

Extracts from



NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2016

BEST EFC COUNTRY TEAM

On the 14th April the Dick Reynolds Club ran a function to recognise the best EFC Country Team of all time.

The panel that was formed to select this team was made up of; Kevin Sheedy, Barry Capuano, David Collins, Jack Jones and Don Gross. The concept followed a discussion between members of the EFCPP&OA and Kevin Sheedy at the Golf Day held on December 3rd last year and was a great initiative to compliment the Farmers Day game promoted by Kevin Sheedy, which undoubtedly will become one of the feature rounds of AFL football in the future.

The panel decided that to qualify for consideration to be selected in the team, each member must have played a minimum of 50 games, and must have been raised in an area outside of the Capital cities in Australia. Some 68 players qualified under this criteria and it became a very difficult task for the panel to come up with the names for the team, however the following team was selected and presented to the crowd at the function:

B. Gavin Wanganeen



Bill Brittingham



Bob McClure



H. B. Neale Daniher



Ian Shelton



Norm McDonald



C. Reg Burgess



Jason Johnson



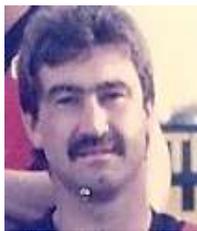
Michael Long



H.F. Scott Lucas



Roger Merrett



Terry Daniher



F. Frank Maher



John Coleman



Alan Noonan



R. Hugh Torney



R.R Tim Watson



Rov. John Birt



Interchange. Leon Baker

Percy Bushby

Bill Duckworth



Ken Fletcher

Glenn Hawker

Merve Neagle.



It was generally felt that this team would more than hold its own against any team selected from any clubs best players in any era.

The day was a great success and a number of the players selected were interviewed by Drew Morphett who was the MC for the day.

OBITUARIES

We are saddened to report the passing of three of our members since our last Newsletter:

Ivan Goodingham Ivan played from 1946-59, playing 36 games. He was 91 when he passed away.

Jack Huggard Jack played 1 game for the club in 1945. He was 91 when he passed away.

Ron Kirwan Ron was a long time benefactor of the club and our Association and is a big loss to us all and will be greatly missed by those who knew him.



We also pass on our condolences to Ron Andrews on the loss of his wife Julie and Allan Dunn on the loss of his wife Barbara.



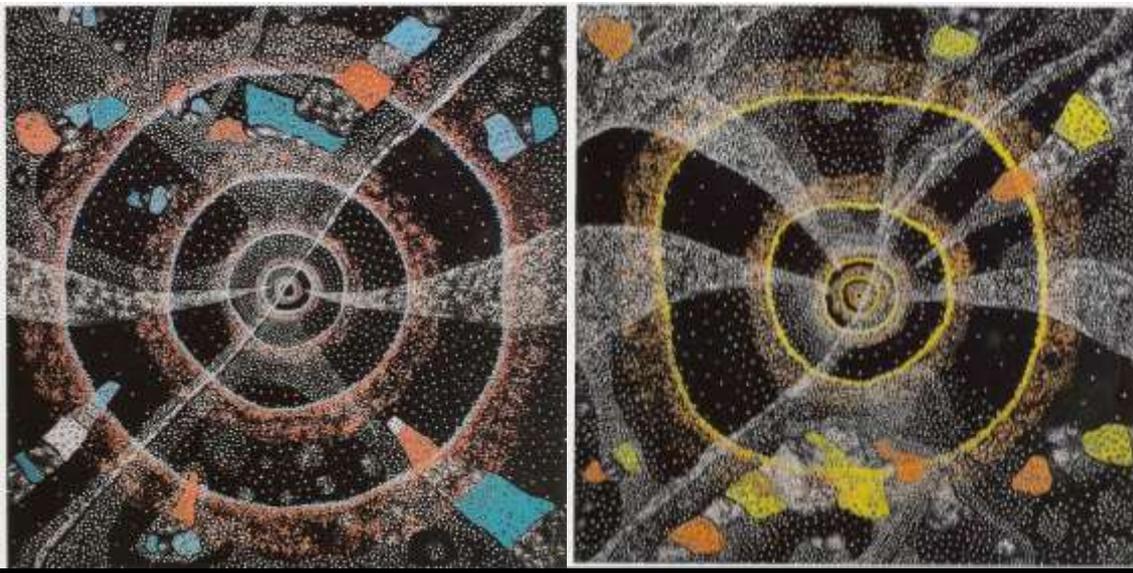
AN EMERGING ARTIST IN OUR MIDST.

An exhibition of art was held at the Koorie Heritage Trust in Federation Square, from 25th May to the 1st of June, representing work done by Gavin Wanganeen, being supported by the EFC and our Association.

The exhibition was called “Shooting Star’, and was Gavin’s first exhibition of his art which is of a very high standard.

Gavin is a descendent of the Kokatha people of the Western desert of South Australia and is a contemporary Indigenous artist.

It wasn’t until his twenties when Gavin began to explore and explain his ancestral links on canvas, recreating memories and capturing the beauty of our immense outback. Under the careful tutelage and mentoring of Aboriginal relatives and friends, Gavin’s astonishing talent has blossomed and now, in 2016, Gavin’s growing body of work is attracting national attention



RESERVE GRADE PLAYERS ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP

We are currently going through an exercise to track down Reserve Grade/VFL players who may qualify as members of our Association. To be eligible to qualify a

player must have played a minimum of 20 games in the Reserve Grade/VFL competitions with the EFC. We have received information from the AFL and the club, that the following players did qualify to be members during the periods 1968 to 1979 and 1983 to 1999, and if anyone can assist us in tracking down these players, it would be greatly appreciated. We have had success in tracking down a number of the eligible players through the clubs and our own Websites, but need assistance for those listed below.

If any readers are aware of any other Reserve Grade/VFL players who may qualify outside of the periods shown above, we would also be very grateful for any referrals.

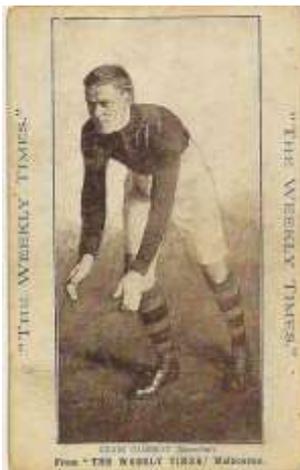
Richard Ambrose	John Harper	Richard Peck
Craig Anderson	Dean Haydock	Keenan Reynolds
Dwayne Armstrong	D. Heard	J. Roach
Garry Barrow	Andrew Henderson	Gerrard Robertson
Gerrard Bibby	Robert Hickmott	Jeremy Schmidt
Jason Casey	Scott Hicks	Michael Strickland
Peter Christoforo	Christopher Johns	Ron Thomas
K.Currie	N. King	Enzo Tomasiello
Mark Deakin	Adam Kingsley	Anthony Tranter
Anthony Dell	T.Leslie	Luke Trew
Paul Del Mastro	A. McClure	P. Veccheit
S. Dimitriou	G. McClure	?. Waters
Anthony Dimattina	Andrew Mills	Jim Wynd
Shane Ellis	Keiran Murrhiy	Mark Godden
Brett Hanks	Ross Napoli	

WHO IS THIS PAST PLAYER?

Ern Cameron

**Years Played:
113**

1905-1912 Games Played:



Ern was a clever, courageous rover and was ranked as the best small man of his time. He made his debut at 16 years of old. He was acclaimed as the Champion of the Colony in 1911 (equivalent of the Brownlow Medal) and was a star in the Premiership win in that year, but unfortunately broke his leg in a final in 1912, a year in which the club won another flag, and never played again.

He was Best and Fairest in 1911 and 1912 and played State football six times.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Bill Thompson

Years played: 1967-1969
Games played: 17
Number worn: 12
Recruited from: Alexandra
Bill now lives in Wodonga.

Bill & Ian Anderson
at Annual

dinner 2015.

What did you do, football wise, following your playing days with Essendon?

1970-71. Went to Vietnam- 1 year. Coached Ordinance boys and ended up playing Grand Final against the Signals, coached by Greg Perry. Ordinance had a win.

1972-1979 Played 75 games at Williamstown and Captained the side for 1 year.

Played 75 games for Dandenong and won the Liston Trophy in 1977.

1980 Played with Frankston Peninsular for 1 year before becoming Captain/Coach for the next four years. Played on for a couple more years. I retired when I could see grass growing as I was running Finished at age 38.

What job/jobs did you pursue following your playing days, including what you are doing currently?

State Electricity Commission Melbourne and Dandenong. Eastern Energy. Ran a pub for four years and worked at a golf club Wodonga. Voluntary work for Vietnam Veterans after retirement.

Are you still working? No

Have you suffered with any post football injuries and have any required surgery?

No.

Do you have any ongoing medical problems?

No

What are your thoughts on the modern game, and how would you change any of the areas that you don't like!

Skills are terrific but do not like both teams all in one half of the ground.

Do you have any special anecdotes from your playing time to pass onto other past players?

Enjoy your footy and work hard training. Make the most of it as you are a long time retired.

Who were your mates in your playing days with Essendon, do you keep in touch?

Kenny Fletcher, Ian Anderson, Stewart Barclay, John Fanning, Alan Noonan, John Ellis.

Who were the players you most admired in your playing days at Essendon?

For Essendon: Ted Fordham, Greg Brown, Kevin Egan, Barry Davis, Jack Clarke.

Other teams: Alex Jesaulenko, Royce Hart, Bob Skilton, too many to mention

Do you have any comments that you would like to pass on about your time at Essendon?

Had a great three years, highlight was winning the 1968 Reserves Grand Final.

George Spero

Year played:	1960
Games played:	5
Number worn:	21
Recruited from:	Keilor



What did you do, football wise, following your playing days with Essendon?

Played with Keilor FC in EDFL 1961-1966. One season with Toobarack in Heathcote League in 1967-1968

What job/jobs did you pursue following your playing days, including what you are doing currently?

Teacher-Sunshine Tech, St. Albans Tech, Burwood Heights PS, the Knox School.

From 1971 to 1977 worked with Library branch of Education Department.

Are you still working? No

Have you suffered with any post football injuries and have any required surgery?

Knee reconstructed in 1985.

Do you have any ongoing medical problems?

Not really-knees trouble me but perhaps due to old age!

What are your thoughts on the modern game, and how would you change any of the areas that you don't like!

Bit like schoolyard footy with everyone following the ball. Harder physically but too scrappy! Rule change to enhance speed need to be reviewed! Zones perhaps?

Do you have any special anecdotes from your playing time to pass onto other past players?

How would this go today, "Hello, congratulations on your first game, just play football, you will have nothing to worry about from me", John Jillard -Footscray.

Who were your mates in your playing days with Essendon, do you keep in touch?
John Birt, Hugh Mitchell, yes we catch up once or twice a year. Also Ian Graham.

Who were the players you most admired in your playing days at Essendon?

For Essendon: Hugh Mitchell, Jack Clarke, John Birt, Ian Shelton
Other teams: Bob Skilton, Polly Farmer, Ron Barassi, Ted Whitten

Do you have any comments that you would like to pass on about your time at Essendon?
So regretted rupturing ACL but will always remember the consoling words of Geoff Leek to a tearful me, "You won't believe me now- but there is more to life than football".
Wonderful stuff.

MILESTONES & ACHIEVEMENTS

The following members have achieved or will achieve significant age milestones between the 1st May and 31st August 2016.

50 years of age

Greg Anderson
Keiran Sporn
Michael Symons

60 years of age

Leon Baker
Geoff Burdett
Steve Copping
Garry Foulds

70 years of age +

Fred Lehmann
David Collins
Vic Papp
Bruce Waite
Ken Betts (71)
Graeme Langsworth (71)
Bruce Walmsley (71)
Jim Forsyth (72)
Ron Haeberle (72)
Neil McKissock (72)
John Booth (74)
Graeme Johnston (74)
Graeme Beissel (75)
Ted Fordham (76)
Geoff Gosper (76)
Doug Philipson (76)
Barry Tout (76)
Ken Timms (78)
Jim Matthews (79)

80 years of age +

Gerry Backhouse
Fred Lynch

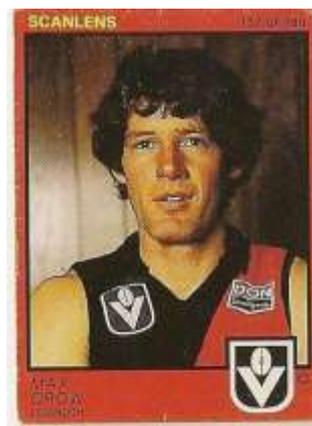
80 years of age +

Ian Whitford
Jack Hambridge (81)
Kevin Parks (81)
Reg Burgess (82)
Frank Driscoll (82)
Ron Okey (82)
Peter Bevilacqua (83)
Peter Harrington (83)
Greg Sewell (83)
Graham Willey (83)
Rob Taylor (85)
Jim Stanton (88)
Bob Suter (88)
Milton Clark (94)
Harold Lambert (94)

90 years of age +



It was fantastic to see that Neale Daniher was recognised with an AM in the Queen's birthday Australian honours list. The work Neale has done for the MND Foundation has been outstanding and the award is thoroughly deserved. Congratulations Neale!



PLENTY TO CROW ABOUT

Former Essendon high flyer from the mid 70's to the early 80s

Max Crow and his wife Sue certainly have something to crow about (not that they would), not only about their own personal achievements, but also about those of their children, Justin and Kim.

Wearing Number 31, Max played 136 games and kicked 139 goals for Essendon as a follower and forward, and at times as a defender. He was runner-up in Essendon's Best and Fairest award in both 1978 and 1979 and also Essendon's equal second top Brownlow medal vote scorer in those years. He represented the Victorian State side in 1979. Max moved to St Kilda in 1983 where he won a Best and Fairest and played another 40 games and from there, he moved to Footscray for another 12 games.

Max's wife Sue, has an impressive managerial record in Australian sport, extending from Executive Director of Women's Cricket Australia and CEO of Softball Australia to the first female appointed in Game Development at the AFL. She is currently Head of Community at the Melbourne City FC where her aim is to make Melbourne

City a leader in engaging the community in innovative and inclusive programs that use football to make a positive difference to peoples' lives.

As CEO of Netball Victoria, Sue successfully established the Melbourne Vixens Netball team which won the ANZ Championship in its second season. Sue was instrumental in the integration of women's and men's cricket and initiated the establishment of the Women's National Cricket League. She was also involved in the successful Victorian Water Safety Campaign "Play it Safe by the Water"

Sue was the first female appointed to the Cricket Victoria Board on which she has served for the past 8 years. She is also a member of the VicHealth Board and is a past member of the State Sports Centres Trust.

Max and Sue's son Justin is currently High Performance Manager at Essendon FC. As such, the team he leads is responsible for the health and fitness of the playing list and includes strength and conditioning coaches, physiotherapists, performance analysts and a dietician. Justin is a registered physiotherapist and also an exercise physiologist and recently completed a Master of Enterprise (Executive Leadership) at Melbourne Business School.

Since Justin took over as High Performance manager, Essendon's injury rates have been brought back to below AFL averages and he and his team have had to manage the introduction of top-up players in 2015 and also the arrival of 10 new players to the club during late pre-season in 2016.

In his younger days, Justin played football at Oakleigh Chargers and trained at Essendon once a week in 2000. He was later rookie-listed by Collingwood and made his AFL debut in 2004. He later played 114 VFL matches for Williamstown, Collingwood VFL and also Bendigo Bombers. He also volunteers one night a week working with disadvantaged kids from the Fitzroy commission flats in a basketball program called Helping Hoops.

Max and Susan's daughter Kim is probably the best known of the Crow family although she changed her name to Brennan after her recent marriage in Hobart to Beijing Olympic Men's double scull gold medallist Scott Brennan. Prior to taking up rowing, Kim was 400m hurdler and won the silver medal at the 2001 World Youth Championships in Athletics. She won the Australian junior title at two Australian Athletics Championships and in 2003/2004, Kim was ranked the Number two in Australia to Jana Pittman. In 2005, Crow took up rowing after a leg injury ended her hurdling career. Crow is a member of the Melbourne University Boat Club in Melbourne and represents Victoria at the national level. At the Australian Rowing Championships in 2012 and 2015 she won the Nell Slater Trophy in the Interstate Women's Single Scull. During the Victorian Women's VIII's eleven year consecutive

victory run from 2005 to 2015, Crow was seated in the boat on seven occasions for seven Queen's Cup victories up till 2015.

Kim with her partner Sarah Cook finished fourth in the Women's Pair B-Final at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. At the 2012 London Olympic Games, Crow won a silver medal in the Women's Double Sculls (with Brooke Pratley) and a bronze medal in the Women's Single Sculls. At the 2015 world rowing championships Crow qualified the Single scull for Australia to race at Rio in 2016.

Kim was a member of the Australian Women's Eight that won the bronze medal at the 2006 World Rowing Championships. She teamed with Kerry Hole to win silver medals in the Women's Double Sculls at the 2010 and 2011 World Rowing Championships. At the 2013 World Rowing Championships in Chungju, Kim won gold in the single scull taking a lead from the 300m mark and holding it to the line. In the same event at the 2014 World Rowing Championships in Amsterdam, Kim took silver behind New Zealand's Emma Twigg. She became a dual World Champion by winning gold at the 2015 World Rowing Championships in Aiguebelette by defeating 2012 Summer Olympics champion Mirka Knapkova.

Kim is coached by Lyall McCarthy at Rowing Australia's Centre of Excellence in Canberra. And if all that is not enough, Kim is Chair of the Australian Olympic Committee's (AOC) Athletes Commission and a full voting member on the AOC Board.

Kim is also a qualified lawyer and has been a regular columnist for The Age.

No doubt all Australians will be on board with Kim in her quest for rowing gold in Brazil later this year and Bomber supporters, in particular will have a special place for her in their hearts as she takes on the world.

FACTS, FIGURES & OTHER TRIVIA

How times have changed. A goal scored by Essendon at the MCG in the late 19th Century. Note the player doffing his hat for the goal, which is a little different when goals are scored in today's game.



Essendon was a dominant team in the period before the formation of the VFL in 1997, winning four Premierships in a row from 1891 to 1894. In this period they won 66 games, lost 3 and drew 8, winning all games (18) in 1893. Points weren't scored in this period, only goals counted (refer to above photo), Essendon averaging 7.2 goals a game to 3.3 goals against. That would represent a % of 218 in today's game.

In the Grand Final in 1950, a Premiership year for the club, the crowd broke down the fence and were seated around the boundary line. The picture shows Jack Jones about to crash into the crowd amongst heaps of rubbish.



In 1937 when Dick Reynolds won his second Brownlow Medal, he polled 27 votes in an 18 match season, which equates to receiving 1 & ½ votes per game.

The following players won Best & Fairest Awards with the clubs U19 team, and went on to play in Senior Premiership teams:

Jack Clark, Paul Doran, Russell Blew, Mark Thompson, Joe Misiti and Rick Olarens Shaw.

This year celebrates the 70th Anniversary of the 1946 Premiership Team. Jack Jones and Harold Lambert are the only two remaining players from that team.



Although early in the Grand Final Melbourne kicked 5 goals before Essendon scored, the Bombers went on to win the game 22.18.150 to Melbourne 13.9.87, having kicked 11.8 in the third quarter. Captain and Coach Dick Reynolds was quoted as saying after the game, “our football in the third quarter was unbeatable and the best I have ever seen. I can honestly say that the team under me this year is the best combination I have ever seen or played with and I am proud to be their leader”.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year has been a very difficult one for the club and players, however there have been some very positive signs of the development of some very exciting players who would not have received the opportunity of playing, had the 12 players not been suspended.

This augers well for the club when these players become available next season. The 10 top up players have done a great job in guiding the younger players through the difficult times and we can now start to see the influence they have had on these younger players, which I believe will see some positive results on the scoreboard over the remainder of the season.

Although the suspended players have not been able to be in contact with club officials for training purposes, the 12 players have trained together at St Bernards school oval, under the tutelage of Sean Wellman and David Buttifant and all look in good condition. Hopefully all will return to the club fit and healthy next season.

The financial consequences of all of the issues that the club has had to face due to the CAS decision will no doubt be very substantial and will have an

effect on the club for some time. This is the time for all of us to continue to support the club and encourage family and friends to support the club through these difficult times.

Hopefully the Swiss court will soon make a decision that allows the club and players to move on.



WHAT A CORRESPONDENT!

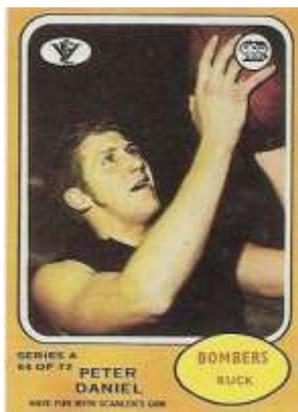
Did you know that ABC Foreign Correspondent and DC bureau chief, Zoe Daniel, is the daughter of Peter Daniel who played 100 games for the EFC between 1969 and 1974.

Zoe moved to the US in December last and has been in the thick of the Presidential campaign, covering candidates Donald and Hilary Clinton among others. Zoe previously covered the news from nine Southeast Asian countries working out of Bangkok. You may have seen her reports on the devastating Philippines Typhoon Haiyan, or the years of deadly civil unrest in Thailand.

She also secretly interviewed Burmese democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi when she was first released from house arrest.

When she was the ABC's Africa correspondent she was involved in press conferences with the great Nelson Mandela and filmed an up close and personal profile with current President Jacob Zuma. She has covered such events as the war in Darfur (Sudan), famine in Malawi, drought and famine in Kenya and Somalia, oppression in Zimbabwe to mention just a few.

Zoe has worked for the ABC since 1993 and as a foreign correspondent from 2004. She and her husband Rowan have 2 children. Nine year old Archie is a



keen sportsman and loves his footy, and was among the best and fairest at Sandringham in Melbourne last year when he played while the family was taking a break from overseas life. Seven year old Pearl topped her class in gymnastics. All but Rowan are passionate Essendon supporters.

ESSENDON GREATS PAINTINGS

During 2012 our Association commissioned well known portraiture artist, Joe Zappulla, to paint portraits of 36 Essendon Great Players. At this stage we still have a number of these paintings unsold, and it is our intention to run an exhibition in 2017 to display these paintings and other memorabilia produced from these paintings, including: Limited Edition Prints of each painting, cushions, wall plaques and mugs depicting each of these paintings. We hopefully will also include at this exhibition paintings from former champion player Gavin

Wanganeen, who is making quite a mark with his own paintings (refer earlier article “An emerging Artist in our Midst”).

We will inform you in our December Newsletter of where and when this event will be held.

The following is a selection of these paintings:

