



Extracts from **NEWSLETTER APRIL 2021**

DRC GOLF DAY 2021



By David Collins

The DRC Golf Day was held at Sandhurst Golf Club on Wednesday 3rd February, and was again, an outstanding success. The weather was perfect for golf and 21 teams participated. A big thank you to all who participated and to all who assisted to make this such a great event. Special thanks to Event Convenor Kevin Dale who once again did a superb job in bringing everything together.



Our Major Sponsor, Sovereign Financial Services were represented by Leigh Marriott, Chris Dimattina, Terry Kermond and Andrew Lawler.

New EFC Football Manager Josh Mahoney made an impressive debut as a member of prominent EFC Corporate Supporter Tim Donohue's event winning team along with James Esslemont and David Condon.

Second place this year was taken by another prominent EFC Corporate supporter Lyle Meaney's team which included Lyle, James Fletcher, Damien Kerr and 400 game EFC legend Dustin Fletcher.

Best individual score was James Esslemont on 50 points. Jake Stringer finished second on 48 points with Dustin Fletcher and Lyle Meaney sharing 3rd place on 47 points.

EFC were represented by a team of current day players comprising Jake Stringer, Devon Smith, Darcy Parish and Jayden Laverde. EFC were also represented by a team including Xavier Campbell and Nick Ryan.



Darcy Parish, Devon Smith, Jayden Laverde & Jake Stringer



Gavin Wanganeen came from SA to play.

Following completion of play, Kevin Dale hosted a lunch which included insightful interviews of both Xavier Campbell and Josh Mahoney.



Josh Mahoney being interviewed by Kevin Dale at the luncheon following the game

The raffle and auction were again very successful and special thanks goes to the EFC, Iain Findlay, Joel Reynolds, the Essendonians, and Howard Staehr for their donations of prizes.

As all monies generated from the golf day, amounting to around \$10,000, are directed to the EFC Past Players Foundation Trust, which is used to assist past players suffering financial hardship following their playing days, we are greatly appreciative of all of those participating and all sponsors for their contributions.

Our sponsors, namely PMD (WP Exhibition St P/L), Essendon BMW, NEC, Little Real Estate, Mos Kassaby, Infrabuild, Drummond Golf and Fujitsu are very much appreciated by our Association as, without their help, this event would not be practical, so thank you for your continued support.

CONGRATULATIONS



Mike Walsh was granted an OAM in the Australia Day awards for 58 years service as a scorer for the Essendon Cricket Club, which is a great honour and well deserved.

Mike also spent many years as a statistician for the EFC and has been a long standing member of our Association. Well done Mike.

VALE A GREAT ESSENDON PLAYER



Ian "Bluey" Shelton passed away on the 17th March following a long illness battle.

A large crowd of some 500 people attended a Memorial Service, following a private funeral on the morning of Friday 26th March, at the Avenel football ground. Some great stories were told by two of the speakers, former players Ken Fraser and Paul Doran, which greatly entertained all attending the service. The service was a great tribute to a special person who everyone loved.

Bluey played between 1959 and 1966, playing 91 games wearing the great jumper number 10, playing in the 1962 and 1965 Premiership teams.

Bluey was Vice-Captain in 1965 and represented Victoria twice in 1962. He was inducted into the EFC HOF as a Member in 2019 also being a Life Member of the club.

Bluey was a very strong and courageous Centre Half Back and certainly put the opposition under a lot of pressure whilst looking after his own teammates.

It was indicative of his great camaraderie with his teammates and anyone else that he met, that he was visited by many of these friends during the last few weeks of his life and the club recognised his great support for the club by wearing a black arm-band at the first home game against Hawthorn.



Bluey with Paul Doran, Mark Harvey and Xavier Campbell



Bluey with Ken Fraser, David Shaw, Greg Brown and Charlie Payne

Bluey will be sadly missed by all of those who knew him as he was simply a "good bloke".

Our condolences are expressed to Marj and all family members.

MILESTONES & ACHIEVEMENTS

The following members have or will have achieved significant birthday milestones between 1st Jan 2021 and 30th April 2021.

50 years of age

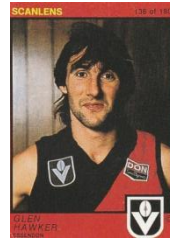
Mark Fraser

60 years of age

Neale Daniher

Michael Davis

Glenn Hawker



70 years of age +

Paul O'Brien

Neil Besanko (70)

John Emin (70)

Eugene Hawryszko (70)

Peter Keenan (70)

John May (70)

Brendan de Morton (70)

Len Halley (70)

Ron Roach (70)

Greg Perry (72)

Bill Thompson (72)



70 years of age +

Ian Crowley (73)

Ken Fletcher (73)

Allan Graco (73)

Owen Hegarty (73)

Neil Evans (74)

Bob Greenwood (74)

Don Gross (74)

Ian Payne (74)

Barbara Cullen (75)

Rex Dale (76)

Keith Gent (76)

Noel Judkins (76)

Darryl Gerlach (77)

Greg Brown (78)

70 years of age +

80 years of age +

90 years of age +

Ray Horsburgh (78)
Terry Rodgers (78)
Ken Forge (79)
Ken Fraser (81)
Ian Graham (81)
Graham Leydin (81)
Max Owen (81)
Brian Crowe (82)
Don McKenzie (82)
Barry Mackie (83)
John Welsh (83)
John Birt (84)
Robert Gluyas (84)
Kevin Harwood (84)
Colin Hooper (84)
Leo Maloney (84)
Jim Carter (85)
Allan Dunn (85)
Barry Colliver (86)
Kevin Green (86)
Ron Smith (88)
Fred Gallagher (90)



Fred Payne (94)

We wish you all many years of good health.

FOLLOWING IN HIS “POPPY’S” FOOTSTEPS

Ned Timms, the Grandson of Essendon Premiership player Ken Timms is hopeful of following in his Grandfathers footsteps as he will play in the NAB League in 2021 and is keen to wear Ken’s number 25.

Ned will have a lot to live up to as Ken played 134 games for the EFC from 1957 to 1965, was a member of the 1962 Premiership team and



played for Victoria 4 times in 1962 and 1963. Ken was a tough ruck rover and was a very versatile player.
Ken & Ned Courtesy of The Standard in Warrnambool.

We wish Ned the best of luck in his football career.

COMMENTS FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

As I step down as President of the Association at the AGM on Sunday 28th March, there are a number of comments I would like to make in respect to my time involved with the EFC.

I have been extremely lucky to have not only had the great fortune of playing for the club in 118 games and as a member of the 1962 Premiership Team, but to have spent 33 years in other roles with the club including 8 as General Manager from 1981 to 1988 and 21 years with the EFCPP&OA, 11 as Secretary and 10 as President. During those times I have met and become friends with many great people and this would not have been possible without being involved with the club.

During my time as President of the EFCPP&OA, we set up many programs which, in the main, have now been fulfilled, and it is now time for me to step down and encourage other members to be involved with the Association, as I firmly believe that we have a very strong and viable Association. In this respect I would like to thank all Committee Members who have served on the Committee as they have all contributed to the Association being in such a strong position as it is now.

The Association is in a very strong financial position and I have no doubt that this will continue into the future as the main aim of the Association is to look after the best interests of past player and officials of our great club.

For some time our Association has been attempting to build stronger ties with the club and we are now in a position to have some influence in respect to how the Museum/HOF at The Hanger will be presented to the public, as this forms a great part of the culture and history of the club, an aspect that I believe has been missing for some time. In this regard, I believe that the strong support now being given to our Association by the Board, Executive and coaches of the club will greatly improve in redeveloping the culture of the club and I look forward to seeing this rub off with the playing team and see some fine results in the future. I have had the great pleasure of seeing the club win 8 Premierships and would certainly love to see at least one more before my time is up.

To all members of the EFCPP&OA I would like to thank you all for your great support during my time with the Association and look forward to your continued support and involvement in the future.

OBITUARIES

Unfortunately we have lost three members since our last Newsletter, namely:

Alan McGillivray

Les Pridham

Graham Willey

Our condolences are expressed to the families of these three long serving members.

Please note that the Association no longer places death notices in newspapers but recognises those who have passed on through emails, our Newsletter, website and social media platforms.

AN INTERESTING PIECE OF HISTORY



Harry Equid played with the EFC from 1945 to 1948 and played in the 1946 Premiership team. He was one of the last players to use the place kick which must have been very accurate as he kicked 7 goals in one game and 6 in another, kicking 67 goals in 40 games played.

Harry was also a spectacular mark as indicated in a newspaper cartoon at that time.



RE-INVENTING CULTURE



The club requested current players to contact a past player who wore the number they are wearing and invite them to a presentation of jumpers for the current season, which was held at The Hanger on Friday 12th March.

At the function, which was attended by many past players, the Coach Ben Rutten presented a show on the history of the club from 1873 showing the various grounds that the club played on from that time to the current time. He made it quite clear that he encouraged the current players to understand the history of the club and they should spend some time with the past players present to listen to their stories.



Ken Fraser talks tactics.



Don McKenzie talks with Sam Draper.

All of the current and past players seemed to thoroughly enjoy the presentation of jumpers, discussions and stories told and all look forward to maintaining close relationships in the future.

The club should be congratulated in developing a strong relationship with past players as this will no doubt help in re-developing the culture of the club.

DEVELOPMENTS AT THE HANGER.



The new facilities at The Hanger are progressing very rapidly and the actual structure is now completed and will be a fantastic facility for all of those groups who will have the opportunity of using it.

From our Associations perspective there are two issues that we have developed a close relationship with the club to ensure that the culture and history of the club is retained for future generations.

- The Museum/HOF will be fitted out, hopefully by June, and we will have our own showcase for memorabilia items. An EFC HOF Advisory Committee has been formed and our Association will have two representatives on this Committee, which will be responsible for the content presented in the Museum/HOF on an ongoing basis. The museum will be predominately EFC memorabilia items and digital displays, however the PA and AITSIS will have some share of the museum space.

We are proposing to the club that we will provide people to assist in the day to day running of the museum in showing visitors the various EFC exhibits displayed. In this respect we will be expanding the role of the Ambassadors, made up of past players and officials, and anyone who believes that they could assist in this area should respond to David Collins on 0419342559.

- The club has agreed to allow our Association to have a special area in the new complex for our own use and will be available for meetings, inviting members

to attend training sessions and watch training from a balcony, having small functions, meeting with current players and staff and displaying other memorabilia material. This area will be fitted out by our Association and will become an important part of our close association with the club.

Overall we are very pleased with our association with the club as we believe they now fully understand our role in the history and culture of the club and how we can assist the club in these areas. We look forward to a continued close relationship with the EFC.

FACTS, PHOTOS & OTHER TRIVIA

In 1985 the team only lost 3 games during the season and won all three finals beating Hawthorn in the Grand Final 26.14.170 to 14.8.92. The following players represented the state in this year, Terry Daniher (Captain), Simon Madden, Tim Watson (Vice Captain), Garry Foulds, Shane Heard, Kevin Walsh, Mark Harvey, Paul Vaner Haar, Roger Merrett, Darren Williams and Merv Neagle. No wonder they were the best side in the competition that year.

In 1993 when the Bombers went on to beat Carlton in the Grand Final 20.13.133 to 13.11.89, during that season the following players kicked more than 30 goals, Darren Bewick (52), James Hird (31), Derek Kickett (38) and Paul Salmon (65). How times have changed!



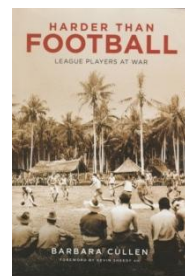
award.

Bill Cookson served as the club Secretary from 1944 to 1972 having played 2 games with the club in 1924 and serving on the Committee in 1933 and from 1938 to 1943. Bill became the first full time Secretary in 1957. He signed the great John Coleman up to play with the club. Bill was appointed the first Life Member of the EFC Social Club. He was honoured by the VFL in 1978 by awarding him the Jack Titus Recognition of Service

Barbara Cullen has written a great book, called *Harder Than Football*, about all VFL players who represented their country in the various wars and in Essendon's case the numbers are significant:

20 died serving in the Boer War, World War 1 and World War 11

263 other players served the country in the three wars.



WHO IS THIS PAST PLAYER?

BILL HUTCHISON



Games Played:	290
Goals Scored:	496
Years Played:	1942-1957
Jumper Worn:	7
Best & Fairest:	1946, 1948, 1950, 1952, 1953, 1955 & 1956
Captain:	1951-1957
Brownlow Medals:	1952 & 1953
State Selection:	30 times, 1945-54, 1956
All Australian:	1953, 1956

Bill Hutchison was regarded as one of the best Rovers in VFL history and Dick Reynolds described Bill as "the best player that he had ever seen play".

Bill was very fast, a great stab kick and fed the ball to John Coleman on a regular basis. He played in the 1942, 1946, 1949 and 1950 Premiership Teams, Captained Victoria in 1953 and 1956, was runner up in the Brownlow Medal in 1955 and third twice in 1948 and 1951.

Bill is a Legend in the EFC Hall of Fame and nominated as the 4th best player to have ever represented the EFC.

Off the field Bill coached the U19's in 1958 and 1959 and then went on to be Assistant Coach under John Coleman from 1962 to 1964 and served on the Committee from 1966 to 1971.

Bill was a thorough gentleman and was highly regarded by all who knew him.

MEMBERSHIP

We are still trying to trace many past Reserve and U19 players who are eligible to become Associate members of our Association and would appreciate any information from our readers if able to supply any details of players we are looking for. The full listing of those who we are chasing is shown on our website, essendonfcpastplayers.com.au, and any assistance should be provided to Kelvin Steel on 0419582992.

A Tribute to Barry Capuano on behalf of the Essendon Football Club

Barry Capuano has been involved in the Essendon Football Club at both playing and administration level for over 62 years.

During his time, Barry has been awarded most of the clubs highest and most honourable awards, including:



Premiership player `62

State of Origin representative `63

Life Membership `75

EFC HoF Member 2014

Not to mention 47 years of being a Committee member including President of the EFCPP&OA.

Recently, Barry was formally recognised for his enormous contribution to the Essendon Football Club by President,

Paul Brasher, during the Round 1 Presidents Function.

On behalf of everyone at the Essendon Football Club, we once again thank you Barry for your insurmountable contribution.

You have been a true testament to our motto and we wish you (& Anna) a wonderful retirement.

Suaviter in Modo, Fortiter in Re

We'd also like to extend our congratulations to the newly appointed President of the EFCPP&OA, David Collins. David, we wish you and all the very best and we look forward to working with you.

Lisa Raciti

NEW PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



I must say from the outset that I see it as a real honour to assume the Presidency particularly following Barry Capuano who has set the bar

very high. I will certainly give it my best shot but in saying that, we need to be on the constant look out to refresh the Committee and leadership from time to time.

I would like to congratulate the new comers to the Committee, namely Charlie Italia as Secretary, Ken Gilbertson as Treasurer and David Calthorpe as Committee member. All are very well known and highly respected in the Essendon FC family and will no doubt make great contributions to the EFCPP&OA in coming years given their skills, knowledge, and commitment. Overall we have an excellent committee who are strongly committed to their roles.

Everyone will know by now that Barry Capuano, Don Gross and Joel Reynolds have stepped down from the Committee after outstanding contributions to our Association and our sincere thanks go to each of them.

I am pleased to advise that the EFC have recently confirmed that an area in the new part of "The Hanger" will be made available for the exclusive use of the EFCPP&OA. The area will be on the top floor opening on to the balcony overlooking the ovals. The Association will cover the cost of the fit out of the area and should be available for our use within the next 6 months. The EFCPP&OA Committee has agreed the area will be named "The Barry Capuano Room" in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the EFCPP&OA over the last 21 years in particular. The naming of the room has the full support of the EFC.

Finally, I see our priorities for 2021 as follows:

- Assist members who need the support of the EFCPP&OA
- Build on improved relationship with EFC
- MOU refresh
- Barry Capuano Room fit out
- Encourage new ideas from Committee and others
- Continue the good work of the Sub Committees
 - Events & Functions
 - Sponsorship, Promotions and Communications
 - Merchandise & Memorabilia
 - Current & Future Developments (Museum & Windy Hill)
 - Membership
- Strongly support the Dick Reynolds Club (DRC)
- Provide leadership and certainty.

David Collins
President