Jumper number: 31<br/> Debut number: 802</p>  | <p>60<sup>th</sup> Birthday<br/> <b>Greg Eppelstun</b><br/> D.O.B: 16/11/1936<br/> Years at Bulldogs: 1986-92<br/> Games played: 102<br/> Jumper number: 12<br/> Debut number: 770</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>50<sup>th</sup> Birthday<br/> <b>Aaron James</b><br/> D.O.B: 31/10/1976<br/> Years at Bulldogs: 2002<br/> Games played: 1<br/> Jumper number: 26<br/> Debut number: 895</p>       | <p>50<sup>th</sup> Birthday<br/> <b>Scott Taylor</b><br/> D.O.B: 22/10/1976<br/> Years at Bulldogs: 1996<br/> Games played: 1<br/> Jumper number: 33<br/> Debut number: 859</p>        | <p>50<sup>th</sup> Birthday<br/> <b>Nathan Saunders</b><br/> D.O.B: 22/07/1976<br/> Years at Bulldogs: 2002<br/> Games played: 10<br/> Jumper number: 12<br/> Debut number: 897</p>   |
| <p>50<sup>th</sup> Birthday<br/> <b>Tyson Lane</b><br/> D.O.B: 25/08/1976<br/> Years at Bulldogs: 1995-98<br/> Games played: 19<br/> Jumper number: 27<br/> Debut number: 848</p>    | <p>50<sup>th</sup> Birthday<br/> <b>Stephen Powell</b><br/> D.O.B: 07/09/1976<br/> Years at Bulldogs: 1997-99<br/> Games played: 30<br/> Jumper number: 29<br/> Debut number: 870</p>  | <p>50<sup>th</sup> Birthday<br/> <b>Trent Bartlett</b><br/> D.O.B: 26/11/1976<br/> Years at Bulldogs: 2000-02<br/> Games played: 42<br/> Jumper number: 18<br/> Debut number: 881</p> |
| <p>50<sup>th</sup> Birthday<br/> <b>Adam Contessa</b><br/> D.O.B: 29/12/1976<br/> Years at Bulldogs: 1997-01<br/> Games played: 45<br/> Jumper number: 19<br/> Debut number: 871</p> | <p>50<sup>th</sup> Birthday<br/> <b>Brad Johnson</b><br/> D.O.B: 18/07/1976<br/> Years at Bulldogs: 1994-10<br/> Games played: 364<br/> Jumper number: 6<br/> Debut number: 846</p>    |                                                                                                                                                                                       |



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