

FROM THE ARCHIVES

DFNC TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS-1960's & 1970's.

Reference 2023/1



'THANK YOU' TO DARYL GROGAN- DFNC LIFE MEMBER

In an effort to build the DFNC archives, the History Committee has been asking former players and members to send any photographs, of earlier times, to the club for posting on the DFNC History Page.

DFNC Life Member, Daryl Grogan, recently forwarded these team photographs of the 1960's and 70's. Sincere thanks to Daryl for his contribution as they provide a further insight into the history of that era.

Note: Any assistance in naming players in the team photographs below would be appreciated. Any anecdotes and memories of the players and/or teams of that era would also be valued. Thank you Roger.



This photograph is from 1960-61 when Gordon Proudfoot was the DFNC Senior XVIII Coach. Apologies for any errors in listing the above players; and it is thought (and hoped) that the players and officials from the back left hand side are : R. Beavis, W. Guy, E. Buchanan, D. Murphy C. Buchanan,C. McLear, I. Matthews, D. Grogan, E. Oakes(President),S. Walker (Secretary) and G.Flowers.

Middle row: T. Reilly, M. Kennedy, J. Cornish, R. Grogan, G. Proudfoot, R. Brindley, B. Griffith, J. Ross and R. Bailey.

Front row includes: I. Mitchener, B. Brindley, A. Matthews, J. Andrews.

Note: Wally Guy was named the DFNC Coach of the Team of the Era 1946-2015. Ed Buchanan served as President in 1959 and 1960. Reg Beavis was presented with DFNC Life Membership in 1990. Brian Griffith coached the club in 1962 and received Life Membership in 1967. Eric Oakes, John Ross, Jack Cornish, Reg Bailey and Daryl Grogan are also Life Members of DFNC.



The 1962 Senior XVIII team. Brian Griffith was the coach that season. This is a valuable piece of DFNC history as it shows two of the club's finest administrators. President, Eric Oakes (left) and Secretary George Osborne (right) are seen wearing jackets and ties. Eric and George were dynamic personalities who set the highest standards of conscientious and honest stewardship,



This photograph is of the 1970 Reserve XVIII team coached by Ron Choate. Ron Choate played with Northcote (VFA) from 1952-59 before being cleared to Rye FC. Ron played in Rye's premiership team of 1964; and he was quite a personality in local football; and his experience and knowledge were of immense value to Dromana FC. Ron coached the DFC Reserves in 1968, 69, 70 and 1974 with varying degrees of success; and the highlight, of his time as a coach at Pier Street, was guiding the Reserves to the 1970 finals.

AN APPEAL FOR DFNC PHOTOGRAPHS FROM 1950-70.



This is a recent photograph of Daryl Grogan. Daryl played his first Senior XVIII game for DFNC in 1961 and went onto play 96 Senior XVIII games . Daryl was selected on the half back flank in the 'Team of the Decade 1956-65.' Vicki Holt interviewed Daryl for 'TigerTalk' in May 2021 and that article can be found on the DFNC Team App (Reference: Issue 2 of 'Tiger Talk' 2021).

Daryl's team photographs, as posted above, demonstrate the value of such in generating interest in DFNC. The adage that 'a picture is worth a thousand words' is true in documenting club history and recognizing the contribution of players and volunteers from earlier times. Unfortunately, there are very few photographs of the club in the period 1950-70 ; and any reader who can assist in this regard is asked to contact Roger or Graham. Thank you.



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