**MYPONGA/SELLICKS F.C. Interview 1/11/2017 Jan Bache**

**2nd Generation**

**The Myponga/Sellicks Football Club epitomises what a country club is all about. The hub of the community**

**where social activities are entwined in the operations of sporting clubs.. Many country clubs have lost this culture but at Myponga F.C. this has been very strong for many decades and continues today where the culture is handed down from generation to generation. The spirit and camaraderie amonst players with ‘integrity, sportsmanship and character being the key components with a large dose of 'passion’.**

**Today I interviewed 3 players: Chris Rowntree, Geoff & David Hutchinson. The 3 boys played most of their football career together and below is their list of outstanding contribution they have given to their club and a brief transcript of memories from the boys.**

**CHRIS ROWNTREE WAS RECOGNISED IN 2013 AS A CLUB LEGEND FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE MYPONGA – SELLICKS FOOTBALL CLUB. CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE:**

**GSFL A GRADE MAIL MEDALIST 1987, 1991, 1992 - GSFL A GRADE MAIL MEDALIST RUNNER UP 1990-**

 **GSFL JUNIOR COLTS MAIL MEDALIST 1975**

**A GRADE CLUB BEST & FAIREST WINNER 1987, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992 -**

**A GRADE A.S CLARKE MEDAL WINNER 1990, 1991 - SENIOR COLTS CLUB BEST & FAIREST WINNER 1977**

**JUNIOR COLTS CLUB BEST & FAIREST WINNER 1975 –**

 **A GRADE PREMIERSHIP PLAYER 1983, 1984 - RESERVES PREMIERSHIP PLAYER 2000**

**A GRADE COACH 1993, 1994 – SENIOR COLTS COACH 2003 TO 2008**

 **321 A GRADE GAMES - 571 TOTAL CLUB GAMES**

 **CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR 2006 - CLUB PRESIDENT 2008 - CLUB LIFE MEMBER - GSFL LIFE MEMBER**

 **PROVIDED OVER 30 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CLUB AS A PLAYER / VOLUNTEER / COMMITTEE MEMBER.**

**GEOFF HUTCHINSON WAS INDUCTED INTO THE HALL OF FAME IN 2013 FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE MYPONGA – SELLICKS FOOTBALL CLUB. CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE:**

**GSFL RESERVES MAIL MEDALIST 2001, 2003**

**JUNIOR COLTS CLUB BEST & FAIREST WINNER 1979**

**A GRADE PREMIERSHIP PLAYER 1983, 1984**

**RESERVES COACH 1993 - JUNIOR COLTS COACH 1986**

**334 A GRADE GAMES - 623 TOTAL CLUB GAMES**

**CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR 1991 - CLUB VICE PRESIDENT 1994 TO 2005 - CLUB TREASURER 1991, 1992**

**CLUB LIFE MEMBER - GSFL LIFE MEMBER**

 **PROVIDED OVER 40 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CLUB AS A PLAYER / VOLUNTEER / COMMITTEE MEMBER.**

**DAVID HUTCHINSON WAS INDUCTED INTO THE HALL OF FAME IN 2013 FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE MYPONGA – SELLICKS FOOTBALL CLUB. CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE:**

 **A GRADE PREMIERSHIP PLAYER 1983, 1984 - JUNIOR COLTS COACH 2002**

**328 A GRADE GAMES - 538 TOTAL CLUB GAMES - CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR 1995**

**CLUB PRESIDENT 1993, 2011, 2012, 2013,2014,2015**

 **JUNIOR COMMITTEE PRESIDENT 2001**

**CLUB LIFE MEMBER - GSFL LIFE MEMBER**

**PROVIDED OVER 40 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CLUB AS A PLAYER / VOLUNTEER / COMMITTEE MEMBER.**

**CHRIS ROWNTREE – Commenced playing at the age of 8 years and his career spanned from, 1970-2004. Chris played Centre and as stated above participated in many finals series, the most memorable being in 1997, as memory tells, first 5 rounds, 2 draws, 3 losses, scraped into finals, beat Langhorne Creek, Strathalby and Encounter Bay and unfortunately lost Grand Final to Victor Habor. Chris was successful in winning 3 “Mail Medals’. Chris sustained a few injuries, i.e. collarborne, broken arm and knee. Players from the opposition he respected were Brad Mesecke (Pt.E) Brenton & Kym Smith (Strath). Of course the players he enjoyed playing with was Geoff & David Hutchinson along with Barry Clark just to name a few. Once again the comraderie between the players was outstanding. During his career his wife Bev was involved in assisting with preparing meals and canteen.**

**Outside of footy Chris a farmer and was the inaugural ‘Dairyvale Young Farmer of Year’. I viewed many paper cuttings that Chris’s mother kept, wonderful historic memories of Chris’s career to keep.**

**GEOFF HUTCHINSON – commenced playing at the age of 8 and his career spanned from 1973-2003. Geoff played Mid field and half foward and enjoyed those positions. He represented the GSFL v Lovelock Shield competiton for 6 years and was coached by Jim Lihou .. In 1986/1987 was judged Best on Ground in that comp. In 1983/1984 Geoff played alongside his 2 brothers, David and Richard in ‘A’ which was great The Hutchinson family have been very loyal to the club with Geoff’s dad Barry playing over 160 ‘A grade games, Barry also played with Sturt F.C. Geoff trained at Sturt F.C. but his heart was with his home club. Geoff’s Mother and wife were committed to the club and Geoff’s wife Louise has been awarded a Life Member of the club with her outstanding contribution to the club. Geoff’s son also have worn the Guernsey for the club. General discussion re competition and Geoff enjoyed playing for his community and wore the club Guernsey with pride. Matches v Yankalilla were fiercely played but a drink after the game was always enjoyed. Players Geoff respected from his own team were of course Chris Rowntree, Mark Symons, Don Welsh, Kym Matthews and Barry Clarke to name a few. Opposition players Lydon Elsworthy, Tony Proud, Jamie Brown (E/Bay) and Randall Follett (L/Creek).**

**DAVID HUTCHINSON – Commenced playing at the age of 7 years and played from 1970-1999. David played Full Back and remembers playing against several successful Full Forwards. David enjoyed immensely playing with Chris & Geoff and has some wonderful memories they can reminisce about. David was Captain of the ‘A’ grade in 1995 and also represented the GSFL**

**One coach he remembers with respect is John Griffin who is still involved in the GSFL. David was fortunate not to sustain any injuries whilst playing. David’s family involvement is the same as Geoffs and his wife was on the Junior Committee and Treasurer of the club. Along with other guys David had great respect for fellow teams mates including Don Welch & Peter Raper. Opposition players Nick Weckert, Rob Elliott (Strath) and Tony Proud ( E/Bay). Also a player they remembered was Brian Watson (Pt.E).**

**David is still on the Committee and is Recruitment Officer for the club, and in fact cannot remember a time when he was**

**not involved in some official capacity.**

**The boys agreed that the competition now is a lot cleaner and of a very high standard.**

 **Once again strong commitment to the community was expressed whilst talking to these 3 wonderful guys.**

**subject to change**