

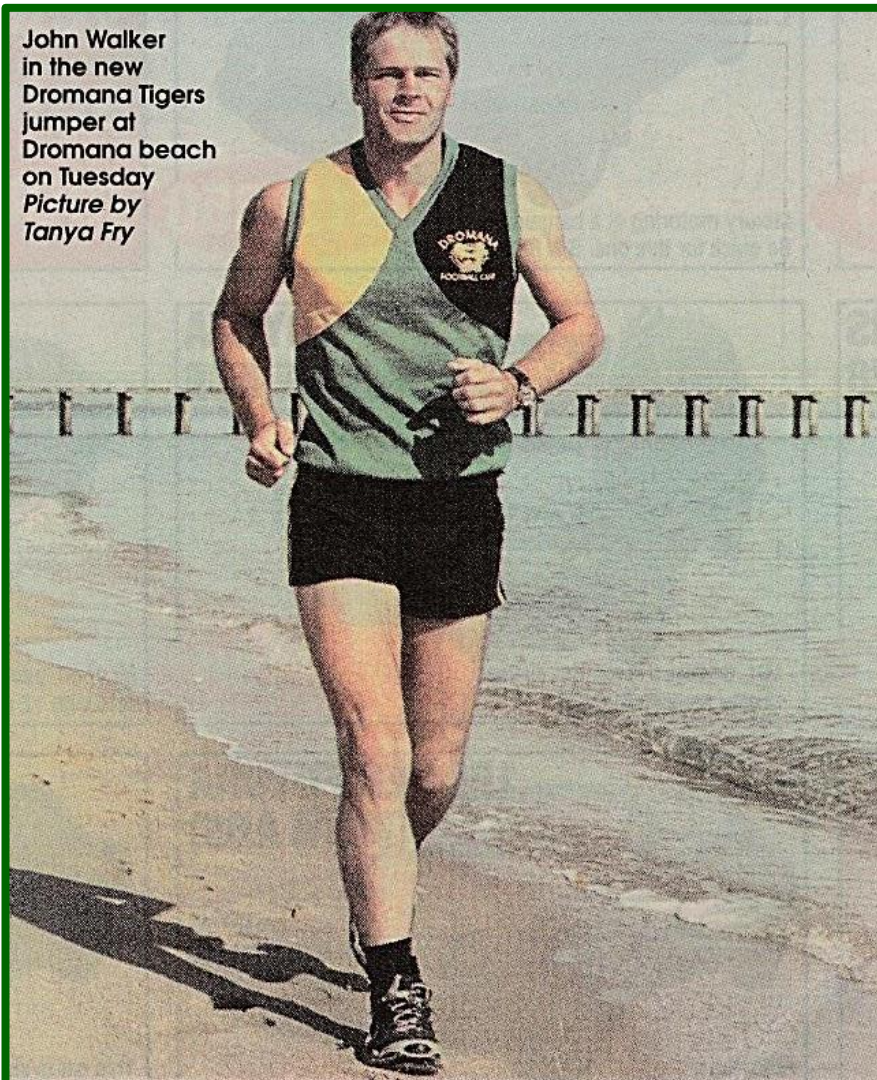
DROMANA FOOTBALL-NETBALL CLUB HISTORY



'DOWN MEMORY LANE'

THE 1998 – THE NEW LOOK DFC JUMPER

John Walker
in the new
Dromana Tigers
jumper at
Dromana beach
on Tuesday
*Picture by
Tanya Fry*



the Mail

**The
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NEWS:**

The caption in the left hand corner of the photograph reads : ‘John Walker in the new look Dromana Tigers jumper at the Dromana Beach on Tuesday. Picture by Tanya Fry ‘ (‘The Mail’ April 9th 1998).

NOTES ON THE ABOVE PHOTOGRAPH

1. This photograph was taken in April 1998 in the lead up to the opening round of that season which was the local derby against Red Hill at Pier Street.
2. The Alan ‘Bluey’ Holmes Shield (which was introduced in 1997) was at stake in that opening game. ‘Bluey’ played football with Red Hill and Dromana and was highly respected in local football circles.
3. The photographer was Tanya Fry. Many current DFNC members know and admire Tanya for her dedicated support and care of Cebby Johnson. A story regarding Tanya and Cebby can be found at:
<https://www.heraldsun.com.au/leader/south-east/cebby-johnson-blinded-after-fall-from-building-in-dromana/news-story/47973842a8fb409d24b50fce71198d83>
4. The various styles of jumpers, worn by teams across the eras of the club’s history, can be seen in the DFNC social rooms.
5. A booklet entitled ‘The History of DFNC Jumper Numbers’ was produced by the History Committee in 2019. Vicki Holt, who edited the booklet, included six photographs the different jumpers that have been worn by the club since those early days. A copy of the booklet can be obtained from Vicki.
6. John Walker (above) was a stalwart at Dromana FC; and the following tribute was published on this website in 2019...

“ JOHN WALKER A LOYAL CLUBMAN IN TOUGH TIMES A player who also deserves accolades during Guy Kellett’s time at Dromana is John Walker...

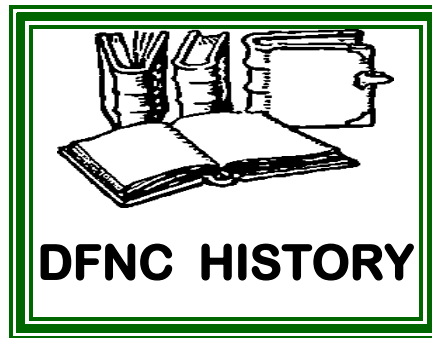
John played 15 senior games in 1997. He was a ‘quiet achiever’, a loyal clubman and a steadfast defender in the period 1987-1999. John Walker started his football career with Eltham Junior FC and later played with Collingwood Under: 19’s in 1984. He played his first senior games with DFNC in 1987.

John played 86 senior games (and many reserves grade matches) before stepping down from MPNFL football in 1999. John was selected in the back pocket in the DFNC Team of Decade 1996-2005. John continues to play Superules football with the Peninsula Raiders and follow Dromana with interest enjoying his days with his former teammates at Pier Street watching the present-day Tigers ‘go through their paces.’

Note: Readers will be interested to know that John is the son of former Preston champion, John Walker. John (Senior) won the VFA Division:1 goal kicking award (now known as the Jim

'Frosty 'Miller Medal) in 1966 and 67.(John also booted 116 goals for Preston in Division: 2 VFA in 1965)'

CAN YOU HELP TO BUILD THE DFNC ARCHIVES?



Over the past few years, the History Committee of the DFNC has been trying to place on record as much as possible about the people, games and events of the club since its inception more than 100 years ago.

It is hoped to gather club memorabilia such as photographs, programs, publications, membership tickets, press cuttings, awards and team sheets to place on permanent record on the club's website. Hopefully, in this way, our club's rich history can be preserved and enjoyed by future generations.

One of the best ways for any club to show its appreciation, to those members who 'paved the way' in earlier days, is to record their contribution to strengthening and maintaining the club. Your assistance in building the club's archives is valued. Thank you. Roger Spaul - for DFNC January 2020.