

DUNNSTOWN

FOOTBALL

CLUB

CENTENARY

1894 - 1994

We have endeavoured to be as accurate as is humanly possible in compiling this book, however, discrepancies do occur in the reported spellings of players' names etc. (Names quoted are [SIC] as recorded in newspaper articles). As much of this book is quoted from newspapers, many of the articles may appear to be controversial due the reporter of the day. We do apologise for any errors or omissions. Due to limited available space, many games have been extracted and summarised.

Many of the stories have been quoted without comment (although explanations may be required) as it would only hearsay. Each individual has their own opinion and because "each story" leads to so many different versions from players/supporters, we have left it up to you to read between the lines.

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INTRODUCTION

The need to preserve our history is as important as preserving life. Knowing where we have come from helps us to know where we are going.

The idea of having a "Back to Dunnstown" by the football club has been tossed around for many years now. From information about Dunnstown Football Club playing against Gordon in 1894, it was realised that the club's centenary was looming. A meeting was called and a committee formed to begin researching the history of Dunnstown Football Club, and organising the Centenary celebrations to take place in 1994. This committee decided to publish a book to preserve our history for generations to come.

This book is that "original idea" come to fruition.

Prior to 1894, Dunnstown was divided into two separate clubs, North and South Dunnstown. The inaugural meeting held on the 4th May, 1894 saw the amalgamation of these two clubs to form what is now the Dunnstown Football Club. In these formative years of Dunnstown's football history, not only did Dunnstown have a team in an organised league or association, it also began the Association. This Association was known as the Dunnstown Football Association, or the Dunnstown Football Trophy.

Throughout the past 100 years, the club has seen a great number of changes: Introduction of a reserve grade competition; and the formation of junior teams. Having played on a number of different playing arenas - the club purchased land to establish the current sports arena and community complex. The club has also seen many changes in guernsey colours and designs.

It is significant to note that the Dunnstown Football Club has also been affiliated and played in nine different associations and leagues, being successful finalist throughout.

In the past Dunnstown boasted two hotels and a community hall. Each of these establishments was used in earlier years as change rooms for local and competing teams. The Shamrock Hotel has been a focal point of the Dunnstown Football Club history - as it still is today.

Hopefully this book will prove to be a real source of information and a reasonable account of the past 100 years. Trusting that you will derive great pleasure from re-living a century of football.

1894 - 1924

As explained in the introduction, the Dunnstown Football Club was formally formed 100 years ago, in 1894. A meeting held at McGrath's Shamrock hotel in May 1894 was the start of this club full of tradition and loyalty.

The inaugural year of, not only the Dunnstown Football Club, but the Dunnstown Association was certainly a memorable one, filled with controversy, rivalry and protests. The games were hard fought and physical encounters. Games were abandoned because of 'poor' ground conditions or 'no show' of the opposition team. One club pulled out of the 5 club association in mid-season, leaving only four clubs to compete for the coveted McGrath's Cup. The uncouth practice of "paid" players has even raised its ugly head in these heady days of competitive country football.

The teams vying for the Inaugural Trophy of the McGrath's Cup in the Dunnstown Football Association in 1894 were Dunnstown, Gordon, Wallace, Egerton and Egerton South.

This report as recorded on May 4th, 1894 is of that first meeting where the election of the club's first office bearers took place.

DUNNSTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

The Inaugural meeting for the season of the Dunnstown Football Club was held on Wednesday, at which there was a large attendance.

The amalgamation of the North and South Clubs was effected, and it was resolved to arrange matches for the season with other district clubs.

It was announced that a trophy to the value of £5/5/- had been offered by a local resident for competition amongst the following clubs: Gordon, Millbrook, Claretown, Lal Lal, Wallace, Warrenheip. Entries will close for the trophies on or before May 24. The election of officers resulted as follows: Patrons, Mr E Murphy, M.L.A; Messrs. J Coghlan, jnr., W Kenna, M Quirk, J McGrath; President, Mr M Lonergan; vice-presidents, Messrs J T Bremner, and J Learnihan; captain, D Quin; vice-capt. Simon Greene, secretary, T McGuan; treasurer, P Hartigan; committee the officers (ex-officio), P O'Farrell, D Learnihan, Quin, J O'Loughlin, T Guinane.

"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" May 4, 1894

DUNNSTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

A meeting of the above club was held at McGrath's hotel on Thursday. Mr J Learnihan, vice president, occupied the chair. Four nominations were received for the trophy presented for competition by Mr J McGrath. The entries from the Gordon, Egerton and Dunnstown clubs were received, also that of South Egerton, subject to the condition that they play their matches on the Egerton ground.

The secretary was instructed to invite applications for the position of central umpire throughout the season, at a remuneration of ten shillings per match, entries to be received by the secretary, up till 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening 5th inst. A meeting of delegates from the clubs interested in the trophy, will be held at the Shamrock Hotel on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of drawing up a list of matches for this season. After several items of a routine character had been transacted, and a vote of thanks passed to the chairman, the meeting adjourned.

"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" June 1, 1894

A meeting of the Dunnstown Football Trophy Association's delegates took place on June 8th, 1894 with the representatives of each participating club drew up the rules to govern the Association. That meeting was reported follows.

DUNNSTOWN FOOTBALL TROPHY

A meeting of the Dunnstown football trophy was held at McGrath's Shamrock Hotel, Dunnstown, on Tuesday 5th June. Mr Quinn was voted to the chair, there being also present Messrs T Clark (Egerton), J Philips (South Egerton), J Learnihan (Dunnstown), J Edwards (Gordon), and Mercer, who was elected secretary of delegates. The following rules were drawn up for the consideration of each club:-

- 1. Players to be picked from residents living within two and a half miles from local post-office.*
- 2. No player shall be allowed to play with two clubs after the commencement of the competition.*
- 3. All players shall wear the colours of their club, the word colour not necessarily applying to more than guernsey.*
- 4. Any team not on the ground within half an hour of appointed time*

rumour could not be substantiated no charges were laid. The player, Davey, was not disqualified, as was the motion put forward. It was then put to motion that "North Egerton loses Saturday's match, and that the win be counted to Wallace." Two delegates protested this motion, and tabled an amendment to the effect that the match be awarded to Egerton. The motion was carried.

"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" July 13, 1894

The following report concerning Dunnstown is controversy at its best!

GORDON V DUNNSTOWN

The match between the above clubs, which was planned to take place at Gordon on Saturday last, did not come off on account of the ground being considered by the Dunnstown team too wet to play upon. On the umpire being appealed to for his decision on the matter, he upheld the opinion that the match could not be played. This decision created considerable dissatisfaction amongst the Gordon players, who thereupon stripped off, went into the field, and, bouncing the ball and kicking a goal to prove their assertion that the ground was fit to be played on. This, however, proved of no avail, and, after an hour or so had been spent discussion the matter, the players and intending spectators dispersed.

"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" July 27, 1894

Dunnstown played Egerton for the second time on Saturday at Dunnstown. Score: Dunnstown 3 goals 5 behinds to Egerton 2 goals 3 behinds.

<i>Wallace</i>	<i>18 points</i>
<i>Egerton</i>	<i>10 points</i>
<i>Gordon</i>	<i>10 points</i>
<i>Dunnstown</i>	<i>10 points</i>
<i>South Egerton</i>	<i>2 points</i>

"Ballarat Star" Film no 3882 July 31, 1894

DUNNSTOWN TROPHY MATCHES

Gordon V South Egerton: This match fell through on Saturday owing to the non-appearance of the South Egerton players, who have apparently retired from the competition.

Dunnstown team had a bye.

The points now stand:- Wallace 18, Egerton and Gordon, 14 each, Dunnstown

Dunnstown rally to drive off the belligerents. Five minutes to go and the blue and whites are still one goal ahead. The ball is in front of the posts, and hovers within a few yards of the desired haven. It only needs one good kick from a Wallace man to equalise matters. Will they do it? Supporters wax wild with excitement. They shout instructions and long for but one minute in the arena to help their struggling champions. Cahir and Deveson are working like Trojans; O'Farrell is doing wonders. Two minutes to go and no change. Hotter and hotter grows the strife. Dunnstown has still a garrison in its forts, but Wallace is hard to repel and Dunnstownians shout for the bell to ring. Once the ball is within three yards of the posts, but away it goes again, and before it can be brought back again.....Poor Captain McGrath of Wallace, best player of the 40 on the ground, has broken his collarbone.

"The Ballarat Star" October 19, 1894

The above article illustrates that Football played then was as action-packed and exciting as it is today. The Star writer evidently sensed the tenseness of the scene, and perhaps provides an example of writing that modern commentators might well emulate. In the excitement the final scores were almost forgotten...

DUNNSTOWN: 4 goals, 1 behind. WALLACE: 3 goals, 4 behinds.

By winning this "Challenge Match" does this in fact become Dunnstown's first premiership, after all they did defeat the premiership side, or did Dunnstown settle for the £20 prize money?

1895

During the years between 1895 and 1924 the names of all the club executives or coaches could not be ascertained. There were very limited news articles, probably due to poor reporting by the club's secretaries and the fact that no local newspaper was in publication.

No doubt footballers will be interested to hear that Mr Austin Lee, the popular host of the Farmer's Hotel, Claretown has signified his intention of presenting a trophy valued at 10 guineas, for competition amongst the various clubs within a radius of 10 miles of Claretown which will include Wallace, Gordon, Dunnstown, South Egerton, Egerton Pootilla, Mollongghip, etc. The competition will no doubt prove very interesting. The secretaries of the above mentioned clubs will be notified in due course.

"Ballarat Star" Film No 3883 April 5, 1895

Millbrook. However, no official association name could be ascertained.

Dunnstown visited Bungaree, and defeated the local team on Saturday after an exciting game by 2 points. The scores were: Dunnstown, 2 goals 1 behind; Bungaree, 1 goal 5 behinds. Goal-kickers: Dunnstown, P and M Maloney (1 each); Bungaree: D Maher.

"The Ballarat Courier" June 20, 1905

Farmer's football club visited Dunnstown on Saturday to try conclusions with the local team. The visitors put up at the Shamrock Hotel, and were met by the president of the local club, Mr A Gibson, Secretary Mr T Greene, and Capt P McGuane. Mr Gibson, on behalf of the local club, heartily welcomed the visitors, who, after visiting the picturesque places of the town under the leadership of Ralston took their places on the playing arena.

McGuane, as usual had command of the local team, who were without no fewer than eight players, who were suffering from influenza and sprained ankles, their places having to be filled with recruits.

The match, which was witnessed by 400 spectators, was keenly contested, and proved to be one of the most exciting played at Dunnstown. It resulted in a win for the visitors by 4 goals 9 behinds to 3 goals 11 behinds.

Goal-kickers: for the winners, Cleary, Morcom, Hams and Hughes; and for the losers, M Moloney and Cummins. Those who shone out prominently for the visitors were Adams, Cleary, Radcliffe; whilst Harligan [sic](Hartigan), Euer, O'Shea, O'Farrell, Jeffery and Britt did all that men could to avert defeat. J Black made a fast and impartial umpire.

After the match the visitors were entertained by the local club at the Shamrock hotel.

"The Ballarat Courier" July 17, 1905

COUNTRY FOOTBALL

The Warrenheip Imperials and Dunnstown met for the second time this season at Dunnstown on Saturday; the visitors scoring 2 goals 14 behinds to Dunnstown nil.

In the evening the visitors were entertained at luncheon, and a most enjoyable day was spent. The goal-kickers for Warrenheip were E and G Clarke.

"The Ballarat Courier" Aug 17, 1905

"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" May 1, 1908

BALLAN V DUNNSTOWN

This return match between the above clubs was played on the local ground on Saturday. The day was rather a favourable one for football, a slight wind blowing towards the eastern goal. The visitors put a very strong combination into the field, including "Coster" Andrews, who a couple of years ago was South Ballarat's crack rover.

The locals were without the services of Gray, Connelly, Richardson, D and W Fraser, Fitzgerald, and Maliett, their places being filled by F Marriott, S Lay, W Doneley, J Smith T O'Hehir, V Callen and A Densley. In the first half of the game the visitors had things all their own way, scoring 2.8 to the locals' 1 behind, and the match looked a foregone conclusion for Dunnstow. After the interval, however, the home team wiled themselves together, and, playing with great determination, they gradually wiped off the deficit, scoring a meritorious win by 1 point.

This was one of the most exciting games seen on the local ground for many a year, and the barrackers had a gala day.

The struggle was a strenuous one, and "beg pardons" were conspicuous by their absence.

On the bounce, Dunnstow were the first to play, Andrews half-forwarding W Densley and S Lay returned, and a free kick to Callen gave Ballan the advantage. Cummings and Hartigan shone out, and the local backs were put on their merits. The bell rang with the scores: Dunnstow 1 goal 3 behinds...9 points; Ballan 1 behind....1 point.

The second quarter saw Dunnstow led off, and despite good play by Marriott, A Lay and Graham, the visitors were soon attacking. Cumming and Walsh forwarded, Kilgoar and J O'Hehir relieved, but Andrews dodged back with the ball and Walshe added a behind. Dashing play by Graham was deservedly cheered, but the visitors were not to be denied, and Maher scored a lucky goal - his shot fell short, but the leather bounced between the sticks, E Lay being out of his place.

The visitors had much the best of this term, and the Ballan backs did wonderfully well in limiting their scoring to 11 points. At half-time the board read: Dunnstow, 2 goals 8 behinds....20pts; Ballan, 1 behind....1pt.

After the usual spell, Dunnstown prevailed for a time. A bad kick off put V Callen in possession, a roar of applause greeting Ballan's first goal. Andrews and Callinan prevented any further scoring and the bell rang for the last term with the visitors 10 points ahead: Dunnstown, 2 goals 8 behinds..20 pts; Ballan, 1 goal 4 behinds....10 pts

The locals with Marriott in the lead were soon in the ascendant. The visitors now put in a claim and Quinlivan gave the Ballan backs a slice, but W Densley, W Callen and J O'Hehir were equal to the occasion. S Lay and Smith put Hyatt in possession, and V Callen marked splendidly. An equally good kick, and both flags went up, to the roar of delight from the locals' supporters. The scores were now 2.8 all, and the game became fast and furious. The visitors mad several futile efforts to regain the lead, but the reliable J O'Hehir was always in the road, W Callen, Graham and Densley lending valuable assistance. Graham scored the winning point, a behind by him putting the locals ahead. Dunnstown quickly forced the play into their opponents' ground, but Densley saved and Kilgour centred, Smith and J O'Hehir (who was now following) sent the leather on, but Andrews and Myles returned. The visitors rushed to the attack, but Marriott stopped the onslaught, and a dazzling bit of play won him a round of applause, the effort making the game safe for Ballan. Just on time the visitors made a dying effort, but could not get past S Lay and W Callen, and the bell rang with the scores:- Ballan, 2 goals 9 behinds..21 points; Dunnstown 2 goals 8 behinds..20 points

Goal-kickers - Ballan, V Callen 2; Dunnstown, Maher 2.

Several of the Dunnstown players claim that the match was a draw - 20 points all - but the scores given above were undoubtedly correct, though several spectators made Ballan 2 points ahead. On paper, the locals had a weak team, but their play was far from weak, and they are to be highly complimented on their victory. Two or three men in the winning team were playing poorly, but everyone did his best, and the Ballan boys still have an unbeaten record. There were several fine footballers in the Dunnstown eighteen, but their names could not be ascertained. Mr G Richardson made a fair and impartial central umpire, and Messrs H Hyatt and L Welch lent valuable assistance as boundary umpires.

"The Ballan Times" July 23, 1908

1909

GORDON V DUNNSTOWN

A football match was played here this afternoon between the local and Dunnstown Clubs. The visitors were led by W McGuan, while Ted Woodman skippered the locals. The result was a win for Gordon by 3 goals 10 behinds to 2 behinds. The visitors were afterwards entertained at Nickol's hotel

"The Ballarat Courier" July, 1909

GORDON V DUNNSTOWN

On Saturday afternoon last the Gordon footballers journeyed to Dunnstown to play the return match with that club. The weather was not favourable for football, but notwithstanding this the game was very interesting. Both sides were well represented, and the game from start to finish was played in a very friendly manner. The result was a win for Gordon, the scores being - Gordon, 2 goals 8 behinds; Dunnstown, 1 goal 3 behinds. After the match the visitors were most hospitably entertained at Redmond's Shamrock hotel

"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" July 23, 1909

DUNNSTOWN V MOLLONGGHIP

Dunnstown defeated Mollongghip on the former's ground on Saturday by 1 goal 10 behinds to 1 goal. Best form for the winners was shown by M Tierney, J Greene, P Cummins, D McGuane, and J McInerney; while those who did yeoman service for the visitors were D Keighery, R Kirby, Kane, Harper, Doherty, Downes, J Guinane and P Carroll. Graham made a fast and impartial umpire. The visitors were entertained at the Shamrock hotel. The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Mr Hartigan, and responded to by Messrs Harper and Keighery

"The Ballarat Courier" August 4, 1909

DUNNSTOWN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION V FOOTBALL CLUB - Brind, Maloney, Hartigan, Fogarty, McGuane, O'Loughlan, Beggs, Guinane, Treweek, Nichols, O'Farrell, Greene, Clark, Howard, Falwell, Hixon, Armstrong, Clapperton.

"The Ballarat Courier" August 27, 1909

It is not clear as to which team members this article refers, or when the match was to be played.

1912

DUNNSTOWN V YENDON

Yendon visited Dunnstown last Saturday, and played a friendly game. Scores - Yendon 1 goal, 2 behinds - 8 points; Dunnstown nil. Goalkicker: T McCormack. A Manion umpired to the satisfaction of both teams. After the match the visitors were entertained at Flynn's Olive Branch hotel.

"The Ballarat Courier" June 7, 1912

1913

The Dunnstown Football Club met at the Olive Branch hotel on Tuesday night last. There was a record attendance and much enthusiasm was shown.

The chair was occupied by Mr T Tierney. The election of office bearers resulted as follow: President, Mr P McGuane; vice-presidents, Messrs Thos. Greene, F Brind and W McGuane.

"The Ballarat Courier" May 17, 1913

DUNNSTOWN V CLARKE'S HILL

At Dunnstown, Saturday. Dunnstown's team: Armstrong, Britt, Breen, Burns, Calway, Crowe, Dean, Dorrington, Donnellan, Forbes, Greene, Lane, McGuane, Murphy, McInerney, Nicholls, O'Malley, Roughan, Tierney, Walshe.

"The Ballarat Courier" June 20, 1913

Dunnstown defeated Clark's Hill on the former's ground on Saturday by 7 goals 8 behinds, to 2 goals 2 behinds. Goal-kickers: Britt 3, Walshe 2, Dean and

Dorrington scoring for Dunnstown; Saunders and Hoench adding the majors for Clark's Hill. The visitors were entertained at the Olive Branch hotel.

"The Ballarat Courier" June 24, 1913

CLARK'S HILL V DUNNSTOWN

Dunnstown played Clark's Hill on Saturday the former winning by 4 points. Clarke's Hill claimed a disputed goal but Dunnstown's goal umpire gave a behind. After the match the visitors were entertained at Conley's Hotel. Scores- Dunnstown, 1-5 to Clark's Hill 7 points. Goal-kicker, Walsh. Manion was the central umpire.

"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" July 4, 1913

1914 - 1918

The following articles were all that could be found for these years. Possibly because of the First World War, no country football was played. Some junior or schools football was played.

At this time there was also a newspaper shortage and only limited space was available for news items to be published. The news regarding the war was paramount, and sporting news took a back seat.

Dunnstown Juniors

A junior football club has been formed in Dunnstown. The club would like to hear from any teams of similar kind desiring a match. The secretary is John Johnson and president Tom Coogan.

"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser, 1914"

Dunnstown were playing in the Wallace District Association, along with Leigh Creek, Wallace and Gordon.

An extract taken from the Ballarat "Courier" on June 11, names the Leigh Creek to play against Dunnstown, at Dunnstown. Leigh Creek defeated Dunnstown by 2 points. The Creek 3 - 7; to Dunnstown 3 - 5.

Gordon play Dunnstown at Gordon, on Saturday. Leigh Creek play Wallace at Wallace.

1925 - 1945

During the roaring 20's Dunnstown Football Club celebrated its 'coming of age' in the football world. The ultimate goal of football was to be achieved for the first time only 2 years after the club was to re-form.

In 1925 the Dunnstown Football Club reformed after a 4 year recess, probably due to the depression and World War 1. In the early years of the 20th century Dunnstown competed in the Wallace Association but on reforming the club, Dunnstown once again were participating in their own league - The Dunnstown Football Association. Only three teams were affiliated in this 1925 competition, they were Warrenheip, Dunnstown and Egerton.

Dunnstown's tradition of controversial football continued. Controversy and fights were part and parcel of football from this era. Players, spectators and even the local constabulary all took an active part of the on field wars. Fighting was rife in these years.

Dunnstown's team for 1925 consisted of the following: Murphy, Green, Linahan 2, Howard 3, J & K Lenaghan, Armstrong, H & D Brennan, Tierney, O'Loughlin 2, Roushe, Dwyer 2, Ryan 2, Goodman, Cantwell, Blood, Hartigan, Russell, Kiely, Orr 2, Stanley, & Cummings.

DUNNSTOWN ASSOCIATION: A PROTEST UPHELD, DUNNSTOWN

Residents are at a loss to understand the attitude of the local association in disqualifying the club on the protest lodged by Egerton Football Club in relation to last Saturday's semi-final. The protest has been upheld, and the match awarded to Egerton. Dunnstown immediately gave notice of intention to appeal to the Ballarat League. Before the League will deal with any matter of the kind it must have the consent of the Association. The Association would not grant leave to appeal, and would not give any reasons for the refusal. Consequently the Dunnstown club has to abide by the ruling of the other clubs.

"The Ballarat Courier" August 1, 1925

The aforementioned protest lodged by Egerton was in regard to an alleged ineligible player for Dunnstown taking part in the semi-final game against Egerton in which Dunnstown won.

The outcome of the protest meeting follows.

1926

Dunnstown Association teams for season 1926 were: Dunnstown, Yendon, Egerton, Ormond, Gordon, & Warrenheip.

Dunnstown's team for the 1926 season consisted of the following players: Armstrong, Ryan 2, Lenaghan, Murphy, Roushe, Gladman, Howard 3, Durose, Kiely, Goodman, Orr, Reeves, Greene, Leonard.

DUNNSTOWN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION: GORDON MINOR PREMIERS

The undefeated Gordon played against Egerton on Saturday. By winning this match Gordon won the minor premiership. Final scores were: Gordon 5 goals 10 behinds to Egerton 3 goals 9 behinds.

Other matches in the Association resulted as follows: Ormond 2 goals 1 behind defeated Dunnstown 1 goal 2 behinds. Warrenheip 10 goals 11 behinds defeated Yendon 6 goals 6 behinds.

The independent investigation tribunal will meet at Wallace this week-end to consider charges made by Umpire Philpot against M Greene and Reeve, of Dunnstown, and Gleeson, of Ormond, for fighting during the progress of the Ormond V Dunnstown match, at Ormond last Saturday. Messrs J Linahan, P Vincombe, and J Tanner comprise the tribunal.

"The Ballarat Courier" July 16, 1926

DUNNSTOWN ASSOCIATION: A LIVELY INCIDENT

Egerton visited Dunnstown to play the local team on Saturday. The afternoon was fine, but the ground was greasy and the ball soon became difficult to handle. Both teams were level on points, and a closely-contested game was expected. The home team were led by Edmunds, the burly ex-Point player, while J Hoare captained Egerton. Dunnstown had the advantage of the slight wind for the first

DUNNSTOWN ASSOCIATION: ORMOND BEATEN IN FIRST SEMI-FINAL

Before a large crowd of spectators Dunnstown and Ormond¹ met in the first semi-final at the Gordon football ground on Saturday. The weather was fine, but a strong breeze blowing towards the southern goal tended to keep the play towards that end of the ground. Although both teams brought the ball up to the northern goal on occasions only 6 points were scored there throughout the game, a goal being registered by Dunnstown in the last quarter.

Both teams were strongly represented, but Ormond were without the services of F Lee, one of their best players, who was absent on account of illness. Edmunds, the ex-Golden Point full back, had charge of Dunnstown, who are being coached by him. P O'Neil captained the Ormond team. When the game opened Dunnstown quickly worked the ball forward, and assisted by the wind, had Ormond on the defensive practically all through the quarter.

On the change over for the second term Ormond commenced a strong attack upon the Dunnstown back line, and broke through on many occasions. They were having the best of the contest at this stage, but their shooting for goal was very faulty, and from eight tries they scored only one goal. During the third quarter both teams were playing better football than in the preceding half.

Dunnstown again had the advantage of the wind, but owing to the stern defence of the Ormond backs they found it difficult to break through. Towards the close of the quarter they rallied well, and had the satisfaction of adding 17 points in their opponents' nil. Ormond were now 23 points in arrears, but had the assistance of the wind for the last quarter.

The good game they had been playing though buoyed their supporters in the hope that they would yet win. From the bounce at the commencement of the quarter they attacked strongly, but many of their attacks broke down near goal, or else the ball was forced out of bounds.

With ten minutes to go they still had a chance of winning, but the hard fight they had been putting up was beginning to tell upon the team, and they eased down a little.

Dunnstown quickly seized the opportunity to work the ball over the centre, and a few minutes afterwards Howard kicked a goal for them, and so put the issue practically beyond doubt. When the game ceased Ormond were pressing the Dunnstown back line, but failed to add to their score. The final scores were:-

<i>Dunnstown</i>	<i>6 goals</i>	<i>6 behinds</i>
<i>Ormond</i>	<i>3 goals</i>	<i>11 behinds</i>

The goal-kickers were: - Edmunds 5, Howard 1 for Dunnstown, and for Ormond,

Ryan 2, and Ronan 1. The best players for the winners were: Buckland, Edmunds, Reeves, Linehan, Dwyer, Murphy and Rousche. Edmunds' handling of the team was also a great factor towards their success.

For Ormond perhaps the best were Ronan, whose high marking right through the game was good, Paddy Ryan, roving, also played well, Others to do well were "Scotty" Linehan, O'Connor, Blook, Cook and O'Neil.

"The Ballarat Courier" August 19, 1926

1 Note: Ormond is the former name for what we now know as Springbank.

DUNNSTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

The season of 1926 has been very bright for the officials of the Dunnstown Football Club, both from a financial point of view and success in the football arena. The club started in its local association contests by losing the first four matches; after that they met defeat only three times - twice to Gordon and once to Ormond.

The duties of coach were in the reliable hands of Bert Edmunds, and to him a great deal of the success is due. On Saturday next the club will be matched against the undefeated club, Gordon, in the final match. Although beaten three times by Gordon, they are confident of next Saturday's engagement at Wallace. On Sunday last the Bungaree club visited Dunnstown and were beaten by a point.

"The Ballarat Courier" August 25, 1926

DUNNSTOWN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION: GORDON WINS SECOND SEMI-FINAL

Gordon defeated Warrenheip in the second Semi-final of the Dunnstown Football Association on Saturday. The match was played at the Dunnstown football ground.

Scores were:- Gordon 4 goals,6 behinds defeated Warrenheip 4 goals,1 behind.

The Final match will be played at the Wallace racecourse next Saturday, between Gordon (minor premiers) and Dunnstown, and a great game should result. Bert Edmunds, the Dunnstown coach, will have charge of the team, and in that respect the team will be losing nothing, as it was apparent to most of those who witnessed a recent match played in the association that Edmunds' leading of the team was a

DUNNSTOWN FINAL: AN EXCITING GAME

Gordon and Dunnstown met in the grand final for the Dunnstown District Association premiership at the Wallace racecourse on Saturday. A large crowd assembled to witness the match, which proved to be very exciting from start to finish. Both teams were well represented, and they gave a good exhibition of football. Gordon had suffered only one defeat this season, and that was when Dunnstown defeated them in the final at Wallace, on the previous Saturday. On that occasion they were without the services of several of their most prominent players. The weather was ideal for football, and the slight breeze prevailing did not favour either goal much. The final quarter opened with Gordon leading by only two points. Half-way through the quarter it was anyone's game. However breaches of the rules by Gordon enabled Dunnstown to return the ball forward.

The large crowd of spectators were now keenly excited. Gordon were only a few points in the lead, and Dunnstown continued to attack with determination. When the final bell rang the scores were: Gordon 3 goals 6 behinds; Dunnstown 2 goals 4 behinds.

The Gordon team were enthusiastically cheered, by their supporters after the match concluded. The majority of the players of each team showed up well on occasions. But Gordon appeared to be the better team, and well earned their victory. Tim Carey is probably the best high mark in the association. His high marking on Saturday was a feature of the match. Cantwell played very well for Gordon in defence, and was able assisted by Jack Canty, who played a really good game. Tom Carey showed plenty of dash and also did well. Others of the team who played well were Winter, and Greene, who played consistently right through the game. Tim Canty and E Sullivan did good service. The best for Dunnstown were Mat Greene, who during the last half was the best men on the ground, and Dwyer, who showed great dash and judgment. Buckland, Britt, Reeves, and Linahan were a bunch of very useful players. Edmunds was effective. The goal-kickers for Gordon were: Winter, McCusker, and Steve Carey; and for Dunnstown, Leonard and Reeves. J Ryan acted as central umpire and he gave a good exhibition of umpiring. The winning team is to be given gold medals by the association.

"The Ballarat Courier" September 6, 1926

DUNNSTOWN ASSOCIATION: GORDON WIN PREMIERSHIP

The grand final for the Dunnstown Association premiership, between Gordon

DUNNSTOWN ASSOCIATION

The grand final match of this Association will be played on the Wallace racecourse tomorrow, when Egerton, minor premiers, will meet Dunnstown, the winners of the final. During the season umpires have spoken highly of the class of football being played in this competition, and Saturday's game should be exciting. Both teams have been training assiduously - Egerton under the coaching of Ralph Gray, of Golden Point, and Dunnstown under Pat Bourke of South. All vehicular traffic must enter the course by Coffey's lane. The game which is timed to start at 3 p.m. will be in charge of Ballarat League umpires.

Dunnstown V Egerton (Grand Final) team:- P Bourke, M Green, Ryan, Britt, Dwyer, Lenaghan, Leonard, Linahan, Howard, Brennan, O'Rourke, Howard, Meiklejohn, McInerney, O'Donohue, Horan, O'Grady, Connellan, Gladman, Reeves, Roach.

Bus via Ti Tree road, leaves Shamrock 1.45 sharp.

"The Ballarat Courier" August 12, 1927

The following report is of Dunnstown's first recorded premiership.

DUNNSTOWN OUTCLASSES EGERTON - AND WINS PREMIERSHIP

A LAST QUARTER MELEE

By a decisive lead on points Dunnstown won the premiership of the Dunnstown Football Association from Egerton on the Wallace ground on Saturday afternoon. Egerton were minor premiers, and Dunnstown defeated Ormond in the final last Saturday week. Saturday's match was the challenge, and with the day being fine there was a record attendance. Over £30 was taken at the gate, and there were quite a few people who came into the ground via back paddocks. Both teams' were confident of victory, and each fielded their strongest eighteens. During the week two or three of the Dunnstown players had been ill, and although they played on Saturday their performances were not up to the standard of the previous Saturday.

Bourke, the Dunnstown skipper, won the toss and kicked with the wind in the first quarter. Dunnstown got on to the ball at the bounce and after a smart bit of by-play M Greene sent towards the sticks, but a mark by Fletcher stopped the

attack momentarily. Again the ball was returned and a scramble around the goal gave Roche a chance of scoring, but he managed only to push the ball through the goal posts. The kick off was nicely marked by H Stalker, who carried the game around the wing where Wally Stalker with a long punt scored major points. For some minutes play was in the centre area, and then M Greene sent goalwards. Frank O'Rourke marked well, but the wind interfering with his kick the ball went out. Dunnstown maintained the attack, but the Egerton full back, Segrave, was playing wonderfully well, and hardly allowed anything to pass him. His marking and kicking were a treat to see. W Hoare on the back line also saved well. F Cantwell carried the ball away to the centre, but frees sent it back. Egerton were losing chances at this stage of the game. Time after time they had the ball past the centre line, but repeated infringements robbed them of opportunities to get the ball anywhere within the scoring distance. When Egerton at last broke through Gray had a shot, but Bourke marked well. Both teams were being penalised for hanging on to the ball too much, and up till now the game had been very fast. The players now began to tire, and all settled down. Dunnstown looked like scoring when Brennan received from Horan right in front, but his kick hit the post. Just before the bell Segrave stemmed another attack on the part of the Dunnstown players. With only five points lead for the second quarter Egerton jumped away at the bell, and in two kicks registered a behind. From the kick-off the ball travelled around the wing until, Mickey Roche marked it well in the air. Although he was a long way out he tried for goal, and the ball sped straight for the big opening, but the wind took a hand and it fell short. A nice kick by O'Rourke scored Dunnstown's first goal. Segrave and Cantwell were responsible for the ball leaving the Dunnstown territory again, and with a nice chain of marks the ball was sent to the other end of the ground, where a free to W Stalker gave him an opportunity of scoring. His well-judged punt raised both flags - the second goal (and incidentally, the last). With this lead Egerton commenced to feel easier, but did not relax. Meiklejohn on the back line was doing solid work for Dunnstown and time and again he was responsible for the ball being returned to the centre line. One of his saves gave O'Rourke a chance of forwarding the ball, and M Greene had a snap, out, the wind again spoilt Dunnstown's chances of scoring. A smart bit of play was witnessed when J Leonard took the ball just on the goal line and dodging three players of Egerton, brought it out of the danger area. Had he kicked the ball would have been sent well away, but he fell into the trap that snared most young footballers - he tried to run and bounce the ball, and as the playing ground was not all "rolled turf" the ball struck a lump and bounced the wrong way. Hence he lost the ball. In the scramble that ensued Vic Horan received a free, and with a good long kick saved the situation. Gray on the half forward line was working like a trojan, and the ball for about five minutes was continually around the Egerton scoring area. Bourke and his back men had their work cut out to keep the scores down, and they succeeded very well, as only one behind was scored in the whole of the time.

Just before the half-time bell Dunnstown added a single. Half-time scores were:-

ASSOCIATION

SECOND SEMI-FINAL

TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TOMORROW

**DUNNSTOWN (MINOR PREMIERS) V GORDON,
ON THE BALLAN OVAL**

**Don't miss this Match which should be
The Contest of the season.**

Splendid parking Area for Cars - Free.

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Game Starts at 3 sharp,

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DUNNSTOWN V GORDON

At Ballan, tomorrow. Bus leaves Leigh Creek at 1p.m., via D'town. Players' bus leaves D'town at 1.15 p.m. sharp. Supporters' buses (2) leave Shamrock at 2 p.m., and travel via Millbrook. Millbrook patrons kindly book seats by ringing D'town 1 before noon on Saturday, to avoid congestion.

Fares: Adults 3/-, Children 1/-.

J. and K. Lenaghan, secs.

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DUNNSTOWN V GORDON AT BALLAN

Dunnstown's team: P Bourke (Capt.), F Donohue (V.C.), T Donohue, J Lenaghan, J Dunne, V O'Rourke, E Andrews, G Reidy, C Rushbrook, B McGuane, C Sheehan, M & J Howard, K Lenaghan, J McInerney, J Leonard, M Greene, T Dwyer, J Linahan, J O'Grady and A Purdue.

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DUNNSTOWN ASSOCIATION FINAL

WON BY DUNNSTOWN - GORDON'S PLUCKY LAST QUARTER

STRUGGLE

For the third time in the history of the Dunnstown and District Football Association teams representing the Dunnstown and Gordon clubs have played in the final. The third occasion was on Saturday when Dunnstown met Gordon on what was once the Wallace racecourse, and is now the property of Mr Frank Richards. Ballan won the minor premierships honours and met Dunnstown in the first-semi final match. Dunnstown won. Bungaree played Gordon in the second semi-final and this match resulted in a win for Gordon. The first semi-final attracted about 800 people, the second semi-final about the same number and Saturday's match over 1000. Cars lined up most of the way around the ground, and there was a big representation of country football followers, as well as many Ballarat visitors. The Oval was in good condition, but a strong northerly wind made it uncomfortable for the spectators in the open. The central umpire was T Williams, and the teams were:-

DUNNSTOWN

P Bourke (c), M Green (V.C.), Frank O'Rourke, H Lugg, A Dwyer, M Howard, J Howard, J O'Grady, K Lenaghan, J McInerney, T O'Donohue, J H Wise, E Reeves, J Linahan, Vic Horan, J Gladman and D Leonard.

GORDON

R Gray(c), P Fahey (V.C.), T Carey, W Winter, Steve Carey, J Canty, R Canty S Greene, Tom Carey, F Cantwell, E Sullivan, H Stalker, Don Stalker, W Stalker, E Simms, D Corbett, M Sullivan.

At the bounce Dunnstown drew first blood, Horan snapping a behind from a long way out. The kick-off was marked by O'Rourke and he also scored a minor. The play was around the scoring area for a few minutes before Bourke sent out to O'Rourke who had a shot. The kick was marked just in goal by Carey and returned. Cantwell marked well and centred. Bourke now took possession and after very cleverly tricking two opponents gave Gladman an easy chance right in front and he scored the possible. It was a fine kick and well judged. Dunnstown's forwards had been working hard, and it now was the turn of the back men to do something, and when Gordon rushed the play to the other end, they had to work enough. The defensive work was good, and M Greene on the back line was a tower of strength. Three behinds were scored by Gordon in quick succession, W Stalker accounting for two and Steve Carey for the other one. The Gordon forwards were missing numbers of chances from fumbling. Cantwell who had been playing well near the centre, drove well up the field and a high mark by Steve Carey generated in Gordon supporters high hopes of a goal, but his kick fell short and was marked by J H Wise. The return by Wise was marked by Carey, who scored a point. A free kick to Lambert paved the way for a goal. There was no more scoring for the quarter, and during the interval a short, sharp shower made its unwelcome presence felt. Gordon did not waste any time at the bounce and the ball was quickly in the danger zone, when a free to O'Rourke

saved the situation. Bourke marked his kick in the centre and a free to Wise, who was now playing on the forward line, resulted in the ball going out of bounds. A snap by O'Rourke raised one flag before Gordon succeeded in getting the play away from the danger area. Gray was most prominent in this, and Fahey, Sullivan, W Stalker and Winter carried the play to the other end, where the last-named player had a long shot. His kick fell short and about three Gordon players went up together for the ball. They fumbled it, and the opportunity was lost, for Greene rushed in and returned the ball to the centre where Winter took a high mark and he passed to Gray, who in turn sent it on right in front to Steve Carey, who scored the second goal for Gordon. Winter in the centre was prominent in launching the next attack and W Stalker scored a point. A flying mark by Lenaghan and a good kick sent the ball back and a free right in front to Bourke gave him an easy chance. He scored the possible. O'Rourke did good work in helping to bring the ball to the other end and Dunnstown scored two more goals in quick succession. Bourke in the centre passed to O'Rourke, who gave Lenaghan an opportunity. The other sixer was snapped by Reeves after he had received form M Greene. This was just before the halftime bell. Gordon commenced the third term with a deficit of eight points, and another point was added to this within a few seconds of the bounce. Gordon replied with a behind from S Carey, a goal from Lambert and another goal, this time by H Stalker. H Stalker marked the kick off after the behind and passed to Lambert in front, and Winter and Fahey carried the ball from the bounce in the centre to H Stalker for the second goal. M Sullivan gave S Carey what appeared to be an easy chance of scoring, but the ball sailed right in front of the sticks out of bounds. It was quickly sent round the wing to the other end by Horan, O'Rourke, and Lugg, and Dunnstown looked like scoring when a free to Winter, who was playing a good solid game, saved. Cantwell took Winter's kick and Fahey gave W Stalker a chance, which was converted for fifth goal. Bourke in the centre was awarded a free and with a long kick he gave D Leonard possession right in front but a fair way out, but his kick was true, and Dunnstown's fifth goal was registered. Cantwell, on the back line, was saving repeatedly for Gordon, who scored a couple of behinds before the bell sounded.

The last ten minutes of the quarter saw the play mostly in the centre. During this quarter a regrettable incident occurred on the western wing when some of the barrackers who had grown somewhat excited became mixed up with the players. The game was held up for a few minutes, and during that time the mounted constable on duty found it necessary to draw his baton and charge to get the crowd off the field. When the bell sounded Gordon had a 6 point lead, but in the last quarter Dunnstown scored three goals four behinds to the one behind of Gordon. Gladman scored his second goal after Pat Bourke and Greene had sent the ball from the centre at the bounce. This made the scores level, and then a fine goal from O'Rourke put Dunnstown in the lead. This player accounted for a behind a few minutes later, and Reeves snapped another point. Time and time again the ball was returned to the centre line only to be sent back again. A rally

"The Ballarat Courier" August 27, 1928

PREMIER TEAMS TO MEET.

Newlyn (premiers of Creswick Association), and Gordon (premiers of the Dunnstown Association) will play a match on the Bungaree ground next Saturday, in aid of the Creswick District Hospital.

"The Ballarat Courier" August 30, 1928

1929

1929 was another of Dunnstown's success years.

Dunnstown's second recorded premiership was gained in a last quarter struggle against old rivals and neighbours Bungaree. Dunnstown has proved itself as a force to be reckoned with. Their fighting spirit and sportsmanship has earned the club a healthy respect from all competitors.

Tomorrow the old rivals, Bungaree and Dunnstown are to meet at Dunnstown for the second time this season. The first match was keenly fought out and another good game is expected.

"The Ballarat Courier" June 7, 1929

A record crowd assembled in the Dunnstown ground on Saturday to witness the Dunnstown - Bungaree match. Cooper, (formerly Ballarat's champion follower) won the toss for Bungaree and had no hesitation in making use of the wind.

The ringing of the bell saw the visitors within scoring distance, and thus bought a conclusion to the finest game ever witnessed in Dunnstown. The huge crowd caused the fence to give way in the last term, and this led to a hold up of the play.

Quinn, (next to Dunne), O'Connell, Guinane, Morden, Maher and Macklin and Cooper did well for the losers. Final scores: Dunnstown, 9 goals 6 behinds (60 Points) to Bungaree, 6 goals, 5 behinds (41 Points). This game was the sixth game this year, and interest in the competition is increasing.

"The Ballarat Courier" June 12, 1929

DUNNSTOWN DISTRICT FOOTBALL

ASSOCIATION.

GRAND FINAL

DUNNSTOWN V BUNGAREE

SATURDAY, 14th SEPT.

On BALLAN OVAL.

**Special Train leaves Ballarat 1.35, Warrenheip 1.50, Dunnstown 1.56,
Bungaree 2.4, Gordon 2.22.**

Returning from Ballan at 5.40 p.m.

**Special football fares from Ballarat. Return, 4/- and intermediate stations
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The Game of the Season -Don't Miss it.

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PREMIERSHIP LIST

	Played	Won	Lost	Points
Dunnstown	6	6	0	24
Gordon	6	5	1	20
Ballan	6	3	3	12
Yendon	6	2	4	8
Ormond	6	1	5	4
Bungaree	6	1	5	4

DUNNSTOWN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

DUNNSTOWN WINS GRAND FINAL: LAST QUARTER STRUGGLE

By defeating Bungaree at the Ballan Oval on Saturday in the Grand final match of the Dunnstown District Association the Dunnstown team, the minor premiers of the Association, won the premiership honours. The day was ideal for the game, there was just a breath of wind noticeable; the ground was in splendid

Dunnstown Football Club Premiers 1929



Back: E Andrews, B McGuane, J O'Grady, J Dunne, T O'Donoghue, J Howard.

Middle: M Howard, M Greene, J McInerney, Cr. P J Maloney (Pres), V O'Rourke, C Sheehan, C Rushbrook.

Front: J Leonard, A Dwyer, K Lenaghan (Joint Sec), F O'Donoghue (VC), P Bourke (CC), J Linahan (joint sec), G Reidy, J Linahan. Absent: A Purdue.

1930

The 1930's era of football was a time of change. Dunnstown experienced the all-important move from their own Association to affiliate with the Ballarat Football League, a competition known as the Ballarat and District Football Association.

The club were also to acquire new guernseys and a change of club colours during these years. Four different coaches were to take charge of the team in as many years.

The changes were unsettling in the early days, but the 30's were no less glorious or controversial than previously, within four years of first rate competition

DUNNSTOWN V CRESWICK

A report of this game found in the Ballarat Courier records the opening round of matches in the Ballarat and District Association, with Dunnstown playing against Creswick. Dunnstown elected Pat Bourke and Mat Greene as captain and vice captain for the fifth successive season, and the team included new players in Flannagan (from Powelltown), O'Leary, Lenaghan 2, and Sheehan (from Leigh Creek).

The game was keenly fought with Creswick being victorious.

The scores were: Creswick 11 goals 6 behinds; Dunnstown 8 goals 6 behinds. The visitors were well served by Peters, who gave the home backs a lot of trouble, and he was well supported by Park, Featherstone (2), Bowley, Gibson, and Potter; while Bourke, K Lenaghan, Lugg, J Howard (5 goals), Leonard, McInerney, Greene and Donohue were the pick of the home team. The scoring board, which was donated by Messrs Brind and Jackson, was favourably commented upon.

May 27, 1931

DUNNSTOWN V RAILWAYS

In this fast and interesting game with accurate kicking, good high marking and splendid anticipation caused intense excitement, which resulted in a win for Dunnstown.

Scores: Dunnstown, 11 goals 19 behinds; Railways, 8 goals 10 behinds.

Every man on the winning side played well, but probably the most conspicuous were J Mitchell, J Howard, O'Leary, M Howard, Lugg, Greene and K Lenaghan; while Bromley, Larkin, Wallis, Johnson, Ward, Wearne and Ross were the pick of the visitors.

June 10, 1931

NEWLYN V DUNNSTOWN

This was a scrambling game on a very slippery ground, which resulted in victory for Newlyn. The final scores were:- Newlyn, 4 goals 8 behinds, 30 points; to Dunnstown 1 goal 14 points, 20 points.

Richardson, Williams, May, McCarthy, Saunders and Bailey were the best among the locals, while K Lenaghan, Lugg (2), Dunne and Rushbrook were the most prominent for the visitors.

June 13, 1931

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

A CLOSE GAME - DUNNSTOWN'S ONE POINT WIN

In this even fought game between Dunnstown and Sebastopol played on the Eastern Oval, Dunnstown eventually ran out one point winners.

The teams were: Sebastopol - Backs: Casey, Weeks, Silvey; Half-backs: Feary, Edwards, Lawson; Centre: Curtain, Wright, Perkins (c); Half- forwards: J Snowden, L Snowden, Hill; Forwards: Jenkins, Austin, Rumler; Followers: White, Nicholls; Rover: Chibnall. 19th man: Ritchie.

Dunnstown - Backs: O'Meara, O'Leary, Leonard; Half-back: M Howard, Bourke, Sheehan; Centre: Purdue, Lugg, McGree; Half-forwards: Leneghan, McCormack, O'Donohue; Forward: W O'Leary, J Howard, Lee; Followers: Green and McInerney; Rover: J Lugg. 19th man: Squires.

Central umpire: Cunningham.

Dunnstown kicked towards the grandstand goal, but soon lost the initial advantage mostly by penalty kicks, and a point was rushed. An attack on the Sebastopol goal was beaten off, but Dunnstown came again. Sebastopol were better in the air, but lost advantage by over-anxiousness. Scores were:

Dunnstown	10 goals 6 behinds....66 points
Sebastopol	9 goals 11 behinds...65 points

Goal-kickers:- Dunnstown: J Howard (3) B O'Leary (2), W Lee (2), Lenaghan, McCormack, O'Donohue. Sebastopol: Austin (5), Nicholls (2), Rumler and Jenkins.

June 18, 1931

DUNNSTOWN V SOUTH CITY

A large crowd attended the above fixture at Dunnstown last Saturday. Both teams were strongly represented and the spectators were satisfied with the standard displayed. Fine open football was witnessed in the early stages of the last term. The visitors were vainly trying to reduce their deficiency. Superior forward play for the locals made their score 19 points in excess of their opponents. The visitors struggled on and attacked strongly in the closing stages, but a solitary sixer was their reward and the bell was rung with the scores: Dunnstown, 7 goals 12 behinds, 54 points; to South City, 6 goals 5 behinds, 41 points.

Every player on the winning side justified his inclusion, but, perhaps, O'Rourke, Donohue, Dunne, Burke, Green and M Howard were the most prominent; while Robinson (best on ground), Brayshaw, Hubbart, Raddiford and Shaw were the

pick of the losers.

June 24, 1931

DUNNSTOWN V CRESWICK

For the second time this season the above named teams met last Saturday in the presence of a large attendance. Weight was freely used, and the spectators throbbed with excitement. The end was drawing near, and an attack by the visitors yielded one point, which made the scores level. Players of both sides were meeting each other squarely, and as a consequence many were covered in mud. With barely a minute left for play Bowley, of Creswick, was fouled right in front, and he made no mistake, the leather going through amidst deafening cheers. From the bounce Bourke, of Dunnstown, sent on to O'Rourke, who marked 40 yards out just as the bell rang. In kicking, his opponent crept over his mark. Many, thinking the game had ended, surged on to the playing field, and it was with difficulty the umpire got the crowd back, O'Rourke kicked and scored the equalising goal.

July 9, 1931

DUNNSTOWN V EAST BALLARAT

There was a large attendance at Russell Square on Saturday to witness East Ballarat against Dunnstown. The ground was in a bad state, and as a result the game was spoilt. Both teams fielded strong eighteens, and both sides were confident. Play became very exciting, and on one occasion Umpire Galvin had to stop the game until a large section of the crowd retired beyond the boundary. The home team, with only nine points to make up started the last term in a determined style. For a time caution was thrown to the winds, and players hurled themselves into the game fearlessly. The visitors were, however, the steadier, and repelled several attacks until they increased their lead to 17 points, and made the game secure. Just on the bell East Ballarat scored a major.

Final scores: Dunnstown, 7 goals 8 behinds - 50 points; East, 5 goals 10 behinds - 40 points.

The goal umpires were set a difficult task owing to a section of the crowd congregating around the goal posts.

The Association should see that a space here is roped off, which would eliminate difficulties that frequently arose last Saturday.

The winners were an even combination, and all came under notice at some time or other, but perhaps M Howard (best on ground), Purdue, J Howard, Dunne, J Lugg, O'Rourke, and Sheehan were the most prominent, while H Stevens, A and I Anwyl, Carter (last quarter), Worledge, and Morrison did sterling work for the

August 17, 1931

ASSOCIATION SEMI-FINAL

DUNNSTOWN BEAT SOUTH CITY - SEVEN PLAYERS REPORTED

Although frequently more vigorous than skilful, the first semi-final of the Ballarat and District Association aroused and retained the deepest interest throughout. The best idea of the tactics resorted to by both contesting teams - Dunnstown and Ballarat City- (*should read South City*) is conveyed by the fact that no fewer than seven players were reported, chiefly for exchanging blows during the game. Four of them were members of the Dunnstown team, and three were South City men. Their cases will be dealt with by the Association tribunal next Friday night. The result will not concern South Ballarat this season, but the Dunnstown team will be much concerned about the view taken of the alleged offences. White Flat, on which the match was played, was in surprisingly good condition after the consistently wet three months. Except for the cricket pitch in the centre it was in striking contrast with the slush pool into which the centre of the two principal Ovals has been converted. The popularity of Association football was expressed in the very large attendance, which was sufficient to evoke the envy of the League. Dunnstown proved to be the stronger and better team, and their win by 18 points was a fair reflex of the merits of the two eighTEENS. The teams were:

Dunnstown, Backs: Sheehan, Leneghan, Leonard. Half-backs: Donohue, M Howard and Flanagan. Centre: Dunne, O'Rourke, Purdue. Half-forwards: H Lugg, Mitchell, Rushbrook. Forward: Bourke, J Howard, O'Leary. Ruck: Greene, McInerney. Rover: J Lugg.

South City: Back W Watson, Maddaford, Sandlant. Half-back: J Berry, S Robinson and Trezise. Centre: Bartlett, H Berry, R Robinson. Half-forwards: E Robinson, E Waller, Hubbard. Forward: Gluyas, Shaw, Dolheguy. Ruck: Brayshaw, Backer. Rover: Jenkins.

The game had been decidedly strenuous, but it was more so in the last quarter. Hard bumps became the order of things, and being the lighter team South fared the worse. Bartlett being carried off the ground injured and Sandlant, J Berry and Gluyas receiving ambulance treatment. It was a desperately hard fought finish, and during the term Dunnstown increased their lead to 18 points, both teams striking the goal post. The score were:

Dunnstown	5 goals 15 behinds...45
South City	4 goals 3 behinds «.27

Goalkickers: Dunnstown, Bourke, O'Leary, Rushbrook, J Lugg and M Howard. South City: Dolheguy (2), Shaw, and Gluyas.

much between the two teams, Creswick displayed the greater resourcefulness and adaptability and operated the better as a team. In the end only eight points separated them, the teams were:-

Creswick:- Back: James, Cushing, Potter; Half-backs: Stevenson, Park, Heagney; Centre: Reville, Peters, Hender; Forward: Hartley, Bowley, Thomas; Followers, Heden, Featherstone; Rover: Robinson.

Dunnstown:- Backs: Sheehan, Leneghan, Leonard; Half-backs: Donoghue, M Howard, Flanagan; Centre: Dunne, O'Rourke, Purdue; Half-forward: H Lugg, Mitchell, Rushbrook; Forwards: Bourke, J Howard, O'Leary; Followers: Green, McInerney; Rover: J Lugg.

After much spirited manoeuvring Reville consolidated Creswick's position with a goal. Notwithstanding the apparent hopelessness of the position Dunnstown stuck it out gamely to the end and prevented their opponents from pressing home to any material account their strong wind advantage. Scores:-

Creswick	5 goals	4 behinds....	34points
Dunnstown	3 goals	8 behinds....	26points

Goal-kickers-Creswick, Bowley (2), Featherstone, Reville.
Dunnstown, J Howard, Dunne, Bourke.

In actual play Creswick were a more even team than Dunnstown. Featherstone was one of their most consistent players and uniformly good play was also shown by Hender, Reville, Bowley, Peters, Robinson, Park and Potter.

Dunnstown were capably led by Bourke, whose goal was one of the finest kicks of the day. His marking, too, was good and his work was always effective. More dash was shown by several of the others, but he was always dependable. Green, Dunne, Leonard, O'Rourke, Rushbrook, Mitchell, Donoghue, Howard, Leneghan and Lugg bore their share in a hard-fought clean game.

1932

DUNNSTOWN CLUB'S MEETING

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Dunnstown Club, held in the Mechanics' Hall recently, and much enthusiasm was displayed. The balance-sheet submitted by the treasurer, Mr A Neville showed a credit balance of £14. It was decided to vote the sum of £5 to the retiring secretary Mr M Howard in appreciation of the valuable work he had rendered to the club. Mr P Cummins, the retiring president, stated that he was not available for re-election and congratulated all and sundry on the excellent season they had passed through. Mr Jas Tierney was elected president, and on taking the chair received

an ovation. The vice presidents elected were: Messrs M Greene sen., T O'Donohue, G Jackson, A Neville and J Lenaghan; treasurer, Mr A Neville; delegates Messrs J Lenaghan, and H Goodman; secretary Mr M Howard for the third successive season. The valuable work of the ladies' committee was the theme of enthusiastic speeches. The ladies' efforts resulted in a net profit of £84. It was decided to again join the Ballarat and District Association. An event that is creating interest, not only in Dunnstown, but in other outlying parts is the 45's championship, which is to be held in the Mechanics' Hall on Wednesday night. Prizes amounting to £13/10/- are being given. The response from Ballarat, Bungaree, Leigh Creek, Wallace, Springbank, Millbrook, Gordon and Clark's Hill is certainly very promising and the committee seem assured of a successful evening.

"The Ballarat Courier" April 15, 1932

Teams in the Ballarat and District association for season 1932:- Dunnstown, Sebastopol, East Ballarat, Buninyong, South City and North City.

Dunnstown's team for 1932 was:- Bourke, Greene, Dawson, Howard (2), Donohue, Leonard, Rushbrook, Lenaghan (2), Lugg, Kiely, Sherry, Rowe, Mitchell, Sheehan, Squires, Flanagan, Lee, O'Leary, McGuane, O'Meara, Horne, Magree, Frertay, Purdue.

Dunnstown Football Club did not make the final four for 1932 season.

24/2/32 President of the D.F.C. for 1932 was J Tierney, Secretary, M. Howard, and Treasurer, A Neville. Paddy Bourke was appointed coach of the Dunnstown Football Club for season 1932 at a remuneration of £1/10/- per week. The committee was made up of :- J Tierney, M Howard, A Neville, M Greene, G Jackson, J Lenaghan, T O'Donohue, P Cummins, L Flynn, H Goodman, T Prucell and M Burns.

Committee members to attend Annual meeting of the Ballarat and District Football Association. Mr E Flynn was engaged to drive delegates to meetings for the season at a cost of 12/- return.

The president and secretary to interview Mr O'Loughlin with regard to playing football on his ground for the season.

150 Members' and 50 Patrons' buttons to be procured.

5/4/34 A new set of guernsey and sox be bought. A suggestion that they be Black with green sash.

A second suggestion that they be Dark Blue with white collar and cuffs. The secretary see Owen's re sample & price.

Selection committee to consist of 5. 3 Ind. & Capt. & V.capt.

Special meeting held Sunday 8th April re colour of guernseys & sox for 1934 season. Majority in favour of Dark Blue with white collar and cuffs. Meeting & welcome to W. McCarthy coach for season 1934.

Selection committee: T. O'Donohue Snr., J. Menhennet, T. McCormack, W. McCarthy (coach), & vice captain.

Extract from Minutes of 1934 Meetings.

Two successful teams in their first two matches Buninyong and Dunnstown met at Buninyong and each was confident of a win. A very hard game resulted. Buninyong had the better of the play, but were weak in kicking for goal. Dunnstown on the other hand displayed accuracy around the posts, and out of eleven scoring shots they accounted for eight goals. Buninyong with 21 chances could find the opening only 6 times and the bell rang with the scores level. The scores were:-

*Dunnstown 8 goals 3 behinds....51
Buninyong 6 goals 15 behinds....51*

"The Ballarat Courier" May 25, 1934

The following is an account of Dunnstown's third known premiership as recorded.

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION PREMIERSHIP

DUNNSTOWN'S FINE VICTORY - EAST BALLARAT DEFEATED

For the second season in succession the East Ballarat Club was deprived of premiership honours in the grand final of the Ballarat and District Association's competition. On Saturday Dunnstown, an amazing improved team, checked East in all departments on White Flat. The country team's victory was thoroughly deserved and seemed to meet with general approval. East Ballarat, the most consistent team in the competition both last year and this year, appeared to be over-trained and a little too anxious. The players constantly ran over the ball and were beaten by their opponents in scouting and picking up. East's kicking, as will be seen by the scores, was extremely poor, although it has to be taken into consideration that many of the points registered were taken from snapshots in scrambles in front of the goal mouth.

However, East did well in the air, but were left by the nimble-footed country team when it came to smart field work and tactics. Perhaps one of the best performances for the day was that of J Kennedy, of Dunnstown, a lad who for the season has only been selected 6 times out of 9 to take a place in the side's team. He convincingly demonstrated in many tight corners his value to the team, and he is to be congratulated on his cool and very pleasing game, particularly during the first half. K Lenaghan was again the stalwart for the country team and with the captain and coach, W McCarthy, played splendidly.

East Ballarat have to thank Guthrie, Worlodge, and Sherritt for a great deal of their success in attacks, but for splendid defence King the captain and coach, was outstanding. His game was easily his best for the season, and he was deserving of more success so far as the match was concerned in that he has done a great deal for his club and club-mates, and it is understood, retiring from the game now that this season has concluded. East were hot favourites for the premiership seeing that for the season they only lost one match in the minor round, and their defeat on Saturday was their second for the season. At the end of the game the Dunnstown players were carried shoulder high from the arena, the premiership being the first they have won in the Ballarat and District Association.

They, however, carried off the honours in 1929, when the old country association was in existence. Speaking of the central umpire (Mr J Inglis) after the match, Mr King, in congratulating the Dunnstown players, said that in his opinion Inglis had given on the best exhibitions of umpiring on that ground for the season, and those remarks coming from the leader of the defeated team, were sufficient to indicate that the central umpire had given every satisfaction.

The attendance at first was comparatively small, but towards the end of the match about 3500 were present. The gate takings amounted to £26/10/-.

The teams :- Dunnstown - Backs, C Sheehan, M Howard, J Kiely; half-backs, J Lenaghan, C Rushbrook, J Bennett; Centre, Purdue, Hynes, Lee; half-forwards, F Kennedy, Morrison, and J. Kennedy; followers, K Lenaghan, Green; rover, H

Lugg; 19th man, Breen.

East - Backs, Page, King, James; half-backs, Guthrie, Anwyl, Wallace; centre, Tung, Holden, O Anwyl; half-forwards, Worladge, I Anwyl, Harrison; followers, Sherritt and Bryant; rover, Thomas; 19th man, Andrews.

The first term opened with East kicking to the southern goal against a slight breeze. Holden and Sherritt on the bounce took the ball away from the centre, and O Anwyl figured in a bright dash. The ball was returned round the west wing to J Howard, and a centre shot gave Vickery first goal. Dunnstown soon after missed a scoring chance in front, and East dashed away when King cleared the goal. Brayshaw sent the ball well up, and Thomas opened East's account with major points. Soon after receiving from Sherritt Anwyl recorded a single. Playing down the centre to Hynes the Dunnstown backs relieved nicely. From a free J Howard made his kick an easy one, and while it had direction it was without distance, and King leaping high punched out to Morrison, who added a decisive goal from two yards out. Lugg, Green and Purdue figured in a brief spell of hard play in front of the stand, and J Kennedy, over-anxious, lost another scoring chance for Dunnstown, his kick going out. J Kennedy, supported by McCarthy, passed to Morrison, who screwed a shot for a single. Bryant, Guthrie and Brayshaw were playing a useful game for East, and it seemed as if East were likely to take the lead when a vigorous thrust reached Anwyl, who only raised a single. Guthrie was responsible for clearing nicely, aided by King and Sherritt. McCarthy from the centre drove up to Morrison, who was closely pressed by Bryant, King and Sherritt. Morrison tapped the ball to J Kennedy, who goaled nicely just before the bell. Dunnstown had the advantage by ten points, their score being 3 goals 1 behind to 1 goal 3 behinds recorded by the home team. On the opening of the second quarter Bennett handled the ball twice on the back line, and got the play away. A long shot up the centre was well marked by Rushbrook, but East were still unable to penetrate Dunnstown's defences. The home team were not showing their best form. East broke through on a series of free kicks, and Sherritt and Anwyl each added singles. K Lenaghan and J Lenaghan played a good hand down the ground, Lugg sending on to Kennedy and McCarthy, the latter raising both flags. Tung was conspicuous in the air, while Holden did much smart field work. A free kick to Anwyl for a mark against J Howard did not meet with the approval of the spectators, but the player concerned added a much-needed goal for East. Sherritt added another single after a good mark, with the play generally becoming rugged.

Purdue, J Lenaghan, Lugg and McCarthy sent the ball along the west wing, where James missed a chance to turn the play. The ball rolled through the undefended goal for a single. Dunnstown were strong in attack, with Green playing a particularly useful game. For East Harrison was a very nimble-footed player, and F Kennedy was equally valuable to his side. Thomas helped to divert the game to the centre, where K Lenaghan and his brother held the position until the term ended. East, though they had little of the advantage had improved their

Dunnstown Football I Club Premiership 1934



Back: J Richardson (trainer) J Bennetts, M Greene, F Kennedy, K Lenaghan, C Rushbrook, S Breen, R Costello, M Carrig (trainer).

Middle: T O'Donoghue, M Burns (trainer), T Ryan, G Jackson (Sec), J Lenaghan, J Menhennet (Pres), C Sheehan, P Cummins (Trainer), T McCormack.

Front: Joe Howard, J Kennedy, V Vickery, L Hynes, W McCarty (CC), M Howard (VC), W Morrison, A Purdue, W Lee.

Seated: H Lugg, L Howard. Insert: J Kiely.

1935

Mr John Howard was president of the Dunnstown Football Club for 1935 season, Mr George Jackson was joint secretary/treasurer, the coach was K Lenaghan.

17/4/1935 Election of Office Bearers: Mr John Howard elected President, J Lenaghan snr Vice President, J Menhennet

Crawford, Phelan, Stockdale, Dobbyn, Howard (4), Hynes, Ryan, Hartigan, Truswell, Kiely (2), Magree, Jackson, Machie, Kennedy (2).

"The Ballarat Courier" August 7, 1936

As no further reports could be found it is assumed that Dunnstown did not make the finals in 1936.

1937 - 1945

During these years of uncertainty and war the Dunnstown Football Club apparently did not compete in any football association or league.

From an interview with Len Howard we have ascertained that many of Dunnstown players joined other clubs during the upheaval of the war years. The majority opting to play with Egerton.

During 1937 -38 there was some mention found in the "Courier" of Bungaree Football Club and Warrenheip Football Club competing in the Bungaree Association. Clubs in that association in 1937 were Bungaree, Warrenheip, Springbank, Springmont, Egerton, and Gordon. By 1938 fewer clubs were participating, they were Bungaree, Warrenheip, Gordon and Buninyong.

By 1940, through to 1945 no reports of any country football matches could be found. Country football ceased to exist.

Social games of football and sporting events of tug-o-war did take place during this time. Games were organised between the CYMS (Catholic Young Mens Society) and NCRM .

The following report regarding junior football was found.

Realising that the youths of the Dunnstown district were not being catered for, socially, in any way, there being no sports, very few dances, no library, no opportunity for the boys to meet, a few of the N.C.R.M. members decided to form a Junior N.C.R.M.

Consequently, on May 7th, 1944, a meeting was convened, and an enthusiastic group of young Catholic boys met to discuss ways and means. Office bearers were chosen, and the club settled down to drawing up a program of activities. As a beginning, it was decided to form a football team.

This venture has proved an outstanding success. Coached and captained by an able and brilliant footballer, Mr Joseph Howard, and the team has done very

well.

"The Ballarat Courier" 1944

The following photo of the Egerton Football Club shows several Dunnstown players as part of the 1938 team.

EGERTON FOOTBALL CLUB PHOTO

L to R: M Howard, P Kiely, J Kiely, L Hynes, W Mackin, C McTigue, E Syms, D Leonard, F Cantwell, T Anderson, J Widdyson, H Pollock, L Cantwell, J Leonard, R Hearne, K Howes, K Lenaghan.

Club to purchase 1 gross of stops and first aid kit, 1 bottle of Olive oil, 1 bottle of eucalyptus oil, and 2 footballs.

G Richardson was appointed boundary umpire at 5/- per game, J Richardson to be trainer. Bus to football, fare of 1/-. Taxi to be hired for central umpires.

The Dunnstown Football Club was fined 5/- for a late start. Later fined £1 for a late start, (second offence for season).

The season ended with a balance sheet showing a profit of £45-6-7. The gate takings were between £1 and £5 each week.

Extracts of Minutes from Meeting book 1946

Dunnstown was participating in the Bungaree Association for the 1946 season. Teams in the competition were:- Bungaree, Gordon, Egerton, Dunnstown and Springbank.

Con O'Brien had been training with his old club - East this week. He will be playing in the Bungaree Association Grand Final with Dunnstown tomorrow.

Dunnstown were defeated by 90 points in the grand final against Springbank.

Springbank 17goals 13behinds..115 points

Dunnstown 2goals 13behinds...25 points

"The Ballarat Courier" September 6, 1946

1947

Office bearers for season 1947 were the same as the previous year. P Hartigan was appointed collector on Bridge. A bridge was used to cross the creek to get to H Murphy's paddock to play football. 1/- was the gate charge.

4/3/47 Annual meeting "...that funds of Association be firstly

divided between all teams and then each team in finals be paid £2 appearance money with Grand finalist to receive same amount".

C Longhurst be approached as coach with offer of £1/10/- and a limit of £2/0/0.

The club decided to purchase a tin trunk, and a set of locks, and 1 dozen pair of nicks.

The season is to begin on 3rd May, 1947 with 7 teams to play a fixture of 2 rounds. A trophy to the value of £5/5/0 to be awarded to the best and fairest player.

15/4/47 An advertisement be inserted in the paper in regards to the appointment of a playing coach. Closing date for applications to be April 29th. Secretary to contact W Kane, W Harris and W Fry. J Howard to interview Stan McKenzie regarding coach at offer of £2/0/-.

J Lewis be interviewed as coach at offer of two pounds, with a limit of £2/10/-. A Neville and K Leonard to conduct the interview.

6/5/47 J Lewis be engaged as coach for 1947 season at 3 pounds per week. Amendment moved by K Leonard, seconded R Lawrence, that H Shearer be interviewed as coach. The amendment was carried. K Leonard and A Neville to interview H Shearer.

13/5/47 Coach's position still seems to be undecided. K Lenaghan be appointed coach at £2 per week.

27/5/47 Coaching position still being discussed. K Neville and secretary of the club to interview J Lewis. J Lewis be interviewed as coach at £3 per week. J Lewis to be asked to train players on Sundays and mid week when required.

Extracts of Minutes from 1947 minute book.

Dunnstown played in the Bungaree Association for the 1947 season. The teams competing in that Association were:- Claretown, Gordon, Buninyong, Dunnstown, Ballan, Springbank, and Egerton.

Dunnstown played in the first semi-final against Egerton. Dunnstown were

office bearers with the inclusion of J Howard, G Kiely, J Guinane and W Carter.

A present to the value of £1/1/0 be given to H Murphy for the use of his ground.

Club membership fees were set at 5/- shillings. Applications for coach for the coming season be called for in Saturday's Courier.

Delegates attending the delegates meeting of the association to ask that the radius be extended to Peel street.

1/4/48 Coach's position applicants, McCarthy, Manning, and W Anderson be held over to further discussion.

6/4/48 F McCarthy be appointed coach of the Dunnstown Football club for the season at £2/10/0 per week. A meet the coach day arranged for Sunday 18th.

Clearances, A McGree be granted a clearance to Forest Football Club, W Harris' clearance to Bungaree Football Club be refused, services required.

Clearance application from M Antonio be refused. Gilbert's Taxi to be engaged to bring players from Ballarat for the home matches.

K Richardson's clearance to Bogong be granted. W Harris' clearance be held over till May 18th. J Howard to make arrangements to take up a collection for injured players' fund every Saturday with a minimum of 1/- per head.

15/6/48 Clearance of W Harris to Bungaree F. C. to be granted when he returns his guernsey.

W Antonio to be interviewed re playing football.

J Glenane be granted a permit to play with Point on Saturday.

Winner of the club's best and fairest award for season 1948 was J Glenane with 9 votes, second was M Antonio on 8 votes.

20/7/48 F McCormack apologised for leaving the field on Saturday. Club accepted the apology.

Players and officials to be given a free bus trip to the Grand Final as end of season break-up.

Extracts of Minutes from 1948 Meeting book.

Teams in the Bungaree Association were Gordon-Egerton, Claretown, Springbank, Bungaree and Dunnstown.

Bungaree Association - Dunnstown played in 1st Semi-final against Springbank. Springbank 13.13 d Dunnstown 9.9
Springbank won premiership in 1948.

The grand final was won by Springbank 9-8 to Bungaree 6-8.

1949

9/2/49 Dunnstown football club held their annual meeting for the 1949 season on February 9, 1949, at which time it was agreed to reform the club for 1949. Election of office bearers resulted with W Cox being voted president, J Howard, K Glenane and P Leonard as vice-presidents, K Leonard to be secretary, and K Neville to be treasurer. Committee to be W Cox, K Leonard, K Neville, J Howard, G Kiely and J Guinane, with power to add to at a later date if necessary.

It was decided to enter a team into the Bungaree Association. Advertise in Saturday's Courier for the position of a coach.

L Cahill's clearance to Bendigo to be refused on player's request, clearance to Campbell Creek to be granted.

Club to purchase 18 pair of socks, blue with white hoops.

Dunnstown Football Club 1949 Team Photo



Back: L Leonard, K Leonard (sec), J Squire, D Leonard, D Harrington, B Leonard.

3rd Row: G Richardson, W Kane, C O'Brien, K Lenaghan, J Glenane.

2nd Row: F Leonard, J Richardson (trainer), J Howard (Pres), K Neville (Treas), P Leonard (VP), F McCormack, W Fry.

Front: L Murphy, G Hansen, M Squire, L Knowles (CC), P Kiely (VC), J Britt, K Harrington, T O'Halloran.

Mascots: D Leonard, B Mullins. Absent: M & B Antonio, E Walsh, G Kiely.

1950

21/2/50 Annual meeting held on February 21, 1950. Club to reform. Office bearers for 1950- President, F McCormack, secretary, M Squire; treasurer, K Neville.

Applications to be put in Courier for playing coach for 1950 season, stating age, experience and salary.

The club are to purchase a pressure cooker, nothing under £5/0/0 as wedding present for K Leonard, for services rendered.

The maximum price to be paid to a coach be set at £3. Interview Longhurst first, failing that, J Johnson be interviewed. Clearances are to be held over until club property is returned. H Murphy to be interviewed regarding use of ground again. A letter of appreciation to be sent to Mrs Lenaghan regarding the use of her washing machine.

Des Britt's clearance to be granted, E J Walsh's clearance to be held over. A letter to be sent to Des Britt requesting the return of his guernsey.

10/5/50 E Walsh's clearance to be refused. W Anderson's application as coach be accepted.

L Knowles to be cleared to Elaine. M Squire to be paid to transport players from Ballarat.

Ball to be held on October 1st, conduct a Belle of the Ball competition. A bus be run to Bendigo to the Grand Final, Players, and Officials free, passengers 10 shillings, bus to leave at 7.30 a.m.

By 1950, the drinking quota has risen! Raffle now consists of 2 dozen bottles of beer, not the half a dozen of previous years.

- 3/8/50 A **Special Meeting** to discuss 'Protest Meeting' was held. The report given by K Glenane regarding Tribunal meeting was received. An appeal to be lodged, as worded by K Glenane.
- 16/8/50 A bus be engaged for Melbourne Grand Final. A 'Gladstone Bag' be presented to J Howard for services rendered. Bus to Melbourne fare to be 15 shillings.
- 22/8/50 It was decided at this meeting that the Dunnstown football club go into recess for season 1951.

Extracts of Minutes from Meetings 1950

No reasons as to this decision to go into recess are given in the minutes.

Dunnstown were playing in the Bungaree Association during season 1950. The Association consisted of the following teams - Gordon, Springbank, Bungaree, Dunnstown and Korweinguboorra.

DUNNSTOWN LOSES ON PROTEST

A protest by the Korweinguboorra Club against the first semi-final of the Bungaree Association being awarded to Dunnstown was upheld by the independent tribunal of the V.C.F.L..

The match was awarded to Korweinguboorra, but Dunnstown was given 48 hours in which to show that the player concerned in the protest had not played with another club in the last three years.

The player was disqualified during the pleasure of the tribunal.

The Korweinguboorra Club alleged that a player whose name was shown on Dunnstown's official players' card of the first semi-final as Tyrell was actually A. Crawshaw, who played with South Melbourne District team earlier this season. It was alleged that Tyrell, or Crawshaw, had not received a clearance to play with Dunnstown.

If the necessary proof is not supplied by the Dunnstown Club, as asked for by the tribunal, Korweinguboorra will play Gordon-Egerton in the final tomorrow.

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APPEAL DISMISSED

arrange.

Ollie Mackie was appointed coach.

2/6/53 The club to approach the coach with regard to terminating his position as playing coach.

16//6/53 Ollie Mackie's clearance to Mt Clear be granted. Tony O'Halloran to be engaged as coach for the remainder of the season at a fee of two and a half pound per week. The proceeds of the collection on the ground be donated to the Ian Brown fund.

Wind-up night to be held on September 13th. J Britt to give a talk.

Extracts of Minutes from meetings book 1953

Ballarat B Grade football clubs for season 1953 were:- Sebastopol, Wendouree, Mt. Clear, Imperials, Meredith, Dunnstown, and Buninyong.

Grand final 1953 - Sebastopol 8.16 d Wendouree 6.4

1954

1/3/54 K Neville was re-elected as chairman for the coming season, L Murphy as secretary.

Herb Packham to be engaged as coach for the season at a fee of £5 per week plus 10 shillings per week for expenses.

13/4/54 The club to appeal against refusal of clearances for K Britt and F Sheehan.

Jim Britt to be given a present to the value of £5 or £6.

A stop watch be purchased by the club for the timekeeper. Taxis are still provided for the transportation for the umpires.

Dance to be held on June 13, and presentation to Jim

Britt to be made. Bag of spuds to be raffled.

19/8/54 Ray Murphy be granted a day permit to play with Redan on 21-8-54.

The club accepts K Neville's offer of a barrel. To be used on wind-up night.

Extract of Minutes from Meetings book 1954

B Grade teams in 1954 were:- Wendouree, Dunnstown, Mt. Clear, Buninyong, Meredith, Sebastopol and Imperials.

B Grade grand final 3/9/54 Wendouree V Mt.Clear. Scores were:- Mt. Clear 15. 11. 101 defeated Wendouree 8. 7. 55

In a semi-final in 1954 Sebastopol 11.19 d Dunnstown 4.7

1955

22/2/55 Annual meeting of the Dunnstown Football Club elected C Jones as president for 1955 season, Leo Murphy to be secretary. Herb Packham accepted the position of coach again for the 1955 season. Meetings are now held at 8 p.m. not at 9 p.m. as in the previous years.

8/3/55 M Tierney to be approached with a view to obtaining the use of his paddock for a football ground. Affiliation to be made to play in the B Grade competition in the B.F.L.

30/3/55 The president and secretary are to inspect suitable sites for a football ground.

5/4/55 R Murphy's application for a clearance be refused, and that he be granted 2 one day permits, provided he is included in the first eighteen, after playing on permits, clearance will be granted if desired.

Training to commence on April 7th and each Tuesday and Thursday following.

A letter of thanks to be sent to "Pastasi" for use of his ground, and a membership ticket be enclosed.

*Dunnstown 9 goals 14 behinds..68 points
Wendouree 6 goals 6 behinds..42 points*

*Dunnstown - Best: Packham, M Britt, Sheehan, G Leonard, J Walsh, J Leonard,
B Britt. Goals: B Britt 3, Packham 2, M Britt 2, G Leonard, J Leonard.*

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DUNNSTOWN FIT

Dunnstown reports all players fit for the grand final.

Spectators at this game should be treated to a good hard struggle, as these two teams are very evenly matched, only a few points separating them on each of the four occasions they have met this season.

Dunnstown is a smaller, speedier side than Meredith, and is relying on its pace to win the day.

Noted speedsters, Packham, Sheehan, Squires and M & O Britt, should be well in the picture, but Meredith's tall high-marking men like Dalziel, Ryan brothers, McNaughton and Grant, will be hard to counter.

Dunnstown's team members for the grand final game as follows: H Packham, W Fry, L Leonard, J Squire, J. Leonard, R Britt, G Squire, T Linahan, W Squire, K Leonard, J Walsh, M Britt, B Britt, O Britt, J Britt, F Sheehan, K Britt, G Leonard, B Linahan, L Murphy, F Britt, B Leonard, G Richardson, P Leonard, & D Britt.

"The Ballarat Courier" September 7, 1956

DUNNSTOWN TAKES FIRST FLAG IN MUD AND RAIN

Handling the greasy ball better under mudbath conditions, Dunnstown won its first premiership in the Ballarat Football League B Grade competition on Saturday.

Scores were:-

<i>Dunnstown</i>	<i>2.1,</i>	<i>3.7,</i>	<i>5.10,</i>	<i>8.13</i>
<i>Meredith</i>	<i>1.3,</i>	<i>1.4,</i>	<i>2.8,</i>	<i>3.10</i>

Both teams were playing their first grand final games. Nineteen of the 20 players fielded for Dunnstown live within one and a half miles of Dunnstown post office.

Saturated from the beginning and made still worse by showers during the game, the Mount Clear ground made normal football impossible.

Conditions operated in favour of Dunnstown, a smaller, speedier side, and prevented Meredith's tall men from making use of their height for position play. However, apart from the weather, Dunnstown's men were far more consistent in most departments and were particularly impressive in marking and kicking. Both sides gave too much attention to trying to pick up the ball instead of kicking it swiftly off the carpet.

Meredith began well, using handball and playing on, and got a quick goal from Connell. However, as the ball became wet, Dunnstown took over and never really lost the initiative. Stepping up the pace, Dunnstown managed, against the wind, and despite determined opposition by the opposing backs, to score two goals. Meredith was held goal-less in the second quarter and Dunnstown got only one. Dunnstown was unlucky twice, - once when Mervyn Britt hit the post and again when captain Herbie Packham, in a flash of brilliance, gathered in the ball, evaded pursuit and kicked from 50 yards out over the pack, only to score a point.

Within minutes, Dunnstown back pocket player Frank Britt and half-back flanker J Walsh went down. Britt nosedived after going for a mark and was replaced by B Linahan. Taken to the Base Hospital, Britt was treated for facial injuries and later discharged.

Walsh troubled by a leg injury, hung on until the last quarter when T Linahan succeeded him. Dunnstown centreman, Frank Sheehan, was doing extremely effective work as a loose man. He bobbed out from packs time and again with the ball safe in his possession and his kicking was accurate and well directed.

Meredith backs, Stanley, Dillon and Kelly were largely the cause of Dunnstown's succession of behinds as they adopted spoiling tactics.

Heavy rain fell at half time. Meredith captain Bill Dalzeil, put his team in the picture by goaling from a free and with ruck duels going frequently to the tall red and white players, the position looked as though it might be reversed.

Credit for stopping a Meredith run went largely to Dunnstown back Fry, who hustled the ball away from his goal. Brian Britt got the first of four goals for the day and put Dunnstown into a position difficult to beat. Fumbling, slogging and getting into packs, the two sides visibly tiring, battled up and down the field between the two solid defence lines for almost half the quarter before the break came. With deadly accuracy, Brian Britt notched a goal from an acute angle, and a few minutes later got another to put the result of the game almost beyond doubt. Owen Britt got another from an accurate long distance shot and the match was all over. Umpire L. Wallis did an excellent job.

Dunnstown - best: F Sheehan, (best on ground), G Leonard, J Squire, J Walsh, M Britt, John Britt, Brian Britt. Goals: B Britt 4, O Britt, M Britt, M Britt, G Britt, K Britt.

Meredith - Best: Donnell, E McNaughton, Dalzeil. Goals: J Dillon, M Kelly, W Stanley, R Young, T Irvine.

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Dunnstown Football Club Premiers 1956



Back: O Britt, B Linahan, J Britt, W Flynn (Pres), R Hoppen (trainer), G Leonard, K Britt, W Squire.
Middle: G Squire, J Squire, J Walsh, L Leonard, P Leonard, F Sheehan, K Leonard, J Leonard, B Leonard.
Front: R Britt, F Britt, G Richardson, W Fry (VC), H Packham (CC), L Murphy (Sec), B Britt, T Linahan, M Britt.

Wendouree after its flop in the semi-final showed its top form last Saturday, and is expected to win.

During the home and away series the teams won one game each, but Dunnstown is now one up, having won the semi-final against Wendouree by three points.

Wendouree will be looking for drive from its rovers, McMahon, Baker, and Murphy, while rucks, Weightman and Bennett, should be able to match the rival followers.

Full forward Cantwell did not show his true form in the recent games, and he is expected to be on the target tomorrow.

Coached by the former North player, Jack James, Dunnstown looked a premiership side, but a run of injuries has weakened its prospects.

The broken leg sustained by Jack Britt [sic](John Britt) was a severe blow to the club's chances.

However, there are four members of the team who have played in the BFL this season - Sheehan, who won the B Grade best and fairest, M and B Britt, and G Leonard.

Dunnstown is confident that it can win its third successive premiership. Teams:

*DUNNSTOWN B: Squire, Fry, G Leonard.
HB: Carey, F Britt, N Carey.
C: Linahan, F Sheehan, K Leonard.
HF: G Britt, R Britt, O Britt.
F: N Sheehan, D James, Richardson.
Ruck: L Murphy, B Britt, M Britt.
Reserves: D Britt, Sexton, O'Halloran,
W Squires, Maher.*

WENDOUREE, Murphy 2, Klein 2, Twomey, Anwyl, Bryce, Cantwell, Baker, Hearn, Strachan, McMahon, Tickell, Adams, Weightman, Bennett, Peoples, Sutherland, Gullock, Fevre, Slocum, Richards, Cole.

"The Ballarat Courier" September 5, 1958

DUNNSTOWN WINS B GRADE TITLE

Dunnstown defeated Wendouree in a fast game for the premiership of the B Grade competition on Saturday. The game began at a fast tempo and remained so throughout.

At the end of the first quarter it was evident that the teams were fairly even, for the scores stood at Dunnstown 3.5, Wendouree 3.3.

In the second term players hurled themselves into the play and it was only Wendouree's poor kicking which let it down.

After half time the game was a great struggle between the two defences, following which Dunnstown went on to demoralise the opposition by adding four goals, four behinds compared with Wendouree's point.

With the game well in its keeping, Dunnstown was content to play negative football in the last quarter and went on to win easily. Scores:-

Dunnstown: 3.5, 6.6, 10.10, 11.14

Wendouree: 3.3, 4.8, 4.9, 6.12

*Dunnstown: Best: R Britt, James, F Sheehan., K Leonard, G Leonard, L Leonard.
Goals: O'Halloran 3, M Britt 3, K Britt 2, G Leonard, J Leonard and F Sheehan.*

*Wendouree: Best: Klein, Murphy, Bennetts, Sutherland, Bryce, Klein. Goals:
Richards 2, Murphy 2, B Klein, and J Klein.*

"The Ballarat Courier" September 8, 1958

The name B Grade was an unfortunate one, and gave an inferiority complex to the players and club officials.

"Before the start of next season I hope the league will discuss this matter and decide on an alternative title which will be acceptable to the board of management and give added prestige to the B grade clubs."

In congratulating the Dunnstown club on winning its third successive premiership, Mr Henderson said that, with the exception of the coach, all players had come from a radius of two miles from the centre of the district.

"This policy of encouraging the local player has not only built up a strong team on the field, but has created a local enthusiasm that has been evident in the large following which supports the club. It was evident also in keen and capable club administration." said Mr Henderson.

In proposing the toast of the Ballarat Football League, the club president, Mr W Flynn said the Ballarat football was fortunate to have men who were prepared to give up so much time in the interest of the sport. If these men were paid for the number of hours worked for football the BFL would be in financial difficulties. Most of the officials were business men who forsook their own businesses to further the game throughout the Ballarat district, said Mr Flynn.

Mr M J Golver presented the "Jim Glover" memorial trophy to Frank Sheehan, the winner of the B Grade best and fairest player award.

Mr Glover said that Sheehan had been a worthy winner, and had proved his class in senior ranks when he played on permit with East Ballarat.

"It is pleasing to see B Grade players coming up to fill gaps in league teams," said Mr Glover.

"The Ballarat Courier" September 17, 1958

1959

Dunnstown's glory years have for the moment come to an end. After three successive premierships, Dunnstown failed to achieve much success in 1959.

Teams in the Ballarat District League for 1959 season were: Elaine, Meredith Sebastopol, Dunnstown, Wendouree, Buninyong.

Meredith were premiers in 1959, they defeated Wendouree 12.12 to 10.5.

Dunnstown did not make it to the finals in 1959.

Dunnstown's Jack James achieved personal success by taking out the District League Best and Fairest award.

1960

DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Previously known as the B Grade competition, the competition will now be known as the District Football League. Teams for 1960 were: - Wendouree, Buninyong, Sebastopol, Elaine, Meredith, & Dunnstown.

Buninyong won the 1960 premiership by defeating Meredith 9.5 to 4.5

League Ladder at end of season 1960

	Played	Won	Lost
Meredith	10	10	0
Buninyong	10	6	4
Wendouree	10	6	4
Sebastopol	10	4	6
Elaine	10	4	6
Dunnstown	10	0	10

1961

District League, Teams for 1961 were: Buninyong, Sebastopol, Elaine, Wendouree, Meredith, & Dunnstown.

The premiers for 1961 were Meredith, who defeated Sebastopol 10.13 to 8.5.

Dunnstown finished 6th (last) on the premiership ladder in 1961.

Although not successful on the field, Dunnstown had quite an eventful and controversial year in 1961.

At Dunnstown, the match was marred by Dunnstown abandoning the game at three-quarter time. With Wendouree well on top and looking for a boost in percentage, Dunnstown's action brought some criticism. However, by its win, Wendouree placed Meredith in fourth position. Scores were : Wendouree 7.14 defeated Dunnstown 3.9

Dunnstown's best for the part game were Walsh, L Leonard, Chisholm & Jones.

"The Ballarat Courier" June 19, 1961

LEAGUE TAKES ACTION IN ABANDONED DISTRICT GAME

The Board of Management of the Ballarat Football League has decided to take action against the clubs responsible for abandoning the recent District League game at three-quarter time. The league has acted on a report from the central umpire.

The League received a report from Central umpire Judd that the game, Dunnstown V Wendouree, was abandoned, when the difference in the scores was 14 points.

The acting president of the League, Mr Alex Quale [sic](Quayle), pointed out yesterday that the league subsidised the District section in a number of respects, including umpires and transport, and it was poor appreciation when clubs were not keen enough, nor interested enough, to complete a match irrespective of the weather or scores.

It was reported that this was the first time such an incident had occurred. In order that the league can know all the facts, and take action considered necessary, representatives of both clubs, and the umpire, will attend the next meeting of the Board of Management.

"The Ballarat Courier" June 27, 1961

REPRIMAND FOR FOOTBALL CLUBS

District League clubs Wendouree and Dunnstown, were reprimanded by the Ballarat Football League Board of Management for discontinuing a football match after the third quarter. The board decided that both clubs were to blame when a match at Dunnstown early in the season was not fully played out.

A deputation of five club officials was called to the board meeting to explain the conduct of both clubs.

Mr A O'Halloran, Dunnstown's president, told the board that his team had had a series of unlucky incidents during the three quarters played.

"First, a player broke a leg, then another broke ribs, and when our coach was injured we had only about 15 players", he explained.

"Dunnstown was 30 points down, and faced the prospect of kicking into a gale-force wind in the final term."

Mr O'Halloran said the club had a hard task to hold the side together when many players were being cleared to BFL teams.

Mr M Glover (Ballarat), moved that both clubs be reprimanded and informed that the league would view a repetition seriously. He also moved that Wendouree be given the four match points. The motion was carried.

"The Ballarat Courier" July 5, 1961

11 WEEKS FOR DUNNSTOWN PLAYER - OUT FOR 11 WEEKS

Dunnstown player, E Maher, was reported by central umpire Walker on charges of abusive language, interfering with the umpire, wilfully wasting time, unduly rough play and disputing decisions. He was further charged by goal umpire Lees with abusive language and interfering with the umpire.

Dunnstown's colours were black and white. The team members competing in this semi final were as follows:-

R Cocking, (cc), M Britt, D Leonard, K Baldwinson, C Tardrew, R White, J Leonard, G Britt, J O'Brien, D Howard, B Leonard, T Linehan, G Clark, N Sheehan, F Sheehan, J Brudenall, M Howard, B Britt, L Leonard, N Cocking, A Weekes, B Linehan, J Walsh (v.c), J James, D Clark.

Football finals record book. Ballarat District Association.1963

The following report is a summary of the Grand-final game between Dunnstown and Wendouree.

WENDOUREE WINS PREMIERSHIP

Good football in the final stages gave Wendouree a two-goal victory over Dunnstown in the Grand-final of the B.F.L. District section on Saturday.

The first quarter saw Dunnstown in command. Good marking by Cocking and Baldwinson were instrumental in Dunnstown's early lead. Wendouree were quick to reply in the 2nd quarter. The game seesawed with each team taking the lead for three quarters. In the final quarter Wendouree was on top in most positions. Wendouree ran out victorious by 7 points. The scores:

<i>Wendouree</i>	<i>8 goals 3 behinds</i>
<i>Dunnstown</i>	<i>6 goals 8 behinds</i>

Best Wendouree: Simpson, Klein (who kicked the winning goal), Stephenson, Cross, R Smith. Goals: Simpson 4, Klein, Stevenson, Smith, Stephenson. Dunnstown: Baldwinson, James, R Cocking, N Cocking, B Britt. Goals: R Cocking 3, N Cocking, Walsh, Leonard.

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DUNNSTOWN HAS A FINE RECORD IN SPORT

In winning the premiership of the Ballarat Football League's District Section, the Dunnstown football team has once again focused attention on this small township, which has written more than its share into the history of Ballarat district sport.

By most people living within the Ballarat City boundary, the potato growing area immediately to the east is often referred to as the Bungaree district or Warrenheip.

But to those who reside in the area there are clearly defined townships, Bungaree, Dunnstown and Warrenheip each claiming strong patriotism.

In Dunnstown, particularly, there is a high-developed pride in sporting achievements.

Dunnstown has always been a strong football centre, but since its entry into the BFL's District section in 1953 it has experienced one of its most successful periods.

PREMIERSHIPS:- The team reached the preliminary final in 1955, won premierships in 1956, 1957, 1958, was runner-up in 1963 and won the premiership this year.

Not only has the township been represented by a successful football team, but many of its players have furthered their careers by joining Ballarat league sides.

Another interesting sidelight of Dunnstown's football achievements is that while they were members of the Dunnstown team, Herb Packham (3 times) Frank Sheehan, Jack James and Ron Cocking all won best and fairest player awards for the District section.

"The Ballarat Courier" September 17, 1964

Dunnstown players F Walsh and B Linahan were both reported this season and suspended for 2 and 4 weeks respectively.

Trophy winners: Neil Sheehan won the Best and Fairest Award, with John Walsh runner-up. Mr P J Leonard was awarded a Life Membership.

Dunnstown Football Club Premiers 1964



Back: N Sheehan, R White, K Tung, M Howard (Pres) D Clark, N Cocking, C Tardrew.

2nd Row: A Weekes (trainer) T Linehan, K Baldwinson, B Britt, D Howard, B Leonard, J Britt, B Linehan, D Leonard, F White (sec), N Mahar, T Hornsby (trainer).

Front: G Gritt, F Walsh, M Britt, R Cocking (CC), J Walsh (VC), J James, J O'Brien. Mascots: B O'Halloran, N Madigan.

1965

A football exhibition was staged by the Springbank football Club, who were Premiers of the Clunes League of 1964, and the Dunnstown football club, Premiers of the BFL District Section when the two premierships sides played a football match at Wallace.

No result of this game was obtained.

14/1/65 Annual meeting of the Dunnstown Football club was held on January 14, 1965. Election of office bearers was as follows: President, Mervyn Britt, secretary

Frank White,, vice presidents were J Britt and Tony O'Halloran. Pat Leonard was re-appointed as ground manager. Ron Cocking was re-appointed as coach for 1965 season at a fee of £210 for the season.

Extracts of Minutes from Meetings book 1965

Dunnstown played against Gordon in the first semi-final of 1965. Gordon was the victors of this match by 42 points. Gordon 9.22 (76 Points), Dunnstown 5.4 (34 points)

The following report is a prelude to that game, and a summary of the semi-final game.

DUNNSTOWN TO BEAT GORDON

Dunnstown, playing for the reward of a place in the preliminary final, may prove too strong for Gordon tomorrow in the 1st semi-final of the District section of the B.F.L.

The fact that the losers can pack up til next season should be enough to make this game a thriller even without the intense rivalry which exists between the teams.

THE GAME: The results however were not as predicted. Gordon defeated Dunnstown by 42 points in a match played in heavy conditions, where neither team settled down quickly and the first quarter was over before the players began to play.

*Gordon proved to be more determined and were first to the ball on the day.
Scores:*

Gordon 9 goals 22 behinds....76points

Dunnstown 5 goals 4 behinds....34points

Gordon best: Newman, Nuttall, Papworth, Murphy, Dalgheish. Goals: Newman 3, Nuttall 3, Winter, Sexton, Maher.

Dunnstown best: Clark, N Leonard, B Britt, N Sheehan, Tung. Goals: B Britt 2, N Sheehan 2, Baldwinson.

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1967

Dunnstown was still in the same competition as the previous year. The clubs in that competition also remained the same as in 1966.

Dec. '66 The election of office bearers for the 1967 season took place at the annual meeting held in December 1966. M Britt was elected President; R White to be secretary, vice-presidents M Howard and R Cocking. A letter was sent to the ground manager of Bungaree in view to acceptance of deputation for use of said ground for coming season. Cost of membership tickets to be \$2.00 each.

21/2/67 F Sheehan was appointed non playing coach for 1967 season, after a secret ballot was held. The other applicant was A Abrams. Ron Cocking was appointed captain of the side while the coach is unavailable. The coach's fee was \$400; and captain's fee of \$170

The Bungaree ground is to be used as home ground for Dunnstown Football Club for the coming season.

A social evening to farewell Noel Mahar on his departure for Vietnam was arranged.

All players are urged to join H.B.A medical fund to cover injuries.

20/4/67 B Sheehan was granted a block of three permits to be used on consecutive Saturdays. Due to ill health Matt Howard has resigned from selection committee, E Clark was appointed independent selector to replace Matt. A taxi is to be employed to transport umpires from Bungaree ground to the George Hotel after each home game.

A donation of \$10 was made to the Q.E.H appeal, and wire brushes were purchased for the club rooms.

The club held a wind up night to present trophies to the following persons: Best and Fairest went to D Leonard ,35 votes, on a count back from R Cocking.

Ladies and Gentleman, -

It is with pleasure that we submit for your consideration this First Annual Report and Financial Statement of our Club for the 1967 season.

In company with our many supporters we are disappointed that this very successful season was not climaxed by making the "four". However, all due respects must be paid to our coach, Frank Sheehan, who in his first year as coach has done a wonderful job. Frank is a gentleman and a leader to whom all players, both young and old, look up to.

Our Captain, Ron Cocking, coached the club to a premiership in 1964. This popular player has won the District League best and fairest twice, in 1963 and again in 1967. He joins our proud record of players who have won this coveted award - Herb Packham in 1954, 1955 and 1956, Frank Sheehan in 1958 and Jack James in 1959. This means that the club has won this award seven times in 14 years.

The club, since joining the Ballarat District League in 1953, has a solid record, having been in the "four" eight times and taken off the pennant four times.

The fact that we missed out on the finals this year has bonded the players, officials and supporters closer together and all are determined that 1968 will be our year.

I wish to thank the secretary and his assistant, the delegates and the committee for the support and help they have given me right through-out the season.

Mervyn Britt

COMMENTS ON YEAR'S BEGINNING. In the early months of the year there was, amongst some supporters and players, speculation as to whether Dunnstown would field a team in the year 1967. Fortunately, due to a few of the die-hards retaining their optimism, the year began with a certain amount of enthusiasm. The annual meeting elected Mervyn Britt as President, and a committee of eighteen was elected to help him guide the club for the year.

The early part of the year also saw some difficulty with the appointment of a Coach. Eventually Frank Sheehan was appointed to the position in a non-playing capacity, with Ron Cocking as Captain of the team. Ron was Dunnstown's coach for the previous four years.

RECRUITMENT. Recruitment occupied the attention of the committee for a number of meetings. It wasn't till the playing year was about to begin that anything much was done to recruit new players to the team.

Efforts were made to obtain the services of two or three experienced players from Ballarat, but these negotiations proved unfruitful. Finally, attention was directed to initiating young local players to the team. This policy proved successful now that we can look back at the team's effort over the year. We were successful also in recruiting a few young players from Ballarat and they must be applauded for their interest and enthusiasm right throughout the year. All in all our recruitment was quite extraordinary considering the late start made in this aspect of the club's life. I wish to point out here that the club has a long standing policy that the committee will not offer direct financial inducements to potential players, with the exception of a playing coach. The only exception was this year, when Ron Cocking, our Captain, was paid. This was due to the fact that the club appointed a non-playing coach.

TRAINING. The attendance at training this year was exceptionally good. From the very beginning it was pleasing to see so many turn up regularly. In this regard the young players from Ballarat should be congratulated without detracting from the locals' efforts of course.

On occasions there was 26 at training, but usually the number varied from 20 to 23 until late in the year, when it dropped below this number. Tuesday evenings late in the year were the only times a really poor number attended training.

The short days and potato picking make it difficult for a number of local players to attend training on both Tuesday and Thursday evenings. It is also impossible to spend much time at handling and kicking the football.

Is it possible to consider Sunday morning or afternoon training next year? Training could be restricted to a particular length of time. There are obvious disadvantages, but are they that hard to overcome. It would allow for practice with the football.

SELECTION COMMITTEE. The original selection committee members appointed this year were Matt Howard, Ron Cocking and Frank Sheehan. Due to illness Matt resigned from the committee and Eddy Clark accepted appointment to the position. On a couple of occasions Neil Sheehan was co-opted when one of the three were unable to attend.

Attendance at selection committee meetings was very good and the job was taken seriously. The training list consisted of 32 players, which caused the committee to spend man hours deliberation on a Thursday night.

The work of a selection committee is a thankless one and the members are to be congratulated for the way they carried out their duties.

REPORT ON COMMITTEE MEETINGS. The committee meetings were held

and our enthusiasm should grow.

With regard to players - it's hard to believe that we will be without "Cocko" and "Walshy". We'll wait and see whether they'll line up again. Kevin Tung has given some indication that he will be back and Earl Brooks too. Some of the younger players in Mick Jones, Terry O'Donnell, Wayne Reynolds, Ron Cunning, Kevin Perks, and others from Ballarat have all given indications that they will return to us next year.

On the local scene, we can look forward to all the old and younger players lining up for season 1968. Paul Clark is one young local who no doubt will be with us and it may be possible to recruit another few of Paul's calibre and age from among the local lads. Last year we approached young Clark and Ryan from Yendon, who played with Bungaree under 17 this year. We hope they can see their way clear to provide us with their ability in 1968.

Noel Maher returned from Vietnam in November and said he will be available to play again next year.

There are many others who probably should be mentioned, but time and space do not permit it. All we can hope is that they understand that we will welcome all players, supporters and opposition in the year 1968.

We can look forward to an excellent year provided the whole town supports the efforts made by players and committee. It is hoped that our own football ground will be available next year, but due to the drought conditions it may not be possible.

It is with pleasure that I present this first Annual Report and Balance sheet to you.

Ray White, Secretary.

<i>Income for the year 1967</i>	<i>\$1941.80</i>
<i>Expenditure</i>	<i><u>\$1482.63</u></i>
<i>Net profit, credit</i>	<i><u>\$ 459.17</u></i>

Extracts from the Dunnstown Football Club, Annual Report, 1967

1968

Money raised by the boys enabled them to have photos taken which, we assure will be a pleasure to look back on in years to come, when these lads themselves take their places in our senior team.

Extracts from Dunnstown Football Club Annual Report,1968

Dunnstown Football Club First Junior Team 1968



Back: S Murphy, G Murphy, J Britt, G Wilson, K Murphy, G Britt.
Centre: D Giles, J Auchetl, S Begbie, B Wilson, K Wilson, P Britt.
Front: J Murphy, D Murphy, T Britt, J Lenaghan (Capt), B O'Halloran, C Auchetl, B Murphy.
Standing Left: B Leonard (assist Coach). Standing Right: R Cocking (Coach).
Absent: B Begbie (VC), P Brogden, Paul Brogden, T Dobbyn, N Madigan.

D Maher's application for a clearance was granted.

12/6/69 The club hoped to field a second 18 side for Saturday June 18th.

A hay-seed-hop to be held at Dunnstown Hall on 2nd August. A star of the evening competition to be held at up coming cabaret ball. Admission to hay-seed-hop to be 50 cents. Junior teams entered into a lightning premiership competition.

The club has drawn up plans for a time-keepers box and applied for a grant for construction of same.

Trophies for 1969: John Begbie for most improved player award, J Quick for best first year player. Trophy for most attentative at training went to W Libbis. Best clubman trophy went to B Leonard.

20/8/69 The junior team is to play a curtain-raiser game on grand final day. Team photo of junior team to be taken and given to all parents of junior side.

A credit balance of \$602.96 was reported at the annual general meeting. Income being \$2,187.67, and expenditure \$1,584.71. The coaching fee for 1969 was \$525.00. \$18.00 was paid to taxi umpires to and from the games.

Extracts of minutes from 1969 meetings book.

Dunnstown has not been impressive this season and requires a couple of key players to boost its side and take the weight off the shoulders of Ross, Sheehan and White, who are carrying the team at present.

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1970 - 1994

The past 20 or so years does not really fall into the category of 'history', however, it will become history for future generations.

Most of the information obtained regarding these years was statistical; reports of games are basic and no longer have the same impact as the game reports of earlier years. The sports writers of modern times give only factual reports and do not furnish us with a spirited account as did the writers of yester year. Club minutes are regimented and clinical, and on the whole information became static.

Most will recall the happenings, in part, of the Dunnstown Football Club during the more recent part of its centenary. The premiership double of 1976 & 1978 will entice sweet recollection for many. The junior section has also achieved successful premiership honours 6 times since its inception in 1968.

1970

During 1970 Dunnstown was still affiliated with the Ballarat Football League District Section. Three sections of football were played, the Senior Eighteen, the Reserves or Second Eighteen, and the Juniors.

The club was ably run under the leadership of President Ron Cocking, with Mervyn Howard as Secretary. 26 year old Barry Antonio, the former East Ballarat vice-captain was appointed coach of the senior team at a fee of \$30 per week for home and away games and three weeks pre-season training, and \$40 per week for finals appearances. Tom Armstrong was appointed a club trainer. Neil Sheehan was vice-captain of the senior team.

The club acquired the guernseys from the former Elaine Football Club to be used by the 2nd eighteen team in this their first year of competition. Mervyn Britt was given the task of coaching this team in its inaugural year.

Leo Murphy and Frank Britt were appointed joint managers of the junior section, Frank Sheehan accepted the position of coach of the Under 15 team, and the captain was Stephen Begbie and Vice-captain Brian O'Halloran.

A credit balance of \$521.63 was declared on the 1970 financial report. Ron Cocking, former coach, player and the current president of DFC was awarded a Life Membership of the club.

The club enjoyed some success on the playing arena with Dunnstown's 3 teams making the finals. However, all teams were defeated in their respective 1st semi-final game.

DUNNSTOWN'S BLACK DAY IN DISTRICT SECTION

Dunnstown had a team in each of the Ballarat Football League District Section first semi-finals played at Wendouree on Saturday, and all were defeated.

The under 15's team lost to Gordon by 26 points. Buninyong defeated Dunnstown by 11 points in the reserves. Dunnstown's biggest failure was in the seniors it was defeated by Sebastopol by 66 points.

Sebastopol was too strong in most departments and gradually built up its big lead.

T Howard, Antonio, and Sheehan tried hard for Dunnstown but lacked support. Dunnstown tried to stem the tide after half-time but it had no answer to Sebastopol's pace and team play.

Scores: Sebastopol 20 - 14 defeated Dunnstown 9 - 14

Dunnstown's best: T Howard, Atkins, Antonio, R White, Sheehan and French.

Goals: Antonio 3, Sheehan 2, Cocking, D Leonard, Morvell, and B Britt.

Reserves: Buninyong 8 - 9 to Dunnstown 7 - 4

Dunnstown best: M Clark, Boak, Walsh, Ryan, Monument, Glenane, Leonard.

Goals: M Clark 2, Boak, N Leonard, Begbie, Wakeling, Ryan.

Under 15: Gordon 6 - 3 defeated Dunnstown 2 - 1.

Dunnstown best: Stalker, Garland, Armstrong, O'Halloran, Wilson, Lenaghan.

Goals: J Lenaghan 2.

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1971

Ron Cocking was re-appointed unopposed to the position of President, with Mervyn Britt, Don Murphy and G Kiely as vice-presidents. Barry White was appointed secretary with the assistance of Bernie Leonard.

Barry Antonio was re-appointed as coach of the First Eighteen team, John Walsh appointed to the position of coach of the 2nd Eighteen and Kevin Lenaghan coach of the Junior U15 team.

1972

1972 saw a change in office-bearers with Don Murphy at the helm as President, Barry White as secretary, J Walsh, D J Leonard and F Sheehan as vice-presidents. Barry Antonio, John Walsh and Kevin Lenaghan held their positions as coaches for their respective teams for another term.

Dunnstown reserves vice captain Bernie Leonard is one of the personalities of district section football. There are few country football supporters who haven't heard of "Brickie"

Last Saturday week he tossed the coin with his opposing captain for the choice of ends. After the short ceremony both captains went among their team mates urging them in readiness for the start. The central umpire took up position to start the game. Before he starts a game the central umpire always gets the "O.K." from each captain that his team is ready.

The umpire asked a Dunnstown ruckman where his captain was "down there, at full back" was the reply, then "no he's not, I don't know where he is".

Leonard was soon "found", he was at the other end of the ground trying to convince the players around him that they were in the wrong positions.

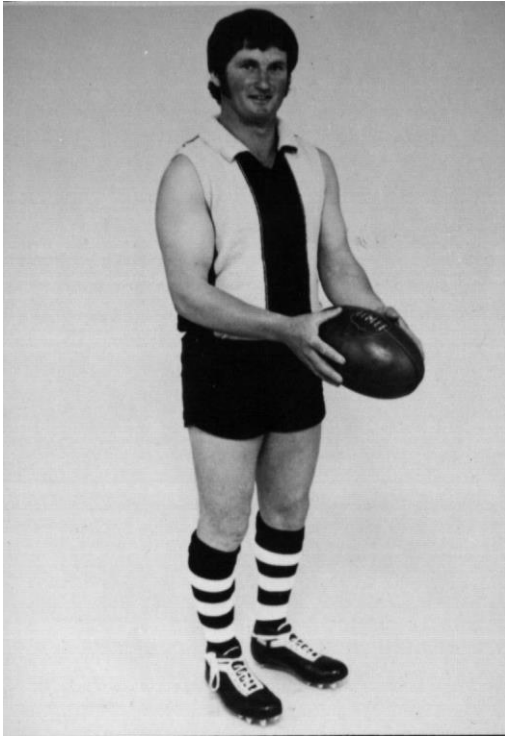
Don't worry Bernie, Ted Whitten often tried that "trick".

My spies tell me that a sitting of the "Dunnstown Court" heard the case but Leonard was unmoved, keeping his cheerful disposition throughout proceedings although most "evidence" given was "biased".

Jim Murphy. "The Ballarat Courier"

The club acquired Honour Boards which Frank Jones made at a cost of \$12. George Atkins won the senior best and fairest award with a record 88 votes, Neil Sheehan had previously held the record, runner up was M Dean on 44 votes. The reserve best and fairest was won by Mervyn Howard on 13 votes, from Basil Britt on 10 votes. Mervyn is possibly the only Major League secretary still playing competitive football.

The end of season balance sheet showed a profit of \$2,737.68. The 'potatoes'



**BASIL BRITT
LEAGUE RESERVE GRADE
BEST & FAIREST
& LEADING GOAL
KICKING AWARD**

1974

John Walsh was elected president of DFC for the current season with Barry White and Michael Leonard as secretaries, and Laurie Mullane as treasurer. The coaching panel remained status quo.

This season admission to the games was raised to 60cents adults, and 20cents per car. New guernseys were purchased for the junior section and a gate keepers box was built.

With football now becoming a serious business, with training an integral part of that business, the club has purchased lights to be fitted to the time-keepers box so that training is permissible outside day light hours.

B B M D F L Leading goalkickers for 1975 were all from Dunnstown club. Senior goalkicking award was won by Ian McBain on 88 goals, 2nd's goalkicking award was won by Ray White on 59 goals, and under 16 goalkicking award was won for the second time by Gerard Cahir on 97 goals. Gerard Cahir also won the league best and fairest award on 28 votes.

**WINNERS OF LEAGUE GOAL-KICKING AWARDS
GERARD CAHIR U16, RAY WHITE Reserves, IAN McBAIN Senior**



Dunnstown club proved its strength in all three grades, senior, reserves and under 16's with all playing in their respective grand finals next Saturday.

Alan Abrams will play his 50th game with Dunnstown in the grand final. It is Alan's 400th game of his football career, having played 100 with North Ballarat juniors, 250 with North seniors, and now 50 with Dunnstown.

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The following reports are of the 1975 grand finals games.

DUNNSTOWN ENTERS 3 GRAND FINALS -

SEBASTOPOL WINS TWO TITLES

Sebastopol capped off a great season on Saturday when it won the B & B M D F L Senior and Reserves grand finals at Darley Park.

Sebastopol defeated Dunnstown 17.17 (119) to 14.21 (105) and in the reserves, Sebastopol 9.13 (67) beat Dunnstown 9.6.(60).

In the opening minutes of the senior game Dunnstown tried to upset Sebastopol with high clashes but the Borough went straight into attack using long kicks.

With Dunnstown's forwards under pressure points, instead of goals were being scored and at quarter time Sebastopol held a handy 21 point advantage over Dunnstown.

The Sebastopol backline was playing well and sent the Borough into attack many times.

However, Dunnstown goaled 10 minutes into the quarter and with full forward McBain shifted to the wing Dunnstown lifted its game. Dunnstown went in hard for the ball resulting in free kicks.

"Digger" Rinaldi was first up forward for Dunnstown being "fed" by McBain who was starring on the wing. They had Dunnstown right back into the game.

Rinaldi kicked four goals in the second term and at half time Dunnstown was only two points down.

At half time it looked as though the game might develop into a survival of the fitter side.

After half time Dunnstown playing pressure football looked a rejuvenated side.

Using handball and with Jim Rinaldi marking strong around the ground along with McBain and Abrams attacking Dunnstown's forward line they moved to a 10 point lead and looked to be in control.

Sebastopol's McGuane kicked a goal late in the quarter to make the third quarter difference five points in favor of Dunnstown.

The final quarter opened with both sides trying hard to score goals but only points resulted.

Finally, Sebastopol's Quinlan weaved, dodged and kicked straight to put the

Borough one point up. Stapleton followed with another, giving Sebastopol a seven-point lead.

Looking the more desperate side, Sebastopol using handball, kicked two more goals to put it a comfortable 20 points in front.

At the the 24 minute mark, with its fitness showing, Sebastopol forged further ahead and kicked seven goals for the term.

Dunnstown never stopped attacking and whittled down the lead, but Venner's long punches and strong marks kept it at bay, and Sebastopol won by 14 points.

Scores:

<i>Sebastopol</i>	<i>17 goals17 behinds..119points</i>
<i>Dunnstown</i>	<i>14 goals21 behinds..105points</i>

Dunnstown best: B Sheehan, J Rinaldi, K Rinaldi, I McBain, A Abrams, N Bedggood, P Torphy.

Goals: K Rinaldi 4, I McBain 3, J Lenaghan 2, L Bridges 2, A Abrams, N Bedgood, P Torpy.

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Dunnstown were also defeated in the reserve grand final.

<i>Sebastopol</i>	<i>9 goals13 behinds « .67points</i>
<i>Dunnstown</i>	<i>9 goals 6 behinds « .60points.</i>

Dunnstown best: Watt, McBain, Clark, King, Broidy, Begbie. Goals: R White 6, Begbie 2, Libbis.

Dunnstown Under 16 team was successful, defeating Maddingley in the grand final. Scores:

<i>Dunnstown</i>	<i>10 goals8 behinds...68points</i>
<i>Maddingley</i>	<i>8 gosld10 behinds..58points</i>

Dunnstown best: Dobbyn, V King, P Auchettl, Wilson, D Murphy, Bailey. Goals: G Cahir 6, T Murphy 2, J Auchettl, G Leonard.

GOOD YEAR FOR DUNNSTOWN U16.

Dunnstown under 16 football team enjoyed a successful year culminating in a premiership.

The team coached by Kevin Lenaghan, won 17 games and lost one. It 's last 14

Dunnstown Football Club Senior Eighteen Runner s-up 1975



Back: B Sheehan, A Briody, J Torphy, J Rinaldi, K Wilson, G Bridges, M White.
Third Row: G Mullane, B White, J Walsh (President), M Leonard, L Mullane, A Smith.
Second Row: N Sheehan, N Madigan, G Atkins (VC), K Rinaldi (C-C), P Torphy, A
Abrams, M Hogan, D Rix.
Front: G Torphy, L Bridges, W Rinaldi (Mascot), W Begbie, P Bedggood. Absent: B
O'Hehir, I McBain, J Lenaghan.

Dunnstown Football Club Reserve Eighteen, Premiers 1976

Back: S Begbie, J O'Hehir, J Thompson, A McBain, D Rix, N Madigan, R Hughes, V King.

Middle: A Smith (trainer), J Hartigan, M Clark, B Watt, D King, M Briers, M McGrath, B Rix, F White (selector)

Front: N Shillito, N Sheehan, R White, W Libbis (VC), J Rinaldi (Coach), T Briody (Capt), G Murphy, P Horbury, K Dunne (trainer). Mascots: J Briody, W Rinaldi, D Briody.

1977

The leadership and coaching panel of the Club was unchanged for season 1977. After the success of '76 the Club upgraded their image with the purchase of new guernseys @ a cost of \$18 each.

Former junior champion Gerard Cahir was granted a clearance to St Kilda F.C., with Dunnstown Football Club having received \$1,190 for the transfer.

An appeal was organised for Daven King, who was suffering ill health, and Lloyd Bridges who has lost time from his work because of football injuries.

1978

A change of club executives saw Basil Britt appointed President, Neil Leonard secretary, Greg Murphy assistant secretary and Frank White treasurer for 1978. The coaching panel was made up of Kevin "Digger" Rinaldi, Gary Bridges, and Barry Sheehan.

The winds of change were again beginning to blow across country football, and this was to be the final year of the Ballarat and Bacchus Marsh District Football League.

The formation of this country League with another country League was already on the drawing board. The proposed new name for this newly formed league was to be The Central Highlands Football League.

Admission prices to matches rose to \$1 and 20cents per car. The Springbank Football Club was granted permission to train on the Dunnstown oval on Monday evenings under the supervision of an executive of D.F.C. George Kiely was awarded a Life Membership.

LADDERS, 1978

SENIOR	SECONDS	UNDER 16'S
Dunnstown.....52	Buninyong.....48	Buninyong.....60
Gordon.....36	Darley.....40	Ballan.....44
Ballan.....34	Dunnstown.....36	Darley.....32
Buninyong.....28	B'Marsh.....28	Dunnstown.....28
Darley.....16	Ballan.....20	B'Marsh.....12
B'Marsh.....14	Gordon.....8	Gordon.....4

With the imminent change in the structure of the league, Dunnstown put all its effort into taking out the final premiership of the B&BMDFL. Dunnstown's 3 teams contested the final series.

The following report is of Dunnstown's final premiership in the B & BMDFL

BBMDFL FLAG TO DUNNSTOWN

Dunnstown, with a powerful third quarter burst, defeated Ballan by 27 points on Saturday to win the grand final of the Ballarat and Bacchus Marsh District

Football League.

This is Dunnstown's second premiership in the past three seasons.

The match opened at Darley Park under ideal conditions, with Ballan goaling in the first few seconds through Bourke-Finn.

Munday soon goaled to enable the Blues to open a handy lead, but late in the quarter Dunnstown settled down and with great teamwork and more desperation soon levelled the scores.

The standard of play was excellent and early in the second quarter Ballan's small men in Geary and K Mullane featured in many good attacking moves.

Dunnstown's Vennell and Bridges began to dominate the ruck duels and its forwards led by Rinaldi and McBain were quick to capitalise on this advantage.

The lead changed many times and the greatest margin during this term was 10 points.

In the third term Ballan quickly regained the lead with Walker well on top at centre half back.

However, midway through the term Dunnstown's centre line was on top and gave the side great drive to goal. McBain goaled for his seventh for the match and only points now separated the two sides.

Then within the next 10 minutes Dunnstown piled on five quick goals to open a handy lead of 26 points. Ballan continually attacked through Mullane, Hastie and Shelton and the side refused to admit defeat.

In the final term Ballan tried to surge forward, however Dunnstown answered all such attacks.

In the final stages Dunnstown held firm to win a high standard match in impressive fashion.

Details Dunnstown 22.11 (143) d Ballan 17.14 (116)

*Dunnstown Best: I McBain, A Bridges, J Hartigan, K Rinaldi, D Rix, G Murphy.
Goals: I McBain 9, K Rinaldi 4, W Begbie 3, K Antonio 2, S Murphy, W Bridges,
P Britt, A Bridges.*

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In the Reserves final, the classy Darley side overpowered Dunnstown in the second half to win by more than 10 goals.

In the under 16's final Buninyong defeated Dunnstown by five goals.

Dunnstown Football Club Senior Eighteen Premiers 1978



Back: P Horbury, P Auchettl, A Bridges, G Atkins, P Vennell, J Hartigan, D Rix, B Sheehan.
Centre: A Smith (trainer), L Bridges, E McKinnon, P Mullane, F White (treasurer), N Leonard (Secretary), B Britt (President), R Murphy (Selector), N Sheehan, (Selector), W Bridges, G Murphy.
Front: S Murphy, W Begbie, G Bridges (VC), K Rinaldi (CC), I McBain, P Britt, K Antonio, N Madigan. Mascots: J Briody, S Begbie, W Rinaldi, D Briody, M White.

The game was still played hard, with neither side giving an inch.

Dunnstown tried hard but to no avail as Ballan held its grip and finished winner by the impressive margin of 23 points.

Scores: Ballan 16-11-107 to Dunnstown 12-12-84

In the Under 17 grand-final, Dunnstown were runner-up to Newlyn.

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This 'stigma' as "Bridesmaid" was to remain with Dunnstown for many years.

Dunnstown Football Club Under 17 Runner s-up



Back: S Leonard, P Leonard, P Prenc, T Mallone, M Gilbert.

Centre: B Hirt, T Prenc, L Mullane (secretary), M Mullane, P Britt, J Penhall, C Hirt, A James, C Curran, C Cartledge, J Den Ouden, A Walker, F White (President), M Penahll (timekeeper).

Front: A Smith (Trainer), A Britt, J Begbie, B Leonard (Capt), B Sheehan (Coach), P White (VC), S Murphy, H McDougall, M Leonard (runner).

Social Committee.

Dunnstown's fierce tackling and desperation was the deciding factor in it's 20 point win over Springbank. The stout defence led by Hartigan, and Begbie, plus the effective forward line, saw Springbank face an uphill battle after quarter time.

Scores:

<i>Dunnstown</i>	<i>13 goals19 behinds..97 points</i>
<i>Springbank</i>	<i>11 goals11 behinds..77 points</i>

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The senior team under the capable hands of captain coach Gary Bridges entered the finals with great expectations. Kevin Lenaghan's U14's were also finals contenders.

Dunnstown were defeated by Springbank in the preliminary final 23.21 to Dunnstown's 18.10.

1982

'82 saw a change in the leadership at a committee level with Keith Gillett taking on the job of President, Greg Murphy as secretary and Neil Leonard controlling the Club's finances.

Former reserves' coach George Atkins accepted position of U17 coach, with all other coaching positions unchanged.

The "Powers that be" from Dunnstown sprung a surprise in the C.H.F.L when they secured the clearance of Melbourne Football Club player Graeme Gaunt, after clearances had closed. This certainly was the coup of the season. The V.F.L ruled "... that as Gaunt was not on Melbourne's final list, he was eligible to play for Dunnstown."

Fourteen teams again constitute the C.H.F.L with all clubs fielding first and second eighteens. All but Waubra fielding an under 17's side and Darley and Wendouree the only clubs without under 14's.

Admission charges increased from \$1.20 to \$2.00.

Dunnstown Football Club was reported to be upset by naming of Ian McBain and Hayden Muir in the Ballarat Football League training squad. Both players

however remained at Dunnstown for the 1982 season.

April 24 saw the start of the new season, with the introduction of the two umpire system, two umpires were to be appointed to one selected game each week.

Teams' Performances since 1979

Including past finals, a rundown of team performances since the formation of the Central Highlands Football League in 1979. Figures up to and including the last home and away round on 21-8-1982.

	P.	W.	L.	D.
BALLAN.....	75	61	13	1
BUNGAREE	72	35	36	1
BUNINYONG	69	34	34	1
CLUNES	75	44	30	1
CRESWICK	69	39	29	1
DARLEY	69	21	48	0
DUNNSTOWN.....	75	58	17	0
GORDON	68	25	42	1
HEPBURN.....	68	26	42	0
KORWEINGUBOORA.....	18	0	18	0
LEARMONTH	68	16	50	2
NEWLYN	69	29	40	0
SPRINGBANK.....	78	50	27	1
WAUBRA.....	71	41	29	1
WENDOUREE	68	22	46	0

The best individual effort recorded by the league was for Dunnstown's Ian McBain who kicked 16 goals in the game against Buninyong, in 1979.

Ian won the league goal kicking award in 1979, with 104 goals; 1981 with 97 goals.

The "Bridesmaid" tag continued to stick.

Grand final scores: Waubra 16.14.110 defeated Dunnstown 15.17.107

The Under 14's team were also runner-up for the premiership. Buninyong defeated Dunnstown.

Luck was running Waubra's way as Conroy produced a cricket "leg break" to further increase the margin. Dunnstown's defence was under extreme pressure and it was only Rix who stood out. Strong play by Dalton saw him goal and Waubra was shaping as likely premier. Paul Britt gave Dunnstown some hope with a badly needed goal, but the last change Waubra led by 30 points.

In the first 10 minutes neither side gained any advantage. Danny Murphy looming a Dunnstown's best player, goaled and although time was on its side, it did not appear at this stage good enough to get up.

Play seesawed between both half back lines as the tempo of the game slackened. Midway through the term however, Dunnstown appeared to find a second wind as goals to Peter Britt, McBain and Adrian Britt saw less than one straight kick separate the two sides. The running Waubra players had virtually stopped to a walk as Dunnstown appeared to be finishing all over them. Harrison for Waubra scored a miraculous goal considering the pressure, and Waubra appeared safe with time quickly running out. Not to be denied Hartigan with a long driving kick found McBain who kicked truly and once again less than one straight kick separated the sides.

Time however favored Waubra as the final siren sounded minutes later to give it a well deserved win.

In the reserves Learmonth win its first premiership in senior competition for 27 years.

Waubra, 16.14.(110) d Dunnstown, 15.17.(107)

Dunnstown Best: Rix, D Murphy, Bridges, Britt, K Murphy, Sheehan, McCutcheon. Goals: McBain 3, Sheehan 3, D Murphy 3, S Murphy, Peter & Paul Britt, A Britt, Begbie, Auchetl.

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Again Dunnstown Football Club's name was involved in controversial matters as this report explains.

Police Probe CHFL Incident

Learmonth police have begun an official inquiry into the incident at the Central Highlands Football League grand final on Saturday in which a Waubra player was knocked unconscious.

Stephen Head had his jaw broken in four places in a behind the play incident. He is in Ballarat Base Hospital with the jaw wired and 20 stitches in his split mouth.

HEPBURN.....	82.87	28	CLUNES	34.12	28
NEWLYN.....	13.98	16	SPRINGBANK.....	22.03	16
CLUNES	24.18	8	BUNGAREE	3.70	8

Football finals record book C.H.F.L. 1983

Dunnstown have once again been beaten in the C.H.F.L grand final. Wendouree climaxed its rags to riches season with a double premiership.

For Dunnstown it's horror run in the grand finals continued in the C.H.F.L, but it appeared to be carrying more injuries than the Casualty section of the Base Hospital.

Ground conditions were ideal and players appreciated the conditions to turn on a fast high standard game.

Dunnstown's inaccuracy continued all day and cost a strong winning chance. John Murphy put Dunnstown in front for the first time in the game. The lead changed several times throughout the second quarter. Eight points separated the teams at the three quarter time break.

In the pressure of the final quarter discipline and stamina were beginning to tell with Wendouree looking that shade fitter.

Two minor scores including a 'poster' sealed Dunnstown's final fate. Pahl, for Wendouree followed with another goal, put the result beyond doubt. Scores:

Wendouree 20- 6-126

Dunnstown 16-15-111

Dunnstown's best: P Britt, G Bridges, D Murphy, White, McCutcheon, Sheehan. Goals: D Murphy 5, McBain 4, P Britt 3, J Murphy, A Britt, Rix, S Murphy.

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In the Under 14 Grand-final between Dunnstown and Buninyong, Buninyong defeated Dunnstown 5-1-31 to 1-4-10.

Best for Dunnstown: Burke, Dwyer, Leneghan, Shields, Lee, Britt, and Christie.

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UNPLEASANT MEMORIES OF CHFL GRAND FINAL

John Murphy will remember Dunnstown's participation in the 1983 Central Highlands Football League grand final. He received a fractured jaw in two places.

Murphy said yesterday he was in hospital until Tuesday and had an operation to wire his jaw. He said he would find it much easier to suffer the injury had he received it in the course of play. Doctors have told him he could be off work for six weeks. He cannot eat solids and has drinks through a straw.

The injury has Murphy wondering about his future. He was moved by a number of Wendouree players who approached him and showed genuine concern for his injury. Murphy received the injury early in the first quarter, but remained on the field for some time. He said he knew his jaw was broken and he continually had to push it back into position.

"I was moved by their concern, but I cannot understand why one of their team mates could unnecessarily hit him me in the jaw. I have seen a video of the game and it shows the hit.

"In football 99.9 per cent of players play the game as it should be played. It is unfortunate the image of our game can be damaged by a very small percentage," Murphy said.

Murphy combined football and athletics in 1981. In 1982, a back injury received during athletic training kept him out of sport. Early this year, a brother, Shane, suggested he was fit enough to defeat John in a race and challenged him to attend football training. He accepted the challenge and returned to football.

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Dunnstown Football Club Senior Eighteen Runner s-up 1983



Back: M Leonard, T Cummins, P Auchettl, J Hartigan, C Verhay, D Murphy, M White, D Rix, P Britt.
Centre: N Leonard (treasurer), K Gillett (President), S Murphy, I McBain, G Sheehan, A McCutcheon,
G Murphy, K Murphy, (Selectors:) R White, B Sheehan, B Lenaghan.
Front: A Hamm, A Smith (Trainers), A Britt, L Bridges, G Bridges (CC), P Britt (VC), J Murphy, W
Begbie, K McPhan (Prop St.), N Madigan (Runner). Mascots: M McBain, A Leonard, S Leonard, M
Cahir.

centre of the ground when going into attack.

Darley took control of the match during the second term and goals to Trask, Bryant, Gordon and Debortoli saw Darley go to a 26 point lead.

Dunnstown never gave up, it fought back strongly and late goals to Begbie, Harrison and Paul Britt, saw it only one point behind.

Darley's big men in Jones and Kemp influenced play during the second half with Keep resting at full forward and proving a handful for the Dunnstown backmen.

John Murphy tried hard for Dunnstown as did Sheehan and Gaunt who during the third term used thier experience and skill to advantage.

Ian McBain goaled on the three quarter time siren to leave Dunnstown six points behind at the break.

McBain goaled again early in the final quarter which lifted the momenutm of the team. Trask and Delahay both replied for Darley but for the next 20 minutes neither side could gain the break.

Two goals to Sheehan and Dodd in as many minutes left Dunnstown one point down. Two minor scores at the beginning of the time-on period gave it the lead but then the Darley charge began.

Its running players in Gordon, Wilkie and Stone split the Dunnstown defence with tough attacking football which resulted in goals to Delahay, Gordon and Jones to end Dunnstown's dream of winning a premiership.

Darley, 15-12-(102) d Dunnstown, 11-19-(85)

Dunnstown's Best: J Murphy, G Sheehan, G Gaunt, Peter Britt, M Leonard, C Verhay.

Goals: I McBain 3, D Britt 2, R Harrison 2, G Sheehan, Paul Britt, B Dodd, B Begbie.

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Barry Lenaghan successfully guided the U14 team to great success. The U14's have claimed the great honour of being Premiers and Champions for the '84 season.

Kevin Lenaghan was awarded a Life Membership for his many years of service both as a player and mentor to many young boys.

Dunnstown Football Club Under 17 Premiers 1985



B: A Sheils, L Wade, T Brandenburg, Simon Britt, Shaun Britt, S Howard, B Christie, G Britt, T Britt.
Standing: B Gillett (treasurer), A Ham (Trainer), A Britt (secretary), A Leonard, A Bedggood, N Leonard (President), C Britt (Coach), M Sheehan, B Dwyer, F White (Jnr Pres), A Smith (Trainer).
Front: P Lenaghan, W Britt, C Britt (VC), N Leonard (Capt), P Walsh, C Hancock, D Murphy.
Mascot: Dean Britt.

1986

Neil Leonard and Adrian Britt continued in their respective positions as President and Secretary, with Kevin Murphy taking over as treasurer. Marty Gleeson, Con Britt and Barry Lenaghan remained in their current coaching positions, and Mark Kierl replaced Peter Horbury as coach of the 2nds.

With the exception of the U17 back to back premierships, Dunnstown experienced quite a dull year on the football arena.

Information for '86 was very scarce with the Club 11 Minute books disappearance, and very limited news articles being reported. Dunnstown did not make the finals in 1986. The U17's did however win their premiership.

Dunnstown did the right thing by its supporters but failed to secure a finals berth following wins to Springbank and Newlyn.

From quarter time onward Dunnstown held Ballan goalless and only bad kicking prevented the winning margin from being increased. The losing margin would

Always the bridesmaid never the bride is a tag Dunnstown players have had to wear since their introduction to the Central Highlands League in 1979.

Tomorrow they will be hoping to throw away that tag when they take on Creswick at Learmonth in the 1987 grand final.

For both, premierships have been few and far between of late. Creswick's last flag was in the former Clunes Football League in 1974, while Dunnstown won the last premiership contested in the Ballarat and Bacchus Marsh League in 1978.

Creswick will start the game an easing favourite. Its only finals' appearance this year was as impressive 28 point win over Hepburn in the all-important second semi-final.

Dunnstown has already played three finals. It lost the qualifying final by a point but since then has continued to impress in its increasing winning margins. Last week it perfected its run-on game after half time.

During the home-and-away rounds, Creswick went about its business in a quiet unspectacular manner but after losing its third game back in round 10, has strung together eight successive victories leading up to tomorrow's game. While its margins haven't been lard, this winning swquence enabled Creswick to go into the rinal round sitting comfortably. It is history now that it obtained the all important top position which earned it an automatic rest.

But in those eight successive victories it shouldn't be forgotten that Creswick played the bottom three sides in the last three rounds. This means it has only played one pressure game in the past six weeks. By 5.30 pm tomorrow we will know if this has been a help or hindrance.

The fact that Dunnstown has reached the grand final would be a surprise to many. About a month before the finals it looked as if Dunnstown might miss out. But having regained a position in the five in the concluding weeks, Dunnstown successfully defended that position.

Last week Dunnstown looked impressive. It played with plenty of purpose and has the extra benefit of top experienced players picking up valuable match fitness along the way.

Darren Lubeek's 113 goals speaks for itself while his opposition counterpart Danny Murphy rose to the occasion with seven goals last week to steer his side to victory. Jennings did a workman-like job in the ruck for Creswick while Williams always gives his all for Dunnstown.

Ellis, Blake, Orr and O'Halloran form a tight Creswick defence. Their aerial supremacy gives them plenty of appeal over the Dunnstown forwards who like the ball much closer to the ground.

The Creswick forwards are likely to find the close-checking play of the Leonards, Prenc, Auchettl and Simon Britt meaner than the Hepburn defence which only had a few goers last week.

Whoever lines up on Lubeek holds the key to the game. He is such a strong player. Dunnstown may have to curb his supply of kicks from further afield. In a man-to-man duel Dunnstown does not appear to have anybody who can match Lubeek.

The journey home from Learmonth, has been a disappointing one for Dunnstown four time in the past nine years. And with the likelihood of losing some of its younger players to Ballarat Football League clubs next year, perhaps this is Dunnstown's last chance for a while to bring home that "elusive" flag. Certainly nobody could begrudge it a win.

But Creswick appears a fit combination whild Dunnstown has many "suspect" players. Creswick has the advantage of having the best forward in the league, and after last week's rest it could hold an edge in fitness in the concluding stages.

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Dunnstown in 5th grand-final in 9 years, but Creswick completed the double.

Creswick's winning margin of 44 points was the largest grand final margin since the formation of the league.

*Creswick's selectors won the battle of tactics, while playing 4 successive games appeared to tell on the Dunnstown players and they battled through the last two and a half quarters. Scores:
Creswick 17-8-110 defeated Dunnstown 10-6-66.*

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David Murphy won the Under 17 league best and fairest award.

Dunnstown Football Club Senior Runners-up 1987

Back: A Hamms, S McMutrie (trainers), P Auchettl, G Williams, D Murphy, Shaun Britt, W Jones, R White (Ch Selectors), K Murphy (Treasurer).

Middle: B Lenaghan (runner), J Leonard (Selector), P Lenaghan, P Prenc, M Mullane, A Walsh (Secretary), A Britt, N Leonard, T Britt, Simon Britt, Neil Leonard (President).

Front: D Dignan, P Leonard, M Kierl, S Murphy (capt), G Bridges (Coach), M Leonard (VC), P Walsh, M Sheehan, J Murphy. Mascot: Rhys Cahir. Absent: C Verhay, S Howard, P Britt.

One of the "towns" favourite sons is Con Britt who played many games with Collingwood in the VFL, then coached North Ballarat in the BFL and Newlyn in the CHFL. He was also a successful junior coach, leading Dunnstown's U17's to two successful premierships.

Their present senior coach is Gary Bridges who hasn't had luck on his side, losing five Grand Finals. However, his record is outstanding as he has at least got the side to these grand finals. Gary also had two brothers who played for the club for many years and gave plenty of service, namely Darryl and Digger. (Arthur & Lyle) The three brothers did loom an awesome sight to opposing players during their playing careers, all being built like tanks, and playing accordingly.

Another player who comes to mind is champion goal kicker Ian McBain who was known as the "Peter Hudson" of the bush in the CHFL. The town has produced many champions with a few making VFL football. As said Con Britt (Collingwood), Ray Murphy (present CHFL president) played with North Melbourne, Gerard Cahir (St Kilda), while Frank Sheehan and Barry Lenaghan were also chased and invited to VFL clubs, but didn't accept.

Tim Britt, the present U17 coach, was also drafted to Geelong last year. The club's number 1 ticket holder is Ned Armstrong who played with the "Town" in 1918-22 era. Old timers still following the club are Kevin Lenaghan 1925-52, Matt Howard 1925 -37 and Con Sheehan 1929-34.

The club have been in the process of building magnificent new clubrooms which are well on the way to completion and will be officially openen hopefully early next year.

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Again Dunnstown Football Club's name is associated with controversial matters.

FIRST HALF SCORES DELETED

Central Highlands Football League teams Dunnstown and Hepburn had their first half scores deleted on Saturday. It was alleged that during a minor scuffle just before half time, near the Hepburn coaches boxes, both teams had more than 18 players on the ground. The central umpire ordered that both teams' scores be deleted. Club officials would not comment on the incident.

Hepburn went on to kick 18-21-129 to Dunnstown's 12-12-84.

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1991

At the Club's Annual Meeting Ray White stated that the club was at the crossroads and could slip down the ladder if everyone did not get behind new coach Mark Keating and make every effort to succeed. Ray thanked the previous V H D V ~~Boards~~ ^{Coaches} for the work they had done.

Former long-time coach Gary Bridges was appointed President, with Neil Leonard as secretary, and Colin Auchettl continued as treasurer. Junior coaches from last season were re-appointed.

Recruiting progressed well with several players being signed to join Dunnstown with the possibility of several others. Paul Mullane and Kevin Murphy were elected as selectors.

Improvements are still being undertaken by the football club with the construction of a verandah onto the new sporting complex. The Ladies' Committee donated \$2000 towards the cost of cementing the verandah floor.

An un-official Under 12 competition has begun by several clubs in the C.H.F.L with Mark Keirl and Peter Walsh supervising Dunnstown's up and coming juniors. The U12's games take place at the half time interval of the senior game. Football now provides a full-days family entertainment.

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All four of Dunnstown's teams - from Senior to U14's competed in the final series of 1991. Three of those teams played in the Grand final.

In the senior competition Dunnstown defeated the hot tipped Learmonth by 7 goals in the elimination final, Paul Atkins kicking 9 goals for the game. However, Bungaree defeated Dunnstown in the 2nd Semi-final, ending yet again Dunnstown's premiership aspirations. Bungaree went on to win the grand final.

The reserve eighteen played against Learmonth. Dunnstown were defeated 14-8-92 to 5-11-41. Dunnstown's best players were K Carson, C Bilney, B Barbetti, W Britt, M Sheehan and M Britt. Goals: W Britt 2, D Burns, M Keirl, D Giles.

Dunnstown Football Club
Reserve Eighteen, Runners-up 1991

Back: B Kirkwood, M Kierl, D Giles, P Auchettl, S Leonard, K Carson, B Barbetti, W Britt, A Bedggood.

Middle: W Forbes (trainer), D Burns, A Walsh, P Mullane (Selector), G Bridges (President), N Leonard (Secretary), K Murphy (Selector), B Spratling, P O'Halloran, S Gladman (trainer).

Front: M Sheehan, M Britt, P Smith (VC), M Duffy (Capt), M Mullane (Coach), T O'Loughlin, M Kermond, C Bilney, M Dodd.

Mascots: J & B Williams, B White, A Britt, J Auchettl, D Kierl. Absent: S Jewell, S Plant, D Britt.

In the under 17's grand-final, Dunnstown were successful, having defeated Buninyong by 3 points. Scores were: Dunnstown 7-13-55 to Buninyong 7-10-52. Dunnstown best: D Wood, D Britt, M O'Neil, M Rinaldi, J Brady, T Britt, D Brady. Goals: M Rinaldi 3, D Britt 2, J Brady, M Cahir.

Dunnstown Football Club Under 17 Premiers 1991

Dunnstown Football Club Under 14 Runner s-up 1991



Back: N Cahir, B O'Loughlin, D McMahon, B Armstrong, J Lund, P White.

Middle: J Cahir, J Munro, G Bridges (Snr President), P Walsh (Coach), B Sheehan (Jnr President), N Leonard (Secretary), M Dodd (Runner), L Brady, T Ralston.

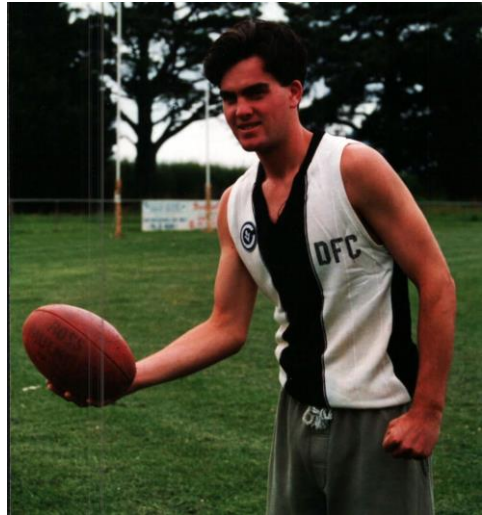
Front: L Bridges, K Leonard, K Britt, B Lewis, N Wood, M Howard (Capt), B White, A Sheehan, T Leonard, C Munro, D Rinaldi, C Leonard, P Leonard (Mascot).

Four members of Dunnstown's Under 17 1/2 team represented the Ballarat Region All Stars side. Dunnstown's representatives were Damien Wood, Mick and Steve Rinaldi and Dean Britt.

Mick Rinaldi achieved further success by taking out the League's leading Goal-kicking award for 1991.

Mick Rinaldi

League Leading Goal
Kicking Award 1991



1992

With no changes to the executives or coaches Dunnstown commenced the 1992 season. Three new sets of guernseys were purchased at a cost of \$2,192.92.

1992 was one of the darkest years in Dunnstown's history with no sides either senior or junior competing in the final series.

Dunnstown Senior team sat in the top five position comfortably until the later part of the year when they apparently 'lost the plot'.

Dunnstown Notes: A successful junior best and fairest count was held last night, congratulations to the winners: Under 17 Daniel Brady, runner-up Nathan Wood, with Mark Howard third. In the Under 14, Nathan Cahir won from his brother Jaye Cahir, and Michael Barby third.

Counting of the Senior and reserve best and fairest was held on 4th September. Senior Best and Fairest went to Craig Sharp, and Peter Smith won his second successive Reserves award. Best clubman award went to the ever popular Mark "Darkie" Leonard.

For the first time since the inception of the C.H.F.L Dunnstown failed to have a side competing in the final series, which is disappointing, but there is always '93 to look forward to.

Financially the club reported a turnover of \$43,972.61 for the season, a far cry from the early days of football, leaving a credit balance of \$3,446.60.

Dunnstown under 17 player Damien Wood played in the successful Premiership side with the Geelong Falcons in the Under 18 - VSFL Competition.

The reserve grade best and fairest went to Mark Mullane, runner-up Michael Britt. Marie Britt, president of the Ladies Committee presented the club with a cheque for \$4,000. Peter "Boof" Auchettl was awarded the best Clubman award, and Gary Bridges was presented with a Life Membership.

So as this season ends the Dunnstown Football Club together with the whole community look forward to a successful 1994, in particular the Centenary Celebrations to take place in April, and perhaps that elusive premiership will finally come "The Town's" way.

1994

Executives elected for the 1994 "centenary" season President, Gary Bridges, Secretary Neil Leonard, and Colin Auchettl remains the club treasurer.

The coaching panel for 1994 is made up of Shawne Dummett, senior coach; Mark Mullane, reserves coach; Gerard Cahir U17's; and Peter Walsh U14's.

CONCLUSIONEPILOGUE

Although football has undergone changes over the years, the game as we know it today is not very far removed from the football of yesteryear.

It is a game of controversy, both on and off the field. It is a game you either love or loathe. Every club has its champions and its 'characters' and Dunnstown has its fair share of both, then and now.

Is today's game rougher and more violent, faster and more skilled than the games of 100 years ago? This question still raises much discussion between the experts and laymen alike. As the old saying goes "the older we get the better we 'were', we kicked longer and played harder". Memories of what may have occurred are far more colourful than what really did happen.

This book will no doubt raise much discussion on that very topic.

No matter what changes may take place in the future this game of national pride is here to stay.

When we are long gone we hope our descendants will look back with pride and some amusement at the antics of their ancestors. This book has been produced for that reason, to foster the spirit of the game through to the next century and beyond, and to enhance the strong bond and 'mateship' of the club and the

community which began long ago in 1894.

The early celebrations carried on all season as game after game Dunnstown was victorious. The successful year culminated in the senior team being crowned champions of the year. The year was a very productive and successful year.

On Monday morning September 19th 1994 *The Courier* declared Dunnstown was well aware.

Dunnstown 10-18-78 defeated Learmonth 6-7-43

Dunnstown ±Best: M Keating, S Dummett, C Orchard, C Peters, P Britt

Goals ±D Learmonth 2, Darren Britt 2, G Cahir, S Dummett, D Wood, S Murphy, Shaun Britt & P Leach.

Learmonth ±Best B Robertson, N Byvoet, K Dickman, J Ford, D Cuthbertson.

Goals ±A Jenkin 2, P Prenc, A Coulter, J Hoskin, V Armstrong

Dunnstown Football Club Senior 1994 PREMIERS & CHAMPIONS



Back: Peter Britt, Anthony Walsh, Craig Sharp, Shaun Britt, Gerard Cahir, Mark Keating, Peter Leach, Steve Adams, Michael McBain.

3rd Row: Wayne Ronan, Stephen Lenaghan, Mark Howard, Damian Matherson, Mark Armstrong, Simon Britt, Peter Walsh, Chris McAloon.

2nd Row: Steve Gladman (Trainer) Danny Murphy (Runner) Shane Murphy, Paul Mullane (Chairman Selectors) Neil Leonard (Secretary), Gary Bridges (President), Colin Auchettl (Treasurer), Jim Leonard (Team Manager) Ashley Rinaldi, Bill Forbes (Trainer).

Front: Travis Britt, Chris Peters, Noel Leonard, Chris Orchard, Shawne Dummett (C-C), Darren Britt (Ass Coach), Dale Learmonth, Damian Wood, Paul Atkins. Mascots: Patrick Britt, Ashley Britt

1995

The executive and coaching panel for 1995 season consisted of Gary Bridges as President, Neil Leonard as Secretary, and Colin Auchettl as Treasurer. Shawne Dummett again took charge of the senior team, with Peter Walsh the Reserves coach, Stephen Howard coach of the U17 ½ and Chris McAloon took control of the U14 ½.

After a jubilant 1994 the 1995 season was somewhat of a let-down. Despite being undefeated in 27 games by mid-season Dunnstown was unable to take out back-to-back premierships. Dunnstown was defeated by a determined Beaufort in the 1995 grandfinal.

The scores were: Beaufort 20-19-139 to Dunnstown 11-9- 75.

1996

Dunnstown began the 1996 season with renewed hope and determination after the grandfinal encounter of 1995. Gary Bridges and Neil Leonard were reappointed as president and secretary, with Mark Keirl stepping in to the role of treasurer. Shawne Dummett took on the role of senior coach for his fourth year running. Peter Walsh was reappointed Reserves coach, while Stephen Howard and Chris McAloon took charge of the under 17 ½ and the under 14½. By seasons end Dunnstown had three out of four football teams advance to the grandfinal ±senior, reserve and under 14 ½ .

Saturday 14th September 1996 began with much anticipation. The Learmonth Recreation Reserve was alive with supporters of five different football clubs vying for vantage points to cheer on their teams. The blue and gold streamers of Learmonth fluttered opposite the black and white of Dunnstown as the under 14½ WRRN WRDunston were successful in this first encounter. Learmonth 4-7-31 were too strong for Dunnstown 3-4-22.

The Reserves game between Dunnstown and old-time rival Gordon. Dunnstown 12-7-79 defeated Gordon 9-11-65. Dunnstown was victorious in this match opening the way for a double-header. Unfortunately Beaufort was again the superior opponent defeating Dunnstown for a second year running. It seems WKDW WKH GUHDGHG µEULGHVPDLG¶ WDJ KDV UHWXU

1997

CLUB LEADERS

CLUB EXECUTIVES AND COACHES

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>EXECUTIVES</u>		<u>ASSOCIATION/LEAGUE</u>
1894	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH V.Capt	Mr Lonergan T McGuane P Hartigan Mr Quinn Simon Greene	Dunnstown District Football Association "McGraths Cup"
1905	PRESIDENT SECRETARY COACH CAPTAIN	Mr A Gibson Mr T Greene Mr P McGuane P Cummins	
1908	PRESIDENT	Mr L Flynn	
1909	COACH	W McGuane	
1913	PRESIDENT	P McGuane	
1914	PRESIDENT SECRETARY	Tom Coogan John Johnson	
1925	SECRETARY COACH	J. Lenaghan Herman Wise	Dunnstown District Association
1926	SECRETARY COACH	J. Lenaghan jnr Bert Edmunds	Dunnstown District Association
1927	SECRETARY COACH	A. Neville P. Bourke	Dunnstown District Association
1928	SECRETARY COACH	J & K Lenaghan P. Bourke	Dunnstown District Association
1929	PRESIDENT SECRETARY COACH	P. J. Maloney J. Lenaghan P. Bourke	Dunnstown District Association
1930	SECRETARY COACH	M. Howard P. Bourke	Ballarat Association
1931	PRESIDENT	P. Cummins	Ballarat Association

	SECRETARY TREASURER COACH	M. Howard A. Neville P. Bourke	
1932	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH	Jas Tierney M. Howard A. Neville P. Bourke	Ballarat District Assoc
1933	SECRETARY COACH	M. Howard P. Bourke	Ballarat District Assoc
1934	PRESIDENT SECRETARY COACH	J. Lenaghan George Jackson W. McCarthy	Ballarat District Assoc
1935	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH	John Howard George Jackson " " K. Lenaghan	Ballarat District Assoc
1936	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH	K. Lenaghan E. Howard G. Jackson K. Lenaghan (resigned mid-year) replaced by W. Lee	Ballarat District Assoc
1946	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH	K. Glenane J. Guinane K. Leonard	Bungaree Association
1947	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH	K. Glenane J. Guinane K. Leonard J. Lewis	Bungaree Association
1948	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH	J. Howard K. Leonard K. Neville F. McCarthy	Bungaree Association
1949	PRESIDENT PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH	W. Cox (resigned June 26) J. Howard K. Leonard K. Neville L. Knowles	Bungaree Assoc
1950	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH	F. McCormack M. Squire K. Neville W. Anderson	Bungaree Association

	COACH COACH 2ND COACH U16	Kevin Rinaldi Alan Abrams Kevin Lenaghan	
1975	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND COACH U16	John Walsh Barry White & Mick Leonard Laurie Mullane Kevin Rinaldi Jim Rinaldi Kevin Lenaghan	B & B M D F L
1976	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND COACH U16	John Walsh Barry White Laurie Mullane Kevin Rinaldi Jim Rinaldi Barry Sheehan	B & B M D F L
1977	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND COACH U16	John Walsh Barry White Laurie Mullane Kevin Rinaldi Jim Rinaldi Barry Sheehan	B & B M D F L
1978	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND COACH U16	Basil Britt Neil Leonard Frank White Kevin Rinaldi Gary Bridges Barry Sheehan	B & B M D F L
1979	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND COACH U16	Basil Britt Neil Leonard Frank White Kevin Rinaldi Gary Bridges Barry Sheehan	Central Highlands Football League (C.H.F.L)
1980	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Frank White Laurie Mullane Frank Sheehan Gary Bridges George Atkins Peter Britt & Greg Murphy Kevin Lenaghan	C.H.F.L
1981	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND	Basil Britt Laurie Mullane Frank Sheehan Gary Bridges Gerard Sheehan	C.H.F.L

	COACH U14	Peter Walsh	
1995	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Gary Bridges Neil Leonard Michael Leonard Shawne Dummett Peter Walsh Stephen Howard Chris McAloon	C.H.F.L
1995	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Gary Bridges Neil Leonard Colin Auchettl Shawne Dummett Peter Walsh Stephen Howard Chris McAloon	C.H.F.L
1996	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Gary Bridges Neil Leonard Mark Keirl Shawne Dummett Peter Walsh Stephen Howard Chris McAloon	C.H.F.L
1997	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Chris McAloon Simon Britt Katrina Mullane Darren Britt Peter Walsh Stephen Howard Chris McAloon	C.H.F.L
1998	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Gary Bridges Neil Leonard Peter Dodd Darren Britt Ross Peeters Billy Begbie Chris McAloon	C.H.F.L
1999	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Gary Bridges Neil Leonard Peter Dodd Darren Britt Craig Grenfell Jaye Cahir Mark Keirl	C.H.F.L
2000	PRESIDENT SECRETARY	Barry Sheehan Paul White	C.H.F.L

	TREASURER COACH COACH 2 ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Peter Dodd Gerard Cahir Craig Grenfell Jaye Cahir Mark Keirl	
2001	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Barry Sheehan Paul White Peter Dodd Gerard Cahir Paul Prenc Paul Britt Mark Kierl	C.H.F.L
2002	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Peter Dodd Simon Britt Brendan Spratling Darren Britt Paul Prenc Paul Britt Peter Walsh	C.H.F.L
2003	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Peter Dodd Simon Britt Brendan Spratling Paul Aikman Stephen Howard Paul Britt Peter Walsh	C.H.F.L
2004	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Peter Britt Michael Leonard Brendan Spratling Paul Aikman Stephen Howard Paul Britt & Mark Linane Rhys Cahir	C.H.F.L
2005	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Peter Britt Chris Leonard Colin Auchettl Simon Eason Stephen Howard Mark Keating Rhys Cahir	C.H.F.L
2006	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 ND COACH U18	Peter Britt Chris Leonard Colin Auchettl Simon Eason Rob Mutimer/Paul White Mark Keating	C.H.F.L

200 CLUB

DUNNSTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB RECOGNIZES 200 GAMES AND OVER



Back L- R: Peter Walsh, Mark Leonard, Danny Murphy, Stephen Howard, Ray White, Anthony Walsh, Nathan Cahir, Stephen Leonard.
Middle L-R: John Walsh, Noel Leonard, Josh Auchettl (accepted medal for his late father Peter Auchettl)
Front L-R: Danny Giles, Mark Mullane, Ian McBain, Peter Britt
Absent: Peter Horbury, Shane Murphy, Billy Begbie, Dale Learmonth, Neil Sheehan & Frank White.

Twenty-one past and present players were awarded a medal for the milestone of 200 or more open age football games.

In 2008 Club President Gerard Cahir presented the medals to the players and unveiled an honour board to be erected in the rooms honouring these players. Amongst the recipients are past Presidents, Coaches and Committee Members. Most still contribute significantly to the club. Some of the 200 Medal recipients have played open age football for Dunnstown for more than 20 years.

worked tirelessly for the club over a number of years. He was instrumental in the planting of trees around the recreation reserve and the construction of the Dunnstown Community Centre. Don was awarded a Life Membership in 1980.

KEVIN LENAGHAN

Kevin played with Dunnstown in 1925 at the age of 15, remaining as a player until the mid thirties, at the age of 42, during this time he was secretary of the Club for a number of years. Kevin played every position except boundary umpire; in his long career he only missed one game through injury. Kevin played with South Ballarat for several seasons, returning to Dunnstown in 1939. He was appointed secretary in 1953 until 1956. Leo was a playing member of the premierships of the club in 1953 and 1956. Leo was a playing member of the premierships of the club in 1953 and 1956.

LEO MURPHY

Leo played with the Club over many years; he has served on the committee, selection committee and as time keeper. During his years with the club he was secretary in 1953 til 1956. Leo was a playing member of the premierships of the club in 1953 and 1956. Leo was a playing member of the premierships of the club in 1953 and 1956.

CON SHEEHAN

Con served as a selector at the club. Con was accorded a Life Membership in 1986.

MATT HOWARD

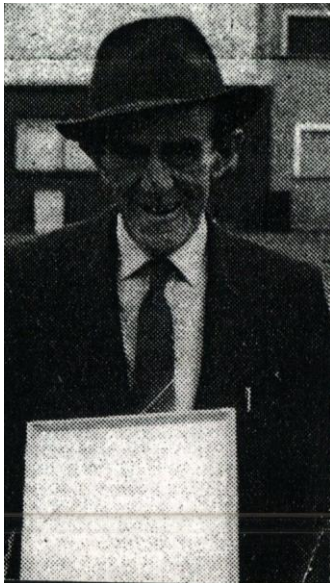
Matt was a great debater of football in general and served as a selector. In his later years Matt was a wonderfully loyal supporter of the Club. Matt was made a Life Member in 1986, the same day as his long time good friend Con Sheehan.

BARRY WHITE

Barry began his long association with the club in 1964 being the gatekeeper. Later he took on the position as official time-keeper, a position he still holds today. In 1969 Barry was appointed secretary/treasurer of the Club, a position he held until 1970. He was delegate of the club in the Ballarat District League, and also in the Ballarat and Bacchus Marsh District Football League for 10 years. The Club recognised his services with a Life Membership in 1987.

NEIL LEONARD

Neil played with the Club for a number of years, and was secretary in 1978 and 1979; treasurer in 1981 & 1982. In 1984 Neil was elected to the position of President of the club, a position he held for five years. He was returned as president of the club in 1984 and 1985.



Kevin Lenaghan



Con Sheehan

Paddy Leonard

Since the printing of this book in 1993 twenty-two new members have been inducted as Life Members of the Dunnstow Football Club, the newly inducted members are:

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Ray began his association with Dunnstow in 1962. He was a member of the 1964 Premiership team and the 1976 Reserves Premiership team. Ray is a PHPEHU RI 'XQQVWRZQ¶V HOLWH & OXE KDYLQJ SO Ray has held a number of executive positions with the Club including Secretary in 1967 and 1968, President in 1989 and 1990 and on the selection committee for a number of years. Ray was awarded his Life Membership in 1996.

beloved Dunnstown up to her death. She was always had a caring interest in the young people of the club and the Town, she knew all the players that came up through the junior grades and in turn she was well known, respected and loved by the Club. Agnes received her Life Membership in 2003.

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MARGARET LEONARD

Margaret has worked tirelessly for the Dunnstown Football Club for many years.

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proudly supported her six sons playing for Dunnstown. Margaret stated she was
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Membership in 2003.

DARREN BRITT

Darren began his football life as a junior with YCW under 12s and under 14s. He returned to Dunnstown to complete his junior years in the under 14s and under

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and a member of the 1984 grand-final Runners-up team. Darren was recruited to Collingwood U19s and Reserves during 1985-86. Between 1987 and 1993 Darren played with Golden Point, also having a brief stint with St. Kilda in 1989.
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Dummett, then taking over the role as coach in 1997, and coach of the 1998 and 1999 Premiership teams. Darren played for Dunnstown in 2000 and 2001 before taking on the coaching role again in 2002. For his contribution to the success of the Dunnstown Football Club Darren was awarded a Life Membership in 2004.

DAMIAN WOOD

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on the field earned him a record number of 8 Best and Fairest awards ±1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2002, & 2003. Damian was a contributing member of the 1994, 1998 & 1999 Premiership teams. For his great sporting contribution to the Dunnstown Football Club Damian was presented with a Life Membership in 2004.

BRENDAN SPRATLING

Brendan is a committed hard working member of the Dunnstown Football Club. He played from 1983 and 1994 and frequently umpires junior and reserves matches. He has held the position of Treasurer in 1998 and again in 2002, 2003 and 2004; was Junior Vice-president 1993; Vice-president in 2007 and 2008 and President in 2009 and 2010. He also coached the under 17 ½ side in 1989 ±

CON BRITT

Con Britt began his football career at YCW U14 ♣ in 1960. He was runner-up in the League Best and Fairest in 1961, and won the League Best and Fairest award in 1962.

In 1964 Con played with Golden Point, and represented Ballarat Football League on two occasions in 1965.

In 1966 Con began playing with Collingwood in the VFL where he played 110 games and kicked 86 goals. Con played in Collingwood ♣ losing Grand Final against Carlton in 1970. In 1974 Con played with Prahran in the VFA before returning to country football as Senior Coach of North Ballarat in 1975. He returned to Dunnstown to play in 1976 and 1977, and was part of Dunnstown ♣ 1976 premiership side. In 1978 Con coached Newlyn Football Club in the Clunes League. In 1979 Con returned to Dunnstown as coach of the U17 ♣ in 1984, 1985, 1986, & 1987. He successfully coached the U17 ♣ to back to back premierships in 1985 and 1986.

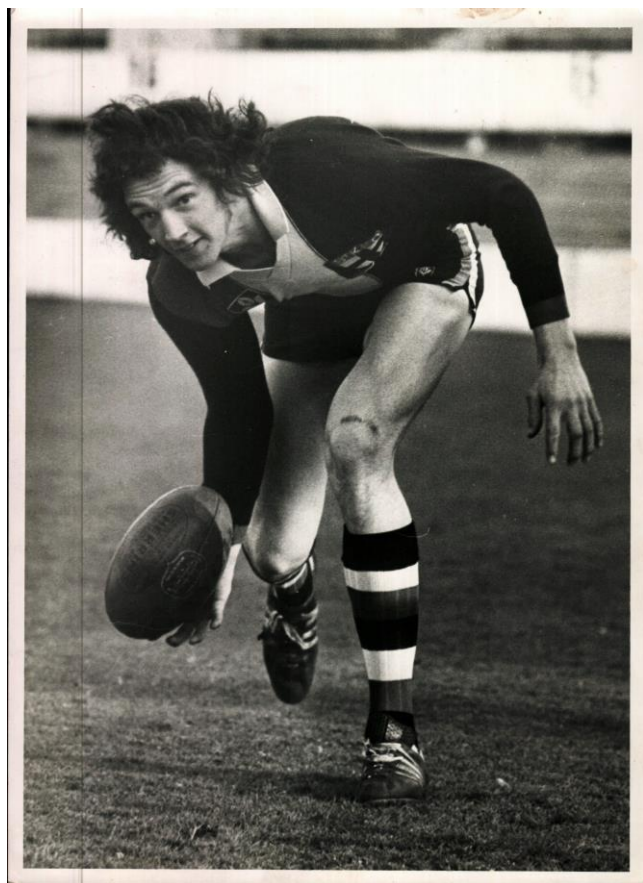


Con Britt

Collingwood

GERARD CAHIR

Gerard began his football career at the age of 8 playing with Springbank, he transferred to Dunnstown in 1972 and was a member of Dunnstown § U16 premiership of 1975. Gerard also won the League Goal-kicking award in 1974 & 1975, and the League Best & Fairest award in 1975. In 1976 at the age of 17 Gerard was a member of Dunnstown § 1976 senior premiership, and played in the Victorian Under 17 combined state team in that same year. In 1977 he was transferred to St Kilda Football Club and played in both senior and reserve grade. On returning to country football Gerard played at Redan in the B.F.L 1980, §1, §2, and was a member of Ballarat § Winfield Squad, he returned to St Kilda in 1983, and joined Redan again in 1984 where he won the Ballarat Football League § leading goal-kicking award twice. In 1985 he transferred to Sebastopol as captain coach where a knee injury cut short his career. He continued his football involvement as President at Sebastopol. After a 6 year absence from football he returned to Dunnstown as coach of the U17 team, and chairman of selectors of the senior team.



Gerard Cahir

St Kilda

CLUB CHAMPIONS BEST & FAIREST WINNERS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>B & F</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>	<u>Grade</u>
1947	M Antonio		Senior
1948	J Glenane	M Antonio	Senior
1949	B & K Leonard		Senior
1957	G Leonard	J Walsh	Senior
1959	J James		Senior
1960	N Sheehan		Senior
1961	D Howard		Senior
1962	J Walsh		Senior
1963	Jack James	Merv Britt	Senior
1964	N Sheehan	John Walsh	Senior
1965	K Tung		Senior
1966	B Sheehan	K Tung	Senior
1967	Des Leonard		Senior
1968	Kevin Tung & Ted Howard		Senior
1969	P Ross		Senior
1970	N Sheehan		Senior
1971	G Atkins		Senior
	B Begbie		2nds
	J Lenaghan	N Garland	U15
1972	G Atkins(record)	M Dean	Senior
	M Howard	Basil Britt	2nds
	D Rix	J Lenaghan	U15
1973	A Abrams	M Horgan/G Walsh	Senior
	Brian O'Halloran	B Britt	2nds
	Peter Britt	Pat Van Raaphorst	U16
1974	George Atkins	W Begbie	Senior
	B Britt	B O'Halloran/J Burton	2nds
	Peter Britt	Greg Murphy	U16
1975	P Torpy	G Bridges	Senior
	R White	T Broidy	2nds
	Paul Mullane	Gerard Cahir	U16
1976	Bill Begbie	Con Britt	Senior
	Vaughan King	Mick Clark	2nds
	G Leonard	Shane Murphy	U16
1977	W Begbie	B O'Hehir	Senior
	Shane Murphy	Daven King	2nds
	Gerard Leonard	R Hishon	U16

1999	Damien Wood Tim Leonard Chris Munro Karl Begbie	Mark Cluff Luke McKee Brendan Tudball/Rhys Cahir Kelvin Shelley	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U 14 ½
2000	Luke McKee Joseph McKay Brendan Tudball Daniel Keirl	Adam Govan	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
2001	Luke McKee Peter Dodd Kelvin Shelley Sean Ralston	Damian Wood Chris Tun Tin Karl Begbie Brett Conroy	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
2002	Damian Wood Justin Murley	Jaye Cahir & Mal Peppin	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 1/2
2003	Damian Wood Bart Davies Brad Stevens David Anderson	Mal Peppin Jarrod Sheehan Ben Gleeson Sean Gleeson	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
2004	Mal Peppin Chris TunTin Xavier Close Sean Gleeson	Jaye Cahir Stephen Howard Andy Begbie Brett Duffy	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
2005	Travis Grigg Brendan Thompson Troy Mullane Sean Gleeson	Rhys Cahir Rob Mutimer Chris Leach Kayle Mullane	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
2006	Anthony Ebery Leigh Kerr Matt Close Tom Smith	Nathan Cahir James Mason Joel Williams Jason Leonard	Senior 2nds U 17 ½ U14 ½
2007	Joe McKay Mick Coldwell Brett Duffy Jason Leonard	Aaron Sawers David McBain Kayle Mullane Sam Hardefelt	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
2008	Aaron Sawers Leigh Kerr Kayle Mullane Dan Harbour	Rhys Cahir Dale Overall Jason Leonard Sam Hardefelt	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
2009	Jaye Cahir & Jeremy Jose Paul White Jack Flood Cody Venville	Aaron Sawers Jason Leoncini Rylan Rattley Brandon Dummett	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
2010	Jaye Cahir Leigh Kerr Aaron Mullane Brayden Leonard	Paul Phillips James Mason Sam Forbes Tom Willianu	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
2011	Carl Morandi Tom Ownes	Matthew Pitt Jason Leoncini	Senior 2nds

FACTS AND FIGURES

Many people go into the making of a successful football club. Executives, coaches and players in the foreground abound in the glory, but it is those who remain in the background, both in times of glory and gloom, that are the backbone of the club.

The trainers, such as Tom Armstrong, Kevin Twigg, Dunne and Alan Smith; gatekeepers, timekeepers, goal and boundary umpires, cleaners, groundsman, scoreboard operators, runners, the ladies responsible for the laundering of the guernseys and the loyal supporters, the list is endless and the people too numerous to count.

These chores are all conducted on an honorary basis, all work is voluntary.

Special mention must be awarded to the likes of Pat Leonard and Jim Smith, gatekeepers; and Barry White, timekeeper who for many years, have excelled in service.

TRAINERS

P Cummins, M Burns, J Toy, J Britt, M Tierney, D Ryan, J Richardson, M Carrig, R Hoppen, T Armstrong, T Hornsby, A Weekes, A Smith, K Dunne, W Libbis, A Hamms, S McMutrie, C Gainer, W Forbes, S Gladman

Dunnstown holds the record for the most finals appearances in the Central Highlands Football League. Dunnstown has played in 31 finals, having won 14 and lost 17. In the fifteen years of association with the Central Highlands Football League, Dunnstown has competed in 11 final series. However, Dunnstown are as yet to win a premiership in the C.H.F.L.

Dunnstown claims this unique record: three members of Dunnstown's 1976 premiership team have won the goal kicking awards in three different leagues in the same year. Ian McBain, still playing with Dunnstown, has won the Central Highlands Goal Kicking award. Gerard Cahir, Sebastopol's captain/coach has won the goal kicking award in the Ballarat Football League; and John Lenaghan has won the goal kicking award in the Western Plains Football league.

Thirteen members of Dunnstown football club have, over a number of years and several different leagues, won the League's Best and Fairest Awards, in all grades of competition, senior, reserve and junior age. Seven members have also won the league's goal kicking award.

Dunnstown can proudly claim 10 premierships (at senior level), and been runner-up on 8 occasions, over the 100 years of history, 1 premiership, and runner-up 3 times at Reserve grade, and 6 premierships, and 5 runner-up at junior levels.

2014 ± Dunnstown has now won three senior premierships in the Central Highlands League ±the first being in their centenary year 1994. Dunnstown has added another three senior level premierships to its total, and has been runners up on 3 more occasions; the Reserves have added two more premierships and the U17 ½ and U14 ½ have each added another premiership.

As of this current year Dunnstown football club can proudly claim 15 League Best & Fairest awards and 22 League Goal Kicking awards in total; together with two Coach of the Year awards, and two Champion Club awards, one Rookie of the Year recipient and a *Courier* Player of the Year award.

SENIOR PREMIERSHIPS

YEAR	PREMIERS	RUNNER-UP	COACHES
1927	Dunnstown	Egerton	Pat Bourke / Ralph Gray
1929	Dunnstown	Bungaree	Pat Bourke / H H Cooper
1934	Dunnstown	East Ballarat	W McCarthy / King
1946	Springbank	Dunnstown	????
1952	Dunnstown	Gordon	Joe Howard / ????
1956	Dunnstown	Meredith	Herb Packham / Bill Dalzeil
1957	Dunnstown	Meredith	Herb Packham / Bruce Morrison
1958	Dunnstown	Wendouree	Jack James / D Murphy
1963	Wendouree	Dunnstown	F Stephenson / Ron Cocking
1964	Dunnstown	Buninyong	Ron Cocking / Len Mitchell
1975	Sebastopol	Dunnstown	Bryan McGuane / Kevin Rinaldi
1976	Dunnstown	Maddingley	Kevin Rinaldi / Izzard
1978	Dunnstown	Ballan	Kevin Rinaldi / Peter Merriman
1980	Ballan	Dunnstown	P Merriman / Gary Bridges
1982	Waubra	Dunnstown	B Allan / Gary Bridges
1983	Wendouree	Dunnstown	E Clarke / Gary Bridges
1984	Darley	Dunnstown	N Wilkie / Gary Bridges
1987	Creswick	Dunnstown	Mitchell & Jenkins / G Bridges
1994	Dunnstown	Learmonth	Shawne Dummett/Jim Ford
1995	Beaufort	Dunnstown	Chris Parker/Shawne Dummett
1996	Beaufort	Dunnstown	Peter Doherty/Shawne Dummett
1997	Clunes	Dunnstown	Darren Britt/ Young
1998	Dunnstown	Bungaree	Darren Britt/ Keiran Murrhiy
1999	Dunnstown	Beaufort	Darren Britt/Phil Crouch

Reserves' Premierships

Kevin Lenaghan	1971 - 1975	(under 16)
Barry Sheehan	1976 - 1979	(under 16)
Kevin Lenaghan	1980 - 1982	(under 14)
Barry Lenaghan	1983 - 1989	(under 14)
Peter Walsh	1990 - 1994	(under 14)
P Britt & G Murphy	1980	(under 17)
Bill Bridges	1981	(under 17)
George Atkins	1982 - 1983	(under 17)
Con Britt	1984 - 1987	(under 17)
Tim Britt	1988	(under 17)
Brendon Spratling	1989 - 1992	(under 17)
Gerard Cahir	1993 - 1994	(under 17)
Chris McAloon	1995 - 1998	(under 14 ½)
Stephen Howard	1995 - 1997	(under 17 ½)
Bill Begbie	1998	(under 17 ½)
Mark Keirl	1999 - 2001	(under 14 ½)
Jaye Cahir	1999 - 2000	(under 17 ½)
Paul Britt	2001	(under 17 ½)
Peter Walsh	2002 - 2003	(under 14 ½)
Paul Britt	2002 - 2003	(under 17 ½)
Rhys Cahir	2004 - 2005	(under 14 ½)
Paul Britt/Mark Linane	2004	(under 17 ½)
Nathan Cahir	2006	(under 15)
Mark Keating	2006	(under 18)
Chris Leach	2007	(under 15)
Rhys Cahir	2007 - 2008	(under 18)
Paul Phillips	2008	(under 15)
Mark Keating	2009	(under 15)
Mark Mullane	2009	(under 18)
Jono Leoncini	2010 - 2012	(under 15)
Simon Eason/Kevin Murphy	2010	(under 18)
Paul Britt	2011 - 2012	(under 18)
Phil Collins	2013 - 2014	(under 15)
Jono Leoncini	2013 - 2014	(under 18)

In 1894 the Senior football competition began, Junior competitions were played in 1905, and again in 1944, 1968 saw the official beginning of junior competition U12's, changed to U15 in 1970, latter changed to U16 until 1979. The reserve grade began in 1970, Under 17 and Under 14 began in 1980, with the age limit increasing to under 17 and a half, and under 14 and a half in 1984. 1991 saw an unofficial under 12 competition begin at half time during the senior games.

Déjà vu!

In 1973 Dunnstown V Ballan in round 15 the scores were:
Ballan 31 - 13 - 199 to Dunnstown 16 - 12 - 108

In 1974 Dunnstown V Ballan in round 1 the scores were:
Ballan 31 - 13 - 199 to Dunnstown 16 - 12 - 108

In 1978 Dunnstown V Ballan the scores were again almost identical but in the reverse.

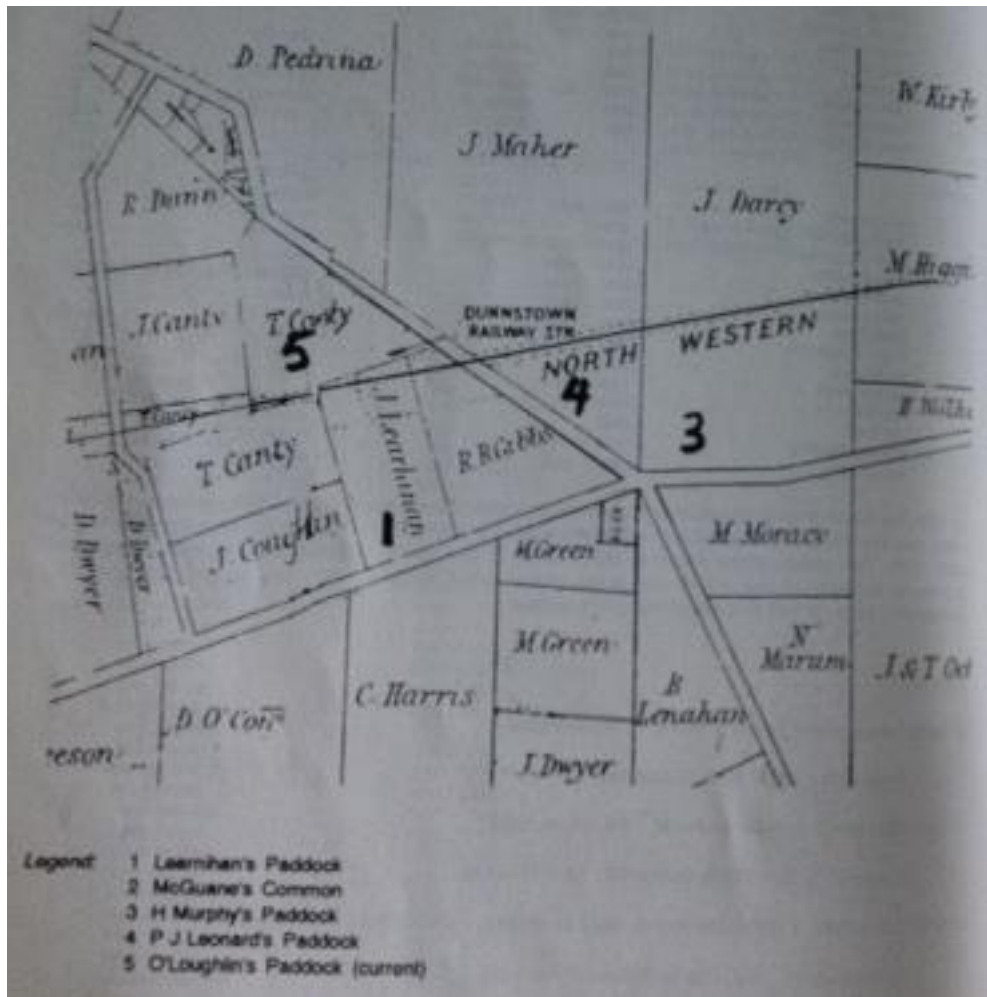
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ARENAS AND CLUB ROOMS

The different club rooms and football arenas used by the Dunnstown football club over the 100 years are:

Learnihan's Paddock, McGuane's Common, H Murphy's Paddock, P J Leonard's Paddock, O'Loughlin's paddock (the current oval site), Bungaree Oval 1967-68, the Dunnstown Recreation Reserve.

To help you understand where these paddocks come ovals were situated refer to the map.



The club rooms/change rooms used over the past 100 years have included a shed at The Olive Branch hotel, The Shamrock Hotel, The Dunnstown Mechanic's Hall (burnt down in 1972), Old corrugated iron shed (now on Leonard's farm at Milbrook), in 1963 the club acquired former RAAF huts as new club rooms, and in 1990 the Dunnstown Sporting Complex Community Centre was finally opened.

DUNNSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE & SPORTS COMPLEX



LEAGUES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Leagues and Associations that Dunnstown Football Club has been affiliated with over the past 100 years as follows:

Dunnstown Football Association	1894
Claretown Association	1895
Wallace District Association	1900's - 1920
Dunnstown Football Association	1921 - 1930
Ballarat & District Association	1931 - 1936
Bungaree Association	1946 - 1970
Daylesford District Association	1952
Ballarat B Grade Association	1953 - 1959
Ballarat District Association	1960 - 1972
Ballarat & Bacchus Marsh District Football League	1973 - 1978
Central Highlands Football League	1979 ±1994
Central Highlands Football League	1994 - Current

No boundary fences were used in those days, and Patterson used to park on the boundary line with people closely packed each side. "James O'Keefe" a itinerant spud digger from the Western District working at Len's father's property on the south eastern end of Mt Warrenheip, (and like most of the swagmen of that era, he smoked a pipe and one of the main accessories was a "sharp" knife, as plug tobacco was the in thing) was right against one side and noticed the girth strap was a canvas type, and with a sudden rush of blood to the head thought he may be able to cut it thru, which he eventually did.

Soon afterwards a brawl started and as usual Constable Patterson raked the spurs along the horse's flank. The momentum carried him across the boundary riding the saddle but no horse - He landed safely still in the saddle on the very wet turf. There was hell to pay for someone time but no one knew what had really happened. In the meantime the footballers stopped fighting and were back playing football, and the horse was three paddocks away. Eventually the horse was caught but no one remembers how the strong arm of the law got home, and as far as can be gathered, no one cared.

By Len Howard 24/9/93

Mick O'Neill recalls a game between Dunnstown and Gordon in the mid 20's. Dunnstown were led by "Paddy" Bourke, thought by many as the best coach in that era. He wasn't backward in coming forward with a shirt front and on this particular day, he picked one of the "Gordon" players and dumped him in 6 inches of mud and slush, and started one of the many all in brawls that was part and parcel of the fixtures between Dunnstown and Gordon. If the play went for 100 minutes, you could count on at least 40 minutes for defending the honour of your particular team.

My father was goal umpire and my mother and the family were sitting in the buggy close by. When the "Fun" started I looked over and saw Dad take out his false teeth and wrap them in a handkerchief. Things used to get very serious on those occasions.

One of the first to jump into action was one of the "Leonard's". He was rushing to join the fray when 'Patterson' and his big bay horse arrived and he took no further part in the entertainment. His hat went one way and he went the other. Such were the meetings in the 20's of these two teams. Their dislike for each other was well documented.

By Mick O'Neill 24/9/93

Stories are told of the umpires who had to be carried over the creek before they would officiate at Dunnstown's home ground at Humphrey Murphy's paddock.

Northern Oval. North were hot favourites, and needed to beat Dunnstown to gain a place in the final four. North lost, and a brawl followed. Apparently after seeing mud being thrown at team mate Kevin Lenaghan, It seems Joe Howard "felled" Titch Hamilton from North who was carried from the field by Lou Whiting and "hung over a neighbouring fence". The fight lasted for half an hour after the match had finished and Len Howard had his head cut when the skid chains from the bus "fell on him". That night the Dunnstown boys together with their female companions stayed at the pictures due to threats that the brawl could have a second and third episode.

By Dan Magree

Many stories were relayed about the notorious "Footy Trips", most could not be put into print. However, one story did make the grade.

While on a players' footy trip to Adelaide, a ceramic water jug and bowl was accidentally broken in the hotel room. Not wanting to leave the damaged article in the room the broken pieces were hidden in the bags belonging to Digger Bridges. On returning to Ballarat Railway Station, Gail Bridges was there to collect the weary travellers. On seeing Digger she promptly asked "Did you get me anything while you were in Adelaide?" Digger, feeling worse for wear after a weekend of revelling quickly replied "I did love, I got you a lovely water jug and bowl set, but look, some bastard on the train has broken it."

Arthur Bridges faced the tribunal one night after a slight indiscretion with Ballan's Kevin Murphy. While giving evidence Murphy, when asked whether he was hit by Bridges, simply smiled a toothless grin "No way" he replied. His missing teeth were at the time in his back pocket. Needless to say Arthur got 4 weeks; and Murphy got 2 weeks.

No doubt there are a million more stories in the minds and hearts of everyone ever associated with this great, if some what incorrigible club.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

As with any organisation the social side of life is an important factor both from the point of view of the lighter side of life and for the all important job of raising sufficient funds to keep the organisation afloat. Dunnstown Football Club has successfully organised many social functions from the earliest days. Simplicity was the key to fun, a good game of cards or drink or two at 'the local' or an all out foot-stomping old fashioned dance. Our predecessors certainly knew how to have fun.

Back in the early years the football club mainly relied on the Ladies' Committee to run functions to raise the small amount of money that was needed. Events such as the 'Barn Dance' and 'Euchre' tournaments, casserole dinners and the like were held.

In 1980 it was realized that a separate committee was needed to help generate funds for the club. The Social Committee was formed. This Committee ran a few small shows and an annual ball which was sufficient enough to raise the necessary funds.

By the mid 1980's it was realised that the clubs running cost were growing rapidly and to help meet those needs the Social Committee decided to start setting up some big functions - money making events, of particular note was the 'Footrot Ball', a two day Rum Ball which was held at the Ballarat Show Grounds. Those two-day 'Footrot Balls' were held over the next three years and generated sufficient funds to keep the Club viable.

Other functions held over more recent years include 'Red Faces' and 'Mock Wedding' as well as the 'Player's Auction'. In 1993 a history making social event took place as the Dunnstown Football Club joined with the Bungaree Football Club in organising and running a successful 'Joint Ball'.

As with all sporting bodies, Dunnstown Football Club has relied very heavily on the Social Committee, not only to organise social functions but to supply the Club with the extra monies needed each year to cover the ever spiraling cost involved in running a successful Club. Dunnstown Football Club Social Committee has earned it keep and never let the Club down.

The following news paper articles have been included to help give some idea of the social side of the Club's activities, from the earliest days to the current social events of the Dunnstown Football Club.

Dunnstown - Grand Social Evening and Presentation to members of the Football club. Good supper. Good Jazz Band. Good Floor. Guinane's bus leaves CTE corner at 8pm. J. Lenaghan, Sec.

invitation in itself to dance, and the well-prepared floor all added to the enjoyment of the evening. For the sets, and there was a number of these, Mr G Reidy acted as M.C.

During the evening the ladies of the club provided a dainty supper in the adjoining hall, and during an interval it was announced that the door takings amounted to £23.

Newspaper cutting supplied by (Mrs) Pat Carey.

BALL AT DUNNSTOWN

"More than 120 couples graced the well prepared floor of the Dunnstown Mechanics' Hall on Wednesday, 23rd October, to join in the celebration of the premiership of the Dunnstown Association, which was won by the local club. Streamers running from wall to wall in the club's colours viz., red, white and black, made a wonderful spectacle. The ladies' committee, assisted by a "working bee" from the men's committee, had worked wonders. The stage presented a striking appearance. Adorning the rear wall was the pennant won by the premier club. Tables on the stage held the Bickart Cup, 23 framed photographs of this 1929 team, and a similar number of gold medals, to be presented to the players. The musical numbers rendered by Miss Britt and Messrs Britt, Guiliano, and Jones were in themselves sufficient to bring the big throng to the floor. Cr P Moloney (president) addressed the gathering and outlined the activities of the club for the past season. He sincerely thanked all who had helped the team to win their second premiership in three years. Mr W Burke, president of the Dunnstown Association, formally presented to Mr Maloney the Bickart Cup, 23 gold medals and the pennant, which had been donated by his wife. He also offered his heartiest congratulations to the club. Mr Maloney then presented to "Pat" Bourke, the captain and coach, a gold medal and a framed photo of the team, as a gift from the committee. Mr Bourke presented to each individual member a gold medal and a framed photo. Messrs M Greene and G Reidy responded on behalf of the players. Mr P Cummins, on behalf of the players and supporters, presented to the secretary, Mr J Lenaghan, a wallet of notes. Players, officials, and guests then assembled in the supper-room, where a dainty repast had been provided by the ladies' committee. Dancing was carried on until 2.30 a.m., under the able supervision of Mr G Reidy. Everyone present voted this one of the most enjoyable evenings held in Dunnstown for some time. Amongst the prominent helpers were Mesdames Lenaghan, Canny, Donohue, Oakman, Neville, Armstrong, Orchard and Miss Donohue, Messrs Wise, Cummins, Ryan, Donohue (2), McGuane, Oakman, and Lenaghan. Amongst the visitors were many old friends who came long distances to be present.

A description of the frocks worn is as follows:- Nellie Britt, black beaded

Maxwell, France Dobbyn, and Mrs Lavars, also contributed. The two Queens, Misses Margaret Kiely and Noreen Howard, were accorded an enthusiastic reception when they appeared on the stage. Miss Kiely raised £67, and Miss Howard £35. Mr J Lenaghan, the president of the club then congratulated the queens on their effort and presented each of them with a gold wrist watch. Mr M Howard and Mr J Murnane, the respective secretaries, responded on their behalf. Music for the dance was supplied by Mr B McGuane and Miss Howard.

FOOTBALLERS' DANCES.

Dunnstown footballers held the usual dance last Saturday and a further increase was noticed in the attendance. Sullivan's band played, and the M.C. was Mr J Murnane. Mr H Lugg and Miss Maxwell were successful in a novelty dance. The main feature on Saturday night next will be a waltzing competition.

Early in September a concert and dance will be held at Dunnstown. The concert will be composed of mostly locals. A two-act play will be staged by amateurs.

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A sports meeting to be held on May 5, 1932. Events include:

Sheffield Handicap Goal Kicking (prize Bottle Wine donated by A Neville, Shamrock)

*Sheaf Tossing (prize Bottle Whisky donated by A Neville, Shamrock)
Stepping the distance.*

Tug-o-war.

Slow bicycle race.

Finding £10 note.

Dancing display by Mrs Olivers' school of Dancing.

From extracts of Minutes of 1932 meetings book.

At a meeting held on September 18, 1932 it was decided to hold a UGLY MAN competition as a fund raising event for the football club. Nominations were called for, and several names were nominated as Ugly Man. It was decided that three nominations be accepted. A secret ballot was held to decide upon which nominees would be accepted to be the Ugly Men. Messrs P Cummins, J Squire and G Jackson were appointed to be the three men entered in to the competition. Voting for the Ugly Man competition was one penny per vote.

The Ugly Man competition made a profit of £17-5-5, and the Ladies Committee made £15-10-1 .

Fundraising for the football club during the 1934 season was mostly from weekly dances, Euchre & 45's card parties, concerts, with local and Ballarat artists providing the entertainment, popular Girls competition, Queen Carnival & Popular Player competitions.

WARRENHEIP: FOOTBALLERS' DANCE

The Dunnstown Football Club was favoured with an excellent attendance at its dance on Saturday. Novelty dances were held, and the winners included Mr H Allan and Miss Francis Dobbyn. The music was supplied by Miss Noreen Howard's orchestra. Next Saturday night the dance will be transferred to Wallace.

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PLAYERS CONCERT



Top: James Linehan

L to R: Joe Howard, Maisie Armstrong; Lou Tuddenham, Eileen Galvin, Noreen Howard, Eileen Lenaghan, Bessie Armstrong; Phyllis Bourke, Matt Howard; Cath Tuddenham, Ted Bourke.

Front Seated: Matt Greene, Rita Lenaghan.

Throughout 1948 several fund raising events took place. These included: weekly dances, euchre and 45's tournaments, and raffles, usually the raffle prize was half a dozen bottles of ale.

An Easter Dance to be arranged 4 shillings for gents and 3 shillings for ladies. Half a dozen ale to be raffled. A tug-o-war tournament to be held, with prize money to be £30 first prize, and £10 second prize. Weights for tug-o-war to be

46 stone for 4 men.

Balance Sheet for Dance - Sunday June 8th.

Door Takings	13- 8-0	Music	8-3-0
Raffle	<u>18-17-0</u>	Cakes	4-8-0
		Hall	<u>2-0-0</u>
	32- 5-0		
	<u>14-10-0</u>		£14-10-0

£17-14-10

From extracts of minutes of 1948 meetings book.

At the 1958 Premiership Ball held by the Dunnstown Football Club, Miss Elaine Leishman was voted Belle of the Ball, Carmel Rushbrook voted Ballerina, and Mrs O. Britt as Matron of the ball.

DUNNSTOWN FOOTBALL PRESENTATION NIGHT

There was a large crowd at the Dunnstown Mechanics' Hall for the wind-up and presentation night of the Dunnstown Football Club.

Mr M Glover, of Ballarat was present and made the first presentation of an electric clock to Jack James, captain and coach of the team, who was awarded the best and fairest player trophy in the Ballarat League's competition for 1959.

Mr Glover remarked that on two other occasions he had come to Dunnstown to present the James Glover Trophy - in 1957 to H Packham and in 1958 to F Sheehan.

He said that the club should be proud of those outstanding footballers.

The secretary of the club, Mr Gerald Leonard, presented to James a framed action photograph of himself as had been done in previous years to other winners of the Glover award.

A similar photograph was placed in the hall, with those of other winners. Mr James thanked Mr Glover and the club and the women's committee for help throughout the year.

A presentation of a picnic hamper was made by Mr Donald Murphy to the past president of the club, Mr William Flynn, who is to be married soon. Mr Murphy said that Mr Flynn had put untold effort into the club and was one of the main organisers in the purchasing of the football ground. The district was losing a capable worker in Mr Flynn. He wished him happiness in his married life.

Mr. Flynn responded and thanked Mr Murphy and the club.

Presentations of electric toasters were made by Mr. Patrick Leonard Snr., on

\$10,000 to the Community Centre for the provision of stove, freezer, crockery, cutlery etc which now provides them with a well equipped kitchen which is a pleasure to work in and is the envy of others.

Catering for functions, especially large functions, has become easier over the more recent years. Previously all food was prepared by the ladies by cooking 40 chickens, 20 pavlovas, cakes, salads etc, but today chickens are readily available to purchase cooked and cut into portions, most foods can be now bought in bulk.

Everyone who has in some way helped has made a wonderful contribution to the financial situation of the Football Club, especially the ladies who worked over a number of years in the shop for each home game. In 1993 the Dunnstown Ladies' Committee catered for the semi-final game at Learmonth with thirty volunteers doing their bit. Well done ladies.

1972 The first president elected was Mrs Margaret White, and Secretary Mrs Helen Britt.

The ladies decided to operate a shop each Saturday at the football matches to supply sandwiches and cakes for afternoon teas.

A raffle was run at each home game to the value of \$2.

Profit for season 1972 was \$600.

1973 Kath Murphy was elected President with Lois Britt as secretary and Gwen Murphy as treasurer.

The committee purchased an electric copper for \$5.

The fundraising for the year comprised of a 'Coffee & Sweets' night with Miss J Teacy giving a 'Floral arrangement' demonstration. All equipment for this evening had to be borrowed. A profit of \$26.32 was made.

At the end of year a profit of \$1,200 was given to the Football Club.

1974 President was Gwen Murphy, secretary Margaret White, and Treasurer Bernadette Kiely.

Gillian Britt gave a 'Make-up' demonstration as a fundraising event. Again the ladies had to borrow or bring from home the cups and chairs.

A casserole tea was held with a profit of \$191.29.

The ladies again presented a cheque for \$1,200 to the Football Club.

1975 Marie Britt was elected President, Margaret White secretary, and Kath Murphy & Lois Britt joint treasurer.

The school room was now used as a meeting place.

Fundraising was: Dinner Dance \$222; Flower demonstration \$110.14; Raffle- trip to Casino \$684, Casserole tea \$60.12.

A total of \$1,500 was give to the Football Club at the end of the season.

1976 Margaret Cahir was elected President, with Helen Britt & Marie Britt as joint secretary, and Dorothy Sheehan was treasurer.

A profit of \$92 was realised from a 'Coffee & Sweets' night held at Gwen Murphy's home.

The ladies cooked 30 chickens for the Dinner Dance; 36 Chickens for the Ball and 30 Chickens for the Grand Final night celebrations.

\$2,000 was presented to the Football Club.

1977 Gwen Murphy elected President, Kath Murphy and Sheila Britt as secretaries, and Rosalie Sheehan as treasurer.

Afternoon teas provided by the ladies at a cost of 40 cents, 10cents for tea or coffee, and 30 cents would buy a sav & roll.

A progressive dinner \$210; and a casserole luncheon \$280.70 were the two major fundraising events run this year.

The profit for the year was \$1,400.

1978 Margaret White was elected president, with Brenda Jones and Agnes Leonard as secretaries, and Marie Britt as treasurer.

The price of afternoon tea rose to 50 cents.

secretary.

From the hard work of the ladies throughout the year the Football Club was presented with a cheque of \$3,200.

1986 Barbara Burke was elected to the position of President, with Mary O'Loughlin and Agnes Leonard taking on the secretaries position, and Kath Murphy as treasurer.

Again the Ladies worked tirelessly to raise funds for the Football club. \$3,500 was given to the mens' committee.

1987 Helen Britt took over as president with other positions remaining unchanged.

The usual raffles, dinners, catering, luncheons, cake stalls and Euchre tournaments helped the ladies raise \$3,000 for the Football Club.

1988 Marie Britt took on the job of President, Mary O'Loughlin and Margaret Leonard as joint secretaries, and Jenny Murphy as treasurer.

The ladies combined with the Recreation Reserve committee in raising funds for the new complex. They ran cake stalls & raffles, euchre tournaments and catered for 'Footrot' Ball.

The mens' committee was presented with \$3,000.

1989 Margaret Leonard elected to position of President, Di Leonard and Maree Auchetl as joint secretaries and Jenny Murphy and Sally Begbie as joint treasurers.

Ground raffle prize was increased to \$20 note.

The Football Club mens' committee was presented with a cheque of \$1,500 this season.

1990 Margaret remained in the presidents position, with Maureen O'Halloran as secretary and Agnes Leonard as assistant, Marie Britt was treasurer.

The newly completed Community Centre was officially opened with the new well equipped shop now used by the ladies at home games.

The Ladies' Committee spent \$5,000 on equipping the Community Centre with such items as 200 piece dinner set and cutlery sets.

A cheque of \$1,500 was given to the Football Club.

1991 President elected was Marie Britt, Secretary Maureen O'Halloran and Treasurer Lois Britt.

Because of declining numbers of ladies attending meetings this Committee are no longer running fund-raising events and social functions. They will continue to run the shop at the football matches, and be of assistance where ever needed. A letter stating this was sent to the Football Club.

During the year the Ladies' Committee spent \$7,034 on equipment and Blinds, and a security system for the Community Centre.

The ladies gave the Football Club \$2,000 to help cover the cost of cementing the new verandah.

This makes a grand total of over \$24,000 which the Ladies' Committee have raised towards the refurbishing of the Dunnstown Community Centre.

At the end of the season the ladies presented the Football Club Mens' Committee with \$5,000.

1992 Marie and Maureen remained in their respective positions as President and secretary with Anne White taking on the treasurers' job.

The ladies purchased a freezer for the shop.

\$2,000 was presented to the Football Club.

1993 The executives have remained unchanged from last season. Dunnstown's Ladies' Committee members did the catering at the 2nd semi-final at Learmonth which made a profit of \$1,200.

\$4,000 was presented to the Football .

"Ladies' Committee Minute Book"

1994 7KH /DGLHV¶ &RPPLWWHH H[HEXWLYH FRQVLV
%ULWW DV 3UHVLGHQW 0DXUHHQ 2¶+DOORUD

and Ann White as Treasurer. This was a busy year for the ladies with the extra Centenary celebrations and social functions but the ladies, as always were up to the task. At the end of the season the LDGLHV Committee presented \$2,000 to the Football Committee.

1995 Treasurer Anne White 7KH /DGLHV & RPPLWWH raised \$4,000 for the Football club.

1996 Treasurer Anne White \$ 3,000 given to the Football club

1997 Treasurer Anne White \$4, 000 was given to the Football club

1998 3UHV LGHQW 0DXUHHQ 2Y+MAYORUDQ 6HFUHH
 2Y/RXJKO Treasurers Anne White together with their committee of hard working ladies and volunteers presented a cheque for \$4,000 to the Football club.

1999 0DXUHHQ RZDQWRRN WKH KHOP DV /DGLHV & RPPLWWHH 3UHV LGHQW ZLWK 0DU\ 2Y/RX
 Secretary and Sandra Mullane as Treasurer. The ladies had an exceptional financial year with the shop and catering at the CHFL grandfinal held at Ballarat North football oval. The hard work and extra organisation for operating a grandfinal shop at a new venue paid off. At the club presentation night the /DGLHV & RPPLWWHH ZDV SOHDVHG WR SUHV the Football club.

2000 President: Maree Auchettl
 Secretary: Di Cahir
 Treasurer: Sandra Mullane
 \$3,000 given to Football club

2001 President: Maree Auchettl
 Secretary: Di Cahir
 Treasurer: Sandra Mullane
 \$4,000 given to Football club

2002 President: Maree Auchettl
 Secretary: Di Cahir

NETBALL

Netball has been synonymous with football for many years. The young ladies of the 'Town' were not only loyal supporters of their male counterparts; they have themselves achieved success in their own right.

The competitive spirit of the 'Town' was carried over to the netballers. Neighbouring towns were fierce rivals when it came to the sporting arena or netball court. The netball matches between local teams such as Dunnstown and Bungaree attracted large crowds of cheering onlookers. Bus loads of spectators would gather courtside and many a wager was won and lost on the outcome of this ballgame. Netball or basketball as it was known, attracted as great a following and instigated as much pride as did the football.

Until more recent times, netball matches were conducted on Sunday afternoons at Bungaree. With the Football Club's affiliation in the C.H.F.L, organised netball competitions have been run in conjunction with the football matches as scheduled.

Club records were rather limited, therefore netball information is sketchy. We have relied on memories to supply the relevant information. It could not be ascertained as to when netball competitions were first conducted, we do know that Dunnstown basketball club were finalists in 1948 and premiers in 1952. Known premierships were also achieved in 1960's and 1973.

Dunnstown have always been competitive, fielding teams in both senior and junior divisions, and being successful finalists throughout.

Pat Greene was captain in 1952.

Jo (Lenaghan) Dash has gone on into Ballarat Netball and is currently President of the Ballarat Netball Association.

League Administrators from Dunnstown.

1979 Louise O'Halloran was vice-president of the Central Highlands Netball League.

1980 Heather Clarke was vice-president.

- 1982 Ann Walsh was secretary/treasurer.
- 1984 Jo Hermann was President of the League.
- 1985 Jo Hermann was Recording Secretary.
- 1986 Leisa Hermann was Recording Secretary.
- 1987 Leisa Hermann was Recording Secretary.
- 1987 Christina Walsh was President of the League.
- 1988 Christina Walsh was President of the league.
- 1989 Christina Walsh was President of the League.
- 1987 Maree Lenaghan was Secretary of the League.
- 1988 Maree Lenaghan was Secretary of the League
- 2001 Andrea Moran was President of the League

League Trophy winners.

- 1982 Donna Jones U14 Best and Fairest
- 1982 Jacqui Hermann U17 Best and Fairest
- 1984 Christina Walsh U18 Runner-Up B & F
- 1984 Jacqui Hermann Open Best and Fairest
- 1987 Christina Walsh Open Runner-up B & F
- 1988 Christine Lenaghan U15 Runner-up B & F
- 2001 Sally Whelan (Reserves)
- 2007 Leesa Wall
- 2009 Felicity Cheeseman (B Grade)
- 2009 Leah Nelson (C Grade)
- 2008 Kirsten Phyland (Reserves)
- 2008 Johanna Dash (Open) Runner-up B & F

2004	Felicity McKay Danielle Shortal Bianca Slater Kellie Richards Elizabeth Carson	Senior B & F Senior B & F Runner Up Reserve B & F Reserves B & F Runner Up U17 B & F U17 B & F Runner Up U15 B & F U15 B & F Runner Up
2005	Candice Pearce Sarah Bucknall Melissa Mahar Bek Dummett Elizabeth Carson Jessira Perovic Karla Leoncini Stefanie Wilson Bianca Leonard Bianca Leoncini	Senior B & F Senior B & F Runner Up Reserve B & F Reserves B & F Runner Up U17 B & F U17 B & F Runner Up U15 B & F U15 B & F Runner Up U13 B & F U13 B & F Runner Up
2006	Leesa Wall Candice Pearce Melissa Mahar Kellie Richards/Anna McLoughlan Karla Leoncini / Stefanie Wilson Kirsty Elford Hannah Meade Hannah Murphy Bianca Leonard Bianca Leoncini	Senior B & F Senior B & F Runner Up Reserves B & F Reserves B & F Runner Up U17 B & F U17 B & F Runner Up U15 B & F U15 B & F Runner Up U13 B & F U13 B & F Runner Up
2007	Johanna Dash Candice Pearce/Leesa Wall Felicity Cheeseman Kirsten Phyland Karla Leoncini Kirsty Elford Tegan Boadle Hannah Meade Bianca Leoncini Bianca Leonard	Senior B & F Senior B & F Runner Up Reserves B & F Reserves B & F Runner Up U17 B & F U17 B & F Runner Up U15 B & F U15 B & F Runner Up U13 B & F U13 B & F Runner Up
2008	Candice Pearce Johanna Dash Kirsten Phyland Felicity Cheeseman Anthea Stevens Kate Hughes Shannon Breust	Senior B & F Senior B & F Runner Up Reserves B & F Reserves B & F Runner Up U17 B & F U17 B & F Runner Up U15 B & F

DUNNSTOWN NETBALL CLUB ±Executives:

1997

Executive Maree Dodd
U15 Coach Kate Britt & Sarsha Wilkins

1998

Executive Maree Dodd
U15 Coach Kate Britt & Sarsha Wilkins

1999

President Natalie Howard
Secretary / \ Q G H O 2 ¶ & D O O D J K D Q
Treasurer Sonia Bickley

2000

President Natalie Howard
Secretary Michelle Walsh
Treasurer Sonia Bickley
Junior Coach Sarsha Wilkins

2001

President: Lee Van Der Veer
Secretary Andrea Moran
Treasurer Sonia Bickley
Open Captain Sonia Bickley
Reserves Captain Andrea Moran
U17 Coach Kate Britt

2002

President: Karen Slater
Secretary: Andrea Moran
Treasurer: Sonia Bickley
Junior President: Melissa McKay
Under 17's Coach: Sally Whelan
Under 15's Coach: Sally Whelan

2003

President: Karen Slater
Secretary: Andrea Moran
Treasurer: Sonia Bickley
Junior President: Melissa McKay
Open /Reserve Coach: Anne Cheeseman
Under 17's Coach: Sally Whelan
Under 15's Coach: Andrea Moran

2004

President: Maria Clarke
Secretary: Sally McKay
Treasurer: Karen Cahir
Senior Coach: Sally McKay
Under 17's Coach: Anne Cheeseman
Under 15's Coach: Paige Cahir

2005

President: Maria Cahir
Secretary: Lisa Moran
Treasurer: Karen Cahir
Open Coach: Maria Cahir
Reserves Coach: Karen Cahir
Under 17 ¶ V & R D F Bianca Slater/Melissa McKay
8 Q G H U ¶ V & R D F Leonard
8 Q G H U ¶ V & R D F Leoncini/Kirsty Elford

2006

President: Ingrid Klien
Secretary: Mel Maher
Treasurer: Felicity McKay
Open Coach: Maria Cahir
Reserves Coach: Sadie Bucknall
Under 13 Coach: Tash Leonard and Kirsty Elford
Under 15 Coach: Katrina Maurer
Under 17 Coach: Anne Cheeseman

2007

President: Ingrid Klien
Secretary: Ainslee Edmonston
Treasurer: Felicity McKay
Open Coach: Maria Cahir & Leesa Wall
Reserves Coach: Anne Cheeseman Reserves
Under 17 Coach: Mellissa Leonard & Kellie Cheeseman
Under 15 Coach: Sarah Maybury
Under 13 Coach: Tash Leonard & Liz Carson

2008

Executive: Sonia Bickley
Secretary: Ainslee Edmonston
Treasurer: Paige Cahir
Open Coaches: Leesa Wall
Reserves Coach: Anne Cheeseman
Under 17 Coach: Saray Rigney & Kirsten Phyland
Under 15 Coach: Sarah Maybury
Under 13 Coach: Candice Pearce & Jamie Auchettl

2009

President: Andrea Moran
Secretary: Paige Cahir
Treasurer: Felicity Cheeseman
A Grade Coach: Leesa Wall & Georgia Cann
B Grade Coach: Anne Cheeseman
C Grade Coaches: Andrea Moran & Paige Cahir
Under 17 Coach: Lara Di Vito & Kirsten Phyland
Under 15 Coach: Kasey Griffiths
Under 13 Coach: Fran Peterkin/Jenny Leonard

2010

President: Andrea Moran
Secretary: Jenny Leonard
Treasurer: Kylee Breust
A Grade Coaches: Leesa Wall & Georgia Cann
B Grade Coach: Sarah Smith
C Grade Coach: Rachael Kennedy
Under 17: Kasey Griffiths
Under 15: Elise Van Ooi & Victoria Ramsdale
Under 13: Fran Peterkin & Sophie Bethune

2011

President: Kylee Breust
Secretary: Lara Di Vito
Treasurer: Georgia Cann
A Grade Coaches: Leesa Wall & Georgia Cann
B Grade Coach: Georgia Cann
C Grade Coach: Kellie Cheeseman
Under 17 Coach: Elise Van Ooi & Victoria Ramsdale
Under 15 Coach: Kerrin Boddington
Under 13 Coach: Jamie Leonard & Shannon Bruest

2012

President: Jenny Leonard
Secretary: Cate Murphy
Treasurer: Kerryn Boddington
A Grade Coaches: Leesa Battistello & Georgia Cann
B Grade Coach: Kelly Aggett
C Grade Coach: Steph Jones
Under 17: Jenny Leonard
Under 15: Sally McKay
Under 13: Jamie Leonard & Shannon Bruest

2013

President: Trish White
Secretary: Fran Peterkin
Treasurer: Kerryn Boddington
A Grade Coaches: Leesa Battistello
B Grade Coach: Kellie Aggett
C Grade Coach: 0 D G G \ 2 ¶ % U H H

Under 17 Craig Walker
Under 15 Sally McKay
Under 13 Taylah Walker & Teghan Henderson

2014

President Trish White
Secretary Fran Peterkin
Treasurer Kerryn Boddington
A Grade Coach Kate Charleston & Lisa Battistello & Johanna Dash
B Grade Coach Kellie Aggett
C Grade Coach Maddy Williams
Under 17 Craig Walker
Under 15 Nicole Chammings
Under 13 Taylah Walker & Teghan Henderson

Seated:....., Pat Greene, Eileen Walsh.

1960'S BASKETBALL TEAM



Back: Cath Lenaghan, Denise Boak, Patricia Lenaghan, Jo Lenaghan.
Front: Phyllis Walsh, Margaret Lenaghan, Helen Walsh, Maurita Lenaghan.

1973 BASKETBALL PREMIERS

L to R: Chris O'Halloran, Deb Begbie, Kerrie Belcher, Ina Quinlan, Robyn Belcher, Colleen Clark,
Jenny Britt, Susan Murphy.

(Coach), Sarah Barrett & Carly Perovic
Front: Karen Slater (Ass. Coach) Bianca Slater, Melissa McKay

Dunnstown Netball U17 Premiers 2006



3KRWR 37KH &RXULHU

Back: Claire Britt, Karla Leoncini, Natasha Leonard, Rachel Leoncini, Stephanie Jones
Front: Stefanie Wilson, Elizabeth Carson, Jessira Perovic, Kirsty Elford

Dunnstown Netball Club Reserve Grade Premiers 2007



3KRWR 37KH &RXULHU

Back: Sarah Rigney, Sonia Bickley, Kirsten Phyland, Jamie Auchetl, Ainsley
Edmondson, Claire Britt & Coach Anne Cheeseman
Front: Kellie Cheeseman, Bec Dummett, Kylee Bruest and Felicity Cheeseman
Dunstow Netball Club A Grade

Back: Lisa Moran, Candice Pearce, Sarah Bicknall,
Middle: Bianca Slater, Maria Clarke, Amy McElgunn, Felicity McKay
Front: Sally Whelan

Dunsttown Netball Premiers A Grade 2010



Back: Kate Charleson, Georgia Cann, Candice Pearce, Maria Cahir, Sadie Smith, Hannah McElgunn Front: Johanna Dash, Leesa Wall & Kirsty Thompson

Bennetts, J
Benson, R
Berry, Lincoln
Bilney, Colin
Binder, Barry
Blake,
Blaw, Stephen
Blaw, Stephen
Blood,(1925)
Boadle, Tony
Boak, D
Boak, John
Bogart, John
Bogert, P
Boland, Geoff
Booth,
Bourke, Paddy
Box, John
Brady, Ben
Brady, Danny
Brady, Jim
Brady, Luke
Brandenburg, Chris
Brandenburg, Paul
Brandenburg, Tim
Breen, (1913)
Breen, Stan
Brennan, D
Brennan, H
Brewer, P
Bridges, Arthur
Bridges, Bill
Bridges, Brendon
Bridges, Gary
Bridges, Luke
Bridges, Lyle
Bridges, Peter
Briers, Mick
Brind, (1909)
Briody, Brendan
Briody, Darryl
Briody, Jamie
Briody, Tony
Britt, (1913)
Britt, Adrian
Britt, Anthony
Britt, Basil
Britt, Brendan
Britt, Brian
Britt, Craig
Britt, Damien
Britt, Danny
Britt, Darren
Britt, Darren

Britt, Dean
Britt, Dean
Britt, Des
Britt, Frank
Britt, Gerard
Britt, Glen
Britt, Graeme
Britt, J
Britt, Jason
Britt, Jim
Britt, John
Britt, John
Britt, Karl
Britt, Kevin
Britt, Mark
Britt, Maurice
Britt, Mervyn
Britt, Michael
Britt, Owen
Britt, Paul
Britt, Peter
Britt, Phillip
Britt, Robert
Britt, Roy
Britt, Shaun
Britt, Simon
Britt, Tim
Britt, Tom
Britt, Travis
Britt, Warren
Brogden, Glen
Brogden, Paul
Brogden, Phillip
Brooks, Earl
Brooks, Glen
Brudenall, Jim
Buckland, Bob
Burfat,
Burge, F
Burke, Andrew
Burke, Chris
Burke, Shane
Burns, Darren
Burns,(1913)
Burton, John
Butler, Shane
Butson, Graham
Cahir, (1894)
Cahir, Gerard
Cahir, Ian
Cahir, Jaye
Cahir, Mathew
Cahir, Nathan
Cahir, Rhys

Holloway, Eddie
Holloway, Ken
Holloway, Mark
Horan, Vic
Horbury, Peter
Horgan, Ken
Horne,
Horwood, K
Houlihan, David
Howard, (1909)
Howard, Con
Howard, Doug
Howard, Joe
Howard, Len
Howard, Mark
Howard, Matt
Howard, Mervyn
Howard, Stephen
Howard, Ted
Hughes, P
Hughes, Robert
Hughes, T
Humphries, Mick
Humphries, R
Hunter, Mick
Hunter, Robbie
Hunter, Vaughan
Hynes, L
Icke, P
Ikstrums, Paul
Irvin, Gerard
Irvin, John
Irvin, Stephen
Irwin, K
Jackson, L
Jackson,(1936)
James, A
James, D
James, Jack
Janz, Mark
Jeffreys, Brad
Jeffreys, Phil
Jeffreys, Shane
Jewell, Shane
Johns, Guy
Jones, Brett
Jones, Chris
Jones, Mick
Jones, Robert
Jones, Wayne
Kane, (1894)
Kane, Gerard
Kane, Michael
Kane, Neil

Mahar, Trent
Maher,
Maher, Chris
Maher, Chris
Mahar, Craig
Mahar, Justin
Maher, Justin
Mahar, Sean
Maher, Trent
Malone, J
Maloney, (1909)
Manning,
Manton, B
Marks, Peter
Martin, E
Martin, Percy
Martin, Peter
Mason, Steve
McAloon, Chris
McAthur, M
McAuley, (1894)
McBain, Allan
McBain, Craig
McBain, Ian
McCarty, William
McCluskey, Mark
McCormach, Peter
McCormack, Frank
McCormack, Peter
McCutcheon, Robbie
McCutcheon, Tony
McDonald, S
McDoughall, Hayden
McGrath, (1894)
McGrath, Murry
McGree, (1913)
McGregor, Stuart
McGuan, (1894)
McGuane, (1909)
McGuane, (1913)
McGuane, Bryan
McHenry, Peter
McInerney, (1913)
McInerney, B
McInerney, Joe
McIver, Paul
McKeckney, Glen
McKendry, Adrian
McKendry, Max
McKinnon, Fr. E
McLachlan, M
McLachlan, Robert
McMahon, David
McMahon, Noel

McMurtrie, Steve
McPhan, John
McSparron, Robert
Medic, Paul
Meiklejohn, F
Mercer, (1894)
Mercer, R
Milani, D
Mitchell, (1939)
Mitchell, R
Moloney, (1894)
Moloney, (1894)
Monument, C
Mooney, Peter
Moore, Brett
Morgan, Tony
Morley, Bruce
Morrell, K
Morris, Richard
Morrison,
Morvell, Kevin
Morvell, Barry
Muir, Hayden
Mullane, Laurie
Mullane, Mark
Mullane, Paul
Munro, Chris
Munro, Jeremy
Murphy, (1913)
Murphy, (1925)
Murphy, Brendan
Murphy, Danny
Murphy, David
Murphy, Dennis (Dinny)
Murphy, Donald
Murphy, Greg
Murphy, Humphrey
Murphy, John
Murphy, Kevin
Murphy, Leo
Murphy, Ray
Murphy, Shane
Murphy, Stephen
Neihus, Stephen
Newell, R
Nicholls, (1913)
Nicholls, J
Nichols, (1909)
Norman, K
O'Brien, Con
O'Brien, John
O'Donnell, (1894)
O'Donnell, Laurie
O'Donnell, Terry

O'Donohue, (1894)
O'Donohue, Frank
O'Donohue, Tony
O'Farrell, (1894)
O'Farrell, (1894)
O'Farrell, (1909)
O'Grady, Jim
O'Halloran, Anthony
O'Halloran, Brian
O'Halloran, Patrick
O'Hehir, Bernie
O'Hehir, John
O'Keefe, J
O'Leary,
O'Leary, W
O'Loughlin, (1894)
O'Loughlin, Brendan
O'Loughlin, Con
O'Loughlin, Danny
O'Loughlin, Des
O'Loughlin, Jack
O'Loughlin, Neil
O'Loughlin, Pat
O'Loughlin, Terry
O'Malley, (1913)
O'Meara, (1894)
O'Meara, (1931)
O'Neil Mick
O'Neill, Matt
O'Rourke, Frank
O'Rourke, V
O'Toole, Gavin
Oakman, W
Ollering, Werner
Orchard, Chris
Orr, (1925)
Orr, (1925)
Ouinshie, A
Owens, Paul
Packham, Herbie
Patton, Joe
Pear, Z
Peel, Mick
Penhall, John
Penhall, Wayne
Perks, Kevin
Perovic, Bruno
Perry, L
Peters,
Phelan, M
Phillips, Ian
Phillips, Shane
Plant, Steven
Powlett, Tim

Prenc, Andre
Prenc, Paul
Prout, Mick
Pryor, Darren
Puddy, Mick
Puddy, Robert
Puecker, Carl
Purdue, Anthony
Quanchi, Adrian
Quanchi, Mick
Quanchi, Rick
Quick, John
Quinlan, Darryl
Quinn, (1894)
Quinn, Ben
Ralston, Trevor
Ratcliffe, Greg
Reese, G
Reeves, (1894)
Reeves, E
Reeves, P
Reidy, G
Rensford, B
Richardson, George
Richardson, Kevin
Ridsdale, A
Rinaldi, Damien
Rinaldi, Jim
Rinaldi, Kevin
Rinaldi, Mark
Rinaldi, Michael
Rinaldi, Stephen
Rinaldi, Wayne
Rix, Barry
Rix, Dennis
Roach, Mick
Ronan, Gavin
Ronan, Paul
Ronan, Tim
Ronan, Wayne
Ross, Damien
Ross, Paul
Ross, Peter
Roughan, (1913)
Rousch, J
Roushe, J
Rowe
Rushbrook, Claude
Russell, (1925)
Rvicetic, R
Ryan, (1936)
Ryan, A
Ryan, D
Ryan, Des

Wells, Peter
Wethling, Brian
White, Bree
White, Brenton
White, Frank
White, Mark
White, Mark
White, Paul
White, Peter
White, Ray
William, Ian
Williams, David
Williams, Gordon
Wilson, Bruce
Wilson, Craig
Wilson, Geoff
Wilson, Grant
Wilson, Kelvin
Wilson, Kim
Wise, J. H
Wood, Damien
Wood, Nathan
Woolard,
Wren, Shane
Young, A

