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The DFNC has been built by the selfless endeavours of countless numbers of volunteers. It is well known, that the club grew from the most humble beginnings. However, due to the dedicated work of local families and supporters, it has not only survived but flourished to the point where, in 2020, it is the reigning premier team in MPNFL Division: 1.

Since the foundation of the club, more than a century ago, it has been a 'roller coaster ride' with plentiful highs and lows. As the archives will show, DFNC has, at times, hit 'rock bottom' but the 'current peak' exemplifies the importance of faith, positive belief and unity of spirit...

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success." – Henry Ford

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

The objective of the DFNC History Committee is to place on record the contribution that has been made by hundreds of local families and individuals in building, maintaining and strengthening the club.

The following people should be acknowledged for their interest and contribution to those aims:

'Thank you' to the History Committee members, Graham Stelling and Vicki Holt, for their dedicated support in compiling the club's history. The work that Graham and Vicki (and not forgetting Lorraine Matthews and Phil Barnes) did in 'rescuing' the old premiership flags and presenting the 'Teams of the Decade' in the clubrooms was exceptional in preserving DFNC history.

The club's appreciation is also offered to Gary Ferguson, Owen Griffiths, Simon Brown, Doug Dyall, Brad 'Snowy' Allen, Jim White, Terry Wheeler, Allan Sullivan, Lorraine Matthews, Jean Rotherham, Rikki Johnston, Geoff Bligh, Bruce Smethurst, Ron Hunter, Keryn McLear, Phil Barnes and Val Knight for their interest and contribution to the history of the club.

Many references/resources have been used in the compilation of the articles but without the availability/access of early local newspapers, via the National Library of Australia, much information about the club's earlier years would remain an untapped mystery. Thank you also to the staff at the Rosebud Public Library for their on-going assistance in providing access to the storage stacks for research purposes.

Due to ramifications of the Coronavirus pandemic, this season has been like no other that we can remember; and it was the first time, since World War II, that the club did not take the field. While 2020 was 'history in the making' it was neither a season that football followers enjoyed or wish to see repeated.

Further articles, regarding the history of DFNC, are planned for 2021; and it is hoped the many of the existing gaps in the story of our past can be bridged...

"Everyone has a story to tell, a lesson to teach and wisdom to share...."

Thank you and best wishes, Roger Spaull for DFNC (September 2020).

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THANK YOU TO DOUG DYALL

In a recent posting (Ref: 2020/21) on this website, further information was sought regarding James or Jim Patterson who played with Dromana in 1935. This week, MPNFL Historian, Doug Dyall, contacted the club that, and indicated that he had established that a 'certain' Jim Patterson played with Mornington Football Club from 1922 until 1932. Jim, who played mainly in Mornington's Second team, amassed 35 Senior Grade matches in the same period.

In 1932, Jim crossed to Dromana and then played for six seasons at Pier Street as shown:

Season	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	Total
Games	14	12	9	18	21	11	85

Bearing these statistics in mind, it is highly unlikely that the above Jim Patterson is the same **James Francis Patterson** (born 1919) who played with the Navy in 1936 and later with North Melbourne.

NOTE: James Francis Patterson was 24 years and 98 days of age when he made his VFL debut at Arden Street in Round: 14 in 1943.

While there is no evidence to offer in this regard, <u>perhaps</u> James Francis Patterson was a relative of the 'other' James Patterson (who played with Dromana from 1932-1937). The search for this 'missing link' in our history will continue.

Once again, sincere thanks Doug Dyall for his interest in the DFNC history and the time he gives to assisting our research. Thank you Doug.

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