

A TRIBUTE TO LINDSAY EDGERTON

1946-2011

Reference 2021/18



Lindsay Edgerton

INTRODUCTION

Lindsay Edgerton passed away in 2011; and will always be remembered as a 'larger than life character', an astute coach and fine footballer. Lindsay played 76 games with Dromana from 1977-82. He also coached the club for two seasons (1981-82) and won the club's Best & Fairest award in 1978.

Lindsay was also selected as the Coach of the Team of the Decade (1976-85) and was also chosen at centre half forward in that team.



The following tribute was written for the MPNFL's 'Football Record' by Doug Dyall, in 2011; and serves as a fitting tribute to Lindsay Edgerton's involvement and contribution to Australian Rules football.

CLUBS HONOUR LEAGUE LEGEND

LINDSAY EDGERTON

Written by

DOUG DYALL

MPNFL HISTORIAN IN 2011

Today Crib Point and Dromana will honour the memory of League legend Lindsay Edgerton with a perpetual trophy. Edgerton a past player of both clubs passed away suddenly over a month ago and both clubs have come together to recognise the wonderful service he provided to football.

Edgerton had a remarkable football life coming from the Geelong region where his father was a life member of the club. At 18 he joined the Navy and this started a long association with Peninsula football in 1966 as a member of the Navy club, after four seasons he found his way back as a member of the Geelong team playing reserves including the very first football game at VFL Park Waverley. That same year he finished as a member of the 1970 Grand Final side for Williamstown in their loss to Prahran.

Lindsay then moved west with the Navy joining East Perth for one year before becoming coach of North Fremantle a position he held for two seasons becoming a member of their team of the decade side.

Posted to HMAS Torrens he was lured back to play Nepean football with Rye who flew him down from Sydney each weekend to play paid for by legendary Rye President Clarrie Jennings playing finals in 1974. Lindsay then was appointed as coach of the struggling Navy team; and he fought valiantly to have them continue in 1977, sadly to no avail and the club with such success was forced into recession.

Lured to Dromana he played with no remuneration as the club was struggling at the time, he spent 6 seasons with the grasshoppers as they were known then including two as coach in 1981 and 82. Along the way he picked up the best and fairest in 1979.

1983 he took on the coaching position at Crib Point taking the team to the Grand Final only to go down to Pines. He had led from the front to win the Preliminary Final against his old club Dromana kicking 3 goals but was unable to produce his best on the big day due to an injury. Anyone who knew Lindsay would know that he would play with a broken leg if he could never using injury as an excuse his will was so strong.

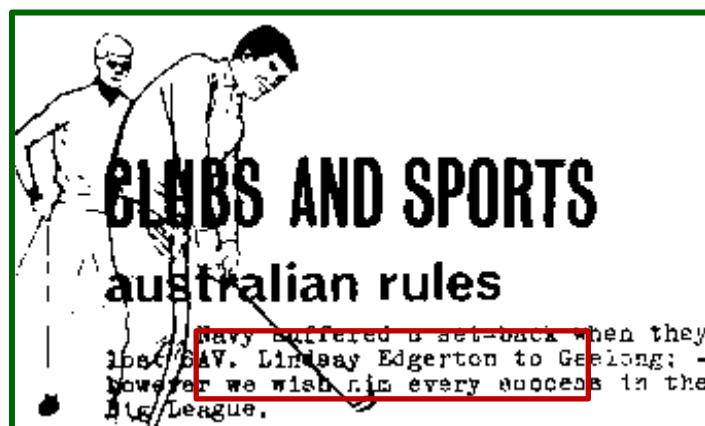
At the end of the season, Lindsay hung up the boots but stayed involved taking on the Presidency of Crib Point in 1985 a position he held for two seasons. One of his proudest moments was holding up the Nepean Premiership in his first year at the helm.

Lindsay during his career also played and coached the Navy mid-week team and became the coach of the Victorian Services team an honour he was proud of. Along the way,

Lindsay was an active supporter of Interleague football playing and coaching the Nepean team on five occasions against the Mornington Peninsula Football League 1977, 1978, 1981, 1982 and 1983.

All of this shows a remarkable man in football circles but Lindsay also managed to bring up a family, have a career in the Navy, became a mentor of many young men, active member of the Dromana Red Hill RSL as President, active member of the Dromana Fire Brigade, owned vintage cars, enjoyed camping and the bush but above all he loved Anzac Day and what it meant to the veterans who he shared in their stories and made them feel special. The comment of Neil Roberts in his assessment of Lindsay after a game in the wet summed him up best; he stated "the wet conditions really suited big Lindsay Edgerton from the R.A.N. he looks and plays somewhat like a battleship. He is as wide as the sky."

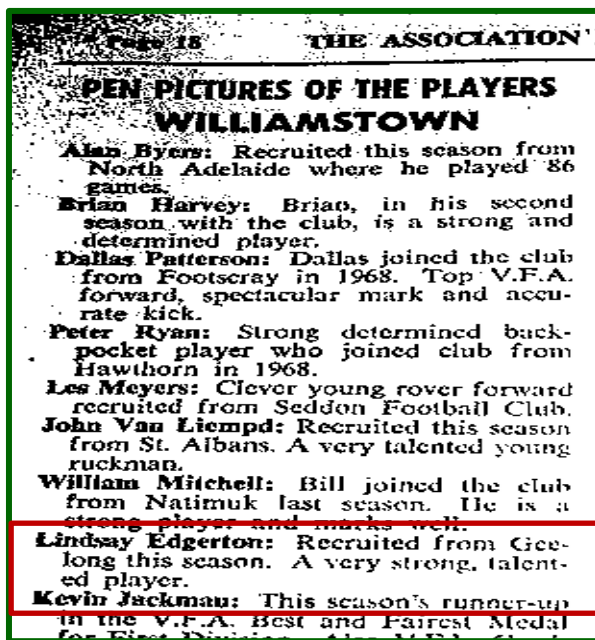
Lindsay Edgerton was a larger than life figure in the community and he will be missed by all but his legacy will continue in part to the good will of the both the Dromana and Crib Point football clubs. Lindsay Edgerton played 84 games with Navy, 29 with Rye, 76 with Dromana and 18 with Crib Point totally 207 senior games of full on football.



Lindsay Edgerton crosses to Geelong FC. Source: 'Navy Monitor' May 1970.

Geelong 14.14 d. Hawthorn 13.18
GEELONG—Best: Evans, Colley, Kline, Edgerton, P. Linke, Primmer.
Goalkickers: Colley 3, Edgerton 2, Smith 2, Stephenson 2, Bates, Hall, Solomon, Nankervis 2.
HAWTHORN—Best: Smith, Porter, Hawken, Moncreiff, Murphy, Grummisch.
Goalkickers: Smith 5, Jolley 3, Douge, Ferguson, Hazlett, Murphy, Simpson.

This extract is from the 'VFL Record' Round: 2 in 1970 before Lindsay Edgerton crossed from Geelong to Williamston (VFL). The game was against Hawthorn Reserves; and Lindsay kicked two goals and was named in the Cats' best six players. An interesting coincidence on that day was that Steve Jolly, who left Dromana to play with Hawthorn, kicked three goals. Lindsay was to later coach Dromana FC in 1981 and '82.



Text: 'Lindsay Edgerton: Recruited from Geelong this season. A very strong and talented player.' From: Williamstown v Waverly at the St Kilda Junction. September 1970.

Gerard Drew, the Williamstown FC Historian recently forwarded the following information to DFNC regarding Lindsay's time with the Seagulls...

"Lindsay Edgerton came to us from Geelong Seconds in 1970 and played 5 senior games without kicking a goal. One of those games was the 1970 Grand Final, which we lost to Prahran by 50 points. Lindsay was selected as 18th man and replaced Brian Harvey in the last quarter and took 5 marks during his time on the ground."



Lindsay on duty at HMAS Leeuwin Naval Base, Fremantle in 1973.

FOOTBALL VICTORY

LEEWIN had a hard fought win 12-12(84) to 11-8(74) over a special Air Services Army side in the Preliminary Final of the Mid-week Competition.

The team—BACK ROW, L. to R.: Terry Jones; "Blue" Morris; Bob Orr; "Blue" Hyman; Lindsay Edgerton (Capt-Coach); Ken Ommonger; Bob Scott; Hugh Ochniemenko; "Bungy" Williams; Barry McGrath. CENTRE: Robert Benjamin; "Dinger" Bell; "Blue" Freebourne; Alan Terry; Adrian Burns; Les Quarrell; Murray Mortimer. FRONT: "Bungy" Williams; Shorty" Gibson; Al Curyer; Gerry Anesbury; Bob Jeffries; Fred Marsh; Nick Duryea.



The football team at HMAS Leeuwin in 1973. Lindsay (circled) was captain and coach of the team that season. Source: 'Navy News' September 1973.

With a mixture of retired footballers and Rugby stand ins, Lindsay Edgerton formed a team of battlers who showed the RAAF there's more to football than ability and pressed shorts.

Navy rattled RAAF with its desperation and tied a match which RAAF should have won by thirty goals.

Final scores: Navy 9 10 RAAF 9 10.

The following week Navy back at full strength, disposed of an Army side made up from two teams Army has in the mid week competition.

Final scores: Navy 11 8, Army 9 6.

Lindsay and his role in Services Football – Coach of the Navy in 1973.

In what can only be termed as remarkable, Navy, after forfeiting the second last home-at-home game, weaved its way from fourth position to take off the mid-week Australian Rules competition grand final for the first time.

Navy commenced its hard grind of finals' football in the first semi-final against Five Brigade. The bearded leading tackler, Lindsay Edgerton, lifted Navy to a brand of football which extinguished the burly, hard-hitting firemen in a flurry of eye-catching team football.

Tempers became frayed towards the latter stages of the game and an altercation involving twenty players and umpires resulted.

Even the normally tranquil coach lost his "cool" and was restrained by the few other remaining uninvolved members of the Navy team.

Final scores: Navy 14 7, Brigade 7 5.

Goalkickers: Freeborn 5, Ochremienko 3, Edgerton 2, Benjamin, Marsh, Curyer, Cousins 1. Best: Hyman, Duryea, Benjamin, Cousins, Ochremienko, Anesbury.



Lindsay Edgerton
Nepean FL Coach in 1981



LINDSAY EDGERTON 1981-82

Lindsay was one of our opposition when he played for Navy and then Crib Point but after settling in Dromana after his marriage to Laura O'Leary it was only a matter of time before he found his way to the Club.

"In the two years I was coach we had some very young players. Many of them developed and went on to become very good footballers in the following years.

"It is very gratifying for a coach to see youngsters he has helped develop finally make the grade."

Lindsay always found Dromana to be a happy place and he is very thankful for the support he received both on and off the ground.

He still follows the fortunes of our three teams with interest.

Source: DFNC archives.

FUNERAL SERVICE NOTICE



EDGERTON. - The Funeral Service to celebrate the life of Lindsay Edgerton will be held in St Mark's Chapel, HMAS Cerberus on MONDAY (Apr. 18, 2011) at 1.30 p. m. Private Cremation No flowers by request Please wear medals.

The Funeral Service for Lindsay was held at St Mark's Chapel at HMAS Cerberus. The chapel was packed to capacity with family, friends, members of the RAN, Red Hill-Dromana RSL, Dromana Fire Brigade, ex-team mates from former football clubs, and officials/members of the DFNC. It was a moving service and one that will be long remembered by those who attended that day.



St Mark's Chapel at HMAS Cerberus

**THE DFNC TRIBUTE
TO
LINDSAY EDGERTON
As published in 'Tiger Talk' in May 2011**

"Lindsay lived in Dromana for 40 years, married local girl Laura O'Leary in 1968 and had two daughters Mandy and Julie. Lindsay was well known in football circles on the Peninsula after playing for Rye, Dromana (Captain -Coach) and Crib Point (Captain -Coach and later President). Lindsay, on numerous occasions was captain of the Nepean Football League and non-playing coach for the Nepean Football League. Lindsay was 18 when he joined the Royal Australian Navy in 1965. He rose to the rank of Chief Petty Officer before retiring after 20 years. Later he worked for the Shire of Flinders. Whilst in the Navy Lindsay also was the Captain Coach for the Victorian Army, Navy and Air Force Team as well as playing some games for Geelong reserves in the VFL. Lindsay played for Williamstown in the VFA before he was posted to Perth where he went on to play for numerous teams in the West.

He was involved in community efforts in Dromana through being a member of the Dromana Fire Brigade but in more recent years Lindsay had been a member of the Dromana Red Hill RSL for over 15 years, serving on the committee then becoming the President in 1991 a position held until his death. He worked tirelessly for the returned servicemen in the area and performed many RSL funerals for the local Veterans.

Lindsay's funeral was at Cerberus and was attended by over 600+ people with over 160 Service personnel laying poppies on his coffin. Some had travelled from Perth and Brisbane to attend, a sure sign that he was well liked and respected in the RSL and Peninsula Communities. He will be deeply missed by family, his friends and his RSL colleagues."

A SPECIAL 'THANK YOU' FROM THE DFNC THIRD XVIII IN 2011

A little known fact, regarding Lindsay Edgerton, was the generous support that he gave to the DFNC Third XVIII in those difficult seasons of the late 1990's. Lindsay was always one of the first at the ground to watch the boys play on Saturday mornings; and often gave a short pre-match address or presented an award after the game.

His theme was usually: 'Keep trying and never give up' and his encouragement to the young players, in that challenging era of the club's history, will always be remembered. This letter, of appreciation to Lindsay, was published in 'Tiger Talk' in May 2011.

**A LETTER OF APPRECIATION
REGARDING LINDSAY EDGERTON
FROM THE COACHES AND PLAYERS OF DFNC
AS PUBLISHED IN MAY 2011**

"On behalf of our past Under 18 DFC players, we would like to publicly acknowledge the contribution made by Lindsay Edgerton to our teams over many years. Lindsay always gave his time willingly to encourage, assist and teach young footballers about football and life. Often Lindsay would present awards and act as a guest speaker for our Under 18 team. He never failed to lift spirits and hearts. He was always positive and could find the brighter side to life even during the most difficult years of our club. Lindsay will never be forgotten for his contribution to the lives of young Dromana footballers. A terrific friend to all the boys. Thank you champ!"

Source: 'Tiger Talk': Volume: 12 Issue: 2 Page: 5 in May 2011.



1996- Lindsay and Laura Edgerton. This photograph was taken at the club's Centenary Celebration Dinner which was held in April 1996.

Clubs Honour League Legend Lindsay Edgerton

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In 2011, the MPNFL announced the introduction of the Lindsay Edgerton Perpetual Shield which is to be vied for in those matches played between the Dromana and Crib Point clubs.

DROMANA



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Under 18's Coach:
Peter Ball

Secretary:
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Ground: Dromana Recreation Reserve, Beach St, Dromana
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Welcome to our sponsors & guests who are attending the President's Luncheon. Today's game is a local Derby against old rival and close neighbour Rosebud. Though not travelling all that well at the moment Rosebud always seem to find something extra when they play us so we will need to be on our metal again today.

Last week was the second year we had played Crib Point for the Lindsay Edgerton Shield and we again came away victorious after a hard fought game in windy and at times wet conditions. A good start by the boys saw us in front all day and eventual winners by 44 points. Paul Minchington was adjudged best player by the umpires.

Source: 'MPNFL Record' May 2011. Page: 44.



2021- Laura Edgerton and family at the DFNC's 'An Evening with Kevin Sheedy' which was held in May this year. Lindsay's grandson, Mitchell (circled), is an enthusiastic player with the Dromana Third XVIII, and he also made his debut with the DFNC Reserves against Red Hill in Round:1 in 2021. Bob O'Leary also played with Dromana in the 1960's.



Lindsay Warren Edgerton
21.1.1946- 11.4.2011

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2. 'Thank you' to Gerard Drew (Williamstown FC Historian) for his help in unearthing information regarding Lindsay's time at Williamstown.
3. A special note of gratitude to Robert and Helen Percy for their interest and assistance with this article about Lindsay. Robert, a former champion of VFA football, played with Footscray; and was later inducted into the Williamstown FC Hall of Fame (2014). Robert played 135 games with Williamstown FC and won the club's Best and Fairest in 1976. As can be seen above, Lindsay and Robert were team mates at Williamstown FC in 1970.

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A list of other articles related the club's history can be found at:

<http://www.dromanatigers.com.au/newsite/history.html>

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