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# Season 2016

Geelong Past Players & Officials Newsletter

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## Presidents Report

As the outgoing and retiring President of the Geelong Past Players & Officials Club, I wish to thank Vice-president Ray Card, Secretary Peter Menzies, Treasurer Eric Nicholls, board members Brian Chirgwin, Wayne Hovey, Russell Renfrey, Tim McGrath and Mark Yeates for their support throughout the year. It has been an enjoyable 6 year tenure of this valuable adjunct to the Geelong Football Club and I am content in the fact that I think I have, in some small way, continued the ongoing success of this worthwhile football institution. Best Wishes to the club in the future.

Brian Brushfield

## Sharron Dickman

Also moving on is Sharron Dickman. For six years Sharron has been our contact with the Football Club committee and the Honouring the past Co-ordinator. We first met Sharron when the memorabilia in our old rooms had to be catalogued, repaired and wrapped for storage. Among many tasks performed for the Past Players, Sharron used her experience of working in museums to keep displays up to date and topical in our club rooms. We thank Sharron for her great help and welcome her replacement Rebecca Hill.

## Committee Changes.

Martin Christensen played with Geelong from 1985-1988 and 1990-1991 and has been elected to the Board of the Past Players. Marty played 69 games and kicked 18 goals. Welcome Marty. Ray Card has been elected President with Mark Yeates as Vice President. The full board, for season 2016 is President Ray Card, Vice President Mark Yeates. Secretary Peter Menzies, Treasurer Eric Nicholls, Board Members Russell Renfrey, Wayne Hovey, Brian Chirgwin, Tim McGrath and Martin Christensen.

## Well done and thankyou Brian.

Brian Brushfield did not seek re-election as President of the Geelong Past Players for season 2016. Brian was elected our leader at the Annual meeting in 2010 the first meeting he attended, setting a goal to serve two years and serving six. The first hurdle he encountered was to be told by Brian Cook that the Club rooms were to be demolished and all fittings in the rooms needed to be sold as they would not be required in the relocated area. The CEO told the committee the Past Players would not be disappointed in the new rooms and as of 2016 we have not.

Another challenge was to be introduced to Susan Kruss by Sharron Dickman and told Susan was prepared and capable to write a book on the 80 year history of the Past Players. I do not think at the time anyone thought it would turn out to be a 277 page document. With only rough minutes and the research of Susan, the memory of members the mission was completed and financed by the committee lead by Brian. To this stage no obvious mistakes have been directed to the committee.

Club member Tim was diagnosed with a serious condition and it was decided the best way to help him was to provide finance. This would enable him to concentrate on improving his health. A night for Tim was organized and a very successful night was held with just under 400 attending.

It was identified that in the 2000's the best way to communicate with members was the internet so a website was built. [geelongpastplayers.com](http://geelongpastplayers.com).

A Players end of season get together has been well received. Recognizing a former player's contribution to the community, the committee put forward a nomination to the Australia day Council resulting in him receiving an OBE. Reunions, helping Alzheimer's with the Reminiscence Book, assistance to members, the Golf Day and a host of other projects have flourished under Brian Brushfield's leadership.

These are a few of the achievements in the last six years. A job well done thank you on behalf of all members.



**PAST PLAYERS SEATING GROUND ADMISSION SEASON 2016.**

In season 2016 due to the main stand redevelopment the past players seating allocation has been reduced from 150 to 100 seats. (FOR 1 SEASON ONLY) Because of this at least for our first home game Rd 3 v Brisbane Lions on Sunday 10 April at 4.40pm seat allocation will be one seat per past player member. (NO GUESTS WILL BE ABLE TO BE ALLOCATED A SEAT WITH PAST PLAYERS) Guests may be accommodated in the past players room to see the game on the screens therein. Seat booking (Preferred option) may be made by phoning Eric Nicholls 0402 813 424 up to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Ground entry for past players with Geelong Football Club memberships on match days will be Bernie Smith gate on Moorabool Street or Doug Wade gate outside the past players. There will be a cash ticket office at the Doug Wade gate for this season where our members will probably need a seat ticket to gain gate admission. If you have any queries re the above feel free to contact me as above  
Eric Nicholls  
Hon Treasurer.

**2015 Golf Day a Great Hit.**

70 Golfers hit off on the Annual Golf Day at Barwon Heads Golf Links. After submitting their handicap all were presented with a golf towel. Winning team on a countback (best back 9) was Ron Tenabel, Richard Perry, Peter Van Den Bosh and Graeme Swinton. Second place team was Damien Christensen, Ron Hosking, Colin Carter, and Mark Yeates. Winners received trophy's donated by John Rafferty. Pro Shop vouchers of \$125-00 each were donated by Peter Brown of Geelong Water Wise were won by Peter Johnson (Longest Drive and nearest the Pin) Damien Christensen was nearest the Pin on the 18<sup>th</sup>. James Khoo won nearest the Pin on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Nevio Zaitz was awarded an encouragement award for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. Brian McLean was drawn out from all participants to claim the driver donated by Ben Stewart. Spot prizes donated by Ron Hosking were handed out. Mike Clayton gave an insight into life on the Golf Circuit.



**Geelong Claim Combined Bowls Trophy.**

Geelong Past Players entered two teams in the Combined Past Players Annual Bowls Day held at Altona Bowls Club. Although not winning first place (that went to a combined Footscray Football Club and Altona Bowls Club team) not eligible to win the Ken McKaig Shield. Geelong represented by Russell Middlemiss lead, Ray Bennett second, Brian Lever Third and skippered by Frank Pomeroy did finish second winning all 4 games and beating all Football Clubs to claim the Shield, which now hangs proudly in our rooms. A second side with Brian Chirgwin lead, Peter Menzies second, Scott Hovey Third and Wayne Hovey skipper was not as successful winning only one game. Geelong will defend the trophy on Sunday March 20 at the Altona Bowls Club.



**Vale**

Sid Tate - played 1947-1951 85 games 13 goals.  
Bob Wiltshire - 1954-1957 30 Games 12 Goals

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**Geoff Williams OBE.**

At the recent Australia Day celebrations former player Geoff Williams was recognised for service to Australian Rules football, and the community of Geelong.

Some of Geoff's contributions to the community include co-founding and running for 15 years Geelong's original YMCA little league football competition, working on the YMCA for a decade including two years as president, and starting and coaching an indoor soccer competition at Corio for five years from the late 1970s. The soccer competition took Geelong teams to national titles. Geoff also helped establish Bell Post Hill's Cobradah drop-in centre and volunteered there for many years. He is a long- time member of Hamlyn and Western Heights Uniting and Geelong's Wesley Uniting Church congregations and Geelong West and Highton Combined Probus clubs.

Geoff for many years drove the Prison Welfare bus from the North Geelong Station to Barwon Prison transporting inmate's visitors.

**Footy trip to Thailand 1980.**

In photo. Bottom Left.  
Gary Malarkey, Jan Smith, Boat Captain, John Russell, Tom Floyd  
Mario Bortalotto, Mark Bos, Terry Bright  
Bruce Nankervis, Murray Witcombe, Ray Card, Jack Hawkins



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