

# BELCONNEN AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS CLUB INCORPORATED

ANNUAL REPORT 1983

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### COMMITTEE 1983

PRESIDENT

Ray Baguley

VICE-PRESIDENT

Ross Byrne

SECRETARY

Ben Lane

TREASURER

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



In my report last year I noted that the Belconnen Australian Football Supporters Club Incorporated is at a considerable disadvantage when compared with other ACTAFL Clubs as we do not receive any financial support for football operations from a licensed Club. I am pleased to report that the most significant achievement of the Club during 1983 was the purchase of the premises of the Belconnen National Football Club Incorporated. Preliminary negotiations for the purchase commenced in March 1982 and, since then, have at various times been frustrating, intense, complicated and bewilderingly wide-ranging. However, through perseverance, faith and tremendous support from a number of people and organisations we were able to finalise the "deal" and commence trading on 23 September 1983.

The existence of an economically viable licensed club is vital to our long term prospects. It not only provides much needed finance but also a base on which we can establish our administrative, football and social platforms.

Although "The Shed" is now ours, we must not underestimate the difficult job ahead. The Club must be run as a business and, as the business prospers, facilities that a licensed Club should provide (finance and amenities) will increase and be improved. As this occurs members may, from time to time, be inconvenienced but to ensure success we must all accept the temporary inconveniences, offer the Club every support, and help to create a pleasant and friendly atmosphere in a Club we are proud of and to which we enjoy taking our families and friends.

The reorganisation of Belconnen's financial and administrative areas that was undertaken during 1982 has continued to serve us well. Eleven regular monthly Committee meetings were held during the year and members also attended special Committee meetings. Generally, we have worked towards achieving our objectives efficiently and with a minimum of fuss. Some other very important innovations were introduced during 1983:

- . the very profitable car raffle
- . the successful and prestigious pre-season carnival
- . the formation of the Steve Walding junior scholarship squad.

The ACTAFL has experienced a year of turmoil, moving from one crisis to another. Sadly, much of the ACTAFL administration's valuable time has been spent on dealing with these problems rather than tackling the important issues that face Australian football in the ACT such as declining attendance at games and an uneven competition with too many one-sided matches. It is certainly time that member Clubs discarded their overly-parochial views and united in working towards restoring our game to its rightful position in the community.

To date, our efforts to secure a major sponsor have been unsuccessful and this is disappointing. However, your Committee will persevere and perhaps now that we have purchased the Clubhouse potential sponsors may look at us with more confidence.

In football, the firsts finished fifth for the third consecutive year. Only once were we able to produce a solid four quarter effort against good opposition, that being against Queanbeyan in round ten, resulting in an outstanding win. Although the season has been disappointing, our overall playing strength has improved and is best measured by comparing our performances against Ainslie, Eastlake and Manuka in 1982 and 1983. Our percentage against these teams in 1983 was 57.32 compared with 48.40 in 1982. We were in positions to win matches against all these Clubs at various times (Ainslie and Manuka twice and Eastlake once) but for a variety of reasons lapsed at crucial stages of the game.

I congratulate Ian Low who has performed very well under difficult circumstances in his initial season as Senior Coach. Ian has made many friends in the short time he has been with us and I am sure that he is looking towards 1984 with a great deal of optimism. I also congratulate Geoff Hocking on winning the Best and Fairest, Noel O'Neill on being the ACTAFL leading goalkicker and issue a special welcome back to Mal Manson.

Glen Rebecca's reserves had a particularly difficult year being restricted by injuries and unavailability of players at various times. They played with great heart and courage for most of the season and were rewarded with a hard fought win over Eastlake (grand finalists) in the last match of the year. Glen, to his credit, did not show any despondency when things were not going well and coached his side in fine style.

I reiterate that we have not participated in the finals since 1979. It's <u>now</u> time for coaches, players and administrators to do all that is <u>necessary</u> to move Belconnen out of the foundation stage, for we cannot be a Club with potential forever. The rewards of football are obvious and for Belconnen these rewards and the triumphs are now due.

On your behalf I thank all coaches, players, trainers, team managers and other team officials for their efforts during the year. I thank also the members of my Committee and the sub-committees for their support. To you, the members of the BAFSC, and to other Club supporters, thank you - without your loyalty, interest and encouragement we could not have achieved all that we did this year or continue the development of our Club.

# VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT



In the areas of fund-raising and social functions, 1983 has been a particularly busy year for the Club. Since the start of the year, the Club has promoted 12 combined social/fund-raising functions and run numerous separate fund-raising ventures. All of these are essential elements in the success of our Club. The fact that we were able successfully to complete such a demanding program reflects the determination and spirit of our relatively few, but hardworking, footballers and supporters. I sincerely thank all those who assisted in these areas during the year.

### Social Functions

On the social side, our aim was to run a number of varied low cost functions to keep all footballers and supporters together and happy as a group. We were generally successful in achieving this aim, with most functions very well supported. It is disappointing, however, that a small proportion of players do not attend these functions. Although our prime concern as a football Club is with playing football, developing both friendships and one's own character through mixing socially as part of the wider Club are also important.

Of the many functions we ran, those which stand out are the pool party (at the Wight's again), the farewell to the Moloneys, the Progressive Dinner, the night we 'took over' the Satay Hut, the celebration of our purchase of the Club premises and the Presentation Night. As in previous years, goodwill and fine spirits prevailed at all our functions - these characteristics are a trademark of our Club which we should all be proud of and endeavour to maintain.

### Fund-raising

Fund-raising activities were undertaken with even greater professionalism this year. Without the dedication and determination of our fund-raising team continually to improve standards, the future of our football operations would certainly be bleak. For a small Club, we generate a great number of 'trend-setting' ideas and back them up with outstanding implementation. Although many people work very hard in the fund-raising area, the efforts of Michael Price deserve special mention. Thank you, Michael, for your tireless devotion to fund-raising and to the Club generally and congratulations on receiving the Best Clubman award this year. Mike personally controlled the Pot of Gold and car raffle and had the oversight of the trailer raffles. These ventures contributed the major part of our funds for football operations.

Other fund-raising ventures which were promoted this year include the pre-season Carnival, Friday Arvo shows, Premiership Port sales and Player patrons. Once again the Ladies' Committee worked very hard in the catering caravan and on

sales of promotion goods.

### Special Thanks

Special thanks must go to the following for their efforts in the fund-raising and social areas above that which could or should be expected:

. Michael Price

- we all know how hard he has worked.
- . Maureen and Noel O'Neill
- Noel will give help in any way required. He organised this year's vastly improved Presentation Night. Alongside every hard-working man is a similarly hard-working woman. Thanks Maureen.

. Robert Goddard

- thanks for your efforts on the 'Blues News' this year Rob. A job well done.
- . Helen and Harry Souter
- Harry works for the Club 25 hours a day - Helen has also helped out in several activities this year.
- . Lesley Daw and David Bennett- David has taken on many
  - David has taken on many tasks this year and performed them admirably. Like David, Lesley thrives on hard work and her efforts are greatly appreciated.
- . Tricia Hopkins and Helen Goddard
- Tricia and Helen (in the company of Lesley) formed the basis of this year's Ladies' Committee. Their efforts are truly worthy of the Club's thanks.

• Pat Brazel

- his favourite saying is
   'I'll give you a hand'.
   Thanks for your efforts,
   Pat.
- . Barry and Paula Wight
- both work behind the scenes and the Club is thankful for their assistance. Hopefully Barry will be able to adopt a higher profile next year.

Peter Jonas

- Peter is always willing to lend a hand. Thanks Prog.

Now that we have purchased the licensed Clubhouse, the Club will be seeking to gain even greater participation by footballers, supporters and their friends at our future functions. To this end, we will provide a greater variety of entertainment and improved facilities for all. Please help and support us in this endeavour so that the Belconnen Football Club continues to prosper.

... ROSS BYRNE

### PLAYER PATRONS

Thanks to Barry Wight and Lesley Daw for organising our 'player patrons'. The Club greatly appreciates the support of the following who were patrons this year:

G & H Fixers Max Gibbs Terry Hourigan MJB Landscapes R. J. Allen Southlands Gallery Evatt Butchery A. & M. Souter Barry Wight Brian Falconer Jack Walding Reg Proctor Beaurepaires Peter Fardoulis Byrne & Baguley Boomerang Kiosk Steve Taylor

Monier Roof Tiles Joan Tompsett Don McMichael Waterland Home Irrigation Supplies Canberra Auto Repairs Canberra Spare Parts BNFC Rugby League Supporters Russell Brown Ezill Enterprises Pot Belly Bob Brown P & K Electrics ANZ Bank Belconnen Mall R. & G. Shelley Blind Beggars Inn Tony Raby

# TREASURER'S REPORT



In presenting the Treasurer's report for the Belconnen Australian Football Supporters Club for 1983, I must first pay special thanks to Michael Price for his invaluable assistance and guidance in my first year as Treasurer. His ability to organise the collection of funds and maintain the budgetary controls necessary for the successful operation of the Club is greatly appreciated.

Also, I must congratulate the many fund-raisers on their magnificent achievement in raising income from \$32 227 in 1982 to \$43 252 in 1983. In particular, I would mention Ross Byrne, Noel O'Neill, David Bennett, the Ladies' Committee and, again, Michael Price. Ben Lane's effort in staging a very successful pre-season carnival is worthy of special mention.

Fund-raising currently under way comprises the sale of Premier-ship Port, a combined car and trailer raffle, and a trailer of groceries raffle. It is hoped that these activities will generate considerable funds for the Club. Despite recently commencing to operate a licensed club, it will still be necessary to continue with our fund-raising programmes in the ensuing year, and I urge all members to support your committee enthusiastically in all fund-raising ventures it undertakes.

On 23 September 1983, the Committee fulfilled one of its main objectives - regaining possession of "The Shed". With the financial help of Club members we were able to purchase it at a cost of \$150 000, so we are again in possession of a most necessary facility. However, it is essential for all members of the BAFSC to be actively concerned in the Club so that its full potential may be realised. As funds become available, the necessary improvements will be undertaken to make your Club an attractive and comfortable venue. We have, to date, purchased one new and two older draw-poker machines. Other poker machines and amenities will be provided as rapidly as funds permit.

The separate financial statements show the BAFSC's financial position as at 31 October 1983. At the end of the statements some indications of the financial position of "The Shed" are given, although the period of trading is only just over one month.

... E. J. STARKEY
31 October 1983

# POT OF GOLD



The Pot of Gold committee, consisting of Mike Price, Ross Byrne and Ray Baguley, commenced planning 'Pot of Gold VII' in November 1982. The most significant change was the decision to increase the price of books from \$15 to \$20. This, combined with the difficult economic climate, had a telling effect on sales which, in comparison to 1982 sales, were down by some 500 to 2,000. However, although the budgetted profit was not achieved, the Pot of Gold was still a great success - especially when compared to similar promotions conducted by other Canberra clubs.

The Club would like to extend its appreciation to those who assisted with the prizes, in particular the following suppliers:

ANZ Travel - Brian Haslem Boats 'N' All - Peter Love Lennock Motors - Keith Mitchell Oueanbeyan Caravan Centre -Frank Pritchard Norman Ross - Wayne Bradbury Clipper's Anchorage - Madeleine List TAA - Ian Mitchell Water Brothers Water Beds -Gary Richards Bird & Stirling Agencies -Brian Stirling Helliers Discount Golf Centre - Phil Hellier Big 'B' Bicycles - Poul Berguild. Twojays Sports and Toys -John Higginbotham and John Russell Dunlop Olympic Tyres - Tim Grant Rex Barrett Electrical -Jim Calvert MJB Landscapes - Mick Burgess John Davis' Man's Centre

Georges Camera Stores - Frank Pauls Home Centre - Brian Meanie Cand'amber - John & Robyn Brown Todays Jewellers - Frank Keane and Bill Kover Evatt Butchery - Russell Williams KippaxSportsworld - Fred Driscoll Esso Dickson - Matt Thomas Bells Drycleaning - Howard Duffy L'Homme et la Femme - Dominic Mangeruca Civic Twin - Peter Wren BNFC - Dave Rannard Cinema Centre Group - Wolly Ambrose ACTFIT Yass Golf Club - Brian Garland Canberry Fair Shell Canberra Superwash Canberra Olympic Bowl

Our thanks also go to the support Clubs. We trust that your association with us in this promotion has been worthwhile and we look forward to your involvement again in 1984. In particular we extend our thanks to:

BFC Juniors
OB City Basketball - Peter
Jonas
Customs Golf Club - Mark Mikk
Indians Baseball Club - Les
Dohnt

ACT Property & Social Club - Pat Fenely ACT Homing Pigeon Club - Henry Wojcik Tuggeranong Football Club - Dave Anderson To the many ticket buyers and sellers thank you, the Pot of Gold would not be a success without your help. Some outstanding selling efforts were recorded by:

Max Johnston	105	Neville Gill	29
David Bennett and Lesley Daw	5 5	Noel and Maureen O'Neill	29
Mike Price	50	Paul McQueen	27
Robin Maloney	49	Haydn Daw	23
Jim Calvert	35	Ian Low	22
Ray Baguley	34	John Stankevicius	20
Jeff Butterworth	30	Mick Burgess	20

Finally, the Club takes this opportunity to extend its thanks to the Pot of Gold committee for the many hours of dedicated work required to ensure a successful and professional product in 1983 and to David Bennett and Lesley Daw for their tremendous effort in carrying out the thankless and time consuming task of operating the ticket-holder's register.

Planning for the 1984 Pot of Gold has already commenced and Michael Price would be glad to receive any suggestions which could help further to improve the promotion.

### THANKYOU

The Committee sincerely thanks <u>all</u> those who contributed in any way to the operation of the Club during 1983 - your time and effort is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed. With the completion of the purchase of 'the Shed' in September, we need - more than ever - your support of and involvement in, the football operations and the licensed Club. This is essential to ensure Belconnen's further development and success.

For their support in 1983, we particularly thank the following:

- donors of weekly player awards, including Keith Lau (Diamond Chinese Restaurant), Russell Williams (Evatt Butchery), Matt Thomas (Esso Dickson) and Reg Proctor;
- . Peter Fricker and Peter Hannaford, the Club doctors;
- Anita Burgess, Meryl Dawson and Maureen O'Neill for maintaining and laundering jumpers for the senior teams;
- the ACTAFL Executive in particular, Bill Mahoney for his assistance during the year;
- . Helen Goddard and Tricia Hopkins for their time spent typing;
- Dorothy Daw for the cover of this report and other artwork during the year;
- David Bennett and Lesley Daw for editing and proof-reading this report; and
- . all the members of the BAFSC Incorporated.

# CLUB DEVELOPMENT



Last year the Committee reported that considerable time and effort had been directed to planning the development of the junior and senior levels of our club into a united body. In 1983 the Committee endeavoured to put into operation as many as possible of the plans previously formulated and, at the same time, continued to review possible future directions for the overall development of the Club.

Our prime policy of maintaining sound liaison with the Belconnen Junior administration was pursued at every opportunity. This has resulted in continued excellent relations between the junior and senior levels of our Club, and ensured better implementation of the development plans and more fruitful co-operation during the year. Special thanks to the Junior Executives and, in particular, Les Scotland, Ric Culpitt, Judy Hynes, Pat Brazel and Norm Carrington.

One of the most successful and potentially rewarding activities undertaken this year was the formation of a specialist training squad for selected junior players under coach Steve Walding. The squad was selected by the Under 12 to Under 14 junior coaches and trained regularly throughout the latter part of the junior season. The squad's season climaxed with a successful social match against a visiting team from the Mount Druitt Australian Football Club.

Other important activities arranged throughout the year included:

- . general skills clinics for juniors;
- visit to Club and coaching clinic conducted by two VFL players;
- attendance by senior players at junior training nights;
- junior demonstration games at half-time of senior matches played at Jamison Oval;
- parent/coach junior football seminars;
- . school football clinics;
- . Under 17/Senior social activities; and
- physical development group.

Additionally, members of the Committee, and many senior players, regularly attended junior games and functions including lamington drives. Several activities arranged during the year have been directed to bridging the gap between junior and senior players to prepare juniors for, and encourage their participation in, senior football.

The Committee considers that the most important resource available in the development of our Club is our junior players. Future Committees must continue to devote substantial amounts of time and resources to improving upon and increasing the range of activities required to maximise, in the best interests of the players, the utilisation of this resource. ... HARRY SOUTER

# LADIES' COMMITTEE



The 1983 Ladies' Committee had a successful year financially. However, this was largely due to the dedicated work of only a small group of members. This year, the number of ladies attending our meetings (which were eventually discontinued) decreased and fewer ladies assisted in our fund-raising activities. Over past years, the Ladies' Committee has made an important contribution to our Club but if the Committee is to continue in existence next year it is vital that the number of willing helpers swells considerably. This year's executive, Tricia Hopkins (President), Lesley Daw (Treasurer) and Helen Goddard (Secretary) thanks all those ladies who organised, or assisted in, our activities during the year.

Home catering matches were our major source of income. However, we again had only a small number of catering matches (five), and would hope that the League will allocate more catering matches to us next year. Thank you to everyone who served on the caravan - often two or three times. Your efforts ensured that we made a considerable profit. Catering at the pre-season Carnival was also a great success.

The Ladies' Committee again organised the ordering and sale of the popular promotional goods and, this year, we were also responsible for financing the operation. The now annual progressive dinner was even better in 1983. Thank you to the Baguley and Souter families for the use of their homes and to Maureen O'Neill who organised the evening and cooked a large number of legs of lamb to perfection. One raffle (prize made by Dennis Hopkins and tickets sold by Tricia Hopkins) and one cake stall (attended by Di Baguley and Tricia Hopkins) were also conducted successfully.

The Ladies' Committee would also like to thank:

- . Kathy Spears, for representing the Club so admirably as Ms Belconnen; and
- . Ray Baguley and his Committee for their assistance and encouragement throughout the year.

Set out below is the Ladies' Committee financial summary for the year:

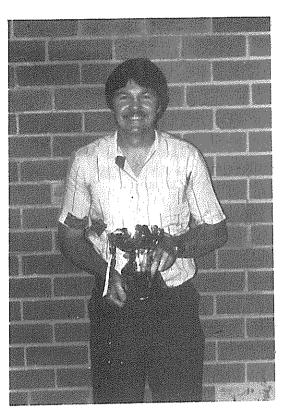
	\$
Caravan catering x 5	1098.26
Carnival catering	425.60
Progressive dinner x 1	286.55
Cake stall	106.85
Raffle	93.65
Club catering x 1	11.24

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# SFRVICE AWARDS



BEST CLUBMAN (Clair Jones Perpetual Trophy)



### Michael Price

Michael is a former West Australian who came to Canberra in 1976. Mike originally intended to play with Eastlake but, as he was residentially bound to Belconnen, he agreed to play with us in 1976 on the understanding that he could transfer to Eastlake in 1977. Mike quickly settled into the Belconnen community, found that we were his type of Club and over the past eight years has served the Club with distinction.

Along the way Mike played 108 games (103 first grade), missing only one match during his career. He was a damaging half-forward flanker or winger with great speed and was a long and accurate kick for goal. co-ordinated the Pot of Gold in 1981 and joined the Committee in 1982. He has been directly responsible for raising in excess of \$40,000 for Club funds over recent years and is an outstandingly hard-working and effective administrator. He was the driving force behind our very successful car raffle this year. Previous recipients of this award

have shown great loyalty to Belconnen and they will be proud and pleased to accept Mike into their ranks.

### MERIT AWARDS

Club merit awards recognise outstanding contributions to the Club either through long and faithful service, through performance at an outstanding level, or both. Recipients of Merit Awards for 1983 are:

### David Bennett and Lesley Daw

David has set a standard of excellence in this Club that is very hard to improve upon. A former junior, he has played 168 senior games including 144 first grade games (the Club record). He played 135 consecutive games including 109 consecutive first grade games and has only missed one game through injury in his nine years in senior football. He has never been unavailable. David was Belconnen's best and fairest first grade player in 1980, has been runner-up three times (1977, 1981 and 1983), was fifth in both

1976 and 1979 and seventh (the lowest he has finished in this award) in 1978 (most consistent) and 1982 (most courageous). David was the League best and fairest Under 17 (Division II) player in 1974 and repeated that effort in 1975 in the third grade competition. David represented the ACTAFL twice in 1979 and was first grade vice-captain from 1980 to 1982 and in the second half of 1983. David joined the Committee in 1982 and his contribution administratively has been just as outstanding as his playing career. His opinion is always valued greatly in the committee room.

Lesley has been a tireless worker for Belconnen and has proven herself to be a very capable organiser. She has been associated with the Ladies' Committee since its inception in 1981, first as secretary and more recently as treasurer. Lesley and David have been responsible for a number of special projects over the past two years, including the VFL and Belconnen premiership port releases, the sale of promotion goods, organising the player patrons, keeping membership records and co-ordinating the register and weekly draws for the 1983 Pot of Gold. David and Lesley have made an outstanding contribution to the development of the BAFSC. They are very worthy recipients of this award.

### Jim Calvert

Jim is an "old-timer" who began his career with Belconnen as a broken-legged painter in 1971. Jim broke his ankle playing for Turner in 1970 and consequently missed playing in 1971, Belconnen's first year. The injury also prevented Jim from working in 1971 but the Belconnen Clubhouse, which was opened in late 1970, benefitted greatly from the many hours Jim spent painting skirting boards, etc.

He resumed playing in 1972 and injuries forced his retirement prior to the 1980 season. He played 105 matches for Belconnen (94 first grade) and approximately another 60 first grade games with Turner, was first grade captain in 1976/77 and vice-captain in 1978. Since his retirement he has acted as runner and this year was a selector. Jim is a tremendously loyal clubman who has always been prepared to assist the Club whenever possible.

### Harry Souter

Harry joined the Committee in 1981 and before that was associated with the juniors for many years. He is responsible for junior development and is the Club's ACTAFL delegate. He is deeply committed to junior development and ensures the Committee is aware of the issues and takes full account of this aspect of Club development. He has enormous confidence in the ability of Belconnen's juniors to become the stars of tomorrow and these youngsters are fortunate to have Harry "in their corner". As ACTAFL delegate he represents Belconnen with great distinction. We are fortunate to have an administrator with Harry's qualities in control of these functions.

### Steve Taylor

This year marks Steve's eleventh season with Belconnen. A former junior, he has played 139 first grade, 25 second grade and 13 third grade games. "Garth" has roved in most of those 177 games, but this year made the transition to the back pocket most successfully as evidenced by his "Most Consistent Player" award. Steve is a fine clubman, a very disciplined and determined player who has been a great example to younger players and is a credit to himself and the Club.



1983 recipients of Merit Awards (from 1 to r): Harry Souter, David Bennett, Lesley Daw, Jim Calvert and Steve Taylor.

### BEST CLUBMAN (Clair Jones Perpetual Trophy)

As Turner Football Club: As Belconnen Football Club:

1966 1967 1968 1969	R. J. R. J.	Matts Wise Nunn Henderson O'Connor E. Brown Hourigan	1972 1973 1974 1975 1976	C. [F. [R. R. W. T.	Lister Weatherill Goddard Proctor Baguley Cameron Allison Goddard	1979 1980 1981 1982	R. M. [R. [R.	E. Brown Proctor Kargas E. Brown Baguley Byrne Price
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### MERIT AWARDS

- 1980 R. (Andy) Anderson, Ray Baguley, Reg Proctor, Jim Watt
- 1981 Max Johnston, Michael Price, Jim Watt, Robert White
- 1982 Michael Burgess, Robert Dawson, Brian Falconer, Robin Maloney, Garry Schmidt
- 1983 David Bennett, Jim Calvert, Lesley Daw, Harry Souter, Steve Taylor

# **TEAM OFFICIALS**

MATCH COMMITTEE

Neville Gill Jim Calvert Brian Falconer

Ian Low Glen Rebecca

FIRST GRADE

Captain-Coach Vice-Captain Runners Ian Low Robert Dawson/David Bennett Trevor McRostie

Robert Dawson

SECOND GRADE

Captain-Coach Vice-Captain Glen Rebecca Max Johnston

UNDER 19 GRADE

Coach Captain Vice-Captain Team Co-ordinator Mick Burgess Mick Nicholson/Glen O'Sullivan Glen O'Sullivan/Sean Michelle Reg Proctor

TEAM MANAGERS

Robin Maloney Max Johnston Paul McQueen Keith Ramsey

CLUB DOCTOR

Dr Peter Fricker Dr Peter Hannaford

TRAINERS

'Andy' Anderson Garry Schmidt

TIMEKEEPERS

Reg Proctor Harry Souter Jordan Starkey

RECRUITING

Ray Baguley Neville Gill

# 1983 SEASON - A REVIEW



The appointment of Ian Low and Glen Rebecca as Senior Coach and Assistant Senior Coach respectively, the reappointment of Mick Burgess as Third Grade Coach, the successful recruiting campaign conducted over the summer months, the anticipated further development of our younger players and the continued availability and enthusiasm of most of last year's senior players meant that hopes were high that the performance of the Club on the football field would continue to improve in 1983. Unfortunately, neither the firsts nor the reserves performed as well as expected. However, during the year both sides showed they had the <u>ability</u> to defeat any other side they played.

### The Players

The appointment of Ian Low as Senior Coach for three years was a significant step in the development of the Club. Although Ian had limited coaching experience his impressive background of 11 years senior football in Canberra and Melbourne with Manuka, Footscray, Collingwood and Werribee included 90 first grade VFL appearances. Belconnen and the ACT side reaped the benefits of Ian's vast experience as a half-forward this year. Like Ian, Glen Rebecca has acquired a detailed knowledge of football in his 12 years in the senior grades. From 1972 to 1982 he played with Ainslie, mainly as a defender, appearing in over 30 first grade matches. In 1981 Glen played 16 first grade games with West Canberra again mostly on the backline. This year, as Captain-Coach of the reserves, Glen spent most of his time on the half-back flank with the occasional 'rest' on the half-forward line or at fullforward.

During 1983, 39 players represented Belconnen in first grade. Those who did so for the first time and established themselves as regular first grade players were:

- . Steve Bayer, nineteen, who joined Belconnen after playing with Lavington in 1981 and Walla in 1982. Steve settled in very quickly on the wing and this was reflected in his being named Best First Year Player.
- distinguished history in senior football. From 1977 to 1981 he played with Carlton, primarily in the ruck, appearing in ten first grade games. In 1982 he transferred to Claremont in Perth where he shared the rucking role with Graham Moss. Geoff made a significant contribution to Belconnen's performances this year, whether playing at ruck or at centre-half-forward. He was also a member of the ACT representative side.
- Graeme Wilson was another of this year's recruits to bring to the Club a wealth of senior football experience. Graeme's career includes playing with South Melbourne from 1973-1976 where he played in fourteen first grade games as second rover to Norm Goss and in 50 reserve grade games. Graeme played most of this season on the half-forward flank. Against West Canberra he set a Club

goalkicking record for a player other than a full forward by kicking 14 goals. Graeme will be overseas for the next two years and the Club looks forward to his return to play for Belconnen in 1986.

Other recruits to the Club who made significant contributions during the season include Greg Gill, David Korda and Brett McMillan. Although still eligible for third grade, Brett played most of the season in the reserves and achieved first grade selection twice. He showed himself to be a highly skilled player with enormous potential as did Tony Stubbs who stepped from the Under 17 (premiership) side into first grade late in the season.

There was mixed news on the 'knee front' this year. Unfortunately, Robert Dawson suffered a serious knee injury during the fourth game and was unable to play again. The temporary respite from being tripped is now over, however, and we hope to see Robert back in action next year. Mal Manson made a welcome return to football in the second half of the year and proved his knee operation a success. Mal looks ready to recapture in 1984 the form that made him one of the most dangerous half-forwards in Canberra football. Players who left the Club after 1982 included Laurie Moloney (overseas), Dean Falconer (West Perth) and Tony Cibiras and Geoff Coggins (retired).

### The Season

Prior to the commencement of the season proper, the Club organised the highly successful Beaurepaire Tyre Service Australian Football Carnival. A crowd of about 1,600 saw Ainslie defeat Manuka in the final. Belconnen performed creditably, defeating Eastlake but just failing to make the final after losing to Manuka.

The season started with great promise, both firsts and reserves comfortably defeating Tuggeranong. Signs that it was to be a tough year appeared the next week, however, when both sides lost to Eastlake. This was followed by a disappointing performance by first grade against Queanbeyan - a side we knew would be one of our key competitors for a finals berth. Reserves can look back on the Queanbeyan match with satisfaction, as they registered their only win against that side for the season.

By the fourth match the competition had settled down. Both firsts and reserves were comfortably defeating sides below them on the ladder but losing by large margins to sides above them. Against Ainslie the firsts worked their way into a winning position at three-quarter time only to lose by seven goals. The first match in June, against Queanbeyan, was considered crucial, particularly to first grade: even this early in the season a loss would have made it very difficult to secure a place in the finals. The firsts performance in that match was the highlight of their season. Under a great deal of pressure they showed the confidence,

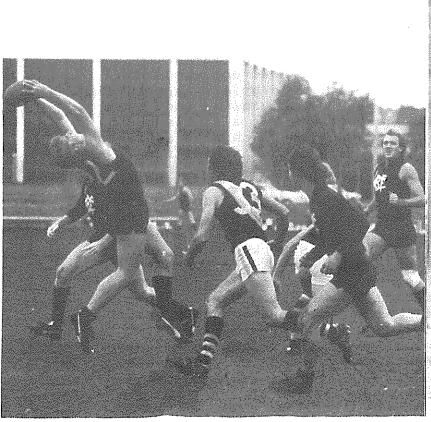
determination and ability of a top finals side to eventually run out winners by 54 points. However, hopes of Belconnen being a premiership contender were set back by a thrashing from Ainslie the following week.

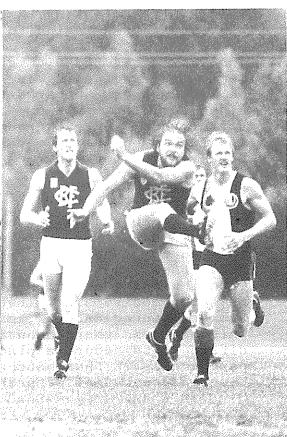
By the start of the third round the finals were still within reach but better results against the leading Clubs were required. Unfortunately, the run up to the finals commenced disastrously with the first grade side losing to Tuggeranong for the first time in the Club's history. Our chances of reaching the finals in either grade were effectively over when, two weeks later, both grades lost to Queanbeyan. In first grade, Queanbeyan ran out 16 point winners in a close and entertaining match.

For firsts results of the remaining four matches were predictable, with losses to Ainslie, Manuka and Eastlake and a win against West Canberra. However, there was a noticeable improvement in performance in the last match of the season against Eastlake when the firsts kicked 19.9, our highest score against one of the 'Big Three' in recent years. Glimpses of a side much better than one which finished fifth were evident, which augurs well for 1984.

Reserves completed the season on a high note. Despite losses to Ainslie and Manuka, spirits and confidence were high against flag-favourites, Eastlake. Showing their true potential, some may say for the first time in the season, reserves won comfortably by 26 points, which perhaps points to a more successful year in 1984.

A review of the third grade season is included in the separate third grade report.





# SELECTORS' REPORT

The Club's first and reserve grade teams had disappointing seasons in 1983.

In first grade, this is seen by comparing results this year with those of recent seasons. The firsts were three wins short of fourth position in 1981 and equal on points but with a lower percentage than Queanbeyan (fourth) in 1982. This year the team was again fifth but with four wins fewer than Queanbeyan (fourth).

The Club recruited well to cover the loss of Laurie Moloney and Dean Falconer by obtaining Ian Low, Geoff Hocking, Steve Bayer, Graeme Wilson and Greg Whittle but lost strength through injuries, in particular to Rob Dawson, John Dess, Rowan Falconer and Mick Brazel.

It is worth noting, as more than just a statistical coincidence, that the first grade team's average match score against Ainslie, Eastlake and Manuka was the same as last year's average of 79 points. Yet the team had the potential and worked its way into a winning position against those teams on several occasions only to throw away the hard won advantages. This is a weakness with which supporters have become familiar over the years.

In the circumstances, Noel O'Neill's performance to be top goalscorer in the League this season with 86 goals was outstanding. Noel also works hard for the team off the field. Geoff Hocking was a worthy winner of the Club's first grade best and fairest award and an extremely popular player. The steady improvement of the younger players - John Lawson, Darrel Scotland, Mick Brazel and Mark Killer - is encouraging, as is the talent in the junior teams. Tony Stubbs made the big step up to senior football comfortably.

The reserves narrowly missed fourth place in 1982 and again in 1983. Perhaps the most important role of the reserves is to keep pressure on first grade players to perform. Unfortunately, due to injuries in both grades and unavailability of players, this was not the case this year. Indeed it was only through the efforts of a small core of reserve grade players and the support of third grade players that the reserves were moderately competitive. Congratulations go to Frank Southwell for winning the best and fairest award.

The selectors are grateful for the valuable support they received from a number of directions. The social side of the Club remained strong through the continuing efforts of the Ladies' Committee and the bar staff led by Dave Rannard. The coaches - Ian Low, Glen Rebecca and Mick Burgess - deserve credit for the manner in which they performed difficult jobs as do the others who make up the overall team: the fitness and medical trainers, managers, runners, timekeepers, scoreboard attendants, club doctor, committee members and, of course, the players.

... NEVILLE GILL

JIM CALVERT
BRIAN FALCONER

# 1st GRADE



On reflection, the 1983 season must rate as one of the most disappointing in recent years. Although the necessary talent was available, the senior side performed inconsistently throughout the year. There were a number of factors that contributed to our poor performance and these have been discussed at length recently.

The start of the year saw a hard fought recruiting campaign result in a pleasing injection of experience and talent into the Club. Players and supporters looked forward to a successful showing in 1983 but this was not to be. The players and myself fell down on a number of accounts, particularly in the areas of self-discipline and competitiveness, and our on-field performance suffered accordingly. Every effort will be made to overcome these problems and to improve significantly our performance in 1984. It's time that Belconnen's long-spoken-of potential was fulfilled.

Having said that, there are a number of individuals and groups of individuals that I must thank. Without the help, guidance and advice that I received throughout the year - my first at Belconnen - my job would have been impossible.

In no particular order and (with some exceptions) without being specific, I would like to thank the following: the Match Committee; Glen Rebecca and Mick Burgess; the BAFSC Committee, in particular Ray Baguley and Ross Byrne; all the managers and training staff; those people connected with recruiting; time-keepers; the Ladies' Committee; the award donors and player sponsors; all the players and supporters of the Club and lastly, but by no means leastly, my wife and family.

Although our performance as a team was disappointing, there were many fine individual performances throughout the year that deserve special mention. I congratulate Geoff Hocking for his efforts which earned him the Best and Fairest. Geoff, in his first year with Belconnen, has won everyone's respect and has proved to be a tremendous acquisition to the Club. Congratulations also to: David Bennett for a most consistent and dedicated season; Noel O'Neill for finishing on top of the goal kicking in the League; all award winners and all those players who played their first senior game this year.

I must further congratulate the BAFSC Committee - particularly Bags for the tireless days and nights of work he put in - for regaining the Shed.

This year there has been a lot said and done by all concerned, and I'm sure that the experience gained together with the right approach will enable the Club to become a force to be reckoned with in 1984.

One final note to the players, remember those three dates, and be ready:

# 2nd GRADE



1983 was a season that promised much for the reserves but from which, in the end, we gained little.

There are many people to whom I owe a great deal for their support and assistance during the year. I thank the Committee for their extremely dedicated and hard work, Ian Low and Mick Burgess whose efforts deserved better results, the managers and trainers for doing a great job in keeping both sides on the ground, my vice-captain Max Johnston who was a fine leader and friend during the season and my family who arranged themselves around my commitments.

On the football field, the team went through three phases during the season. In the first part of the year, as players and coach got to know each other, our performances contained periods of both very good and very bad team play. Lack of consistency was a problem and, even at this stage of the season, the number of players attending training was low. This led to a deterioration both in team morale and performances on the field.

The middle part of the season was extremely disappointing. Attendance at training was poor in both grades - it was not uncommon to have less than 15 players present. As a result, the reserves began to slip out of the race for a finals spot. It was only the support of players from the third grade side that enabled us to field full reserve grade sides during the latter part of the year. These players acquitted themselves very well and look certain to establish themselves as regular first or reserve grade players next year.

During the final part of the year the team showed steady improvement, but in terms of making the finals it was all too late. An excellent performance against Ainslie saw us just fail to win a good game. Against Eastlake (eventual runners-up) in the last match of the year, a great team effort with every player putting in saw us run out winners. The further the game progressed and the harder it got, the more team spirit and the players' confidence in each other increased. This last game showed that there is much skill and spirit at Belconnen to retain and build on in 1984.

I congratulate Frank Southwell on being a worthy best and fairest and all other trophy winners. Thank you to all players, officials and supporters for your support during a difficult season. I hope that next year Belconnen achieves what it is really after - a premiership flag (or three).

... GLEN REBECCA

# 3rd GRADE



The team won seven and lost nine games to play in the finals for the first time since 1979. Although our loss to Queanbeyan in the first semi-final was disappointing, it reflected results against higher-placed teams generally during the year. However, the success of Third Grade teams should primarily be judged by the number of players who proceed to open-age football. This year eight current Third Grade players either regularly played First Grade or obtained experience there and twelve played in the Second Grade side. Too often, however, because of the Club's shortage of senior players, Third Grade players were required to play with both the Seconds and Thirds. This affected the form of some players who had too much football during the year. For the first time in many years, however, it was not necessary for Under 17 players (who in the past have saved the Third Grade side from extinction) to fill spaces in the Third Grade side.

Once again, the team and Club owe much to coach Mick Burgess for the time, energy and skill he put into the side. His teaching of player attitudes and encouragement in the improvement of skills should stand the Club in good stead in years to come. He was ably supported by Keith Ramsey as Manager and by his wife Anita. (Although not enjoying the best of health, Reg Proctor again tirelessly devoted himself to the roles of Team Co-ordinator and Timekeeper - Editor.) Special thanks to all those who came along to games and supported the side during the year - in particular, Pat Brazel, Col Killer, Harry Souter, Frank Wilkinson and Gary Schmidt (trainer).

Although playing only nine games, Sean Michelle won the Best and Fairest Trophy - just reward for his hard work, improvement in skills and team attitude over the last two years. Shane Jones, with a marked improvement in team play and determination, deserved the runner-up award. As Most Consistent Player, Chris Brown was a regular goal-scorer and broke the season and match goal-kicking records. Gavin Mitchell's award as Most Improved Player recognises the hard work and top form that turned him into a key player during the latter half of the season. No player deserved the Coach's Trophy above Glen O'Sullivan whose fine leadership as Vice-Captain and then Captain contributed substantially to the team's success.

One player deserves special mention. Kim Austin's determination and team loyalty, combined with sympathetic coaching, has resulted in a vast improvement in his football skills over recent years. He has taken disappointments without any lessening of enthusiasm and his attitude is an example to players of greater natural ability. His contribution to Belconnen teams over the years is recorded with gratitude.

... REG PROCTOR

# **JUNIORS**



Twenty-one junior Belconnen teams, including three Colts (U.17) sides, took part in the ACTAFJL Competition in 1983. This was two sides fewer than last year's 23 teams. The Club gained three premierships - Under 9 North, Under 10 South (Division I) and Under 17 South (Division I). A long term aim of the Juniors has been to ensure that an adequate number of junior players continue playing in senior football to build the Under 19 team into a strong combination. This year's Under 17 premiership side should be encouraged by the Senior Club to continue on and provide the competitive spirit required to build a strong Club.

In 1984 the two Belconnen junior administrations - Belconnen South and Belconnen North - will operate as autonomous bodies under the umbrella of the Senior Club. This move is part of the growing process of the Belconnen North juniors and will be beneficial to recruitment as the Belconnen North organisation will be seen as the local club of the suburbs it serves and hopefully will receive full support.

Senior-Junior links continue to improve, due mainly to the tireless efforts of Harry Souter. Assistance with coaches, skill clinics with VFL and Belconnen Senior players, a sports medicine seminar, visits by Senior players to junior training and the formation of the junior 'Scholarship Squad' under Steve Walding were all greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, Junior support for Pot of Gold sales this year was dismal, though this was partly a reflection of the economic climate. Special thanks to Mike Price for his efforts in this most difficult area of football - fund-raising.

One area to which both the Juniors and Seniors will need to give special attention next year is the involvement of Senior players in school clinics. The Juniors need the players and the Seniors need the support of their parents - a special project for 1984.

Belconnen juniors were once again prominent in ACT representative teams. All did their Club proud and were a great credit to our junior coaches, managers and administrators. Belconnen has enormous depth in football talent both on and off the field but suffers from an inferiority complex. We need to think and act like winners. Season 1984 looms as a big challenge for the whole Club. Let's all resolve to accept that challenge and make our Club a 'winner'.

.. LES SCOTLAND Chairman BJNFC

# CLUB RECORDS



### 1983 TROPHY WINNERS

### FIRST GRADE

Best and Fairest (Cleve GEOFF HOCKING Weatherill Memorial Perpetual Trophy) DAVID BENNETT Runner-up Best and Fairest STEVE TAYLOR Most Consistent JOHN LAWSON Most Improved Most Courageous (Neil Conlan PETER TAYLOR Memorial Perpetual Trophy) Donated by the Conlan family PETER BUCHAN Coach's Trophy Best First Year Player (Neil Conlan Memorial STEVE BAYER Perpetual Trophy) Donated by Mutual Acceptance Ltd Special Trophy for 1983 NOEL O'NEILL ACTAFL Leading Goalkicker

### SECOND GRADE

Best and Fairest (Oscar
Washington Perpetual FRANK SOUTHWELL
Trophy)
Runner-up Best and Fairest HAYDN DAW
Most Consistent MAX JOHNSTON
Most Improved PETER JONAS
Coach's Trophy PETER BRADLEY

### THIRD GRADE

Best and Fairest (Reg Proctor
Perpetual Trophy)

Runner-up Best and Fairest
Most Consistent
Most Improved
Coach's Trophy

SEAN MICHELLE
SHANE JONES
CHRIS BROWN
GAVIN MITCHELL
GLEN O'SULLIVAN

### JUNIOR PREMIERSHIP COACHES

Under 17 South (Division I)
Under 10 South (Division I)
Under 9 North

DAVID MILLIE
MORRIE SHARP
MAX MULREADY

### 1983 MILESTONES AND NOTEWORTHY PERFORMANCES

### PLAYER STATISTICS

200 ACT League 1st Grade Matches Dennis Hopkins 194 Club Matches (record) Robert Goddard 191 Club Matches
120 Second Grade Matches (record)
(Note - no records are available to show Robert Mick Burgess Goddard's matches in the Under 19 team during 100 1st Grade Matches Noel O'Neill 100 2nd Grade Matches Frank Southwell 150 Club Matches Frank Southwell Peter Taylor Max Johnston 100 Club Matches 50 Club Matches John Lawson Chris Brown (Age 19) Peter Buchan Alan Lyall John Dess Sean Michelle (Age 19) John Phillips (Age 19) David Foster Dennis Hopkins Michael Pledge

Dennis Hopkins, a credit to ACT football in a long career, completed 209 1st Grade matches by the end of the season: 158 for Queanbeyan and 51 for Belconnen.

Gary Ryan

At 19 years of age, John Phillips has played a total of 67 matches covering all three grades.

Also 19, Chris Brown is the youngest player to achieve five years of service.

### REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Peter Jonas

For the first time, Club players won Australian guernseys. At one end of the scale, Rogan Sharp was named in the Australian Schoolboys (U.16) team after a week of consistently good ruckwork during the Championships. At the older end, Max Johnston won the Best and Fairest Player Award at the Super Rules (over 35 years) Championships and was selected in the Australian team - due reward for a top Club and team man.

Geoff Hocking and Ian Low (who had his moments against NSW) played for the ACT Senior Team.

Steve Walding was selected for the ACT Reserves Team but withdrew due to injury whilst John Dess made it to the line for the ACT Under 23 Team but was injured during the match after having a fine first half.

In Under Age Championships, Jamie Pyke was vice-captain of the ACT Teal Cup Team and Chris Stubbs captained the Under 15 Team for which Brendan Scotland was the ACT Best and Fairest.

### BEST AND FAIREST

In his first year with the Club, Geoff Hocking won the 1st Grade Trophy in a tight contest from David Bennett who also polled consistently in the Mulrooney Medal for equal fourth place.

In 2nd Grade Frank Southwell won the Club Trophy although playing in only 10 of the 18 matches. In the J. McNamara Trophy Steve Walding's injury was costly. He polled 18 votes from 7 matches, only 10 behind the winner.

Sean Michelle won the 3rd Grade Trophy comfortably, appearing in 9 of the 16 matches. He polled well in the T. A. Wharton Trophy to be a distant but equal fifth place.

In the Junior League Under 15 Award Chris Stubbs missed winning by two points to finish equal second whilst Brendan Scotland also polled heavily.

### GOALKICKING

Noel O'Neill was the League's Carlton & United Breweries Goalkicker of the Year with 86 goals, 30 ahead of his nearest rival. Although he missed the first game (v Tuggeranong) he kicked nearly 28% of the 1st team's points for the season despite weather conditions that do not suit his style. He had good performances against all teams except Manuka, his best being 12.2 v Queanbeyan and 12.8 v West Canberra.

In another match v West Canberra, Graeme Wilson kicked 14.2 to come within one goal of Bill Quade's record.

In July, after over two years on the injured list, Mal Manson celebrated his return to the field by posting 11 goals against Tuggeranong Reserves.

Chris Brown rewrote all the 3rd Grade records with 54 goals for the season and a single match total of 14.4 v Eastlake.

### OTHER PERFORMANCES

The Under 17 Division I Team under David Millie won the Club's first premiership in that grade since 1973. Accused of being in second gear in many matches during the season they went into overdrive after a two point lead at half time in the Grand Final by kicking 6.3 to nil against a strong wind and winning finally 14.7 (91) to 8.2 (50).

Tony Stubbs is the latest Under 17 player to gain 1st Grade experience, playing five matches towards the end of the Season.

By all reports Dean Falconer had a good season after his transfer to West Perth at the beginning of the year. He played 15 senior matches and one Escort Cup match, mainly on the wing, returning to the senior side after breaking his collarbone mid-season.

### REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

### AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES

Australian	Schoolboys (U.16)	Team	Rogan Sharp	1983
Australian	Super Rules (over	35) Team	M. Johnston	1983

### ACTAFL SENIOR TEAMS

### Coach

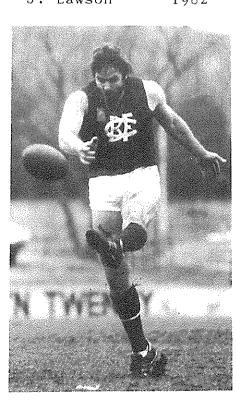
T. Allison 1973, 1974

### Players

D. M. C. G. R. P.	Allison Bennett Chinnick Graham Hocking Koehne Johnson Low Manson	1971, 1973, 1979 1972, 1974, 1979 1983 1971; 1972 1975 1983	1975	L. W. R. P. P.	Manson Moloney Quade Randall Searle Taylor White Widera	1976-1980 inc. 1979 1976, 1979,1980 1978 1979 1980, 1982 1975, 1978, 1981 1976-1979 inc.
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### ACTAFL UNDER 23 TEAMS

J.	Dess	1983
D.	Falconer	1982
Ţ	Lawson	1082





# COACHES AND CAPTAINS

		1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade
Coach Captain	1971	T. Allison T. Allison	J. Hourigan J. Hourigan	R. Baguley J. Talikka
	1972	T. Allison T. Allison	J. Hourigan J. Hourigan	J. O'Connor M. Drekovic
	1973	T. Allison T. Allison	B. Falconer B. Devenish	John O'Dea T. Fardell
	1974	T. Allison	[ L. Pickering [ C. Weatherill	W. Cameron
		T. Allison	L. Pickering	W. Sleeman
	1975	P. Johnson P. Johnson	C. Weatherill	J. Stankevicius
	1976	C. Weatherill J. Calvert	B. Wight P. Sheedy	W. Cameron [ P. Falconer [ B. Lowes
	1977	K. Hassett J. Calvert	W. Gregory P. Sheedy	D. Macilwain [ P. Taylor [ R. Wylucki
	1978 [	K. Hassett to 22.5 N. Conlan to 24.7 M. Gibbs M. Chinnick to 1.6 L. Moloney	7.78 B. Sheridan	D. Macilwain D. Tompsett
	1979	N. Smith N. Smith	B. Sheridan S. Whennan	R. Green C. Althaus
	1980	R. White R. White	K. Tucker K. Tucker	N. O'Neill M. Walding
	1981	L. Moloney L. Moloney	B. Sheridan Robert Goddard	N. O'Neill P. Bradley
42	1982	L. Moloney L. Moloney	Robert Goddard Robert Goddard	M. Burgess J. Phillips
	1983	I. Low I. Low	G. Rebecca G. Rebecca	M. Burgess [ M. Nicholson [ G. O'Sullivan

# CLUB BEST AND FAIREST

### WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP

WINNERS AN	ND KUNNI	ERS-UP		
<u>1st Grade</u>	(from Trophy	1977 Cleve Weatheril	1 M	emorial Perpetual
	• -		B	Jones
	1971	T. Allison	В.	
	1972	M. Chinnick		Koehne
	1973	P. Bateman	В. М.	_
	1974	R. White		Lawn Widera
	1975	R. White T. Allison		Koehne
	1976 1977	J. Manson		Bennett
	1978	S. Widera		Taylor
	1979	P. Taylor		Tompsett
	1980	D. Bennett		Moloney
	1981	R. White		Bennett
	1982	P. Taylor		Falconer
	1983	G. Hocking	D.	
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2nd Grade	(Oscar	Washington Perpetua	1 T	rophy)
	1971	B. Devenish	J.	Hourigan
	1972	A. Richards	J.	Hourigan
	1973	L. Pickering	G.	Moss
	1974	Rob Baguley	Ρ.	
	1975	J. Talikka		Wigley
		P. Sheedy		Whennan
	1977	P. Stubbs		Burgess
	1978	P. Butterworth		0'Malley
	1979	B. Slade		Lipp
	1980	R. Lipp		Sleeman
	1981	Robert Goddard		Southwell
	1982	Robert Goddard	[ A.	
	0 .		_	Taylor
	1983	F. Southwell	Н.	Daw
3rd Grade	(from	1975 Reg Proctor Per	pet	ual Trophy)
	1971	J. Talikka		
	1972	M. Drekovic	Μ.	Sawa
	1973			
	1974	J. Manson	Μ.	Manson
	1975	P. Taylor	Т.	Hughes
	1976	F. Southwell	Р.	
	1977	Ross Goddard	F.	Southwell
	1978	D. Tompsett	W.	Agnew
	1979	W. Maloney	Α.	Brown
	1980	D. Falconer	Μ.	Dunne
	1981	D. Kennedy	Η.	Daw
	1982	G. Lyall	В.	Burke
	1983	S. Michelle	s.	Jones

## 1983 VOTING

### 1st Grade

ist Grade				
	G. Hocking D. Bennett P. Taylor J. Dess N. O'Neill S. Taylor I. Low M. Killer M. Pledge G. Wilson M. Brazel D. Scotland	55 51 33 22 20 19 16 11 11	G. Whittle P. Buchan D. McMicha M. Nichols D. Hopkins S. Bayer D. Foster G. Watt A. Stuart R. Falcone M. Manson J. Phillip	5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 6 5 7 5 7 5 7 5
2nd Grade				
	F. Southwell H. Daw M. Johnston S. Michelle K. Thompson G. Maher S. Walding Robert Goddard P. Bradley A. Brown G. Wilson G. Watt D. Foster A. Lyall M. Manson B. McMillan C. Brown	27 17 14 13 12 11 11 10 9 9 9 7 6 6 6 6 6 5	M. Burgess S. Jones R. Falcone G. Gill W. Maloney J. Phillip A. Stuart P. Trye B. Burke P. Jonas B. Karey G. Woodbri G. Lyall C. Milburn D. Tompset M. Walding	4 4 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 2 2 2 dge 2 1 1 1 1
3rd Grade	S. Michelle S. Jones G. Lyall G. Woodbridge C. Brown G. Mitchell M. Killer J. Phillips W. Allan Rob Sharp A. McGee	29 22 19 18 17 15 14 10 8 6	M. Nichols M. Sylvest D. Brownin J. Smith D. Grant A. Wilkins J. Carbone M. Brazel G. Cheesem S. Linnega	er 5 g 4 4 3 on 3 2 1 an 1

### OTHER PERPETUAL TROPHIES

MOST	COURAGEOU	S 1st	GRADE	PLAYER	(Neil	Conlan	Memorial
P	erpetual	Trophy	) Dona	ated by	the C	onlan F	amily

1979 P. Taylor 1980 R. White 1981 R. White 1983 P. Taylor

# BEST FIRST YEAR 1st GRADE PLAYER (Neil Conlan Memorial Perpetual Trophy) Donated by Mutual Acceptance Ltd

1979 B. Eagles 1980 M. Dwyer 1981 D. Falconer 1983 S. Bayer

### LEAGUE BEST AND FAIREST

### CLUB WINNERS

### MULROONEY MEDAL (1st Grade)

As Turner Football Club: As Belconnen Football Club:

1948 H. Madigan 1952 J. Gleeson 1964 K. Mitchell

1975 R. White

### J. McNAMARA TROPHY (2nd Grade)

As Turner Football Club: As Belconnen Football Club:

1970 L. Pickering (tie) 1981 F. Southwell

### T. A. WHARTON TROPHY (3rd Grade)

1974 M. Manson 1975 D. Bennett 1977 P. Taylor (tie)

### ACTAFL TROPHIES

1973 Under 17 J. Manson 1974 Under 17 (Div 2) D. Bennett

### ACTAFJL TROPHIES

1982 Under 15 Rogan Sharp

### 1983 VOTING

### MULROONEY MEDAL (1st Grade)

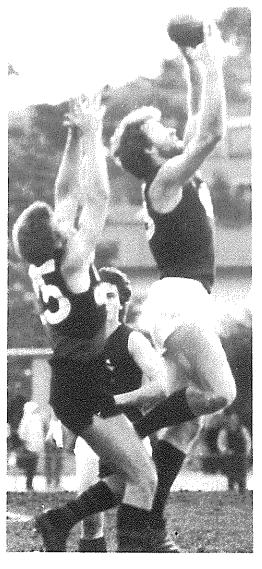
D. Bennett J. Dess G. Hocking J. Lawson D. Scotland S. Taylor N. O'Neill M. Pledge	19 (equal 4th) 14 10 10 8 8 6 5	P. Taylor G. Wilson M. Brazel P. Buchan I. Low B. Hawke G. Whittle S. Bayer	5 5 4 4 4 3 2
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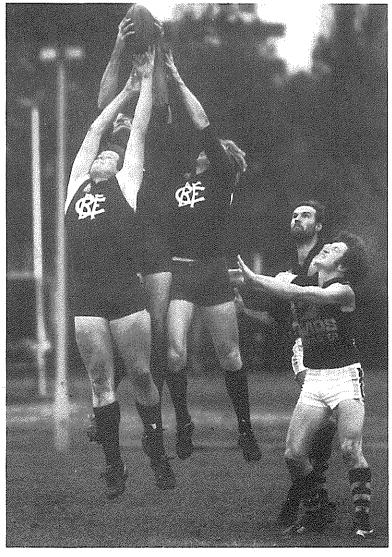
# J. McNAMARA TROPHY (2nd Grade)

M. M.	Walding Johnston Burgess Maher	18 (equal 4th) 16 (equal 7th) 9 7	M. Brazel	3 2 2
F.	Southwell	7 7	M. Manson	2
Κ.	Daw Thompson	6	B. Burke S. Jones	1
	Wilson Bradley	6 4	A. Lyall B. McMillan	1 1
	Rebecca Brown	4 3	J. Phillips M. Sylvester	1 1

### T. A. WHARTON TROPHY (3rd Grade)

s.	Michelle Jones Nicholson	19 12 7	J. Phillips K. Sharp D. Grant	4 4 2
	Brown Killer	6 6	G. Lyall G. O'Sullivan	2 2
Μ.	Sylvester	6	G. Woodbridge	1





### MATCH RECORDS AND GOALKICKING

### ACTAFL PREMIERSHIPS

1972 Under 17 (Champions)

1973 Under 17

1974 Under 19

1974 Under 17 (Division 2)

1978 2nd Grade

ACTAFJL 1983 Under 17

### CONSECUTIVE WINS

1st Grade 10 in 1979 2nd Grade 13 in 1979 3rd Grade 7 in 1974

### HIGHEST SCORE

1st Grade 39.24(258) to 10.12(72) v Sutherland 1979 2nd Grade 36.21(237) to 2.2(14) v ANU 1979 3rd Grade 37.23(245) to 2.4(16) v Queanbeyan 1974

### GOALKICKING RECORDS

### Single Match

1st Grade W. Quade 15.6 v West Canberra 1979 2nd Grade P. Dean 13.3 v Sutherland 1981 3rd Grade C. Brown 14.4 v Eastlake 1983

NOTES 1) M. Manson kicked 10.2 v Ainslie in 3rd Grade in 1974, the record until P. Bradley scored 10.6 v West Canberra in 1981.

2) M. Manson is reported to have kicked 20.3 out of a team score of 31.17 in Under 17 Grade v Queanbeyan in 1973, a combined Club 'record'. However, there is some doubt as he is reputed to have changed jumpers with his identical twin, John, during the match!

### Season

1st Grade W. Quade 114 from 22 matches 1979 2nd Grade W. Gregory 52 from 21 matches 1977 3rd Grade C. Brown 54 from 15 matches 1983

NOTE - M. Manson kicked 48 goals from 8 matches in 3rd Grade in 1974. Goalkicking details from two other games - both low-scoring - he played that season are unavailable. This was the record 1974-82 and not as previously published.

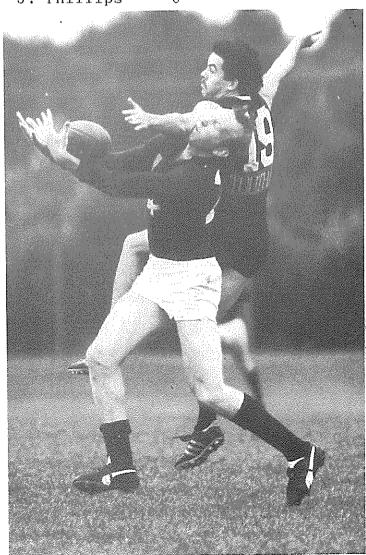
### TOP GOALKICKER (1st Grade)

1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976	M. T. M. W.	Read Read Allison/M. Manson Quade Manson Manson	Read	52 46 20 49 61 53 41	1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983	W. W. W.	Bowman Quade Quade Quade O'Neill O'Neill	46 114 56 55 77 86	(League highest) (League highest)
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# 1983 LEADING GOALKICKERS (More than 5 goals)

1st Grade			
N. O'Neill G. Wilson I. Low D. Scotland	86 42 27 27	G. Hocking R. Falconer P. Buchan M. Manson	13 12 8 7 6
P. Taylor	25	J. Dess	0
<u>2nd Grade</u>			
<ul><li>K. Thompson</li><li>G. Maher</li><li>M. Johnston</li><li>G. Rebecca</li><li>M. Manson</li><li>S. Jones</li><li>J. Gardiner</li></ul>	26 24 20 18 13 12	S. Walding G. Wilson M. Sylvester Greg Watt P. Bradley C. Brown P. Trye	1 1 9 7 7 6 6 6
3rd Grade			
C. Brown S. Jones K. Sharp M. Sylvester M. Nicholson G. Woodbridge	54 24 21 16 15	D. Grant M. Killer S. Michelle A. Wilkinson K. Austin J. Phillips	12 10 9 7 6





# PLAYER STATISTICS - CLUB MATCHES

2nd Grade

100	CLUB

1st Grade

D. Bennett S. Taylor R. Dawson P. Taylor Ray Baguley Robert Goddard N. O'Neill J. Manson M. Manson T. Allison W. Quade M. Price	144 139 121 121 115 113 112 111 107 106 104		R. Burge P. Sheed M. Burge F. South  40 CLUB  3rd Grad C. Brown A. Brown M. Rayne H. Daw W. Agnew C. Altha B. Burke J. Phill	y ss well <u>e</u> r	120 119 113 107 49 43 43 42 41 41
All Grades  Robert Goddard M. Burgess S. Taylor Ray Baguley D. Bennett P. Taylor F. Southwell P. Stubbs P. Sheedy S. Lewis J. Manson M. Manson R. Dawson N. O'Neill R. Burgess T. Grant M. Suidgeest M. Johnston S. Walding T. Allison W. Quade M. Price J. Calvert S. Widera		Total  194 191 177 170 168 153 152 152 136 133 127 127 124 123 120 115 113 112 110 109 108 105	1sts 113 78 139 115 144 121 12 82 17 46 111 107 121 112 - 74 56 54 59 106 103 94	2nds  81 113 25 55 11 107 70 119 75 3 8 3 11 120 41 57 58 40 4 55 11	3rds  * - 13 - 13 31 33 12 13 12 * - 13 *

<sup>(\* 3</sup>rd Grade records for 1971 not available)

### 50 MATCHES - All Grades (3rd Grade Players)

	Total	<u>1sts</u>	<u>2nds</u>	<u>3rds</u>
J. Phillips (1980-83)	67	1 4	12	41.
H. Daw (1979-82)	59	15	2	42
D. Falconer (1979-82)	58	31	-	27
A. Brown (1978-80)	56	6	7	43
C. Brown (1979-83)	55	***	6	49
F. Southwell (1975-77)	55	7	15	33
B. Burke (1979-82)	54	6	7	41
S. Michelle (1981-83)	52	17	12	23
Greg Watt (1979-81)	5 1	15	6	30

# YEARS OF PLAYING SERVICE (At least three games per season)

12 Years	11 Years	9 Years	8 Years	<u>7 Years</u>
M. Burgess Robert Goddard	Ray Baguley S. Taylor	D. Bennett M. Manson F. Southwell P. Stubbs P. Taylor S. Walding	T. Allison R. Burgess R. Dawson S. Lewis J. Manson P. Sheedy	J. Calvert T. Grant N. O'Neill W. Quade M. Suidgeest D. Tompsett S. Widera

5 Years

### 6 Years

R. P. R. M.	Agnew Byrne Culnane Falconer Johnston Moss	John O'Dea M. Price J. Talikka S. Whennan R. White	C. B. M. G.	Brown Brown Burke Chinnick Coggins Daw Devenish	A. L. M. R.	Dess Lyall Moloney Read Watson eg Watt
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### LONGEST PLAYING SEQUENCE

1st Grade	D.	Bennett	109	consecutive	matches
Club	D.	Bennett	135	consécutive	matches

NOTES 1) David Bennett has missed one match (on 4.4.82) since commencing in 3rd Grade on 27.4.75

2) Mike Price missed only one match in a Club career of 108 games from 1976-81.

### YOUNGEST PLAYER

1st	Grade	s.	Walding	15	years	263	days	V	Eastlake 27.3.7	1
2nd	Grade	s.	Widera	14	years	292	days	v	Manuka 22.7.7	2
				14	years	180	days	$\mathbf{v}$	Queanbeyan 22.4	.79

1st Grade	<u>P</u>	$\underline{W}$	<u>L</u>	$\underline{\mathtt{Bye}}$	<u>For</u>	Agst	<u>%</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Manuka Ainslie Eastlake Queanbeyan BELCONNEN Tuggeranong West Canberra	18 18 18 18 18 18	15 14 14 10 6 4	3 4 8 12 14 18	3 3 3 3 3 3	2204 2606 2761 2142 2033 1431 927	1313 1307 1485 1828 2070 2379 3722	167.86 199.39 185.93 117.18 98.21 60.15 24.91	72 68 68 52 36 28
2nd Grade								
Manuka Eastlake Ainslie Queanbeyan BELCONNEN Tuggeranong West Canberra	18 18 18 18 18	1,6 1,4 1,3 9 8 3	2 4 5 9 10 15 18	3 3 3 3 3 3	2220 2293 2207 1650 1614 998 538	883 904 995 1447 1538 2436 3317	251.42 253.65 221.81 114.03 104.94 40.97 16.22	76 68 64 48 44 24
3rd Grade								
Ainslie Manuka Queanbeyan BELCONNEN Tuggeranong West Canberra Eastlake	16 17 17 16 16 16	16 14 11 7 4 3	- 3 6 9 12 13	3 2 2 3 3 3 3	2155 1896 1383 1344 1048 650 630	666 606 1320 1375 1246 1827 2066	323.57 312.87 104.78 97.75 84.11 35.58 30.49	76 64 52 40 28 24

1st Semi-Final

Queanbeyan 16.14(110) BELCONNEN 7.9(51)

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	<u>1sts</u>	<u>2nds</u>	<u>3rds</u>	TOTAL
Manuka	144	76	64	284
Ainslie	136	64	76	276
Eastlake	136	68	16	220
Queanbeyan	104	48	52	204
BELCONNEN	72	44	40	156
Tuggeranong	56	24	28	108
West Canberra	24	12	24	60

### BELCONNEN BEAUREPAIRE TYRE SERVICE PRE-SEASON CARNIVAL

Group A	<u>P</u>	$\underline{W}$	L	<u>For</u>	Agst	<u>%</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Ainslie	2	2		119	17	700.00	8
West Canberra	2	1	1	76	69	104.35	4
Queanbeyan	2	1	1	56	61	91.80	4
Tuggeranong	2	_	2	30	130	23.08	_
Group B							
Manuka	2	1	1	82	61	134.43	4
Eastlake	2	1	1	79	75	105.33	4
BELCONNEN	2	1	1	60	85	70.58	4

FINAL - Ainslie 10.4(64) Manuka 5.2(32)

## $\underline{\text{COCK OF THE NORTH TROPHY}}$ (between Belconnen and Ainslie)

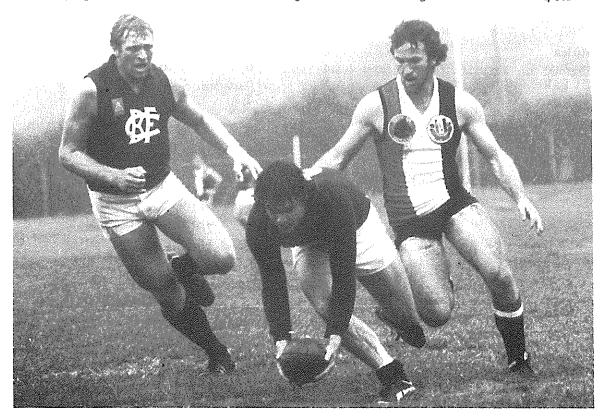
24	April	won by	Ainslie	16.13(109)	to	9.12(66)
12	June	won by	Ainslie	28.18(186)	to	7. 9(51)
31	July	won by	Ainslie	23.18(156)	to	13.10(88)

### NEIL CONLAN MEMORIAL TROPHY (between Belconnen and Manuka)

15 May	won by	Manuka	17.13(115)	to	10.9(69)
3 July	won by	Manuka	14.20(104)	to	13. 7(85)
20 August	won by	Manuka	17.16(118)	to	8.16(64)

### HOW BELCONNEN FINISHED 1971-1983

	<u>1sts</u>	<u>2nds</u>	<u>3rds</u>
1971	5th	6th	4th
1972	4th	5th	5th
1973	Šth	6th	5th
1974	5th	5th	Premiers
1975	5th	3rd	4th
1976	5th	5th	4th
1977	4th	3rd	4th
1978	3rd	Premiers	5th
1979	2nd	2nd	4th
1980	6th	6th	5th
1981	5th	3rd	5th
1982	5th	5th	7th
1983	5th	5th	4th



# 1983 SENIOR PLAYERS - GAMES PLAYED

PLAYER	TOTAL				1983			-1983	3	AGE	FIRST
FLATER	1st	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	3rd	31.8.83	YEAR
ALLAN, W. AUSTIN, K BAYER, S. BENNETT, D. BLUNDEN, D. BRADBURY, S. BRADLEY, P. BRAZEL, M. BROWN, A. BROWN, C. BROWNING, D. BUCHAN, P. BURGESS, M. BURGESS, R. BURKE, B. CARBONE, J. CARNE, L. CHEESEMAN, G. CLOTHIER, C. DAW, H. DAWSON, R. DESS, J. DUMMETT, L. FALCONER, R. FORSTER, R. FORSTER, R. FOSTER, D. GILL, G. GARDINER, J. GODDARD, Rob GRANT, D. HANLEY, A. HARPER, A. HAWKE, B. HOCKING, G. HOPKINS, D. JOHNSTON, M. JONAS, P. JONES, S.	18 144 2 222 6 50 78 7 22 121 41 23 134 113 113 18 51 54	11 146 1 19 6 2 2 113 120 17 1 1 10 3 15 27 14 14 10 26 81 2 1	20 33 13 7 33 7 43 49 19 41 4 26 5	18 18 12 17 1 1 7 4 12 10 9 1 13 18	1 17 16 3 2 10 6 10 1 8 3 1 4 10 17 14	9 15 3 2 15 15 15 17 5	126 2 10 6 33 78 6 15 117 29 13 1 25 113	11 29 13 3 2 103 114 7	11 18 13 4 33 5 43 34 4 4 26 5	19 19 19 26 17 23 21 18 21 17 22 33 31 20 18 22 24 18 22 23 20 20 27 37 24 37 26 37 26 37 26 37 26 37 26 37 26 37 26 37 37 37 37 37 37 37 37 37 37 37 37 37	1982 1983 1975 1983 1975 1983 1978 1983 1979 1981 1977 1983 1978 1983 1978 1983 1983 1983 1983 1983 1983 1983 198
KAREY, B. KILLER, M. KORDA, D. LAWSON, J. LINNEGAR, S. LOW, I. LYALL, A	11 49 16 5	29 2 9	2 3 1 2 2 3 1	8 14 16 5	3 17 2 9	1 2 1 2 1 2	3 3 5	12	15 11 1 10 31	21 18 22 21 18 29 21	1980 1982 1981 1983 1981 1982 1983 1979

DIAVED		TOTAL			1983	<u></u>	Pre	-198;	3	AGE	FIRST
PLAYER	lst	2nd	31°d	1st	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	3rd	31.8.83	YEAR
LYALL, G. McGEE, A. MACLEOD, I. McMICHAEL, D. McMILLAN, B. MAHER, G. MALONEY, W. MANSON, M. MICHELLE, S. MILBURN, C. MITCHELL, G. MITCHELL, R. NICHOLSON, M. O'NEILL, N. ORSAG, P. O'SULLIVAN, G. PHILLIPS, J. PLEDGE, M. RAMSEY, K. REBECCA, G. ROBERTS, A. RYAN, G. SCOTLAND, D. SHARP, K. SHARP, Rob SMITH, J. SOUTHWELL, F. STUART, A. STUBBS, A. SYLVESTER, M. TAYLOR, P. TAYLOR, P. TAYLOR, S. THOMPSON, K. TOMPSETT, D. TRYE, P. WALDING, M. WALDING, S. WATSON, R. WATT, C. WATT, Greg WHITTLE, G. WILKINSON, A. WILSON, G. WOODBRIDGE, G. WREN, P.	32 7 38 107 17 20 2 112 14 47 5 10 27 12 8 5 121 139 59 131 5 13 2	12 16 11 21 5 8 12 21 1 11 3 4 14 3 40 107 23 10 12 3 40 5 9 22 1 1 25 11 5 8 12 15 16 17 17 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18	34 25 11 4 26 12 23 30 41 22 30 41 6 14 15 21 23 33 14 31 13 9 18 24 13 17 20	1 5 2 4 3 9 2 17 8 1 3 2 1 6 4 7 5 1 8 1 6 2 7 5 1 3	1 3 6 2	15 16 4 9 17 9 15 13 2 14	17 38 104 8 20 95 6 34 310 11 103 123 57 59 1 24	2 14 1 10 4 5 6 19 11 6 1 28 97 17 1 25 4 23 5 33 58 14	19 9 11 26 12 14 13 13 32 6 14 8 33 1 13 9 18 24 13 9 30 1 3	19 18 20 30 19 23 27 19 38 21 19 24 17 18 19 24 17 18 19 25 27 20 24 28 318 21 28 27 28 24 28 24 28 38 21 28 24	1981 1981 1982 1982 1982 1982 1982 1982

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