

REG BEAVIS

A LOYAL STALWART OF DFNC



Reginald Andrew Beavis (born: 1908) was born in Melbourne and grew up in Doncaster and later moved to a small country town called Yeo (near Colac).

On the 4th of August 1941, Reg took an important journey to Royal Park Army Recruiting Depot and enlisted in the Australian Army. During his years of military service, Reg (Service No: VX61015) was a Driver for the 148th Australian General Transport Company.

Reg was discharged from the Army on December 4th 1945 and, not too long after that date, he arrived in **Dromana**. Reg did not hesitate to become involved in the life of the local community, particularly the football club; and his first official duty for DFC was as the team's **goal umpire**. He then became a **trainer**, served for some time as a **committee member** and was also the **club's property steward** in later years.

In his time with the Dromana Football Club, Reg witnessed (and helped bring about) many changes at the **Pier Street Oval** including the erection of the boundary fence, the upgrading the facilities, resurfacing of the oval and the construction of a fence along Pier Street.

One of Reg's most lasting memories, during all his years at Dromana, was the historic victory over **Somerville**, at the Frankston Oval, in the **1950 'B Grade' Grand Final**. The scores that day were: **Dromana 8.15 (63)** defeated **Somerville 8.3 (51)**.

In 1990, Reg was granted **Life Membership** of the **DFNC**; and it was an fitting reward for his invaluable contribution to the club. Reg was also a **Life Member** of the **Dromana Cricket Club** and the **Fire Brigade**.

Some of the readers of this page may remember Reg as the crossing supervisor at the **Dromana State School** during the 1980's.

Reg Beavis passed away in **2003** and he will always be remembered as a willing worker, a kind-hearted official and a gentleman of the first order.

THANK YOU

- Sincere thanks to Reg's son, **John Beavis**, for his assistance in clarifying the early parts of Reg's life. John was the official boundary umpire for Dromana for two years (1949-50); and he vividly remembers the team's courageous fightback to win the flag in 1950.
- A special 'thank you' to Reg's granddaughter , **Wendy**, for her kind assistance in providing the above photograph of Reg Beavis for this website article.

Research and reference information.

- **DFNC history archives and personal files.**
- **World War: 2 Nominal Roll- Service records. C of A -2002**
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