

1962—2011 50 YEARS in the EFL/EDFL

Welcome to another Footy Season and the challenge for our Senior Team to regain a position at the top of the ladder after a disappointing 2010. Things did not go our way last year in many ways and missing the finals for the first time in 24 years is not good enough. We all know that. Now we all need to try that extra bit harder.

We will go into our 50th in the EFL with many personnel changes, some we planned some we didn't. We are optimistic that we will be very competitive in 2011, although we will be depending heavily on much younger players. But that is a good thing !!

If you can help us in any way, please us know. Want to be on a committee, have a sponsor or even a player. Ring our Manager Lee Bidstrup on 98761913 or President John Selton on 0408599574

2011 EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE

The recent Annual General Meeting saw the retirement of David Dressing from the Presidency and the election to the top job of **John Selton** along with his deputy **Angela Miller**. The other Members of the Executive are **Brian Power, John McCarthy, Graeme Bentley** and **Spiro Agius**. The **General Committee Members** are **Kath Partridge, Mick Sevier, Col Smyth, Bob Beard, Greg Hoath** and new boys **Peter Booth** and **Rodney Haynes**. Rod Haynes will have two caps, as he is also the newly elected President of Eagletonians. (VFC Coterie Group)



John Selton & Angela Miller

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

In recognition of David Dressing's 15 year contribution to the Club, he was deservedly awarded with Club's highest honour a Life Membership. This will be presented to him at the Presentation Night in October.

50 YEARS IN THE EFL/EDFL (First Div.)

As mentioned above, we will be celebrating 50 years in the EFL and 50 years in First Division. The only other Club to achieve that is East Burwood, who we play in round 1.

Our new Members Card features four prominent faces over those 50 years. **Jim Cusack** was our first Captain Coach in the competition in 1962, **Ian Mort** the former Hawthorn Premiership Player was Captain Coach in 1965 and Vice Captain in our Premiership years of 1969 and 1971, **Cameron Bain** started in our very youngest age group and went on to win Snr B&F in 1992 and play in 7 Premierships, **Ryan Mullet** the current Captain with four Premierships 2 Snr B&F's and a Chandler Medal.

We could have picked countless other people who have helped make these 50 years so successful. Which is the big reason we have done so well.

There will be other opportunities to mark the occasion, such as the round 7 clash with East Ringwood, which was the first team we played in 1962. This will also be our Past Player Annual Luncheon

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PREMIERS: 1955, 58, 69, 71, 82, 83, 86, 88, 89, 90, 91, 93, 94, 95, 97, 98, 2001, 05, 06, 07, 09

Jim Cusack 1962 Ian Mort 1971 Cameron Bain 1998 Ryan Mullet 2009

50th YEARS 1st DIV. EDFL / EFL 1962 - 2011

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2011 MEMBER

MEMBERSHIP TICKETS 2011

The 2011 Membership will be Adult \$60. Family \$95. (2 adults), Pensioner \$30. However, if you purchase yours before end of February you will enjoy a 10% discount. Application Forms are at Vermont & Vermont Sth Post Offices or you can down-load one from Web site. **Members also get a 20% discount off a main meal from the Bistro Menu.**



20% discount for VFC Members on Main Bistro Meals

PRINCIPAL & MAJOR SPONSORS

Our principal sponsor will again be Craig & Lisa Wright from **Lazaway Pools and Spas**. They continue to be wonderful supporters of our Club and we urge you to recommend their services to any of your friends. Our biggest Major Sponsor is **Patterson Cheney Holden Vermont** and they also are ready to do a great deal for you. Just ask for Andy Fyfe and tell him your an Eagle.

We are always looking for more Sponsors. One new one we can tell you about is **Escape Travel at Forest Hill Chase**. David Buxton is the man to see, he can be contacted on **8804 6200** if you are thinking of a trip.



ANTHONY "PANTS" PANOU

After missing last year for family commitments, "Pants" our fitness expert and runner is back full of enthusiasm and ready energise our player group. Pants has only had 4 years at the club in the past 6 and yes, we have won each of those Premierships and lost the two he was not here. Lucky Charm !! Another new man on the Coaching staff is **Mark "Gus" Garthwaite** the former Coach of Montrose and a very experienced player. He will be the mid field area coach. A returned face, is **Peter Beaven**, after a couple of years Coaching Ringwood.



TRAINING HAS STARTED

Training has resumed after Xmas and it is good to see the enthusiasm of the group with the younger recruits and the boys coming up from the Colts. Also good to see a number of those injured during 2010, moving much better. Grant McCarthy is recovering from surgery, Jim McClure's knee is on the mend, Dane Andonov, who only managed 4 games last year, is jumping out of his skin, Dean Waller looks good pre Xmas, but unfortunately he now has a touch of glandular fever (we wish him a speedy recovery). The highlight so far has been the running of young Xavier Barry-Murphy in his first senior year. He has cleaned up everyone in the distance runs and Beep Tests. Ryan Mullet the only challenger. Yes, we know he still has to get the footy, but it is so far an incredible start. One senior who has stretched himself to the limit is Michael DelAquila who has not stopped since the end of last season. Nathan Henley, also is putting in a massive effort. Of the new boys, the enthusiasm and spirit of Mich Bonuda, Lachlan Tindal, Anthony Chios is fantastic as is the professionalism and application of a seasoned player in Glenn "Muddy" Waters.

I should also mention the attitude and determination of Kyle Emley, who is returning after 2 years at Bayswater. Kyle is bigger, stronger, more mature and ready to establish himself in our Senior line-up. He is also very determined to help the Eagles back up the ladder.

INWARDS

Mitch Bonuda—key fwd (Woori Yallock)
Lachlan Tindal— key defender (Noble Park)
Anthony Chiodo—mid field (Marcellin OB)
Glenn Waters—rover (Swan Dist. / Broadbeach)
Ashley Thompson (Mooroolbark)

Under 18 boys coming up

Xavier Barry-Murphy
Michael Sonsie
Michael Cooper
Andrew Pretto
Jason Youseff
Kieren McAuley

Returned

Lachlan Ryan, Travis Murphy, Steve Bright
Kyle Emley (from Bayswater)
Michael Jess

Vermont players at VFL Clubs who may play with us

Brad Neil, Andrew Ellis & Ben Fagan (Box Hill)
Kalem Post (Collingwood)

OUTWARDS

Luke Cotchett
David Spriggs
Victor Siciliano
Kris Bardon
James Shambrook
Jarrad Macdonald
Tom Mendico
Mark Cullen
Fletcher Stewart
Joel Rigby
Michael Rogneda
Michael Romas
Wayne McInerney

IN DOUBT

Matt Greig (Trying out in the NFL— USA)
James Siakavelis (at Sandringham)

WANTIRNA HILL CLUB

This is our Social Club and it will get stronger if Vermont folk use it. With the 20% discount off Bistro Menu Main Meals, you have no excuse.

WHC has gone through some big changes over the past couple of years and the latest to the entry and lounges is spectacular. Just have a look. Our Manager **Raf Profenna** and the super friendly staff are doing a great job. They have a new WEB site www.wantirnahillclub.com.au It is also a great spot for that small function. Book your next meal on 9887 2855 - Now have Friday entertainment in the bistro.



The outdoor deck



The past two years we have had the **300 CLUB** helping to vital raise funds to assist our on field performances. This season, we are going to increase the benefits again to the members and look to double the size of the group. The prime benefit is of course seeing Dave Banfield & Ryan Mullett hold up that Cup. Two people who will be in charge of the 300 Club Group are Greg Hoath and Craig Coghlan. Before they twist your arm, please ring to renew your involvement or come on board for first time. Ring Cogho 0412270591 or Hoathy on 0425777885. — **The wind beneath our wings**

PRACTICE MATCH PROGRAM

March 20th Vs Old Scotch (venue not decided)
March 26th Hampton Park (at Hampton Park)
April 2nd E.Ringwood (at East)

PLAYERS SPONSORS

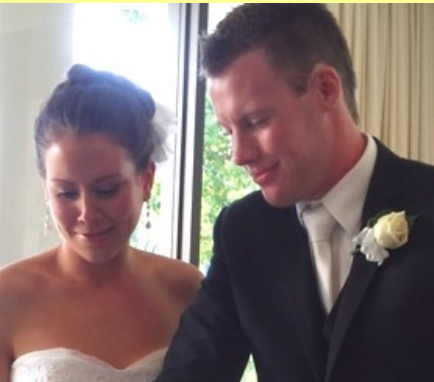
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- Be named under the players Photo in Clubrooms
- Receive a certificate with players photo included
- Be listed on our Web site
- Businesses will be included in our Annual Product & Services Directory
- Tax Invoice issued if required.

First in best dressed. Ring or Email Manager

EVENTS

Thur. 7th April & Jumper Presentation
Sat. 9th April Round 1 vs E.Burwood at home
Sat. 30th April (Rnd 3) Players Auction
Sat. 28th May Rnd 7 vs E.Ringwood Past Players Lunch
Wed. 8th June Annual Sportsmen's Evening



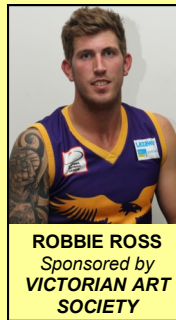
PLAYER WEDDINGS

Recently we have two best mates get married. - No, not to each other.

Grant McCarthy married Candice (pic left) and Dan Papillo married Amanda. (pic below) They are both fantastic young men who we are very proud of.

We wish both couples wonderful and happy lives together.

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Xavier Barry Murphy & Ryan Mullett
"greyhounds"



Mitch Banuda with Lachy Tindal
in background.

Pre Season Pix



The training machine
Michael DeAquila



Mr Determination
Nathan Henley



Our new Head Trainer Gerry Raleigh working on the "X Factor." Gerry has been at every training session and doing a mighty job.



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FIXTURE 2011

April 9 - East Burwood	July 2 - Noble Park
April 16 - Scoresby	July 9 - Knox
April 30 - Noble Park	July 16 - South Croydon
May 7 - Knox	July 23 - Blackburn
May 14 - Blackburn	July 30 - East Ringwood
May 21 - Balwyn	Aug 6 - Croydon
May 28 - East Ringwood	Aug 13 - Mulgrave
June 4 - Croydon	Aug 20 - Balwyn
June 18 - Nonwood	
June 25 - East Burwood	

HOME / AWAY

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TRAINERS if anyone has a contact re a qualified Trainer. Please yell out ASAP . We could do with a couple