



LIFE MEMBER

Alfred Andrew ("Jock") Lucas

c.1912–1976

Jock Lucas was born in Geelong. His grandfather, a Scot, looked at the baby and said 'Ah he's a wee Jock' and so he was always known as 'Jock'.

He played for Chilwell Football Club in the 1929 premiership team. When Chilwell amalgamated with Newtown he was runner-up in the Best and Fairest in 1936. In 1937 he was Vice-Captain of the club's first premiership team and winner of the Best and Fairest award.

Following his playing career, Jock began coaching. His record as a coach at Newtown and Chilwell was remarkable. During the war an Under-18 League was created and Jock coached the Newtown and Chilwell Under-18 team. They were premiers and champions in 1945 and grand finalists in 1946. He then coached the 1955 senior team (grand finalists) and the 1957 senior team. In 1960 he was selected as coach of the Team of the

Decade 1950–1960. He was made a life member of the Newtown and Chilwell Football Club in 1970.¹

In 1950, Jock Lucas assisted Les Laver and Fred Hawking to coach Geelong Football Club Under-19s. In 1951 and 1952, Jock took over as coach. He also umpired Geelong district football for many years.

Jock Lucas worked at the Returned Sailors and Soldiers Mill. It was there that he met Norma Powell, who also worked at the mill. They married and lived at 30 Frank Street, Newtown for all of their married life. Les Powell (22 games for Geelong 1944–46) was Norma's brother. Jock and Norma had no children, but they had nephews and nieces—Kelvin, Clark and Dallas Stribley and the Powells. A nephew, Graham Powell, later played in the Geelong reserves.

Jock Lucas was a member of the Geelong Past

Players and Officials Association committee for more than twenty years from the 1950s until the 1970s. He was the central umpire in the 1954 past players' match. As a committee member he is frequently mentioned in the minutes in connection with maintaining the Past Players' Stand and running the raffles. He was made a life member of the Past Players and Officials Association in 1974. The life membership was presented to him by Les Laver at a reunion luncheon for the 1930 reserves champion team.²

Jock Lucas regularly attended home games and sat in the Past Players' Stand, sometimes bringing one of his nephews with him to watch the game.³



Trophies awarded by Newtown and Chilwell FC: Runner up Best and Fairest 1936, Best and Fairest 1937, Senior coach 1955



Newtown and Chilwell Under-18 premiers and champions 1945, coached by Jock Lucas (centre)



Jock Lucas, coach of Geelong third eighteen, 1952, centre row. Back: J. Sykes (property), C. Lidgerwood (match cte), G. Pung (timekeeper), J. Salter (Ass. Mgr) Centre: B. Barmby, D. Bowden (capt), J. Lucas (coach), D. Huon (mgr), K. Duff (vc) Front: N. Fort, R. McLeod, P. Beggs, J. Masterson

Sources

- 1 Information provided by Christine Kelly, Newtown and Chilwell Football Club historian, April 2013
- 2 Minutes, Geelong Past Players' Association
- 3 Dr Kelvin Stribley, phone call to Susan Kruss, 7 May 2013