

**DUNNSTOWN**

**FOOTBALL**

**CLUB**

**CENTENARY**

**1894 - 1994**



We have endeavoured to be as accurate as is humanly possible in compiling this book, however, discrepancies do occur in the reported spellings of players' names etc. (Names quoted are [SIC] as recorded in newspaper articles). As much of this book is quoted from newspapers, many of the articles may appear to be controversial due the reporter of the day. We do apologise for any errors or omissions. Due to limited available space, many games have been extracted and summarised.

Many of the stories have been quoted without comment (although explanations may be required) as it would only hearsay. Each individual has their own opinion and because "each story" leads to so many different versions from players/supporters, we have left it up to you to read between the lines.

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# FORWARD

This book depicting the events of the Dunnstown Football Club from 1894 to 1994 is the result of hours of work by the Centenary Committee, and more particularly by individuals within that Committee.

The painstaking collection of historical happenings and facts are humorous and above all interesting.

You will read for example of the factual account, insofar as newspapers are factual, of the first match between Dunnstown and Gordon on 16th June, 1894.

Dunnstown had two football teams, a North and South. These may have been predecessors to the terms that I heard of from old-timers that north of the railway line were known as Wallaby Town and those from the southern area were the Sharks. A perfect case of being born on the right side of the track - which obviously sparks arguments about which IS the right side of the track.

A great deal of this book is about people. The name of Paddy Bourke will appear in heroic terms in the period of the late 1920's. The names of those who played Victorian League Football (V.F.L) will have their exploits explained in detail.

Of real significance are the names of those who "kept the club going" in good and bad times. The unsung Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and more latterly the Ladies Committee who have not sought glory but worked untiringly for the Club and the "Town".

The brawls, the dedication, and the commitment are all outlined. Many people will recognise themselves and the events that are portrayed here.

Of course, as always the book will not include every story, every event, but if it triggers new stories and descriptions of new events, it will have served its purpose, which is to celebrate one hundred years and begin the next century of the Dunnstown Football Club.

Frank Sheehan

# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

As Chairman of the Centenary Committee, I wish to acknowledge the contribution of the committee for their dedication and perseverance over the last twelve months in helping compile "From Saplings to Goal Posts".

I did not realise the tremendous time and effort that would be involved in the research and production of such a history, and for this reason, I would like to personally thank Helen Spratling as secretary of the committee, for her guidance and thoroughness during the preparation of this book, to Dianne Cahir for her writing diligence in formatting the finished product, and Anne White in researching information with them.

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This book is not only a record of a century of history, but an acknowledgment and thank you to all those people who have dedicated their time and effort over the last centenary.

Neil Leonard,  
Chairman Centenary Committee.

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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As the elected President of the Dunnstow Football Club for 1994, it gives me a great deal of pride and pleasure to be part of such an historic occasion as the Dunnstow Football Club's Centenary year.

Over the past twelve months that it has taken to organize and compile the information contained in this book, it is obvious that in the past 100 years the people associated with the Club would agree that it was, and is, a unique club to be part of.

Hearing the various stories and anecdotes of past players, members and supporters whom have contributed the many facets of information contained in this centenary book, I am sure you will find that it makes interesting, informative and enjoyable reading, and will do so time and time again in the years to come.

I would also like to thank the President of the Centenary Committee, Neil Leonard and his very capable committee and all those that have contributed to making this book the success it is.

Gary Bridges, President.



# INTRODUCTION

The need to preserve our history is as important as preserving life. Knowing where we have come from helps us to know where we are going.

The idea of having a "Back to Dunnstown" by the football club has been tossed around for many years now. From information about Dunnstown Football Club playing against Gordon in 1894, it was realised that the club's centenary was looming. A meeting was called and a committee formed to begin researching the history of Dunnstown Football Club, and organising the Centenary celebrations to take place in 1994. This committee decided to publish a book to preserve our history for generations to come.

This book is that "original idea" come to fruition.

Prior to 1894, Dunnstown was divided into two separate clubs, North and South Dunnstown. The inaugural meeting held on the 4th May, 1894 saw the amalgamation of these two clubs to form what is now the Dunnstown Football Club. In these formative years of Dunnstown's football history, not only did Dunnstown have a team in an organised league or association, it also began the Association. This Association was known as the Dunnstown Football Association, or the Dunnstown Football Trophy.

Throughout the past 100 years, the club has seen a great number of changes: Introduction of a reserve grade competition; and the formation of junior teams. Having played on a number of different playing arenas - the club purchased land to establish the current sports arena and community complex. The club has also seen many changes in guernsey colours and designs.

It is significant to note that the Dunnstown Football Club has also been affiliated and played in nine different associations and leagues, being successful finalist throughout.

In the past Dunnstown boasted two hotels and a community hall. Each of these establishments was used in earlier years as change rooms for local and competing teams. The Shamrock Hotel has been a focal point of the Dunnstown Football Club history - as it still is today.

Hopefully this book will prove to be a real source of information and a reasonable account of the past 100 years. Trusting that you will derive great pleasure from re-living a century of football.

# 1894 - 1924

As explained in the introduction, the Dunnstown Football Club was formally formed 100 years ago, in 1894. A meeting held at McGrath's Shamrock hotel in May 1894 was the start of this club full of tradition and loyalty.

The inaugural year of, not only the Dunnstown Football Club, but the Dunnstown Association was certainly a memorable one, filled with controversy, rivalry and protests. The games were hard fought and physical encounters. Games were abandoned because of 'poor' ground conditions or 'no show' of the opposition team. One club pulled out of the 5 club association in mid-season, leaving only four clubs to compete for the coveted McGrath's Cup. The uncouth practice of "paid" players has even raised its ugly head in these heady days of competitive country football.

The teams vying for the Inaugural Trophy of the McGrath's Cup in the Dunnstown Football Association in 1894 were Dunnstown, Gordon, Wallace, Egerton and Egerton South.

This report as recorded on May 4th, 1894 is of that first meeting where the election of the club's first office bearers took place.

## ***DUNNSTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB***

*The Inaugural meeting for the season of the Dunnstown Football Club was held on Wednesday, at which there was a large attendance.*

*The amalgamation of the North and South Clubs was effected, and it was resolved to arrange matches for the season with other district clubs.*

*It was announced that a trophy to the value of £5/5/- had been offered by a local resident for competition amongst the following clubs: Gordon, Millbrook, Claretown, Lal Lal, Wallace, Warrenheip. Entries will close for the trophies on or before May 24. The election of officers resulted as follow:- Patrons, Mr E Murphy, M.L.A; Messrs. J Coghlan,jnr., W Kenna, M Quirk, J McGrath; President, Mr M Lonergan; vice-presidents, Messrs. J T Bremner, and J Learnihan; captain, D Quin; vice-capt. Simon Greene, secretary, T McGuan; treasurer, P Hartigan; match committee the officers (ex-offico), P O'Farrell, D Learnihan, A Quin, J O'Loughlin, T Guinane.*

***"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" May 4, 1894***

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## **DUNNSTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB**

*A meeting of the above club was held at McGrath's hotel on Thursday evening. Mr J Learnihan, vice-president, occupied the chair. Four nominations were received for the trophy presented for competition by Mr J McGrath. The entries from the Gordon, Egerton and Dunnstown clubs were received, also that of South Egerton, subject to the condition that they play their matches on the Egerton ground.*

*The secretary was instructed to invite applications for the position of central umpire throughout the season, at a remuneration of ten shillings per match, entries to be received by the secretary, up till 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening 5th inst. A meeting of delegates from the clubs interested in the trophy, will be held at the Shamrock Hotel on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of drawing up a list of matches for this season. After several items of a routine character had been transacted, and a vote of thanks passed to the chairman, the meeting adjourned.*

***"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" June 1, 1894***

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A meeting of the Dunnstown Football Trophy Association's delegates took place on June 8th, 1894 with the representatives of each participating club drew up the rules to govern the Association. That meeting was reported follows.

### **DUNNSTOWN FOOTBALL TROPHY**

*A meeting of the Dunnstown football trophy was held at McGrath's Shamrock Hotel, Dunnstown, on Tuesday 5th June. Mr Quinn was voted to the chair, there being also present Messrs T Clark (Egerton), J Philips (South Egerton), J Learnihan (Dunnstown), J Edwards (Gordon), and Mercer, who was elected secretary of delegates. The following rules were drawn up for the consideration of each club:-*

- 1. Players to be picked from residents living within two and a half miles from local post-office.*
- 2. No player shall be allowed to play with two clubs after the commencement of the competition.*
- 3. All players shall wear the colours of their club, the word colour not necessarily applying to more than guernsey.*
- 4. Any team not on the ground within half an hour of appointed time*

*for starting shall forfeit match to the opposing team.*

5. *The time of starting to be 3 p.m., each quarter being 25 minutes, with 10 minutes interval for halftime.*
6. *Umpires to be paid at the rate of 10 shillings per match, the club playing on their own ground to pay the amount, for which the captain will be held responsible.*
7. *The umpires are requested to report to the delegates any rough play or unseemly behaviour, and the delegates are empowered to fine any offence.*
8. *Umpires are requested to report in writing to the secretary of delegates the result of matches before the following Tuesday.*
9. *All protests to be lodged in the hands of the secretary of delegates 48 hours after the match, accompanied by a deposit of 5 shillings, which will be forfeited if protest be not upheld by the association.*

*The colours of the clubs are as follow:- Gordon, red and white; South Egerton, red, white and blue; Egerton, red and blue; Dunnstown, blue and white; Wallace, red and blue. The delegates of the Egerton club objected to the Wallace colours on the grounds that the Egerton was the older established club, and the delegates decided that the Wallace team must change their guernseys when they met Egerton. As the delegates were unable to agree in drawing all the matches, it was decided to ask Mr A Berry, of the Sporting World, to draw the round of matches, the secretary of delegates to send the result to each club's secretary as soon as possible. It was also decided that the first match should be played on the 16th June, the club drawn against Dunnstown to play the first match at Dunnstown, and also the final match. The secretary of delegates was instructed to call meetings when necessary, not less than three days' notice to be given to each club's secretary. The applications of Messrs Maloney and McCree for the position of umpires to the association were accepted. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.*

***"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" June 8, 1894***

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*A match will be played on Saturday between Gordon and Dunnstown clubs on the latter's ground. As this is the first match for the trophy great interest is taken in it. The Gordon club had a practice on Wednesday afternoon, when several new players were tried, who will greatly strengthen the team. The Dunnstown team will be picked from the following :- Carr, Clarke, Diamond, Donnelan, Duke, Dwyer, Green, Ginnane(2), Hartigan (2), Hassitt, Kelly, Kane, Keneally, Learnihan, McAuley, McGuan, McGrath, Mercer, Moloney(2), O'Farrell (2), O'Loughlin, O'Meara, O'Donnell, O'Donohue, Quinn (Capt.), Reeves.*

***"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" June 15, 1894***

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*The following are the fixtures for the Dunnstow and District Football Trophy matches. The game will in all cases be played on the ground of the first-named club.*

<i>June 16</i>	<i>Dunnstow V Gordon</i>	<i>Wallace V Sth Egerton</i>	<i>Egerton a bye</i>
<i>June 23</i>	<i>Egerton V Dunnstow</i>	<i>Gordon V Wallace</i>	<i>Sth Egerton a bye</i>
<i>June 30</i>	<i>Sth Egerton V Gordon</i>	<i>Wallace V Egerton</i>	<i>Dunnstow a bye</i>
<i>July 7</i>	<i>Dunnstow V Wallace</i>	<i>Egerton V Sth Egerton</i>	<i>Gordon a bye</i>
<i>July 14</i>	<i>Gordon V Egerton</i>	<i>Sth Egerton V Dunnstow</i>	<i>Wallace a bye</i>
<i>July 21</i>	<i>Gordon V Dunnstow</i>	<i>Sth Egerton V Wallace</i>	<i>Egerton a bye</i>
<i>July 28</i>	<i>Dunnstow V Egerton</i>	<i>Wallace V Gordon</i>	<i>Sth Egerton a bye</i>
<i>Aug 4</i>	<i>Gordon V Sth Egerton</i>	<i>Egerton V Wallace</i>	<i>Dunnstow a bye</i>
<i>Aug 11</i>	<i>Wallace V Dunnstow</i>	<i>Sth Egerton V Egerton</i>	<i>Gordon a bye</i>
<i>Aug 25</i>	<i>Dunnstow V Gordon</i>	<i>Wallace V Sth Egerton</i>	<i>Egerton a bye</i>
<i>Sept 1</i>	<i>Egerton V Dunnstow</i>	<i>Gordon V Wallace</i>	<i>Sth Egerton a bye</i>
<i>Sept 8</i>	<i>Wallace V Egerton</i>	<i>Sth Egerton V Gordon</i>	<i>Dunnstow a bye</i>
<i>Sept 15</i>	<i>Dunnstow V Wallace</i>	<i>Egerton V Sth Egerton</i>	<i>Gordon a bye</i>
<i>Sept 22</i>	<i>Gordon V Egerton</i>	<i>Sth Egerton V Dunnstow</i>	<i>Wallace a Bye</i>

***"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" June 15, 1894***

***GORDON V DUNNSTOWN.***

*These clubs met on Saturday last to play their first match for the Dunnstow Football Trophy, the match taking place at Dunnstow and resulted in a victory for the Gordon team by 3 goals 3 behinds to Dunnstow's 2 goals 7 behinds. The match has for some time past been looked forward to with considerable interest, chiefly on account of a rumour circulated in Gordon that the Dunnstow team, composed of men averaging not less than 14st. each, who were prepared to wade knee-deep through their opponents' blood rather than suffer a defeat at their hands.*

*Happily, however, this proved to be a stretch of someone's imagination, and though Dunnstown was by far the heavier team, the Gordonites' fast and combined play compensated for their opponents superior weight.*

*The game was a fairly even one, as the scores show, and the umpire, Moloney, though considered by some to be unnecessarily strict, gave general satisfaction. The most serious accident of the day happened to P. Ryan, captain of the Gordon team, who, in the third quarter, got a nasty kick in the chest, which left its mark in the shape of an imprint of a No. 10 boot. But with characteristic pluck Paddy was soon on his feet again and following the ball as lively as ever. The following is a brief account of the play :-*

*First Quarter - Soon after the bell was rung, the ball was rushed to the Dunnstown territory and Harris kicked first goal for Gordon. T McCulloch almost immediately after followed with a behind. Play was then rather slack until near the last of the quarter, when P. Ginane kicked first behind for Dunnstown, and soon afterwards kicked a goal. Mercer kicked another behind, and when the bell rang the scores stood -*

*Gordon, 1 goal 1behind; Dunnstown, 1 goal 2 behinds.*

*Second Quarter - Play was a little more even and nothing was scored until the quarter was half over when Green scored behind for Gordon and J Ryan then scored another behind, and on the ball being kicked off Greene got a mark right in front and scored Gordon's second goal, Dunnstown then rushed a behind, and when half-time was called the scores stood -*

*Gordon, 2 goals 3 behinds;Dunnstown,1 goal 3 behinds.*

*Third Quarter - Play got perceptibly rougher, and some of the Gordon boys got rather knocked about. Fox presently got hold of the ball and by a good kick placed third goal for Gordon. This last goal was evidently the last straw that "broke" the camel's back, and the Dunnstownites began to show their superior weight, but the Gordon boys pluckily held their own until the quarter ended, neither team scoring. The game now stood -*

*Gordon, 3 goals 3 behinds; Dunnstown, 1 goal 3 behinds.*

*Last Quarter - Dunnstown went at it with a rush and succeeded in keeping the ball at the Gordon end, until within ten minutes of finishing play, but they were evidently disheartened, as they had no less than five shots for goal one after the other; but they all went wide of the mark with the exception of one kicked by P Moloney which went through the sticks and left Dunnstown but one in arrears. P. Gilane [sic](Ginane) especially had hard luck as he kicked no less than four behinds during the game. During the last ten minutes play Gordon got the ball under control again and kept it away from their opponents goal until time was*

called.

Final scores -

Gordon, 3 goals 3 behinds; Dunnstown, 2 goals 7 behinds.

Goalkickers - Gordon - Harris, Greene, Fox; Dunnstown - Moloney and Gilane [sic](Ginane).

**"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" June 22, 1894**

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### **DUNNSTOWN TROPHY MATCHES: EGERTON V DUNNSTOWN**

*This match, also for the Dunnstown Trophy, was played on Saturday last at Egerton, and resulted in a win for Egerton by 3 goals 9 behinds to 3 behinds. The goal-kickers for Egerton were Coyne, Moffatt and Jonas. Those who played best for Dunnstown were Maloney and Quinn, and for Egerton D Culleney and Davey played best, but were well assisted by C Moffitt, Leonard (2), Hopkins, Venville, and others. After the match the Dunnstown team sat down to a nice spread prepared by Mr Moffitt, of the Rose Hotel. The visitors were well satisfied with their trip.*

*In the Gordon V Wallace match, for the Dunnstown Trophy, Gordon defeated Wallace 2 goals 8 behinds to 2 goals 2 behinds.*

**"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" June 29, 1894**

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*Dunnstown will be picked from the following in their match against Wallace, at Dunnstown, on Saturday: - Cahir, Clarke, Diamond, Donnellan, Ginnane (2), Hartigan (2), Kelly, Kennedy, McAuley, McCormack, Mercer, McGuan, McGuigan, Moloney (2), O'Farrell (2), O'Loughlin, O'Meara (2), O'Donohue, O'Donnell, Quinn, Ryan.*

*Players are requested to be on the ground not later than quarter to three.*

**"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" July 6, 1894**

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### **FOOTBALL: DUNNSTOWN TROPHY MATCHES.**

*A meeting of delegates was held at McGrath's Shamrock Hotel on Friday, July 6th, to consider a protest lodged by Wallace Club, in the match North Egerton V Wallace. Mr D Quinn presided, and there were present Messrs Clarke, Learhnan, Donavan, Sutherland and Reidy.*

*The protest was about a player from North Egerton was being paid to play football. Reportedly the Egerton player in question was overheard bragging about his 'payments received' at the local hotel on Saturday evening. As this*

*rumour could not be substantiated no charges were laid. The player, Davey, was not disqualified, as was the motion put forward. It was then put to motion that "North Egerton loses Saturday's match, and that the win be counted to Wallace." Two delegates protested this motion, and tabled an amendment to the effect that the match be awarded to Egerton. The motion was carried.*

***"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" July 13, 1894***

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The following report concerning Dunnstown is controversy at its best!

### **GORDON V DUNNSTOWN**

*The match between the above clubs, which was planned to take place at Gordon on Saturday last, did not come off on account of the ground being considered by the Dunnstown team too wet to play upon. On the umpire being appealed to for his decision on the matter, he upheld the opinion that the match could not be played. This decision created considerable dissatisfaction amongst the Gordon players, who thereupon stripped off, went into the field, and, bouncing the ball and kicking a goal to prove their assertion that the ground was fit to be played on. This, however, proved of no avail, and, after an hour or so had been spent discussion the matter, the players and intending spectators dispersed.*

***"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" July 27, 1894***

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*Dunnstown played Egerton for the second time on Saturday at Dunnstown. Score: Dunnstown 3 goals 5 behinds to Egerton 2 goals 3 behinds.*

<i>Wallace</i>	<i>18 points</i>
<i>Egerton</i>	<i>10 points</i>
<i>Gordon</i>	<i>10 points</i>
<i>Dunnstown</i>	<i>10 points</i>
<i>South Egerton</i>	<i>2 points</i>

***"Ballarat Star" Film no 3882 July 31, 1894***

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### **DUNNSTOWN TROPHY MATCHES**

*Gordon V South Egerton: This match fell through on Saturday owing to the non-appearance of the South Egerton players, who have apparently retired from the competition.*

*Dunnstown team had a bye.*

*The points now stand:- Wallace 18, Egerton and Gordon, 14 each, Dunnstown*

10, South Egerton 4 points.

**"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" Aug 10, 1894**

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### **'Bungaree Chronicles'**

*The Gordon and Dunnstown Football Clubs will play a match on the Wallace ground on Wednesday next. This match is causing intense excitement amongst the football clubs in the district owing to the rivalry between these clubs.*

**"Ballarat Star" Film No 3882 Aug 14, 1894**

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### **DUNNSTOWN TROPHY MATCHES: GORDON V DUNNSTOWN**

*The above teams met at Wallace on Wednesday, and a rough game resulted in a draw each side scoring 5 goals. There were some disgraceful scenes on the ground, and it seemed to be the general opinion that some members of the Dunnstown team were bent upon a row at any cost.*

**"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" Aug 17, 1894**

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The following report is courtesy of Maurine Kiely.

Dunnstown football supporters were very aggrieved that in the 1894 season Wallace had won the coveted McGrath Trophy, donated by one of their locals - the licensee of the Shamrock. Accordingly they issued a challenge to Wallace to test their superiority before the public of Ballarat and Bungaree. The stakes were £20 to the winners (big money in the depression of the 1890's).

#### **THE BATTLE AT THE ROYAL SAXON PADDOCK**

*(Old name for Ballarat City Oval)*

*Oct 13th, 1894*

### **Wallace versus Dunnstown**

*J J Tait, the prince of umpires, was engaged to referee the contest, and had the satisfaction of being obeyed by players with military promptness. Spectators hung upon the bounce: muscular followers crowded round the umpire to get first chance of a 'collar': placed men looked out with the keenness of warhawks, and tried and trusty goalkickers made rough calculations as to the probabilities of raising the flags from certain patches of green turf. They're off! Dunnstown kicked to the eastern goal, and following the instructions of Captain Quinn, called the tune from the jump. But Wallace were on the qui vive. Running and kicking and marking and struggling, they pressed on. Maloney tried hard to kick it from one end to the other but Wallace's Reidy came down like a lightning streak, and whizzed it on with a kick that sent the blood rushing to every part of the body. A Dunnstown boy would lay hold and dash for goal and glory; a*

Wallace boy barred the way and sped like a stag in the opposite direction. Would Wallace force the backs? A stubborn defence there was and no mistake. The ubiquitous Reidy once attempted the trick but Quinn, Maloney and Carr drove it on to where stood Kinnane, Hartigan, and Deveson, and these valiants battled and came again with astonishing determination against the opposing battalions. Enthusiasts yelled, sturdy ones were felled, heavy weights came in on top of them, fleet ones lay hold and dashed away regardless of opposition. The sweat began to ooze, and dust flew, and all was 'flush, flash, and excitement'. Kelly, good boy, laid hold and with the precision of a Locksley sent the leather spinning through the Wallace uprights. First goal and cheers for Dunnstown. It was a cup of money for which they were battling, and far be it from Wallace to acknowledge early discomfort. Bourke watched his goal with feline astuteness, and relieved it time and time again with dogged perseverance. Knights Templars and chevaliers never fought harder for the laurel wreaths of victory. Mercer, Linehan, McCormack, and Maroney were ever where the fight was hottest, and were coolest when the strife was thickest. Wallace's Maroney gets hold within shooting range and measures his distance with breathless expectation. Bang! The foot strikes, and ball flies, it sails over the heads of the watchers, and deafening plaudits herald the fact that Wallace have equalled the scores. Now they are on level ground and the blue and whites must needs put forth their best efforts to ward off impending attacks. It is not to be. Cunningham, rushing in and sliding out, dodging this one and shouldering that, passes brilliantly on to Joe Jennings, and that young hero covers himself with glory by notching the second goal. A different angle made the test all the more meritorious. So the first quarter ended... Wallace 2 goals, 1 behind. Dunnstown 1 goal.

Ends changed, McGowan kicked second goal for Dunnstown, and Hartigan kicked the third. Half-time saw Dunnstown with 3 goals 1 behind and Wallace with 2 goals 1 behind. At the end of the third quarter the tally was unchanged. Would Wallace catch up? 'Of course' said the supporters, and the players went in to merit the confidence. Once it was nearly through, Red legs, blue legs, white legs, were mixed together in one chaotic mass, half obscured by the dust of the Royal Saxon field. The ball was in front of the goal What a struggle! Kicking and clinching, catching and holding, downing and dropping, shoving and shouldering, struggling and plunging, and a score of the bravest waxed hot in the strife. Now it was clearly there, now a few yards further back, and again mixed up in the hottest of scrimmages. But Quinn is not idle. Coolly and calmly he watches his opportunity: the ball comes to repay his patience, and away he goes, a dozen hotfoot after him to regain possession and retrieve their fallen fortunes, while the grandstand rocks with deafening thunders of delight. McGrath at length steers the leather through. Wallace are in the lead. But once again McGowan takes the lead for Dunnstown by wonderful play, sending up the fourth goal. Time is running out. The Wallace boys realise they must summon up every vestige of declining energy, so they throw themselves into the fray regardless. Once again they have their opponents under siege. Hot, dust-begrimed, weary, but knowing no despair and still anticipating a draw or a victory, they press on.

*Dunnstown rally to drive off the belligerents. Five minutes to go and the blue and whites are still one goal ahead. The ball is in front of the posts, and hovers within a few yards of the desired haven. It only needs one good kick from a Wallace man to equalise matters. Will they do it? Supporters wax wild with excitement. They shout instructions and long for but one minute in the arena to help their struggling champions. Cahir and Deveson are working like Trojans; O'Farrell is doing wonders. Two minutes to go and no change. Hotter and hotter grows the strife. Dunnstown has still a garrison in its forts, but Wallace is hard to repel and Dunnstownians shout for the bell to ring. Once the ball is within three yards of the posts, but away it goes again, and before it can be brought back again.....Poor Captain McGrath of Wallace, best player of the 40 on the ground, has broken his collarbone.*

***"The Ballarat Star" October 19, 1894***

The above article illustrates that Football played then was as action-packed and exciting as it is today. The Star writer evidently sensed the tenseness of the scene, and perhaps provides an example of writing that modern commentators might well emulate. In the excitement the final scores were almost forgotten...

DUNNSTOWN: 4 goals, 1 behind. WALLACE: 3 goals, 4 behinds.

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By winning this "Challenge Match" does this in fact become Dunnstown's first premiership, after all they did defeat the premiership side, or did Dunnstown settle for the £20 prize money?

# 1895

During the years between 1895 and 1924 the names of all the club executives or coaches could not be ascertained. There were very limited news articles, probably due to poor reporting by the club's secretaries and the fact that no local newspaper was in publication.

*No doubt footballers will be interested to hear that Mr Austin Lee, the popular host of the Farmer's Hotel, Claretown has signified his intention of presenting a trophy valued at 10 guineas, for competition amongst the various clubs within a radius of 10 miles of Claretown which will include Wallace, Gordon, Dunnstown, South Egerton, Egerton Pootilla, Mollongghip, etc. The competition will no doubt prove very interesting. The secretaries of the above mentioned clubs will be notified in due course.*

***"Ballarat Star" Film No 3883 April 5, 1895***

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*A meeting of the Dunnstown Football Club will be held on Monday evening, 29th inst., at 8 o'clock at McGrath's Hotel, for the purpose of forming a club for the ensuing season. All members and supporters of last years club are requested to attend.*

***"Ballarat Star" Film No 3883 April 25, 1895***

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### ***CLARETOWN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION***

*Applications are invited from persons willing to undertake the duties of Central Umpire in matches played in connection with the above association. Successful applicants will be required to officiate at Egerton, Ballan, Gordon, Wallace or Dunnstown. Application must state price per match and lodge applications with secretary, Claretown Football Association, Ballan not later than Friday 3rd May.*

*Thos. O'Donnell. Hon.Sec.*

***"Ballarat Star" Film No 3883 April 27, 1895***

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It seems that rivalry was also evident between hotels as both the publicans from the Shamrock Hotel at Dunnstown, and the Farmer's Hotel at Claretown were both offering a trophy for the football competition.

Apparently Dunnstown football club competed in the Claretown Football Association in 1895. Other clubs in the competition were Egerton, Ballan, Gordon, and Wallace. The trophy played for was known as the Austin Lee Cup.

# 1905

During the early 20th century football records are scarce. Only bits and pieces of Dunnstown's history were uncovered from hours of research from several sources. Unfortunately club records were not kept or have been destroyed or lost through the years, the names of club executives and coaches are therefore unavailable for all of these years.

It is interesting to note that the umpires were awarded almost the same recognition for his job as the players received. Comments on the performance of the umpire during a match were as important as the performances of the players. It would be interesting to see how today's umpires would rate.

The teams competing against each other in 1905 were Dunnstown, Bungaree, Egerton, Warrenheip, Ormond, Wallace, Farmers, Ballan, Bolwarra and

Millbrook. However, no official association name could be ascertained.

*Dunnstown visited Bungaree, and defeated the local team on Saturday after an exciting game by 2 points. The scores were: Dunnstown, 2 goals 1 behind; Bungaree, 1 goal 5 behinds. Goal-kickers: Dunnstown, P and M Maloney (1 each); Bungaree: D Maher.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" June 20, 1905***

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*Farmer's football club visited Dunnstown on Saturday to try conclusions with the local team. The visitors put up at the Shamrock Hotel, and were met by the president of the local club, Mr A Gibson, Secretary Mr T Greene, and Capt P McGuane. Mr Gibson, on behalf of the local club, heartily welcomed the visitors, who, after visiting the picturesque places of the town under the leadership of Ralston took their places on the playing arena.*

*McGuane, as usual had command of the local team, who were without no fewer than eight players, who were suffering from influenza and sprained ankles, their places having to be filled with recruits.*

*The match, which was witnessed by 400 spectators, was keenly contested, and proved to be one of the most exciting played at Dunnstown. It resulted in a win for the visitors by 4 goals 9 behinds to 3 goals 11 behinds.*

*Goal-kickers: for the winners, Cleary, Morcom, Hams and Hughes; and for the losers, M Moloney and Cummins. Those who shone out prominently for the visitors were Adams, Cleary, Radcliffe; whilst Harligan [sic](Hartigan), Euer, O'Shea, O'Farrell, Jeffery and Britt did all that men could to avert defeat. J Black made a fast and impartial umpire.*

*After the match the visitors were entertained by the local club at the Shamrock hotel.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" July 17, 1905***

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## **COUNTRY FOOTBALL**

*The Warrenheip Imperials and Dunnstown met for the second time this season at Dunnstown on Saturday; the visitors scoring 2 goals 14 behinds to Dunnstown nil.*

*In the evening the visitors were entertained at luncheon, and a most enjoyable day was spent. The goal-kickers for Warrenheip were E and G Clarke.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" Aug 17, 1905***

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## **DUNNSTOWN JUNIORS V BUNGAREE JUNIORS**

*The above match was played at Dunnstown on Saturday; Dunnstown winning by 9 goals 6 behinds to Bungaree's 2 goals 5 behinds. Goal-kickers for the winners - J McInerney 3, Dean 2, Kirby and Britt, and for the losers, Forbes 2.*

## **FARMER'S V DUNNSTOWN**

*This match was played on the ground of the former, and after a most enjoyable and exciting game, ended in a draw, each side scoring 2 goals 2 behinds. Goal-kickers for Farmer's - Denham 2, Dunnstown - O'Shea 1, Ewer 1.*

*"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" September 1, 1905*

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## **BALLAN V DUNNSTOWN**

*The football match played on the Ballan ground on Saturday between Ballan and Dunnstown resulted in victory for the home team by 1-18 to Dunnstown 1-5.*

*"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" September 22, 1905*

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# 1906

*The return match between Ballan and Dunnstown was played on the local ground on Saturday last. The day was an ideal one for football, and a fast game was the result. Up to the end of the third quarter the play was fairly even, but in the last term the locals had all the best of it, and ran out easy winners by 25 points. Mr G Beale of Ballarat, had charge of the game, and umpired well. The scores were as follows:-*

*Ballan: 4g 9b - 33 points; Dunnstown: 1g 2b -8 points*

*Goal-kickers - Ballan, E Coker 2, S Lay and R Inglis.*

*After the match the visitors were entertained at the Bromley's Ballan Hotel, where a first class repast was provided.*

*"The Ballan Times" September 20, 1906*

# 1907

## **COUNTRY FOOTBALL**

*The first match for the season played at Gordon took place on Saturday afternoon between the local club and a team from Dunnstown. The weather was showery, and the ground underfoot was greasy, fall being very frequent.*

*The game was contested in a very friendly spirit, and the play of several men was very good. P Bourke shining out time after time. The result was an easy win for Gordon. The scores being: Gordon, 4 goals 6 behinds; Dunnstown, 1 goal, 1 behind.*

*Mr Bert Clifford gave entire satisfaction as central umpire. After the match the visitors were entertained at Ryan's hotel.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" June 24, 1907***

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*The members of the Dunnstown Football Club visited Learmonth on Saturday to try conclusions with the local team. With fine weather and the ground in perfect condition for football, the game throughout was the best seen at Learmonth for some time. The home team showing brilliant form, ran out easy winners. The final result was as follows- Learmonth, 6 goals 14 behinds; Dunnstown, 3 goals 6 behinds. Umpire Hastie, who had charge of the game, kept it well under control, though at times it inclined to be rough. The visitors were afterwards entertained at the Camp hotel. Mr Wm Purcell in a felicitous speech proposed the health of the visitors which was responded to by Mr Hartigan. The visitors left thoroughly satisfied with their outing*

***"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" August 30, 1907***

# **1908**

*The annual meeting of the Dunnstown Football Club was held at the Shamrock Hotel on Wednesday night. The attendance was good, and the balance sheet showed the club to be in a strong position financially. The following were elected to hold office for the ensuing season: - President, Mr L Flynn; vice-presidents, Messrs J Donohue, P McGuane, P Cummins and J Miles; delegates, Messrs W McGuane and C Treweek, J O'Farrell, J McInerney; patrons, Crs Clark, Coghlan, McGuigan and O'Day, Revs. Devane and O'Kane, Messrs Clapperton, Brind Bros, Traweek, J O'Farrell, J McInerney, T Lonergan, Lazarus, Lyons and White, Carley, Miles, Flynn, J Keily, Leneghan Mrs Kenna, and several others.*

*"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" May 1, 1908*

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**BALLAN V DUNNSTOWN**

*This return match between the above clubs was played on the local ground on Saturday. The day was rather a favourable one for football, a slight wind blowing towards the eastern goal. The visitors put a very strong combination into the field, including "Coster" Andrews, who a couple of years ago was South Ballarat's crack rover.*

*The locals were without the services of Gray, Connelly, Richardson, D and W Fraser, Fitzgerald, and Maliett, their places being filled by F Marriott, S Lay, W Doneley, J Smith T O'Hehir, V Callen and A Densley. In the first half of the game the visitors had things all their own way, scoring 2.8 to the locals' 1 behind, and the match looked a foregone conclusion for Dunnstow. After the interval, however, the home team wiled themselves together, and, playing with great determination, they gradually wiped off the deficit, scoring a meritorious win by 1 point.*

*This was one of the most exciting games seen on the local ground for many a year, and the barrackers had a gala day.*

*The struggle was a strenuous one, and "beg pardons" were conspicuous by their absence.*

*On the bounce, Dunnstow were the first to play, Andrews half-forwarding W Densley and S Lay returned, and a free kick to Callen gave Ballan the advantage. Cummings and Hartigan shone out, and the local backs were put on their merits. The bell rang with the scores: Dunnstow 1 goal 3 behinds...9 points; Ballan 1 behind....1 point.*

*The second quarter saw Dunnstow led off, and despite good play by Marriott, A Lay and Graham, the visitors were soon attacking. Cumming and Walsh forwarded, Kilgoar and J O'Hehir relieved, but Andrews dodged back with the ball and Walshe added a behind. Dashing play by Graham was deservedly cheered, but the visitors were not to be denied, and Maher scored a lucky goal - his shot fell short, but the leather bounced between the sticks, E Lay being out of his place.*

*The visitors had much the best of this term, and the Ballan backs did wonderfully well in limiting their scoring to 11 points. At half-time the board read: Dunnstow, 2 goals 8 behinds....20pts; Ballan, 1 behind....1pt.*

*After the usual spell, Dunnstown prevailed for a time. A bad kick off put V Callen in possession, a roar of applause greeting Ballan's first goal. Andrews and Callinan prevented any further scoring and the bell rang for the last term with the visitors 10 points ahead: Dunnstown, 2 goals 8 behinds..20 pts; Ballan, 1 goal 4 behinds....10 pts*

*The locals with Marriott in the lead were soon in the ascendant. The visitors now put in a claim and Quinlivan gave the Ballan backs a slice, but W Densley, W Callen and J O'Hehir were equal to the occasion. S Lay and Smith put Hyatt in possession, and V Callen marked splendidly. An equally good kick, and both flags went up, to the roar of delight from the locals' supporters. The scores were now 2.8 all, and the game became fast and furious. The visitors mad several futile efforts to regain the lead, but the reliable J O'Hehir was always in the road, W Callen, Graham and Densley lending valuable assistance. Graham scored the winning point, a behind by him putting the locals ahead. Dunnstown quickly forced the play into their opponents' ground, but Densley saved and Kilgour centred, Smith and J O'Hehir (who was now following) sent the leather on, but Andrews and Myles returned. The visitors rushed to the attack, but Marriott stopped the onslaught, and a dazzling bit of play won him a round of applause, the effort making the game safe for Ballan. Just on time the visitors made a dying effort, but could not get past S Lay and W Callen, and the bell rang with the scores:- Ballan, 2 goals 9 behinds..21 points; Dunnstown 2 goals 8 behinds..20 points*

*Goal-kickers - Ballan, V Callen 2; Dunnstown, Maher 2.*

*Several of the Dunnstown players claim that the match was a draw - 20 points all - but the scores given above were undoubtedly correct, though several spectators made Ballan 2 points ahead. On paper, the locals had a weak team, but their play was far from weak, and they are to be highly complimented on their victory. Two or three men in the winning team were playing poorly, but everyone did his best, and the Ballan boys still have an unbeaten record. There were several fine footballers in the Dunnstown eighteen, but their names could not be ascertained. Mr G Richardson made a fair and impartial central umpire, and Messrs H Hyatt and L Welch lent valuable assistance as boundary umpires.*

*"The Ballan Times" July 23, 1908*

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# 1909

**GORDON V DUNNSTOWN**

*A football match was played here this afternoon between the local and Dunnstown Clubs. The visitors were led by W McGuan, while Ted Woodman skippered the locals. The result was a win for Gordon by 3 goals 10 behinds to 2 behinds. The visitors were afterwards entertained at Nickol's hotel*

*"The Ballarat Courier" July, 1909*

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### **GORDON V DUNNSTOWN**

*On Saturday afternoon last the Gordon footballers journeyed to Dunnstown to play the return match with that club. The weather was not favourable for football, but notwithstanding this the game was very interesting. Both sides were well represented, and the game from start to finish was played in a very friendly manner. The result was a win for Gordon, the scores being - Gordon, 2 goals 8 behinds; Dunnstown, 1 goal 3 behinds. After the match the visitors were most hospitably entertained at Redmond's Shamrock hotel*

*"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" July 23, 1909*

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### **DUNNSTOWN V MOLLONGGHIP**

*Dunnstown defeated Mollongghip on the former's ground on Saturday by 1 goal 10 behinds to 1 goal. Best form for the winners was shown by M Tierney, J Greene, P Cummins, D McGuane, and J McInerney; while those who did yeoman service for the visitors were D Keighery, R Kirby, Kane, Harper, Doherty, Downes, J Guinane and P Carroll. Graham made a fast and impartial umpire. The visitors were entertained at the Shamrock hotel. The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Mr Hartigan, and responded to by Messrs Harper and Keighery*

*"The Ballarat Courier" August 4, 1909*

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*DUNNSTOWN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION V FOOTBALL CLUB - Brind, Maloney, Hartigan, Fogarty, McGuane, O'Loughlan, Beggs, Guinane, Treweek, Nichols, O'Farrell, Greene, Clark, Howard, Falwell, Hixon, Armstrong, Clapperton.*

*"The Ballarat Courier" August 27, 1909*

It is not clear as to which team members this article refers, or when the match was to be played.



**Medal presented  
to Pat C Cummins,  
Captain of 1909  
team**

# 1910, 1911

During the 1910 and 1911 season no mention of Dunnstown Football Club competing in an association could be found in the Ballarat "Courier", or the "Gordon, Egerton and Ballan Advertiser". There was mention of Leigh Creek and Warrenheip teams during these years. Perhaps some of the Dunnstown players played with either of these teams during the times when Dunnstown were not competing. However, this benefit game between Dunnstown and Gordon was found.

## ***GORDON V DUNNSTOWN***

*A benefit match was played at Dunnstown on Saturday, between the home team and Gordon, in aid of R Cunningham, one of the Gordon footballers, who was injured on the football field last season. Gordon proved victorious, winning by 8 points. The scores were: Dunnstown, 3 goals 3 behinds - 21 points; Gordon, 4 goals 5 behinds - 29 points.*

***"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" July 22, 1910***

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# 1912

## ***DUNNSTOWN V YENDON***

*Yendon visited Dunnstown last Saturday, and played a friendly game. Scores - Yendon 1 goal, 2 behinds - 8 points; Dunnstown nil. Goalkicker: T McCormack. A Manion umpired to the satisfaction of both teams. After the match the visitors were entertained at Flynn's Olive Branch hotel.*

*"The Ballarat Courier" June 7, 1912*

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# 1913

*The Dunnstown Football Club met at the Olive Branch hotel on Tuesday night last. There was a record attendance and much enthusiasm was shown.*

*The chair was occupied by Mr T Tierney. The election of office bearers resulted as follow: President, Mr P McGuane; vice-presidents, Messrs Thos. Greene, F Brind and W McGuane.*

*"The Ballarat Courier" May 17, 1913*

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## ***DUNNSTOWN V CLARKE'S HILL***

*At Dunnstown, Saturday. Dunnstown's team: Armstrong, Britt, Breen, Burns, Calway, Crowe, Dean, Dorrington, Donnellan, Forbes, Greene, Lane, McGuane, Murphy, McInerney, Nicholls, O'Malley, Roughan, Tierney, Walshe.*

*"The Ballarat Courier" June 20, 1913*

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*Dunnstown defeated Clark's Hill on the former's ground on Saturday by 7 goals 8 behinds, to 2 goals 2 behinds. Goal-kickers: Britt 3, Walshe 2, Dean and*

*Dorrington scoring for Dunnstown; Saunders and Hoench adding the majors for Clark's Hill. The visitors were entertained at the Olive Branch hotel.*

*"The Ballarat Courier" June 24, 1913*

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### **CLARK'S HILL V DUNNSTOWN**

*Dunnstown played Clark's Hill on Saturday the former winning by 4 points. Clarke's Hill claimed a disputed goal but Dunnstown's goal umpire gave a behind. After the match the visitors were entertained at Conley's Hotel. Scores- Dunnstown, 1-5 to Clark's Hill 7 points. Goal-kicker, Walsh. Manion was the central umpire.*

*"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" July 4, 1913*

# 1914 - 1918

The following articles were all that could be found for these years. Possibly because of the First World War, no country football was played. Some junior or schools football was played.

At this time there was also a newspaper shortage and only limited space was available for news items to be published. The news regarding the war was paramount, and sporting news took a back seat.

### ***Dunnstown Juniors***

*A junior football club has been formed in Dunnstown. The club would like to hear from any teams of similar kind desiring a match. The secretary is John Johnson and president Tom Coogan.*

*"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser, 1914"*

Dunnstown were playing in the Wallace District Association, along with Leigh Creek, Wallace and Gordon.

An extract taken from the Ballarat "Courier" on June 11, names the Leigh Creek to play against Dunnstown, at Dunnstown. Leigh Creek defeated Dunnstown by 2 points. The Creek 3 - 7; to Dunnstown 3 - 5.

*Gordon play Dunnstown at Gordon, on Saturday. Leigh Creek play Wallace at Wallace.*

*W Holloway, a Dunnstown player, was, at a delegates' meeting fined 10/- for having struck P Blood, a Wallace player, in the Dunnstown-Wallace match.*

***"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" July 9, 1915***

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In August, 1915, the Premiership was played between Leigh Creek and Wallace at Dunnstown. The proceeds of this game were handed to the Australian Wounded Soldiers' Fund.

# 1919

Gordon, Leigh Creek, Wallace & Dunnstown were the four teams in the competition for season 1919.

The competition played in 1919 was known as the Wallace District Association.

*A meeting of the Wallace district football association was held at Barbour's Harp of Erin hotel on Tuesday night. Delegates present were: Leigh Creek, W Burke, W Meade; Gordon F Carroll, C Devlin; Wallace, J Kennedy, T Emmerson; Dunnstown, Mat Greene, and C Armstrong. Business of a routine character was discussed, and the draw for the first and second round of matches took place. The draw for the third round will take place after the first 2 rounds have been played. The following is the draw. Matches to take place on the fore-mentioned club's ground.*

<i>June 7th</i>	<i>Gordon V Wallace</i>	<i>Leigh Creek V Dunnstown</i>
<i>June 14th</i>	<i>Leigh Creek V Gordon</i>	<i>Dunnstown V Wallace</i>
<i>June 21st</i>	<i>Leigh Creek V Wallace</i>	<i>Dunnstown V Gordon</i>
<i>June 28th</i>	<i>Dunnstown V Leigh Creek</i>	<i>Wallace V Gordon</i>
<i>July 5th</i>	<i>Gordon V Leigh Creek</i>	<i>Wallace V Dunnstown</i>
<i>July 12th</i>	<i>Wallace V Leigh Creek</i>	<i>Gordon V Dunnstown</i>

***"The Gordon Egerton & Ballan Advertiser" May 30, 1919***

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Grand Final 1919: Gordon V Leigh Creek.

Leigh Creek were premiers in 1919, having defeated Gordon, 1 goal 4 behinds to 1 goal 1 behind.

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A newspaper cutting provided by Mrs Pat Carey (formerly Greene), but the date is not readable, June or July, 1919/1920 states Dunnstown's team colours were blue and white. The article is referring to a "Welcome to Soldiers" event to be held at the Mechanics Hall, on Wednesday evening 15th inst.,  
*"..... The hall was nicely decorated with numerous flags, and conspicuous among these were the football colours (blue and white)."*

Another undated newspaper cutting from Mrs Pat Carey refers to the Wallace District Association. A match between Dunnstown and Leigh Creek.

*An association match which had been awaited with keen expectation by the players and supporters of both teams was played between Dunnstown and Leigh Creek on Saturday afternoon 23rd August, at Wallace.*

*Beautiful weather favoured the game, and there was an exceptionally large attendance, the Dunnstown team in particular having a strong and enthusiastic following.*

*Although the Leigh Creek boys put up a good fight they had to acknowledge defeat by a team superior in systematic football. Umpire Morrell, of Ballarat, had charge of the game, and the unanimous opinion during the match was that he was impartial and a master of the responsibilities with which he was entrusted.*

*Leigh Creek opened the game by keeping Dunnstown busy in the first quarter on the defensive, and the scores were - Leigh Creek, 1 goal 2 behinds; Dunnstown, 3 behinds.*

*In the second quarter Dunnstown quickly commenced to attack, and after a bit of brilliant play by Ted McCormick [sic](McCormack), Morby, and Armstrong, Frank McCormick [sic] secured a fine mark, and with a well placed kick raised the double for Dunnstown, and in the last few seconds of a strenuous quarter Leigh Creek scored two behinds, the scores at halftime being - Dunnstown, 1 goal 5 behinds; Leigh Creek, 1 goal 4 behinds.*

*The third quarter brought no improvement for Leigh Creek, the scores at three quarter time were -Dunnstown, 3 goals 5 behinds; Leigh Creek 2 goals 4 behinds.*

*The last quarter was more even for a time, but Dunnstown ran out easy winners with scores of 5 goals 7 behinds to Leigh Creek's 2 goals 4 behinds.*

# 1920

Dunnstown was playing in the Wallace Association. A football club has been formed at Egerton. Egerton has affiliated with the Wallace Association.  
*The football draw for the 1920 season.*

<i>July 9th</i>	<i>Leigh Creek V Dunnstown</i>
<i>July 16th</i>	<i>Dunnstown V Mt Egerton</i>
<i>July 23rd</i>	<i>Gordon V Dunnstown</i>
<i>July 30th</i>	<i>Dunnstown V Wallace</i>
<i>Aug 13th</i>	<i>Dunnstown V Leigh Creek</i>
<i>Aug 20th</i>	<i>Dunnstown V Egerton</i>
<i>Aug 27th</i>	<i>Dunnstown V Gordon</i>
<i>Sept 3rd</i>	<i>Wallace V Dunnstown</i>
	<i>Bye</i>
<i>Sept 17th</i>	<i>Leigh Creek V Dunnstown</i>
<i>Sept 24th</i>	<i>Gordon V Dunnstown Semi-final 40 points - 15 points</i>
<i>Oct 8th</i>	<i>Leigh Creek V Gordon Final</i>

*"Courier" (State Library Reel No 509)*

Paper unreadable,- we think Leigh Creek won premiership in 1920.

# 1921 - 1924

We could find no mention of Dunnstown football club during these years. Apparently the club had disbanded or was in recess during these years. The club was to reform again in 1925.

## UN-DATED TEAM PHOTO



Back L to R: Frank McInerney, - , Mick Tierney, Bill Young, J Armstrong, - .  
Middle L to R: Con Britt, Laurence Flynn, John Dean, - , Bill Oakman, - , - , - , - , Jack Dwyer.  
Front L to R: Jim Linehan, - , - , - , Humfrey Murphy, Jim Britt, Tom Britt.  
Holding Ball; - .

# 1925- 1945

During the roaring 20's Dunnstown Football Club celebrated its 'coming of age' in the football world. The ultimate goal of football was to be achieved for the first time only 2 years after the club was to re-form.

In 1925 the Dunnstown Football Club reformed after a 4 year recess, probably due to the depression and World War 1. In the early years of the 20th century Dunnstown competed in the Wallace Association but on reforming the club, Dunnstown once again were participating in their own league - The Dunnstown Football Association. Only three teams were affiliated in this 1925 competition, they were Warrenheip, Dunnstown and Egerton.

Dunnstown's tradition of controversial football continued. Controversy and fights were part and parcel of football from this era. Players, spectators and even the local constabulary all took an active part of the on field wars. Fighting was rife in these years.

Dunnstown's team for 1925 consisted of the following: Murphy, Green, Linahan 2, Howard 3, J & K Lenaghan, Armstrong, H & D Brennan, Tierney, O'Loughlin 2, Roushe, Dwyer 2, Ryan 2, Goodman, Cantwell, Blood, Hartigan, Russell, Kiely, Orr 2, Stanley, & Cummings.

## ***DUNNSTOWN ASSOCIATION: A PROTEST UPHELD, DUNNSTOWN***

*Residents are at a loss to understand the attitude of the local association in disqualifying the club on the protest lodged by Egerton Football Club in relation to last Saturday's semi-final. The protest has been upheld, and the match awarded to Egerton. Dunnstown immediately gave notice of intention to appeal to the Ballarat League. Before the League will deal with any matter of the kind it must have the consent of the Association. The Association would not grant leave to appeal, and would not give any reasons for the refusal. Consequently the Dunnstown club has to abide by the ruling of the other clubs.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" August 1, 1925***

The aforementioned protest lodged by Egerton was in regard to an alleged ineligible player for Dunnstown taking part in the semi-final game against Egerton in which Dunnstown won.

The outcome of the protest meeting follows.

## **RULINGS FOR DUNNSTOWN**

*Two matters were submitted by the Dunnstown District Association. Mr. Jas. Linahan (secretary of the Association) said that on the 25th July Dunnstown played Egerton in a semi-final at Warrenheip and Dunnstown won. Egerton protested on the ground that Dunnstown played Dave Brennan, which it was claimed, was not eligible on the grounds that he had played "three or more games with another association" - in this case the Ballarat League. Also it was said his clearance was too late. The Association upheld the protest, and awarded the game to Egerton. The problem was now referred to the League. Dunnstown claimed that the word "association" did not refer to the League. Further, in the grand final, played on the 8th August, at Dunnstown, between Egerton and Warrenheip, Egerton protested on the ground that Warrenheip played several players who had not obtained clearances.*

*Mr Cantwell (Egerton) said it was to deal with men who had played with the League that the rule from which the Association rule was copied was made.*

*Mr John Linahan (Dunnstown) held that the word League not being in the rule must not be read into it.*

*It was decided by a large majority that Brennan was not eligible to play with Dunnstown.*

*The second matter was then discussed. The objection in this case was that some players had not sent in clearances in time and that one was outside the radius. Messers Cantwell and Ramsay gave evidence and the protest by the Egerton Club was dismissed unanimously.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" August 20, 1925***

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## **WARRENHEIP PREMIERS: GOAL POST SAWN THROUGH**

*The grand final match between Egerton and Warrenheip (minor Premiers) was played on the Dunnstown ground on Saturday. The day being fine, and interest aroused, a large crowd was present from the district.*

*Both teams put in some vigorous play for their respective clubs, but Warrenheip held a winning lead throughout. In the last quarter, Egerton made a determined effort and at this stage an incident occurred that stopped play for some minutes. One of the goal posts collapsed, and an investigation being made it was discovered that some miserrant previous to the watch has almost sawn the post through, and whilst play was in progress actually completed the deed by pushing the post which toppled over.*

*The game finished in favour of Warrenheip, who scored 4 goals 7 behinds to*

*Egerton's 2 goals 5 behinds. Goalkickers for Warrenheip were: McCormick 2, McConville, Howard.*

*Umpire McCarthy from Ballarat, gave satisfaction. Credit is due to the local constable for the firm manner in which he controlled the unruly barrackers bent on overrunning the playing ground.*

*"The Ballarat Courier" August 11, 1925*

## **Dunnstown Football Club 1925**



Back: D Murphy, H Goodman, A Young, T Linahan, J Rousch, M Britt, T Goodman, B McInerney, Joe Howard.

Middle: P Cummins (trainer), C O'Loughlin, M Ryan, M Howard, W Oakman, J Linahan, A Neville (Pres), W George, H Linahan, J Tierney, J Armstrong, M Burns (trainer).

Front: D Ryan, J Linahan, T Britt, H Brennan, M Greene VC, H Murphy (Capt), J Lenaghan (Sec), D Brennan, J O'Loughlin, J Howard, A Dwyer.

Sitting: K Lenaghan. Mascot: K Neville.

# 1926

Dunnstown Association teams for season 1926 were: Dunnstown, Yendon, Egerton, Ormond, Gordon, & Warrenheip.

Dunnstown's team for the 1926 season consisted of the following players: Armstrong, Ryan 2, Lenaghan, Murphy, Roushe, Gladman, Howard 3, Durose, Kiely, Goodman, Orr, Reeves, Greene, Leonard.

## ***DUNNSTOWN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION: GORDON MINOR PREMIERS***

*The undefeated Gordon played against Egerton on Saturday. By winning this match Gordon won the minor premiership. Final scores were: Gordon 5 goals 10 behinds to Egerton 3 goals 9 behinds.*

*Other matches in the Association resulted as follows: Ormond 2 goals 1 behind defeated Dunnstown 1 goal 2 behinds. Warrenheip 10 goals 11 behinds defeated Yendon 6 goals 6 behinds.*

*The independent investigation tribunal will meet at Wallace this week-end to consider charges made by Umpire Philpot against M Greene and Reeve, of Dunnstown, and Gleeson, of Ormond, for fighting during the progress of the Ormond V Dunnstown match, at Ormond last Saturday. Messrs J Linahan, P Vincombe, and J Tanner comprise the tribunal.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" July 16, 1926***

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## ***DUNNSTOWN ASSOCIATION: A LIVELY INCIDENT***

*Egerton visited Dunnstown to play the local team on Saturday. The afternoon was fine, but the ground was greasy and the ball soon became difficult to handle. Both teams were level on points, and a closely-contested game was expected. The home team were led by Edmunds, the burly ex-Point player, while J Hoare captained Egerton. Dunnstown had the advantage of the slight wind for the first*

quarter. Dunnstown had a slight advantage at the first change, but Egerton outplayed and outkicked the locals in the second term, and had a lead of 17 points at half-time.

In the third term Dunnstown decreased the lead, but at the final changeover Egerton still had a lead of 2 goals. The final term was marred by an unpleasant incident. The goal umpire signalled a behind for Dunnstown, and was immediately rushed and mobbed by the crowd, who demanded two flags. The goal umpire was pommelled by the mob. The central umpire hardly knew what to do, and the game was held up for some time. Eventually two flags were hoisted, by whose authority it is difficult to say, and the game proceeded with barrackers still swarming the ground near their goal posts. The game was thoroughly disorganised, and controlled more by the barrackers than the umpire.

It ended with the scores alleged to be :- Dunnstown, 7 goals 11 behinds 53 points, to Egerton 7 goals 6 behinds 48 points.

One creditable feature of an utterly discreditable incident was that players of neither side took part in the disturbance. Central umpire Johnson had the whistle, but cannot be commended for his exhibition of umpiring. At no stage of the game had he control of it, and it was only the sportsmanship of the players that the game progressed as satisfactorily as it did.

**"The Ballarat Courier" July 21, 1926**

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## **DUNNSTOWN ASSOCIATION**

The matches in the minor competition were brought to a conclusion on Saturday last, when Gordon defeated Warrenheip; Ormond defeated Egerton, and Dunnstown defeated Yendon. The premiership points scored by the different clubs are:- Gordon 60; Ormond 32; Dunnstown 32; Warrenheip 28; Egerton 24; Yendon 4.

Fifteen matches were played in the minor competition, and it will be seen that Gordon went through the competition undefeated. Although they had some very easy victories, they also were closely pressed at times, as on four occasions they won by less than six points. Each of the three other teams left in to contest the semi-finals almost snatched victory from Gordon during the minor competition. The four clubs, Gordon, Ormond, Dunnstown, and Warrenheip appear to be evenly matched, and should the weather be favourable on the days the matches are played some good contests should be witnessed.

**"The Ballarat Courier" August 12, 1926**

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## **DUNNSTOWN ASSOCIATION: ORMOND BEATEN IN FIRST SEMI-FINAL**

*Before a large crowd of spectators Dunnstown and Ormond<sup>1</sup> met in the first semi-final at the Gordon football ground on Saturday. The weather was fine, but a strong breeze blowing towards the southern goal tended to keep the play towards that end of the ground. Although both teams brought the ball up to the northern goal on occasions only 6 points were scored there throughout the game, a goal being registered by Dunnstown in the last quarter.*

*Both teams were strongly represented, but Ormond were without the services of F Lee, one of their best players, who was absent on account of illness. Edmunds, the ex-Golden Point full back, had charge of Dunnstown, who are being coached by him. P O'Neil captained the Ormond team. When the game opened Dunnstown quickly worked the ball forward, and assisted by the wind, had Ormond on the defensive practically all through the quarter.*

*On the change over for the second term Ormond commenced a strong attack upon the Dunnstown back line, and broke through on many occasions. They were having the best of the contest at this stage, but their shooting for goal was very faulty, and from eight tries they scored only one goal. During the third quarter both teams were playing better football than in the preceding half.*

*Dunnstown again had the advantage of the wind, but owing to the stern defence of the Ormond backs they found it difficult to break through. Towards the close of the quarter they rallied well, and had the satisfaction of adding 17 points in their opponents' nil. Ormond were now 23 points in arrears, but had the assistance of the wind for the last quarter.*

*The good game they had been playing though buoyed their supporters in the hope that they would yet win. From the bounce at the commencement of the quarter they attacked strongly, but many of their attacks broke down near goal, or else the ball was forced out of bounds.*

*With ten minutes to go they still had a chance of winning, but the hard fight they had been putting up was beginning to tell upon the team, and they eased down a little.*

*Dunnstown quickly seized the opportunity to work the ball over the centre, and a few minutes afterwards Howard kicked a goal for them, and so put the issue practically beyond doubt. When the game ceased Ormond were pressing the Dunnstown back line, but failed to add to their score. The final scores were:-*

<i>Dunnstown</i>	<i>6 goals</i>	<i>6 behinds</i>
<i>Ormond</i>	<i>3 goals</i>	<i>11 behinds</i>

*The goal-kickers were: - Edmunds 5, Howard 1 for Dunnstown, and for Ormond,*

*Ryan 2, and Ronan 1. The best players for the winners were: Buckland, Edmunds, Reeves, Linehan, Dwyer, Murphy and Rousche. Edmunds' handling of the team was also a great factor towards their success.*

*For Ormond perhaps the best were Ronan, whose high marking right through the game was good, Paddy Ryan, roving, also played well, Others to do well were "Scotty" Linehan, O'Connor, Blook, Cook and O'Neil.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" August 19, 1926***

1 Note: Ormond is the former name for what we now know as Springbank.

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### ***DUNNSTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB***

*The season of 1926 has been very bright for the officials of the Dunnstowen Football Club, both from a financial point of view and success in the football arena. The club started in its local association contests by losing the first four matches; after that they met defeat only three times - twice to Gordon and once to Ormond.*

*The duties of coach were in the reliable hands of Bert Edmunds, and to him a great deal of the success is due. On Saturday next the club will be matched against the undefeated club, Gordon, in the final match. Although beaten three times by Gordon, they are confident of next Saturday's engagement at Wallace. On Sunday last the Bungaree club visited Dunnstowen and were beaten by a point.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" August 25, 1926***

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### ***DUNNSTOWN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION: GORDON WINS SECOND SEMI-FINAL***

*Gordon defeated Warrenheip in the second Semi-final of the Dunnstowen Football Association on Saturday. The match was played at the Dunnstowen football ground.*

*Scores were:- Gordon 4 goals,6 behinds defeated Warrenheip 4 goals,1 behind.*

*The Final match will be played at the Wallace racecourse next Saturday, between Gordon (minor premiers) and Dunnstowen, and a great game should result. Bert Edmunds, the Dunnstowen coach, will have charge of the team, and in that respect the team will be losing nothing, as it was apparent to most of those who witnessed a recent match played in the association that Edmunds' leading of the team was a*

great factor in their success. In Tim Canty, the Gordon captain, Edmunds will have a worthy rival. "Tim" is an old, experienced player, and has led the team well in its series of victories this season. They are as yet undefeated. Both teams are confident of success, so a great game should result.

**"The Ballarat Courier" August 26, 1926**

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Admission to the Dunnstown Football Association Grand Final 1/-. Three buses will leave from the Shamrock Hotel to the game at the Wallace race-course.

**"The Ballarat Courier" Amusements**

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## **DUNNSTOWN ASSOCIATION**

### **FINAL MATCH AT WALLACE - GORDON'S FIRST DEFEAT**

After a record 16 successive victories in the Dunnstown Association, including a win in the second semi-final the Gordon football team has to lower its colours in the Final match on Saturday, at the Wallace racecourse, to Dunnstown, the winners of the other semi-final. A grand final will therefore be played on the same ground next Saturday to decide the premiership. Great interest was taken in Saturday's contest, as the rivalry amongst the six teams in the association has been very keen this season. Although Gordon has defeated Dunnstown three times in the minor rounds it was realised that the latter would not be easily disposed of in the final. The match attracted a large attendance, all districts in the association being represented, whilst a fair contingent went out from Ballarat. A strong wind favoured one goal throughout and it was the failure of Gordon to take full advantage of it the first quarter that really lost them the match. The ground was firm and dry, but furrows here and there very often caused the ball the play unexpected pranks when it bounced. Gordon was unable to command its best team, but in physique and in height the Gordon players had a little the advantage of Dunnstown.

The teams were:- Gordon: T Canty (captain), Tim, and Tom and S Carey, J Canty, Cantwell, Crawford, Winter, Sullivan (3), Higgins, Maloney, O'Donnell, Carroll, McCusker, Fahey and Cole.

Dunnstown: Edmunds (captain), Linehan, Brett[sic] (Britt), Leonard, Reeves, Armstrong, Bourke, Murphy, Buckland, Roushe, M & P Ryan, M & C Howard, Green, Lenaghan, Dwyer and Gladman.

Before bouncing the ball, the central umpire (Coleman) assembled the players on

*the ground and addressed them briefly on the rules and his intention in regard to them. He gave them to understand that he would keep a tight curb on the game, and it had not been in progress very long before players had ample evidence of that. Both teams started off at great pace, and Gordon had the advantage of the wind. The umpire checked any unnecessary crowding by penalising any interference with opponents or a tendency to hang to the ball. The defence work on both sides kept the forwards in check, and neither side made many scoring opportunities. Gordon continued to handle the ball a little better than Dunnstown, especially in the air, whilst their men were on the whole more dashing. Dunnstown, however, beat them in tactics, The final scores were:*

<i>Dunnstown</i>	<i>5 goals 2 behinds..32pts</i>
<i>Gordon</i>	<i>3 goals 2 behinds..21pts</i>

*In the first half Gordon looked like the winning team. They marked better, were more dashing, and showed more system than Dunnstown, who, however, beat them in tactics. In the second half Dunnstown showed a great improvement in their play. They held Gordon well in the third quarter, and when they got the lead in the last term they never looked like losing it. Amongst the best of their players were Buckland, who always handed the ball to advantage; Britt, who was clever and resourceful; Dwyer, who did a lot of good work on the wing, and Green, a tireless follower. Edmunds exercised a great influence on the game, and some of the young players, especially Reeves, shaped well. M Sullivan was on the Gordon's best men, and was always dashing; T Canty, S Carey, Winter, Cantwell and Higgins were effective, and Gordon as a team play a strong game, with high marking one of its best features.*

*Colman umpired the match well. He was quick with his decisions, and always signalled his reasons. After the game he assembled the players again, and told them he had done his best to carry out the rules, and he resented a remark by a spectator in the last quarter that he shared an interest in the match to the extent of £20 with the Dunnstown captain, whom he did not know from a bar of soap.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" August 30, 1926***

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### ***DUNNSTOWN-GORDON CHALLENGE MATCH***

*On Saturday, on the Wallace Racecourse, Dunnstown will accept the challenge of the Gordon Club for the premiership of 1926. Much enthusiasm prevails in the Dunnstown district by reason of the home team being the first to administer defeat to Gordon this year. All the players are well. Reeves complained of a bad knee after last Saturday's game, and it is hoped that he will be well enough to strip on Saturday. His last two games stamped him as one of the best men playing in the association.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" September 2, 1926***

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### **DUNNSTOWN FINAL: AN EXCITING GAME**

*Gordon and Dunnstown met in the grand final for the Dunnstown District Association premiership at the Wallace racecourse on Saturday. A large crowd assembled to witness the match, which proved to be very exciting from start to finish. Both teams were well represented, and they gave a good exhibition of football. Gordon had suffered only one defeat this season, and that was when Dunnstown defeated them in the final at Wallace, on the previous Saturday. On that occasion they were without the services of several of their most prominent players. The weather was ideal for football, and the slight breeze prevailing did not favour either goal much. The final quarter opened with Gordon leading by only two points. Half-way through the quarter it was anyone's game. However breaches of the rules by Gordon enabled Dunnstown to return the ball forward.*

*The large crowd of spectators were now keenly excited. Gordon were only a few points in the lead, and Dunnstown continued to attack with determination. When the final bell rang the scores were: Gordon 3 goals 6 behinds; Dunnstown 2 goals 4 behinds.*

*The Gordon team were enthusiastically cheered, by their supporters after the match concluded. The majority of the players of each team showed up well on occasions. But Gordon appeared to be the better team, and well earned their victory. Tim Carey is probably the best high mark in the association. His high marking on Saturday was a feature of the match. Cantwell played very well for Gordon in defence, and was able assisted by Jack Canty, who played a really good game. Tom Carey showed plenty of dash and also did well. Others of the team who played well were Winter, and Greene, who played consistently right through the game. Tim Canty and E Sullivan did good service. The best for Dunnstown were Mat Greene, who during the last half was the best men on the ground, and Dwyer, who showed great dash and judgment. Buckland, Britt, Reeves, and Linahan were a bunch of very useful players. Edmunds was effective. The goal-kickers for Gordon were: Winter, McCusker, and Steve Carey; and for Dunnstown, Leonard and Reeves. J Ryan acted as central umpire and he gave a good exhibition of umpiring. The winning team is to be given gold medals by the association.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" September 6, 1926***

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### **DUNNSTOWN ASSOCIATION: GORDON WIN PREMIERSHIP**

*The grand final for the Dunnstown Association premiership, between Gordon*

*minor premiers, and Dunnstown, winners of the final, was played at Wallace on Saturday, and won by Gordon, the scores being:-*

*Gordon.....3 goals 4 behinds...22pts*

*Dunnstown....2 goals 3 behinds...15pts*

*"The Ballarat Courier" September 6, 1926*

Note: the scores reported in the above article differ from the scores that were reported in the previous detailed report of the game.

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### **"Caught in the Act"**

From interviews with many 'Old Timers' this story was revealed about one of Dunnstown's major indiscretions.

It occurred during the 1926 finals that Dunnstown attempted to 'pull a swifty' in their attempt to secure the premiership. A player by the name of Joe McInerney, who was at that time playing in the Nar Nar Goon district, was secretly transported to Dunnstown in the still of the night. Jack Leonard was reportedly to have travelled to Nar Nar Goon in Austin Neville's car to collect McInerney and bring him to Dunnstown to play football under a false name.

As in all small towns news travels fast, and this indiscretion on Dunnstown's behalf was soon discovered by the opposition, needless to say Dunnstown were striped of the points and ultimately lost the Premiership honours.

# 1927

This WAS Dunnstown's year! What can be described as "the pinnacle of one's sporting life - the coveted premiership flag" was achieved for the first time in Dunnstown's illustrious history.

The pain of injuries, and embarrassment of loss are all forgotten when the final bell rings and your team is victorious. Dunnstown first achieved this honour in 1927.

Dunnstown played in the Dunnstown District Association for season 1927. Teams in competition were: Dunnstown, Egerton, Ormond, Gordon and Yendon.

***A LAST QUARTER VICTORY: DUNNSTOWN V ORMOND***

An extract of the game:

*With only one point separating the scores at three-quarter time, the Dunnstown and Ormond football teams which played the final match of the Dunnstown Association on Saturday afternoon on the Wallace ground, each fought hard for the honours in the last quarter. It was a wonderfully fast term and both teams were right into the game from the bounce. It was in this term that Dunnstown took the lead by a good margin of points, but Edmunds, the Ormond coach, worked like a trojan and scored most of the points for his team. The match was the final and Saturday's winners - Dunnstown - will meet the Egerton team next Saturday for the grand final match, which will also be played at Wallace. Egerton won the minor premiership, and had the right to challenge Dunnstown. Saturday's game was expected to be a good one and a record gate - £23 was received. There were close on five hundred people on the ground and most of the way around the playing arena the cars of the onlookers were parked. The game was not without its humorous incidents. In the second quarter and near one of the goals one of the Dunnstown players had the misfortune to have his knickers nearly ripped off him.*

*The teams were:- Dunnstown: P Bourke, M Ryan, M Greene, T Dwyer, J Lenaghan, J Leonard, J Linahan, J Howard, M Howard, H Brennan, F O'Rourke, J McInerney, T O'Donohue, V Horan, J O'Grady, P Connellan, P Reeves and F Meiklejohn.*

*Ormond: Bert Edmunds, P Linehan, W Ronan, A Reidy, J Lee, J O'Connor, J Keighrey, P Crough, M Linehan, J Carroll, P Ryan, J Simpson, J Torphy, J Shearer, J Dugan, Frank Lee, F Kennedy and P O'Neil.*

*Umpires: Central, Burt; boundary, Nolan and Galvin; goal, Hill and McCarthy.*

*The final scores were:-*

*Dunnstown 4 goals 13 behinds...37pts*

*Ormond 3 goals 5 behinds...23pts*

*Goalkickers:- Dunnstown: F O'Rourke 2, M Greene and H Brennan.*

*Ormond: Bert Edmunds 3.*

*The best players for Dunnstown were Bourke, P Reeves, Greene, O'Rourke, Horan and Howard. The two first named, both of Ballarat, stood out from the rest of the team, whilst for Ormond, Edmunds stood out as their best player, with him were Reidy, Kennedy, Lee, P Linehan and Ryan.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" August 8, 1927***

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## **DUNNSTOWN ASSOCIATION**

*The grand final match of this Association will be played on the Wallace racecourse tomorrow, when Egerton, minor premiers, will meet Dunnstown, the winners of the final. During the season umpires have spoken highly of the class of football being played in this competition, and Saturday's game should be exciting. Both teams have been training assiduously - Egerton under the coaching of Ralph Gray, of Golden Point, and Dunnstown under Pat Bourke of South. All vehicular traffic must enter the course by Coffey's lane. The game which is timed to start at 3 p.m. will be in charge of Ballarat League umpires.*

*Dunnstown V Egerton (Grand Final) team:- P Bourke, M Green, Ryan, Britt, Dwyer, Lenaghan, Leonard, Linahan, Howard, Brennan, O'Rourke, Howard, Meiklejohn, McInerney, O'Donohue, Horan, O'Grady, Connellan, Gladman, Reeves, Roach.*

*Bus via Ti Tree road, leaves Shamrock 1.45 sharp.*

*"The Ballarat Courier" August 12, 1927*

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The following report is of Dunnstown's first recorded premiership.

## **DUNNSTOWN OUTCLASSES EGERTON - AND WINS PREMIERSHIP**

### **A LAST QUARTER MELEE**

*By a decisive lead on points Dunnstown won the premiership of the Dunnstown Football Association from Egerton on the Wallace ground on Saturday afternoon. Egerton were minor premiers, and Dunnstown defeated Ormond in the final last Saturday week. Saturday's match was the challenge, and with the day being fine there was a record attendance. Over £30 was taken at the gate, and there were quite a few people who came into the ground via back paddocks. Both teams' were confident of victory, and each fielded their strongest eighteens. During the week two or three of the Dunnstown players had been ill, and although they played on Saturday their performances were not up to the standard of the previous Saturday.*

*Bourke, the Dunnstown skipper, won the toss and kicked with the wind in the first quarter. Dunnstown got on to the ball at the bounce and after a smart bit of by-play M Greene sent towards the sticks, but a mark by Fletcher stopped the*

attack momentarily. Again the ball was returned and a scramble around the goal gave Roche a chance of scoring, but he managed only to push the ball through the goal posts. The kick off was nicely marked by H Stalker, who carried the game around the wing where Wally Stalker with a long punt scored major points. For some minutes play was in the centre area, and then M Greene sent goalwards. Frank O'Rourke marked well, but the wind interfering with his kick the ball went out. Dunnstown maintained the attack, but the Egerton full back, Segrave, was playing wonderfully well, and hardly allowed anything to pass him. His marking and kicking were a treat to see. W Hoare on the back line also saved well. F Cantwell carried the ball away to the centre, but frees sent it back. Egerton were losing chances at this stage of the game. Time after time they had the ball past the centre line, but repeated infringements robbed them of opportunities to get the ball anywhere within the scoring distance. When Egerton at last broke through Gray had a shot, but Bourke marked well. Both teams were being penalised for hanging on to the ball too much, and up till now the game had been very fast. The players now began to tire, and all settled down. Dunnstown looked like scoring when Brennan received from Horan right in front, but his kick hit the post. Just before the bell Segrave stemmed another attack on the part of the Dunnstown players. With only five points lead for the second quarter Egerton jumped away at the bell, and in two kicks registered a behind. From the kick-off the ball travelled around the wing until, Mickey Roche marked it well in the air. Although he was a long way out he tried for goal, and the ball sped straight for the big opening, but the wind took a hand and it fell short. A nice kick by O'Rourke scored Dunnstown's first goal. Segrave and Cantwell were responsible for the ball leaving the Dunnstown territory again, and with a nice chain of marks the ball was sent to the other end of the ground, where a free to W Stalker gave him an opportunity of scoring. His well-judged punt raised both flags - the second goal (and incidentally, the last). With this lead Egerton commenced to feel easier, but did not relax. Meiklejohn on the back line was doing solid work for Dunnstown and time and again he was responsible for the ball being returned to the centre line. One of his saves gave O'Rourke a chance of forwarding the ball, and M Greene had a snap, out, the wind again spoilt Dunnstown's chances of scoring. A smart bit of play was witnessed when J Leonard took the ball just on the goal line and dodging three players of Egerton, brought it out of the danger area. Had he kicked the ball would have been sent well away, but he fell into the trap that snared most young footballers - he tried to run and bounce the ball, and as the playing ground was not all "rolled turf" the ball struck a lump and bounced the wrong way. Hence he lost the ball. In the scramble that ensued Vic Horan received a free, and with a good long kick saved the situation. Gray on the half forward line was working like a trojan, and the ball for about five minutes was continually around the Egerton scoring area. Bourke and his back men had their work cut out to keep the scores down, and they succeeded very well, as only one behind was scored in the whole of the time.

Just before the half-time bell Dunnstown added a single. Half-time scores were:-

*Egerton 2 goals, 3 behinds (15 points); Dunnstown 1 goal, 4 behinds (10 points). Up till half-time Egerton had been the better team, but in the second half of the game they died away completely. Dunnstown made the first move in the third quarter, and, a behind was quickly scored. Roche marked the kick-off, and passed out to Reeves, who in turn passed across to O'Rourke who scored Dunnstown's second goal. Bourke, Leonard, M Greene and Roche were conspicuous in the next Dunnstown attack and a nice mark and kick by O'Rourke added a further six points to the Dunnstown's growing score. From this period some of the Egerton players seemed to have lost their heads, and whilst the ball was on the wing near the Egerton goal a disturbance occurred, but with the help of two mounted police it was quickly quelled. M Greene secured the ball from a shot by P Parker, and sent it out to Reeves, who gave J McInerney a chance, and Dunnstown's fourth goal was registered. Egerton attacked strongly and Bourke returned but a free to Diamond saved and the ball went spinning back towards the Egerton goal. Vic Horan took a nice mark and play was returned to the other end where Brennan snapped a behind. Dwyer marked the kick-off, and scored fifth goal. For the rest of the quarter most of the play was around the centre. A nice mark by Howard gave Brennan a scoring chance and a behind was registered just on the bell. This quarter ended with Dunnstown in the lead by twenty-three points.*

*The last quarter opened fairly cleanly, and from the first five minutes play the spectators were given to inkling of what was to happen in this eventful quarter. The whole of the game was marred by the incident which was said to have been the worst that had ever been witnessed on the ground. Within a couple of minutes of the bounce O'Rourke had scored a goal after receiving from Roche and Leonard. The scores were then: Dunnstown, 6 goals, 8 behinds; Egerton 2 goals, 3 behinds. Egerton kept attacking, but their opponents' lead had taken the wind completely out of their sails. At times there were some brilliant exhibitions of football, but on the whole the standard of the play in this quarter was very poor. A couple of behinds were scored before Dunnstown scored the seventh goal. This time it came from J Howard, who had been working well in a quiet way. The ball was around the Egerton goal when Bourke endeavoured to get it away. Everything was going well, when suddenly a fight took place, and within thirty seconds the fight had grown into a regular melee. Spectators who had been quietly encouraging their teams on the boundary line rushed in and with players who had run up from the other end of the ground commenced fighting. Wherever a head was a blow was struck. Mtd-Consts. J Pattison (Bungaree) and T E Lambert(Gordon) charged the mob with their horses, but this did not seem to have much effect, and the police were compelled to draw batons. At the sight of these weapons and the excited prancing horses portion of the crowd moved back, and when the batons were put into action the whole mob hurried off. Umpire Coleman had stopped the game (or rather it had stopped itself), and he ordered time off, and was waiting for the players to cool down. Some of the players were holding other players who wanted to continue fighting, and some choice epithets were hurled from one group to another. It was some time before the game could*

*be proceeded with and during that time the police kept the crowd back with threats to use their batons. When the game was resumed very little football was witnessed, but just on the bell Brennan scored Dunnstown's eighth goal. The final scores were:*

*Dunnstown 8 goals 8 behinds..56 pts  
Egerton 2 goals 5 behinds..17 pts*

*Considering the temperament of players Umpire Coleman gave a very good exhibition of umpiring. Without a doubt he did the right thing at the start when he called the players together and gave them a short lecture. He told them what he would penalise for and urged them to play the ball and not the man.*

*The disturbance in the final quarter could not be blamed upon the umpire, and had a less experienced man been in charge of the game probably there would have been fights every ten minutes.*

*Goalkickers:- Egerton, W Stalker 2; Dunnstown, Frank O'Rourke 4, Brennan, J Howard, T Dwyer, and J McInerney.*

*Dunnstown's best: Bourke, M Greene, Dwyer, Leonard, Horan and Meiklejohn; whilst Egerton were best served by Segrave, Gray, W Stalker, Fletcher, Hoare and Parker.*

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## **Dunnstown Football Club Premiers 1927**



Back: Trainers J Toy, J Britt; Delegate M Tierney, D Ryan, M Burns.

3rd row: T O'Donohue, J O'Grady, F O'Rourke, J McInerney, M Howard, H Brennan.

2nd Row: J Gladman, P Connellan, H Bell (V.P.), A Neville (Pres), P Cummins (V.P.) M Roche, J Howard.

Front: J Leonard, T Dwyer, M Ryan (sec/treas), M Greene V.C, P Bourke C-C, J Lenaghan, T Britt, P Reeves.

Mascot: Danny Roche. Absent: F Meickeljohn, J Linahan, V Horan.



Paddy Bourke –  
DFC Coach 1927

# 1928

## **DUNNSTOWN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

Teams in the Dunnstown District Association during 1928 were - Ballan, Dunnstown, Bungaree, Yendon, Gordon and Ormond.

Meeting Held on March 26, 1928.

26/3/28      A letter was received from the Dunnstown and Leigh Creek Football Clubs, asking for information as to when this Association met. (Dunnstown was proposing to join this Association in the future.)

*From the minute books of Ballarat First Rate Assoc B.F.L. House.*

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## **DUNNSTOWN DISTRICT FOOTBALL**

**ASSOCIATION**

**SECOND SEMI-FINAL**

**TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TOMORROW**

**DUNNSTOWN (MINOR PREMIERS) V GORDON,  
ON THE BALLAN OVAL**

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The Contest of the season.**

**Splendid parking Area for Cars - Free.**

**Admission : Adults 1/-**

**Game Starts at 3 sharp,**

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***DUNNSTOWN V GORDON***

*At Ballan, tomorrow. Bus leaves Leigh Creek at 1p.m., via D'town. Players' bus leaves D'town at 1.15 p.m. sharp. Supporters' buses (2) leave Shamrock at 2 p.m., and travel via Millbrook. Millbrook patrons kindly book seats by ringing D'town 1 before noon on Saturday, to avoid congestion.*

*Fares: Adults 3/-, Children 1/-.*

*J. and K. Lenaghan, secs.*

*"The Ballarat Courier"*

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***DUNNSTOWN V GORDON AT BALLAN***

*Dunnstown's team: P Bourke (Capt.), F Donohue (V.C.), T Donohue, J Lenaghan, J Dunne, V O'Rourke, E Andrews, G Reidy, C Rushbrook, B McGuane, C Sheehan, M & J Howard, K Lenaghan, J McInerney, J Leonard, M Greene, T Dwyer, J Linahan, J O'Grady and A Purdue.*

*"The Ballarat Courier"*

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***DUNNSTOWN ASSOCIATION FINAL***

***WON BY DUNNSTOWN - GORDON'S PLUCKY LAST QUARTER***

## **STRUGGLE**

*For the third time in the history of the Dunnstown and District Football Association teams representing the Dunnstown and Gordon clubs have played in the final. The third occasion was on Saturday when Dunnstown met Gordon on what was once the Wallace racecourse, and is now the property of Mr Frank Richards. Ballan won the minor premierships honours and met Dunnstown in the first-semi final match. Dunnstown won. Bungaree played Gordon in the second semi-final and this match resulted in a win for Gordon. The first semi-final attracted about 800 people, the second semi-final about the same number and Saturday's match over 1000. Cars lined up most of the way around the ground, and there was a big representation of country football followers, as well as many Ballarat visitors. The Oval was in good condition, but a strong northerly wind made it uncomfortable for the spectators in the open. The central umpire was T Williams, and the teams were:-*

### **DUNNSTOWN**

*P Bourke (c), M Green (V.C.), Frank O'Rourke, H Lugg, A Dwyer, M Howard, J Howard, J O'Grady, K Lenaghan, J McInerney, T O'Donohue, J H Wise, E Reeves, J Linahan, Vic Horan, J Gladman and D Leonard.*

### **GORDON**

*R Gray(c), P Fahey (V.C.), T Carey, W Winter, Steve Carey, J Canty, R Canty S Greene, Tom Carey, F Cantwell, E Sullivan, H Stalker, Don Stalker, W Stalker, E Simms, D Corbett, M Sullivan.*

*At the bounce Dunnstown drew first blood, Horan snapping a behind from a long way out. The kick-off was marked by O'Rourke and he also scored a minor. The play was around the scoring area for a few minutes before Bourke sent out to O'Rourke who had a shot. The kick was marked just in goal by Carey and returned. Cantwell marked well and centred. Bourke now took possession and after very cleverly tricking two opponents gave Gladman an easy chance right in front and he scored the possible. It was a fine kick and well judged. Dunnstown's forwards had been working hard, and it now was the turn of the back men to do something, and when Gordon rushed the play to the other end, they had to work enough. The defensive work was good, and M Greene on the back line was a tower of strength. Three behinds were scored by Gordon in quick succession, W Stalker accounting for two and Steve Carey for the other one. The Gordon forwards were missing numbers of chances from fumbling. Cantwell who had been playing well near the centre, drove well up the field and a high mark by Steve Carey generated in Gordon supporters high hopes of a goal, but his kick fell short and was marked by J H Wise. The return by Wise was marked by Carey, who scored a point. A free kick to Lambert paved the way for a goal. There was no more scoring for the quarter, and during the interval a short, sharp shower made its unwelcome presence felt. Gordon did not waste any time at the bounce and the ball was quickly in the danger zone, when a free to O'Rourke*

*saved the situation. Bourke marked his kick in the centre and a free to Wise, who was now playing on the forward line, resulted in the ball going out of bounds. A snap by O'Rourke raised one flag before Gordon succeeded in getting the play away from the danger area. Gray was most prominent in this, and Fahey, Sullivan, W Stalker and Winter carried the play to the other end, where the last-named player had a long shot. His kick fell short and about three Gordon players went up together for the ball. They fumbled it, and the opportunity was lost, for Greene rushed in and returned the ball to the centre where Winter took a high mark and he passed to Gray, who in turn sent it on right in front to Steve Carey, who scored the second goal for Gordon. Winter in the centre was prominent in launching the next attack and W Stalker scored a point. A flying mark by Lenaghan and a good kick sent the ball back and a free right in front to Bourke gave him an easy chance. He scored the possible. O'Rourke did good work in helping to bring the ball to the other end and Dunnstown scored two more goals in quick succession. Bourke in the centre passed to O'Rourke, who gave Lenaghan an opportunity. The other sixer was snapped by Reeves after he had received form M Greene. This was just before the halftime bell. Gordon commenced the third term with a deficit of eight points, and another point was added to this within a few seconds of the bounce. Gordon replied with a behind from S Carey, a goal from Lambert and another goal, this time by H Stalker. H Stalker marked the kick off after the behind and passed to Lambert in front, and Winter and Fahey carried the ball from the bounce in the centre to H Stalker for the second goal. M Sullivan gave S Carey what appeared to be an easy chance of scoring, but the ball sailed right in front of the sticks out of bounds. It was quickly sent round the wing to the other end by Horan, O'Rourke, and Lugg, and Dunnstown looked like scoring when a free to Winter, who was playing a good solid game, saved. Cantwell took Winter's kick and Fahey gave W Stalker a chance, which was converted for fifth goal. Bourke in the centre was awarded a free and with a long kick he gave D Leonard possession right in front but a fair way out, but his kick was true, and Dunnstown's fifth goal was registered. Cantwell, on the back line, was saving repeatedly for Gordon, who scored a couple of behinds before the bell sounded.*

*The last ten minutes of the quarter saw the play mostly in the centre. During this quarter a regrettable incident occurred on the western wing when some of the barrackers who had grown somewhat excited became mixed up with the players. The game was held up for a few minutes, and during that time the mounted constable on duty found it necessary to draw his baton and charge to get the crowd off the field. When the bell sounded Gordon had a 6 point lead, but in the last quarter Dunnstown scored three goals four behinds to the one behind of Gordon. Gladman scored his second goal after Pat Bourke and Greene had sent the ball from the centre at the bounce. This made the scores level, and then a fine goal from O'Rourke put Dunnstown in the lead. This player accounted for a behind a few minutes later, and Reeves snapped another point. Time and time again the ball was returned to the centre line only to be sent back again. A rally*

*on the part of the Gordon team carried the play within scoring distance, but again there was too much fumbling by the forwards and a free to Reeves relieved the situation. O'Rourke got within scoring distance, and Bourke near the boundary line snapped Dunnstown's eighth and final sixer. Again Dunnstown's goal was threatened, but there were no forwards there, and a behind was rushed. Just on the bell, Gray saved right in goal. The scores were:-Final.*

*Dunnstown: 8 goals 7 behinds... 55points*

*Gordon: 5 goals 10 behinds... 40points*

*Goal-kickers: Dunnstown - Gladman 2, Bourke 2, O'Rourke, Lenaghan, D Leonard and Reeves; Gordon - Lambert 2, S Carey, H Stalker, W Stalker.*

*The best players for Dunnstown were: O'Rourke, Dwyer, Bourke, Lugg, and Gladman., and for Gordon - Cantwell, Lambert, Winter, Tom Carey, and Fahey.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" August 20, 1928***

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### ***DUNNSTOWN GRAND FINAL***

*On the Ballan oval on Saturday Dunnstown (minor premiers) will meet Bungaree in the grand final. These are two fast teams who favour the open game, and given fine weather this should be a thrilling contest. A special train will leave Ballarat at 1.35.*

***"The Ballarat Courier"***

(Note: should read Bungaree oval; Dunnstown will meet Ballan)

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### ***DUNNSTOWN ASSOCIATION***

*The grand-final match of the Association will be played on Wallace Racecourse on Saturday next, when Ballan (minor premiers) will meet Dunnstown, who defeated Gordon in the final last Saturday. In the preliminary rounds Ballan and Dunnstown met twice, and the contests were as thrilling as any witnessed during the season. Ballan won both matches, but the margin was only a few points. Although Dunnstown defeated Ballan rather easily in the semi-final Ballan did not produce their true form. Since then they have indulged in strenuous and systematic training, and the great crowd on Saturday should be provided with a fitting culmination to a successful season. The playing ground, which Mr F Ritchie has very generously placed at the disposal of the Association, is in perfect order, and complete arrangements have been made for the spectators. League umpires will be in charge, and the game is timed to start at 3 o'clock.*

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**DUNNSTOWN ASSOCIATION GRAND FINAL  
GORDON DEFEATS BALLAN - A RECORD ATTENDANCE**

*All roads in the surrounding districts led to the Wallace Oval on Saturday afternoon, when the grand final match of the Dunnstown Football Association was played by teams from Gordon and Ballan, the latter the minor premiers.*

*An eleventh-hour decision made it possible for the Gordon team to play in the match. On the previous Saturday, in the final match, Dunnstown defeated Gordon, and during the week a protest was entered by Gordon, in which it was alleged that Dunnstown played a man illegally.*

*As Dunnstown, in the ordinary course of events, would have met Ballan in the grand final, the members of the team kept training throughout the week, and the Gordon players were also training. On Friday evening the special tribunal of the Association disqualified Dunnstown, so Gordon had to meet Ballan.*

*On Saturday morning in Ballarat, there were all manner of rumours of what was going to happen during the match. It was even said that the Dunnstown players had decided to strip and take the ground at 3 o'clock. Of course nothing like that happened, the Dunnstown players being sports enough to abide by the decision of the tribunal, which is absolutely final.*

*It was the biggest crowd that ever gathered at the Wallace ground to witness a football match, and noticeable was the large number of Ballarat people present. Probably they attached little or no importance to the charity match. They had purchased their tickets, and thought they might see plenty for their money at Wallace. If this were so, they were disappointed, for not one incident that should not have been occurred. The extra policemen on the ground were not called upon, and the two mounted troopers had little or no trouble in keeping the crowd back from the line.*

*Gordon was the better team on the day, defeating Ballan by 15 points. The final scores:*

<i>Gordon</i>	<i>6 goals 2 behinds.....38 points</i>
<i>Ballan</i>	<i>3 goals 5 behinds.....23 points.</i>

*The best players of the premier team were Winter, J Canty, S Green, R Canty, H Stalker, W Stalker and Ralph Gray; and for Ballan, M Wheelahan (best on the ground), May, L Heath, J Heath, Naylor, Pritchard, and L Hyatt.*

*"The Ballarat Courier" August 27, 1928*

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**PREMIER TEAMS TO MEET.**

*Newlyn (premiers of Creswick Association), and Gordon (premiers of the Dunnstown Association) will play a match on the Bungaree ground next Saturday, in aid of the Creswick District Hospital.*

*"The Ballarat Courier" August 30, 1928*

# 1929

1929 was another of Dunnstown's success years.

Dunnstown's second recorded premiership was gained in a last quarter struggle against old rivals and neighbours Bungaree. Dunnstown has proved itself as a force to be reckoned with. Their fighting spirit and sportsmanship has earned the club a healthy respect from all competitors.

*Tomorrow the old rivals, Bungaree and Dunnstown are to meet at Dunnstown for the second time this season. The first match was keenly fought out and another good game is expected.*

*"The Ballarat Courier" June 7, 1929*

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*A record crowd assembled in the Dunnstown ground on Saturday to witness the Dunnstown - Bungaree match. Cooper, (formerly Ballarat's champion follower) won the toss for Bungaree and had no hesitation in making use of the wind.*

*The ringing of the bell saw the visitors within scoring distance, and thus bought a conclusion to the finest game ever witnessed in Dunnstown. The huge crowd caused the fence to give way in the last term, and this led to a hold up of the play.*

*Quinn, (next to Dunne), O'Connell, Guinane, Morden, Maher and Macklin and Cooper did well for the losers. Final scores: Dunnstown, 9 goals 6 behinds (60 Points) to Bungaree, 6 goals, 5 behinds (41 Points). This game was the sixth game this year, and interest in the competition is increasing.*

*"The Ballarat Courier" June 12, 1929*

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**DUNNSTOWN DISTRICT FOOTBALL**

**ASSOCIATION.**

**GRAND FINAL**

**DUNNSTOWN V BUNGAREE**

**SATURDAY, 14th SEPT.**

**On BALLAN OVAL.**

**Special Train leaves Ballarat 1.35, Warrenheip 1.50, Dunnstown 1.56,  
Bungaree 2.4, Gordon 2.22.**

**Returning from Ballan at 5.40 p.m.**

**Special football fares from Ballarat. Return, 4/- and intermediate stations  
pro rata.**

**The Game of the Season -Don't Miss it.**

**Game starts at 3 sharp. Admission 1/-**

**P. J. FORD, Hon. Sec.**

*"The Ballarat Courier" Advertisement*

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**PREMIERSHIP LIST**

	Played	Won	Lost	Points
Dunnstown	6	6	0	24
Gordon	6	5	1	20
Ballan	6	3	3	12
Yendon	6	2	4	8
Ormond	6	1	5	4
Bungaree	6	1	5	4

***DUNNSTOWN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION***

***DUNNSTOWN WINS GRAND FINAL: LAST QUARTER STRUGGLE***

*By defeating Bungaree at the Ballan Oval on Saturday in the Grand final match of the Dunnstown District Association the Dunnstown team, the minor premiers of the Association, won the premiership honours. The day was ideal for the game, there was just a breath of wind noticeable; the ground was in splendid*

order; both teams fielding strong eighteens, were out to win, and there was a large attendance. The takings at the gates totalled £58, and as there were quite a number of official visitors, the attendance was well up to 1500. There was a record gathering of motorists, and every town within a radius of twenty miles was represented. There was a good crowd from the Yendon district. Yendon was one of the final four teams but was beaten in the first semi-final by Bungaree, whilst Gordon, defeated by Dunnstown in the second semi-final had a big representation at the oval. The special train carried a big quota to the scene of the match. In the final game on the previous Saturday Bungaree achieved victory by seven points and as Dunnstown had annexed the minor premiership Bungaree was challenged in Saturday's match. Quite a few wagers were taken amongst the supporters, and it appeared, from the general opinion on the ground, that Dunnstown was favoured a trifle more than Bungaree. Bungaree had an unaltered side from the final game, whilst Dunnstown made two changes, L Dunn and G Reidy being displaced by J McInerney and T Dwyer. The teams and placings at the commencement of the match were :-

*DUNNSTOWN - Backs, J Leonard, J Lenaghan, Con Sheehan. Half-backs, Mat Howard, V O'Rourke, J O'Grady; Centre, T Dwyer Purdue, B McGuan; Half-forwards, T Donohue, C Rushbrook, K Lenaghan, Forwards, Bourke (c.), F Donohue, Joe Howard. Followers, M Greene and J McInerney. Rover, Andrews.*

*BUNGAREE - Backs, W Maher, T Guinane, M Frawley. Half backs, H Macklin, J McNeil, W Frawley. Centre, J Tuohy, J O'Connell, W Jeffreys. Half-forwards, B Frawley, T Ogilvie, F Quinn. Forwards, R Frawley, D Guinane, B Walsh. Followers, H H Cooper(c), and W Morden. Rover, W Sanders.*

*Murphy was in charge of the whistle, but his exhibition was not up to the standard given when he last officiated, for he missed many breaches of the laws of the game. At one stage two players commenced to argue rather forcibly. Instead of stopping the game and bringing the ball back and bouncing it, the field umpire let the "argument" continue and the ball likewise. It was not until a uniformed constable intervened was order restored.*

*The Bungaree skipper (Cooper) won the toss and selected the northern goal for the attack, which was not far behind the first bounce of the ball. A free in the ruck, a long kick, a fine mark, and the first behind was scored. Bungaree maintained the attack for some minutes but short kicks robbed them of the opportunity of scoring, and when a Dunnstown back man collared the ball he kicked it well and truly; in fact his one kick was not infrequently worth three of those of Bungaree. Bourke was a thorn in the side of the Bungaree forwards and on numerous occasions he was ready to return the ball. One of his kicks went well past the centre line, and a clever piece of play brought the ball into the scoring territory, where C Rushbrook put up first goal of the match. Working well in the ruck Cooper got possession and landed the ball into the hands of D Guinane, whose kick gave Dunnstown the lead again. Almost immediately*

*Guinane took the ball and repeated his scoring shot.*

*The game was very fast and open. It was a day that suited the fast players, and those on both sides who were at all speedy were making the pace. Some beautiful marks were witnessed, and altogether the game was of a better standard than had been seen during the semi-finals and final game. Dunnstown then took a hand and a long kick from near the boundary yielded a behind, the player having the ill-luck to hit the post. Bungaree rushed the ball away, but from the centre it came back by a remarkably fine chain of marks. The last mark was taken by F Donohue, who with a quick snap added six points and levelled the scores - thirteen points. A rush from the centre produced a behind for Dunnstown, and play was brought to the centre where there was some good clean marking. A breakaway by Dunnstown took the ball right to the goals, but a brilliant mark by the full back saved.*

*At the end of the quarter, which had been evenly contested, Dunnstown led by a point. Better system was being shown by both teams, and every player was giving of his best. It was noticeable that some of the players landed a hefty punch on the ball in the ruck, and this was proved most effective. In the opening stages of the second quarter the umpire missed some glaring breaches, but in this particular phase of the game he was consistent, for both teams suffered. Dunnstown had more use of the ball in the first ten minutes, and it was only after a continual bombardment on the goals that the forwards were rewarded. Seven points then came quickly, the goal from Joe Howard and the behind from a penalty kick. Bungaree's reply was prompt and the ball shot through the behinds. Bad fumbling on the part of the forwards lost a couple of good chances and it was not until Cooper received a free right in front was the long-looked-for goal scored.*

*Dunnstown still had the advantage of a point, but a behind from the boundary line again levelled the totals. A fine long kick by a Dunnstown forward was not high enough at the goals and it was touched going through. In quick succession the ball travelled to the Bungaree end where nothing was scored, and back again to the opposite end. Dunnstown added a point. From the ruck Andrews snapped Dunnstown's fourth goal, and a few minutes before the half-time bell F Donohue accounted for his second major points from a penalty kick on the boundary line. Fourteen points separated the scores at the interval.*

*After the interval Dunnstown did not waste time in a few kicks from the centre. F Donohue scored his second goal with a well-judged kick. Dunnstown again took up the offensive and the ball was quickly sent down the field where it was lost for a few seconds in a scramble in front. In this M Greene grasped an opportunity and cleverly snapped Dunnstown's sixth goal. Three more behinds were scored before Bungaree had the use of the ball past the centre line, but only a behind came of it and Dunnstown back men were quick to repel the attack.*

*Play around the wing forwarded and a smart running shot by Joe Howard added the possible. Tricky work in the centre started a move for Bungaree and D Guinane scored his third goal. For ten minutes or so the ball was continually in the Bungaree area but not a point was scored.*

*The Dunnstown backs were playing splendidly and as quickly as the ball came near the goals it was returned. Dunnstown's wing play was good and as soon as the ball had been cleared it was carried to the other end. A Bungaree forward marked well in front but could manage only a point. When the play was in and around the centre it was noticeable that Bungaree men were not watching their opponents as closely as they should have done and time and time again Dunnstown were beating opponents to the ball.*

*The pace was still hot and Dunnstown kept it so, whilst some of the Bungaree players were starting to show signs of easing up. Just before the bell Bungaree scored a point. At the end of the quarter Dunnstown had increased the lead by another fourteen points, the scores showing a twenty eight point lead. Bungaree's fifth goal came almost from the bounce. One long kick from the centre gave Ogilvie possession and running in he snapped major points. The game was fast and fairly open and the ball was travelling from one end of the oval to the other.*

*Each side scored behinds before the second goal for the quarter was registered, and this was in favour of Bungaree. B Frawley being responsible. Dunnstown were still seventeen points ahead. Whilst the disturbance previously referred to was taking place Dunnstown rushed to ball away and scored a behind. A free in front for Ogilvie gave Bungaree seventh goal, the last Bungaree scored. Dunnstown replied from the bounce and F Donohue accounted for his fourth goal and Dunnstown's ninth, which was also the last. Until the final bell there was no more scoring.*

*The final scores were :-*

<i>Dunnstown</i>	<i>9 goals 13 behinds ...</i>	<i>67 points</i>
<i>Bungaree</i>	<i>7 goals 6 behinds ...</i>	<i>48 points</i>

*GOALKICKERS: Dunnstown: F Donohue (4), J Howard (2), M Greene, C Rushbrook and Andrews. Bungaree: D Guinane (3), T Ogilvie (2), Cooper, B Frawley.*

*Dunnstown had excellent service from F Donohue, who played a most useful game on the forward line. Andrews, O'Rourke, K Lenaghan and Pat Bourke also played well; whilst for Bungaree, J O'Connell was an outstanding player. J Toohey, D Guinane, T Guinane and Morden were always useful, whilst H H Cooper, the captain, played a hard game.*

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## Dunnstown Football Club Premiers 1929



Back: E Andrews, B McGuane, J O'Grady, J Dunne, T O'Donoghue, J Howard.

Middle: M Howard, M Greene, J McInerney, Cr. P J Maloney (Pres), V O'Rourke, C Sheehan, C Rushbrook.

Front: J Leonard, A Dwyer, K Lenaghan (Joint Sec), F O'Donoghue (VC), P Bourke (CC), J Linahan (joint sec), G Reidy, J Linahan. Absent: A Purdue.

# 1930

The 1930's era of football was a time of change. Dunnstown experienced the all-important move from their own Association to affiliate with the Ballarat Football League, a competition known as the Ballarat and District Football Association.

The club were also to acquire new guernseys and a change of club colours during these years. Four different coaches were to take charge of the team in as many years.

The changes were unsettling in the early days, but the 30's were no less glorious or controversial than previously, within four years of first rate competition

Dunnstown had once again left its mark on football history.

30/3/30 Before the general business was gone on with it was decided to deal with the applications received from the East Ballarat and Dunnstown Clubs for admittance to this Association.

11/3/30 On behalf of the Association the delegates of Dunnstown and East Ballarat were welcomed to the Association and it was hoped they would have an enjoyable and successful season.

8/4/30 Dunnstown Football Club requested it's colours as Emerald Green and White.

Clearances were granted to F P Shannon from Plume, M Prout from North 3rds, W Walsh from North 3rds, P Horan from North City and Goodman from the now defunct Redcliffs all to Dunnstown.

20/5/30 Permits were granted to F Lugg, East 3rds, W Ryan, North City, H Lugg, South juniors, C Ichafield, Belgrave, W Lee, South 2nds and P Reeves, Springbank all to Dunnstown.

6/6/30 A report from Umpire Ramsay reporting the Dunnstown F.C. for unseemly conduct. As the report was out of order, no action was taken.

A report from the Secretary Umpires League reporting that the Boundary Umpires at Dunnstown were unsatisfactory and also stating that umpires had not been receiving expenses at Creswick and Dunnstown.

Mr Bourke of Dunnstown stated that steps would be taken to provide better boundary umpires in the future.

***“From the minutes of the Ballarat First Rate Assoc. B.F.L House. 1930 Season”***

During season 1930 Dunnstown played in the Ballarat Association. The teams in the competition were: Railways, South City, Wendouree, Redan, Newlyn, Creswick, Sebastopol, North, East and Dunnstown.

Dunnstown's team was: Greene, Leonard, Rushbrook, Horan, Purdue, Howard, O'Donohue, Durose, McInerney, Shannon, Walsh, Sinclair, O'Grady, Lee, Wise, Lugg, Lenaghan, Kiely, Goodman and Dunne.

*Bennett's Bus coming out via Olive Branch, Leaving Shamrock via Tee-Tree Road at 2 p.m. sharp on Saturday.*

*On Saturday 13/7/30, Windsor Amateurs are visiting Dunnstown, and a good game of Football is expected, as Dunnstown will field a strong side. Silver coin collection. M Howard, sec., D.F.C.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" Advertisement***

# 1931

Dunnstown were participating in the Ballarat and District Association in season 1931. They were coached by Pat Bourke.

Dunnstown gained the services of many players from the now defunct Leigh Creek Football Club. The guernseys worn by the team were Green & White.

Teams competing in the competition in 1931 were: Dunnstown, Railways, South City, Sebastopol, East Ballarat, Newlyn, Creswick, North City.

24/3/31 Goal umpires appointed for Dunnstown F. C. were A Neville, (Britt) and H Murphy.

21/4/31 Clearances were granted to A Purdue and F O'Leary, and permits to J. Lenaghan, A Truswell, A Flannagan, C Sheehan, K Lenaghan, J Dunne and O'Rourke to Dunnstown.

25/8/31 A report from Umpire Neal and Boundary Umpire Gray reporting players in the match between Dunnstown and South City. The report was then forwarded to the Special Tribunal.

***"From minutes of Ballarat First Rate Association B.F.L House."***

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The following games have all been summarised and extracts taken from "The Ballarat Courier" due to the length and the number of games which were reported for this season. We have endeavoured to keep the spirit of the games intact.

May 5th, 1931

## **DUNNSTOWN V CRESWICK**

A report of this game found in the Ballarat Courier records the opening round of matches in the Ballarat and District Association, with Dunnstown playing against Creswick. Dunnstown elected Pat Bourke and Mat Greene as captain and vice captain for the fifth successive season, and the team included new players in Flannagan (from Powelltown), O'Leary, Lenaghan 2, and Sheehan (from Leigh Creek).

The game was keenly fought with Creswick being victorious.

The scores were: Creswick 11 goals 6 behinds; Dunnstown 8 goals 6 behinds. The visitors were well served by Peters, who gave the home backs a lot of trouble, and he was well supported by Park, Featherstone (2), Bowley, Gibson, and Potter; while Bourke, K Lenaghan, Lugg, J Howard (5 goals), Leonard, McInerney, Greene and Donohue were the pick of the home team. The scoring board, which was donated by Messrs Brind and Jackson, was favourably commented upon.

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May 27, 1931

## **DUNNSTOWN V RAILWAYS**

In this fast and interesting game with accurate kicking, good high marking and splendid anticipation caused intense excitement, which resulted in a win for Dunnstown.

Scores: Dunnstown, 11 goals 19 behinds; Railways, 8 goals 10 behinds.

Every man on the winning side played well, but probably the most conspicuous were J Mitchell, J Howard, O'Leary, M Howard, Lugg, Greene and K Lenaghan; while Bromley, Larkin, Wallis, Johnson, Ward, Wearne and Ross were the pick of the visitors.

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June 10, 1931

## **NEWLYN V DUNNSTOWN**

This was a scrambling game on a very slippery ground, which resulted in victory for Newlyn. The final scores were:- Newlyn, 4 goals 8 behinds, 30 points; to Dunnstown 1 goal 14 points, 20 points.

Richardson, Williams, May, McCarthy, Saunders and Bailey were the best among the locals, while K Lenaghan, Lugg (2), Dunne and Rushbrook were the most prominent for the visitors.

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June 13, 1931

## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

### A CLOSE GAME - DUNNSTOWN'S ONE POINT WIN

In this even fought game between Dunnstown and Sebastopol played on the Eastern Oval, Dunnstown eventually ran out one point winners.

The teams were: Sebastopol - Backs: Casey, Weeks, Silvey; Half-backs: Feary, Edwards, Lawson; Centre: Curtain, Wright, Perkins (c); Half- forwards: J Snowden, L Snowden, Hill; Forwards: Jenkins, Austin, Rumler; Followers: White, Nicholls; Rover: Chibnall. 19th man: Ritchie.

Dunnstown - Backs: O'Meara, O'Leary, Leonard; Half-back: M Howard, Bourke, Sheehan; Centre: Purdue, Lugg, McGree; Half-forwards: Leneghan, McCormack, O'Donohue; Forward: W O'Leary, J Howard, Lee; Followers: Green and McInerney; Rover: J Lugg. 19th man: Squires.

Central umpire: Cunningham.

Dunnstown kicked towards the grandstand goal, but soon lost the initial advantage mostly by penalty kicks, and a point was rushed. An attack on the Sebastopol goal was beaten off, but Dunnstown came again. Sebastopol were better in the air, but lost advantage by over-anxiousness. Scores were:

Dunnstown	10 goals 6 behinds....66 points
Sebastopol	9 goals 11 behinds...65 points

Goal-kickers:- Dunnstown: J Howard (3) B O'Leary (2), W Lee (2), Lenaghan, McCormack, O'Donohue. Sebastopol: Austin (5), Nicholls (2), Rumler and Jenkins.

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June 18, 1931

### DUNNSTOWN V SOUTH CITY

A large crowd attended the above fixture at Dunnstown last Saturday. Both teams were strongly represented and the spectators were satisfied with the standard displayed. Fine open football was witnessed in the early stages of the last term. The visitors were vainly trying to reduce their deficiency. Superior forward play for the locals made their score 19 points in excess of their opponents. The visitors struggled on and attacked strongly in the closing stages, but a solitary sixer was their reward and the bell was rung with the scores: Dunnstown, 7 goals 12 behinds, 54 points; to South City, 6 goals 5 behinds, 41 points.

Every player on the winning side justified his inclusion, but, perhaps, O'Rourke, Donohue, Dunne, Burke, Green and M Howard were the most prominent; while Robinson (best on ground), Brayshaw, Hubbart, Raddiford and Shaw were the

pick of the losers.

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June 24, 1931

### **DUNNSTOWN V CRESWICK**

For the second time this season the above named teams met last Saturday in the presence of a large attendance. Weight was freely used, and the spectators throbbed with excitement. The end was drawing near, and an attack by the visitors yielded one point, which made the scores level. Players of both sides were meeting each other squarely, and as a consequence many were covered in mud. With barely a minute left for play Bowley, of Creswick, was fouled right in front, and he made no mistake, the leather going through amidst deafening cheers. From the bounce Bourke, of Dunnstown, sent on to O'Rourke, who marked 40 yards out just as the bell rang. In kicking, his opponent crept over his mark. Many, thinking the game had ended, surged on to the playing field, and it was with difficulty the umpire got the crowd back, O'Rourke kicked and scored the equalising goal.

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July 9, 1931

### **DUNNSTOWN V EAST BALLARAT**

There was a large attendance at Russell Square on Saturday to witness East Ballarat against Dunnstown. The ground was in a bad state, and as a result the game was spoilt. Both teams fielded strong eighteens, and both sides were confident. Play became very exciting, and on one occasion Umpire Galvin had to stop the game until a large section of the crowd retired beyond the boundary. The home team, with only nine points to make up started the last term in a determined style. For a time caution was thrown to the winds, and players hurled themselves into the game fearlessly. The visitors were, however, the steadier, and repelled several attacks until they increased their lead to 17 points, and made the game secure. Just on the bell East Ballarat scored a major.

Final scores: Dunnstown, 7 goals 8 behinds - 50 points; East, 5 goals 10 behinds - 40 points.

The goal umpires were set a difficult task owing to a section of the crowd congregating around the goal posts.

The Association should see that a space here is roped off, which would eliminate difficulties that frequently arose last Saturday.

The winners were an even combination, and all came under notice at some time or other, but perhaps M Howard (best on ground), Purdue, J Howard, Dunne, J Lugg, O'Rourke, and Sheehan were the most prominent, while H Stevens, A and I Anwyl, Carter (last quarter), Worledge, and Morrison did sterling work for the

losers.

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## ***BALLARAT AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION***

*A proposal that the Ballarat and District Association should adopt the Melbourne League system of playing semi-finals and final was not viewed favourably by the delegates at Tuesday's meeting. A motion to rescind the present rule for deciding the premiership, with a view of substituting the Melbourne rule was defeated. It is expected that the same method as last season will be adopted.*

*Newlyn six points ahead of Dunnstown are leaders, but they will have to fight hard to retain this lead as they have some hard games in front of them. Sebastopol play Dunnstown at Sebastopol, and a victory is required by Sebastopol to retain their place on the premiership list.*

*Delegates consider that the system of each club providing its own boundary umpires had proved a failure, and in future the Association will appoint them, and pay them 5/- each Saturday. The following boundary umpires were appointed for Saturday:- Newlyn, Edwards and Bree; Sebastopol, Snowden and Gray; Russell Square, Kappee and Norman; Western Oval, Robinson and Watson.*

*Clearances were refused to A P Ward, Smeaton to Newlyn; R Parke, Creswick to Imperial; A Trusswell, Dunnstown to Point Second.*

*Dunnstown V Sebastopol, at Sebastopol :- Bourke, Green, Lugg, O'Rourke, Lenaghan, Dunne, Rushbrook, Mitchell, Leonard (2), Howard (2), Flannagan, Donohue (2), Young, Horan, McInerney, Purdue, Sheehan, O'Leary, Durose.*

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An explanation of the method of finals as referred to previously:- At the end of the home and away matches the team finishing on top of the ladder was declared the "minor premiers". The minor premiers' team had the choice of playing in either the first semi-final or second semi-final. The winner of the first semi-final then played the winner of the second semi-final in the final match. The winner of this final match won the premiership. However, if the minor premiers did not win this final match, then that team had the 'right of challenge' and a challenge match was played for the premiership honours.

An example, in 1926 the final ladder was Gordon, Ormond, Dunnstown and Warrenheip. In the 1st semi-final Dunnstown defeated Ormond; in the 2nd semi-final Gordon defeated Warrenheip. The final was then played between Dunnstown and Gordon. Dunnstown won this final match but were challenged

by Gordon (minor premiers) to another match. Gordon won this second match and was declared the premiers.

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### **ASSOCIATION FINALS - OLD SYSTEM FAVOURED**

*The chief business before the Meeting of the Ballarat and District Football Association at last night's meeting was a notice of motion in reference to playing the semi-finals and final.*

*The objection of the notice of motion was delete the rule which states that the minor premiers shall have the right of challenge in a semi-final or final, with a view of substituting the rule adopted by the Ballarat League. This provides that the third and fourth teams play one semi-final; first and second play the other, the winners of the semi-final between the third and fourth teams play the losers of the other semi-final between first and second teams for the premiership, no challenge being allowed. It is also the Melbourne League system with the exception that the Ballarat League gives the minor premiers the right of saying whether they shall play the first or the second semi-final. There was no discussion as the matter had been thrashed out at a previous meeting. The motion was carried, 10 votes to 5, but a three fourths majority was necessary to make it effective. That was not obtained, and the Association semi-finals and final will be played as before.*

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July 29, 1931

### **DUNNSTOWN BEATS NEWLYN**

The largest crowd seen for some time on the Dunnstow ground was present to witness the game between the locals and their country rivals, who occupy a leading position on the Ballarat District Association premiership list. The large numbers of cars parked around the arena were very convenient to the spectators during the heavy showers that passed over in the first and third terms. The players had no sooner entered the arena than they were driven to shelter by heavy rain, and in consequence the start was delayed.

Defensive football was played throughout the game. Newlyn played well in the last term, but the Dunnstow defence was sound. Dunnstow by fine forward play scored the first and only major against the wind. Newlyn attacked again and scored the possible, and this was followed by a series of minors until the bell rang leaving Dunnstow victorious by 7 goals 5 behinds to 3 goals 7 behinds. The locals were an even team, every player coming under notice, but perhaps their best man was Bourke, who whether following, back or forward was a tower of strength. He received fine support from J Howard (4 goals), Mitchell, Green and Purdue.

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August 17, 1931

## ASSOCIATION SEMI-FINAL

### DUNNSTOWN BEAT SOUTH CITY - SEVEN PLAYERS REPORTED

Although frequently more vigorous than skilful, the first semi-final of the Ballarat and District Association aroused and retained the deepest interest throughout. The best idea of the tactics resorted to by both contesting teams - Dunnstown and Ballarat City- (*should read South City*) is conveyed by the fact that no fewer than seven players were reported, chiefly for exchanging blows during the game. Four of them were members of the Dunnstown team, and three were South City men. Their cases will be dealt with by the Association tribunal next Friday night. The result will not concern South Ballarat this season, but the Dunnstown team will be much concerned about the view taken of the alleged offences. White Flat, on which the match was played, was in surprisingly good condition after the consistently wet three months. Except for the cricket pitch in the centre it was in striking contrast with the slush pool into which the centre of the two principal Ovals has been converted. The popularity of Association football was expressed in the very large attendance, which was sufficient to evoke the envy of the League. Dunnstown proved to be the stronger and better team, and their win by 18 points was a fair reflex of the merits of the two eighTEENS. The teams were:

Dunnstown, Backs: Sheehan, Leneghan, Leonard. Half-backs: Donohue, M Howard and Flanagan. Centre: Dunne, O'Rourke, Purdue. Half-forwards: H Lugg, Mitchell, Rushbrook. Forward: Bourke, J Howard, O'Leary. Ruck: Greene, McInerney. Rover: J Lugg.

South City: Back W Watson, Maddaford, Sandlant. Half-back: J Berry, S Robinson and Trezise. Centre: Bartlett, H Berry, R Robinson. Half-forwards: E Robinson, E Waller, Hubbard. Forward: Gluyas, Shaw, Dolheguy. Ruck: Brayshaw, Backer. Rover: Jenkins.

The game had been decidedly strenuous, but it was more so in the last quarter. Hard bumps became the order of things, and being the lighter team South fared the worse. Bartlett being carried off the ground injured and Sandlant, J Berry and Gluyas receiving ambulance treatment. It was a desperately hard fought finish, and during the term Dunnstown increased their lead to 18 points, both teams striking the goal post. The score were:

Dunnstown	5 goals 15 behinds...45
South City	4 goals 3 behinds....27

Goalkickers: Dunnstown, Bourke, O'Leary, Rushbrook, J Lugg and M Howard. South City: Dolheguy (2), Shaw, and Gluyas.

Bourke's safe marking and judicious disposal of the ball made him one of Dunnstown's chief pivots, and it was largely due to his experienced style of play that the game was won.

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August 28, 1931

## **BALLARAT ASSOCIATION FINAL**

The final between Dunnstown and Creswick at Newlyn should attract a large gathering. Everything possible is being done by Association officials to ensure the success of the match. A special train will run from Ballarat for the conveyance of spectators, and arrangements have been made to have a wireless set installed on the ground. The ground is in perfect order for football.

Dunnstown are a strong side, and at times show first-class football. In P Bourke (capt.), McInerney, Green and Mitchell they have footballers who all weigh over 12 stone. Players in their ranks who have been showing good form this season are O'Rourke, Donohue, Howard, and Rushbrook.

It should be a game of thrills, and given fine weather one that will be long remembered by all who journey to see it. Central umpire, J Hodgins; Boundary umpires, Snowden and Norman; goal umpires: Burton and Foss.

Teams:- Dunnstown: Bourke, Mitchell, O'Leary, Rushbrook, Lugg (2), O'Rourke, Flanagan, Donohue, Sheehan, Horan, McInerney, Greene, Howard (2), Purdue, Dunne, Leonard, Lenaghan, Young.

Creswick: Featherstone (capt), Peters, James, Parkes, Stephenson, Willowwhite, Thomas, Potter, Bowley, Gibson, Pearce, Lambert, Heagney, Cushing, Reville, Hender, Robinson, Hartley, Headen, Russell Lake.

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August 31, 1931

## **ASSOCIATION FINAL**

### **CRESWICK DEFEAT DUNNSTOWN - GRAND FINAL NECESSARY**

Having defeated Dunnstown in the final for the Ballarat District Association premiership on Saturday, Creswick will meet the minor premiers Newlyn, next Saturday, in a grand final. The match was played at Newlyn in conditions that necessitated the adoption of wet-day tactics. Heavy showers fell at intervals, and the team that kicked down hill had the advantage of a driving wind. The well-drained area was in striking contrast with the Ovals used by the League in Ballarat. It was firm and in good playing order till the rain set in. Then its slippery condition added to the difficulties of handling a wet ball. Although there was not

much between the two teams, Creswick displayed the greater resourcefulness and adaptability and operated the better as a team. In the end only eight points separated them, the teams were:-

Creswick:- Back: James, Cushing, Potter; Half-backs: Stevenson, Park, Heagney; Centre: Reville, Peters, Hender; Forward: Hartley, Bowley, Thomas; Followers, Heden, Featherstone; Rover: Robinson.

Dunnstown:- Backs: Sheehan, Leneghan, Leonard; Half-backs: Donoghue, M Howard, Flanagan; Centre: Dunne, O'Rourke, Purdue; Half-forward: H Lugg, Mitchell, Rushbrook; Forwards: Bourke, J Howard, O'Leary; Followers: Green, McInerney; Rover: J Lugg.

After much spirited manoeuvring Reville consolidated Creswick's position with a goal. Notwithstanding the apparent hopelessness of the position Dunnstown stuck it out gamely to the end and prevented their opponents from pressing home to any material account their strong wind advantage. Scores:-

Creswick	5 goals	4 behinds....	34points
Dunnstown	3 goals	8 behinds....	26points

Goal-kickers-Creswick, Bowley (2), Featherstone, Reville.  
Dunnstown, J Howard, Dunne, Bourke.

In actual play Creswick were a more even team than Dunnstown. Featherstone was one of their most consistent players and uniformly good play was also shown by Hender, Reville, Bowley, Peters, Robinson, Park and Potter.

Dunnstown were capably led by Bourke, whose goal was one of the finest kicks of the day. His marking, too, was good and his work was always effective. More dash was shown by several of the others, but he was always dependable. Green, Dunne, Leonard, O'Rourke, Rushbrook, Mitchell, Donoghue, Howard, Leneghan and Lugg bore their share in a hard-fought clean game.

# 1932

## ***DUNNSTOWN CLUB'S MEETING***

*There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Dunnstown Club, held in the Mechanics' Hall recently, and much enthusiasm was displayed. The balance-sheet submitted by the treasurer, Mr A Neville showed a credit balance of £14. It was decided to vote the sum of £5 to the retiring secretary Mr M Howard in appreciation of the valuable work he had rendered to the club. Mr P Cummins, the retiring president, stated that he was not available for re-election and congratulated all and sundry on the excellent season they had passed through. Mr Jas Tierney was elected president, and on taking the chair received*

*an ovation. The vice presidents elected were: Messrs M Greene sen., T O'Donohue, G Jackson, A Neville and J Lenaghan; treasurer, Mr A Neville; delegates Messrs J Lenaghan, and H Goodman; secretary Mr M Howard for the third successive season. The valuable work of the ladies' committee was the theme of enthusiastic speeches. The ladies' efforts resulted in a net profit of £84. It was decided to again join the Ballarat and District Association. An event that is creating interest, not only in Dunnstown, but in other outlying parts is the 45's championship, which is to be held in the Mechanics' Hall on Wednesday night. Prizes amounting to £13/10/- are being given. The response from Ballarat, Bungaree, Leigh Creek, Wallace, Springbank, Millbrook, Gordon and Clark's Hill is certainly very promising and the committee seem assured of a successful evening.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" April 15, 1932***

Teams in the Ballarat and District association for season 1932:- Dunnstown, Sebastopol, East Ballarat, Buninyong, South City and North City.

Dunnstown's team for 1932 was:- Bourke, Greene, Dawson, Howard (2), Donohue, Leonard, Rushbrook, Lenaghan (2), Lugg, Kiely, Sherry, Rowe, Mitchell, Sheehan, Squires, Flanagan, Lee, O'Leary, McGuane, O'Meara, Horne, Magree, Frertay, Purdue.

Dunnstown Football Club did not make the final four for 1932 season.

24/2/32 President of the D.F.C. for 1932 was J Tierney, Secretary, M. Howard, and Treasurer, A Neville. Paddy Bourke was appointed coach of the Dunnstown Football Club for season 1932 at a remuneration of £1/10/- per week. The committee was made up of :- J Tierney, M Howard, A Neville, M Greene, G Jackson, J Lenaghan, T O'Donohue, P Cummins, L Flynn, H Goodman, T Prucell and M Burns.

Committee members to attend Annual meeting of the Ballarat and District Football Association. Mr E Flynn was engaged to drive delegates to meetings for the season at a cost of 12/- return.

The president and secretary to interview Mr O'Loughlin with regard to playing football on his ground for the season.

150 Members' and 50 Patrons' buttons to be procured.

Sale price of buttons for members to be 2/6 and for patrons 5/-. 10 shillings to be offered to the person selling the most buttons.

Bus will be run from Ballarat to dances on Saturday nights if there are 6 passengers.

Regular 45's tournaments on Sunday afternoons, at a cost of 15/- shillings each team of 3 to enter the competition. A bus will run from Ballarat at 6 pence return.

Clearances: A Truswell was granted a clearance to Golden Point. J Dunne was granted a clearance to Cororooke. D Leonard's application for a clearance was to be held over.

It was moved that football boots be purchased for two players. (*depression years*).

Two buses to games on some Saturdays. Bus to leave Shamrock at 1.30 each Saturday. Supporters to pay 2/- return, bus to also transport the footballers to the games each Saturday.

Coach, players and trainers meet in hall supper room for training on Wednesday nights.

A letter thanking the Misses Holmes for the good work they have done for the club, is to be sent.

A letter of thanks to Mr O'Loughlin for the use of his Paddock was also to be sent.

The semi-final will be played at Dunnstown on August 20, 1932.

***“Extract of Minutes of 1932 Meeting Book.”***

Several references to the Ladies' Committee were also mentioned in the minutes of the meetings of the D. F. C. throughout the year. At the final meeting of the year it was stated that £3/3/- be set aside as an honorarium to the ladies committee of the D.F.C.

# 1933

Dunnstown were playing in the Ballarat & District Association for season 1933.

The teams competing in this association were:- East Ballarat, South City, Sebastopol, Buninyong, North City, and Dunnstown.

## ***BALLARAT ASSOCIATION***

*Permits granted at the meeting:- F Mitchell, Dunnstown to Buninyong; V Horan, Dunnstown to East Ballarat. The secretary stated that during the season 125 permits and clearances had been handled.*

*"The Ballarat Courier" July 5, 1933*

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## ***EAST BALLARAT V DUNNSTOWN***

*Dunnstown were defeated by East Ballarat 17 - 15- 117 to Dunnstown 4 -10- 34.*

*"The Ballarat Courier" July 3, 1933*

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Dunnstown did not make the final series during the 1933 season.

# 1934

Ballarat and District Association Teams in the Association in 1934 season are as follows: East Ballarat, Dunnstown, Buninyong, South City, Sebastopol, North City.

D.F.C. Coach for season 1934 was W McCarthy.

The president of the Dunnstown Football Club for 1934 was J Lenaghan, secretary, George Jackson, J Richardson was property steward.

Re Football Ground: C Sheehan to supply 2 behind posts. F Armstrong to plough boundary. J Menhennett to chip centre ring and burn off ground. J Jackson to fix wire.

5/4/34 A new set of guernsey and sox be bought. A suggestion that they be Black with green sash.

A second suggestion that they be Dark Blue with white collar and cuffs. The secretary see Owen's re sample & price.

Selection committee to consist of 5. 3 Ind. & Capt. & V.capt.

Special meeting held Sunday 8th April re colour of guernseys & sox for 1934 season. Majority in favour of Dark Blue with white collar and cuffs. Meeting & welcome to W. McCarthy coach for season 1934.

Selection committee: T. O'Donohue Snr., J. Menhennet, T. McCormack, W. McCarthy (coach), & vice captain.

***Extract from Minutes of 1934 Meetings.***

*Two successful teams in their first two matches Buninyong and Dunnstown met at Buninyong and each was confident of a win. A very hard game resulted. Buninyong had the better of the play, but were weak in kicking for goal. Dunnstown on the other hand displayed accuracy around the posts, and out of eleven scoring shots they accounted for eight goals. Buninyong with 21 chances could find the opening only 6 times and the bell rang with the scores level. The scores were:-*

*Dunnstown 8 goals 3 behinds....51  
Buninyong 6 goals 15 behinds....51*

***"The Ballarat Courier" May 25, 1934***

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The following is an account of Dunnstown's third known premiership as recorded.

***FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION PREMIERSHIP***

***DUNNSTOWN'S FINE VICTORY - EAST BALLARAT DEFEATED***

*For the second season in succession the East Ballarat Club was deprived of premiership honours in the grand final of the Ballarat and District Association's competition. On Saturday Dunnstown, an amazing improved team, checked East in all departments on White Flat. The country team's victory was thoroughly deserved and seemed to meet with general approval. East Ballarat, the most consistent team in the competition both last year and this year, appeared to be over-trained and a little too anxious. The players constantly ran over the ball and were beaten by their opponents in scouting and picking up. East's kicking, as will be seen by the scores, was extremely poor, although it has to be taken into consideration that many of the points registered were taken from snapshots in scrambles in front of the goal mouth.*

*However, East did well in the air, but were left by the nimble-footed country team when it came to smart field work and tactics. Perhaps one of the best performances for the day was that of J Kennedy, of Dunnstown, a lad who for the season has only been selected 6 times out of 9 to take a place in the side's team. He convincingly demonstrated in many tight corners his value to the team, and he is to be congratulated on his cool and very pleasing game, particularly during the first half. K Lenaghan was again the stalwart for the country team and with the captain and coach, W McCarthy, played splendidly.*

*East Ballarat have to thank Guthrie, Worladge, and Sherritt for a great deal of their success in attacks, but for splendid defence King the captain and coach, was outstanding. His game was easily his best for the season, and he was deserving of more success so far as the match was concerned in that he has done a great deal for his club and club-mates, and it is understood, retiring from the game now that this season has concluded. East were hot favourites for the premiership seeing that for the season they only lost one match in the minor round, and their defeat on Saturday was their second for the season. At the end of the game the Dunnstown players were carried shoulder high from the arena, the premiership being the first they have won in the Ballarat and District Association.*

*They, however, carried off the honours in 1929, when the old country association was in existence. Speaking of the central umpire (Mr J Inglis) after the match, Mr King, in congratulating the Dunnstown players, said that in his opinion Inglis had given on the best exhibitions of umpiring on that ground for the season, and those remarks coming from the leader of the defeated team, were sufficient to indicate that the central umpire had given every satisfaction.*

*The attendance at first was comparatively small, but towards the end of the match about 3500 were present. The gate takings amounted to £26/10/-.*

*The teams :- Dunnstown - Backs, C Sheehan, M Howard, J Kiely; half-backs, J Lenaghan, C Rushbrook, J Bennett; Centre, Purdue, Hynes, Lee; half-forwards, F Kennedy, Morrison, and J. Kennedy; followers, K Lenaghan, Green; rover, H*

*Lugg; 19th man, Breen.*

*East - Backs, Page, King, James; half-backs, Guthrie, Anwyl, Wallace; centre, Tung, Holden, O Anwyl; half-forwards, Worladge, I Anwyl, Harrison; followers, Sherritt and Bryant; rover, Thomas; 19th man, Andrews.*

*The first term opened with East kicking to the southern goal against a slight breeze. Holden and Sherritt on the bounce took the ball away from the centre, and O Anwyl figured in a bright dash. The ball was returned round the west wing to J Howard, and a centre shot gave Vickery first goal. Dunnstown soon after missed a scoring chance in front, and East dashed away when King cleared the goal. Brayshaw sent the ball well up, and Thomas opened East's account with major points. Soon after receiving from Sherritt Anwyl recorded a single. Playing down the centre to Hynes the Dunnstown backs relieved nicely. From a free J Howard made his kick an easy one, and while it had direction it was without distance, and King leaping high punched out to Morrison, who added a decisive goal from two yards out. Lugg, Green and Purdue figured in a brief spell of hard play in front of the stand, and J Kennedy, over-anxious, lost another scoring chance for Dunnstown, his kick going out. J Kennedy, supported by McCarthy, passed to Morrison, who screwed a shot for a single. Bryant, Guthrie and Brayshaw were playing a useful game for East, and it seemed as if East were likely to take the lead when a vigorous thrust reached Anwyl, who only raised a single. Guthrie was responsible for clearing nicely, aided by King and Sherritt. McCarthy from the centre drove up to Morrison, who was closely pressed by Bryant, King and Sherritt. Morrison tapped the ball to J Kennedy, who goaled nicely just before the bell. Dunnstown had the advantage by ten points, their score being 3 goals 1 behind to 1 goal 3 behinds recorded by the home team. On the opening of the second quarter Bennett handled the ball twice on the back line, and got the play away. A long shot up the centre was well marked by Rushbrook, but East were still unable to penetrate Dunnstown's defences. The home team were not showing their best form. East broke through on a series of free kicks, and Sherritt and Anwyl each added singles. K Lenaghan and J Lenaghan played a good hand down the ground, Lugg sending on to Kennedy and McCarthy, the latter raising both flags. Tung was conspicuous in the air, while Holden did much smart field work. A free kick to Anwyl for a mark against J Howard did not meet with the approval of the spectators, but the player concerned added a much-needed goal for East. Sherritt added another single after a good mark, with the play generally becoming rugged.*

*Purdue, J Lenaghan, Lugg and McCarthy sent the ball along the west wing, where James missed a chance to turn the play. The ball rolled through the undefended goal for a single. Dunnstown were strong in attack, with Green playing a particularly useful game. For East Harrison was a very nimble-footed player, and F Kennedy was equally valuable to his side. Thomas helped to divert the game to the centre, where K Lenaghan and his brother held the position until the term ended. East, though they had little of the advantage had improved their*

position by four points. Dunnstown up to this stage had proved themselves the better team, showing a very marked improvement on their games of the two previous weeks. East were over-running the ball, and the closeness with which the visitors watched their respective men accounted largely for their success. Sherritt, Brayshaw, Worladge, King, O Anwyl, and Holden were the side's best players so far as the game had progressed, while for Dunnstown McCarthy, J and K Lenaghan, F and J Kennedy, Vickery, Green Hynes, Bennett and Morrison were outstanding. J and M Howard were very useful, although the latter occasionally wandered from his position. Half-time scores were:- Dunnstown, 4 goals 2 behinds; East, 2 goals 8 behinds.

When the second half opened the attendance had increased to about 3500. Sherritt was applauded for a fine burst, but he eventually overran the ball, and J Howard and J Kennedy centred to McCarthy, who put the ball through. The kick was disallowed, a free being awarded against Morrison. M Howard, Dunnstown's centre full back, saved twice very neatly, and when Anwyl received he could only record a point. East were strongly attacking, and Dunnstown, striving hard, kept the scoring shots down to singles. Lugg and J Kennedy, playing and shepherding each other, got the ball through to McCarthy, who could not get to the goal, and he passed on to Morrison. A right screw shot gave Vickery possession, and a goal resulted. Soon after J Howard gave J Kennedy a difficult chance, which he converted to a single.

A smart East thrust yielded a behind, and a counter-thrust by Dunnstown ended when the central umpire penalised Bennett, after he had taken a mark in the pack. However, East were unable to make full use of the shot, and play came to the grandstand pocket, where J Kennedy passed to Morrison. The latter beating two opponents, centred from a free and F Kennedy goaled. Sherritt, marking spectacularly, drove into a big pack in front of the goal. Dunnstown fought clear, and again J Kennedy and Morrison were engaged against James, King and Guthrie, the latter running clear. Thomas, James, Harrison, Holden, Tung, and Sherritt supported by Worladge, were trying hard for East. The quarter-time bell rang just as an East player marked in the south-east pocket. The player had his kick, which was marked by Fox, and the time-keepers again sounded the bell. Central Umpire Inglis waited to give Fox his shot, but the spectators rushed the ground.

In a matter of seconds 1000 people had reached the scene, and over-running the players, they forced Inglis to the East wing. Three police took charge of the spectators, and when the area had been cleared, Fox had his shot, which was unsuccessful.

Inglis was quite within his rights, exercising his powers to carry out the rules of the game in such a situation. Three-quarter scores were: Dunnstown, 6 goals 3 behinds; to East, 2 goals 11 behinds.

*Opening the final term smartly, East sent out to O Anwyl, who gave possession to H Anwyl, who again raised only one flag. Immediately after the kick-off Kimber added a major, the ball bouncing through behind the full backs. East, attacking with great vigour, added another single, and then J Lenaghan cleared, and Dunnstown reasserted themselves, and concentrated on their goal, where King proved equal to the occasion. K Lenaghan time and again converted shots to his team's advantage.*

*Vickery and Lee kicked well, and Thomas, from a free, gave his side a good break. Vickery fumbled the ball as he intercepted it, and a free to Sherritt went on to Brayshaw for full points. East, 4 goals 13 behinds, to Dunnstown, 6 goals 3 behinds. King again marked over his man, and play concentrated to the centre. Sheehan marked conspicuously and swung the play back when F Kennedy was similarly prominent.*

*Dunnstown were still holding their own and added another single against strong opposition. Hynes and M Howard, Sheehan and Lugg were outstanding at this stage, while King was playing the game of the season; easily his best effort for East. Rushbrook and Hynes countered O Anwyl and Harrison with good effect, and although King smartly dashed up to the centre a free to J Howard turned the play. Dunnstown were much too smart for the home team, and in the battle of tactics were much superior.*

*With two minutes play remaining Dunnstown added another single, making their total 41 points to 37 points. East fought desperately for another goal, which would give them victory, but the Dunnstown defence was too strong. East were beaten for the premiership by points. Final Scores:*

<i>Dunnstown</i>	<i>6 goals 5 behinds..41 points</i>
<i>East</i>	<i>4 goals 13 behinds..37 points</i>

*Goal-kickers: Dunnstown, Vickery (2)), Morrison, J Kennedy, McCarthy, F Kennedy. East, Thomas, Anwyl, Kimber, Brayshaw.*

*Best players: Dunnstown, K Lenaghan, J Kennedy, F Kennedy, J Lenaghan, McCarthy, J Howard, Bennett, Hynes, Green. East, Guthrie, King, Worldage, Sherritt, Brayshaw, James, Holden, Wallace Thomas.*

*F Sherritt of the East Club was awarded Mr J Cornell's cup and Mr F Morrell's prize of 10/6 presented for the player giving most service to the team during the match."*

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## Dunnstown Football Club Premiership 1934



Back: J Richardson (trainer) J Bennetts, M Greene, F Kennedy, K Lenaghan, C Rushbrook, S Breen, R Costello, M Carrig (trainer).

Middle: T O'Donoghue, M Burns (trainer), T Ryan, G Jackson (Sec), J Lenaghan, J Menhennet (Pres), C Sheehan, P Cummins (Trainer), T McCormack.

Front: Joe Howard, J Kennedy, V Vickery, L Hynes, W McCarty (CC), M Howard (VC), W Morrison, A Purdue, W Lee.

Seated: H Lugg, L Howard. Insert: J Kiely.

# 1935

Mr John Howard was president of the Dunnstown Football Club for 1935 season, Mr George Jackson was joint secretary/treasurer, the coach was K Lenaghan.

17/4/1935 Election of Office Bearers: Mr John Howard elected President, J Lenaghan snr Vice President, J Menhennet

and M Greene, vice presidents; G Jackson, Secretary/  
treasurer; committee members, J Kiely, H Murphy, K  
Lenaghan, B Goodman & T Howard.

24/4/35 A playing coach be appointed for D.F.C. Applications  
to be called in "Courier".

1/5/35 Meeting in Dunnstown Hall  
This committee have power to terminate services of coach  
at any time that he may in their opinion be unsatisfactory.

K Lenaghan be selected from applicants, and be  
appointed coach of D.F.C at a salary of 10/- per week.  
Selection committee to be Coach, vice-captain & J  
Menhennet.

*Extract from Minute book 1935.*

### **DISTRICT ASSOCIATION: DUNNSTOWN CLUB**

*The overwhelming defeat which was inflicted by Buninyong last Saturday has not discouraged players and officials. Weaknesses in the centre and on the full back line will be remedied next Saturday. R Quail, who comes with a good reputation from Tasmania, will play his first game next Saturday against South. The committee have started a popular player competition to raise funds. The three players nominated are Kevin Lenaghan, Jack Bennetts and Len Howard.*

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### **DUNNSTOWN V SOUTH CITY**

*Team: Lenaghan 2, Vickery, Stockdale, Lee, Phelan, Curtain, Bennetts, Manning, Kennedy 2, Cunningham, Breen, O'Neil, Rushbrook, Heron, Burge, Prout, Sheehan, Kiely 2, Howard 4.*

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### **DRAWN GAME**

*The Dunnstown-South match at Dunnstown resulted in a draw. Each side scored the same number of goals and behinds, and the game, particularly the finish, was marked by great excitement. Dunnstown opened the round with a draw against East Ballarat. As far as South were concerned the result of the match was the most encouraging for the past seven weeks, as they had been defeated six matches in succession. Scores:*

*Dunnstown      7 goals              12 behinds..54 points*

South City      7 goals      12 behinds..54 points

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### **BALLARAT ASSOCIATION - LADDER AS AT JULY 8TH, 1935.**

*North City and Buninyong are outstanding, each of them has lost only one match and is well ahead of the other aspirants for the final four. East Ballarat with 3 wins, and a drawn game are 14pts., Dunnstown 2 wins, and 2 drawn games have 12pts., while Sebastopol are also 12 pts, and South City 10pts. Each of the teams can yet qualify for the four.*

*"The Ballarat Courier" July 1935*

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### **SEBASTOPOL'S VICTORY - ASSOCIATION SEMI-FINAL**

*Sebastopol's splendid co-operative moves, pace and stamina were the main factors which brought out the decisive defeat of Dunnstown in the first semi-final of the Ballarat and District Association competition, which was played on the Buninyong ground on Saturday afternoon before a good attendance. In the opening stages of the game Sebastopol dominated the play, and had obtained a three-goal lead at the first change over. Dunnstown showed their fighting qualities in the second and third quarters, but failed to make up the leeway. The teams were:-*

*Dunnstown - Backs: F Kennedy, J Kiely, F Burge. Half-backs: E Stockdale, C Rushbrook, L Howard. Centre: M Phelan, J Howard, W Lee. Half-forwards: C Curtain, M Howard, P Kiely. Followers: J and K Lenaghan. Rover: T Cunningham.*

*Sebastopol - Backs: E Rowe, J Weeks, W Bonnington. Half-backs: L Casey, H Lawson, R Cassells. Centre: T Clarke, R Edwards, R Bradley. Half-forwards: N Curtain, L Snowden, E Jenkins, Forwards: F Joiner, G Austin, H Stevens. Followers: R Hill and A Jones. Rover: S Chibnall.*

*Dunnstown commenced the third term aggressively but eventually Sebastopol were victorious. The scores were:*

<i>Sebastopol</i>	<i>14 goals</i>	<i>9 behinds...93 points</i>
<i>Dunnstown</i>	<i>10 goals</i>	<i>7 behinds...67 points</i>

*Sebastopol's best players were: R Hill, Edwards, G Austin, R Cassells. Cassells sustained a leg injury in the last quarter and was replaced by Sculley. Dunnstown were best represented by J Howard, K Lenaghan, T Cunningham V Vickery, L Howard and P Kiely.*

# 1936

- 30/3/36 Annual Meeting. It was suggested that the D.F.C disband, however this suggestion was over ruled. D.F.C formed up for 1936 season. Voting for secretary and treasurer commenced. E Howard to be secretary, G Jackson to be assistant secretary. Delegates to be G Jackson, J Menhennett and J O'Loughlin. J Lenaghan to be vice president. Committee - P Kiely, K Lenaghan, L Flynn, J Howard, B Goodman, L Howard, T McCormack, J Squire, M Greene, C Truswell, G Jackson Jnr., J Kiely.
- Inspect hedge and wire netting on football ground to be repaired.
- House Party at Bains' (Distillery). J Kennedy to be engaged to bring players from Wallace 7/- per week.
- 9/4/36 Mr K Lenaghan be elected President of D.F.C. for season 1936. Geo Jackson to be treasurer.
- 16/4/36 K Lenaghan be appointed coach at 10/- per week. Tenders be called for coach. Tenders to close April 22,1936. K Lenaghan take charge of the team until appointment of coach. A meeting of the Ladies be called with a view of forming a Ladies Social Committee (26/4/36).
- 24/4/36 K Lenaghan's tender for playing coach for season 1936 be accepted. Selection committee for 1936 season - J McCormack, M Greene, & G Menhennett.
- 2/7/36 Mr K Lenaghan resigned as captain/coach. The coach's resignation was accepted. Mr K Lenaghan be thanked for the good work he has done in the past & that he will continue to carry on in the future. W Lee's application for coach for remainder of season was accepted.

## *Extracts from Minutes of 1936 Meetings Book.*

### **DUNNSTOWN'S COACH**

*K Lenaghan, who has been captain and coach of the Dunnstown Club since last season, has resigned owing to pressure of business. The committee has appointed W Lee to the position. He has been a playing member since 1930, and has rendered valuable service to the club. Previous to coming to Dunnstown he was a member of the South Ballarat Club, and has received tuition from such well-known coaches as "Pat" Bourke and C Clymo.*

*"The Ballarat Courier" July 4, 1936*

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Dunnstown playing in the Ballarat District League. Teams in that league were - Sebastopol, South City, Dunnstown, North City, Buninyong, & East Ballarat.

### **BUNINYONG V DUNNSTOWN**

*Bunninyong and Dunnstown met on the Royal Park, Buninyong. There was a fair attendance. Umpire Nylander had charge. The first quarter was very even, both sides scoring one goal each. From then on Buninyong had the better of the play. The game was spoilt by crowding the play, eight or ten men being on the ball most of the time.*

<i>Buninyong</i>	<i>11 goals</i>	<i>9 behinds...75 points</i>
<i>Dunnstown</i>	<i>8 goals</i>	<i>3 behinds...51 points</i>

*Best Players: Buninyong, Goggin, Hunter, Clarke, McCarthy and Middleton. Dunnstown, Lenaghan, Hynes, McGree, and Howard.*

*"The Ballarat Courier" August 3, 1936*

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### **DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

*Dunnstown will have to win tomorrow's engagement to have any chance of reaching the finals. If their recent displays against Buninyong and Sebastopol count for anything they should fully extend East. Faulty forward play was the cause of last Saturday's defeat, and it is expected that the Kennedy brothers and E Ryan will be available to rectify that weakness.*

*The team will be finally selected from: Lee, Bennett, Lenaghan (2), Woolard,*

*Crawford, Phelan, Stockdale, Dobbyn, Howard (4), Hynes, Ryan, Hartigan, Truswell, Kiely (2), Magree, Jackson, Machie, Kennedy (2).*

*"The Ballarat Courier" August 7, 1936*

As no further reports could be found it is assumed that Dunnstown did not make the finals in 1936.

# 1937 - 1945

During these years of uncertainty and war the Dunnstown Football Club apparently did not compete in any football association or league.

From an interview with Len Howard we have ascertained that many of Dunnstown players joined other clubs during the upheaval of the war years. The majority opting to play with Egerton.

During 1937 -38 there was some mention found in the "Courier" of Bungaree Football Club and Warrenheip Football Club competing in the Bungaree Association. Clubs in that association in 1937 were Bungaree, Warrenheip, Springbank, Springmont, Egerton, and Gordon. By 1938 fewer clubs were participating, they were Bungaree, Warrenheip, Gordon and Buninyong.

By 1940, through to 1945 no reports of any country football matches could be found. Country football ceased to exist.

Social games of football and sporting events of tug-o-war did take place during this time. Games were organised between the CYMS (Catholic Young Mens Society) and NCRM .

The following report regarding junior football was found.

*Realising that the youths of the Dunnstown district were not being catered for, socially, in any way, there being no sports, very few dances, no library, no opportunity for the boys to meet, a few of the N.C.R.M. members decided to form a Junior N.C.R.M.*

*Consequently, on May 7th, 1944, a meeting was convened, and an enthusiastic group of young Catholic boys met to discuss ways and means. Office bearers were chosen, and the club settled down to drawing up a program of activities. As a beginning, it was decided to form a football team.*

*This venture has proved an outstanding success. Coached and captained by an able and brilliant footballer, Mr Joseph Howard, and the team has done very*

well.

*"The Ballarat Courier" 1944*

The following photo of the Egerton Football Club shows several Dunnstown players as part of the 1938 team.

## EGERTON FOOTBALL CLUB PHOTO



L to R: M Howard, P Kiely, J Kiely, L Hynes, W Mackin, C McTigue, E Syms, D Leonard, F Cantwell, T Anderson, J Widdyson, H Pollock, L Cantwell, J Leonard, R Hearne, K Howes, K Lenaghan.

# 1946 - 1969

As the war ended, football once again became a prominent part of life for the folks of Dunnstown. Although minute books and records were kept from 1946, no record of the appointment of a coach for that year could be found. Joe Howard, who organised and coached the junior N.C.R.M football matches, may have continued to coach the members of the Dunnstown Football Club.

Many believe the club managed without the services of a coach.

The Dunnstown Football Club reformed after the long break of the war years. Dunnstown, like many other country clubs, last competed for football honours 10 years previously, in 1936.

The reformation of the club initiated further changes. The most significant being the affiliation with another football league. Dunnstown were now to compete in the local league, the Bungaree Association. Despite the ten year lapse, Dunnstown managed a successful season, once again in the hunt for the elusive premiership.

## 1946

13/4/46 A meeting of local residents on April 13, 1946 decided to form a Football Club. Office bearers were elected. President of the Dunnstown Football Club was K Glenane, Vice-presidents, B Hartigan and G Kiely, Secretary, J Guinane, Treasurer, K Leonard. Committee, the above plus J Howard and P J Leonard, G Kiely, J Flynn, J Tierney, D Britt, L Flynn (time keeper), T Heagney (gate keeper) and P J Leonard (goal umpire).

H Murphy to be approached re use of his ground for the season.

75 Members' tickets, 25 patrons' tickets to be purchased, 5/- each.

Club to purchase 1 gross of stops and first aid kit, 1 bottle of Olive oil, 1 bottle of eucalyptus oil, and 2 footballs.

G Richardson was appointed boundary umpire at 5/- per game, J Richardson to be trainer. Bus to football, fare of 1/-. Taxi to be hired for central umpires.

The Dunnstown Football Club was fined 5/- for a late start. Later fined £1 for a late start, (second offence for season).

The season ended with a balance sheet showing a profit of £45-6-7. The gate takings were between £1 and £5 each week.

### *Extracts of Minutes from Meeting book 1946*

Dunnstown was participating in the Bungaree Association for the 1946 season. Teams in the competition were:- Bungaree, Gordon, Egerton, Dunnstown and Springbank.

*Con O'Brien had been training with his old club - East this week. He will be playing in the Bungaree Association Grand Final with Dunnstown tomorrow.*

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*Dunnstown were defeated by 90 points in the grand final against Springbank.*

*Springbank 17goals 13behinds..115 points*

*Dunnstown 2goals 13behinds...25 points*

*"The Ballarat Courier" September 6, 1946*

# 1947

Office bearers for season 1947 were the same as the previous year. P Hartigan was appointed collector on Bridge. A bridge was used to cross the creek to get to H Murphy's paddock to play football. 1/- was the gate charge.

4/3/47 Annual meeting "...that funds of Association be firstly

divided between all teams and then each team in finals be paid £2 appearance money with Grand finalist to receive same amount".

C Longhurst be approached as coach with offer of £1/10/- and a limit of £2/0/0.

The club decided to purchase a tin trunk, and a set of locks, and 1 dozen pair of nicks.

The season is to begin on 3rd May, 1947 with 7 teams to play a fixture of 2 rounds. A trophy to the value of £5/5/0 to be awarded to the best and fairest player.

15/4/47 An advertisement be inserted in the paper in regards to the appointment of a playing coach. Closing date for applications to be April 29th. Secretary to contact W Kane, W Harris and W Fry. J Howard to interview Stan McKenzie regarding coach at offer of £2/0/-.

J Lewis be interviewed as coach at offer of two pounds, with a limit of £2/10/-. A Neville and K Leonard to conduct the interview.

6/5/47 J Lewis be engaged as coach for 1947 season at 3 pounds per week. Amendment moved by K Leonard, seconded R Lawrence, that H Shearer be interviewed as coach. The amendment was carried. K Leonard and A Neville to interview H Shearer.

13/5/47 Coach's position still seems to be undecided. K Lenaghan be appointed coach at £2 per week.

27/5/47 Coaching position still being discussed. K Neville and secretary of the club to interview J Lewis. J Lewis be interviewed as coach at £3 per week. J Lewis to be asked to train players on Sundays and mid week when required.

*Extracts of Minutes from 1947 minute book.*

Dunnstown played in the Bungaree Association for the 1947 season. The teams competing in that Association were:- Claretown, Gordon, Buninyong, Dunnstown, Ballan, Springbank, and Egerton.

Dunnstown played in the first semi-final against Egerton. Dunnstown were

defeated. The scores were:-

Egerton 12 goals 21 behinds.....93

Dunnstown 12 goals 20 behinds.....92

Bungaree d Springbank in grand final in 1947.

## Dunnstown Football Club 1947 Team Photo



Back: M Squire, J Squire, B Leonard, K Leonard, R Lawrence

3rd: G Kiely, K Richardson, D Clayton, W Kane, J Glenane, M Antonio.

2nd: W Harris, J Richardson (trainer), J Guinane (Sec), K Glenane (Pres), P Leonard (Vice Pres), A Neville, A Magree.

Front: P Kiely, K Lenaghan, J Howard, W Fry (VC), J Lewis (Capt), C O'Brien, F McCormack, D Britt.

# 1948

Annual meeting of the Dunnstown Football club was held on:

9/12/47

...that the club reform for season 1948. Election of Office bearers were as follows:- President, J Howard, secretary, K Leonard, treasurer, K Neville, vice-presidents, K Glenane, B Leonard, P Leonard. The committee was to consist of the above named

office bearers with the inclusion of J Howard, G Kiely, J Guinane and W Carter.

A present to the value of £1/1/0 be given to H Murphy for the use of his ground.

Club membership fees were set at 5/- shillings. Applications for coach for the coming season be called for in Saturday's Courier.

Delegates attending the delegates meeting of the association to ask that the radius be extended to Peel street.

1/4/48 Coach's position applicants, McCarthy, Manning, and W Anderson be held over to further discussion.

6/4/48 F McCarthy be appointed coach of the Dunnstown Football club for the season at £2/10/0 per week. A meet the coach day arranged for Sunday 18th.

Clearances, A McGree be granted a clearance to Forest Football Club, W Harris' clearance to Bungaree Football Club be refused, services required.

Clearance application from M Antonio be refused. Gilbert's Taxi to be engaged to bring players from Ballarat for the home matches.

K Richardson's clearance to Bogong be granted. W Harris' clearance be held over till May 18th. J Howard to make arrangements to take up a collection for injured players' fund every Saturday with a minimum of 1/- per head.

15/6/48 Clearance of W Harris to Bungaree F. C. to be granted when he returns his guernsey.

W Antonio to be interviewed re playing football.

J Glenane be granted a permit to play with Point on Saturday.

Winner of the club's best and fairest award for season 1948 was J Glenane with 9 votes, second was M Antonio on 8 votes.

20/7/48 F McCormack apologised for leaving the field on Saturday. Club accepted the apology.

Players and officials to be given a free bus trip to the Grand Final as end of season break-up.

*Extracts of Minutes from 1948 Meeting book.*

Teams in the Bungaree Association were Gordon-Egerton, Claretown, Springbank, Bungaree and Dunnstown.

Bungaree Association - Dunnstown played in 1st Semi-final against Springbank. Springbank 13.13 d Dunnstown 9.9  
Springbank won premiership in 1948.

The grand final was won by Springbank 9-8 to Bungaree 6-8.

# 1949

9/2/49 Dunnstown football club held their annual meeting for the 1949 season on February 9, 1949, at which time it was agreed to reform the club for 1949. Election of office bearers resulted with W Cox being voted president, J Howard, K Glenane and P Leonard as vice-presidents, K Leonard to be secretary, and K Neville to be treasurer. Committee to be W Cox, K Leonard, K Neville, J Howard, G Kiely and J Guinane, with power to add to at a later date if necessary.

It was decided to enter a team into the Bungaree Association. Advertise in Saturday's Courier for the position of a coach.

L Cahill's clearance to Bendigo to be refused on player's request, clearance to Campbell Creek to be granted.

Club to purchase 18 pair of socks, blue with white hoops.

Applications for coaching position received from S McKenzie, J McCormack, M Antonio, L Knowles. Nominations and voting commenced with L Knowles being appointed coach for 1949 season.

Club purchases for each season included such items as socks, nicks, stops, laces, training oils, cards for Euchre and 45's.

H Murphy to be interviewed re the mowing or harrowing his ground. Collections for injured players' fund to continue.

Clearances to F McCarthy and M Antonio to be granted. O Britt's clearance to Mt Gambier be granted. President, W Cox to make appointment for J Glenane and F McCormack to go to Melbourne for treatment and expenses to be paid from injured players' fund. Coach, L Knowles, to be paid £2/10/0 per week, to be paid in which ever manner suits him, either weekly, monthly or at the end of the season, and the amount to be set aside.

F McKenna's clearance to Imperial to be granted. Training sessions to be held on Wednesday evenings.

7/6/49 M Antonio to be invited to return to the club. Ballarat players to be picked up on Saturdays.

28/6/49 W Cox's resignation as president was accepted. J Howard appointed replacement president.

26/7/49 Team strip at Forbes on Saturday, not at Deveraux. Team to strip at the hall for semi-final, amended to strip at Bridge Hotel.

Letters of thanks be sent to Forbes' and the trainer from East Ballarat. Club to hold an end of season wind-up dance on September 16th.

Trophy winners for 1949 were: J Britt's trophy for Best Team Man in semi-final went to W Fry; Player to keep place Best in semi-final went to M Squire; Best and Fairest player was awarded to B Leonard and K Leonard, both on 15 points each.

Team photo to be taken and enlargement be presented to C O'Brien and T O'Halloran.

*Extracts from Minutes of Meetings, 1949*

*BUNGAREE SEMI-FINAL*

*First semi-final in the Bungaree Football Association will be played at Bungaree tomorrow between Dunnstown and Claretown. Next Saturday Bungaree and Gordon-Egerton will meet in the second semi-final at Claretown. The final round promises to be interesting, as the four teams competing have each beaten the others. Points at the end of the minor round were:- Bungaree 32, Gordon 32, Claretown 28, Dunnstown 24.*

*Korweinguborra also competed in this competition.*

*BUNGAREE ASSOCIATION - First semi-final at Bungaree. Saturday 13th, at 2.45 p.m. sharp. Dunnstown V Claretown. J Mahar, Sec, Bungaree Assoc.*

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*1ST SEMI FINAL. Claretown 15.15 d Dunnstown 7.10*

*The grand final was won by Bungaree 1 -11; Gordon-Egerton 1 -10*

*"The Ballarat Courier" August 15, 1949*

## Dunnstown Football Club 1949 Team Photo



Back: L Leonard, K Leonard (sec), J Squire, D Leonard, D Harrington, B Leonard.

3rd Row: G Richardson, W Kane, C O'Brien, K Lenaghan, J Glenane.

2nd Row: F Leonard, J Richardson (trainer), J Howard (Pres), K Neville (Treas), P Leonard (VP), F McCormack, W Fry.

Front: L Murphy, G Hansen, M Squire, L Knowles (CC), P Kiely (VC), J Britt, K Harrington, T O'Halloran.

Mascots: D Leonard, B Mullins. Absent: M & B Antonio, E Walsh, G Kiely.

# 1950

21/2/50 Annual meeting held on February 21, 1950. Club to reform. Office bearers for 1950- President, F McCormack, secretary, M Squire; treasurer, K Neville.

Applications to be put in Courier for playing coach for 1950 season, stating age, experience and salary.

The club are to purchase a pressure cooker, nothing under £5/0/0 as wedding present for K Leonard, for services rendered.

The maximum price to be paid to a coach be set at £3. Interview Longhurst first, failing that, J Johnson be interviewed. Clearances are to be held over until club property is returned. H Murphy to be interviewed regarding use of ground again. A letter of appreciation to be sent to Mrs Lenaghan regarding the use of her washing machine.

Des Britt's clearance to be granted, E J Walsh's clearance to be held over. A letter to be sent to Des Britt requesting the return of his guernsey.

10/5/50 E Walsh's clearance to be refused. W Anderson's application as coach be accepted.

L Knowles to be cleared to Elaine. M Squire to be paid to transport players from Ballarat.

Ball to be held on October 1st, conduct a Belle of the Ball competition. A bus be run to Bendigo to the Grand Final, Players, and Officials free, passengers 10 shillings, bus to leave at 7.30 a.m.

By 1950, the drinking quota has risen! Raffle now consists of 2 dozen bottles of beer, not the half a dozen of previous years.

- 3/8/50 A **Special Meeting** to discuss 'Protest Meeting' was held. The report given by K Glenane regarding Tribunal meeting was received. An appeal to be lodged, as worded by K Glenane.
- 16/8/50 A bus be engaged for Melbourne Grand Final. A 'Gladstone Bag' be presented to J Howard for services rendered. Bus to Melbourne fare to be 15 shillings.
- 22/8/50 It was decided at this meeting that the Dunnstown football club go into recess for season 1951.

### *Extracts of Minutes from Meetings 1950*

No reasons as to this decision to go into recess are given in the minutes.

Dunnstown were playing in the Bungaree Association during season 1950. The Association consisted of the following teams - Gordon, Springbank, Bungaree, Dunnstown and Korweinguboorra.

### ***DUNNSTOWN LOSES ON PROTEST***

*A protest by the Korweinguboorra Club against the first semi-final of the Bungaree Association being awarded to Dunnstown was upheld by the independent tribunal of the V.C.F.L..*

*The match was awarded to Korweinguboorra, but Dunnstown was given 48 hours in which to show that the player concerned in the protest had not played with another club in the last three years.*

*The player was disqualified during the pleasure of the tribunal.*

*The Korweinguboorra Club alleged that a player whose name was shown on Dunnstown's official players' card of the first semi-final as Tyrell was actually A. Crawshaw, who played with South Melbourne District team earlier this season. It was alleged that Tyrell, or Crawshaw, had not received a clearance to play with Dunnstown.*

*If the necessary proof is not supplied by the Dunnstown Club, as asked for by the tribunal, Korweinguboorra will play Gordon-Egerton in the final tomorrow.*

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***APPEAL DISMISSED***

*An appeal by the Dunnstown Football Club against the decision of the Independent Tribunal, was dismissed yesterday.*

*The appeal concerned a protest by Korweinguboora against Dunnstown in connection with the first semi-final played a fortnight ago.*

*The final will be played to-day at Dunnstown by Gordon-Egerton and Korweinguboora.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" August 5, 1950***

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### **REPRIEVE FOR DUNNSTOWN**

*After having lost the first semi-final of the Bungaree Association to Korweinguboora on a protest and then having had the decision altered to a replay after producing further evidence of its good faith in playing a player without a clearance, Dunnstown again beat Korweinguboora on Saturday and will play Gordon-Egerton in the final next Saturday.*

*The announcement in Saturday's "Courier" that the game that day would be between Korweinguboora and Gordon-Egerton was followed by further action by the independent tribunal on Saturday morning. Dunnstown had been given 48 hours in which to produce certain evidence bearing on the protest. It was able to convince the tribunal that its action in playing a player in the name of Tyrell was bona fide. In Saturday's replay scores were:-*

<i>Dunnstown</i>	<i>8 - 6 - 54</i>
<i>Korweinguboora</i>	<i>3 - 12 - 30</i>

***"The Ballarat Courier" August 7, 1950***

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*The final of the Bungaree District Association will be played at Bungaree between Dunnstown and Gordon-Mt.Egerton.*

*Dunnstown played Korweinguboora in a semi final last Saturday. A replay was ordered by an Independent Tribunal of the V.C.F.L.*

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*Gordon-Mt Egerton defeated Dunnstown in the Final.*

<i>Gordon-Mt Egerton</i>	<i>12goals</i>	<i>6behinds..78</i>
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*"The Ballarat Courier" August 14, 1950*

# 1951

As was decided at a previous meeting at the end of the 1950 season the Dunnstown Football Club had gone into recess for 1951.

# 1952

Dunnstown played in the Daylesford League during 1952 but there was no mention of this league in the Ballarat "Courier", therefore no game reports could be acquired. Dunnstown was premiers in 1952.

5/2/52 The Dunnstown Football Club was to reform for 1952. Office bearers to carry on from previous year. It was decided to try to enter the club into the Ballarat B Grade competition.

12/2/52 Election of new office bearers: President, K Leonard, vice-presidents, J Britt and K Neville; secretary, M Squire, treasurer, K Neville.

7/3/52 A suggestion was put forward that the club go into recess again, but the motion was later withdrawn. A motion to join the Daylesford League was passed and carried.

F McCormack, D Britt and K Neville be interviewed as intending coaches, maximum fee of 3 pounds to be paid. A rabbit drive was to be run as a fund raiser for the club.

22/4/52 Joe Howard to be appointed as non-playing coach for the 1952 season. Secretary to write to Doug Gent and Rex Grills inviting them to play with D.F.C. W Flynn to interview C O'Brien and invite him to play with the club again.

- 19/8/52 A presentation of an inscribed wrist watch be made to the coach Joe Howard. Make arrangements for a premiership ball.
- 25/11/52 Presents to be presented to H Murphy for the use of his land, and Mrs Richardson.

*Extracts of Minutes from meetings book 1952*

*The Daylesford Association premiership was decided last Saturday when the Grand Final, played at Daylesford resulted - Dunnstown, 8 - 17 defeated Gordon-Egerton 3 - 9.*

*"The Ballan Times" August 21, 1952*

## Dunnstown Football Club Premiers 1952



Front: J Howard (Coach), F Leonard, W Squire, G Squire, Jim Britt (VC), K Leonard (Capt & Pres), J Leonard, T Linahan, M Squire (Sec), K Neville (Treas).  
 Middle: G Kiely, F Britt, G Hansen, D Britt, C O'Brien, L Murphy, G Leonard, John Britt, L Leonard, F McCormack.  
 Back: W Fry, J Squire, O Britt, R Murphy, P J Leonard (Goal umpire), D Murphy, G Richardson, B Leonard.

# 1953

- 3/2/53 The Dunnstown Football Club decided to apply to join the Ballarat B Grade competition for the 1953 season. President, K Neville, Secretary, L Murphy, vice-presidents, P Leonard, K Leonard, J Britt and J Howard; treasurer, L Murphy.
- 17/3/53 A new set of guernseys and socks need to be purchased. Colours to be royal blue and white; or black and white, hooped design, or vertical striped, discussions regarding colour of team guernsey to be carried to next meeting.
- 24/3/53 Voting re colour and design of guernseys was carried out. Colours suggested and voted upon were: - Black and white, 9 votes; Green and white, 6 votes; black and yellow, 7 votes. The colour of the guernsey was carried, colour to be Black and white. Voting for the design of the guernseys, vertical stripes or hooped design then took place. The final design and colour of the guernsey was as stated: "that guernsey be white with black vertical stripes on the front, black back, black collar and cuffs and black and white hooped socks".
- The secretary to write to the Daylesford League and apply for clearances for all Dunnstown players who are currently registered with the Daylesford League. Joe Howard to be invited to coach again. H Murphy to be interviewed regarding his land again.
- 7/4/53 K Neville to interview D Roach as coach for the season. Ken Wright to also be interviewed for coaching position for this season, at a fee of £6 per week.
- 12/5/53 Olly Mackie be interview as coach at £4 per week. A Hookey tournament be run with prize money at £30.
- 19/5/53 Club to interview Doug Davies and M Keating. Two dozen savs and rolls to be sold at hookey tournament. Transportation of umpires to be left to K Neville to

arrange.

Ollie Mackie was appointed coach.

2/6/53 The club to approach the coach with regard to terminating his position as playing coach.

16//6/53 Ollie Mackie's clearance to Mt Clear be granted. Tony O'Halloran to be engaged as coach for the remainder of the season at a fee of two and a half pound per week. The proceeds of the collection on the ground be donated to the Ian Brown fund.

Wind-up night to be held on September 13th. J Britt to give a talk.

### *Extracts of Minutes from meetings book 1953*

Ballarat B Grade football clubs for season 1953 were:- Sebastopol, Wendouree, Mt. Clear, Imperials, Meredith, Dunnstown, and Buninyong.

Grand final 1953 - Sebastopol 8.16 d Wendouree 6.4

# 1954

1/3/54 K Neville was re-elected as chairman for the coming season, L Murphy as secretary.

Herb Packham to be engaged as coach for the season at a fee of £5 per week plus 10 shillings per week for expenses.

13/4/54 The club to appeal against refusal of clearances for K Britt and F Sheehan.

Jim Britt to be given a present to the value of £5 or £6.

A stop watch be purchased by the club for the timekeeper. Taxis are still provided for the transportation for the umpires.

Dance to be held on June 13, and presentation to Jim

Britt to be made. Bag of spuds to be raffled.

19/8/54 Ray Murphy be granted a day permit to play with Redan on 21-8-54.

The club accepts K Neville's offer of a barrel. To be used on wind-up night.

### *Extract of Minutes from Meetings book 1954*

B Grade teams in 1954 were:- Wendouree, Dunnstown, Mt. Clear, Buninyong, Meredith, Sebastopol and Imperials.

B Grade grand final 3/9/54 Wendouree V Mt.Clear. Scores were:- Mt. Clear 15. 11. 101 defeated Wendouree 8. 7. 55

In a semi-final in 1954 Sebastopol 11.19 d Dunnstown 4.7

# 1955

22/2/55 Annual meeting of the Dunnstown Football Club elected C Jones as president for 1955 season, Leo Murphy to be secretary. Herb Packham accepted the position of coach again for the 1955 season. Meetings are now held at 8 p.m. not at 9 p.m. as in the previous years.

8/3/55 M Tierney to be approached with a view to obtaining the use of his paddock for a football ground. Affiliation to be made to play in the B Grade competition in the B.F.L.

30/3/55 The president and secretary are to inspect suitable sites for a football ground.

5/4/55 R Murphy's application for a clearance be refused, and that he be granted 2 one day permits, provided he is included in the first eighteen, after playing on permits, clearance will be granted if desired.

Training to commence on April 7th and each Tuesday and Thursday following.

A letter of thanks to be sent to "Pastasi" for use of his ground, and a membership ticket be enclosed.

10/5/55 P J Leonard to be approached with view to obtaining paddock for football ground.

*Extracts of Minutes from meetings book 1955*

Teams for 1955 were:- Meredith, Daylesford, Korweinguboorra, Mt. Clear, Dunnstown, Wendouree.

Dunnstown's team members were: H Packham, W Fry, L Leonard, J Squire, J Leonard, R Britt, T Linahan, G Richardson, W Squire, G Leonard, J Walsh, F Sheehan, B Leonard, O Britt, M Squire, M Britt, K Britt, T Mahar, G Squire, L Murphy, J Britt, F Britt, K Leonard, D Britt.

Mt. Clear won Premiership in 1955.

**B GRADE PREMIERSHIP LADDER**

Dunnstown	44
Wendouree	44
Mt Clear	44
Meredith	40
Korweinguboorra	12
Daylesford	0

It is understood that percentages favour the teams in that order.

***'Letters to the Editor' - B GRADE GROWL***

*Sir, - In the preliminary final of the B Grade football competition played on the Western Oval on Saturday, it was plain from the beginning that Dunnstown had "the edge" on Mt. Clear, yet in spite of their superiority, Dunnstown was defeated. This was due to the partial umpiring of Umpire Richardson, who penalised Dunnstown and favoured Mt. Clear. -*

*Yours faithfully,  
"B Fair" .*

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*Sir, - On Saturday afternoon last I went along to the Western Oval to have a look at the B Grade preliminary football final. I was surprised with the standard of football played in the first half of the game, particularly by the young Dunnstown team, but although they had the edge on their opponents, I could see*

*as the game progressed, that if the country team was not to win, they would have to have better umpiring. My prediction proved right. - Yours faithfully,  
"Neutral Onlooker."*

*"The Ballarat Courier" September 1, 1955*

Preliminary Final scores Mt. Clear 13.16 d Dunnstown 13.10

### ***Letter to Editor - B GRADE GROWL***

*Sir, - In answer to "Neutral Onlooker's" comments on the B Grade preliminary final on Saturday last at the Western Oval. I also saw the match, not as a "Neutral Onlooker", but as a Mount Clear supporter who enjoys a good game of football. Although the umpire made a few decisions that did not meet the approval of supporters of either side, he did not, in my opinion favour either side, not to the extent anyway to warrant the treatment he had dealt out to him by the Dunnstown supporters in the final stages of the game.*

*Yours, etc.,  
"Winge and don't win."*

*"The Ballarat Courier" September 3, 1955*

# 1956

1956 was the beginning of Dunnstown's glorious hat trick, taking the premiership honours in the B Grade competition. After being runners-up in 1955, Dunnstown were to go one step further in 1956.

Teams in the B Grade competition in 1956 were:- Mt. Clear, Wendouree, Korweinguboorra, Dunnstown, Sebastopol, Meredith.

### ***LAST QUARTER WIN BY DUNNSTOWN***

*Dunnstown played all over Wendouree in the last quarter of the B Grade preliminary final on Saturday, and won the right to play Meredith in the Grand Final.*

*At half time, after each team had used a stiff breeze to the best advantage, Dunnstown led by seven points.*

*In the third quarter, Wendouree backing up and making better use in the air of the greasy ball, scored 2.1 to Dunnstown's 1.1*

*H. Packham, M. Britt and Sheehan dominated the play in the last quarter, when Dunnstown kicked 5.2 to 1.1. Final scores:-*

*Dunnstown 9 goals 14 behinds..68 points  
Wendouree 6 goals 6 behinds..42 points*

*Dunnstown - Best: Packham, M Britt, Sheehan, G Leonard, J Walsh, J Leonard,  
B Britt. Goals: B Britt 3, Packham 2, M Britt 2, G Leonard, J Leonard.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" September 3, 1956***

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### ***DUNNSTOWN FIT***

*Dunnstown reports all players fit for the grand final.*

*Spectators at this game should be treated to a good hard struggle, as these two teams are very evenly matched, only a few points separating them on each of the four occasions they have met this season.*

*Dunnstown is a smaller, speedier side than Meredith, and is relying on its pace to win the day.*

*Noted speedsters, Packham, Sheehan, Squires and M & O Britt, should be well in the picture, but Meredith's tall high-marking men like Dalziel, Ryan brothers, McNaughton and Grant, will be hard to counter.*

*Dunnstown's team members for the grand final game as follows: H Packham, W Fry, L Leonard, J Squire, J. Leonard, R Britt, G Squire, T Linahan, W Squire, K Leonard, J Walsh, M Britt, B Britt, O Britt, J Britt, F Sheehan, K Britt, G Leonard, B Linahan, L Murphy, F Britt, B Leonard, G Richardson, P Leonard, & D Britt.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" September 7, 1956***

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### ***DUNNSTOWN TAKES FIRST FLAG IN MUD AND RAIN***

*Handling the greasy ball better under mudbath conditions, Dunnstown won its first premiership in the Ballarat Football League B Grade competition on Saturday.*

*Scores were:-*

<i>Dunnstown</i>	<i>2.1,</i>	<i>3.7,</i>	<i>5.10,</i>	<i>8.13</i>
<i>Meredith</i>	<i>1.3,</i>	<i>1.4,</i>	<i>2.8,</i>	<i>3.10</i>

*Both teams were playing their first grand final games. Nineteen of the 20 players fielded for Dunnstown live within one and a half miles of Dunnstown post office.*

*Saturated from the beginning and made still worse by showers during the game, the Mount Clear ground made normal football impossible.*

*Conditions operated in favour of Dunnstown, a smaller, speedier side, and prevented Meredith's tall men from making use of their height for position play. However, apart from the weather, Dunnstown's men were far more consistent in most departments and were particularly impressive in marking and kicking. Both sides gave too much attention to trying to pick up the ball instead of kicking it swiftly off the carpet.*

*Meredith began well, using handball and playing on, and got a quick goal from Connell. However, as the ball became wet, Dunnstown took over and never really lost the initiative. Stepping up the pace, Dunnstown managed, against the wind, and despite determined opposition by the opposing backs, to score two goals. Meredith was held goal-less in the second quarter and Dunnstown got only one. Dunnstown was unlucky twice, - once when Mervyn Britt hit the post and again when captain Herbie Packham, in a flash of brilliance, gathered in the ball, evaded pursuit and kicked from 50 yards out over the pack, only to score a point.*

*Within minutes, Dunnstown back pocket player Frank Britt and half-back flanker J Walsh went down. Britt nosedived after going for a mark and was replaced by B Linahan. Taken to the Base Hospital, Britt was treated for facial injuries and later discharged.*

*Walsh troubled by a leg injury, hung on until the last quarter when T Linahan succeeded him. Dunnstown centreman, Frank Sheehan, was doing extremely effective work as a loose man. He bobbed out from packs time and again with the ball safe in his possession and his kicking was accurate and well directed.*

*Meredith backs, Stanley, Dillon and Kelly were largely the cause of Dunnstown's succession of behinds as they adopted spoiling tactics.*

*Heavy rain fell at half time. Meredith captain Bill Dalzeil, put his team in the picture by goaling from a free and with ruck duels going frequently to the tall red and white players, the position looked as though it might be reversed.*

*Credit for stopping a Meredith run went largely to Dunnstown back Fry, who hustled the ball away from his goal. Brian Britt got the first of four goals for the day and put Dunnstown into a position difficult to beat. Fumbling, slogging and getting into packs, the two sides visibly tiring, battled up and down the field between the two solid defence lines for almost half the quarter before the break came. With deadly accuracy, Brian Britt notched a goal from an acute angle, and a few minutes later got another to put the result of the game almost beyond doubt. Owen Britt got another from an accurate long distance shot and the match was all over. Umpire L. Wallis did an excellent job.*

*Dunnstown - best: F Sheehan, (best on ground), G Leonard, J Squire, J Walsh, M Britt, John Britt, Brian Britt. Goals: B Britt 4, O Britt, M Britt, M Britt, G Britt, K Britt.*

*Meredith - Best: Donnell, E McNaughton, Dalzeil. Goals: J Dillon, M Kelly, W Stanley, R Young, T Irvine.*

*"The Ballarat Courier" September 10, 1956*

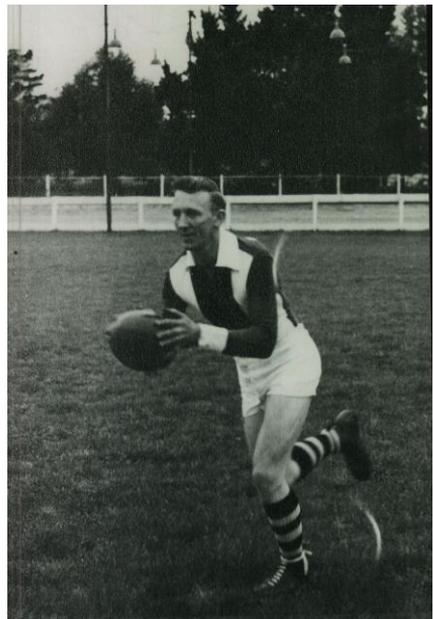
## **Dunnstown Football Club Premiers 1956**



Back: O Britt, B Linahan, J Britt, W Flynn (Pres), R Hoppen (trainer), G Leonard, K Britt, W Squire.  
Middle: G Squire, J Squire, J Walsh, L Leonard, P Leonard, F Sheehan, K Leonard, J Leonard, B Leonard.  
Front: R Britt, F Britt, G Richardson, W Fry (VC), H Packham (CC), L Murphy (Sec), B Britt, T Linahan, M Britt.



**Herb Packham**  
**1956 League Best & Fairest**



**Frank Sheehan**  
**1958 League Best & Fairest**



**Jack James**  
**1959 League Best & Fairest**

# 1957

Teams for 1957 season in the B Grade competition were: Elaine, Langi Kal Kal, Meredith, Mt Clear, Dunnstown, Wendouree and Sebastopol.

Dunnstown's team for 1957 was:- W Fry, H Packham, T Mahar, J Walsh, T O'Halloran, N Carey, W Truswell, L Murphy, D O'Loughlin, J,G & W Squires, T & B Linahan, N & F Sheehan, F, J, R, G, M, B, O & K Britt, L, J, K, G, B & P Leonard.

It is interesting to note that the members from two families (Britt's and Leonard's) alone make up two thirds of the team.

## ***B GRADE - GRAND-FINAL***

*The grand-final of the B Grade football competition will be played tomorrow between Dunnstown and Meredith at the Mt. Clear Oval. These teams have been outstanding during the season and appear evenly matched.*

*Last season the teams fought out the grand-final when Dunnstown was successful.*

*Dunnstown is led by the same coach as last year, Herb Packham, who had been one of the most successful players and coaches in the competition.*

*This season, Meredith appointed a new leader in Bruce Morrison the ex-Geelong defender, who at one time was the Victorian interstate fullback.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" September 6, 1957***

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## ***DUNNSTOWN WINS B GRADE GRAND FINAL***

*Dunnstown easily defeated Meredith in a "mud scramble" grand final of the Ballarat Football League B Grade at Mt. Clear on Saturday.*

*And it was just as well on the two teams opened out a big margin. No scores were posted on the board at any time during the game and had it been close neither players nor spectators would have known the outcome.*

*The game opened in a spell between showers, but the oval was a mass of mud and water.*

*At half time a heavy shower sent spectators running for shelter. From then on it was almost a constant deluge.*

*Dunnstown's half-forward line, Sheehan, Britt and Packham tore holes in the Meredith defence and opened the way to the goals.*

*Full forward O'Halloran took advantage of his opportunities to kick four goals.*

*In direct contrast the Dunnstown defence blanketed Meredith in attack. Meredith had plenty of chances, particularly in the third quarter when it was in attack nearly all the time, but stalwart defence by Fry, F. Britt, J. Britt, and L. Leonard kept them from adding greatly to the score.*

*Meredith had more than its share of ruck play and won in the centre.*

*The game opened with O'Halloran goaling for Dunnstown in the first minute.*

*After a period of end-to-end play Morrison hit the post for Meredith and soon after kicked a behind from the pocket.*

*A goal to Beck put Meredith in front, but it was short lived. Goals to Sheehan and O'Halloran put Dunnstown ahead again, a position it did not lose for the rest of the game. O'Halloran kicked another goal for Dunnstown shortly after the start of the second term. Later, Simpson's chance to reply for Meredith was marked on the line by Fry.*

*Goals to B Britt and O'Halloran gave Dunnstown a handy five-goal lead at half time.*

*The second half saw both teams floundering in heavy rain. The game deteriorated into a mud scramble.*

*Meredith lost whatever chance it had with breakdowns in attack in the third quarter. It held Dunnstown to a point, but only managed to add 1 goal, 2 behinds.*

*Two more goals for Dunnstown in the last quarter sealed Meredith's fate. Final scores:*

<i>Dunnstown</i>	<i>8 goals 10 behinds...58 points</i>
<i>Meredith</i>	<i>2 goals 7 behinds...19 points</i>

*Dunnstown, Best: F. Sheehan, Fry, Packham, R. Britt, J. Leonard, G. Leonard, O'Halloran, J. Walsh*

Goals: O'Halloran 4, Sheehan 2, B. Britt, R. Britt.

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## Dunnstown Football Club Premiers 1957



Back: L Leonard, K Britt, G Leonare (Sec), W Flynn (Pres), P Leonard (ground manager), L Murphy, F Britt, J Britt.

Middle: G Squire, T Linahan, F Sheehan, J Walsh, O Britt, R Britt, A O'Halloran, J Leonard, G Britt.

Front: N Sheehan, J Squire, M Britt, W Fry (VC) H Packham (CC), B Britt, K Leonard (VP), W Squire.

Mascot: Laurie O'Donnell.

Absent: B Trustwell, N Carey, T Mahar, R Hoppin (trainer), B Leonard, D O'Loughlin, B Linahan.

# 1958

Teams for the 1958 season were:- Wendouree, Elaine, Sebastopol Meredith, Dunnstown, Mt. Clear, Langi Kal Kal.

### **WENDOUREE FAVOURED**

*The B Grade grand final will be fought out between Wendouree and Dunnstown at the Sebastopol Oval tomorrow.*

*Wendouree after its flop in the semi-final showed its top form last Saturday, and is expected to win.*

*During the home and away series the teams won one game each, but Dunnstown is now one up, having won the semi-final against Wendouree by three points.*

*Wendouree will be looking for drive from its rovers, McMahon, Baker, and Murphy, while rucks, Weightman and Bennett, should be able to match the rival followers.*

*Full forward Cantwell did not show his true form in the recent games, and he is expected to be on the target tomorrow.*

*Coached by the former North player, Jack James, Dunnstown looked a premiership side, but a run of injuries has weakened its prospects.*

*The broken leg sustained by Jack Britt [sic](John Britt) was a severe blow to the club's chances.*

*However, there are four members of the team who have played in the BFL this season - Sheehan, who won the B Grade best and fairest, M and B Britt, and G Leonard.*

*Dunnstown is confident that it can win its third successive premiership. Teams:*

*DUNNSTOWN B: Squire, Fry, G Leonard.  
HB: Carey, F Britt, N Carey.  
C: Linahan, F Sheehan, K Leonard.  
HF: G Britt, R Britt, O Britt.  
F: N Sheehan, D James, Richardson.  
Ruck: L Murphy, B Britt, M Britt.  
Reserves: D Britt, Sexton, O'Halloran,  
W Squires, Maher.*

*WENDOUREE, Murphy 2, Klein 2, Twomey, Anwyl, Bryce, Cantwell, Baker, Hearn, Strachan, McMahon, Tickell, Adams, Weightman, Bennett, Peoples, Sutherland, Gullock, Fevre, Slocum, Richards, Cole.*

*"The Ballarat Courier" September 5, 1958*

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***DUNNSTOWN WINS B GRADE TITLE***

*Dunnstown defeated Wendouree in a fast game for the premiership of the B Grade competition on Saturday. The game began at a fast tempo and remained so throughout.*

*At the end of the first quarter it was evident that the teams were fairly even, for the scores stood at Dunnstown 3.5, Wendouree 3.3.*

*In the second term players hurled themselves into the play and it was only Wendouree's poor kicking which let it down.*

*After half time the game was a great struggle between the two defences, following which Dunnstown went on to demoralise the opposition by adding four goals, four behinds compared with Wendouree's point.*

*With the game well in its keeping, Dunnstown was content to play negative football in the last quarter and went on to win easily. Scores:-*

*Dunnstown: 3.5, 6.6, 10.10, 11.14*

*Wendouree: 3.3, 4.8, 4.9, 6.12*

*Dunnstown: Best: R Britt, James, F Sheehan., K Leonard, G Leonard, L Leonard.  
Goals: O'Halloran 3, M Britt 3, K Britt 2, G Leonard, J Leonard and F Sheehan.*

*Wendouree: Best: Klein, Murphy, Bennetts, Sutherland, Bryce, Klein. Goals:  
Richards 2, Murphy 2, B Klein, and J Klein.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" September 8, 1958***

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# Dunnstown Football Club Premiers 1958



Back: L Leonard, R Britt, L Murphy, G Leonard (Sec), F Sheehan.

2nd Row: J Squire, O Britt, A Smith (Treas), W Flynn (Pres), G Richardson, W Sexton.

3rd Row: D O'Loughlin, W Squire, B Leonard, J Britt (VP), P Leonard (ground manager), T O'Halloran, J Leonard.

Front: N Sheehan, M Britt, K Britt, W Fry (VC), J James (CC), F Britt, B Britt, G Britt. Mascot: Tony Britt.

Absent: D James, T Linahan, K Leonard, B Squire, D Britt, W Carey, T Mahar.

## ***B GRADE FOOTBALL NEEDS ANOTHER NAME.***

*"B Grade is a misnomer and should be altered to a more appropriate name" said the president of the Ballarat Football League, Mr W L Henderson, at the B Grade premiership dinner of the Dunnstown Football Club.*

*Mr Henderson said that everyone had been impressed with the improved standard of football in the competition this season.*

*"It can no longer be described as a competition for hasbeens, for it is producing top class players for the senior clubs", said Mr Henderson.*

*The name B Grade was an unfortunate one, and gave an inferiority complex to the players and club officials.*

*"Before the start of next season I hope the league will discuss this matter and decide on an alternative title which will be acceptable to the board of management and give added prestige to the B grade clubs."*

*In congratulating the Dunnstown club on winning its third successive premiership, Mr Henderson said that, with the exception of the coach, all players had come from a radius of two miles from the centre of the district.*

*"This policy of encouraging the local player has not only built up a strong team on the field, but has created a local enthusiasm that has been evident in the large following which supports the club. It was evident also in keen and capable club administration." said Mr Henderson.*

*In proposing the toast of the Ballarat Football League, the club president, Mr W Flynn said the Ballarat football was fortunate to have men who were prepared to give up so much time in the interest of the sport. If these men were paid for the number of hours worked for football the BFL would be in financial difficulties. Most of the officials were business men who forsook their own businesses to further the game throughout the Ballarat district, said Mr Flynn.*

*Mr M J Golver presented the "Jim Glover" memorial trophy to Frank Sheehan, the winner of the B Grade best and fairest player award.*

*Mr Glover said that Sheehan had been a worthy winner, and had proved his class in senior ranks when he played on permit with East Ballarat.*

*"It is pleasing to see B Grade players coming up to fill gaps in league teams," said Mr Glover.*

*"The Ballarat Courier" September 17, 1958*

# 1959

Dunnstown's glory years have for the moment come to an end. After three successive premierships, Dunnstown failed to achieve much success in 1959.

Teams in the Ballarat District League for 1959 season were: Elaine, Meredith Sebastopol, Dunnstown, Wendouree, Buninyong.

Meredith were premiers in 1959, they defeated Wendouree 12.12 to 10.5.

Dunnstown did not make it to the finals in 1959.

Dunnstown's Jack James achieved personal success by taking out the District League Best and Fairest award.

# 1960

## DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Previously known as the B Grade competition, the competition will now be known as the District Football League. Teams for 1960 were: - Wendouree, Buninyong, Sebastopol, Elaine, Meredith, & Dunnstown.

Buninyong won the 1960 premiership by defeating Meredith 9.5 to 4.5

League Ladder at end of season 1960

	Played	Won	Lost
Meredith	10	10	0
Buninyong	10	6	4
Wendouree	10	6	4
Sebastopol	10	4	6
Elaine	10	4	6
Dunnstown	10	0	10

# 1961

District League, Teams for 1961 were: Buninyong, Sebastopol, Elaine, Wendouree, Meredith, & Dunnstown.

The premiers for 1961 were Meredith, who defeated Sebastopol 10.13 to 8.5.

Dunnstown finished 6th (last) on the premiership ladder in 1961.

Although not successful on the field, Dunnstown had quite an eventful and controversial year in 1961.

*At Dunnstown, the match was marred by Dunnstown abandoning the game at three-quarter time. With Wendouree well on top and looking for a boost in percentage, Dunnstown's action brought some criticism. However, by its win, Wendouree placed Meredith in fourth position. Scores were : Wendouree 7.14 defeated Dunnstown 3.9*

*Dunnstown's best for the part game were Walsh, L Leonard, Chisholm & Jones.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" June 19, 1961***

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## ***LEAGUE TAKES ACTION IN ABANDONED DISTRICT GAME***

*The Board of Management of the Ballarat Football League has decided to take action against the clubs responsible for abandoning the recent District League game at three-quarter time. The league has acted on a report from the central umpire.*

*The League received a report from Central umpire Judd that the game, Dunnstown V Wendouree, was abandoned, when the difference in the scores was 14 points.*

*The acting president of the League, Mr Alex Quale [sic](Quayle), pointed out yesterday that the league subsidised the District section in a number of respects, including umpires and transport, and it was poor appreciation when clubs were not keen enough, nor interested enough, to complete a match irrespective of the weather or scores.*

*It was reported that this was the first time such an incident had occurred. In order that the league can know all the facts, and take action considered necessary, representatives of both clubs, and the umpire, will attend the next meeting of the Board of Management.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" June 27, 1961***

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### **REPRIMAND FOR FOOTBALL CLUBS**

*District League clubs Wendouree and Dunnstown, were reprimanded by the Ballarat Football League Board of Management for discontinuing a football match after the third quarter. The board decided that both clubs were to blame when a match at Dunnstown early in the season was not fully played out.*

*A deputation of five club officials was called to the board meeting to explain the conduct of both clubs.*

*Mr A O'Halloran, Dunnstown's president, told the board that his team had had a series of unlucky incidents during the three quarters played.*

*"First, a player broke a leg, then another broke ribs, and when our coach was injured we had only about 15 players", he explained.*

*"Dunnstown was 30 points down, and faced the prospect of kicking into a gale-force wind in the final term."*

*Mr O'Halloran said the club had a hard task to hold the side together when many players were being cleared to BFL teams.*

*Mr M Glover (Ballarat), moved that both clubs be reprimanded and informed that the league would view a repetition seriously. He also moved that Wendouree be given the four match points. The motion was carried.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" July 5, 1961***

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### **11 WEEKS FOR DUNNSTOWN PLAYER - OUT FOR 11 WEEKS**

*Dunnstown player, E Maher, was reported by central umpire Walker on charges of abusive language, interfering with the umpire, wilfully wasting time, unduly rough play and disputing decisions. He was further charged by goal umpire Lees with abusive language and interfering with the umpire.*

*The tribunal found the player guilty on the charge of disputing the umpire's decision and suspended him for two weeks; on the charge of disputing the decision, two weeks, and for interfering with the umpire seven weeks, a total of 11 weeks.*

*"The Ballarat Courier" July 8, 1961*

# 1962

## **DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

Teams for 1962 season were Sebastopol, Wendouree, Carngham, Buninyong, Elaine, Dunnstown, Meredith and Gordon.

Dunnstown did not make the final four in season 1962. They finished 6th.

Dunnstown's team members were: M Britt, J Walsh, H Baldwinson, L Leonard, D Leonard, B Leonard, N Leonard, M Howard, D Howard, Dan Britt, B Britt, D Clark, G Clark, D O'Loughlin, G Mahar, B Linahan, T Linahan, K Irwin, B Flynn, G Squire, L Murphy, K Britt, G Bawden.

*Dunnstown 20.21 defeated Gordon 4.5*

*Dunnstown Best: Baldwinson, B Linahan, M Britt, Walsh, Maher. Goals: M Britt 6, Linahan 4, B Britt 4, Walsh 3, Maher 2, G Britt.*

*Dunnstown won easily against Gordon and held supremacy in every part of the game.*

*"The Ballarat Courier"*

All newspaper articles from 1960 are courtesy of Bernadette Kiely whose scrap books have been a tremendous assistance with our research.

# 1963

President of the Dunnstow Football Club was Mervyn Howard, secretary Bernard Leonard, Ron Cocking was appointed coach at a fee of £240 for the year. Tom Armstrong was the trainer. Vice presidents were Tony O'Halloran and John Britt. Pat Leonard as ground manager. Mervyn Howard to act as press reporter, and Des Leonard be property steward. It was recommended that Ron Cocking be appointed coach for the coming season

2/5/63 Club to purchase track suits. A social night be run to present presents to J Britt and C Tardrew. At the meeting held on May 30, the president reported on the District League meeting, seven players in training squad for the Sheild Game. The players were Ron Cocking, N Cocking, J James, Mervyn Britt, B Britt, Baldwinson and D Howard.

1/9/63 The D. F. C. accepts the invitation of Egerton to a Lightning Premiership.

Balance sheet for the year 1963

Receipts.... £628. 0.0

Expenses.... £526.11.0

Profit..... £102. 0.0

## *Extracts of Minutes from meetings book 1963*

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*2nd Semi Final, Ballarat District Association*

### ***DUNNSTOWN V WENDOUREE***

*Dunnstown's coach, Ron Cocking. Ron Cocking was the winner of the League Best and Fairest Award in 1963. Mervyn Britt won the goal kicking award, John James was the club best and fairest award winner on 64 points, from M Britt on 44, and K Baldwinson on 37 points.*

*Dunnstown's colours were black and white. The team members competing in this semi final were as follows:-*

*R Cocking, (cc), M Britt, D Leonard, K Baldwinson, C Tardrew, R White, J Leonard, G Britt, J O'Brien, D Howard, B Leonard, T Linehan, G Clark, N Sheehan, F Sheehan, J Brudenall, M Howard, B Britt, L Leonard, N Cocking, A Weekes, B Linehan, J Walsh (v.c), J James, D Clark.*

**Football finals record book. Ballarat District Association.1963**

The following report is a summary of the Grand-final game between Dunnstown and Wendouree.

### ***WENDOUREE WINS PREMIERSHIP***

*Good football in the final stages gave Wendouree a two-goal victory over Dunnstown in the Grand-final of the B.F.L. District section on Saturday.*

*The first quarter saw Dunnstown in command. Good marking by Cocking and Baldwinson were instrumental in Dunnstown's early lead. Wendouree were quick to reply in the 2nd quarter. The game seesawed with each team taking the lead for three quarters. In the final quarter Wendouree was on top in most positions. Wendouree ran out victorious by 7 points. The scores:*

<i>Wendouree</i>	<i>8 goals 3 behinds</i>
<i>Dunnstown</i>	<i>6 goals 8 behinds</i>

*Best Wendouree: Simpson, Klein (who kicked the winning goal), Stephenson, Cross, R Smith. Goals: Simpson 4, Klein, Stevenson, Smith, Stephenson. Dunnstown: Baldwinson, James, R Cocking, N Cocking, B Britt. Goals: R Cocking 3, N Cocking, Walsh, Leonard.*

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## Dunnstown Football Club Runners-up 1963



Back: T Linehan, D Leonard, N Cocking, D Clark, B Linehan, D Howard.

2nd Row: T Armstrong (trainer), J James, F White, B Leonard (sec), M Howard (Pres), R White, J Leonard.

3rd Row: N Sheehan, K Baldwinson, M Britt, R Cocking (CC) J Walsh (VC), C Tardrew, G Britt.

Front: J O'Brien, H Packham (mascot), J Brudenall, N Madigan (mascot), B Britt, G Clark, R Heron.



**Ron Cocking  
League Best & Fairest**

**Mervyn Britt  
League Leading  
Goal Kicking  
award**



# 1964

Football success was again to be Dunnstown's in the 1964 season. After being bridesmaid last season, Dunnstown were to go one step further in achieving the highest accolade.

At the Annual meeting of the Dunnstown Football Club Mervyn Howard was again voted to be president, Secretary, Frank White, Assistant Secretary, Bernie Leonard, Vice Presidents, John Britt and Tony O'Halloran.

Dunnstown club are in favour of Sunday football, and delegates to raise the matter at the next delegates meeting. The club was also in favour of consolation four. Ron Cocking was to be appointed playing coach for the 1964 season.

3/3/64 Clubs in favour of Sunday football were Dunnstown, Gordon, Elaine, Buninyong, Wendouree, Sebastopol; those against were Carngham and Meredith.

28/4/64 This meeting reported the proposed lease of ground by the football club with a recommendation that the lease be 15 years, not 10 years.

10/9/64 It was decided that the club hold a Premiership Banquet. 1964 team photos to be taken.

Financial statement for 1964, the club reported a balance of £181/16/1 profit for the year. The largest expense was the coaches' fee of £240.

*Extracts of Minutes of Meetings book 1964*

## ***DUNNSTOWN HAS A FINE RECORD IN SPORT***

*In winning the premiership of the Ballarat Football League's District Section, the Dunnstown football team has once again focused attention on this small township, which has written more than its share into the history of Ballarat district sport.*

*By most people living within the Ballarat City boundary, the potato growing area immediately to the east is often referred to as the Bungaree district or Warrenheip.*

*But to those who reside in the area there are clearly defined townships, Bungaree, Dunnstown and Warrenheip each claiming strong patriotism.*

*In Dunnstown, particularly, there is a high-developed pride in sporting achievements.*

*Dunnstown has always been a strong football centre, but since its entry into the BFL's District section in 1953 it has experienced one of its most successful periods.*

*PREMIERSHIPS:- The team reached the preliminary final in 1955, won premierships in 1956, 1957, 1958, was runner-up in 1963 and won the premiership this year.*

*Not only has the township been represented by a successful football team, but many of its players have furthered their careers by joining Ballarat league sides.*

*Another interesting sidelight of Dunnstown's football achievements is that while they were members of the Dunnstown team, Herb Packham (3 times) Frank Sheehan, Jack James and Ron Cocking all won best and fairest player awards for the District section.*

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Dunnstown players F Walsh and B Linahan were both reported this season and suspended for 2 and 4 weeks respectively.

Trophy winners: Neil Sheehan won the Best and Fairest Award, with John Walsh runner-up. Mr P J Leonard was awarded a Life Membership.

## SECTION OF CROWD AT 1964 GRAND FINAL GAME



### ***RECORD CROWD SEES DUNNSTOWN WIN***

*A record crowd which paid £189 for admission saw Dunnstow defeat Buninyong by 16 points in the BFL District Section grand final on Saturday.*

*In a whirlwind first quarter Dunnstow scored eight goals to Buninyong's one when Buninyong failed to counter the brilliant marking of Ron Cocking at half forward and James at full forward.*

*It was not until 18 minutes of the quarter that Mitchell cleverly dodged two opponents and set off a chain of passes which allowed Simpson to mark and open Buninyong's account with a goal.*

*With Mitchell and Madigan dominating the ruck Buninyong started to fight back in the second term, but poor kicking spoilt chances forward.*

*Playing Wilson as a ruck-rover was paying dividends for Buninyong, in a great solo effort he snatched the ball from the centre bounce dashed down the ground*

*and goaled from a long way out.*

*The brilliant combination of Sheehan and the Britt brothers was unsettling the Buninyong defence with their strong roving, and provided James with plenty of scoring opportunities.*

*HALF WAY LEAD* *Dunnstown held a 28 point advantage at the half time interval mainly due to aerial supremacy.*

*From the bounce Dunnstown sent the ball forward, and R Cocking goaled. Then James missed a sitter from ten yards out.*

*Back came Buninyong with magnificent handball. Goals to Scully and Mitchell put the team back into the game.*

*Baldwinson and K Innes in the centre and Williamson and B Britt on the flank were providing some fiery clashes, but umpire Beecham was quick to stop incidents developing.*

*Dunnstown still held a lead of 28 points at the last change. Although Buninyong threw everything into the game its hard games in recent weeks had taken toll and it failed to bridge the gap.*

*After the game Ron Cocking was presented with the perpetual trophy and Len Mitchell received the trophy for best played on the ground. Scores:*

<i>Dunnstown</i>	<i>8.3, 11.5, 14.9, 15.10</i>
<i>Buninyong</i>	<i>1.2, 6.7, 9.11, 12.12</i>

*Dunnstown's best: R Cocking, James, Tung, Sheehan, N Cocking, Walsh. Goals: James 5, R Cocking 4, Sheehan, B Britt, N Cocking 2.*

*Buninyong best: L Mitchell (best on ground), Wilson, Madigan, Williamson, Simpson, Innes. Goals: Mitchell 3, Simpson, Scully 2, Madigan, Wilson, Anderson, Furlong, McCarthy.*

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## Dunnstown Football Club Premiers 1964



Back: N Sheehan, R White, K Tung, M Howard (Pres) D Clark, N Cocking, C Tardrew.

2nd Row: A Weekes (trainer) T Linehan, K Baldwinson, B Britt, D Howard, B Leonard, J Britt, B Linehan, D Leonard, F White (sec), N Mahar, T Hornsby (trainer).

Front: G Gritt, F Walsh, M Britt, R Cocking (CC), J Walsh (VC), J James, J O'Brien. Mascots: B O'Halloran, N Madigan.

# 1965

A football exhibition was staged by the Springbank football Club, who were Premiers of the Clunes League of 1964, and the Dunnstown football club, Premiers of the BFL District Section when the two premierships sides played a football match at Wallace.

No result of this game was obtained.

14/1/65 Annual meeting of the Dunnstown Football club was held on January 14, 1965. Election of office bearers was as follows: President, Mervyn Britt, secretary

Frank White,, vice presidents were J Britt and Tony O'Halloran. Pat Leonard was re-appointed as ground manager. Ron Cocking was re-appointed as coach for 1965 season at a fee of £210 for the season.

*Extracts of Minutes from Meetings book 1965*

Dunnstown played against Gordon in the first semi-final of 1965. Gordon was the victors of this match by 42 points. Gordon 9.22 (76 Points), Dunnstown 5.4 (34 points)

The following report is a prelude to that game, and a summary of the semi-final game.

***DUNNSTOWN TO BEAT GORDON***

*Dunnstown, playing for the reward of a place in the preliminary final, may prove too strong for Gordon tomorrow in the 1st semi-final of the District section of the B.F.L.*

*The fact that the losers can pack up til next season should be enough to make this game a thriller even without the intense rivalry which exists between the teams.*

*THE GAME: The results however were not as predicted. Gordon defeated Dunnstown by 42 points in a match played in heavy conditions, where neither team settled down quickly and the first quarter was over before the players began to play.*

*Gordon proved to be more determined and were first to the ball on the day.  
Scores:*

*Gordon 9 goals 22 behinds....76points*

*Dunnstown 5 goals 4 behinds....34points*

*Gordon best: Newman, Nuttall, Papworth, Murphy, Dalgheish. Goals: Newman 3, Nuttall 3, Winter, Sexton, Maher.*

*Dunnstown best: Clark, N Leonard, B Britt, N Sheehan, Tung. Goals: B Britt 2, N Sheehan 2, Baldwinson.*

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# 1966

Dunnstown was playing in the B.F.L. District Section. Teams in the competition were: Dunnstown, Buninyong, Elaine, Sebastopol, Wendouree, Gordon, Carngham, and Meredith.

Dunnstown is disappointed that Barry Stevens had been appointed coach of Golden Point after he had accepted a similar position with Dunnstown.

Dec. '65      The Annual meeting was held in December 1965. The president reported on a successful year in 1965, with special thanks to R Cocking, captain coach, J Walsh, vice-captain, L and B Leonard. The election of office bearers for the 1966 season were as follows: President Mervyn Howard, Secretary, Frank White, Vice presidents, John Britt and Tony O'Halloran, Pat Leonard as ground manager, Brian Leonard be press reporter, Des Leonard to be property steward. The subcommittee was congratulated on the appointment of coach of the 1965 season.

25/1/66      Applications called for in Courier for coaching position for new season. A committee is formed for the erection of a scoreboard.

25/2/66      Ron Cocking is appointed coach for 1966 season. Delegates are instructed to press for Sunday football. Tom Armstrong is appointed trainer for 1966. A sub-committee is formed to interview likely recruits to join the Dunnstown Football Club. Club makes a donation of \$20 to the Ballarat Base Hospital Appeal.

With the introduction of decimal currency the admission charge will now be 40 cents. Practice matches charge to be 20 cents.

Popular player competition to be held, votes to be 2 cents each. A practice match held recently yielded a profit of \$18.00. Clearance to D O'Loughlin to be granted.

12/5/66 Home gate profit of \$34.00 was reported, goal umpires to cost \$3.50 per match. Working bee to be held to paint the club rooms. Gate takings from the Gordon game were \$96.00, raffle \$24.00.

7/8/66 A report on the new guernseys are very satisfactory. Des Tuddenhan is reported to be attending upcoming pie night. Delegates are empowered to vote in favour of under 17 side.

18/8/66 Counting of Club Best and Fairest awards: B Sheehan 1st, K Tung 2nd, K Baldwinson 3rd. Other trophy winners were: Most Improved, B Sheehan; Goalkicking R Cocking. Advertising for coaching position for coming year to take place from end of October.

The club reported a credit balance of \$490.00 at the end of the 1966 season, the coaching fee being \$460.00, and gate takings for the year amounted to \$352.70, the cost of building the scoreboard \$61.70.

#### *Extracts of Minutes from Meetings book 1966*

*The Carngham - Dunnstow game should be a crowd pleaser. Both are strong, virile teams.*

*Most of Dunnstow's players are not young, but are still competent and should be experienced enough to win.*

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*Dunnstow gained the points against Meredith with a brilliant last quarter burst of four goals in ten minutes.*

*Meredith was unlucky in the early part of the game when its young players were confused by umpiring decisions.*

*The game was of a poor standard and marred by strong winds. The only players to show out were White and Walsh for Dunnstow, and Osborne and Ferry for Meredith.*

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# 1967

Dunnstown was still in the same competition as the previous year. The clubs in that competition also remained the same as in 1966.

Dec. '66      The election of office bearers for the 1967 season took place at the annual meeting held in December 1966. M Britt was elected President; R White to be secretary, vice-presidents M Howard and R Cocking. A letter was sent to the ground manager of Bungaree in view to acceptance of deputation for use of said ground for coming season. Cost of membership tickets to be \$2.00 each.

21/2/67      F Sheehan was appointed non playing coach for 1967 season, after a secret ballot was held. The other applicant was A Abrams. Ron Cocking was appointed captain of the side while the coach is unavailable. The coach's fee was \$400; and captain's fee of \$170

The Bungaree ground is to be used as home ground for Dunnstown Football Club for the coming season.

A social evening to farewell Noel Mahar on his departure for Vietnam was arranged.

All players are urged to join H.B.A medical fund to cover injuries.

20/4/67      B Sheehan was granted a block of three permits to be used on consecutive Saturdays. Due to ill health Matt Howard has resigned from selection committee, E Clark was appointed independent selector to replace Matt. A taxi is to be employed to transport umpires from Bungaree ground to the George Hotel after each home game.

A donation of \$10 was made to the Q.E.H appeal, and wire brushes were purchased for the club rooms.

The club held a wind up night to present trophies to the following persons: Best and Fairest went to D Leonard ,35 votes, on a count back from R Cocking.

N Sheehan was third with 29 votes. A presentation was made to Don Porter for services rendered to the club.

A letter of thanks was sent to Jim Tierney for the use of his ground (training purposes).

*Extracts of Minutes from 1967 Meetings book.*

**UPSET RESULT**

*Elaine caused the upset of the day by defeating Dunnstown by 14 points. The repeated attacks on goal by Dunnstown were repulsed by strong defence of Martin, Snibson, Hart, Goglan and Norman of Elaine.*

*Merv. Black rucking for Elaine, gave the rovers an "armchair ride" with strong and accurate palming of the ball.*

*Williams and Antonio stood out as the best of an even Elaine team while Walsh on the wing was a driving force for Dunnstown. Many of Bob Britt's clearing dashes for Dunnstown were wasted and poor forward work cost Dunnstown badly.*

*Merv. Britt roved strongly and his 3 goals came from clever play.*

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*Dunnstown wins in late burst.*

*Dunnstown clinched a well-deserved win against Sebastopol in the fading moments of the last quarter in the main B.F.L District Section match on Saturday.*

*Sebastopol which entered the game favourite, led until three quarter time in a hard fought game played at Bungaree.*

*However, Dunnstown, with good roving and strong ruck work crushed the opposition in the last term and won by more than 30 points.*

*Tardrew, B Sheehan and G Britt in the centre were outstanding for Dunnstown, they were ably supported by Leonard.*

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**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

*Ladies and Gentleman, -*

*It is with pleasure that we submit for your consideration this First Annual Report and Financial Statement of our Club for the 1967 season.*

*In company with our many supporters we are disappointed that this very successful season was not climaxed by making the "four". However, all due respects must be paid to our coach, Frank Sheehan, who in his first year as coach has done a wonderful job. Frank is a gentleman and a leader to whom all players, both young and old, look up to.*

*Our Captain, Ron Cocking, coached the club to a premiership in 1964. This popular player has won the District League best and fairest twice, in 1963 and again in 1967. He joins our proud record of players who have won this coveted award - Herb Packham in 1954, 1955 and 1956, Frank Sheehan in 1958 and Jack James in 1959. This means that the club has won this award seven times in 14 years.*

*The club, since joining the Ballarat District League in 1953, has a solid record, having been in the "four" eight times and taken off the pennant four times.*

*The fact that we missed out on the finals this year has bonded the players, officials and supporters closer together and all are determined that 1968 will be our year.*

*I wish to thank the secretary and his assistant, the delegates and the committee for the support and help they have given me right through-out the season.*

*Mervyn Britt*

*COMMENTS ON YEAR'S BEGINNING. In the early months of the year there was, amongst some supporters and players, speculation as to whether Dunnstown would field a team in the year 1967. Fortunately, due to a few of the die-hards retaining their optimism, the year began with a certain amount of enthusiasm. The annual meeting elected Mervyn Britt as President, and a committee of eighteen was elected to help him guide the club for the year.*

*The early part of the year also saw some difficulty with the appointment of a Coach. Eventually Frank Sheehan was appointed to the position in a non-playing capacity, with Ron Cocking as Captain of the team. Ron was Dunnstown's coach for the previous four years.*

*RECRUITMENT. Recruitment occupied the attention of the committee for a number of meetings. It wasn't till the playing year was about to begin that anything much was done to recruit new players to the team.*

*Efforts were made to obtain the services of two or three experienced players from Ballarat, but these negotiations proved unfruitful. Finally, attention was directed to initiating young local players to the team. This policy proved successful now that we can look back at the team's effort over the year. We were successful also in recruiting a few young players from Ballarat and they must be applauded for their interest and enthusiasm right throughout the year. All in all our recruitment was quite extraordinary considering the late start made in this aspect of the club's life. I wish to point out here that the club has a long standing policy that the committee will not offer direct financial inducements to potential players, with the exception of a playing coach. The only exception was this year, when Ron Cocking, our Captain, was paid. This was due to the fact that the club appointed a non-playing coach.*

*TRAINING. The attendance at training this year was exceptionally good. From the very beginning it was pleasing to see so many turn up regularly. In this regard the young players from Ballarat should be congratulated without detracting from the locals' efforts of course.*

*On occasions there was 26 at training, but usually the number varied from 20 to 23 until late in the year, when it dropped below this number. Tuesday evenings late in the year were the only times a really poor number attended training.*

*The short days and potato picking make it difficult for a number of local players to attend training on both Tuesday and Thursday evenings. It is also impossible to spend much time at handling and kicking the football.*

*Is it possible to consider Sunday morning or afternoon training next year? Training could be restricted to a particular length of time. There are obvious disadvantages, but are they that hard to overcome. It would allow for practice with the football.*

*SELECTION COMMITTEE. The original selection committee members appointed this year were Matt Howard, Ron Cocking and Frank Sheehan. Due to illness Matt resigned from the committee and Eddy Clark accepted appointment to the position. On a couple of occasions Neil Sheehan was co-opted when one of the three were unable to attend.*

*Attendance at selection committee meetings was very good and the job was taken seriously. The training list consisted of 32 players, which caused the committee to spend man hours deliberation on a Thursday night.*

*The work of a selection committee is a thankless one and the members are to be congratulated for the way they carried out their duties.*

*REPORT ON COMMITTEE MEETINGS. The committee meetings were held*

*once a fortnight in the local hotel and were well attended by members.*

*TROPHY WINNERS. The Gerald Leonard Memorial Trophy for best and fairest was won by Des Leonard, a brother of the late Gerald Leonard. This player has played most of his football in the back-pocket, but this year was used as a ruck-rover to great effect. Trophy was donated by J James.*

*The Thomas Britt Memorial Trophy for most umpires' votes was won by Ron Cocking. This is not the first time Ron has won this award as he also received it in 1963. Trophy donated by Britt family.*

*The Maurice Ryan Memorial Trophy for most improved was won by Frank Walsh. Frank has played all his football with the club on the centre wing. Trophy was donated by the Ryan family.*

*The goal-kicking trophy was won by Neil Sheehan. Neil is a rover who played with East Ballarat for three seasons then returned to Dunnstown. He has won this award several times. Trophy was donated by Charwick's Bag Co.*

*The best utility player was Frank White, who was placed in several positions and did well in all of them. Trophy donated by D O'Brien.*

*The best first year player was John Boak, a young ruckman, who improved considerably during his first year. Trophy donated by Mack's Hotel.*

*The most consistent player was won by Gerard Britt who played in the centre all this year and had his best season yet, giving plenty of drive from the centre. Trophy donated by Denis Hayes.*

*The best clubman award was received by Eddie Clark. Eddie, a staunch member for many years, joined the selection committee this year and did a wonderful job. Trophy donated by A O'Halloran.*

*Most attentive at training, a new trophy this year, was won by Mick Jones and Terry O'Donnel who were first on the track every night. This trophy was donated by J. J. Britt.*

*An award for a job well done was give to Don Porter, our timekeeper.*

*GROUND. During the summer months one of the major steps to bring the Dunnstown Recreational Ground up to the level of the top grounds in the district was undertaken. By means of local support and a Government grant the extensive alterations to level the surface and fence the ground commenced. In the near future, Dunnstown will have an oval that the people of the town can be proud of.*

*While our ground was not available to play on this season, the club was fortunate to obtain the right of playing on the Bungaree oval. To the Bungaree Ground Committee and football club we at Dunnstown say, Thank You.*

*BEREAVEMENTS. During the year the club was deeply shocked at the passing of the following - Mr P J Leonard, a life member of the club and one of our most ardent supporters; Mr Joe Howard, a former coach, player and strong follower of our side; Mr L Flynn, who never missed a match that Dunnstown played in, and Mr H Armstrong, a generous donor to our club and very strong supporter. To the families of these great men the committee and players of the club offer their deepest sympathy.*

*END OF SEASON TRIP. Almost twenty players journeyed to Horsham for the end of season trip. While there were a number of memorable moments, the most pleasing was the promise of the mine host of the Royal Hotel in Horsham to recommend our players to any hotel that we stay at in the coming seasons.*

#### *FINAL LADDER*

	<i>Points</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<i>Buninyong</i>	60	133.2%
<i>Sebastopol</i>	48	126.9%
<i>Gordon</i>	44	110.8%
<i>Carngham</i>	36	110.5%
<i>Dunnstown</i>	28	86.0%
<i>Meredith</i>	24	90.9%
<i>Elaine</i>	20	84.5%
<i>Wendouree</i>	12	70.8%

*COMMENTS ON NEXT YEAR After this reasonably good year, we asked ourselves the question - what about next year? Some of our stalwarts have intimated that they have resigned, others will look to higher grades of football, and again others will have a variety of reasons for not being connected with the club in 1968.*

*However, on the more positive side of the picture it is possible to look to '68 with a certain amount of enthusiasm and expectance. For one thing, our balance sheet in this report shows a healthy reserve to being the year with, and no doubt man of the committee who made this possible will remain to provide the club with their services. Add to these the number of willing helpers outside the committee*

*and our enthusiasm should grow.*

*With regard to players - it's hard to believe that we will be without "Cocko" and "Walshy". We'll wait and see whether they'll line up again. Kevin Tung has given some indication that he will be back and Earl Brooks too. Some of the younger players in Mick Jones, Terry O'Donnell, Wayne Reynolds, Ron Cunning, Kevin Perks, and others from Ballarat have all given indications that they will return to us next year.*

*On the local scene, we can look forward to all the old and younger players lining up for season 1968. Paul Clark is one young local who no doubt will be with us and it may be possible to recruit another few of Paul's calibre and age from among the local lads. Last year we approached young Clark and Ryan from Yendon, who played with Bungaree under 17 this year. We hope they can see their way clear to provide us with their ability in 1968.*

*Noel Maher returned from Vietnam in November and said he will be available to play again next year.*

*There are many others who probably should be mentioned, but time and space do not permit it. All we can hope is that they understand that we will welcome all players, supporters and opposition in the year 1968.*

*We can look forward to an excellent year provided the whole town supports the efforts made by players and committee. It is hoped that our own football ground will be available next year, but due to the drought conditions it may not be possible.*

*It is with pleasure that I present this first Annual Report and Balance sheet to you.*

*Ray White, Secretary.*

<i>Income for the year 1967</i>	<i>\$1941.80</i>
<i>Expenditure</i>	<i><u>\$1482.63</u></i>
<i>Net profit, credit</i>	<i><u>\$ 459.17</u></i>

***Extracts from the Dunnstown Football Club, Annual Report, 1967***

# 1968

19/12/67      Annual Meeting of the Dunnstown Football Club held

on December 19, 1967. Election of office bearers: President, M Britt, Vice-presidents, R Cocking and M Howard, Secretary, R White, assistant secretary and press reporter, B Leonard.

15/3/68 The Dunnstown football club is in favour of supporting under age football in principal.

The club again applied to the Bungaree committee for the use of their oval for this coming season. Junior training was introduced by the club on a suggestion of Ron Cocking.

29/4/68 R White resigns as secretary. M Howard was nominated to fill the vacancy of secretary, but with certain limitations, to be clarified within the next two weeks.

16/5/68 Training runs being held at Bungaree on Monday evenings.

Ron Cocking reported on junior teams' progress. Letter of appreciation sent to R Schonell for supplying guernseys for junior teams.

E Brooks' clearance be granted. B Sheehan's clearance be refused. (B Sheehan has applied for a clearance several times since April 1967). However, B Sheehan has been granted several permits to play in the B.F.L.

C Tardrew's clearance granted.

28/6/68 B Sheehan's clearance application has been granted. Junior team is entered into lightning premiership at Wendouree West on April 28th.

16/8/68 Pat Leonard resigns as ground manager. Club forwards a letter of appreciation for years of service rendered.

Rental of Bungaree recreation ground was paid \$36.20, and a letter of appreciation from this committee was conveyed to Bungaree's committee. F Sheehan was re-elected coach for the coming season 1969.

*Extracts of Minutes of 1968 Meetings book*

## *PRESIDENT'S REPORT*

*It is with pleasure we submit for your consideration the second annual report and financial statement of our club for the 1968 season.*

*Although the "four" eluded us once again, we feel that with the young players we have, and the experience they have gained this year, we must look forward to bigger and better things for season 1969, especially as we will be playing on our own ground.*

*I must pay tribute to Coach Frank Sheehan for the enthusiastic way he has carried the leadership of our club both on and off the field.*

*Special thanks must go to Ron Cocking for the time and effort he has put into forming the junior team. Teaching them the right way to kick and mark the ball and then blending them into a team which won several games, was a big task. Bernie Leonard must also be thanked for the assistance he gave Ron whenever needed.*

*I wish to thank the Secretary and his Assistant, the Committee, Delegates, Selectors and players for the support and help they have given me throughout the season.*

*Mervyn T BRITT*

## *COMMENTS ON YEAR'S BEGINNING*

*Unlike 1967, the year began with a good deal more stability in the club. Mervyn Britt was re-elected as president, with a committee keen to do its job. Frank Sheehan was appointed playing coach and with enthusiasm at a relatively high level the club seemed set for a good year. Financially the club was in a happy state, although it was necessary to maintain efforts to keep it that way throughout the season.*

## *RECRUITMENT*

*We were fortunate this year to gain the services of some good young players - Michael Clark Michael Leonard, Vin and Noel Mahar, Gerard Cunningham, Kevin Perks and Ron Cunning, The Ross brothers David and Peter, and the Bedgood brothers Ian and David.*

## *TRAINING*

*This aspect of the club's life was disappointing. A number of factors probably led to this. Firstly, there wasn't an easily accessible training track close to the clubrooms. Once again Jim Tierney gave us the use of one of his paddocks, but*

*players didn't seem enthusiastic about crossing the railway line to train there. Secondly, the idea of training one night a week at Bungaree was a failure. The same few trained each week, whereas it was thought once a week training may induce large numbers to train. Thirdly, the incentive to train was lacking as we won so few games during the year. Two of our four wins were in the last two matches of the season.*

*At the pre-season training it did appear that the selection committee would have a rather easy task through lack of players, however, within a few weeks the training list consisted of 25 players.*

### *TROPHY WINNERS*

*The Gerald Leonard Memorial Trophy for best and fairest was won by Kevin Tung, donated by J James.*

*The Maurice Ryan Memorial Trophy for most improved was won by Ron Cuning, donated by Ryan Family.*

*The Thomas Britt Memorial Trophy for the most umpires' votes was won by Frank Sheehan, donated by Britt Family*

*Another best and fairest trophy, donated by Tom Armstrong, was won by Ted Howard.*

*The goal-kicking award was won by Ron Cocking, donated by Charwicks' Bag Co.*

*The most consistent player trophy was won by Basil Britt, donated by Bill Borchers.*

*Best first year player trophy was won by Mick Clarke. Trophy donated by Frank Johnson.*

*The best clubman was Ron Cocking, donated by Tony O'Halloran.*

*The most attentive at training were John Boak, and Michael Leonard. Donated by J Britt.*

*A Presentation was made to Ron Cocking by John Lenaghan on behalf of the junior team.*

*Presentations were also made to Barry White, timekeeper, Tom Armstrong and Kevin Dunne, Trainers, and Mrs Richardson, for her money raising efforts.*

*Gifts were presented to couples who were married during the last two years.*

*Mervyn Howard was presented with a Life Membership, for services rendered to the club over the past years.*

## **GROUND**

*The question all supporters are asking is: Will the Dunnstown Oval be available for next season? Owing to the drought conditions last year the oval had to be re-sown and is now well grassed. The playing area has been rolled and should be equal to the best grounds in the competition in 1969.*

*Having our own ground in readiness to train and play on will create a lot more local interest in the club than in the last two seasons, when we had to transfer to the Bungaree oval. Our appreciation goes to the Bungaree committee for the use of their ground.*

## **BEREAVEMENTS**

*Early in the year club members were deeply shocked at the untimely death of Frank Walsh. The Walsh family have given years of service and support to this club, which was typified by the esteem in which Frank was held. To the family of this great player and clubman the committee and players offer their deepest sympathy.*

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

*The club reported a credit balance of \$533.62 for the current year. Income for the season was \$1,967.32, and expenditure \$1,433.70. The coaching fee of \$500.00 was the largest expense and gate takings netted \$360.00.*

## **JUNIOR CLUB NOTES (Cocko's Clinic)**

*A new era for Dunnstown was made in forming its first junior football team. Our boys played curtain-raisers to senior matches. Early games proved to be one-sided (not in our favour), but with great heart, determination and dedication, these lads improved to win the last five matches, gaining a victory over one undefeated side. Many thanks to John Lenaghan (captain), and Bill Begbie (vice-captain) for a fine job both on and off the field. To all other players too numerous to mention individually, we thank you for your keenness and interest, and are looking forward to next year.*

*The boys received a donation of football jumpers generously given by Digger Schonell.*

*Money raised by the boys enabled them to have photos taken which, we assure will be a pleasure to look back on in years to come, when these lads themselves take their places in our senior team.*

*Extracts from Dunnstown Football Club Annual Report,1968*

## **Dunnstown Football Club First Junior Team 1968**



Back: S Murphy, G Murphy, J Britt, G Wilson, K Murphy, G Britt.  
Centre: D Giles, J Auchetl, S Begbie, B Wilson, K Wilson, P Britt.  
Front: J Murphy, D Murphy, T Britt, J Lenaghan (Capt), B O'Halloran, C Auchetl, B Murphy.  
Standing Left: B Leonard (assist Coach). Standing Right: R Cocking (Coach).  
Absent: B Begbie (VC), P Brogden, Paul Brogden, T Dobbyn, N Madigan.

## Dunnstown Football Club Under 12 Premiers 1969



Back: J Auchettl, K Wilson, S Begbie, V Stanko, J Lenaghan, B O'Halloran, G Wilson, C Auchettl.  
Centre: D Giles, D Murphy, E Dunne, S Stanko, T Britt, J Britt, P Britt, G Britt.  
Front: J Murphy, K Murphy, G Murphy, B Wilson (VC), B Murphy, S Murphy, M Britt.  
Standing: R Cocking (Coach), left, B Leonard (Assist Coach) Absent: B Begbie (Capt), G Ward.

*Lowly-rated Dunnstown had a 38 point victory over final four side Gordon.*

*Dunnstown in 2nd last on the District Ladder.*

*With White, Cocking, and F Sheehan in key positions, Dunnstown took control of the game in the second quarter.*

*Gordon weakened by the loss of Gleeson, Harris and Walsh from it's defence, lost Irving, Ryan and Slocombe through injuries in the first quarter.*

*But Dunnstown was in top form and the loss of these Gordon players took little away from it's win.*

*The premiership ladder at the end of the home and home matches is:*

	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>%</i>
<i>Buninyong</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>171</i>
<i>Sebastopol</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>164</i>
<i>Wendouree</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>156</i>
<i>Gordon</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>118</i>
<i>Meredith</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>65</i>
<i>Dunnstown</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>73</i>
<i>Elaine</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>57</i>
<i>Carngham</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>57</i>

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This ladder says it all; this was definitely not one of Dunnstown's better years.

# 1969

12/12/68 Annual Meeting of the Dunnstown Football club was held on December 12, 1968. Office bearers as elected were: President M Britt, Vice-presidents R Cocking and J Britt, Secretary/treasurer M Howard, assistant B White. B White also appointed as ground manager. Don Porter was appointed timekeeper. Frank Sheehan has been reappointed as coach for the coming season.

7/2/69 A discussion was held on the proposed formation of a second 18 competition within the district section. Delegates also instructed to vote in favour of the formation of a junior competition, preferably under 14.

Club membership tickets to cost \$2.50 a ticket. Cost of ticket to attend cabaret ball to be \$1.50 a single. Leo Leonard granted permission to conduct a sweets and hot-dog stall at home games.

D Maher's application for a clearance was granted.

12/6/69 The club hoped to field a second 18 side for Saturday June 18th.

A hay-seed-hop to be held at Dunnstown Hall on 2nd August. A star of the evening competition to be held at up coming cabaret ball. Admission to hay-seed-hop to be 50 cents. Junior teams entered into a lightning premiership competition.

The club has drawn up plans for a time-keepers box and applied for a grant for construction of same.

Trophies for 1969: John Begbie for most improved player award, J Quick for best first year player. Trophy for most attentative at training went to W Libbis. Best clubman trophy went to B Leonard.

20/8/69 The junior team is to play a curtain-raiser game on grand final day. Team photo of junior team to be taken and given to all parents of junior side.

A credit balance of \$602.96 was reported at the annual general meeting. Income being \$2,187.67, and expenditure \$1,584.71. The coaching fee for 1969 was \$525.00. \$18.00 was paid to taxi umpires to and from the games.

***Extracts of minutes from 1969 meetings book.***

*Dunnstown has not been impressive this season and requires a couple of key players to boost its side and take the weight off the shoulders of Ross, Sheehan and White, who are carrying the team at present.*

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# 1970 - 1994

The past 20 or so years does not really fall into the category of 'history', however, it will become history for future generations.

Most of the information obtained regarding these years was statistical; reports of games are basic and no longer have the same impact as the game reports of earlier years. The sports writers of modern times give only factual reports and do not furnish us with a spirited account as did the writers of yester year. Club minutes are regimented and clinical, and on the whole information became static.

Most will recall the happenings, in part, of the Dunnstown Football Club during the more recent part of its centenary. The premiership double of 1976 & 1978 will entice sweet recollection for many. The junior section has also achieved successful premiership honours 6 times since its inception in 1968.

## 1970

During 1970 Dunnstown was still affiliated with the Ballarat Football League District Section. Three sections of football were played, the Senior Eighteen, the Reserves or Second Eighteen, and the Juniors.

The club was ably run under the leadership of President Ron Cocking, with Mervyn Howard as Secretary. 26 year old Barry Antonio, the former East Ballarat vice-captain was appointed coach of the senior team at a fee of \$30 per week for home and away games and three weeks pre-season training, and \$40 per week for finals appearances. Tom Armstrong was appointed a club trainer. Neil Sheehan was vice-captain of the senior team.

The club acquired the guernseys from the former Elaine Football Club to be used by the 2nd eighteen team in this their first year of competition. Mervyn Britt was given the task of coaching this team in its inaugural year.

Leo Murphy and Frank Britt were appointed joint managers of the junior section, Frank Sheehan accepted the position of coach of the Under 15 team, and the captain was Stephen Begbie and Vice-captain Brian O'Halloran.

A credit balance of \$521.63 was declared on the 1970 financial report. Ron Cocking, former coach, player and the current president of DFC was awarded a Life Membership of the club.

The club enjoyed some success on the playing arena with Dunnstown's 3 teams making the finals. However, all teams were defeated in their respective 1st semi-final game.

### ***DUNNSTOWN'S BLACK DAY IN DISTRICT SECTION***

*Dunnstown had a team in each of the Ballarat Football League District Section first semi-finals played at Wendouree on Saturday, and all were defeated.*

*The under 15's team lost to Gordon by 26 points. Buninyong defeated Dunnstown by 11 points in the reserves. Dunnstown's biggest failure was in the seniors it was defeated by Sebastopol by 66 points.*

*Sebastopol was too strong in most departments and gradually built up its big lead.*

*T Howard, Antonio, and Sheehan tried hard for Dunnstown but lacked support. Dunnstown tried to stem the tide after half-time but it had no answer to Sebastopol's pace and team play.*

*Scores: Sebastopol 20 - 14 defeated Dunnstown 9 - 14*

*Dunnstown's best: T Howard, Atkins, Antonio, R White, Sheehan and French.*

*Goals: Antonio 3, Sheehan 2, Cocking, D Leonard, Morvell, and B Britt.*

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*Reserves: Buninyong 8 - 9 to Dunnstown 7 - 4*

*Dunnstown best: M Clark, Boak, Walsh, Ryan, Monument, Glenane, Leonard.*

*Goals: M Clark 2, Boak, N Leonard, Begbie, Wakeling, Ryan.*

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*Under 15: Gordon 6 - 3 defeated Dunnstown 2 - 1.*

*Dunnstown best: Stalker, Garland, Armstrong, O'Halloran, Wilson, Lenaghan.*

*Goals: J Lenaghan 2.*

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# 1971

Ron Cocking was re-appointed unopposed to the position of President, with Mervyn Britt, Don Murphy and G Kiely as vice-presidents. Barry White was appointed secretary with the assistance of Bernie Leonard.

Barry Antonio was re-appointed as coach of the First Eighteen team, John Walsh appointed to the position of coach of the 2nd Eighteen and Kevin Lenaghan coach of the Junior U15 team.

During the season the club constructed a time-keepers' box, and purchased a new siren for \$22 and a mower for \$10.

Controversy raised its head again with Gordon refusing to play under Dunnstown's appointed goal umpire.

Dunnstown's "fighting spirit" continued during this period of its history. Neil Sheehan and Percy Martin were suspended for 2 weeks each, and Ray White received a 3 week suspension, all for allegedly fighting. Committeeman Bernie Leonard was suspended from all club activities for 3 weeks and fined \$5 for abusing the umpire.

Funds were raised for the club by the traditional planting of potatoes to be sold when harvested.

*Dunnstown Football Club leased seven acres of land to plant potatoes. Last Sunday week 53 volunteers attended a working bee. The potatoes were dug up and bagged.*

*The pace was furious for the first half hour as players, supporters and committee went about their task.*

*It was not long before the army was on its knees - apparently the spirit was willing but some of the backs were aching.*

*The day was successful - 800 bags were sold.*

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The balance sheet at the end of the year realised a credit of \$1,001.46, with the greatest expenses being that of the coaching fees \$850. The gate takings for the season amounted to \$596.40, and the Ladies' Committee, in their first year, raised \$400 for the club. Ken Baldwinson was awarded a Life Membership

The Senior teams and the Junior team both competed in the 1971 finals series. The Seniors defending their honour in the preliminary final against Wendouree.

*Wendouree defeated Dunnstown in the B. F. L District Section preliminary final at Buninyong on Saturday.*

*Wendouree was more purposeful in its play and prevented Dunnstown from gaining advantage of the wind.*

*In a hectic last quarter players realised it was do-or-die and went in hard for the ball. Tempers became frayed and there were many incidents.*

*Dunnstown fought back but Wendouree's 32 point lead was unbeatable. The scores were:*

*Wendouree 16 - 12*

*Dunnstown 11 - 10*

*Dunnstown's Best: F White, R White, Begbie, Antonio, Atkins, Martin.*

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The U15 team achieved Premiership success in 1971 under the leadership of Kevin Lenaghan. These gallant young lads were to become the champions of the future.

## **Dunnstown Football Club Under 15 Premiers 1971**



Back: D Murphy, P Britt, G Dobbyn, P Brogden, P Mullane, D Giles, G Murphy.

Centre: N Dobbyn, J Hartigan, T Britt, G Wilson, D Rix, C Glenane, K Lenaghan (Coach).

Seated: R Cumming, N Garland, S Begbie (VC), J Lenaghan (Capt), W Cluff, K Davey, H Scholte.

Front: B Murphy, K Murphy, S Murphy, C Auchettl, J Murphy, G Britt.

# 1972

1972 saw a change in office-bearers with Don Murphy at the helm as President, Barry White as secretary, J Walsh, D J Leonard and F Sheehan as vice-presidents. Barry Antonio, John Walsh and Kevin Lenaghan held their positions as coaches for their respective teams for another term.

*Dunnstown reserves vice captain Bernie Leonard is one of the personalities of district section football. There are few country football supporters who haven't heard of "Brickie"*

*Last Saturday week he tossed the coin with his opposing captain for the choice of ends. After the short ceremony both captains went among their team mates urging them in readiness for the start. The central umpire took up position to start the game. Before he starts a game the central umpire always gets the "O.K." from each captain that his team is ready.*

*The umpire asked a Dunnstown ruckman where his captain was "down there, at full back" was the reply, then "no he's not, I don't know where he is".*

*Leonard was soon "found", he was at the other end of the ground trying to convince the players around him that they were in the wrong positions.*

*Don't worry Bernie, Ted Whitten often tried that "trick".*

*My spies tell me that a sitting of the "Dunnstown Court" heard the case but Leonard was unmoved, keeping his cheerful disposition throughout proceedings although most "evidence" given was "biased".*

*Jim Murphy. "The Ballarat Courier"*

The club acquired Honour Boards which Frank Jones made at a cost of \$12. George Atkins won the senior best and fairest award with a record 88 votes, Neil Sheehan had previously held the record, runner up was M Dean on 44 votes. The reserve best and fairest was won by Mervyn Howard on 13 votes, from Basil Britt on 10 votes. Mervyn is possibly the only Major League secretary still playing competitive football.

The end of season balance sheet showed a profit of \$2,737.68. The 'potatoes'

venture made \$680 and the Ladies' Committee contributed \$600 to the club.

The club were again successful in reaching finals in all grades of competition. The Under 16's played in the 1st semi-final against Sebastopol but were defeated 8 - 11 to 22 - 21.

The Reserve grade was also defeated in the 1st semi-final against Buninyong 11-8-74 to 7-13-55.

The Senior team played in the 1st semi-final for the 3rd successive season with Sebastopol as opponents. A report of this game follows.

*Sebastopol thrashed Dunnstown in the District Section first semi-final at Wendouree on Saturday.*

*Dunnstown was hopelessly outclassed and had no answer to Sebastopol's pace or high marking all over the ground. Scores:*

*Sebastopol 22 - 21*

*Dunnstown 8 - 11*

*Dunnstown's best: P Martin, Jones, P Bedggood, Dean Antonio, R White. Goals: Bedggood 3, Dean 2, P Martin, B Britt, Sheehan.*

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# 1973

The winds of change were blowing at the end of 1972 season.

Dunnstown Football Club decided to affiliate with the new football competition composed of clubs remaining from the Ballarat Football League District Section, and the Ballarat and Bacchus Marsh District Football League. Clubs competing in this new competition were Dunnstown, Maddingley, Bacchus Marsh, Darley, Ballan, Sebastopol, Buninyong, Meredith and Gordon.

Dunnstown not only saw a change of league, but also the appointment of a fresh new coach in Kevin Rinaldi. 25 year old Rinaldi, 6'1" and 14stone has played with Carlton Under 19's and Reserves, and B.F.L finals in '72 with East Ballarat. Alan Abrams was appointed coach of the 2nd's. Office-bearers for 1973 were unchanged.

Improvements were undertaken by the Club with the purchase of 20 new guernseys @ \$11 each, and a new mower for \$175. A new boundary fence, time- keepers box with sweets shop underneath, all added to an impressive sporting centre at Dunnstown.

On the condition as set out by the 'Powers that be', that no beer be allowed on the bus, the players were given an end of season trip to T.V. Ringside (perhaps to give lessons or get some pointers!)

The Club also enjoyed success off the field, the Ladies' Committee raised \$1,200 and the sale of potatoes \$1,159. A credit balance of \$3,660.64 was reported at the end of the season.



The ladders at the end of the season stood as follows:

SENIOR TEAM	2ND EIGHTEEN	UNDER 16
Maddingley.....56	Darley.....56	Sebastopol.....60
Bacchus Marsh....48	Dunnstown.....52	Maddingley.....56
Darley.....48	Ballan.....40	Ballan.....44
Ballan.....44	Sebastopol.....40	Darley.....44
Sebastopol.....36	Maddingley.....36	Meredith.....32
Buninyong.....28	Buninyong.....32	Dunnstown.....24
Dunnstown.....16	Bacchus Marsh...20	Buninyong.....16
Meredith.....8	Gordon.....12	Gordon.....12
Gordon.....4	Meredith.....0	Bacchus Marsh...0

*There was a surprise in the Ballan and Dunnstown match. Dunnstown got within 5 points of Ballan.*

*Ballan won the game with a good third quarter effort. Ballan's forward line was under pressure with 8 players kicking its 13 goals. Dunnstown had a good focal point in attack. Bob White, (this should be Ray White), kicked 5 goals. This followed his 9 goals in the previous match.*

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The 2nd Eighteen was Dunnstown's only finalist in 1973, playing against Darley in the 2nd semi-final.

2nd's player Basil Britt etched his name into the League book of fame by winning the League Best and Fairest award and also the League Goal-kicking award with 30 goals.

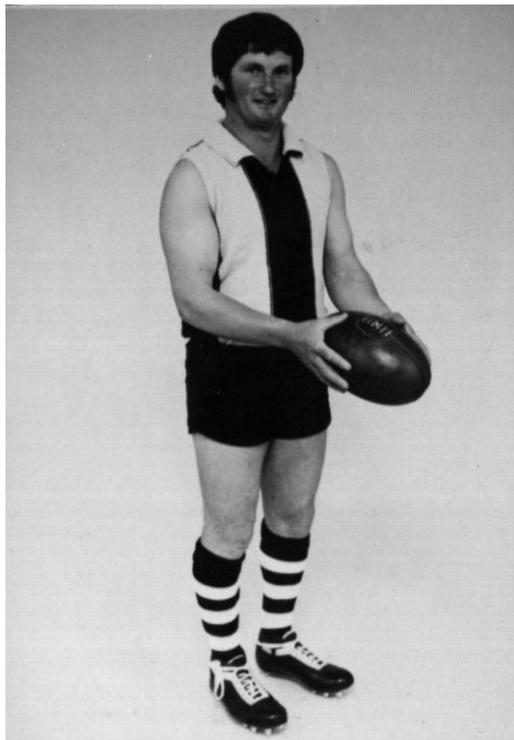
***RESERVES SECOND SEMI-FINAL: DUNNSTOWN V DARLEY***

*Darley showed greater team strength and defeated Dunnstown by 69 points.*

*Dunnstown was not disgraced and fought on all day but could not match Darley's team play. Scores:*

*Darley           18-11-119*  
*Dunnstown       7- 8- 50*

*Best: Dunnstown, Farquhar, White, Wilson, O'Halloran, Britt, Bailey. Goals: Britt 2, G Britt, Briody, Condwell, White, Bailey.*



**BASIL BRITT  
LEAGUE RESERVE GRADE  
BEST & FAIREST  
& LEADING GOAL  
KICKING AWARD**

# 1974

John Walsh was elected president of DFC for the current season with Barry White and Michael Leonard as secretaries, and Laurie Mullane as treasurer. The coaching panel remained status quo.

This season admission to the games was raised to 60cents adults, and 20cents per car. New guernseys were purchased for the junior section and a gate keepers box was built.

With football now becoming a serious business, with training an integral part of that business, the club has purchased lights to be fitted to the time-keepers box so that training is permissible outside day light hours.

The inclement weather experienced in the district throughout the winter months has necessitated the construction of a shelter shed for use at the games by the selectors and 19th & 20th man. This shelter shed was dedicated to the memory of past player John Dobbyn who had been tragically killed in an accident.

Gerard Cahir won the B & B M D F L Goal kicking award in the U16 section.

During the season both Bill Begbie and Arthur Bridges were reported and suspended for 4 weeks for indiscretions.

The club was successful both financially and socially with a credit balance of \$4,841.29. The Ladies' Committee once again proved their value by raising \$1,200. Gate takings for the season amounted to \$778.40, and annual competitions and fund-raising events raised \$1,070. The largest expenses incurred were the coaching fees, and \$364.85 was paid to Ballarat Umpires Association.

A Life Membership was bestowed on Neil Sheehan.

Although a finals berth was not to be in 1974, Dunnstown's tenacity on the field mad all competitors work hard for their positions on the ladder.

### ***GREAT FIGHT BACK BY DUNNSTOWN***

*After watching Maddingley kick 12 goals in the first quarter, a tenacious Dunnstown side held Maddingley to only two more goals for the rest of the match on Saturday in the B.B.M.D.F.L.*

*Dunnstown went on to win the match by 32 points.*

*The loss dealt Maddingley's premiership hopes a severe blow. Dunnstown was the stronger side on the day and was helped to its win by solid play from Atkins, Sheehan and Rinaldi.*

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# 1975

The committee, from president to coaches, was to remain unchanged, with the inclusion of Jim Rinaldi, "Digger's" brother, to the 2nd Eighteen coaching position.

Relevant celebrations for the observance of the Club's 50th year of existence were arranged. *(It is now known the club had been in existence for 81 years.)*

The lighting of the ground, now fully operational, has proved beneficial and very popular with players and coaches. Further ground improvements were undertaken by the planting of trees around the outskirts of the recreation reserve.

As a sign of the times, the Club policy of presenting gifts to recently married couples of the Club was discontinued as from this season, however, well known Dunnstown identity Reg Grant was congratulated for his 25 years association with Dunnstown Football Club.

Dunnstown enjoyed a most successful season in '75 with all 3 grades entering the Grand final, however only the U16 was to take out the premiership honours.

The ladder at the end of the season stood as follows.

SENIOR	SECONDS	UNDER 16
Sebastopol....60	Dunnstown.....52	Dunnstown.....60
Dunnstown.....44	Sebastopol....50	Maddingley....44
Maddingley....44	Ballan.....50	Darley.....44
Darley.....36	Maddingley....40	Buninyong....32
Ballan.....36	Gordon.....38	Sebastopol....26
B'Marsh.....28	Darley.....34	B'Marsh.....26
Buninyong....24	Buninyong....12	Ballan.....20
Gordon.....16	B'Marsh.....12	Meredith.....16
Meredith.....0	Meredith.....0	Gordon.....4

B B M D F L Leading goalkickers for 1975 were all from Dunnstown club. Senior goalkicking award was won by Ian McBain on 88 goals, 2nd's goalkicking award was won by Ray White on 59 goals, and under 16 goalkicking award was won for the second time by Gerard Cahir on 97 goals. Gerard Cahir also won the league best and fairest award on 28 votes.

**WINNERS OF LEAGUE GOAL-KICKING AWARDS  
GERARD CAHIR U16, RAY WHITE Reserves, IAN McBAIN Senior**



Dunnstown club proved its strength in all three grades, senior, reserves and under 16's with all playing in their respective grand finals next Saturday.

*Alan Abrams will play his 50th game with Dunnstown in the grand final. It is Alan's 400th game of his football career, having played 100 with North Ballarat juniors, 250 with North seniors, and now 50 with Dunnstown.*

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The following reports are of the 1975 grand finals games.

## **DUNNSTOWN ENTERS 3 GRAND FINALS -**

### **SEBASTOPOL WINS TWO TITLES**

*Sebastopol capped off a great season on Saturday when it won the B & B M D F L Senior and Reserves grand finals at Darley Park.*

*Sebastopol defeated Dunnstown 17.17 (119) to 14.21 (105) and in the reserves, Sebastopol 9.13 (67) beat Dunnstown 9.6.(60).*

*In the opening minutes of the senior game Dunnstown tried to upset Sebastopol with high clashes but the Borough went straight into attack using long kicks.*

*With Dunnstown's forwards under pressure points, instead of goals were being scored and at quarter time Sebastopol held a handy 21 point advantage over Dunnstown.*

*The Sebastopol backline was playing well and sent the Borough into attack many times.*

*However, Dunnstown goaled 10 minutes into the quarter and with full forward McBain shifted to the wing Dunnstown lifted its game. Dunnstown went in hard for the ball resulting in free kicks.*

*"Digger" Rinaldi was first up forward for Dunnstown being "fed" by McBain who was starring on the wing. They had Dunnstown right back into the game.*

*Rinaldi kicked four goals in the second term and at half time Dunnstown was only two points down.*

*At half time it looked as though the game might develop into a survival of the fitter side.*

*After half time Dunnstown playing pressure football looked a rejuvenated side.*

*Using handball and with Jim Rinaldi marking strong around the ground along with McBain and Abrams attacking Dunnstown's forward line they moved to a 10 point lead and looked to be in control.*

*Sebastopol's McGuane kicked a goal late in the quarter to make the third quarter difference five points in favor of Dunnstown.*

*The final quarter opened with both sides trying hard to score goals but only points resulted.*

*Finally, Sebastopol's Quinlan weaved, dodged and kicked straight to put the*

*Borough one point up. Stapleton followed with another, giving Sebastopol a seven-point lead.*

*Looking the more desperate side, Sebastopol using handball, kicked two more goals to put it a comfortable 20 points in front.*

*At the the 24 minute mark, with its fitness showing, Sebastopol forged further ahead and kicked seven goals for the term.*

*Dunnstown never stopped attacking and whittled down the lead, but Venner's long punches and strong marks kept it at bay, and Sebastopol won by 14 points.*

*Scores:*

<i>Sebastopol</i>	<i>17 goals17 behinds..119points</i>
<i>Dunnstown</i>	<i>14 goals21 behinds..105points</i>

*Dunnstown best: B Sheehan, J Rinaldi, K Rinaldi, I McBain, A Abrams, N Bedggood, P Torphy.*

*Goals: K Rinaldi 4, I McBain 3, J Lenaghan 2, L Bridges 2, A Abrams, N Bedgood, P Torpy.*

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*Dunnstown were also defeated in the reserve grand final.*

<i>Sebastopol</i>	<i>9 goals13 behinds....67points</i>
<i>Dunnstown</i>	<i>9 goals 6 behinds....60points.</i>

*Dunnstown best: Watt, McBain, Clark, King, Broidy, Begbie. Goals: R White 6, Begbie 2, Libbis.*

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*Dunnstown Under 16 team was successful, defeating Maddingley in the grand final. Scores:*

<i>Dunnstown</i>	<i>10 goals8 behinds...68points</i>
<i>Maddingley</i>	<i>8 gosld10 behinds..58points</i>

*Dunnstown best: Dobbyn, V King, P Auchettl, Wilson, D Murphy, Bailey. Goals: G Cahir 6, T Murphy 2, J Auchettl, G Leonard.*

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### ***GOOD YEAR FOR DUNNSTOWN U16.***

*Dunnstown under 16 football team enjoyed a successful year culminating in a premiership.*

*The team coached by Kevin Lenaghan, won 17 games and lost one. It 's last 14*

wins were consecutive.

*Champion forward Gerard Cahir won the Ballarat and Bacchus Marsh District Football League's U16 best and fairest award and also the goalkicking with 107 goals.*

*Many players reached milestones. Shane, Kevin and Dan Murphy, and Paul Mullane each played their 75th game with the club, and John Auchettl and Gerard Cahir each played their 50th games.*

*In the 5 years Kevin Lenaghan has coached the team it has won two premierships and been runner-up once.*

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## **Dunnstown Football Club Under 16 Premiers 1975**



Back: S Niehus, G Wilson, E King, G Cahir, P Auchettl, V King, D Giles.

Centre: D Murphy, C Bailey, C Lockett, K Lenaghan (Coach), G Leonard, S Murphy, C Ward.

Front: P White, B Murphy, G Britt, P Mullane, G Dobbyn (Capt), J Auchettl (VC), J Murphy, K Murphy, D Quinlan.

## Dunnstown Football Club Senior Eighteen Runners-up 1975



Back: B Sheehan, A Briody, J Torphy, J Rinaldi, K Wilson, G Bridges, M White.  
Third Row: G Mullane, B White, J Walsh (President), M Leonard, L Mullane, A Smith.  
Second Row: N Sheehan, N Madigan, G Atkins (VC), K Rinaldi (C-C), P Torphy, A  
Abrams, M Hogan, D Rix.  
Front: G Torphy, L Bridges, W Rinaldi (Mascot), W Begbie, P Bedggood. Absent: B  
O'Hehir, I McBain, J Lenaghan.

## Dunnstown Football Club Reserve Eighteen 18, Runners-up 1975



Back: G Murphy, J O'Hehir, P Britt, N Shillito, B Briody, N Dobbyn, S Begbie

Middle: A Smith (trainer), W Ollering, B White, L Mullane, J Walsh, G Mullane, A McBain, G Lane

Front: D Rix, H Sholte, P Brogden, J Rinaldi (Coach), R White (capt), M Leonard (VC), W Libbis, J Hartigan, B Watt

Sitting: T Briody, M Clark, D King, M Kane.

# 1976

Success at last. Not since 1964 has Dunnstown achieved premiership honours at senior level. Under the leadership of President John Walsh, secretaries Barry White and Mick Leonard, and Laurie Mullane controlling the purse strings the Club was once again to rise to the highest achievement, not once, but twice. With the Rinaldi brothers at the helm both the senior and the reserves grade took out the coveted premiership flags.

Barry Sheehan had charge of the U16's team who also played in the final series, but were defeated by Darley in the 1st Semi-final. 17year old Gerard Cahir was recognised by the Club for making the Victorian U17 combined State side.

During the course of events Arthur Bridges was reported and suspended for 2 matches, and Errol King a reserves player, was suspended by the Independent Tribunal until 1979.

Final series results:

Dunnstown 16-16 (116) d Maddingley 15-11 (101)

Dunnstown Best: G Atkins, G Cahir, K Rinaldi, W Begbie, B Sheehan, L Bridges. Goals: G Cahir 6, I McBain 3, L Bridges 2, K Rinaldi 2, J Lenaghan, C Britt, A Bridges.

Dunnstown 16-22(118) d Ballan 11-15 (81)

Dunnstown Best: G Atkins, I McBain, W Daws, K Rinaldi, L Bridges, C Britt. Goals: I McBain 7, G Cahir 4, L Bridges 3, W Daws, and K Rinaldi.

LADDERS 1976

SENIOR	SECONDS	UNDER 16'S
Ballan.....44	Dunnstown.....52	Maddingley....48
Dunnstown.....42	Sebastopol....48	Sebastopol....44
Maddingley.....40	Maddingley....36	Darley.....36
Sebastopol.....38	Darley.....28	Dunnstown.....32
Darley.....28	Ballan.....28	Buninyong.....32
Gordon.....12	Gordon.....12	B'Marsh.....28
B'Marsh.....12	Buninyong.....8	Gordon.....8
Buninyong.....8	B'Marsh.....4	Ballan.....0

***DUNNSTOWN'S FINAL DAZZLING EFFORT***

*Dunnstown turned on one of the best displays of power football seen in the Ballarat and Bacchus Marsh District Football League to outclass Maddingley by 10 goals and win the premiership on Saturday.*

*Their aerial supremacy, long kicking and faultless teamwork left Maddingley dazed in a game which was played in perfect conditions at the Darley oval.*

*With the aid of the breeze Dunnstown opened brilliantly with Atkins, Daws and Britt dominating the centre bounces.*

*McBain was burning and had his fourth goal on the board midway through the*

*term.*

*Wright and Dickson both snapped goals which gave Dunnstown a six-goal break at the change.*

*Early in the second quarter Maddingley rallied with quick goals from Bird and Condon but Dunnstown had their tails in the air and were able to answer any challenge.*

*At half time Dunnstown had maintained its six-goal advantage.*

*Goals flowed freely for Dunnstown despite many positional changes from the Maddingley camp.*

*Late in the term, under the inspiring leadership of Izzard, Maddingley's small men in Bird and Davey attacked doggedly but were repelled by Dunnstown's solid defence of Sheehan, Torphy and White.*

*When Maddingley did manage to break through, poor kicking for goal wasted golden opportunities.*

*At the start of the final term Dunnstown was cruising on a 45 point advantage but any complacency on their part was quickly shaken off as Maddingley with the aid of a strong breeze and good handball scored early goals.*

*However, Dunnstown's captain coach "Digger" Rinaldi silenced the challenge by booting five successive goals.*

*Dunnstown's fitness and overall strength showed up late in the quarter and they went on to score a convincing and worthy 10 goal victory.*

*Grand final scores: Dunnstown 25.15 defeated Maddingley 14.20.*

*Dunnstown's best: W Daws, K Rinaldi, C Britt, I McBain, B Sheehan, W Begbie, G Atkins. Goals: I McBain 8, K Rinaldi 7, G Cahir 3, W Daws, W Begbie 2, B O'Hehir, A Bridges, J Leneghan.*

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*Dunnstown Under 16 team was defeated by Darley in the First semi-final, 7-5 (47) to 4-4(28)*

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*Dunnstown was also successful in the reserve grade grand final, defeating*

Sebastopol 14.11 to 14.7. This made it a Double celebration for the Dunnstown football Club.

At their premiership double dinner dance, the president of the ladies committee Margaret Cahir, presented the president of the football club a cheque for \$2000. Mrs Carol Abrams was sashed as Star of the Evening.

## **Dunnstown Football Club Senior Eighteen Premiers 1976**



Back: M McGrath, I McBain, K Wilson, G Atkins, J Torphy, C Britt, B Sheehan.

Middle: R Murphy (selector), J Walsh (President), J Rinaldi, A Bridges, L Lenaghan, W Daws, G Chair, F White (Selector), B White (Secretary), G Mullane (Selector).

Front: A Smith (Trainer), M White, P Britt, B O'Hehir, K Rinaldi (C-C), G Bridges (VC), W Begbie, L Bridges, W Bridges. Mascot, W Rinaldi.

## Dunnstown Football Club Reserve Eighteen, Premiers 1976



Back: S Begbie, J O'Hehir, J Thompson, A McBain, D Rix, N Madigan, R Hughes, V King.  
Middle: A Smith (trainer), J Hartigan, M Clark, B Watt, D King, M Briers, M McGrath, B Rix, F White (selector)  
Front: N Shillito, N Sheehan, R White, W Libbis (VC), J Rinaldi (Coach), T Briody (Capt), G Murphy, P Horbury, K Dunne (trainer). Mascots: J Briody, W Rinaldi, D Briody.

# 1977

The leadership and coaching panel of the Club was unchanged for season 1977. After the success of '76 the Club upgraded their image with the purchase of new guernseys @ a cost of \$18 each.

Former junior champion Gerard Cahir was granted a clearance to St Kilda F.C., with Dunnstown Football Club having received \$1,190 for the transfer.

An appeal was organised for Daven King, who was suffering ill health, and Lloyd Bridges who has lost time from his work because of football injuries.

As the business of running a successful football club was so intense it was decided to form a special committee for the sole purpose to organise fund raising functions and social events. The committee was known as the Social Committee.

Dunnstown's 3 teams were once again all successful with each team playing in the finals series.

### LADDERS

SENIOR	SECONDS	UNDER 16'S
Buninyong.....52	Sebastopol.....60	Maddingley.....68
Sebastopol.....48	Dunnstown.....52	Dunnstown.....48
Maddingley.....48	Buninyong.....44	Buninyong.....40
Dunnstown.....46	Ballan.....44	Darley.....40
Ballan.....44	Maddingley.....40	Sebastopol.....36
Darley.....22	Gordon.....18	B'Marsh.....20
Gordon.....8	Darley.....14	Gordon.....12
B'Marsh.....4	B'Marsh.....0	Ballan.....8

*The victory songs were sung at Sebastopol and Dunnstown after the weekend's round of final matches in the BBMDFL. Sebastopol defeated Maddingley, and Dunnstown defeated Ballan by 3 goals in the elimination final at Maddingley Park Oval.*

*Dunnstown opened with the breeze and struggled to kick 6 behinds before registering a major. Dunnstown went on to kick 4-8 for the quarter to Ballan's 3 points.*

*Ballan came back strongly in the second term and a Ballan victory was a distinct possibility, but Dunnstown sealed the game with goals from A Bridges and Vennell. Scores:*

*Dunnstown    16 - 19 - 115*  
*Ballan            13 - 19 - 97*

*Dunnstown best: C Britt, Vennell, R Rinaldi, McBain, G Murphy, G Atkins. Goals: A Bridges 4, I McBain 3, P Vennell 3, C Britt 2, R Rinaldi 2, L Bridges, M Kane*

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# 1978

A change of club executives saw Basil Britt appointed President, Neil Leonard secretary, Greg Murphy assistant secretary and Frank White treasurer for 1978. The coaching panel was made up of Kevin "Digger" Rinaldi, Gary Bridges, and Barry Sheehan.

The winds of change were again beginning to blow across country football, and this was to be the final year of the Ballarat and Bacchus Marsh District Football League.

The formation of this country League with another country League was already on the drawing board. The proposed new name for this newly formed league was to be The Central Highlands Football League.

Admission prices to matches rose to \$1 and 20cents per car. The Springbank Football Club was granted permission to train on the Dunnstown oval on Monday evenings under the supervision of an executive of D.F.C. George Kiely was awarded a Life Membership.

## LADDERS, 1978

SENIOR	SECONDS	UNDER 16'S
Dunnstown.....52	Buninyong.....48	Buninyong.....60
Gordon.....36	Darley.....40	Ballan.....44
Ballan.....34	Dunnstown.....36	Darley.....32
Buninyong.....28	B'Marsh.....28	Dunnstown.....28
Darley.....16	Ballan.....20	B'Marsh.....12
B'Marsh.....14	Gordon.....8	Gordon.....4

With the imminent change in the structure of the league, Dunnstown put all its effort into taking out the final premiership of the B&BMDFL. Dunnstown's 3 teams contested the final series.

The following report is of Dunnstown's final premiership in the B & BMDFL

### ***BBMDFL FLAG TO DUNNSTOWN***

*Dunnstown, with a powerful third quarter burst, defeated Ballan by 27 points on Saturday to win the grand final of the Ballarat and Bacchus Marsh District*

*Football League.*

*This is Dunnstown's second premiership in the past three seasons.*

*The match opened at Darley Park under ideal conditions, with Ballan goaling in the first few seconds through Bourke-Finn.*

*Munday soon goaled to enable the Blues to open a handy lead, but late in the quarter Dunnstown settled down and with great teamwork and more desperation soon levelled the scores.*

*The standard of play was excellent and early in the second quarter Ballan's small men in Geary and K Mullane featured in many good attacking moves.*

*Dunnstown's Vennell and Bridges began to dominate the ruck duels and its forwards led by Rinaldi and McBain were quick to capitalise on this advantage.*

*The lead changed many times and the greatest margin during this term was 10 points.*

*In the third term Ballan quickly regained the lead with Walker well on top at centre half back.*

*However, midway through the term Dunnstown's centre line was on top and gave the side great drive to goal. McBain goaled for his seventh for the match and only points now separated the two sides.*

*Then within the next 10 minutes Dunnstown piled on five quick goals to open a handy lead of 26 points. Ballan continually attacked through Mullane, Hastie and Shelton and the side refused to admit defeat.*

*In the final term Ballan tried to surge forward, however Dunnstown answered all such attacks.*

*In the final stages Dunnstown held firm to win a high standard match in impressive fashion.*

***Details Dunnstown 22.11 (143) d Ballan 17.14 (116)***

*Dunnstown Best: I McBain, A Bridges, J Hartigan, K Rinaldi, D Rix, G Murphy.  
Goals: I McBain 9, K Rinaldi 4, W Begbie 3, K Antonio 2, S Murphy, W Bridges,  
P Britt, A Bridges.*

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*In the Reserves final, the classy Darley side overpowered Dunnstown in the second half to win by more than 10 goals.*

In the under 16's final Buninyong defeated Dunnstown by five goals.

## Dunnstown Football Club Senior Eighteen Premiers 1978



Back: P Horbury, P Auchettl, A Bridges, G Atkins, P Vennell, J Hartigan, D Rix, B Sheehan.  
Centre: A Smith (trainer), L Bridges, E McKinnon, P Mullane, F White (treasurer), N Leonard (Secretary), B Britt (President), R Murphy (Selector), N Sheehan, (Selector), W Bridges, G Murphy.  
Front: S Murphy, W Begbie, G Bridges (VC), K Rinaldi (CC), I McBain, P Britt, K Antonio, N Madigan. Mascots: J Briody, S Begbie, W Rinaldi, D Briody, M White.

## Dunnstown Football Club Reserve Eighteen Runners-up 1978



Back: A McBain, G Ratcliffe, J McPhan, D King, H Scholte, J Leonard, D Murphy, D Giles.  
Centre: R Murphy (selector), P McMahon, M Duffy, B Rix, N Dobbyn, N Leonard (Secretary), B Britt (President), N Sheehan (Selector), J Auchettl, M Leonard, G Britt, A Smith (Trainer).  
Front: B Auchettl, K Murphy, D McBain, G Bridges (Coach), W Libbis (Capt), T Briody (VC), S Begbie, B Murphy, F White (Treasurer). Mascots: W Rinaldi, D Briody, M White.

## Dunnstown Football Club Under 16 Runners-up 1978

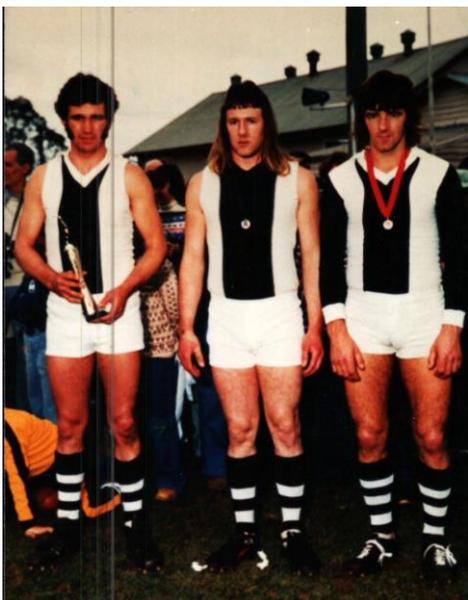


Back: P White, S Barry, W Penhall, P Prenc, S Blaw, M Bailey, D Seeary, S Murphy, C Cartledge, P Giles.

Second Row: J Begbie, A Smith (Trainer), B Bailey (timekeeper), N Leonard (Secretary), B Britt (President), B Hocking (Runner), P Leonard, B Leonard, C Hocking.

Third Row: A Britt, P Dodd, M Mullane, J Murphy (VC), B Sheehan (Coach), M Leonard (Capt), G Brogden, C Bailey, G Irvin.

Front: P Britt, A Leonard (Mascot), S Leonard.



**Wayne LIBBIS, Reserve  
Eighteen Leading  
Goalkicking Award**

**Peter HORBURY, League  
Best & Fairest Winner**

**Ian McBAIN, Senior  
Eighteen Leading  
Goalkicking Award.**

The premiership ball held by the Dunnstown football club was held in the Ballarat East High School hall. It was a night of highlights, with speeches of congratulations, presentations of trophies and the judging of the 'Star of the Evening'. Mrs Gail Rinaldi won that title. The ladies committee prepared a three-course meal for the 300 guest.

Once again Dunnstown's name is associated with controversy.

### ***UMPIRE CLEARED OF BRIBE ALLEGATIONS.***

*A Ballarat Central Umpire has been cleared of allegations he received a bribe during a recent final series match in the BBMDFL. Central umpire Rod Pacey was cleared of allegations that he took a \$500 bribe and was a member of the Dunnstown Football Club.*

*The allegations concerned the BBMDFL second semi-final between Dunnstown and Gordon, won by Dunnstown.*

*The president of the DFC, Mr B Britt, said the rumours had caused his club's committee and district residents much distress. This type of allegation does nothing to enhance the game and only served to discredit the reputations of individuals and indeed the whole district.*

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# 1979

With a feeling of optimistic anticipation Dunnstown entered the Central Highlands Football League.

DFC executives and coaches remained status quo for the inaugural season of the Central Highlands Football League. A fourth grade, U13 juniors, was introduced into the competition. There were 14 teams competing in the senior and second division, 14 competing in the U16's and five new U13 competitors.

Dunnstown achieved a limited success rate with 3 of its 4 teams gaining a finals berth in this new league, the Senior team played in the elimination final, the U16's contested the Grand final against Creswick which resulted in a drawn game.

Scores:

Dunnstown 6 goals 15 behinds..51 points

Creswick 7 goals 9 behinds..51 points

A replay of the grand final resulted in a victory for Creswick.

The under 13's in their first year of competition were defeated by Hepburn 1-4-10 to 0-6-6 in their grand final.

Dunnstown's Ian McBain achieved personal success winning the League Goalkicking award with 104 goals for the season.

### ***100TH GOAL BY IAN McBAIN***

*Champion Dunnstown full forward, Ian McBain, kicked his 100th goal on Saturday and by doing so set Dunnstown into an unbeatable position over Clunes which lost its first game for a number of weeks in the Central Highlands Football League.*

*Other highlights were the continued performances by Waubra and Learmonth.*

*The main game at Clunes saw Dunnstown take the field knowing it must improve its poor form of late and eager to avenge its early season loss to Clunes.*

*The big man strength of Clunes expected to take control of the game found Dunnstown hard to combat with McBain cutting loose in the third quarter, Dunnstown raced to a handy lead of over three goals at the last change.*

*It increased this lead in the last quarter but Clunes goaled late in the game to make the scores look better.*

*Lamb did well for Dunnstown and set up many of its good moves. McBain with 9 goals was another player responsible for the Dunnstown win.*

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John Walsh was awarded a Life Membership.

## Dunnstown Football Club Under 16 Runners-up 1979



Back: S Murphy, P Prenc, C Hirt, B Fitzpatrick, C Curran, A Cranage, J Penhall.

Centre: B Hirt, J Leonard, A Smith (Trainer), M Linane, M Mullane, C Bailey, P Britt, G Irvin, A Britt, A Walker, J Begbie, N Leonard (secretary), L Mullane, F White (treasurer).

Front: F Britt, J Prenc, S Leonard, T Molone, M Gilbert, P White (Capt), B Sheehan (Coach), A Sheehan (Mascot), B Leonard (VC), C Cartledge, P Leonard, B Britt (President), M Penhall (timekeeper), A Leonard (Mascot).

# 1980

Frank White was elected President with Laurie Mullane as secretary and Frank Sheehan as treasurer for the 1980 season. Former reserves' coach Gary Bridges was promoted to senior coach, George Atkins took the position of reserves' coach, Peter Britt and Greg Murphy as joint coaches of the U17's (formerly the U16's), and Kevin Lenaghan, the former junior coach of the early '70's was appointed coach of the newly formed U14's.

The League opted to raise the underage section limits from U13 and U16 to U14 and U17. This change, at the time, caused a great deal of controversy and still

remains a point of argument among clubs.

*Ron Ringin Champion Club: 1st Ballan, 83 points; 2nd Wendouree, 80 points; 3rd Dunnstown, 79 points.*

*J Lenaghan kicked 57 goals to be the club's goal kicking award winner for 1980. Eugene McKinnon was the second eighteen's leading goal kicker with 18 goals for the season. The under 17 leading goal kicking award went to M Gilbert with 48 goals, he was runner-up in the league Under 17 goal kicking award. The top goal kicking award for the under 14's was Dean Britt with 4 goals.*

*The final five in all grades went to the following teams: Ballan, Dunnstown, Clunes, Springbank and Newlyn in the seniors. Wendouree, Hepburn, Creswick, Bungaree and Darley made up the reserves. Dunnstown, Wendouree, Newlyn, Learmonth and Creswick will fight out the finals in the under 17's. Whilst Hepburn, Creswick, Bungaree, Buninyong and Learmonth make up the under 14's.*

*In round 13 of the competition, July 12, 1980, Former V.F.L and B.F.L star Russell Cook, played his first game for Dunnstown, and with his dominating play Dunnstown reduced Clunes to a mediocre performance.*

#### ***Football finals record book. C.H.F.L. 1980***

A Life Membership was bestowed on Don Murphy. Three ladies, Eileen Gillett, Helen Britt and Di Leonard were elected to the Football Club Social Committee together with Basil Britt, Greg Murphy and John Britt. Mrs Rosalie Sheehan from the Ladies' Committee presented a cheque for \$3000 to the club at the end of the season.

Dunnstown achieved "Bridesmaid" status again this season having been defeated by Ballan in the grand-final.

1980 Grand final scores: Senior, Ballan 16.11.107 defeated Dunnstown 12.12.84; Reserves, Bungaree 11.7.73 defeated Wendouree 7.8.50; Under 17 Newlyn 9.8.62 defeated Dunnstown 7.5.47; Under 14, Hepburn 6.2.38 defeated Creswick 4.5.29.

#### ***BALLAN'S FIRST FLAG IN 24 YEARS***

*A Summary.*

*Ballan had a good lead early and showed it's true potential as a premiership side when it kicked away with the game after Dunnstown fought back to within five points of the lead.*

*The second term produced some good football as both sides settled into stride.*

*The game was still played hard, with neither side giving an inch.*

*Dunnstown tried hard but to no avail as Ballan held its grip and finished winner by the impressive margin of 23 points.*

*Scores: Ballan 16-11-107 to Dunnstown 12-12-84*

*In the Under 17 grand-final, Dunnstown were runner-up to Newlyn.*

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This 'stigma' as "Bridesmaid" was to remain with Dunnstown for many years.

## **Dunnstown Football Club Under 17 Runners-up**



Back: S Leonard, P Leonard, P Prenc, T Mallone, M Gilbert.

Centre: B Hirt, T Prenc, L Mullane (secretary), M Mullane, P Britt, J Penhall, C Hirt, A James, C Curran, C Cartledge, J Den Ouden, A Walker, F White (President), M Penahll (timekeeper).

Front: A Smith (Trainer), A Britt, J Begbie, B Leonard (Capt), B Sheehan (Coach), P White (VC), S Murphy, H McDougall, M Leonard (runner).

## Dunnstown Football Club Senior Eighteen Runners-up 1980



Back: P Horbury, S Murphy, M Leonard, M White, G Lamb, G Murphy, J Murphy, P Britt.  
Centre: R Murphy (selector), A Bridges, D Murphy, G Atkins, P Vennell, R Cook, J Hartigan, J Lenaghan, N Sheehan (selector), W Libbis (trainer).  
Front: L Mullane (secretary), P Mullane, L Bridges, W Begbie, G Bridges (CC), G Sheehan (VC), F White (President), G Bennett (Runner), M White (Mascot).

# 1981

The club continued to operate under the leadership of the same executives. Gerard Sheehan replaced George Atkins as coach of the reserves, and Bill Bridges took charge of the U17's.

The Club was again financial at the end of the '81 season thanks largely to the work of the Ladies' Committee who contributed \$3,700, and the efforts of the

Social Committee.

*Dunnstown's fierce tackling and desperation was the deciding factor in it's 20 point win over Springbank. The stout defence led by Hartigan, and Begbie, plus the effective forward line, saw Springbank face an uphill battle after quarter time.*

*Scores:*

<i>Dunnstown</i>	<i>13 goals19 behinds..97 points</i>
<i>Springbank</i>	<i>11 goals11 behinds..77 points</i>

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The senior team under the capable hands of captain coach Gary Bridges entered the finals with great expectations. Kevin Lenaghan's U14's were also finals contenders.

Dunnstown were defeated by Springbank in the preliminary final 23.21 to Dunnstown's 18.10.

# 1982

'82 saw a change in the leadership at a committee level with Keith Gillett taking on the job of President, Greg Murphy as secretary and Neil Leonard controlling the Club's finances.

Former reserves' coach George Atkins accepted position of U17 coach, with all other coaching positions unchanged.

The "Powers that be" from Dunnstown sprung a surprise in the C.H.F.L when they secured the clearance of Melbourne Football Club player Graeme Gaunt, after clearances had closed. This certainly was the coup of the season. The V.F.L ruled "... that as Gaunt was not on Melbourne's final list, he was eligible to play for Dunnstown."

*Fourteen teams again constitute the C.H.F.L with all clubs fielding first and second eighteens. All but Waubra fielding an under 17's side and Darley and Wendouree the only clubs without under 14's.*

*Admission charges increased from \$1.20 to \$2.00.*

*Dunnstown Football Club was reported to be upset by naming of Ian McBain and Hayden Muir in the Ballarat Football League training squad. Both players*

however remained at Dunnstown for the 1982 season.

April 24 saw the start of the new season, with the introduction of the two umpire system, two umpires were to be appointed to one selected game each week.

*Teams' Performances since 1979*

*Including past finals, a rundown of team performances since the formation of the Central Highlands Football League in 1979. Figures up to and including the last home and away round on 21-8-1982.*

	P.	W.	L.	D.
BALLAN.....	75	61	13	1
BUNGAREE .....	72	35	36	1
BUNINYONG .....	69	34	34	1
CLUNES .....	75	44	30	1
CRESWICK .....	69	39	29	1
DARLEY .....	69	21	48	0
DUNNSTOWN.....	75	58	17	0
GORDON .....	68	25	42	1
HEPBURN.....	68	26	42	0
KORWEINGUBOORA.....	18	0	18	0
LEARMONTH .....	68	16	50	2
NEWLYN .....	69	29	40	0
SPRINGBANK.....	78	50	27	1
WAUBRA.....	71	41	29	1
WENDOUREE .....	68	22	46	0

*The best individual effort recorded by the league was for Dunnstown's Ian McBain who kicked 16 goals in the game against Buninyong, in 1979.*

*Ian won the league goal kicking award in 1979, with 104 goals; 1981 with 97 goals.*

*The "Bridesmaid" tag continued to stick.*

*Grand final scores: Waubra 16.14.110 defeated Dunnstown 15.17.107*

*The Under 14's team were also runner-up for the premiership. Buninyong defeated Dunnstown.*

The Ladders at the end of the 1982 home and away games stood as follows:

SENIOR	SECONDS
Waubra.....142.90 60	Learmonth.....155.74 64
Dunnstown.....124.88 60	Creswick.....173.86 60
Clunes.....113.42 48	Buninyong.....195.08 52
Gordon.....116.87 46	Bungaree.....130.59 52
Springbank....116.51 44	Wendouree.....134.87 44
Buninyong.....101.98 44	Springbank.....97.31 32
Creswick.....106.62 40	Hepburn.....91.31 32
Ballan.....111.05 38	Waubra.....85.25 32
Bungaree.....92.67 28	Dunnstown.....93.00 28
Learmonth.....84.83 24	Gordon.....83.67 28
Hepburn.....87.34 20	Ballan.....64.57 24
Wendouree..... 20	Clunes.....78.01 20
Newlyn.....79.32 12	Darley.....70.39 20
Darley.....74.44 12	Newlyn.....60.61 16

UNDER 17'S	UNDER 14'S
Ballan.....367.19 72	Buninyong.....68
Hepburn.....291.60 64	Dunnstown.....68
Creswick.....241.36 60	Waubra.....48
Darley.....235.14 56	Creswick.....44
Buninyong....195.95 52	Gordon.....40
Learmonth....116.50 40	Learmonth.....40
Wendouree.....77.28 36	Newlyn.....36
Gordon.....83.67 32	Ballan.....28
Bungaree.....69.11 28	Hepburn.....20
Newlyn.....61.99 24	Springbank.....20
Dunnstown.....50.80 16	Bungaree.....12
Clunes.....24.92 16	Clunes.....8
Springbank....11.29 8	

## **WAUBRA BREAKS 22 YEAR DROUGHT**

*Waubra broke a 22-year drought when it took off this year's Central Highlands League grand final by a narrow margin of three points. Dunnstown although beaten, put up a gallant performance after trailing at three quarter time by 30 points.*

*Waubra opened the game kicking to the lake end favored by a wind advantage. Dalton brought up the first goal of the match for Waubra. Play was then held up for a number of minutes when a Waubra player was carried from the ground on a stretcher with what appeared to be a serious facial injury.*

*His loss appeared to inspire his teammates who for the next 15 minutes rallied. Wealands and Conroy both guided through long goals, while Bill Molloy goaled twice within minutes to see Waubra open up a handy break.*

*The difference in the sides to this stage was the fact that Waubra was playing in front. With the quarter quickly nearing completion Shane Murphy brought up a badly needed goal for Dunnstown, its first and Begbie followed suit, to give a little credibility to the score. At quarter time Dunnstown had bridged the deficit to 14 points. Lyons and Mowbray were key defenders for Waubra while Rix was holding the Dunnstown defence together. Of the forwards only Molloy stood out.*

*Dunnstown began the second quarter with a good passage of play which saw Sheehan hit the post. The game was being played hard and it appeared only a matter of time before tempers would flare. Peter Bridges marked and goaled for Waubra and the lead was further increased when Hinchcliff goaled from a Penalty free downfield. Dalton, Lowe and McDonald were key players for Waubra and Gallagher was beginning to get on top.*

*Dunnstown although having much of the play, found goals hard to come by and it was left to Auchettl to lead the fight back with a goal. Molloy replied for Waubra which was still looking the better of the two teams.*

*Adrian Britt capitalised on one of the few mistakes to goal for Dunnstown which followed up with goals to Sheehan and McBain. His opponent Mowbray completely blanketed him. The late goals however gave Dunnstown a lead for a brief period.*

*The third term was by far the most important of the game, as Waubra badly needed a big lead with the wind. Allan scored an inspiring leader's goal which was followed up by Billy Molloy, Wealands and Bridges. Waubra now had Allan at centre-half-forward and Hinchcliff playing on a flank.*

*Luck was running Waubra's way as Conroy produced a cricket "leg break" to further increase the margin. Dunnstown's defence was under extreme pressure and it was only Rix who stood out. Strong play by Dalton saw him goal and Waubra was shaping as likely premier. Paul Britt gave Dunnstown some hope with a badly needed goal, but the last change Waubra led by 30 points.*

*In the first 10 minutes neither side gained any advantage. Danny Murphy looming a Dunnstown's best player, goaled and although time was on its side, it did not appear at this stage good enough to get up.*

*Play seesawed between both half back lines as the tempo of the game slackened. Midway through the term however, Dunnstown appeared to find a second wind as goals to Peter Britt, McBain and Adrian Britt saw less than one straight kick separate the two sides. The running Waubra players had virtually stopped to a walk as Dunnstown appeared to be finishing all over them. Harrison for Waubra scored a miraculous goal considering the pressure, and Waubra appeared safe with time quickly running out. Not to be denied Hartigan with a long driving kick found McBain who kicked truly and once again less than one straight kick separated the sides.*

*Time however favored Waubra as the final siren sounded minutes later to give it a well deserved win.*

*In the reserves Learmonth win its first premiership in senior competition for 27 years.*

*Waubra, 16.14.(110) d Dunnstown, 15.17.(107)*

*Dunnstown Best: Rix, D Murphy, Bridges, Britt, K Murphy, Sheehan, McCutcheon. Goals: McBain 3, Sheehan 3, D Murphy 3, S Murphy, Peter & Paul Britt, A Britt, Begbie, Auchetl.*

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Again Dunnstown Football Club's name was involved in controversial matters as this report explains.

### ***Police Probe CHFL Incident***

*Learmonth police have begun an official inquiry into the incident at the Central Highlands Football League grand final on Saturday in which a Waubra player was knocked unconscious.*

*Stephen Head had his jaw broken in four places in a behind the play incident. He is in Ballarat Base Hospital with the jaw wired and 20 stitches in his split mouth.*

*The incident occurred in the first minute of the match between Waubra and Dunnstown. Senior Constable Larry Gilmour of Learmonth police appealed to any people at the game who saw the incident to contact him on telephone 43 2288.*

*Sen Const. Gilmour said he hoped he would get a good response. Waubra Football Club president Mr Bazil Clark said his club would not make any public comment on the incident.*

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### ***No action on CHFL incident***

*Police will not take action over a behind the play incident in the CHFL grand final in which a player was knocked unconscious.*

*However, they warned they could continue to watch for "unprovoked and cowardly assaults" in future matches which could lead to criminal action.*

*Waubra footballer Stephen Head was injured in the grand final of the match between Dunnstown on September 18. Head was admitted to Ballarat Base Hospital to have his jaw, which was broken in four places, wired and to have 20 stitches in his split mouth. Learmonth police held an official inquiry into the incident.*

*Officer in chard of number one division of police, C District, Inspector Trevethan, announced yesterday police would not take action. "There is insufficient evidence to indicate the identity of the offending player, although it is evident the blow was struck well behind the play and from behind. No person has come forward to say they actually witnessed the contact," he said.*

*Insp Trevethan warned police would continue to watch for unprovoked and cowardly assaults on the football field which had nothing to do with the play. If evidence were available criminal action would be taken, he said.*

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### ***NO CASE TO ANSWER***

*The C.H.F.L Independent Tribunal found that Dunnstown Captain- coach Gary Bridges did not have a case to answer after a charge arising out of the 1982 grand-final. The charge was made by Waubra player, alleged he was struck by Bridges. There was no umpires report and no charges were laid.*

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# 1983

No alterations were made at the executive or coaching levels of the club with the exception of Barry Lenaghan taking over from his father Kevin as U14 coach.

Another successful year was enjoyed both on and off the field, however, that elusive C.H.F.L premiership continued to elude.

*Once again Dunnstown's spearhead Ian McBain has been awarded the leading goal kicking award for the League. He kicked 73 goals this season.*

## **1000th GOAL**

*During the third quarter of the second Semi-final, Dunnstown's leading forward Ian McBain kicked his 1000th goal for the Dunnstown Football club.*

*This is a remarkable achievement for any sportsman to reach this total with one club. Ian not only has been a great forward for the Dunnstown Club, but has also excelled in C.H.F.L combined games when not injured.*

*The Ladders as at the end of the home and away games in 1983 were as follows:*

<u>FIRST EIGHTEENS</u>			<u>SECOND EIGHTEENS</u>		
WENDOUREE.....	136.83	64	GORDON.....	213.50	68
BALLAN.....	151.95	60	WENDOUREE.....	244.57	64
DUNNSTOWN.....	161.27	56	DARLEY.....	137.49	56
NEWLYN.....	128.05	52	BALLAN.....	152.74	48
SPRINGBANK.....	131.29	48	BUNGAREE.....	129.87	46
DARLEY.....	123.73	48	HEPBURN.....	101.52	44
GORDON.....	115.72	48	DUNNSTOWN.....	126.66	40
CRESWICK.....	81.81	32	LEARMONTH.....	118.85	24
CLUNES.....	91.28	24	SPRINGBANK.....	102.43	24
BUNGAREE.....	91.10	24	BUNINYONG.....	94.36	24
HEPBURN.....	62.13	16	CRESWICK.....	71.28	22
WAUBRA.....	65.01	12	CLUNES.....	44.71	16
LEARMONTH.....	63.73	12	NEWLYN.....	49.92	8
BUNINYONG.....	66.45	8	WAUBRA.....	37.75	4
 <u>UNDER 17's.....</u>			 <u>UNDER 14'S</u>		
DARLEY.....	590.05	72	DUNNSTOWN.....	537.50	66
BALLAN.....	330.94	60	BUNINYONG.....	222.99	56
CRESWICK.....	149.09	56	CRESWICK.....	212.81	56
BUNINYONG.....	146.86	52	HEPBURN.....	274.89	54
WENDOUREE.....	136.20	52	GORDON.....	254.13	52
DUNNSTOWN.....	111.16	48	NEWLYN.....	243.54	52
BUNGAREE.....	128.57	40	WAUBRA.....	133.89	48
LEARMONTH.....	62.07	32	LEARMONTH.....	75.56	36
GORDON.....	43.87	32	BALLAN.....	53.47	28

HEPBURN.....	82.87	28	CLUNES .....	34.12	28
NEWLYN.....	13.98	16	SPRINGBANK.....	22.03	16
CLUNES .....	24.18	8	BUNGAREE .....	3.70	8

**Football finals record book C.H.F.L. 1983**

*Dunnstown have once again been beaten in the C.H.F.L grand final. Wendouree climaxed its rags to riches season with a double premiership.*

*For Dunnstown it's horror run in the grand finals continued in the C.H.F.L, but it appeared to be carrying more injuries than the Casualty section of the Base Hospital.*

*Ground conditions were ideal and players appreciated the conditions to turn on a fast high standard game.*

*Dunnstown's inaccuracy continued all day and cost a strong winning chance. John Murphy put Dunnstown in front for the first time in the game. The lead changed several times throughout the second quarter. Eight points separated the teams at the three quarter time break.*

*In the pressure of the final quarter discipline and stamina were beginning to tell with Wendouree looking that shade fitter.*

*Two minor scores including a 'poster' sealed Dunnstown's final fate. Pahl, for Wendouree followed with another goal, put the result beyond doubt. Scores:*

*Wendouree ..... 20- 6-126*

*Dunnstown ..... 16-15-111*

*Dunnstown's best: P Britt, G Bridges, D Murphy, White, McCutcheon, Sheehan. Goals: D Murphy 5, McBain 4, P Britt 3, J Murphy, A Britt, Rix, S Murphy.*

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*In the Under 14 Grand-final between Dunnstown and Buninyong, Buninyong defeated Dunnstown 5-1-31 to 1-4-10.*

*Best for Dunnstown: Burke, Dwyer, Leneghan, Shields, Lee, Britt, and Christie.*

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## **UNPLEASANT MEMORIES OF CHFL GRAND FINAL**

*John Murphy will remember Dunnstown's participation in the 1983 Central Highlands Football League grand final. He received a fractured jaw in two places.*

*Murphy said yesterday he was in hospital until Tuesday and had an operation to wire his jaw. He said he would find it much easier to suffer the injury had he received it in the course of play. Doctors have told him he could be off work for six weeks. He cannot eat solids and has drinks through a straw.*

*The injury has Murphy wondering about his future. He was moved by a number of Wendouree players who approached him and showed genuine concern for his injury. Murphy received the injury early in the first quarter, but remained on the field for some time. He said he knew his jaw was broken and he continually had to push it back into position.*

*"I was moved by their concern, but I cannot understand why one of their team mates could unnecessarily hit him me in the jaw. I have seen a video of the game and it shows the hit.*

*"In football 99.9 per cent of players play the game as it should be played. It is unfortunate the image of our game can be damaged by a very small percentage," Murphy said.*

*Murphy combined football and athletics in 1981. In 1982, a back injury received during athletic training kept him out of sport. Early this year, a brother, Shane, suggested he was fit enough to defeat John in a race and challenged him to attend football training. He accepted the challenge and returned to football.*

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## Dunnstown Football Club Senior Eighteen Runners-up 1983



Back: M Leonard, T Cummins, P Auchettl, J Hartigan, C Verhay, D Murphy, M White, D Rix, P Britt.  
Centre: N Leonard (treasurer), K Gillett (President), S Murphy, I McBain, G Sheehan, A McCutcheon,  
G Murphy, K Murphy, (Selectors:) R White, B Sheehan, B Lenaghan.  
Front: A Hamm, A Smith (Trainers), A Britt, L Bridges, G Bridges (CC), P Britt (VC), J Murphy, W  
Begbie, K McPhan (Prop St.), N Madigan (Runner). Mascots: M McBain, A Leonard, S Leonard, M  
Cahir.

## Dunnstown Football Club Under 14 Runners-up 1983



Back: K Lee, D Calder, N McMahon, P Lenaghan, B Christie, P Walker, A Smith (Trainer).  
Centre: N Leonard (Treasurer), F White (Comm), D Murphy, D Gracie, M White, B Dwyer, W Britt, J Smith, J Hanrahan, B Lenaghan (Coach).  
Front: J Britt, S Lenaghan, A Burke, A Sheils, T Britt (Capt), P O'Halloran, M Britt, S Begbie, A Leonard. Mascots: N Cahir, J Cahir.

# 1984

Neil Leonard was promoted to the position of Club President, with Greg Murphy as secretary and Frank White as treasurer. Gary Bridges continued to coach the senior team, with champion Peter Horbury in charge of the 2nds. Former V.F.L. player Con Britt has taken over the role of coach of the U17 and Barry Lenaghan continues in his father's tradition as U14 coach.

Gary has again led his team into their 4th grand final since the formation of the C.H.F.L. It could be said that the strength of a club may be measured by its consistency in finals. Dunnstown is definitely a consistent finalist.

*Dunnstown once again had three sides in the finals in 1984. Dunnstown's*

*senior team finished in third position on the premiership ladder; the under 17's team also finished third on the ladder; and the under 14's finished on top of the premiership ladder at the end of the home and away games.*

*Grand final scores: Darley 15.12.102 defeated Dunnstown 11.19.85.*

*This was Dunnstown's third successive year they have been defeated in the grand final. The under 17's were defeated in the elimination final.*

*The Under 14's side however have been successful. They have the honour of being Premiers and Champions for the 1984 season. Dunnstown 12.12 defeated Waubra 2.3.*

### ***Football finals records book C.H.F.L. 1984***

#### ***DARLEY TOPPLES DUNNSTOWN***

*The Darley Football Club run-through said it all on Saturday at the Central Highlands Football League grand final "September 15 D-Day" as it defeated Dunnstown by 17 points.*

*It was Darley's first premiership in CHFL and the third successive year in which Dunnstown was runner-up.*

*A huge crowd packed the Learmonth Oval and witnessed a thrilling game which could have gone either way until the final siren.*

*Darley's smaller players were the difference between the two sides. They often broke up Dunnstown's pattern of play, especially in the final minutes of the match when Darley kicked three quick goals to win the premiership.*

*Players from both sides were placed under enormous pressure throughout the match and scuffles often broke out.*

*During the first quarter, two of the league's most promising juniors Darren Britt and Wes Gordon each kicked two goals for their respective sides.*

*Trask, promoted to the seniors for the match proved his worth with two goals for the quarter to give Darley the lead at the break.*

*Dunnstown had more of the play during the first quarter but could only manage two goals (scored by Britt) and hit the post on several occasions.*

*Darley ran the ball out of defence in stylish fashion and kicked long down the*

*centre of the ground when going into attack.*

*Darley took control of the match during the second term and goals to Trask, Bryant, Gordon and Debortoli saw Darley go to a 26 point lead.*

*Dunnstown never gave up, it fought back strongly and late goals to Begbie, Harrison and Paul Britt, saw it only one point behind.*

*Darley's big men in Jones and Kemp influenced play during the second half with Keep resting at full forward and proving a handful for the Dunnstown backmen.*

*John Murphy tried hard for Dunnstown as did Sheehan and Gaunt who during the third term used thier experience and skill to advantage.*

*Ian McBain goaled on the three quarter time siren to leave Dunnstown six points behind at the break.*

*McBain goaled again early in the final quarter which lifted the momenutm of the team. Trask and Delahay both replied for Darley but for the next 20 minutes neither side could gain the break.*

*Two goals to Sheehan and Dodd in as many minutes left Dunnstown one point down. Two minor scores at the beginning of the time-on period gave it the lead but then the Darley charge began.*

*Its running players in Gordon, Wilkie and Stone split the Dunnstown defence with tough attacking football which resulted in goals to Delahay, Gordon and Jones to end Dunnstown's dream of winning a premiership.*

*Darley, 15-12-(102) d Dunnstown, 11-19-(85)*

*Dunnstown's Best: J Murphy, G Sheehan, G Gaunt, Peter Britt, M Leonard, C Verhay.*

*Goals: I McBain 3, D Britt 2, R Harrison 2, G Sheehan, Paul Britt, B Dodd, B Begbie.*

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Barry Lenaghan successfully guided the U14 team to great success. The U14's have claimed the great honour of being Premiers and Champions for the '84 season.

Kevin Lenaghan was awarded a Life Membership for his many years of service both as a player and mentor to many young boys.

## Dunnstown Football Club Senior Eighteen Runners-up 1984



Back: P Leonard, G Gaunt, C Verhay, T Hart, D Murphy, P Auchettl.

Standing: A Smith (Trainer), R Harrison, G Williams, G Murphy (sec), S Murphy, P Horbury, P Prenc, A McCutcheon, A Ham (Trainer), N Leonard (Pres), B Lenaghan (chairman,Selector), B Sheehan (selector), R White (selector), A Britt, F White (treas), D Giles, N Madigan (Runner), N Caldow (trainer), K McPhan (Prop St).

Second: B Dodd, Peter Britt, J Murphy, G Sheehan, G Bridges (Coach), B Begbie, D Britt, M Leonard, Paul Britt.

Front: I McBain, A Leonard A Sheehan, H Bridges, S Leonard, K Britt, K Murphy.

## Dunnstown Football Club Under 14 Premiers & Champions 1984



Back: W Britt, P Walker, K Lee, K Holloway, D Calder, A Davis, D Murphy, M Britt.

Standing: A Hamm (Trainer), A Leonard, B Christie, B Britt (Comm), N Leonard (Pres), B Lenaghan (Coach), J Leonard (Comm), J Smith, J Hanrahan, F White, A Smith (trainer).

Second: M White, C Hancock, P O'Halloran, B Dwyer (VC), T Britt (Capt), P Lenaghan, J Britt, A Prenc, A Burke.

Front: E Hancock, S Lenaghan, A Leonard, A Sheehan (Mascot), D Britt.

# 1985

With Neil Leonard still holding the position of President, Adrian Britt as secretary and Brendan Gillett as treasurer, Dunnstown Football Club emerged into the '85 season with a fresh new face as coach. Gary Bridges resigned his position which was taken over by Marty Gleeson, all other coaching positions remained unchanged.

The ladder saw Dunnstown finish in third position in the senior grade; 9th in the second eighteens; first in the under 17's; and 10th in the under 14's.

Marty led his charges into the finals race but with several players being lost through injuries Dunnstown were defeated by Bungaree in the preliminary final.

*Bungaree's 26 point win over gallant Dunnstown in the preliminary final ended*

*Dunnstown's grand final hopes for 1985. This defeat means mothballs for Dunnstown who went into the game without the services of captain coach Marty Gleeson.*

*The game began with neither side able to gain an early break. Bungaree's Noel McGuigan finally scored the first goal, and for the remainder of this quarter it was goal for goal. A goal to McGuigan after the siren put Bungaree 9 points up.*

*In the second quarter Bungaree looked as if it may have run away with the game. But to Dunnstown's credit it persevered. 27 points down at half time and suddenly Dunnstown appeared a rejuvenated side in the third quarter, however, Bungaree kept Dunnstown goalless in the last quarter and ran out victorious.*

*Scores: Bungaree 14-12-96 to Dunnstown 10-10-70.*

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### **DUNNSTOWN WEAKENED BY LOCAL WEDDING**

*Unbeaten after three rounds Hepburn face it biggest test as a CHFL premiership contender when it come up against Dunnstown which is rumored to be undermanned due to a district wedding. The last time this happened the result was disastrous for Dunnstown. Regardless of the outcome Hepburn has already stamped itself as the glamor side.*

*Their clash at Hepburn promises to be a tough encounter as the Burras are playing with plenty of confidence and have the big man strength to dictate the outcome of the game. Up forward Nickolovske is in match winning form and to date has kicked 21 goals for the season. Eyles in the ruck has had a consistent season and the defence could limit the Hepburn forwards but up forward the Dunnstown attack looks thin without McBain and Danny Murphy. Harrison kicked a bag of goals last week and made the most to his chances of establishing a regular spot in front of the big sticks.*

*Coach Marty Gleeson has settled in well to the role of playing coach but he must be worried about his side's lack of big men. A problem which has worried the side in recent times. As far a pressure is concerned Dunnstown is used to finals type games and advantage it holds over Hepburn, but the form of the home side is impressive and hard to go past.*

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Dunnstown's U17's under Con Britt's leadership were successful taking Premiership honours. This was Dunnstown's 5th junior premiership in 10 years. Dunnstown defeated Darley 10.4.64 to Darley 6.18.54

## Dunnstown Football Club Under 17 Premiers 1985



B: A Sheils, L Wade, T Brandenburg, Simon Britt, Shaun Britt, S Howard, B Christie, G Britt, T Britt.  
Standing: B Gillett (treasurer), A Ham (Trainer), A Britt (secretary), A Leonard, A Bedggood, N Leonard (President), C Britt (Coach), M Sheehan, B Dwyer, F White (Jnr Pres), A Smith (Trainer).  
Front: P Lenaghan, W Britt, C Britt (VC), N Leonard (Capt), P Walsh, C Hancock, D Murphy.  
Mascot: Dean Britt.

# 1986

Neil Leonard and Adrian Britt continued in their respective positions as President and Secretary, with Kevin Murphy taking over as treasurer. Marty Gleeson, Con Britt and Barry Lenaghan remained in their current coaching positions, and Mark Kierl replaced Peter Horbury as coach of the 2nds.

With the exception of the U17 back to back premierships, Dunnstown experienced quite a dull year on the football arena.

Information for '86 was very scarce with the Club's minute books disappearance, and very limited news articles being reported. Dunnstown did not make the finals in 1986. The U17's did however win their premiership.

*Dunnstown did the right thing by its supporters but failed to secure a finals berth following wins to Springbank and Newlyn.*

*From quarter time onward Dunnstown held Ballan goalless and only bad kicking prevented the winning margin from being increased. The losing margin would*

have been a further disappointment for Ballan which lost it's position in the five for the first time.

Springbank and Newlyn secured their positions in the C.H.F.L finals with convincing victories under wet and wintry conditions. The three teams to miss out were Dunnstown, Gordon and Ballan.

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Dunnstown under 17 team were successful winning back to back premierships, with a 10 point victory over the more fancied Creswick. Of the two sides, Dunnstown appeared better suited to the conditions. Scores: Dunnstown 6-8-44 to Creswick 5-4-34. Dunnstown best: M Sheehan, L Wade, B Dwyer, T Britt, D Murphy. Goals: L Wade 2, Simon & Shaun Britt, G Britt, C Hancock.

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Dunnstown's U17 player Stephen Howard did however achieve personal success winning the U17 League Best and Fairest Award.

## Dunnstown Football Club Under 17 Premiers 1986

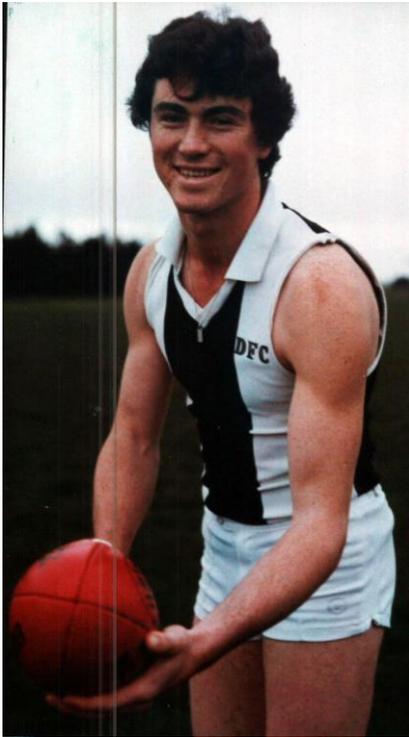


Back: L Wade, B Christie, Shaun Britt, G Britt, P Lenaghan, R Edwards.

Standing: T Britt, N Leonard (Runner), K Murphy (Treas), A Britt (Secretary), N Leonard (President), C Britt (Coach), F White (Jnr Pres), A Hams, S McMurtie (trainers), T Ronan.

Seated: A Shiels, D Murphy, J Smith, A Bedggood, S Howard (VC), Simon Britt (Capt), M Sheehan, C Hancock, W Ronan, P Ronan, A Leonard.

Front: M Britt, A Bourke, W Britt, C Britt (Mascot), J Britt, B Dwyer, J Hanrahan.



**U17 League Best & Fairest  
Winner 1986**

**STEPHEN HOWARD**

# 1987

Executives were to remain the same as the previous season with Anthony Walsh replacing Adrian Britt as secretary.

Gary Bridges returned to Dunnstown as non-playing coach, the first non-playing coach since Joe Howard in 1952. Gary was again a successful coach guiding his charges into their 5th grand final appearance.

*Dunnstown finished third in the senior ladder, the reserves finished fifth; the Under 17's side finished 8th and the Under 14's finished 11th.*

*Football finals record book C.H.F.L 1987*

That elusive premiership in the C H F L still evades Dunnstown.

***DUNNSTOWN'S CHANCE TO THROW AWAY BRIDESMAID TAG***

*Always the bridesmaid never the bride is a tag Dunnstown players have had to wear since their introduction to the Central Highlands League in 1979.*

*Tomorrow they will be hoping to throw away that tag when they take on Creswick at Learmonth in the 1987 grand final.*

*For both, premierships have been few and far between of late. Creswick's last flag was in the former Clunes Football League in 1974, while Dunnstown won the last premiership contested in the Ballarat and Bacchus Marsh League in 1978.*

*Creswick will start the game an easing favourite. Its only finals' appearance this year was as impressive 28 point win over Hepburn in the all-important second semi-final.*

*Dunnstown has already played three finals. It lost the qualifying final by a point but since then has continued to impress in its increasing winning margins. Last week it perfected its run-on game after half time.*

*During the home-and-away rounds, Creswick went about its business in a quiet unspectacular manner but after losing its third game back in round 10, has strung together eight successive victories leading up to tomorrow's game. While its margins haven't been lard, this winning swquence enabled Creswick to go into the rinal round sitting comfortably. It is history now that it obtained the all important top position which earned it an automatic rest.*

*But in those eight successive victories it shouldn't be forgotten that Creswick played the bottom three sides in the last three rounds. This means it has only played one pressure game in the past six weeks. By 5.30 pm tomorrow we will know if this has been a help or hindrance.*

*The fact that Dunnstown has reached the grand final would be a surprise to many. About a month before the finals it looked as if Dunnstown might miss out. But having regained a position in the five in the concluding weeks, Dunnstown successfully defended that position.*

*Last week Dunnstown looked impressive. It played with plenty of purpose and has the extra benefit of top experienced players picking up valuable match fitness along the way.*

*Darren Lubeek's 113 goals speaks for itself while his opposition counterpart Danny Murphy rose to the occasion with seven goals last week to steer his side to victory. Jennings did a workman-like job in the ruck for Creswick while Williams always gives his all for Dunnstown.*

*Ellis, Blake, Orr and O'Halloran form a tight Creswick defence. Their aerial supremacy gives them plenty of appeal over the Dunnstown forwards who like the ball much closer to the ground.*

*The Creswick forwards are likely to find the close-checking play of the Leonards, Prenc, Auchettl and Simon Britt meaner than the Hepburn defence which only had a few goers last week.*

*Whoever lines up on Lubeek holds the key to the game. He is such a strong player. Dunnstown may have to curb his supply of kicks from further afield. In a man-to-man duel Dunnstown does not appear to have anybody who can match Lubeek.*

*The journey home from Learmonth, has been a disappointing one for Dunnstown four time in the past nine years. And with the likelihood of losing some of its younger players to Ballarat Football League clubs next year, perhaps this is Dunnstown's last chance for a while to bring home that "elusive" flag. Certainly nobody could begrudge it a win.*

*But Creswick appears a fit combination whild Dunnstown has many "suspect" players. Creswick has the advantage of having the best forward in the league, and after last week's rest it could hold an edge in fitness in the concluding stages.*

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*Dunnstown in 5th grand-final in 9 years, but Creswick completed the double.*

*Creswick's winning margin of 44 points was the largest grand final margin since the formation of the league.*

*Creswick's selectors won the battle of tactics, while playing 4 successive games appeared to tell on the Dunnstown players and they battled through the last two and a half quarters. Scores:  
Creswick 17-8-110 defeated Dunnstown 10-6-66.*

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David Murphy won the Under 17 league best and fairest award.

## Dunnstown Football Club Senior Runners-up 1987



Back: A Hamms, S McMutrie (trainers), P Auchettl, G Williams, D Murphy, Shaun Britt, W Jones, R White (Ch Selectors), K Murphy (Treasurer).

Middle: B Lenaghan (runner), J Leonard (Selector), P Lenaghan, P Prenc, M Mullane, A Walsh (Secretary), A Britt, N Leonard, T Britt, Simon Britt, Neil Leonard (President).

Front: D Dignan, P Leonard, M Kierl, S Murphy (capt), G Bridges (Coach), M Leonard (VC), P Walsh, M Sheehan, J Murphy. Mascot: Rhys Cahir. Absent: C Verhay, S Howard, P Britt.



**U17 League Best &  
Fairest Winner DAVID  
MURPHY 1987**

# 1988

Neil Leonard, Michael Leonard and Brendon Spratling held office in 1988. The Club's coaching panel consisted of Gary Bridges, Bill Begbie, Tim Britt and Barry Lenaghan.

## *Dunnstown's Football History*

*It has been 10 years since Dunnstown won their last Premiership and that was in the old Ballarat & Bacchus Marsh League.*

*Since joining the CHFL they have been runners-up five times during the past nine years. Although they haven't had much luck in Seniors, they have had their share of success in the juniors, being Premiers and Champions in 1984 in the U 14's. That side was coached by present day U14 coach Barry Lenaghan, a former Ballarat League player who won a Greenfield Trophy while playing with Ballarat.*

*Many players from that 1984 U14's side now play senior football with the club, with BFL clubs chasing many of them. Some of these players include Simon Britt, Tim Britt, Paul Lenaghan, Stephen Howard and Michael Sheehan, all members of Dunnstown's runners-up side last year.*

*One of the "towns" favourite sons is Con Britt who played many games with Collingwood in the VFL, then coached North Ballarat in the BFL and Newlyn in the CHFL. He was also a successful junior coach, leading Dunnstown's U17's to two successful premierships.*

*Their present senior coach is Gary Bridges who hasn't had luck on his side, losing five Grand Finals. However, his record is outstanding as he has at least got the side to these grand finals. Gary also had two brothers who played for the club for many years and gave plenty of service, namely Darryl and Digger. (Arthur & Lyle) The three brothers did loom an awesome sight to opposing players during their playing careers, all being built like tanks, and playing accordingly.*

*Another player who comes to mind is champion goal kicker Ian McBain who was known as the "Peter Hudson" of the bush in the CHFL. The town has produced many champions with a few making VFL football. As said Con Britt (Collingwood), Ray Murphy (present CHFL president) played with North Melbourne, Gerard Cahir (St Kilda), while Frank Sheehan and Barry Lenaghan were also chased and invited to VFL clubs, but didn't accept.*

*Tim Britt, the present U17 coach, was also drafted to Geelong last year. The club's number 1 ticket holder is Ned Armstrong who played with the "Town" in 1918-22 era. Old timers still following the club are Kevin Lenaghan 1925-52, Matt Howard 1925 -37 and Con Sheehan 1929-34.*

*The club have been in the process of building magnificent new clubrooms which are well on the way to completion and will be officially openen hopefully early next year.*

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Again Dunnstown Football Club's name is associated with controversial matters.

### ***FIRST HALF SCORES DELETED***

*Central Highlands Football League teams Dunnstown and Hepburn had their first half scores deleted on Saturday. It was alleged that during a minor scuffle just before half time, near the Hepburn coaches boxes, both teams had more than 18 players on the ground. The central umpire ordered that both teams' scores be deleted. Club officials would not comment on the incident.*

*Hepburn went on to kick 18-21-129 to Dunnstown's 12-12-84.*

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By the way, Dunnstown was 7 goals up before the scores were deleted.

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### ***Footballer Hurt***

*A ruckman playing for Creswick received severe facial injuries from a spectator during a football match on Saturday. Sergeant Alan Beales of Creswick, said Geoff Dunne was playing in the match against Dunnstoyown when a fight started between a couple of players. The fight soon turned into a melee with other players joining in and some spectators. Sgt Beales said Dunne was kicked a number of times in the face by a spectator who had ran on to the ground at Hammon Park. Dunne received a broken nose, broken cheekbone and cuts. He required 20 stitches, his teeth capped and was lucky not to lose and eye, Sgt Beales said. The melee happened near the end of the first quarter or start of the second quarter. Any witnesses to the fight and the assault should contact Sgt Beales at Creswick.*

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*Gordon enters its first grand final since 1967 after convincingly defeating Dunnstown by 25 points in Saturday's C.H.F.L preliminary final.*

*This will also be its first grand final appearance since the formation of the CHFL in 1979.*

*After heavy overnight rain and a massive downpour just prior to the match, the game was played in slippery, muddy conditions at the Bungaree oval.*

*Gordon opened with captain/coach Denny in the ruck and with better use of the dry ball soon goaled through McGuigan.*

*McGuigan was to prove a damaging player for Gordon.*

*Dunnstown soon regained its composure and, with the aid of a slight wind advantage, regained the lead with two quick goals to Buckland. The match had developed into a desperate struggle in the boggy conditions.*

*Throughout the second term Gordon teamed far better than its opponent and again took the lead when Denny marked and kicked truly at the to minute mark.*

*Both defences were under extreme pressure and repelled many attacking moves of both teams.*

*The umpiring decisions of both umpirew were inconsistent with the player*

*prepared to get in for the slippery ball receiving little or no consideration.*

*Gordon led by four points at the long interval and both teams had played some good passages of play in the appalling conditions.*

*Dunnstown had the wind advantage in the all-important third term but Gordon make most attacking forward moves with McGuigan booting his fourth goal for the match during this term.*

*Dunnstown's centre-line players Britt, Mullane and Leonard were holding sway but the forwards were unable to capitalise.*

*Gordon appeared to be gradually getting on top and with Reese winning the big-man duels looked set to advance into the grand final.*

*Only one point separated the teams at the final change.*

*The final term opened with Gordon desperate to gain this grand final berth and soon had opened up a handy lead and after Maheras and then McGuigan goaled. Dunnstown appeared to be tiring and was inaccurate whenever it went forward.*

*Prenc and Horbury were prominent defenders but the class which had enabled Gordon to be minor premier was beginning to be obvious.*

*Denny left the field with a leg injury but the result was now beyond doubt as Gordon further exerted its superiority.*

*Gordon now faces Bungaree in next week's grand final and will appreciate the firmer ground conditions after two mud-slogging finals so far.*

*It is a matter of conjecture whether the players have suffered any ill-effects from these physical and energy-sapping encounters. They appeared to suffer no major injuries.*

*Best Gordon: McGuigan, Fuller, Clifford, Taylor. Goals: Maheras, Denny, R Gluyas.*

*Dunnstown: Shaun Britt, P Britt, Leonard. Goals: Buckland, McLusky, Dignan.*

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# 1989

A change of office bearers took place in '89 with Ray White taking on the job of President, Graeme Britt as secretary and Colin Auchettl as treasurer. Peter Auchettl was elected chairman of the Social Committee, and Barry Sheehan accepted the position as chairman of the Junior Committee.

Former League Best and Fairest winner Peter Horbury was appointed coach of the senior team, Mark Mullane reserves' coach, Brendon Spratling U17 coach and Barry Lenaghan continued to coach the U14, this was to be Barry's last season as U14 coach. Allan Smith was appointed trainer for all junior teams.

Dunnstown senior team did not make the final five for the 1989 season, the reserves and Under 17 teams were also unsuccessful, however the Under 14 team was runner-up to Buninyong in the grand final.

*Playing for its finals survival, Dunnstown answered the challenge in a positive manner with a 71 point thumping over the previously unbeaten Learmonth.*

*This leaves Newlyn the only unbeated team after nine rounds.*

*Under the conditions Dunnstown played it's ground to perfection. Their little men in Sheehan, and Burke were prominent at ground level ferreting the ball goalwards.*

*Up forward it also put the score on the board with four goals a piece.*

*The fierce tackling of Dunnstown was another winning difference. This placed enormous pressure on the highly fancied Learmonth and reduced it to a disappointing unit.*

*Paul Prenc, playing agains his former side, figured in Learmonth's best players. But, in a day that suited the little men, Jimmy Ford was its most constructive player.*

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## ***DUNNSTOWN CLOSES GAP IN CHFL***

*After a slow start to the season, only percentage separates Dunnstown from the top five following the defeats of Springbank (4th) and Learmonth which holds onto 5th position by percentage.*

*After leading early, Waubra was gradually worn down by Dunnstown. The game itself produced some good passages of football in what was a battle of defences throughout. The most important thing for Dunnstown supporters was the fact it leaves them only two points outside the five.*

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# 1990

Dunnstown Football Club entered this new decade of football with Ray White as President, Anthony Walsh as secretary and Colin Auchettl as treasurer. Peter Walsh was appointed as coach of the U14 team.

With inflation ruling the country, admission prices were now set at \$4.00 an adult. Clarrie Tresize was the Club's No 1 ticket holder. A new score board was erected.

Dunnstown's senior team did not make the final five again this season. The Under 17's were defeated in the Preliminary final against Hepburn.

*There are strong rumours circulating that one of Ballarat's leading goalkickers in recent years will coach a C.H.F.L club. Another C.H.F.L appointment likely to be announced soon will be a big strong East Ballarat utility player to coach the Mountainsiders.*

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## **DUNNSTOWN V BUNGAREE**

*Neighbouring rivals Bungaree and Dunnstown played a thrilling draw in Saturday's main C.H.F.L match.*

*The draw, played in wet and windy conditions was Dunnstown's second in three matches having previously drawn with Hepburn in round 17 last season. Bungaree opened the match with the scoring advantage but 2-11 did nothing to help it's winning chances.*

*In characteristic fashion, Dunnstown lifted it's workload so much that when Bungaree had the wind in the third term, Dunnstown's defence held it goal-less. In general play Dunnstown out played Bungaree in a tight game. Dunnstown held a 7 point lead but Bungaree got up to level the scores and tie the game.*

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# 1991

At the Club's Annual Meeting Ray White stated that the club was at the crossroads and could slip down the ladder if everyone did not get behind new coach Mark Keating and make every effort to succeed. Ray thanked the previous season's coaches for the work they had done.

Former long-time coach Gary Bridges was appointed President, with Neil Leonard as secretary, and Colin Auchettl continued as treasurer. Junior coaches from last season were re-appointed.

Recruiting progressed well with several players being signed to join Dunnstown with the possibility of several others. Paul Mullane and Kevin Murphy were elected as selectors.

Improvements are still being undertaken by the football club with the construction of a verandah onto the new sporting complex. The Ladies' Committee donated \$2000 towards the cost of cementing the verandah floor.

An un-official Under 12 competition has begun by several clubs in the C.H.F.L with Mark Keirl and Peter Walsh supervising Dunnstown's up and coming juniors. The U12's games take place at the half time interval of the senior game. Football now provides a full-days family entertainment.

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All four of Dunnstown's teams - from Senior to U14's competed in the final series of 1991. Three of those teams played in the Grand final.

In the senior competition Dunnstown defeated the hot tipped Learmonth by 7 goals in the elimination final, Paul Atkins kicking 9 goals for the game. However, Bungaree defeated Dunnstown in the 2nd Semi-final, ending yet again Dunnstown's premiersip aspirations. Bungaree went on to win the grand final.

The reserve eighteen played against Learmonth. Dunnstown were defeated 14-8-92 to 5-11-41. Dunnstown's best players were K Carson, C Bilney, B Barbetti, W Britt, M Sheehan and M Britt. Goals: W Britt 2, D Burns, M Keirl, D Giles.

## **Dunnstown Football Club Reserve Eighteen, Runners-up 1991**



Back: B Kirkwood, M Kierl, D Giles, P Auchettl, S Leonard, K Carson, B Barbetti, W Britt, A Bedgood.

Middle: W Forbes (trainer), D Burns, A Walsh, P Mullane (Selector), G Bridges (President), N Leonard (Secretary), K Murphy (Selector), B Spratling, P O'Halloran, S Gladman (trainer).

Front: M Sheehan, M Britt, P Smith (VC), M Duffy (Capt), M Mullane (Coach), T O'Loughlin, M Kermond, C Bilney, M Dodd.

Mascots: J & B Williams, B White, A Britt, J Auchettl, D Kierl. Absent: S Jewell, S Plant, D Britt.

In the under 17's grand-final, Dunnstown were successful, having defeated Buninyong by 3 points. Scores were: Dunnstown 7-13-55 to Buninyong 7-10-52. Dunnstown best: D Wood, D Britt, M O'Neil, M Rinaldi, J Brady, T Britt, D Brady. Goals: M Rinaldi 3, D Britt 2, J Brady, M Cahir.

## **Dunnstown Football Club Under 17 Premiers 1991**



Back: D Kennedy, M Rinaldi, S Rinaldi, M Cahir, M O'Neil, B Moore.

Middle: N Leonard (Secretary), B Kirkwood (runner), S Squire, S Maher, D Britt, B Spratling (Coach), G Lee, P Marks, A Leonard, G Bridges (Sen President), B Sheehan (Jnr President).

Front: P Bridges, D Wood, B Bridges, T Britt (Capt), J Brady (VC), P Armstrong, D Brady, S Leonard. L Sheehan (Mascot).

The under 14's grand-final was won by Buninyong. Scores were: Buninyong 7-8-50 to Dunnstown 2-0-12. Dunnstown best: N Cahir, N Wood, T & C Leonard, J Cahir. Goals: P White, N Wood. Nathan Cahir won the "Best on Ground" medal in the grand-final.

## Dunnstown Football Club Under 14 Runners-up 1991



Back: N Cahir, B O'Loughlin, D McMahon, B Armstrong, J Lund, P White.

Middle: J Cahir, J Munro, G Bridges (Snr President), P Walsh (Coach), B Sheehan (Jnr President), N Leonard (Secretary), M Dodd (Runner), L Brady, T Ralston.

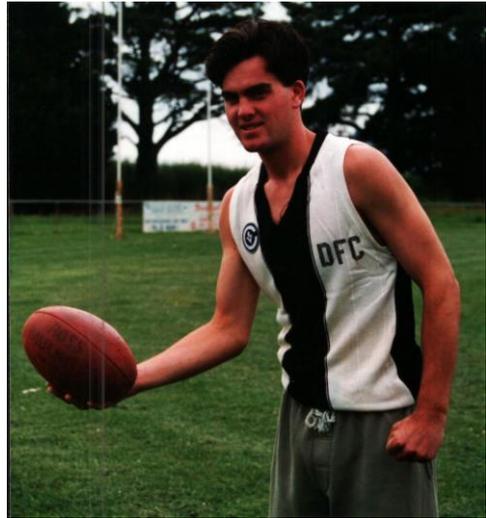
Front: L Bridges, K Leonard, K Britt, B Lewis, N Wood, M Howard (Capt), B White, A Sheehan, T Leonard, C Munro, D Rinaldi, C Leonard, P Leonard (Mascot).

Four members of Dunnstown's Under 17 1/2 team represented the Ballarat Region All Stars side. Dunnstown's representatives were Damien Wood, Mick and Steve Rinaldi and Dean Britt.

Mick Rinaldi achieved further success by taking out the League's leading Goal-kicking award for 1991.

**Mick Rinaldi**

**League Leading Goal  
Kicking Award 1991**



# 1992

With no changes to the executives or coaches Dunnstown commenced the 1992 season. Three new sets of guernseys were purchased at a cost of \$2,192.92.

1992 was one of the darkest years in Dunnstown's history with no sides either senior or junior competing in the final series.

Dunnstown Senior team sat in the top five position comfortably until the later part of the year when they apparently 'lost the plot'.

Dunnstown Notes: A successful junior best and fairest count was held last night, congratulations to the winners: Under 17 Daniel Brady, runner-up Nathan Wood, with Mark Howard third. In the Under 14, Nathan Cahir won from his brother Jaye Cahir, and Michael Barby third.

Counting of the Senior and reserve best and fairest was held on 4th September. Senior Best and Fairest went to Craig Sharp, and Peter Smith won his second successive Reserves award. Best clubman award went to the ever popular Mark "Darkie" Leonard.

For the first time since the inception of the C.H.F.L Dunnstown failed to have a side competing in the final series, which is disappointing, but there is always '93 to look forward to.

Financially the club reported a turnover of \$43,972.61 for the season, a far cry from the early days of football, leaving a credit balance of \$3,446.60.

Dunnstown under 17 player Damien Wood played in the successful Premiership side with the Geelong Falcons in the Under 18 - VSFL Competition.

# 1993

The Club's executives were to continue in their respective positions for 1993. Shawne Dummett, a former Sebastopol and BFL representative was appointed coach of the Senior team, and Noel Leonard coach of the Reserves. Former player Gerard Cahir returned to football at Dunnstown as Chairman of Selectors together with the assistance of Paul Mullane, and coach of the Under 17's. Gerard also resumed his playing career after a 6 year absence, but his playing days were to be short-lived due to further injury. Peter Walsh continued as coach of the U14's.

The club accepted "tandem" umpires in the senior section for the 1993 season. Due to this system being in operation, football club costs are in excess of \$3,000 per year.

Club secretary, Digger Leonard reported on discussions with the Gordon Football Club regarding our Club's proposed centenary in April 1994. Arrangements are under way to play Gordon in the Centenary Match and relevant celebrations being organised.

Brendon Spratling, who until recently successfully coached the U17's organised an appeal night for junior player Peter Marks, who was injured in a swimming accident. Approximately \$1000 was raised.

After discussions on the proposed restructure from the V.C.F.L, the Dunnstown football club decided to support any club that wishes to remain intact within the C.H.F.L and not be forced to amalgamate with another club. Possible under 12's competition to be included in 1994.

The junior best and fairest presentation night was held on September 3, 1993 at the Community Centre. Under 17 best and fairest award was won by Mark Howard, Under 14's was won by Jaye Cahir with a new club record of 106 votes.

*Two fresh faces to contest this years finals. Ballan and Dunnstown are the two fresh faces contesting this year's finals, joining Clunes, Newlyn and Springbank from last season.*

*Although new blood this year, neither side is a stranger to finals football. Dunnstown share with Springbank the honour of playing in more final series than any other team. This year being their 11th series. Despite their regular appearances since the league began in 1979, that elusive premiership still eludes them.*

Dunnstown finished 3rd on the premiership ladder after the end of the home and away matches, and if not for the worst run of injuries sustained by the club in a decade, this looked like being the club's most promising year since 1978. But...!

Dunnstown were defeated by Clunes in the Qualifying final held at Springbank, they played Newlyn at Bungaree in the first semi-final, but were also beaten, thus another premiership eludes the club, for this season at least.

*Dunnstown jumped from seventh to fourth position on the ladder following Saturday's 13th round of Central Highlands League matches.*

*Courtesy of its 198 point victory, Dunnstown leap-frogged over Learmonth, Springbank and Creswick to regain the spot in the five it lost earlier this season.*

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*Dunnstown has sights on finals.*

*After a horror run of injuries, Dunnstown, with the smell of finals football in its nostrills, is back on line for a finals berth after regaining momentum in recent weeks.*

*Tomorrow it plays host to Springbank in the match of the round in the C.H.F.L.*

*Beginning the season in brilliant fashion, Dunnstown (7th) lost its way a little, when injuries left it with only a skeleton of a team.*

*The wheels are beginning to turn in Dunnstown's favour, with players returning to bolster the line-up.*

*Last week it outplayed Clunes in a masterly display of football. Opponents Springbank (3rd) have struggled in the past at Dunnstown, but is producing better football lately.*

*Its forwards have lifted their conversion rate, which has helped to ease the pressure on its defence.*

*Dunnstown is playing with renewed confidence, which may overcome Springbank's tenacity.*

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The football club held its presentation of trophies on Saturday 18, 1993 in the Dunnstown Community Centre. Winner of the Best and Fairest award was Damien Wood on 44 votes; runner-up was Mark Keating.

The reserve grade best and fairest went to Mark Mullane, runner-up Michael Britt. Marie Britt, president of the Ladies Committee presented the club with a cheque for \$4,000. Peter "Boof" Auchettl was awarded the best Clubman award, and Gary Bridges was presented with a Life Membership.

So as this season ends the Dunnstown Football Club together with the whole community look forward to a successful 1994, in particular the Centenary Celebrations to take place in April, and perhaps that elusive premiership will finally come "The Town's" way.

# 1994

Executives elected for the 1994 "centenary" season President, Gary Bridges, Secretary Neil Leonard, and Colin Auchettl remains the club treasurer.

The coaching panel for 1994 is made up of Shawne Dummett, senior coach; Mark Mullane, reserves coach; Gerard Cahir U17's; and Peter Walsh U14's.

## CONCLUSION - EPILOGUE

Although football has undergone changes over the years, the game as we know it today is not very far removed from the football of yesteryear.

It is a game of controversy, both on and off the field. It is a game you either love or loathe. Every club has its champions and its 'characters' and Dunnstown has its fair share of both, then and now.

Is today's game rougher and more violent, faster and more skilled than the games of 100 years ago? This question still raises much discussion between the experts and laymen alike. As the old saying goes "the older we get the better we 'were', we kicked longer and played harder". Memories of what may have occurred are far more colourful than what really did happen.

This book will no doubt raise much discussion on that very topic.

No matter what changes may take place in the future this game of national pride is here to stay.

When we are long gone we hope our descendants will look back with pride and some amusement at the antics of their ancestors. This book has been produced for that reason, to foster the spirit of the game through to the next century and beyond, and to enhance the strong bond and 'mateship' of the club and the

community which began long ago in 1894.

# The next 20 years

In the 20 years since the Dunnstown football club celebrated its centenary the club has undergone its fair share of ups and downs and experienced every human emotion – there have been highs and lows; exhilaration, joy, glory, disappointments, sorrow and tragedy. There have been moments of pure delight when everything went to plan and other times when nothing seemed to work. As always, there have been moments of great contention and controversy juxtaposed with the usual friendly rivalry and good sportsmanship indicative of competition. The club has been through very tumultuous events and has dealt with unimaginable tragedy and loss.

The Port Arthur massacre of 1996 left the club reeling. Such horror deprived a family and the club and the town, in fact the football world and the wider community of two much loved and respected “Townies”.

Sadly six founding members of the Ladies’ Committee – Kath Murphy, Lois Britt, Marie Britt, Agnes Leonard, Maureen O’Halloran and Mary O’Loughlin – were all to pass away leaving a gap in the social fabric of the club.

The centenary of the Dunnstown football club was highlighted by a perfect season, undefeated throughout the home and away rounds; this was topped of with a perfect finals series thus being declared Premiers & Champions. Finally the dreaded “bridesmaid curse” was broken; Dunnstown had succeeded to the top of the heap of the CHFL. Dunnstown’s long awaited first premiership in the CHFL was definitely a memorable one.

## 1994 (Part 2)

1994 was in every way Dunnstown’s finest year. The season began with a proud club celebrating 100 years of football. The weekend long celebrations began with brunch followed by the public launch of *From Saplings to Goal Posts* a history of the clubs 100 years, four grades of football matches against Gordon, followed by a supper dance. Then on Sunday a reunion barbeque and memorabilia display.

Scrapbooks proudly displayed newspaper cuttings and headlines from local newspapers proclaiming the momentous occasion:

*“Dunnstown makrs centenary of football history”, “100 years of memories preserved”, “Book marks 100 years of Dunnstown footy” “Dunnstown’s club history launched”, “Century of Rivalry in CHFL opener” & “Dunnstown’s Centenary Cup”*



The early celebrations carried on all season as game after game Dunnstown was victorious. The successful year culminated in the senior team being Premiers and Champions and the club was awarded the title of CHFL 'Champion Club of the Year'. Personal accolades included the Coach of the Year Award to Shawne Dummett. All in all 1994 was a very productive and successful year.

On Monday morning September 19<sup>th</sup> 1994 *The Courier* declared "Dunnstown loses 'bridesmaid' tag" - a fact that everyone within cooe of Dunnstown was well aware.

Dunnstown 10-18- 78 defeated Learmonth 6 -7-43

Dunnstown – Best: M Keating, S Dummett, C Orchard, C Peters, P Britt

Goals – D Learmonth 2, Darren Britt 2, G Cahir, S Dummett, D Wood, S Murphy, Shaun Britt & P Leach.

Learmonth – Best B Robertson, N Byvoet, K Dickman, J Ford, D Cuthbertson.

Goals – A Jenkin 2, P Prenc, A Coulter, J Hoskin, V Armstrong

## **Dunnstown Football Club Senior 1994 PREMIERS & CHAMPIONS**



Back: Peter Britt, Anthony Walsh, Craig Sharp, Shaun Britt, Gerard Cahir, Mark Keating, Peter Leach, Steve Adams, Michael McBain.

3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Wayne Ronan, Stephen Lenaghan, Mark Howard, Damian Matherson, Mark Armstrong, Simon Britt, Peter Walsh, Chris McAloon.

2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Steve Gladman (Trainer) Danny Murphy (Runner) Shane Murphy, Paul Mullane (Chairman Selectors) Neil Leonard (Secretary), Gary Bridges (President), Colin Auchettl (Treasurer), Jim Leonard (Team Manager) Ashley Rinaldi, Bill Forbes (Trainer).

Front: Travis Britt, Chris Peters, Noel Leonard, Chris Orchard, Shawne Dummett (C-C), Darren Britt (Ass Coach), Dale Learmonth, Damian Wood, Paul Atkins. Mascots: Patrick Britt, Ashley Britt

The Reserve grand final was between Wendouree 6-9-45 defeated Ballan 5-6-36

In the U17 ½ Buninyong defeated Creswick 10-5-65 to 2-7-19

Dunnstown U14 ½ boys were defeated by Ballan 7-2-44 tp 4-8-32.

## **Dunnstown Football Club U 14 ½ Runners Up 1994**



Back: Paul Owens, Jason Harvey, Julian Taylor, Luke McKee, Heath Bridges, Matt Murphy, M Dunne  
2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Gary Bridges (Pres.) Zane Conroy, D Card, Marty Gleeson, J Miller, Brenton White, Nicholas McKay, Barry Sheehan (Jnr. Pres),  
3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Neil Leonard (Sec), Ian Murphy (Trainer) Mick Dodd (Runner) Chris Munro, Brendan Tudball, David Gleeson, Jarrod Sheehan, Joseph McKay, Jordan Dash, Peter Walsh (Coach) Rhys Cahir, David Owens (Trainer), Peter Tudball (Property Steward).  
Front: Luke Sheehan, Dean Romerill, Jaye Cahir (Capt.) Tim Leonard, Wayne Boothroyd.  
Mascot: Tommy Owens.

# 1995

The executive and coaching panel for 1995 season consisted of Gary Bridges as President, Neil Leonard as Secretary, and Colin Auchettl as Treasurer. Shawne Dummett again took charge of the senior team, with Peter Walsh the Reserves coach, Stephen Howard coach of the U17 ½ and Chris McAloon took control of the U14 ½.

After a jubilant 1994 the 1995 season was somewhat of a let-down. Despite being undefeated in 27 games by mid-season Dunnstown was unable to take out back-to-back premierships. Dunnstown was defeated by a determined Beaufort in the 1995 grandfinal.

The scores were: Beaufort 20-19-139 to Dunnstown 11-9- 75.

# 1996

Dunnstown began the 1996 season with renewed hope and determination after the grandfinal encounter of 1995. Gary Bridges and Neil Leonard were reappointed as president and secretary, with Mark Keirl stepping in to the role of treasurer. Shawne Dummett took on the role of senior coach for his fourth year running. Peter Walsh was reappointed Reserves coach, while Stephen Howard and Chris McAloon took charge of the under 17 ½ and the under 14½. By seasons end Dunnstown had three out of four football teams advance to the grandfinal – senior, reserve and under 14 ½ .

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 1996 began with much anticipation. The Learmonth Recreation Reserve was alive with supporters of five different football clubs vying for vantage points to cheer on their teams. The blue and gold streamers of Learmonth fluttered opposite the black and white of Dunnstown as the under 14's took to the field. Dunnstown were unsuccessful in this first encounter. Learmonth 4-7-31 were too strong for Dunnstown 3-4-22.

The Reserves game between Dunnstown and old-time rival Gordon. Dunnstown 12-7-79 defeated Gordon 9-11-65. Dunnstown was victorious in this match opening the way for a double-header. Unfortunately Beaufort was again the superior opponent defeating Dunnstown for a second year running. It seems that the dreaded 'bridesmaid' tag has returned.

# 1997



# CLUB LEADERS

## CLUB EXECUTIVES AND COACHES.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>EXECUTIVES</u>		<u>ASSOCIATION/LEAGUE</u>
1894	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH V.Capt	Mr Lonergan T McGuane P Hartigan Mr Quinn Simon Greene	Dunnstown District Football Association "McGraths Cup"
1905	PRESIDENT SECRETARY COACH CAPTAIN	Mr A Gibson Mr T Greene Mr P McGuane P Cummins	
1908	PRESIDENT	Mr L Flynn	
1909	COACH	W McGuane	
1913	PRESIDENT	P McGuane	
1914	PRESIDENT SECRETARY	Tom Coogan John Johnson	
1925	SECRETARY COACH	J. Lenaghan Herman Wise	Dunnstown District Association
1926	SECRETARY COACH	J. Lenaghan jnr Bert Edmunds	Dunnstown District Association
1927	SECRETARY COACH	A. Neville P. Bourke	Dunnstown District Association
1928	SECRETARY COACH	J & K Lenaghan P. Bourke	Dunnstown District Association
1929	PRESIDENT SECRETARY COACH	P. J. Maloney J. Lenaghan P. Bourke	Dunnstown District Association
1930	SECRETARY COACH	M. Howard P. Bourke	Ballarat Association
1931	PRESIDENT	P. Cummins	Ballarat Association

	SECRETARY TREASURER COACH	M. Howard A. Neville P. Bourke	
1932	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH	Jas Tierney M. Howard A. Neville P. Bourke	Ballarat District Assoc
1933	SECRETARY COACH	M. Howard P. Bourke	Ballarat District Assoc
1934	PRESIDENT SECRETARY COACH	J. Lenaghan George Jackson W. McCarthy	Ballarat District Assoc
1935	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH	John Howard George Jackson " " K. Lenaghan	Ballarat District Assoc
1936	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH	K. Lenaghan E. Howard G. Jackson K. Lenaghan (resigned mid-year) replaced by W. Lee	Ballarat District Assoc
1946	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH	K. Glenane J. Guinane K. Leonard	Bungaree Association
1947	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH	K. Glenane J. Guinane K. Leonard J. Lewis	Bungaree Association
1948	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH	J. Howard K. Leonard K. Neville F. McCarthy	Bungaree Association
1949	PRESIDENT PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH	W. Cox (resigned June 26) J. Howard K. Leonard K. Neville L. Knowles	Bungaree Assoc
1950	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH	F. McCormack M. Squire K. Neville W. Anderson	Bungaree Association

1952	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH	K. Leonard M. Squire K. Neville Joe Howard (non-playing)	Daylesford League
1953	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH	K. Neville L. Murphy L. Murphy Ollie Mackie (sacked) Tony O'Halloran	Ballarat B Grade Assoc
1954	PRESIDENT SECRETARY COACH	K. Neville L. Murphy H. Packham	Ballarat B Grade Assoc
1955	PRESIDENT SECRETARY COACH	C. Jones L. Murphy H. Packham	Ballarat B Grade Assoc
1956	PRESIDENT SECRETARY COACH	Bill Flynn Leo Murphy Herb Packham	Ballarat B Grade Assoc
1957	PRESIDENT SECRETARY COACH	Bill Flynn Gerald Leonard Herb Packham	Ballarat B Grade Assoc
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1963	PRESIDENT SECRETARY COACH	Mervyn Howard Bernard Leonard Ron Cocking	Ballarat District League
1964	PRESIDENT	Mervyn Howard	Ballarat District League

	SECRETARY COACH	Frank White Ron Cocking	
1965	PRESIDENT SECRETARY COACH	Mervyn Britt Frank White Ron Cocking	Ballarat District League
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1967	PRESIDENT SECRETARY COACH	Mervyn Britt Ray White Frank Sheehan (non-playing)	Ballarat District League
1968	PRESIDENT SECRETARY SECRETARY COACH	Mervyn Britt Ray White (resigned April) Mervyn Howard Frank Sheehan	Ballarat District League
1969	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH	Mervyn Britt Mervyn Howard Mervyn Howard Frank Sheehan	Ballarat District League
1970	PRESIDENT SECRETARY COACH COACH 2ND COACH U15	Ron Cocking Mervyn Howard Barry Antonio Mervyn Britt Frank Sheehan	Ballarat District League
1971	PRESIDENT SECRETARY COACH COACH 2ND COACH U15	Ron Cocking Barry White Barry Antonio John Walsh Kevin Lenaghan	Ballarat District League
1972	PRESIDENT SECRETARY COACH COACH 2ND COACH U16	Don Murphy Barry White Barry Antonio John Walsh Kevin Lenaghan	Ballarat District League
1973	PRESIDENT SECRETARY COACH COACH 2ND COACH U16	Don Murphy Barry White Kevin Rinaldi Alan Abrams Kevin Lenaghan	Ballarat & Bacchus Marsh District Football League (B&BMDFL)
1974	PRESIDENT SECRETARY  TREASURER	Don Murphy Barry White & Bernie Leonard Laurie Mullane	Ballarat & Bacchus Marsh District Football League

	COACH COACH 2ND COACH U16	Kevin Rinaldi Alan Abrams Kevin Lenaghan	
1975	PRESIDENT SECRETARY  TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND COACH U16	John Walsh Barry White & Mick Leonard Laurie Mullane Kevin Rinaldi Jim Rinaldi Kevin Lenaghan	B & B M D F L
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1979	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND COACH U16	Basil Britt Neil Leonard Frank White Kevin Rinaldi Gary Bridges Barry Sheehan	Central Highlands Football League (C.H.F.L)
1980	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Frank White Laurie Mullane Frank Sheehan Gary Bridges George Atkins Peter Britt & Greg Murphy Kevin Lenaghan	C.H.F.L
1981	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND	Basil Britt Laurie Mullane Frank Sheehan Gary Bridges Gerard Sheehan	C.H.F.L

	COACH U17 COACH U14	Bill Bridges Kevin Lenaghan	
1982	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Keith Gillett Greg Murphy Neil Leonard Gary Bridges Gerard Sheehan George Atkins Kevin Lenaghan	C.H.F.L
1983	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Keith Gillett Greg Murphy Neil Leonard Gary Bridges Gerard Sheehan George Atkins Barry Lenaghan	C.H.F.L
1984	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Neil Leonard Greg Murphy Frank White Gary Bridges Peter Horbury Con Britt Barry Lenaghan	C.H.F.L
1985	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Neil Leonard Adrian Britt Brendan Gillett Martin Gleeson Peter Horbury Con Britt Barry Lenaghan	C.H.F.L
1986	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Neil Leonard Adrian Britt Kevin Murphy Martin Gleeson Mark Kierl Con Britt Barry Lenaghan	C.H.F.L
1987	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Neil Leonard Anthony Walsh Kevin Murphy Gary Bridges Mark Kierl Con Britt Barry Lenaghan	C.H.F.L
1988	PRESIDENT SECRETARY	Neil Leonard Michael Leonard	C.H.F.L

	TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Brendon Spratling Gary Bridges Bill Begbie Tim Britt Barry Lenaghan	
1989	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Ray White Graeme Britt Colin Auchettl Peter Horbury Mark Mullane Brendon Spratling Barry Lenaghan	C.H.F.L
1990	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Ray White Anthony Walsh Colin Auchettl Peter Horbury Mark Mullane Brendon Spratling Peter Walsh	C.H.F.L
1991	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Gary Bridges Neil Leonard Colin Auchettl Mark Keating Mark Mullane Brendon Spratling Peter Walsh	C.H.F.L
1992	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Gary Bridges Neil Leonard Colin Auchettl Mark Keating Mark Mullane Brendon Spratling Peter Walsh	C.H.F.L
1993	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Gary Bridges Neil Leonard Colin Auchettl Shawne Dummett Noel Leonard Gerard Cahir Peter Walsh	C.H.F.L
1994	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND COACH U17	Gary Bridges Neil Leonard Colin Auchettl Shawne Dummett Mark Mullane Gerard Cahir	C.H.F.L

	COACH U14	Peter Walsh	
1995	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 <sup>ND</sup> COACH U17 COACH U14	Gary Bridges Neil Leonard Michael Leonard Shawne Dummett Peter Walsh Stephen Howard Chris McAloon	C.H.F.L
1995	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2ND COACH U17 COACH U14	Gary Bridges Neil Leonard Colin Auchettl Shawne Dummett Peter Walsh Stephen Howard Chris McAloon	C.H.F.L
1996	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 <sup>ND</sup> COACH U17 COACH U14	Gary Bridges Neil Leonard Mark Keirl Shawne Dummett Peter Walsh Stephen Howard Chris McAloon	C.H.F.L
1997	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 <sup>ND</sup> COACH U17 COACH U14	Chris McAloon Simon Britt Katrina Mullane Darren Britt Peter Walsh Stephen Howard Chris McAloon	C.H.F.L
1998	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 <sup>ND</sup> COACH U17 COACH U14	Gary Bridges Neil Leonard Peter Dodd Darren Britt Ross Peeters Billy Begbie Chris McAloon	C.H.F.L
1999	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 <sup>ND</sup> COACH U17 COACH U14	Gary Bridges Neil Leonard Peter Dodd Darren Britt Craig Grenfell Jaye Cahir Mark Keirl	C.H.F.L
2000	PRESIDENT SECRETARY	Barry Sheehan Paul White	C.H.F.L

	TREASURER COACH COACH 2 <sup>ND</sup> COACH U17 COACH U14	Peter Dodd Gerard Cahir Craig Grenfell Jaye Cahir Mark Keirl	
2001	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 <sup>ND</sup> COACH U17 COACH U14	Barry Sheehan Paul White Peter Dodd Gerard Cahir Paul Prenc Paul Britt Mark Kierl	C.H.F.L
2002	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 <sup>ND</sup> COACH U17 COACH U14	Peter Dodd Simon Britt Brendan Spratling Darren Britt Paul Prenc Paul Britt Peter Walsh	C.H.F.L
2003	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 <sup>ND</sup> COACH U17 COACH U14	Peter Dodd Simon Britt Brendan Spratling Paul Aikman Stephen Howard Paul Britt Peter Walsh	C.H.F.L
2004	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 <sup>ND</sup> COACH U17 COACH U14	Peter Britt Michael Leonard Brendan Spratling Paul Aikman Stephen Howard Paul Britt & Mark Linane Rhys Cahir	C.H.F.L
2005	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 <sup>ND</sup> COACH U17 COACH U14	Peter Britt Chris Leonard Colin Auchettl Simon Eason Stephen Howard Mark Keating Rhys Cahir	C.H.F.L
2006	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 <sup>ND</sup> COACH U18	Peter Britt Chris Leonard Colin Auchettl Simon Eason Rob Mutimer/Paul White Mark Keating	C.H.F.L

	COACH U15	Nathan Cahir	
2007	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 <sup>ND</sup> COACH U18 COACH U15	Mark Leonard Nathan Cahir Colin Auchettl Simon Eason Paul White Rhys Cahir Chris Leach	C.H.F.L
2008	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 <sup>ND</sup> COACH U18 COACH U15	Gerard Cahir Nathan Cahir Colin Auchettl David Box Paul White Rhys Cahir Paul Phillips	C.H.F.L
2009	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 <sup>ND</sup> COACH U18 COACH U15	Brendan Spratling Nathan Cahir Colin Auchettl Shawne Dummett Paul White Mark Mullane Mark Keating	C.H.F.L
2010	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 <sup>ND</sup> COACH U18 COACH U15	Brendan Spratling Troy Mullane Colin Auchettl Shawne Dummett Paul White Simon Eason/Kevin Murphy Jono Leoncini	C.H.F.L
2011	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 <sup>ND</sup> COACH U18 COACH U15	Mark Mullane Troy Mullane Colin Auchettl Paul Jennings Nathan Dixon Paul Britt Jono Leoncini	C.H.F.L
2012	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER COACH COACH 2 <sup>ND</sup> COACH U18 COACH U15	Mark Mullane Troy Mullane Colin Auchettl Paul Jennings Nathan Dixon Paul Britt Jono Leoncini	C.H.F.L
2013	PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER	Mark Mullane Sandra Mullane Colin Auchettl	C.H.F.L

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COACH U18  
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Helen Spratling  
Michael Taylor  
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Jono Leoncini  
Phil Collins

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# 200 CLUB

## DUNNSTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB RECOGNIZES 200 GAMES AND OVER



Back L- R: Peter Walsh, Mark Leonard, Danny Murphy, Stephen Howard, Ray White, Anthony Walsh, Nathan Cahir, Stephen Leonard.

Middle L-R: John Walsh, Noel Leonard, Josh Auchettl (accepted medal for his late father Peter Auchettl)

Front L-R: Danny Giles, Mark Mullane, Ian McBain, Peter Britt

Absent: Peter Horbury, Shane Murphy, Billy Begbie, Dale Learmonth, Neil Sheehan & Frank White.

Twenty-one past and present players were awarded a medal for the milestone of 200 or more open age football games.

In 2008 Club President Gerard Cahir presented the medals to the players and unveiled an honour board to be erected in the rooms honouring these players. Amongst the recipients are past Presidents, Coaches and Committee Members. Most still contribute significantly to the club. Some of the 200 Medal recipients have played open age football for Dunnstown for more than 20 years.

Jaye Cahir, Paul White, Brendan Lewis, and Chris Leonard have since gained admittance to this elite club.

## **ADMINISTRATORS FROM DUNNSTOWN AT LEAGUE AND V.C.F.L LEVELS**

### **MERVYN HOWARD**

Merv held the position of secretary with the Ballarat Football League from 1971 – 1984. He was also treasurer from 1974 – 1980, and again from 1986 – 1987. Merv was V.C.F.L regional board member from 1961 – 1993 and has held the position of V.C.F.L Ballarat region chairman since 1983 -1994.

He is a life member of the Ballarat Football League and a life member of the V.C.F.L Ballarat Region. Merv played football with Dunnstown Football Club and has held the position of President and secretary and is a life member of the club.

### **RAY MURPHY**

Ray became a vice-president of the Ballarat Football League in 1968. He held the position of president of that League from 1969 -1970, remaining on the board until 1976.

Ray has been a representative of the V.C.F.L from 1976- 1993, currently holding the position of Senior Vice-president of the V.C.F.L Ballarat Region. He held the position of vice-president of the C.H.F.L from 1979 – 1985, and became President of the C.H.F.L 1986 – 1988, and again in 1994. He is a life member of the Ballarat Football League and V.C.F.L Ballarat Region.

Ray played football with Dunnstown transferring to Redan in 1952, represented B.F.L in 1955, 1956, & 1963. He went to North Melbourne in 1957 – 1958. He returned to coach Golden Point in 1959, 60, 61, 62 and 1964. Ray also coached the B.F.L combined team in 1967. Ray is a committee member of Dunnstown Football Club and has been a selector in 1976 -1982.

### **NEIL LEONARD**

Neil is currently treasurer of the C.H.F.L holding that position since 1990, and has represented Dunnstown Football Club as a delegate for six years. Neil played football with Dunnstown and Springbank. He has held the position of President 1984 – 1988, secretary and treasurer with Dunnstown F.C. and is a life member of the club. He is the chairman of the Dunnstown Football Club Centenary committee.

### **BRENDON SPRATLING**

Brendon was appointed Junior Development Officer of the C.H.F.L in 1993, after being assistant coach of the Under 17½ combined sides in 1991 & 1992. Brendon played football at Dunnstown and has held the Position of treasurer, and junior vice-president 1993. He also coached the under 17 ½ side in 1989 –

1992, being premier coach of that side in 1991.

# **DUNNSTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB**

## **LIFE MEMBERS**

### AUSTIN NEVILLE.

Austin Neville was the first Life Member of the Dunnstown Football Club receiving his membership in 1957. As licensee of the Shamrock Hotel in 1925 and President of the football Club he was instrumental in gaining the services of Paddy Bourke as coach in 1927, thus winning the premiership in his first year as coach.

### BILL FLYNN

Bill was president of the Club in the premiership years of 1956, 1957 & 1958, and during that time he presided over the first constitution of the Dunnstown Football Club. Many meetings were held to discuss the constitution, and it was placed on a firm legal footing and given a clear direction under Bill's presidency. Bill received his Life Membership in 1959.

### PADDY LEONARD Snr

After regarded as the "Mayor" of the town, the type of person a club revolves around, Paddy was known far and wide for the support he gave to the club. He had the pleasure of seeing six of his sons play in the 1952 premiership team. Paddy was the prime mover behind the purchase of the land where the current recreation reserve is situated. He represented the club at league meetings for a number of years and was made a Life Member in 1964.

### KEVIN LEONARD

Kevin played for the club from 1946 – 1958 and captained the team in the 1952 premiership. Kevin held the positions of President, secretary and treasurer during those years before moving to Geelong. He was presented with a Life Membership in 1966.

### MERVYN HOWARD

Mervyn played for Dunnstown between 1959 – 1972. He held the position of secretary in 1960, '61 & '62, and again in 1968, '69 & '70. Merv was elected president in 1963 a position he held with esteem for four years. Merv excelled in administration, securing the position of secretary with the Ballarat Football League. He is presently chairman of the V.C.F.L. He was accorded his Life Membership in 1968.

### RON COCKING

Ron began at the club as coach in 1963, winning the premiership in 1964 in his second year as coach. A Ballarat District League Best and Fairest winner in 1963 and again in 1967, and leading goal-kicker in 1966. In 1968 Ron and Bernie Leonard started a junior competition with under 12's, winning the premiership in 1969. As president of the club in 1969 and again in 1970 he was awarded his Life Membership in 1969.

### BERNIE LEONARD

Bernie played senior and reserves' football for many years, being captain of the reserves' side during the late 1960's. He was secretary in 1962 and again a joint secretary in 1974. Bernie assisted Ron Cocking with the formation of an U12 side in 1968, with this junior team winning the premiership in 1969. Many of these players are still with the club today. Bernie is the club's present ground manager and was awarded a Life Membership in 1970.

### KEN BALDWINSON

Ken was a player with Dunnstowen for many years, being part of the 1964 premiership team. He served as a committee member for several years receiving his Life Membership in 1974.

### NEIL SHEEHAN

Neil first played in 1957 as a young lad. Neil served on the committee and was a selector for a number of years. In 1960 he played with East Ballarat, and after several years he returned to Dunnstowen as vice-captain. Neil was accorded his Life Membership in 1974.

### GEORGE KIELY

George first played football at Dunnstowen in 1938 under coach Matt Howard. In 1946 he was vice-president of the club and he also played in three grand finals. In 1953 George retired as a player, thus moving onto the committee, and during that period he served as chairman of selectors. George was awarded a Life Membership in 1978.

### JOHN WALSH

John played for the Club over quite a number of years. In 1958 he went to the Ballarat Football Club for several years, returning to Dunnstowen as coach of the reserves' in 1971 and 1972. John also served as president at Dunnstowen in 1975, '76 & '77, and was vice-captain in the years of 1960 -1967. In 1962 he won the Best and Fairest award (the Gerald Leonard Memorial Trophy). John was accorded his Life Membership in 1979.

### DON MURPHY

Don was president of the Club in 1959 and again in 1972,'73 & '74. Don has

worked tirelessly for the club over a number of years. He was instrumental in the planting of trees around the recreation reserve and the construction of the Dunnstown Community Centre. Don was awarded a Life Membership in 1980.

### KEVIN LENAGHAN

Kevin played with Dunnstown in 1925 at the age of 15, remaining as a player until the mid thirties, at the age of 42, during this time he was secretary of the Club for a number of years. Kevin played every position except boundary umpire; in his long career he only missed one game through injury. Kevin played with South Ballarat for several seasons, returning to Dunnstown in 1939. He was appointed coach of the junior's in 1969 until 1975, and again in 1980 and '81. Kevin received his Life Membership in 1984.

### LEO MURPHY

Leo played with the Club over many years; he has served on the committee, selection committee and as time keeper. During his years with the club he was secretary in 1953 til 1956. Leo was a playing member of the premierships of 1956,'57 & '58. He was awarded a Life Membership in 1985.

### CON SHEEHAN

Con played with the Club in the late '20's and early '30's being a member of the 1934 premiership team. He was a committee member in the 1940's, and also served as a selector at the club. Con was accorded a Life Membership in 1986.

### MATT HOWARD

Matt was also a player with Dunnstown Football Club in the 1920's and '30's. He was a great debater of football in general and served as a selector. In his later years Matt was a wonderfully loyal supporter of the Club. Matt was made a Life Member in 1986, the same day as his long time good friend Con Sheehan.

### BARRY WHITE

Barry began his long association with the club in 1964 being the gatekeeper. Later he took on the position as official time-keeper, a position he still holds today. In 1969 Barry was appointed secretary/treasurer of the Club, a position he held until 1970. He was delegate of the club in the Ballarat District League, and also in the Ballarat and Bacchus Marsh District Football League for 10 years. The Club recognised his services with a Life Membership in 1987.

### NEIL LEONARD

Neil played with the Club for a number of years, and was secretary in 1978 and 1979; treasurer in 1981 & 1982. In 1984 Neil was elected to the position of President of the club, a position he held for five years. He was returned as secretary again in 1991,'92 and '93. He was a delegate for the Club in the

Central Highlands League for six years. Neil received his Life Membership in 1990.

### FRANK WHITE

Frank played with Dunnstown from 1961 until 1974. He was elected secretary in 1964 -1966, and treasurer in 1978 & '79. Frank was Junior President in 1980, a position he held with esteem until 1990, he was also Club president in 1980 and served as a selector for several years. Frank received a Life Membership in 1990.

### MARK LEONARD

Mark was a player over a number of years, starting as a junior and progressing through to senior level, winning the club senior Best and Fairest award in 1990. In the same year Mark was runner-up in the League Best and Fairest in the senior grade of the C.H.F.L. Mark was vice-captain in the years '86 & '87, and vice-president of the Club in 1992 and 1993. Life Membership was bestowed on Mark in 1991.

### JAMES LEONARD

James played with the Dunnstown Football Club for a number of years and has served on the committee since 1952. He was a playing member of the 1952, '56, '57 and '58 premierships sides. He served as a selector for the club and delegate to the C.H.F.L. James was awarded his Life Membership in 1992.

### GARY BRIDGES

Gary Bridges, a born leader was presented with a Life Membership of the Dunnstown Football Club at the trophy presentation night at the end of the 1993 season. Gary joined Dunnstown from Moonambell in 1975. He was a playing member of Dunnstown's 1976 and 1978 premierships teams, during which time he was coach of the reserves eighteens. Gary was appointed Senior coach in 1980 til 1985, in which time the club was runner-up 4 times. After a colourful career, Gary retired as a player in 1985. He returned as non-playing coach in 1987 and 1988. Since 1988 Gary has been involved in the club's administration and is currently in his 4<sup>th</sup> term as Club President.

## **LIFE MEMBERS (1993)**

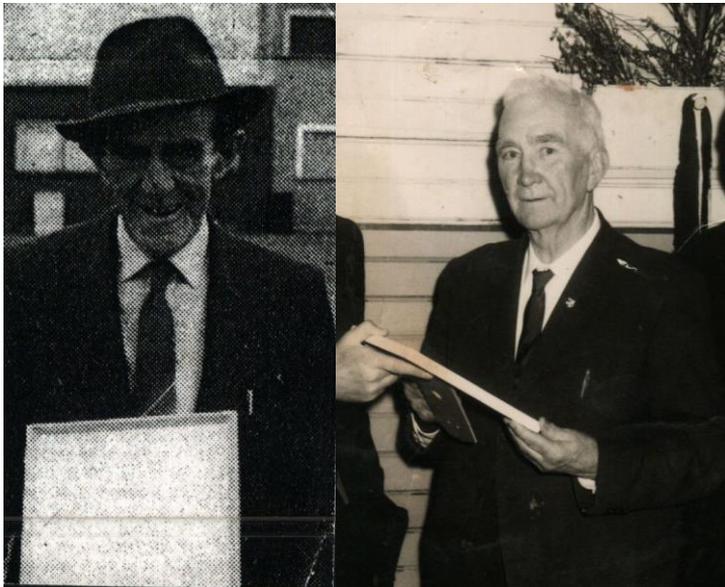


Back: B White, B Leonard, W Flynn, J Walsh, G Bridges.  
 Middle: M Leonard, F White, K Baldwinson, N Sheehan, K Leonard, J Leonard, N Leonard.  
 Seated: L Murphy, M Howard, R Cocking, D Murphy.

Right: George Kiely & Matt Howard

Below: Austin Neville





Kevin Lenaghan

Con Sheehan

Paddy Leonard

*Since the printing of this book in 1993 twenty-two new members have been inducted as Life Members of the Dunnstow Football Club, the newly inducted members are:*

#### RAY 'SOL' WHITE

Ray began his association with Dunnstow in 1962. He was a member of the 1964 Premiership team and the 1976 Reserves Premiership team. Ray is a member of Dunnstow's elite 200 Club having played in excess of 200 games. Ray has held a number of executive positions with the Club including Secretary in 1967 and 1968, President in 1989 and 1990 and on the selection committee for a number of years. Ray was awarded his Life Membership in 1996.

## BARRY SHEEHAN

Barry first played with Dunnstown in 1965, winning the club best and fairest in 1966. He was recruited to North Ballarat in 1968 until 1972. He returned to Dunnstown in 1973. Barry served as a selector for three years; coached the under 16s for for years from 1976 to 1980. Barry was President of the Junior committee for many years. He was a member of the 1976 and 1978 premierships sides and a committee member for many years. Barry was the club President in 2000 and 2001. Barry was inducted as a Dunnstown Life Member in 1996.

## PATRICK LEONARD Jnr.

Pat has been associated with the Dunnstown Football Club for all his life. He began at the age of 10 helping his brother Kevin, who was the Club Secretary, prepare the Mechanics Institute Hall for football functions and cleaning duties and to ensure that the gas lights were working. Five years later, his brother Gerald was Secretary and Pat progressed to the position of Gate-keeper and doorman at social functions. Pat claims "I was not much of a footballer myself, only played five games", but his off-field association with the Club has been an invaluable asset. Patrick received his Life Membership in 1998.

## BRIAN "SARGE" BRITT

Brian was made a Life Member in 1999

## RAY MURPHY

Ray Murphy has an illustrious football career. Ray began his football career in 1950 with Dunnstown, played with YCW in 1951 then again with Dunnstown as part of the 1952 Premiership team. Ray then transferred to Redan where he represented the B.F.L in 1955, 1956, & 1963. He played with North Melbourne in 1957 – 1958 before returning to coach Golden Point in 1959, 60, 61, 62 and 1964. Ray also coached the B.F.L combined team in 1967. Ray has been a long-time committee member of Dunnstown Football Club and was a selector in 1976 -1982. Ray has enjoyed a successful career as a player and he has an impressive record as administrator in all levels of football. His efforts and promotion of country football have been rewarded by Life Memberships in the BFL, VCFL, CHFL and the Dunnstown Football Club. Ray was also a recipient of an Australian Sports Medal in 2000. He was presented with his Life Membership in 1999.

## WILLIAM "BILL" BEGBIE

Bill Begbie has been associated with the Dunnstown Football Club since his early childhood days. He was captain of Dunnstown's first ever Junior

Premiership – the Under 12s in 1969. Bill advanced to the Reserve grade in the 1970s and was part of Dunnstown's 1975 & 1976 & 1978 Senior Premiership teams and the 1980 & 1982 & 1983 & 1984 Runners-up teams. Bill won the Reserves Best & Fairest in 1971 and Senior Best & Fairest in 1976, 1977 & 1982. Bill turned his talents to coaching the Reserves in 1988 and U17 ½ in 1998. Bill has been a committee member and was Chairman of selectors for 2000 and 2001. Bill received his Life Membership in 1999.

### ANN BRIDGES

Ann Bridges has the great honour of being the first female to be made a Life Member of the Dunnstown Football Club. Anne's involvement with Dunnstown began in 1975 when her husband Gary transferred to Dunnstown from Moonambel. Through out her 39 year association with the club she has been much involved with the Social Committee and fundraising ventures. She was presented with her Life Membership in 2000.

### MAUREEN O'HALLORAN

Maureen was involved in the Football Club for most of her life. Her father Paddy Leonard was club president and a driving force behind acquiring the land for the current football oval. Maureen had nine brothers that all played for Dunnstown. Her husband Tony was a senior coach and player for many years. Her two sons also played, and when the netball was combined with the club a few of her daughters played. She also had six sons-in-law who also pulled on the boots for the club, which was a pretty good effort. She now has grandchildren, and numerous nephews and nieces involved in the club. Maureen wasn't just happy to sit back and watch all her family and offspring play, she was fully involved in the Ladies' Committee being Secretary and President for many years. Maureen also spent many hours over the years working in the club's canteen. Maureen was a very loyal supporter of the DFNC and was well known for her hard work, her cream sponges and the friendly smile that would greet you on game day. Maureen eventually moved into a nursing home in Ballarat but the highlight of her week was still coming out to Dunnstown to watch her beloved "Town" play. Maureen O'Halloran was presented with her Life Membership of the Dunnstown Football Netball Club on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2001

### MICHAEL LEONARD

Michael received his Life Membership in 2001.

### AGNES LEONARD

Agnes could be described as Dunnstown's greatest supporter. She loved watching every game of football, particularly when her son Stephen was playing in his 253 games in the Dunnstown Reserves. Agnes was a tireless worker for the club in the shop and social functions; she was also a gracious host offering her home as a venue for the Ladies' Committee meetings. Agnes followed her

beloved Dunnstown up to her death. She was always had a caring interest in the young people of the club and the Town, she knew all the players that came up through the junior grades and in turn she was well known, respected and loved by the Club. Agnes received her Life Membership in 2003.

### MARY O'LOUGHLIN

Mary O'Loughlin was presented with a Life Membership in 2003.

### MARGARET LEONARD

Margaret has worked tirelessly for the Dunnstown Football Club for many years. She was Secretary of the Ladies' Committee in 1979, and again in 1988, and was elected President of the Ladies' Committee in 1989 and 1990. Margaret has proudly supported her six sons playing for Dunnstown. Margaret stated she was "really thrilled" to become a Life Member of the Club. She received her Life Membership in 2003.

### DARREN BRITT

Darren began his football life as a junior with YCW under 12s and under 14s. He returned to Dunnstown to complete his junior years in the under 14s and under 17s. As a 16year old Darren was a member of Dunnstown's 1983 Senior team and a member of the 1984 grand-final Runners-up team. Darren was recruited to Collingwood U19s and Reserves during 1985-86. Between 1987 and 1993 Darren played with Golden Point, also having a brief stint with St. Kilda in 1989. He returned to Dunnstown in 1994 as assistant coach to Shawne "Rocky" Dummett, then taking over the role as coach in 1997, and coach of the 1998 and 1999 Premiership teams. Darren played for Dunnstown in 2000 and 2001 before taking on the coaching role again in 2002. For his contribution to the success of the Dunnstown Football Club Darren was awarded a Life Membership in 2004.

### DAMIAN WOOD

Damian Wood is touted as one of Dunnstown's best ever footballers. His talent on the field earned him a record number of 8 Best and Fairest awards – 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2002, & 2003. Damian was a contributing member of the 1994, 1998 & 1999 Premiership teams. For his great sporting contribution to the Dunnstown Football Club Damian was presented with a Life Membership in 2004.

### BRENDAN SPRATLING

Brendan is a committed hard working member of the Dunnstown Football Club. He played from 1983 and 1994 and frequently umpires junior and reserves matches. He has held the position of Treasurer in 1998 and again in 2002, 2003 and 2004; was Junior Vice-president 1993; Vice-president in 2007 and 2008 and President in 2009 and 2010. He also coached the under 17 ½ side in 1989 –

1992, being premier coach of that side in 1991. Brendan is 'Insurance Officer, a position he has held for 18 years.

Brendan was appointed Junior Development Officer of the C.H.F.L in 1993, after being assistant coach of the under 17 ½ combined sides in 1991 & 1992. During his time as Development Officer he started the Auskick competition which he ran for 18 years from 1993 to 2010, receiving the "Australian Football Coaches Association Auskick Service Award" in 2000. He also received the AFL award for Recognition to Volunteers of Australian Football in 2001.

Brendan is very involved in the social aspects of the Club. He was Social Club president from 1994 to 2000 and has been on the social committee for 32 years organising many Social and fund-raising events. He even personally provides the musical entertainment. Brendan continues to work behind the scenes ensuring the Club runs proficiently and successfully. His efforts for the Dunnstown Football Club were recognised with a Life Membership in 2004.

### BARRY "SPUDDA" LENAGHAN

Barry started coaching the Under 14s side in 1983 taking over the position from his father K.D Lenaghan. Under his charge the Under 14s reached the grand-final in 1983 and in 1984 the team was undefeated, taking out the Premiership by 59 points. Barry continued coaching the juniors for the next seven years with moderate success; he also played Senior football during these years and continued to play in the Reserves in later years. Barry played his last game of football in the reserve game at Creswick at the age of 51 years (the Reserve team was short of players and four 'retired' players were called on to make-up numbers. The combined age of the four retirees was about 190 years. Along with Barry's on field endeavours, Barry was Senior chairman of selectors for numerous years and has been goal umpire for the Reserve grade for 15 years – a job he continues to perform even today. Barry received his Life Membership in 2007.

### IAN McBAIN

Ian McBain's football genius and achievements are well documented. Ian can be classed as Dunnstown's greatest goal kicking machine. Ian has won the seven Senior League goal kicking awards in 1975, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1982, and 1983. He has played over 200 games with Dunnstown and has kicked in excess of 1300 goals during his career. Ian was a member of the 1976 and 1978 Premiership sides. Ian's contribution to the success of the Dunnstown Football Club was recognised with a Life Membership in 2007.

### LAURIE MULLANE

Laurie was made a Life Member in 2010.

## JAYE CAHIR

Jaye began his official association with the Dunnstown football club in 1983 at age 4 as mascot for Barry Lenaghan's U14 team – Runners Up CHFL Grandfinal. In 1984 he began playing U10 junior football at Sebastopol, aged 8. In 1991 Jaye played with Dunnstown Football Club U14s Runners Up CHFL grand final. In 1993 Jaye won the U14 Best and Fairest with a new club record of 106 votes. He also played in the CHFL interleague teams. After a year at St Albans in the Geelong District League where he was also a member of the interleague team, in 1999 Jaye returned to Dunnstown where he coached the U17s into the Grandfinal and played in the Senior Premiership team, winning the CHFL Merv & Mary Howard Trophy for his 'Best on Ground' performance. In his 29-year involvement with the Dunnstown Football Club Jaye has played 115 junior games and 250 Senior games; he has won numerous trophies & awards including 4 Club Best & Fairest, 3 Runner Up Best & Fairest, 1 League Best & Fairest. Jaye has been Groundsman/curator for 5 years. Jaye was recognised for his contribution to the football club with a Life Membership in 2011.

## COLIN AUCHETTL

### BASIL BRITT

Basil first played football with Dunnstown in 1962 and continued playing with the club for twelve years. He was a member of the senior premiership of 1964. In 1973 Basil won the League Reserves grade best and fairest and leading goalkicking awards.

Basil was President of the Dunnstown Football Club for three years, the senior Premiership and Reserves runners-up year of 1978, again in 1979 and 1981. He was also vice-president for two years.

Basil was instrumental in building onto the old clubroom, which is now used by the Netball and Tennis clubs. Basil has also been a long-term committee member.

Basil received his Life Membership in 2013.

## FRANK SHEEHAN

Frank Sheehan is no stranger to receiving football accolades. After playing with YCW- where he won the club's best and fairest trophy, Frank returned to his home town team to play in the B Grade division where he once again won the

club's best and fairest award. Frank played in Dunnstown's 1956 Premiership being voted "Best on Ground" and 1957 and 1958 Premiership, again being named in the best. He won the 1958 League best and fairest. Frank was sought by many VFL clubs but he chose to play football at Ballarat East where he won further best and fairest trophies. Frank returned home to coach the Junior Dunnstown team in 1970. Frank Sheehan is to be inducted as a Dunnstown Football Club Life Member in 2014.



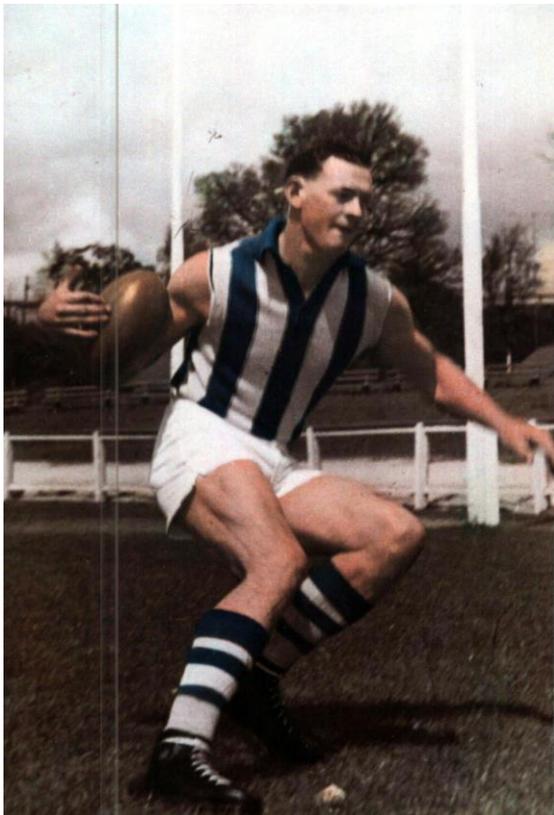
**2001 LIFE MEMBER MAUREEN O'HALLORAN  
WITH NO 1 TICKET HOLDERS MARY WALSH AND JIM SMITH**

## SENIOR V.F.L. PLAYERS

Many young players from Dunnstown have made the grade of top level footballers having been invited to further their football careers at V.F.L level. Three players to play senior V.F.L football were Ray Murphy, Con Britt and Gerard Cahir. A number of others invited declined the offer, while others did compete in under age levels of the V.F.L. A great number of Dunnstown players have made the grade in the Ballarat Football League.

### RAY MURPHY

After a successful football career with Dunnstown in the 1950's, Ray transferred to Redan Football Club in 1954. He represented Ballarat Football League in 1955 and 1956, when Ballarat won its first Victorian country championship. Ray went to North Melbourne in the V.F.L during 1957 – 1958. He returned to B.F.L to coach Golden Point in 1959,'60,'61, '62 and 1964. He played in the B.F.L combined team in 1963, and coached the B.F.L combined team in 1967. Ray returned to Dunnstown and has been a selector and committee member for a number of years.



Ray Murphy  
North Melbourne

## CON BRITT

Con Britt began his football career at YCW U14's in 1960. He was runner-up in the League Best and Fairest in 1961, and won the League Best and Fairest award in 1962.

In 1964 Con played with Golden Point, and represented Ballarat Football League on two occasions in 1965.

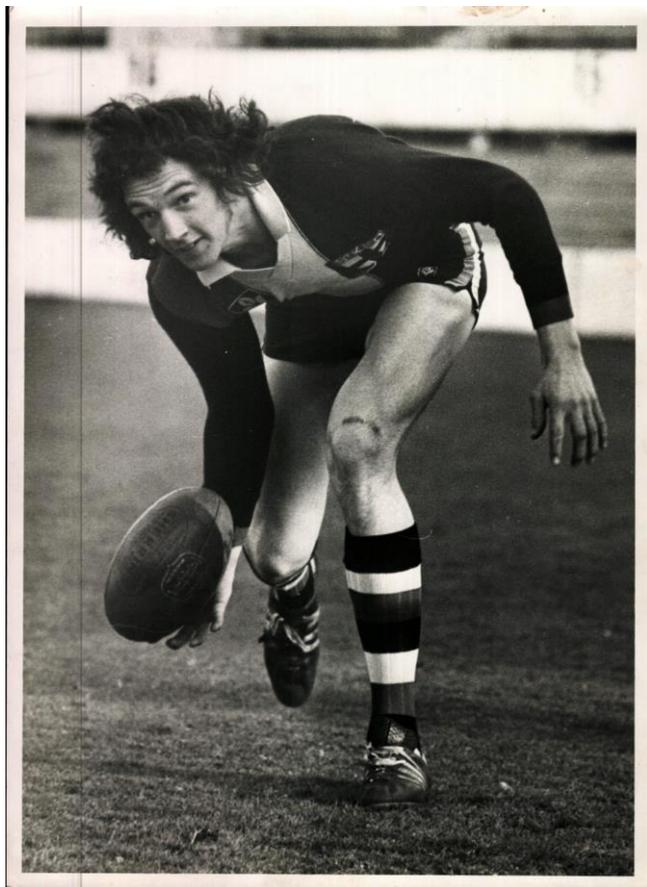
In 1966 Con began playing with Collingwood in the VFL where he played 110 games and kicked 86 goals. Con played in Collingwood's losing Grand Final against Carlton in 1970. In 1974 Con played with Prahran in the VFA before returning to country football as Senior Coach of North Ballarat in 1975. He returned to Dunnstown to play in 1976 and 1977, and was part of Dunnstown's 1976 premiership side. In 1978 Con coached Newlyn Football Club in the Clunes League. In 1979 Con returned to Dunnstown as coach of the U17's in 1984, 1985, 1986, & 1987. He successfully coached the U17's to back to back premierships in 1985 and 1986.



Con Britt  
Collingwood

## GERARD CAHIR

Gerard began his football career at the age of 8 playing with Springbank, he transferred to Dunnstown in 1972 and was a member of Dunnstown's U16 premiership of 1975. Gerard also won the League Goal-kicking award in 1974 & 1975, and the League Best & Fairest award in 1975. In 1976 at the age of 17 Gerard was a member of Dunnstown's 1976 senior premiership, and played in the Victorian Under 17 combined state team in that same year. In 1977 he was transferred to St Kilda Football Club and played in both senior and reserve grade. On returning to country football Gerard played at Redan in the B.F.L 1980, '81, '82, and was a member of Ballarat's Winfield Squad, he returned to St Kilda in 1983, and joined Redan again in 1984 where he won the Ballarat Football League's leading goal-kicking award twice. In 1985 he transferred to Sebastopol as captain coach where a knee injury cut short his career. He continued his football involvement as President at Sebastopol. After a 6 year absence from football he returned to Dunnstown as coach of the U17 team, and chairman of selectors of the senior team.



**Gerard Cahir**

**St Kilda**

# CLUB CHAMPIONS - BEST & FAIREST WINNERS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>B &amp; F</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>	<u>Grade</u>
1947	M Antonio		Senior
1948	J Glenane	M Antonio	Senior
1949	B & K Leonard		Senior
1957	G Leonard	J Walsh	Senior
1959	J James		Senior
1960	N Sheehan		Senior
1961	D Howard		Senior
1962	J Walsh		Senior
1963	Jack James	Merv Britt	Senior
1964	N Sheehan	John Walsh	Senior
1965	K Tung		Senior
1966	B Sheehan	K Tung	Senior
1967	Des Leonard		Senior
1968	Kevin Tung & Ted Howard		Senior
1969	P Ross		Senior
1970	N Sheehan		Senior
1971	G Atkins		Senior
	B Begbie		2nds
	J Lenaghan	N Garland	U15
1972	G Atkins(record)	M Dean	Senior
	M Howard	Basil Britt	2nds
	D Rix	J Lenaghan	U15
1973	A Abrams	M Horgan/G Walsh	Senior
	Brian O'Halloran	B Britt	2nds
	Peter Britt	Pat Van Raaphorst	U16
1974	George Atkins	W Begbie	Senior
	B Britt	B O'Halloran/J Burton	2nds
	Peter Britt	Greg Murphy	U16
1975	P Torpy	G Bridges	Senior
	R White	T Broidy	2nds
	Paul Mullane	Gerard Cahir	U16
1976	Bill Begbie	Con Britt	Senior
	Vaughan King	Mick Clark	2nds
	G Leonard	Shane Murphy	U16
1977	W Begbie	B O'Hehir	Senior
	Shane Murphy	Daven King	2nds
	Gerard Leonard	R Hishon	U16

1978	Ian McBain Daven King Mark Leonard	P Horbury Mick Leonard W Penhall	Senior 2nds U16
1979	John Lenaghan Daven King A Britt	Gary Bridges P Auchettl P Leonard	Senior 2nds U16
1980	Paul Mullane John McPhan Stephen Murphy	M White G Wade	Senior 2nds U17
1981	Shane Murphy Geoff Smith Paul Britt Noel Leonard	John Hartigan Peter Hogg	Senior 2nds U17 U14
1982	W Begbie M Mullane Darren Britt Paul Lenaghan	Ian McBain T Hart Noel Leonard Simon Britt	Senior 2nds U17 U14
1983	Peter Britt  Darren Britt Paul Lenaghan		Senior 2nds U17 U14
1984	Shane Murphy Danny Giles Lincoln Perry Paul Lenaghan	Corrie Verhay Gordon Williams	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
1985	Shane Murphy David Williams Stephen Howard Joe Smith		Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
1986	Danny Murphy Philip Duffy Stephen Howard Mark White		Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
1987	G Williams Danny Giles David Murphy Brett Jones	Paul Prenc R Hetherington Wayne Ronan Darren Britt	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
1988	Peter Horbury Robbie Hunter Andrew Burke Dean Britt	Mark Leonard Maurice Duffy Joe Patten Brendon Bridges	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½

1989	Peter Britt Mick Vanhamond Danny Cosgriff Mick Rinaldi		Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
1990	Mark Leonard Maurice Duffy Mick Rinaldi Danny Brady	Steve Rinaldi David McMahon	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
1991	Simon Britt Peter Smith Damien Wood John Lund	Terry O'Loughlin	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
1992	Craig Sharp Peter Smith Danny Brady Nathan Cahir	Nathan Wood Jaye Cahir	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
1993	Damien Wood Mark Mullane Mark Howard Jaye Cahir	Mark Keating Mick Britt Shane Jeffery Tim Leonard	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
1994	Mark Keating Wayne Ronan Nathan Wood Jaye Cahir	Darren Britt Peter Walsh Mark Howard Jason Harvey	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
1995	Damian Wood  Matthew Taylor Luke McKee	Jaye Cahir Chris Munro	Senior Reserves U17 ½ U 14 ½
1996	Damian Wood Paul Doyle		Senior Reserves U 17 ½ U 14 ½
1997	Damian Wood Nathan Cahir	Mick Britt	Senior Reserves
1998	Damian Wood Michael Dodds Glenn Donald Tim Hogan	Mark Keating A Govan / Paul White Luke Mckee J Ash	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½

1999	Damien Wood Tim Leonard Chris Munro Karl Begbie	Mark Cluff Luke McKee Brendan Tudball/Rhys Cahir Kelvin Shelley	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U 14 ½
2000	Luke McKee Joseph McKay Brendan Tudball Daniel Keirl	Adam Govan	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
2001	Luke McKee Peter Dodd Kelvin Shelley Sean Ralston	Damian Wood Chris Tun Tin Karl Begbie Brett Conroy	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
2002	Damian Wood Justin Murley	Jaye Cahir & Mal Peppin	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 1/2
2003	Damian Wood Bart Davies Brad Stevens David Anderson	Mal Peppin Jarrod Sheehan Ben Gleeson Sean Gleeson	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
2004	Mal Peppin Chris TunTin Xavier Close Sean Gleeson	Jaye Cahir Stephen Howard Andy Begbie Brett Duffy	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
2005	Travis Grigg Brendan Thompson Troy Mullane Sean Gleeson	Rhys Cahir Rob Mutimer Chris Leach Kayle Mullane	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
2006	Anthony Ebery Leigh Kerr Matt Close Tom Smith	Nathan Cahir James Mason Joel Williams Jason Leonard	Senior 2nds U 17 ½ U14 ½
2007	Joe McKay Mick Coldwell Brett Duffy Jason Leonard	Aaron Sawers David McBain Kayle Mullane Sam Hardefelt	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
2008	Aaron Sawers Leigh Kerr Kayle Mullane Dan Harbour	Rhys Cahir Dale Overall Jason Leonard Sam Hardefelt	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
2009	Jaye Cahir & Jeremy Jose Paul White Jack Flood Cody Venville	Aaron Sawers Jason Leoncini Rylan Rattley Brandon Dummett	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
2010	Jaye Cahir Leigh Kerr Aaron Mullane Brayden Leonard	Paul Phillips James Mason Sam Forbes Tom Willianu	Senior 2nds U17 ½ U14 ½
2011	Carl Morandi Tom Ownes	Matthew Pitt Jason Leoncini	Senior 2nds

	Ben Collins	Jarrold Murphy	U17 ½
	Brayden Leonard	Brodie Murphy	U14 ½
2012	Matthew Pitt	Matthew Turner	Senior
	James Mason	Brenton White & Jamie Wilson	2nds
	Sam Forbes	Brodie Murphy	U17 ½
	Brayden Leonard	Hasker Dawborn	U14 ½
2013	Kayle Mullane	Jaye Cahir	Senior
	Cam Dunne	Paul White	2nds
	Tim O'Shea	Mitchell Kennedy	U17 ½
	Xavier Fitzgerald	Mitchell Henderson	U14 ½

## Winners of League awards

### Best and Fairest:

1954	Herb Packham
1955	Herb Packham
1956	Herb Packham
1958	Frank Sheehan
1959	Jack James
1963	Ron Cocking
1967	Ron Cocking
1973	Basil Britt (reserves)
1975	Gerard Cahir (U16)
1978	Peter Horbury
1986	Stephen Howard (U17)
1987	David Murphy (U17)
1999	Brendan Tudball (U17 ½)
2007	Jason Leonard (U14 ½ )
2009	Jaye Cahir

### Goalkicking:

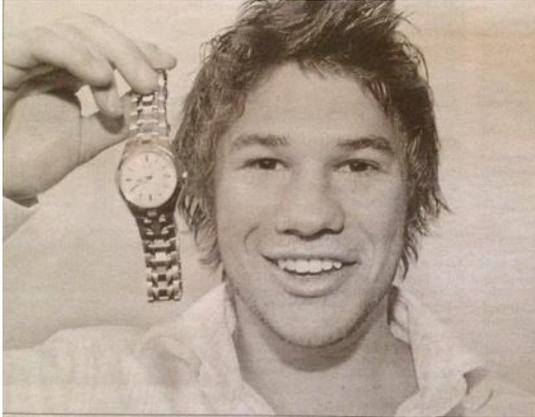
1963	Mervyn Britt
1966	R. Cocking
1975	Ian McBain
1973	Basil Britt
1974	Gerard Cahir (U16)
1975	Ian McBain
1975	Ray White (Reserve)
1975	Gerard Cahir (U16)
1976	Ian McBain
1976	Ray White (Reserves)
1978	Wally Libbis (Reserve)
1978	Ian McBain
1979	Ian McBain
1981	Ian McBain
1982	Ian McBain
1983	Ian McBain
1991	Mick Rinaldi (U17)
1996	Troy Jansens
1999	Rhys Cahir (U17 ½)
2002	Oliver Close (U17 ½ )
2007	Aaron Mullane (U15)
2008	David McBain (Reserves)

1994      Shawne Dummett *Ballarat & District Coaches Association "Coach of the Year" award*

Dunnstown Football Club *"CHFL Champion Club"*

1998      Darren Britt *Australian Football Coaches Association "Coach of the Year" award*

- 2000      Dunnstown Football Club *CHFL Mervy & Mary Howard Memorial Shield "Champion Club" award*
- 2008      Aaron Sawers *"The Courier Player of the Year" Award*
- 2001      Craig Cheeseman *CHFL Rookie of the Year*



## Cheeseman wins rookie of the year

DUNNSTOWN'S Craig Cheeseman is the Central Highlands Football League rookie of the year.

He is the third recipient of the award, which is sponsored by the Sportsmen's Association of Australia Ballarat branch.

Cheeseman played on the wing with Dunnstown this year having graduated through junior ranks at the club.

He also played junior football with St Patrick's College before taking up a carpentry apprenticeship.

Other award nominees: Ballan, Robert Plageman; Beaufort, Leigh Franks; Bungaree, Eamon Stringer, Buninyong, Heath Anderson; Creswick, Heath Atkins; Clunes, Brendan Rodda; Gordon, Danny McTigue; Hepburn, Tim O'Halloran; Learmonth, Jason Duffy; Newlyn, Adam Briggs; Waubra, James Ruahton.



**Craig Cheeseman**

# FACTS AND FIGURES

Many people go into the making of a successful football club. Executives, coaches and players in the foreground abound in the glory, but it is those who remain in the background, both in times of glory and gloom, that are the backbone of the club.

The trainers, such as Tom Armstrong, Kevin 'Twiggy' Dunne and Alan Smith; gatekeepers, timekeepers, goal and boundary umpires, cleaners, groundsman, scoreboard operators, runners, the ladies responsible for the laundering of the guernseys and the loyal supporters, the list is endless and the people too numerous to count.

These chores are all conducted on an 'honorary' basis, all work is voluntary.

Special mention must be awarded to the likes of Pat Leonard and Jim Smith, gatekeepers; and Barry White, timekeeper who for many years, have excelled in service.

## TRAINERS

P Cummins, M Burns, J Toy, J Britt, M Tierney, D Ryan, J Richardson, M Carrig, R Hoppen, T Armstrong, T Hornsby, A Weekes, A Smith, K Dunne, W Libbis, A Hamms, S McMutrie, C Gainer, W Forbes, S Gladman

Dunnstown holds the record for the most finals appearances in the Central Highlands Football League. Dunnstown has played in 31 finals, having won 14 and lost 17. In the fifteen years of association with the Central Highlands Football League, Dunnstown has competed in 11 final series. However, Dunnstown are as yet to win a premiership in the C.H.F.L.

Dunnstown claims this unique record: three members of Dunnstown's 1976 premiership team have won the goal kicking awards in three different leagues in the same year. Ian McBain, still playing with Dunnstown, has won the Central Highlands Goal Kicking award. Gerard Cahir, Sebastopol's captain/coach has won the goal kicking award in the Ballarat Football League; and John Lenaghan has won the goal kicking award in the Western Plains Football league.

Thirteen members of Dunnstown football club have, over a number of years and several different leagues, won the League's Best and Fairest Awards, in all grades of competition, senior, reserve and junior age. Seven members have also won the league's goal kicking award.

Dunnstown can proudly claim 10 premierships (at senior level), and been runner-up on 8 occasions, over the 100 years of history, 1 premiership, and runner-up 3 times at Reserve grade, and 6 premierships, and 5 runner-up at junior levels.

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2014 – Dunnstown has now won three senior premierships in the Central Highlands League – the first being in their centenary year 1994. Dunnstown has added another three senior level premierships to its total, and has been runners up on 3 more occasions; the Reserves have added two more premierships and the U17 ½ and U14 ½ have each added another premiership.

As of this current year Dunnstown football club can proudly claim 15 League Best & Fairest awards and 22 League Goal Kicking awards in total; together with two Coach of the Year awards, and two Champion Club awards, one Rookie of the Year recipient and a *Courier* Player of the Year award.

## SENIOR PREMIERSHIPS

YEAR	PREMIERS	RUNNER-UP	COACHES
1927	Dunnstown	Egerton	Pat Bourke / Ralph Gray
1929	Dunnstown	Bungaree	Pat Bourke / H H Cooper
1934	Dunnstown	East Ballarat	W McCarthy / King
1946	Springbank	Dunnstown	????
1952	Dunnstown	Gordon	Joe Howard / ????
1956	Dunnstown	Meredith	Herb Packham / Bill Dalzeil
1957	Dunnstown	Meredith	Herb Packham / Bruce Morrison
1958	Dunnstown	Wendouree	Jack James / D Murphy
1963	Wendouree	Dunnstown	F Stephenson / Ron Cocking
1964	Dunnstown	Buninyong	Ron Cocking / Len Mitchell
1975	Sebastopol	Dunnstown	Bryan McGuane / Kevin Rinaldi
1976	Dunnstown	Maddingley	Kevin Rinaldi / Izzard
1978	Dunnstown	Ballan	Kevin Rinaldi / Peter Merriman
1980	Ballan	Dunnstown	P Merriman / Gary Bridges
1982	Waubra	Dunnstown	B Allan / Gary Bridges
1983	Wendouree	Dunnstown	E Clarke / Gary Bridges
1984	Darley	Dunnstown	N Wilkie / Gary Bridges
1987	Creswick	Dunnstown	Mitchell & Jenkins / G Bridges
1994	Dunnstown	Learmonth	Shawne Dummett/Jim Ford
1995	Beaufort	Dunnstown	Chris Parker/Shawne Dummett
1996	Beaufort	Dunnstown	Peter Doherty/Shawne Dummett
1997	Clunes	Dunnstown	Darren Britt/ Young
1998	Dunnstown	Bungaree	Darren Britt/ Keiran Murrhly
1999	Dunnstown	Beaufort	Darren Britt/Phil Crouch

## Reserves' Premierships

1975	Sebastopol	Dunnstown	???? / Jim Rinaldi
1976	Dunnstown	Sebastopol	Jim Rinaldi / Paul Stapleton
1978	Darley	Dunnstown	Neville Wilkie / Gary Bridges
1991	Learmonth	Dunnstown	Brian McCormick/ Mark Mullane
1996	Dunnstown	Gordon	Peter Walsh/
2000	Dunnstown	Buninyong	Graig Grenfall/
2001	Buninyong	Dunnstown	Paul Prenc/

### Junior Premierships

1971	Dunnstown	Buninyong	Kevin Lenaghan U15
1975	Dunnstown	Maddingley	Kevin Lenaghan U15
1978	Buninyong	Dunnstown	Barry Sheehan U16
1979	Creswick	Dunnstown	Barry Sheehan U16
1980	Newlyn	Dunnstown	Peter Britt, Greg Murphy U17
1983	Buninyong	Dunnstown	Kevin Lenaghan U14
1984	Dunnstown (& Champions)		Barry Lenaghan U14 1/2
1985	Dunnstown	Darley	Con Britt U17 1/2
1986	Dunnstown	Creswick	Con Britt U17 ½
1989	Gordon	Dunnstown	
1991	Dunnstown	Buninyong	Brendon Spratling U17 ½
1991	Buninyong	Dunnstown	Peter Walsh U14 ½
1998	Bungaree	Dunnstown	Bill Begbie U17 ½
2003	Dunnstown	Creswick	Paul Britt U17 ½
2007	Dunnstown	Hepburn	Chris Leach U14 ½
2012	Beaufort	Dunnstown	Jono Leoncini U14 ½

### COACHES AT A GLANCE:

Quinn	1894 -
P McGuane	1905
Patsy Cummins	1909
Herman Wise	1925
Bert Edmunds	1926
Pat Bourke	1927 - 1933
W McCarthy	1934
Kevin Lenaghan	1935 - 1936 (resigned mid year '36)
W. Lee	1936 (replaced K. Lenaghan)
No coach	1946
Joe Lewis	1947
Frank McCarthy	1948
Laurie Knowles	1949
William Anderson	1950
In Recess	1951
Joe Howard	1952 (non-playing coach)
Ollie Mackie	1953 (sacked in June)
Tony O'Halloran	1953 (replaced Ollie Mackie)
Herb Packham	1954 - 1957

Jack James	1958 - 1961
Mervyn Britt	1962
Ron Cocking	1963 - 1966
Frank Sheehan	1967 - 1969
Barry Antonio	1970 - 1972
Kevin Rinaldi	1973 - 1979
Gary Bridges	1980 - 1984
Martin Gleeson	1985 - 1986
Gary Bridges	1987 - 1988
Peter Horbury	1989 - 1990
Mark Keating	1991 - 1992
Shawne Dummett	1993 - 1996
Darren Britt	1997 - 1999
Gerard Cahir	2000 - 2001
Darren Britt	2002
Paul Aikman	2003 - 2004
Simon Eason	2005 - 2007
David Box	2008
Shawne Dummett	2009 - 2010
Paul Jennings	2011 - 2012
Michael Taylor	2013 - 2014

Coaches Second Eighteen:

Mervyn Britt	1970
John Walsh	1971 - 1972
Alan Abrams	1973 - 1974
Jim Rinaldi	1975 - 1977
Gary Bridges	1978 - 1979
George Atkins	1980
Gerard Sheehan	1981 - 1983
Peter Horbury	1984 - 1986
Mark Keirl	1987
Bill Begbie	1988
Mark Mullane	1989 - 1992
Noel Leonard	1993
Mark Mullane	1994
Peter Walsh	1995 - 1997
Ross Peters	1998
Craig Grenfell	1999 - 2001
Paul Prenc	2001 - 2002
Stephen Howard	2003 - 2005
Rob Mutimer/Paul White	2006
Paul White	2007 - 2010
Nathan Dixon	2011 - 2012
Scott Weston	2013
Mark Keating	2014

Junior Coaches:

Ron Cocking	1968 -1969	(Under 12)
Frank Sheehan	1970	(under 15)

Kevin Lenaghan	1971 - 1975	(under 16)
Barry Sheehan	1976 - 1979	(under 16)
Kevin Lenaghan	1980 - 1982	(under 14)
Barry Lenaghan	1983 - 1989	(under 14)
Peter Walsh	1990 - 1994	(under 14)
P Britt & G Murphy	1980	(under 17)
Bill Bridges	1981	(under 17)
George Atkins	1982 - 1983	(under 17)
Con Britt	1984 - 1987	(under 17)
Tim Britt	1988	(under 17)
Brendon Spratling	1989 - 1992	(under 17)
Gerard Cahir	1993 - 1994	(under 17)
Chris McAloon	1995 - 1998	(under 14 ½ )
Stephen Howard	1995 - 1997	(under 17 ½ )
Bill Begbie	1998	(under 17 ½ )
Mark Keirl	1999 - 2001	(under 14 ½ )
Jaye Cahir	1999 - 2000	(under 17 ½ )
Paul Britt	2001	(under 17 ½ )
Peter Walsh	2002 - 2003	(under 14 ½ )
Paul Britt	2002 - 2003	(under 17 ½ )
Rhys Cahir	2004 - 2005	(under 14 ½ )
Paul Britt/Mark Linane	2004	(under 17 ½ )
Nathan Cahir	2006	(under 15 )
Mark Keating	2006	(under 18)
Chris Leach	2007	(under 15)
Rhys Cahir	2007 - 2008	(under 18)
Paul Phillips	2008	(under 15)
Mark Keating	2009	(under 15)
Mark Mullane	2009	(under 18)
Jono Leoncini	2010 - 2012	(under 15)
Simon Eason/Kevin Murphy	2010	(under 18)
Paul Britt	2011 - 2012	(under 18)
Phil Collins	2013 - 2014	(under 15)
Jono Leoncini	2013 - 2014	(under 18)

In 1894 the Senior football competition began, Junior competitions were played in 1905, and again in 1944, 1968 saw the official beginning of junior competition U12's, changed to U15 in 1970, latter changed to U16 until 1979. The reserve grade began in 1970, Under 17 and Under 14 began in 1980, with the age limit increasing to under 17 and a half, and under 14 and a half in 1984. 1991 saw an unofficial under 12 competition begin at half time during the senior games.

### *Déjà vu!*

In 1973 Dunnstown V Ballan in round 15 the scores were:  
Ballan 31 - 13 - 199 to Dunnstown 16 - 12 - 108

In 1974 Dunnstown V Ballan in round 1 the scores were:  
Ballan 31 - 13 - 199 to Dunnstown 16 - 12 - 108

In 1978 Dunnstown V Ballan the scores were again almost identical but in the reverse.

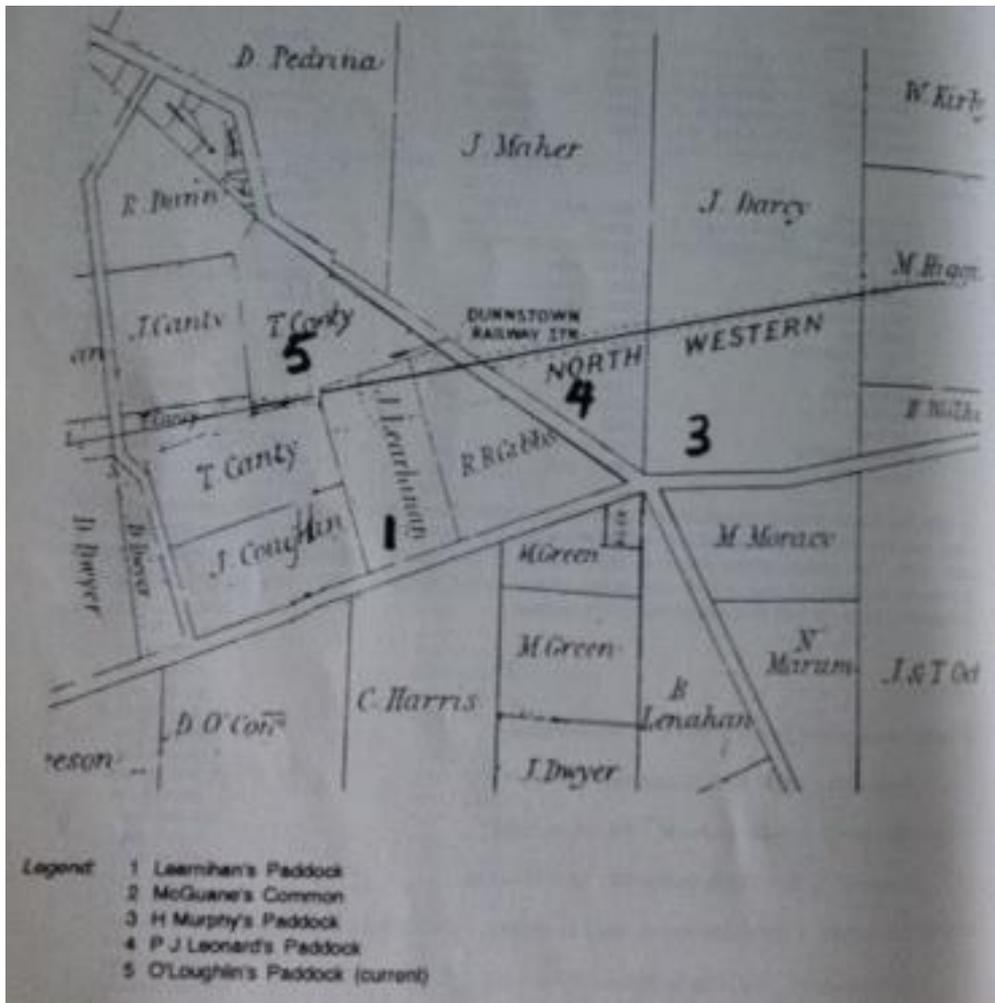
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## ARENAS AND CLUB ROOMS

The different club rooms and football arenas used by the Dunnstown football club over the 100 years are:

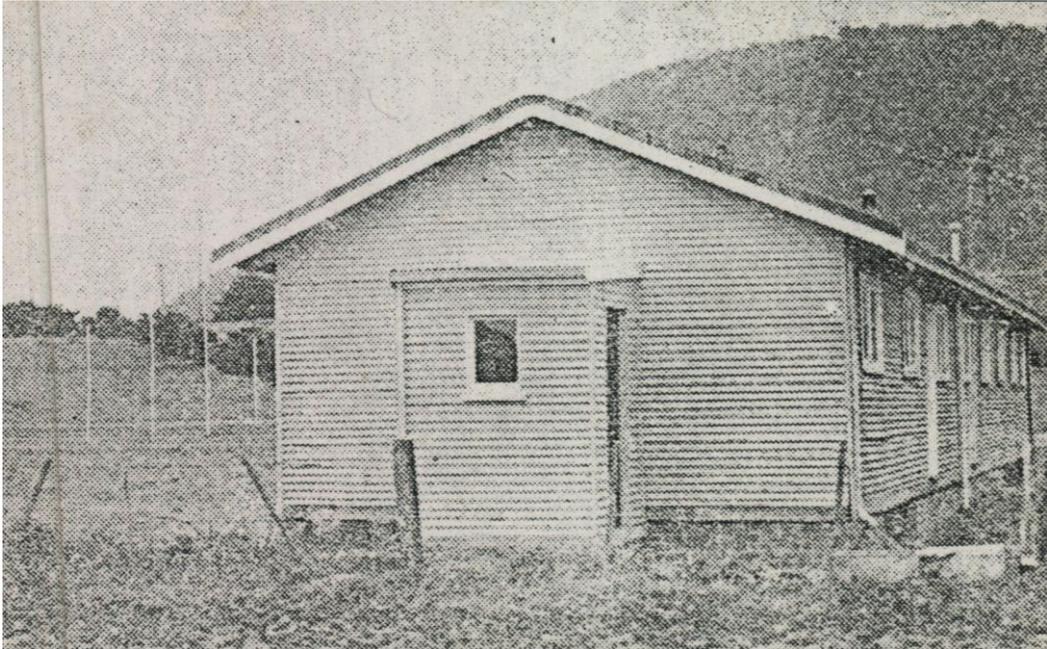
Learnihan's Paddock, McGuane's Common, H Murphy's Paddock, P J Leonard's Paddock, O'Loughlin's paddock (the current oval site), Bungaree Oval 1967-68, the Dunnstown Recreation Reserve.

To help you understand where these paddocks come ovals were situated refer to the map.



The club rooms/change rooms used over the past 100 years have included a shed at The Olive Branch hotel, The Shamrock Hotel, The Dunnstown Mechanic's Hall (burnt down in 1972), Old corrugated iron shed (now on Leonard's farm at Milbrook), in 1963 the club acquired former RAAF huts as new club rooms, and in 1990 the Dunnstown Sporting Complex Community Centre was finally opened.

**DUNNSTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB ROOMS OPENED IN 1963**



Above: Old Club rooms, Time Keepers Box, Score board & Canteen below

## DUNNSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE & SPORTS COMPLEX



### LEAGUES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Leagues and Associations that Dunnstown Football Club has been affiliated with over the past 100 years as follows:

Dunnstown Football Association	1894
Claretown Association	1895
Wallace District Association	1900's - 1920
Dunnstown Football Association	1921 - 1930
Ballarat & District Association	1931 - 1936
Bungaree Association	1946 - 1970
Daylesford District Association	1952
Ballarat B Grade Association	1953 - 1959
Ballarat District Association	1960 - 1972
Ballarat & Bacchus Marsh District Football League	1973 - 1978
Central Highlands Football League	1979 - 1994
Central Highlands Football League	1994 - Current

# FOLKLORE AND TRUTH

## ANTIDOTES AND MEMOIRS

This chapter is a light-hearted look at our much loved game through the memories of those who are brave enough to remember.

*There was little training done in the early days of Dunnstown Football club. Matt Howard and Kevin Lenaghan, who played with the Club in it's early days had this to say; "We trained if we made the finals". However they consider the regular and long hours with a horse and plough, and a spud fork was the only method of getting potatoes out of the ground, kept them fit and strengthened their leg muscles. "We did not hear about hamstring injuries until recent years".*

*"The Ballarat Courier"*

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### *Football At Dunnstown*

*Every Saturday afternoon, they come from near and far  
Nobody stays home in Dunnstown - I'll tell you where they are -  
Black and white ribbons are fluttering on every car around  
And all the locals are gathering - down at the footy ground.*

*Ron Cocking is our Captain - better man you'd never find  
As a popular all-round good player, what he doesn't know - never mind.  
He coaches our boys to victory and advises them - old and new -  
When things are looking mighty tough, he knows how to pull them through.*

*Justice of Peace, Paddy Leonard (best player in the team.)  
Cheering the boys on to victory, racing around full steam.  
When he and Brickie get going, when they barrack to urge on the boys,  
You can hardly hear the siren, they're making so much noise.*

*We have a real good trainer - Tom Armstrong is his name -  
He keeps the boys in pretty good shape, and ready for every game.  
For rub-downs, he uses goanna oil - it's strength no-one disputes -  
The boys have no hair left on their legs - it even rots nails in their boots.*

*Frank White, assistant Secretary, is a very busy man  
Maisie Richardson, with her raffle-book, sells tickets as only she can  
James Gallagher has a lonely job, so, boys give him a break  
And keep him busy waving flags to keep himself awake.*

*President, Mervyn Howard, if he ever wants a job  
Could talk himself into Parliament and take over from Sir Bob.  
It would yield more dough than growing spuds - this year they are so small  
He uses a magnifying glass to find any spuds at all.*

*And, talking about the potato game, there are Mervyn and Basil Britt  
Bas picks more spuds than any two men and that's what keeps him fit.  
And then there's Frank Walsh and his brother John - they also grow the spud  
Run into John when you're on the field and you'll come an awful thud.*

*Gerard Britt's job on the baker's cart makes his footwork very neat  
One flying leap from off the ground and he's right back in his seat.  
John James from the Ballarat Gas Works - a handy man is he -  
He keeps the team supplied with gas - all bottled up for free.*

*And we've got some dairy-farmers, Darry and Graeme Clarke  
The poor cows out at their place on Saturdays are milked after dark  
They tell me on Grand Final Day, last year, (well, this is what they say.)  
The cows found it very confusing - rounded up again at midday.*

*There's also Bernard Linehan - he's in the cow game too -  
And Toss, the Railway Signalman, is sometimes very blue  
When the team has to play without him, for you can bet your socks  
The trains would surely run off the rails if he should leave his box.*

*Noel Cocking, Ron's little brother, from Ballarat he comes  
He's pretty good at marking - on each hand he's got two thumbs.  
And then there's Cecil Tardrew - you'll find him earning his pay  
Breaking stone in the local quarries, in training for Saturday.*

*Ken Baldwinson, from Ballarat, He doesn't miss a trick  
Practices at home with a "Dandy" ham, and, my word, how he can kick.  
Doug Howard, well, he works in Geelong, but comes home every week  
It's not entirely for football - the reason is not hard to seek.*

*Ray White comes from Warrenheip - Kevin Tungs' a useful man  
He's only been with us just on year but he hops in where he can.  
And then there's handsome Des Leonard, champion back man or rover  
He steals the hearts of all the girls - a regular Casanova.*

*Neil Sheehan's a game little red-head - he covers many a mile  
He takes his football seriously and is never known to smile  
Ray Murphy's our hope for this year's team - with him we can't go wrong  
We'll wipe the mat with the other teams - and that includes Buninyong.*

*The roar from the crowd will cheer them on - the boys for the land of spud  
They'll fight while the sweat runs down their backs, or up the their ears in mud.  
Perhaps there'll be one or two games we'll lose - we can't win every game  
But we'll give all-comers a jolly good go - and come up smiling just the same.*

*So, here's to Ron Cocking, our Captain, who helps us build our score  
He led Dunnstown team to Premiership in Nineteen-sixty-four  
Buninyong never stood a chance - In the semi we ate-em-alive  
So, here's to a repeat performance again in Sixty-five.          Rose Sayers. 14/4/65  
**Poem, Courtesy of Maurine Kiely***

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The contents of Austin Neville's case which he took to the football every Saturday contained the following

- 1 Bottle of Sherry
- 2 Bottles of Lemonade
- 2 Bottles of Gingerale
- 4 - 5 small glasses.

It is not known whether the contents (suitable for the making of punch) were for his personal use or for the players' convenience.

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*To Dunnstown Football Club. I can recall in the 1920's when they were affiliated with the Ballarat Association in which teams from Sebas, North City, Buninyong, and South City, who I ended up playing with.*

*We would travel by horse drawn van and would strip in a shed at the rear of the Olive Branch hotel. A man named Shelly was the licensee, who was a grey hound trainer. I recall seeing part of a horse, hanging in the shed.*

*Once we were ready to play, we would run down to a paddock, turned into an oval, which had a boxthorn hedge on one side. They had saplings for goal posts, and each team had their own goal umpires and boundary, so you can guess there were plenty of arguments.*

*I recall a Dunnstown goal umpire giving a bad decision, his answer was the other goal umpire (who was South City's) has robbed us of 2 goals already, so don't blame me.*

*Dunnstown were always noted for their 'never say die' type of football. They were tough players, no beg your pardons, but above all were good sports and always good losers. Some of the players I can recall are Kevin Lenaghan, Danny Magree, Mat Howard, Con Sheehan, Jim Tierney, Mat Greene.*

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*A central umpire officiating at Dunnstown in 1961 nearly abandoned a match when he couldn't find the home team.*

*Dressing room facilities at the ground provided for the visiting team and the umpires in the same room.*

*Eventually, the home team was found, it used the Dunnstown Hall as its changing room.*

*No doubt the fact that the umpire knew he would be alone at the ground with the visiting team after the match had nothing to do with the result of the match - the visitors won.*

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*Another of Jim Murphy's tall tales: Dunnstown was drawn to play Yendon in the old Gordon-Egerton league, in an important match. Champion Yendon player Peter McCormack was working night shift at the Dunnstown distillery.*

*No one can explain how McCormack tripped over a length of wire that was stretched across the narrow path along which he walked home.*

*Many names were mentioned at the time but an equal number of denials came forward.*

***By Jim Murphy, sports editor of the Ballarat "Courier".***

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**Back in the 70's who remembers the reserve grade team not winning a game for the season, but somehow making the finals?**

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And the players footy trip in which Tom Armstrong was not allowed to attend, but mysteriously when the players arrived at their appointed destination Tom and his wife Eileen were already there waiting. Apparently, Tom was only given permission to attend the players' end of season trip if Eileen went to keep an eye on him. Well Tom got his trip.

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*A well known figure of the 20's was a Mounted Policeman by the name of "Patterson". He was a controversial type and his way of dealing with the rugged element, did not win him any popularity contests.*

*No boundary fences were used in those days, and Patterson used to park on the boundary line with people closely packed each side. "James O'Keefe" a itinerant spud digger from the Western District working at Len's father's property on the south eastern end of Mt Warrenheip, (and like most of the swagmen of that era, he smoked a pipe and one of the main accessories was a "sharp" knife, as plug tobacco was the in thing) was right against one side and noticed the girth strap was a canvas type, and with a sudden rush of blood to the head thought he may be able to cut it thru, which he eventually did.*

*Soon afterwards a brawl started and as usual Constable Patterson raked the spurs along the horse's flank. The momentum carried him across the boundary riding the saddle but no horse - He landed safely still in the saddle on the very wet turf. There was hell to pay for someone time but no one knew what had really happened. In the meantime the footballers stopped fighting and were back playing football, and the horse was three paddocks away. Eventually the horse was caught but no one remembers how the strong arm of the law got home, and as far as can be gathered, no one cared.*

**By Len Howard 24/9/93**

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*Mick O'Neill recalls a game between Dunnstown and Gordon in the mid 20's. Dunnstown were led by "Paddy" Bourke, thought by many as the best coach in that era. He wasn't backward in coming forward with a shirt front and on this particular day, he picked one of the "Gordon" players and dumped him in 6 inches of mud and slush, and started one of the many all in brawls that was part and parcel of the fixtures between Dunnstown and Gordon. If the play went for 100 minutes, you could count on at least 40 minutes for defending the honour of your particular team.*

*My father was goal umpire and my mother and the family were sitting in the buggy close by. When the "Fun" started I looked over and saw Dad take out his false teeth and wrap them in a handkerchief. Things used to get very serious on those occasions.*

*One of the first to jump into action was one of the "Leonard's". He was rushing to join the fray when 'Patterson' and his big bay horse arrived and he took no further part in the entertainment. His hat went one way and he went the other. Such were the meetings in the 20's of these two teams. Their dislike for each other was well documented.*

**By Mick O'Neill 24/9/93**

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**Stories are told of the umpires who had to be carried over the creek before they would officiate at Dunnstown's home ground at Humphrey Murphy's paddock.**

Apparently the umpires didn't like to get their feet wet while trying to cross the make-shift bridge over the creek.

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### REMINISCING

*With another season ending, And the finals drawing nigh.  
My mind slips back in memory, And somehow I seem to sigh.  
The "Semi" fought out between Dunnstown, And the boys from out Gordon way,  
Makes me think of the footy their fathers played.  
Compared with the game of today.  
Yes! Lads, I knew all of your fathers, And some of your grand fathers too, When I  
used to barrack for Yendon, The good old Maroon and Blue.  
When they used to play football in their breeches, and sawn off dungarees.  
No skimpy tailored shorts for them, They wore'em to their knees.  
The umpire was a local, And he was no ones fool.  
We saw Australian football, Played to domestic rule.  
We didn't need tribunals, For there were no reports.  
Disputes were settled "on the spot", And healed with a couple of "snorts".  
They did not have a "Medic", Or even a training kit.  
They chewed on Eucalyptus leaves, And hard work kept them fit.  
And now all this talk on "Telly", Depressed fractures and that stuff.  
Makes me wonder if footy is rougher today, Or the jaws not so tough.  
Yes I walked five miles to the footy, That was forty years ago -  
But don't say I'm long in the tooth, 'Cos me dentures are new you know.  
They tell me that reminiscing, Is a sign you are getting old.  
May I wish good luck to the Dunnstown boys, And gook luck to the green and  
gold.*

**"Football finals record book, 1965"**

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*"AN ODE TO FOOTBALL" by Bunny, 1964.*

*The football season has ended, We have come to the great final day,  
With the crowd at the peak of excitement, It is "Bunny" and Dunnstown to play.  
Only two teams make the final, Only one premier side:  
But one hundred and sixty odd players, Have filled their supporters with pride.  
Eight clubs form the League District Section, Each team, a man stood the test,  
Good conduct, good sports and good football, Has stamped District Section -  
"The Best".  
Whilst the sick looking hip swaying "wailers", Croon sick songs and rake in big  
dough,  
These healthy hard hitting Australians, Entertain! With a real He Man show.  
Each week they come home with their trophies, Of stop marks a black eye or two.*

*Win or lose, their only reward is "Good game boys" - "Well Done" - "Good on you".*

*To each man who has put on a guernsey, To committees and league leaders too,  
To the gate men, boot stoppers and umpires,  
May I humbly say, we thank you.*

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*Leo Cahill recalls...A big ruckman by the name of Bill Harris had a few games with Dunnstown before transferring to Bungaree. Dunnstown played Bungaree a couple of weeks later with Leo Cahill and Big Con O'Brien in the ruck for Dunnstown and Bill Harris playing in the ruck for Bungaree. Harris was giving Big Con a bit of a hard time, Big Con was heard to say "some-one around here is going to be hurt in a minute and it isn't going to be me" with that the umpire bounced the ball and Bill Harris raced in and hit Big Con in the stomach. Con fell to the ground and rolling around in pain, so Bill Harris said to the umpire "get a dray and cart that big bugger off".*

***By Leo Cahill***

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Leo Cahill also recalls this episode as told to him by his step father Paddy Cummins.

*One particular day Dunnstown were having trouble fielding a team and after some time talked Dinny Murphy into playing. Well, Dinny agreed to play and took the field in his suit with his hat firmly in place on his head. All was well until just before half time when someone knocked Dinny's hat off, that was it, Dinny left the field and refused to take any further part in the game.*

***By Paddy Cummins via Leo Cahill***

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*Dan Magree, a player for Dunnstown in the early 1930's remembers.. a mighty "blue" following the 1934 Premiership against Ballarat East. The match was played on White Flat and a total of 13 players, from both teams, were reported for various offences. Amongst the reported was Dunnstown's Matt Greene who was renowned for his strong build, in particular his 'barrell chest'. It seems that in the all-in brawl that ensued, the only thing umpires could report Matt for was his "striking a fighting attitude". Obviously Matt had a particular way of walking that could be interpreted as a "strut".*

Wouldn't current day adverstates Gary Bridges or Ray Murphy just love to defend someone on a charge of "striking a fighting attitude"!

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Dan also recalls... *the story of a match against North Ballarat, being played at the*

*Northern Oval. North were hot favourites, and needed to beat Dunnstown to gain a place in the final four. North lost, and a brawl followed. Apparently after seeing mud being thrown at team mate Kevin Lenaghan, It seems Joe Howard "felled" Titch Hamilton from North who was carried from the field by Lou Whiting and "hung over a neighbouring fence". The fight lasted for half an hour after the match had finished and Len Howard had his head cut when the skid chains from the bus "fell on him". That night the Dunnstown boys together with their female companions stayed at the pictures due to threats that the brawl could have a second and third episode.*

***By Dan Magree***

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Many stories were relayed about the notorious "Footy Trips", most could not be put into print. However, one story did make the grade.

While on a players' footy trip to Adelaide, a ceramic water jug and bowl was accidentally broken in the hotel room. Not wanting to leave the damaged article in the room the broken pieces were hidden in the bags belonging to Digger Bridges. On returning to Ballarat Railway Station, Gail Bridges was there to collect the weary travellers. On seeing Digger she promptly asked "Did you get me anything while you were in Adelaide?" Digger, feeling worse for wear after a weekend of revelling quickly replied "I did love, I got you a lovely water jug and bowl set, but look, some bastard on the train has broken it."

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Arthur Bridges faced the tribunal one night after a slight indiscretion with Ballan's Kevin Murphy. While giving evidence Murphy, when asked whether he was hit by Bridges, simply smiled a toothless grin "No way" he replied. His missing teeth were at the time in his back pocket. Needless to say Arthur got 4 weeks; and Murphy got 2 weeks.

No doubt there are a million more stories in the minds and hearts of everyone ever associated with this great, if some what incorrigible club.

# SOCIAL COMMITTEE

As with any organisation the social side of life is an important factor both from the point of view of the lighter side of life and for the all important job of raising sufficient funds to keep the organisation afloat. Dunnstown Football Club has successfully organised many social functions from the earliest days. Simplicity was the key to fun, a good game of cards or drink or two at 'the local' or an all out foot-stomping old fashioned dance. Our predecessors certainly knew how to have fun.

Back in the early years the football club mainly relied on the Ladies' Committee to run functions to raise the small amount of money that was needed. Events such as the 'Barn Dance' and 'Euchre' tournaments, casserole dinners and the like were held.

In 1980 it was realized that a separate committee was needed to help generate funds for the club. The Social Committee was formed. This Committee ran a few small shows and an annual ball which was sufficient enough to raise the necessary funds.

By the mid 1980's it was realised that the clubs running cost were growing rapidly and to help meet those needs the Social Committee decided to start setting up some big functions - money making events, of particular note was the 'Footrot Ball', a two day Rum Ball which was held at the Ballarat Show Grounds. Those two-day 'Footrot Balls' were held over the next three years and generated sufficient funds to keep the Club viable.

Other functions held over more recent years include 'Red Faces' and 'Mock Wedding' as well as the 'Player's Auction'. In 1993 a history making social event took place as the Dunnstown Football Club joined with the Bungaree Football Club in organising and running a successful 'Joint Ball'.

As with all sporting bodies, Dunnstown Football Club has relied very heavily on the Social Committee, not only to organise social functions but to supply the Club with the extra monies needed each year to cover the ever spiraling cost involved in running a successful Club. Dunnstown Football Club Social Committee has earned it keep and never let the Club down.

The following news paper articles have been included to help give some idea of the social side of the Club's activities, from the earliest days to the current social events of the Dunnstown Football Club.

*Dunnstown - Grand Social Evening and Presentation to members of the Football club. Good supper. Good Jazz Band. Good Floor. Guinane's bus leaves CTE corner at 8pm.J. Lenaghan, Sec.*

**"The Ballarat Courier" August 21, 1925**

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*Dunnstown. Grand Social Evening and Presentation of the Fry Cup to Warrenheip F. C. Good floor and good music. Murnane's bus leaves CTE corner at 8 p.m. J. Lenaghan, Sec.*

**"The Ballarat Courier" September 4, 1925**

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*A Grand Ball is to be held in the Dunnstown Hall on Wednesday 11th Aug. in aid of the football club. Bus leaves Tonner and Ellis at 7.45 p.m. J. Lenaghan. Sec.*

**"The Ballarat Courier" August 7, 1926**

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*Dunnstown Football Club. Bennetts Bus leaves Shamrock Hotel at 1.45 p.m., Reiff's Bus leaves 2.15 p.m., for Gordon tomorrow.*

**"The Ballarat Courier"  
August 13, 1926**

*Dunnstown Football Club, Grand Concert by local and Ballarat artists. Dance to follow. J Lenaghan Jr. sec*

**"The Ballarat Courier" August 25, 1926**

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**DUNNSTOWN HALL  
21st SEPT  
GRAND WIND-UP DANCE & SOCIAL**

***of the Dunnstown Football Club***

***Presentation of Medals and Photographs  
to players.***

***M Ryan. Secretary.***

***Dunnstown Hall 7th Sept.***

**GRAND PREMIERSHIP BALL**

*Presentation for Premiership Medals to Club. Jazz orchestra of Five Instruments. Come and celebrate the Victory. Moss' bus leaves C.T.E. corner at 8 sharp.*

*Dunnstown - Players and supporters of the Dunnstown Football Club are invited to a Social Evening in the Hall on Wednesday Evening, 31st inst. A Neville. Secretary.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" September 10, 1927***

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***PRESENTING THE CUP ASSOCIATION  
OFFICIALS DID NOT ARRIVE***

***DUNNSTOWN DISAPPOINTED***

*Under the auspices of the Dunnstown Football Club a dance was held in the Dunnstown Mechanics' Hall last night for the purpose of giving the officials of the Dunnstown and District Football Association an opportunity to hand over to the president of the premiership team of the Association the premiership cup donated by Messrs Bickart and Co. jewellers, Ballarat, and twenty-three gold medals for presentation to the players of the successful team.*

*Since 1925 it has been the custom for the Dunnstown Club, the only original club in the Association at the present, to arrange for a dance after the premiership game has been played, and at this dance for the representatives of the Association to hand over the cup and the medals to the president for a subsequent presentation at the premiership ball. This season Dunnstown won the premiership, and in accordance with the usual custom the dance was arranged for. There was a big attendance at last night's function in the Mechanics' Hall, which had been specially decorated for the occasion. In the main hall there were the colours of the premiership team, and adorning the stage each club in the Association was represented, however, for some unaccountable reason, probably due to a misunderstanding the president of the Association (Mr W Bourke) and the secretary of the Association (Mr P F Ford) did not attend the function, and after waiting until after 11.30 o'clock, Mr J Leneghan, the secretary of the club, was forced to make the announcement that the cup and medals would not be handed over to the club president, Mr P. J. Maloney. Mr Leneghan expressed his regret at the non-attendance of the Association officials, and mentioned that not only were the club members disappointed but also the large number of people who had come to witness the presentation. Mr Leneghan, on behalf of the Dunnstown club, welcomed the representatives from the other clubs, viz., Messrs H Kennedy and D Guinane (Bungaree), Messrs Pritchard and Bishop (Ballan), Messrs P O'Neil and J Lee (Ormond), and Messrs J McCarthy and W Burke (Yendon). He trusted that the cup and medals would be in possession of the club on Wednesday, 23rd inst., when the premiership ball was to be held.*

*Despite the unfortunate hitch those present did not seem to have had their evening spoilt, for the floor was well patronised for each dance. The dance music of Miss Rita Leneghan (piano) and Miss Florrie McGuane (violin) was an*

invitation in itself to dance, and the well-prepared floor all added to the enjoyment of the evening. For the sets, and there was a number of these, Mr G Reidy acted as M.C.

During the evening the ladies of the club provided a dainty supper in the adjoining hall, and during an interval it was announced that the door takings amounted to £23.

*Newspaper cutting supplied by (Mrs) Pat Carey.*

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### BALL AT DUNNSTOWN

"More than 120 couples graced the well prepared floor of the Dunnstown Mechanics' Hall on Wednesday, 23rd October, to join in the celebration of the premiership of the Dunnstown Association, which was won by the local club. Streamers running from wall to wall in the club's colours viz., red, white and black, made a wonderful spectacle. The ladies' committee, assisted by a "working bee" from the men's committee, had worked wonders. The stage presented a striking appearance. Adorning the rear wall was the pennant won by the premier club. Tables on the stage held the Bickart Cup, 23 framed photographs of this 1929 team, and a similar number of gold medals, to be presented to the players. The musical numbers rendered by Miss Britt and Messrs Britt, Guiliano, and Jones were in themselves sufficient to bring the big throng to the floor. Cr P Moloney (president) addressed the gathering and outlined the activities of the club for the past season. He sincerely thanked all who had helped the team to win their second premiership in three years. Mr W Burke, president of the Dunnstown Association, formally presented to Mr Maloney the Bickart Cup, 23 gold medals and the pennant, which had been donated by his wife. He also offered his heartiest congratulations to the club. Mr Maloney then presented to "Pat" Bourke, the captain and coach, a gold medal and a framed photo of the team, as a gift from the committee. Mr Bourke presented to each individual member a gold medal and a framed photo. Messrs M Greene and G Reidy responded on behalf of the players. Mr P Cummins, on behalf of the players and supporters, presented to the secretary, Mr J Lenaghan, a wallet of notes. Players, officials, and guests then assembled in the supper-room, where a dainty repast had been provided by the ladies' committee. Dancing was carried on until 2.30 a.m., under the able supervision of Mr G Reidy. Everyone present voted this one of the most enjoyable evenings held in Dunnstown for some time. Amongst the prominent helpers were Mesdames Lenaghan, Canny, Donohue, Oakman, Neville, Armstrong, Orchard and Miss Donohue, Messrs Wise, Cummins, Ryan, Donohue (2), McGuane, Oakman, and Lenaghan. Amongst the visitors were many old friends who came long distances to be present.

A description of the frocks worn is as follows:- Nellie Britt, black beaded

georgette; Sara Britt, pink frilled georgette; Maisie Armstrong, pink georgette; Maisie Dufro (Melbourne), brocaded frock, lace trimming; Annie Duffy, red spotted tulle, black velvet bridge coat; Iris Whiting (Ballarat), blue georgette; Maggie Keily, lemon georgette; Nellie Glenane, pink georgette, tulle trimming; Mrs Orchard, floral rayon; Molly Glenane, pink georgette, spotted net, velvet bridge coat; Mary Ryan, lemon georgette and lace; Jean Sweeney (Ballarat), white satin frock, frilled skirt of net; Myrtle Moralee (Ballarat), black silk velvet, uneven hem; Jess Honarby (Ballarat), blue taffeta and silk net; Josie Britt, black velvet; Elly Smith (Ballarat), blue crepe de Chine; Nora Heaney, pick georgette and lace; Mrs Canny (Leigh Creek), black crepe de Chine; Thalia Newman (Ballarat), black velvet, brilliant trimming; Mrs McGuane, (Bungaree), black georgette; Mrs Sheehan, blue crepe de Chine; Olga Pipkraw (Ballarat) red georgette, red shoes; Kath McGrath (Ballarat), black taffeta, beaded trimmings; Betty Reidy (Ballarat), gold georgette; May Marnell, white georgette, Rita Kelly (Ballarat) pink georgette, silver trimmings; Eileen Kelly (Ballarat), blue crepe de Chine, silver trimmings; Anne Reidy (Ormond), pink georgette; Kit Moloney (Wallace), frilled frock; Mary Laylor (Wallace), blue georgette and silver, Doreen O'Brien, pale green georgette, floral bridge coat; Doreen Duffy, silver and blue georgette, ankle length; Marion Caffrey (Melbourne), lemon tulle uneven hem; Dorrie Johnson (Melbourne), white chiffon and lace; Mary O'Neil (Wallace), apricot georgette, Molly Kennedy (Wallace), blue georgette; Mrs M Hanrahan (Bungaree), black lace frock, uneven hem; Belle Prendargast (Clark's Hill), blue georgette silver lace trimmings; Jean McFee (Ballarat), black lace, red trimmings; Mary White (Bungaree), lemon georgette, Lily White (Bungaree), black georgette, silver trimmings; Kath Johnson (Essendon), black chiffon; Minnie McGuan, apricot crepe de Chine; Eileen Murphy, powder blue georgette; N Turner (Ballarat), shrimp georgette net, white velvet bridge coat; C Sullivan (Moonee Ponds), apricot georgette and net; L Duggan (Ballarat), green georgette, silver trimmings; Mary Sheehan (Bungaree), powder blue crepe de Chine, silver trimmings; Jean Waldron (Ballarat) pink georgette with beaded trimming; Pearl Boyd, white crepe de Chine; Emilie Glenane, pink georgette uneven hem; Alice Glenane, lemon and blue crepe de Chine, flared skirt; May Orr, daffodil georgette, uneven hem; Eily O'Farrell, green satin, uneven hem; Mary Keily, pink crepe de Chine; Maisie Duffy (Ballarat), salmon pink georgette and silver lace; Phyllis Tucker (Ballarat), green georgette, pink trimmings; Edna James (Ballarat) pink georgette; Nancy Reidy (Ormond), red georgette; E Campbell, silver brocade with silver trimmings; Berle Orchard, black satin lace; Noreen Howard, vieux rose crepe de Chine; Mrs J Lenaghan, jun., white crepe de Chine, lace trimmings; Kath Donohue, floral crepe de Chine; E Duggan (Ballarat), flame georgette, silver trimmings; C Deveraux (Ballarat), powder blue georgette, spotted net and velvet bridge coat; Kath McGuan, floral crepe de Chine, lace trimmings; Mrs Donohue, (Bacchus Marsh), black chiffon and lace; Edna Wilson (Bacchus Marsh), black velvet; Mrs J Donhoue (Bungaree), black georgette, handkerchief peaks; Agnes Reidy, green georgette; Phoebe McDermott, lemon georgette; Winnie Donohue, saxe blue with silver trimmings, hair band; Eileen Lenaghan, saxe blue, velvet flared skirt, hair band; Dulcie Doe

*(Ballarat), sequin dress, uneven hem; Joyce Stanley (Ballarat), black spotted tulle; Mrs Cameron (Ballarat), black satin, lace trimmings; Dorothea Cameron (Ballarat), pink beaded georgette; Doreen Higgins (Ballarat), green crepe de Chine, silver trimmings; Mrs P. Burke (Ballarat), charmouse satin; Mrs Fishwick (Ballarat), black georgette, silver trimmings; Mrs Gilfoyle (Bungaree), gold satin, lace trimmings; Dulcie Williamson (Ballarat), white georgette; Marjorie Kean (Ballarat) pink georgette lace; Gladys O'Rourke, (Cororooke) pink georgette; Agg Donohue (Leigh Creek), pink georgette; Mrs Flynn, floral crepe de Chine; Ollie McGannon, pink georgette, black velvet bridge coat; Annie Heaney, blue crepe de Chine; Mona Quirk (Yendon), daffodil satin; Mary Quirk (Yendon), powder blue crepe de Chine; Miss Holmes (Ballarat), blue crepe de Chine; Kitty Leonard (Milbrook), green georgette with floral bridge coat; Eily Gleeson, (Gordon) black ankle length georgette, silver bands at hem; Mrs Wise, black beaded frock, bridge coat; Annie O'Toole, pink georgette, smocked bridge coat; Katy Donohue (Dunnstown), floral crepe de Chine, flared skirt; Mary Donohue (Leigh Creek), blue crepe de Chine, silver lace trimming; Kath Kelly, green georgette, uneven hem, hand-made flowers on hem. "*

***News paper cutting from Pat Carey. November 2, 1929***

From such vivid descriptions one can almost experience the gaiety of the times and imagine the celebrations that took place.

*Dunnstown Football Club. House party at Mrs Lamb's tonight (Wednesday). Excellent entertainment. Euchre and 45's.*

***"The Ballarat Courier Amusements" August 16, 1933***

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***WARRENHEIP: FOOTBALLERS' WEEKLY DANCE.***

*Attendance records were again broken last Saturday night at Warrenheip when the Dunnstown footballers held their weekly dance. The waltzing competition was judged by Mr Jas. Simpson, who awarded the prize to Mr. E. Sharpe and Miss Rose Maloney. Mr. E. Collins and Miss Margaret Ryan were successful in a card dance. The music was supplied by Jim Sullivan's band, and Mr. Jim Murnane was M.C. The proceeds went to the Queen of Dunnstown, Miss Margaret Kiely.*

***"The Ballarat Courier" Social Pages July 18, 1934***

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***DUNNSTOWN QUEEN CARNIVAL***

*During the past seven weeks the football club conducted a Queen carnival, and a gratifying success was achieved, a sum of £102 being raised. A concert was held to conclude the carnival and it proved most enjoyable. The artists were Miss D*

*Maxwell, France Dobbyn, and Mrs Lavars, also contributed. The two Queens, Misses Margaret Kiely and Noreen Howard, were accorded an enthusiastic reception when they appeared on the stage. Miss Kiely raised £67, and Miss Howard £35. Mr J Lenaghan, the president of the club then congratulated the queens on their effort and presented each of them with a gold wrist watch. Mr M Howard and Mr J Murnane, the respective secretaries, responded on their behalf. Music for the dance was supplied by Mr B McGuane and Miss Howard.*

#### *FOOTBALLERS' DANCES.*

*Dunnstown footballers held the usual dance last Saturday and a further increase was noticed in the attendance. Sullivan's band played, and the M.C. was Mr J Murnane. Mr H Lugg and Miss Maxwell were successful in a novelty dance. The main feature on Saturday night next will be a waltzing competition.*

*Early in September a concert and dance will be held at Dunnstown. The concert will be composed of mostly locals. A two-act play will be staged by amateurs.*

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*A sports meeting to be held on May 5, 1932. Events include:*

*Sheffield Handicap Goal Kicking (prize Bottle Wine donated by A Neville, Shamrock)*

*Sheaf Tossing (prize Bottle Whisky donated by A Neville, Shamrock)  
Stepping the distance.*

*Tug-o-war.*

*Slow bicycle race.*

*Finding £10 note.*

*Dancing display by Mrs Olivers' school of Dancing.*

***From extracts of Minutes of 1932 meetings book.***

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At a meeting held on September 18, 1932 it was decided to hold a UGLY MAN competition as a fund raising event for the football club. Nominations were called for, and several names were nominated as Ugly Man. It was decided that three nominations be accepted. A secret ballot was held to decide upon which nominees would be accepted to be the Ugly Men. Messrs P Cummins, J Squire and G Jackson were appointed to be the three men entered in to the competition. Voting for the Ugly Man competition was one penny per vote.

The Ugly Man competition made a profit of £17-5-5, and the Ladies Committee made £15-10-1 .

Fundraising for the football club during the 1934 season was mostly from weekly dances, Euchre & 45's card parties, concerts, with local and Ballarat artists providing the entertainment, popular Girls competition, Queen Carnival & Popular Player competitions.

### **WARRENHEIP: FOOTBALLERS' DANCE**

*The Dunnstown Football Club was favoured with an excellent attendance at its dance on Saturday. Novelty dances were held, and the winners included Mr H Allan and Miss Francis Dobbyn. The music was supplied by Miss Noreen Howard's orchestra. Next Saturday night the dance will be transferred to Wallace.*

*"The Ballarat Courier" Social Pages*

### **PLAYERS CONCERT**



Top: James Linehan

L to R: Joe Howard, Maisie Armstrong; Lou Tuddenham, Eileen Galvin, Noreen Howard, Eileen Lenaghan, Bessie Armstrong; Phyllis Bourke, Matt Howard; Cath Tuddenham, Ted Bourke.

Front Seated: Matt Greene, Rita Lenaghan.

Throughout 1948 several fund raising events took place. These included: weekly dances, euchre and 45's tournaments, and raffles, usually the raffle prize was half a dozen bottles of ale.

An Easter Dance to be arranged 4 shillings for gents and 3 shillings for ladies. Half a dozen ale to be raffled. A tug-o-war tournament to be held, with prize money to be £30 first prize, and £10 second prize. Weights for tug-o-war to be

46 stone for 4 men.

Balance Sheet for Dance - Sunday June 8th.

Door Takings	13- 8-0	Music	8-3-0
Raffle	<u>18-17-0</u>	Cakes	4-8-0
		Hall	<u>2-0-0</u>
	32- 5-0		
	<u>14-10-0</u>		£14-10-0

£17-14-10

*From extracts of minutes of 1948 meetings book.*

At the 1958 Premiership Ball held by the Dunnstown Football Club, Miss Elaine Leishman was voted Belle of the Ball, Carmel Rushbrook voted Ballerina, and Mrs O. Britt as Matron of the ball.

### ***DUNNSTOWN FOOTBALL PRESENTATION NIGHT***

*There was a large crowd at the Dunnstown Mechanics' Hall for the wind-up and presentation night of the Dunnstown Football Club.*

*Mr M Glover, of Ballarat was present and made the first presentation of an electric clock to Jack James, captain and coach of the team, who was awarded the best and fairest player trophy in the Ballarat League's competition for 1959.*

*Mr Glover remarked that on two other occasions he had come to Dunnstown to present the James Glover Trophy - in 1957 to H Packham and in 1958 to F Sheehan.*

*He said that the club should be proud of those outstanding footballers.*

*The secretary of the club, Mr Gerald Leonard, presented to James a framed action photograph of himself as had been done in previous years to other winners of the Glover award.*

*A similar photograph was placed in the hall, with those of other winners. Mr James thanked Mr Glover and the club and the women's committee for help throughout the year.*

*A presentation of a picnic hamper was made by Mr Donald Murphy to the past president of the club, Mr William Flynn, who is to be married soon. Mr Murphy said that Mr Flynn had put untold effort into the club and was one of the main organisers in the purchasing of the football ground. The district was losing a capable worker in Mr Flynn. He wished him happiness in his married life.*

*Mr. Flynn responded and thanked Mr Murphy and the club.*

*Presentations of electric toasters were made by Mr. Patrick Leonard Snr., on*

*behalf of the club to John Walsh and Kevin Britt, both of whom have given service to the club for a number of years.*

*Mr Leonard congratulated both and wished them happiness for the future, and added his congratulations to John Walsh for his success with the Ballarat Football Club.*

*Vocal items were given by Mr Pat Prendergast, and Miss Barbara Murphy and song and dance numbers by Janis and Carmel O'Toole. The accompanist was Miss Nell Britt and the master of ceremonies Mr H McGee.*

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*At the 1961 annual Dunnstown football club's ball, Miss Wendy Lamb was Belle of the Ball, and Pam Frawley was Ballerina.*

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Mary O'Loughlin,

Jill Forbes &

Carleen Britt

At the 1964 Premiership Ball

*The Dunnstown football club held it's 1964 Premiership Ball, the first since 1958, at the Dunnstown Mechanics' Hall with a capacity crowd in attendance. Judges of the belle, ballerina and matron of the ball competitions were Mr & Mrs Tom Simpson and Miss Bernice Hogan, who judged Miss Jill Forbes as Belle, Mrs Neil O'Loughlin as Ballerina, and Mrs Gerard Britt as Matron of the ball*

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*At the Dunnstown football club's 1969 annual cabaret ball, Miss Julie Doolan was judged Belle of the Ball, and Mrs Jack Brogden judged Matron of the Ball. Mrs Ray Murphy and Mrs Jim Murphy were the judges of the belle and matron*

competition.



Above: Judges Doreen & Mervyn  
Britt, Biddy & Ray Murphy, and  
Una & Jim Murphy.

Right: Belle of Ball Julie Doolan  
& Matron of Ball Betty Brogden



*Mr and Mrs G Fenton were asked to be judges of the Belle and Matron of the ball held in 1973. Admission to the ball to be \$6.00 a double.*

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*The 1973 Annual Ball held at Dunnstown judged Pam Wallace as Belle of the Ball, and Maureen Frawley as Matron of the Ball.*

Right: Belle of the Ball Pam Wallace & her partner John Dobbyn at the 1973 Ball.

Below: Ladies at the 1978 Premiership Ball: Di Leonard, ....., Margaret Mullane, & Sheila Britt.



*At the club's 1977 annual ball, Miss Sandra Cocking was judged Belle of the Ball, and Mrs Noel Madigan was judged Matron of the Ball.*

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*The football club held it's 1978 annual ball at the East High School at which 1978 Begonia Queen, Miss Sandra Hocking was a judge of the belle of the ball competition. Miss Jenny Leonard was judged Belle of the Ball, and Mrs G Mullane was judged Matron of the ball.*

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# THE LADIES' COMMITTEE

Behind every football Club you will find a band of unsung heroes, the quiet achievers known as the Ladies' Committee a hard working group of women.

There have been several references to the Ladies in the minute books over the years, but no official records were kept until more recent times.

The Ladies' committee was mentioned in the Ballarat "Courier", who together with a working-bee from the men, worked wonders in preparing the hall for the 1929 premiership ball.

From a copy of an official 'Dunnstown Ladies' Social Club' receipt dated August 11th, 1932 made out to Mrs Flynn for the sum of 10/- for rent of supper room of Mechanics Hall was signed by M Neville, secretary, suggests that a Ladies' Committee was up an running from as far back as the early 1930's.

Reference was made in the Football Club's minutes in 1936 of a meeting to be called with the ladies in view of forming a Ladies' Social Committee on April 24, 1936.

In 1972 when Ron Cocking was President of the Football Club, he called a meeting of the ladies, nine ladies attended this meeting, Mrs Margaret White was elected 1st President of the newly formed Ladies' Committee, with Mrs Helen Britt as secretary. Official records have been kept for 22 years, from this meeting to the current day.

The Committee started out in a small way, with a shop providing pies, pasties, hot dogs and afternoon tea consisting of sandwiches, cream cakes, tea or coffee for 25 cents. The ladies working in the shop had to bring cups and saucers and borrow an urn from Kevin Glenane each home game.

To raise funds over the years, the Ladies' Committee have catered for Balls, and 21st Birthdays, held casserole luncheons, beef on the spit dinners, progressive dinners, coffee and sweets evenings, mannequin parades, bingo nights, cake stalls, film nights, catered for football finals and organised raffles, just to mention some of the various ways money was raised.

As with all committees, the numbers attending meetings have fluctuated over the years, with most at any one time being 18 women, currently there are 10 ladies on the committee. Meetings have been held in the club rooms, the local school, and for the past nine years in the comfort of Kath and Don Murphy's home.

Disaster struck in the early hours of 1972, when the Dunnstown Mechanics' Hall was burnt to the ground, but great rejoicing occurred in 1990 when the new Community Centre was opened. The Ladies' Committee proudly contributed

\$10,000 to the Community Centre for the provision of stove, freezer, crockery, cutlery etc which now provides them with a well equipped kitchen which is a pleasure to work in and is the envy of others.

Catering for functions, especially large functions, has become easier over the more recent years. Previously all food was prepared by the ladies by cooking 40 chickens, 20 pavlovas, cakes, salads etc, but today chickens are readily available to purchase cooked and cut into portions, most foods can be now bought in bulk.

Everyone who has in some way helped has made a wonderful contribution to the financial situation of the Football Club, especially the ladies who worked over a number of years in the shop for each home game. In 1993 the Dunnstown Ladies' Committee catered for the semi-final game at Learmonth with thirty volunteers doing their bit. Well done ladies.

1972           The first president elected was Mrs Margaret White, and Secretary Mrs Helen Britt.

The ladies decided to operate a shop each Saturday at the football matches to supply sandwiches and cakes for afternoon teas.

A raffle was run at each home game to the value of \$2.

Profit for season 1972 was \$600.

1973           Kath Murphy was elected President with Lois Britt as secretary and Gwen Murphy as treasurer.

The committee purchased an electric copper for \$5.

The fundraising for the year comprised of a 'Coffee & Sweets' night with Miss J Teacy giving a 'Floral arrangement' demonstration. All equipment for this evening had to be borrowed. A profit of \$26.32 was made.

At the end of year a profit of \$1,200 was given to the Football Club.

1974           President was Gwen Murphy, secretary Margaret White, and Treasurer Bernadette Kiely.

Gillian Britt gave a 'Make-up' demonstration as a fundraising event. Again the ladies had to borrow or bring from home the cups and chairs.

A casserole tea was held with a profit of \$191.29.

The ladies again presented a cheque for \$1,200 to the Football Club.

1975 Marie Britt was elected President, Margaret White secretary, and Kath Murphy & Lois Britt joint treasurer.

The school room was now used as a meeting place.

Fundraising was: Dinner Dance \$222; Flower demonstration \$110.14; Raffle- trip to Casino \$684, Casserole tea \$60.12.

A total of \$1,500 was give to the Football Club at the end of the season.

1976 Margaret Cahir was elected President, with Helen Britt & Marie Britt as joint secretary, and Dorothy Sheehan was treasurer.

A profit of \$92 was realised from a 'Coffee & Sweets' night held at Gwen Murphy's home.

The ladies cooked 30 chickens for the Dinner Dance; 36 Chickens for the Ball and 30 Chickens for the Grand Final night celebrations.

\$2,000 was presented to the Football Club.

1977 Gwen Murphy elected President, Kath Murphy and Sheila Britt as secretaries, and Rosalie Sheehan as treasurer.

Afternoon teas provided by the ladies at a cost of 40 cents, 10cents for tea or coffee, and 30 cents would buy a sav & roll.

A progressive dinner \$210; and a casserole luncheon \$280.70 were the two major fundraising events run this year.

The profit for the year was \$1,400.

1978 Margaret White was elected president, with Brenda Jones and Agnes Leonard as secretaries, and Marie Britt as treasurer.

The price of afternoon tea rose to 50 cents.

A \$5 note was raffled at the home games at 20cents a ticket.

A casserole luncheon was held at Warrenheip Hall mid-week, and a number of factory workers from "George Farmer's" would attend.

The ladies purchased a stove, table cloths and tea towels from profits of such things as 'Make-up' demonstrations and Mannequin parades.

Again the ladies presented \$2,000 to the Football Club.

1979 President, Helen Britt; Secretaries Margaret Leonard and Rosalie Sheehan; and Treasurer Margaret White.

The usual fund raising events were held throughout the year. Food prices had risen to 50 cents for a pie and 40 cents for a hot-dog. The ladies tried some new fundraising adventures such as Bingo but this was not very profitable. Catering at football functions and shops at finals games were always profitable.

\$2,000 was presented to the Football Club. Sr Lawrence was paid for the use of the school room at the end of each season.

1980 Ladies present at Annual meeting were: Helen Britt, Margaret Leonard, Rosalie Sheehan, Margaret White, Marie Britt, Lois Britt, Agnes Leonard, Di Leonard, Kath Murphy, Eileen Gillett, Maureen O'Halloran, Barbara Burke, Wendy Duffy and Brenda Jones.

Kath was elected president with Marie and Lois as joint secretaries. Helen Britt, Di Leonard and Eileen Gillett joined Basil Britt, Greg Murphy and John Britt in forming a social committee.

The end of season profit of \$3,000 was given to the Football Club.

1981 Office bearers were all re-appointed from previous year. Meetings are still held in the school. The ladies catered for a Mannequin Parade, Casserole Luncheon and a farewell dinner to Fr Eugene McKinnon, a former player with the Club, and held a disco at Bungaree Hall for secondary school children.

A cheque for \$3,700 was presented to the Football Club.

- 1982 Kath Murphy was re-elected president, with Agnes Leonard and Helen Britt as secretaries, and Brenda Jones as treasurer.

The usual casserole luncheons, coffee & sweets nights, Balls and an Irish Music night featuring the O'Dowd Family together with the weekly shop provided the ladies with a cheque for \$5,000 which was presented to the Football Club.

- 1983 Margaret White was elected president, with Helen and Lois Britt as secretaries and Marie Britt as the committees treasurer.

The meetings are now held in the football club's rooms. Fundraising events held throughout the year realised a cheque of \$3,600 being presented to the Football club.

- 1984 Eileen Gillett was elected president, with Dorothy Sheehan as secretary and Kath Murphy as treasurer.

Future meetings are to be held in the home of Kath Murphy.

Functions held this season included:  
Mannequin Parade at Brown Hill Hall, Catered for 21st Birthday at Craig's Hotel, Cabaret Ball, Plant Party at Kath's, Casserole Luncheon, social evening, Beef on spit at Shamrock Hotel, Catering for 21st at Eureka Hall.

Prices in shop were: Pie/pasties 70 cent; Sav & roll 65 cents; Can soft drink 60 cents, bar of chocolate 50 cents, packet of cigarettes \$1.90.

The ladies provided 30 cooked chickens and 8kg cocktail savs for junior presentation night, and 20 chickens, \$20 silverside, \$20 sliced ham for the senior presentation dinner.

The Football Club were presented with \$4,400.

- 1985 Eileen Gillett and Kath Murphy were re-elected to their respective positions as president and treasurer, and Helen and Marie Britt accepted position of joint

secretary.

From the hard work of the ladies throughout the year the Football Club was presented with a cheque of \$3,200.

1986 Barbara Burke was elected to the position of President, with Mary O'Loughlin and Agnes Leonard taking on the secretaries position, and Kath Murphy as treasurer.

Again the Ladies worked tirelessly to raise funds for the Football club. \$3,500 was given to the mens' committee.

1987 Helen Britt took over as president with other positions remaining unchanged.

The usual raffles, dinners, catering, luncheons, cake stalls and Euchre tournaments helped the ladies raise \$3,000 for the Football Club.

1988 Marie Britt took on the job of President, Mary O'Loughlin and Margaret Leonard as joint secretaries, and Jenny Murphy as treasurer.

The ladies combined with the Recreation Reserve committee in raising funds for the new complex. They ran cake stalls & raffles, euchre tournaments and catered for 'Footrot' Ball.

The mens' committee was presented with \$3,000.

1989 Margaret Leonard elected to position of President, Di Leonard and Maree Auchettl as joint secretaries and Jenny Murphy and Sally Begbie as joint treasurers.

Ground raffle prize was increased to \$20 note.

The Football Club mens' committee was presented with a cheque of \$1,500 this season.

1990 Margaret remained in the presidents position, with Maureen O'Halloran as secretary and Agnes Leonard as assistant, Marie Britt was treasurer.

The newly completed Community Centre was officially opened with the new well equipped shop now used by the ladies at home games.

The Ladies' Committee spent \$5,000 on equipping the Community Centre with such items as 200 piece dinner set and cutlery sets.

A cheque of \$1,500 was given to the Football Club.

1991 President elected was Marie Britt, Secretary Maureen O'Halloran and Treasurer Lois Britt.

Because of declining numbers of ladies attending meetings this Committee are no longer running fund-raising events and social functions. They will continue to run the shop at the football matches, and be of assistance where ever needed. A letter stating this was sent to the Football Club.

During the year the Ladies' Committee spent \$7,034 on equipment and Blinds, and a security system for the Community Centre.

The ladies gave the Football Club \$2,000 to help cover the cost of cementing the new verandah.

This makes a grand total of over \$24,000 which the Ladies' Committee have raised towards the refurbishing of the Dunnstown Community Centre.

At the end of the season the ladies presented the Football Club Mens' Committee with \$5,000.

1992 Marie and Maureen remained in their respective positions as President and secretary with Anne White taking on the treasurers' job.

The ladies purchased a freezer for the shop.

\$2,000 was presented to the Football Club.

1993 The executives have remained unchanged from last season. Dunnstown's Ladies' Committee members did the catering at the 2nd semi-final at Learmonth which made a profit of \$1,200.

\$4,000 was presented to the Football .

***"Ladies' Committee Minute Book"***

1994 The Ladies' Committee executive consisted of Marie Britt as President; Maureen O'Halloran as Secretary

and Ann White as Treasurer. This was a busy year for the ladies with the extra Centenary celebrations and social functions but the ladies, as always were up to the task. At the end of the season the Ladies' Committee presented \$2,000 to the Football Committee.

- 1995 Treasurer Anne White. The Ladies' Committee raised \$4,000 for the Football club.
- 1996 Treasurer Anne White \$ 3,000 given to the Football club
- 1997 Treasurer Anne White \$4, 000 was given to the Football club
- 1998 President Maureen O'Halloran, Secretary Mary O'Loughlin and Treasurer Anne White together with their committee of hard working ladies and volunteers presented a cheque for \$4,000 to the Football club.
- 1999 Maureen O'Halloran took the helm as Ladies' Committee President, with Mary O'Loughlin as Secretary and Sandra Mullane as Treasurer. The ladies had an exceptional financial year with the shop and catering at the CHFL grandfinal held at Ballarat North football oval. The hard work and extra organisation for operating a grandfinal shop at a new venue paid off. At the club presentation night the Ladies' Committee was pleased to present \$9,000 to the Football club.
- 2000 President: Maree Auchettl  
Secretary: Di Cahir  
Treasurer: Sandra Mullane  
\$3,000 given to Football club
- 2001 President: Maree Auchettl  
Secretary: Di Cahir  
Treasurer: Sandra Mullane  
\$4,000 given to Football club
- 2002 President: Maree Auchettl  
Secretary: Di Cahir

- Treasurer: Sandra Mullane  
\$6,000 given to football club
- 2003      President: Maree Auchettl  
Secretary: Di Cahir  
Treasurer: Sandra Mullane  
This year the ladies donated \$6,000 to the football club and and further \$300 to the netball club
- 2004      President: Maree Auchettl  
Secretary: Di Cahir  
Treasurer: Sandra Mullane  
Football \$9,500; Netball \$450
- 2005      President: Maree Auchettl  
Secretary: Di Cahir  
Treasurer: Sandra Mullane  
Football \$8,500; Netball \$450
- 2006      Jenny Murphy President, Di Cahir Secretary,  
Sandra Mullane . Football \$14,000; Netball \$450
- 2007      The executive of the Ladies' Committee consisted of President Jenny Murphy, Secretary Liz Britt and Treasurer Sandra Mullane. This year the ladies introduced healthier choices on the canteen menu with fresh sandwiches and rolls. Rod from Bungaree offered to operate a 'coffee van' at three home games with 50cents per cup of coffe sold going to the Ladies' Committee. Inglenook Dairy also advised that they now have a purpose built coffee van and would make coffee at home games with 50cents per cup being returned to the club. Despite the purchase of a new freezer, a crock pot and kitchen linen and aprons the Ladies Committee still managed to hand over \$10,000 to the football club and \$400 towards the Netball club.
- 2008      President Jenny Murphy  
Secretary Liz Britt  
Treasurer Sandra Mullane  
\$12,000 Football, \$400 to netball
- 2009      Football \$9,500: Netball \$800
- 2010      Sandra Mullane, Treasurer. \$11,500 to football club,  
\$900 to netball club

- 2011 Trish White, Fran Peterkin and Lisa Leonard held the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer.  
\$10,000 to football club, \$900 to netball club
- 2012 The Ladies' Committee executives remained as for 2011. \$13,000 to football club, \$1000 to netball club
- 2013 Although they had served their two year commitment on the executive, Trish, Fran and Lisa continued in their current positions due to a lack of volunteers willing to take on the positions.  
\$10,000 to football club, \$1000 to netball club

The contribution made by the Ladies' Committee to the successful operation of the Dunnstown Football Club is without doubt invaluable. In the past 20 years this small band of dedicated, hard-working ladies have managed to run a profitable organisation, feed the multitudes and support the Dunnstown Football and Netball Clubs to the tune of \$163,000.

# NETBALL

Netball has been synonymous with football for many years. The young ladies of the 'Town' were not only loyal supporters of their male counterparts; they have themselves achieved success in their own right.

The competitive spirit of the 'Town' was carried over to the netballers. Neighbouring towns were fierce rivals when it came to the sporting arena or netball court. The netball matches between local teams such as Dunnstown and Bungaree attracted large crowds of cheering onlookers. Bus loads of spectators would gather courtside and many a wager was won and lost on the outcome of this ballgame. Netball or basketball as it was known, attracted as great a following and instigated as much pride as did the football.

Until more recent times, netball matches were conducted on Sunday afternoons at Bungaree. With the Football Club's affiliation in the C.H.F.L, organised netball competitions have been run in conjunction with the football matches as scheduled.

Club records were rather limited, therefore netball information is sketchy. We have relied on memories to supply the relevant information. It could not be ascertained as to when netball competitions were first conducted, we do know that Dunnstown basketball club were finalists in 1948 and premiers in 1952. Known premierships were also achieved in 1960's and 1973.

Dunnstown have always been competitive, fielding teams in both senior and junior divisions, and being successful finalists throughout.

Pat Greene was captain in 1952.

Jo (Lenaghan) Dash has gone on into Ballarat Netball and is currently President of the Ballarat Netball Association.

League Administrators from Dunnstown.

1979 Louise O'Halloran was vice-president of the Central Highlands Netball League.

1980 Heather Clarke was vice-president.

- 1982 Ann Walsh was secretary/treasurer.
- 1984 Jo Hermann was President of the League.
- 1985 Jo Hermann was Recording Secretary.
- 1986 Leisa Hermann was Recording Secretary.
- 1987 Leisa Hermann was Recording Secretary.
- 1987 Christina Walsh was President of the League.
- 1988 Christina Walsh was President of the league.
- 1989 Christina Walsh was President of the League.
- 1987 Maree Lenaghan was Secretary of the League.
- 1988 Maree Lenaghan was Secretary of the League
- 2001 Andrea Moran was President of the League

**League Trophy winners.**

- 1982 Donna Jones U14 Best and Fairest
- 1982 Jacqui Hermann U17 Best and Fairest
- 1984 Christina Walsh U18 Runner-Up B & F
- 1984 Jacqui Hermann Open Best and Fairest
- 1987 Christina Walsh Open Runner-up B & F
- 1988 Christine Lenaghan U15 Runner-up B & F
- 2001 Sally Whelan (Reserves)
- 2007 Leesa Wall
- 2009 Felicity Cheeseman (B Grade)
- 2009 Leah Nelson (C Grade)
- 2008 Kirsten Phyland (Reserves)
- 2008 Johanna Dash (Open) Runner-up B & F

## Dunnstown Basketball/Netball Club Trophy Winners

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>TROPHY</u>
1972	Robyn Belcher Debbie Begbie Jennifer Britt	Best & Fairest Runner-up Most Improved
	Dianne Leonard Jenny Leonard Brenda Leonard	Best & Fairest Runner-up Most Improved
1973	Dianne Mullane Maurita Lenaghan	A grade B & F A grade Runner-up
	Robyn Belcher Debbie Begbie	U16 B & F U16 Runner-up
	Michelle Begbie Jenny Leonard	U16 B & F U16 Runner-up
1974	Louise O'Halloran Sandra Leonard	Jnr B & F Jnr Runner-up
	Helen White	Jnr B & F
1975	Helen White Maree O'Halloran	A Grade B & F A Grade Runner-up
	Helen White Dianne Leonard	A Grade B & F A Grade Runner-up
1978	Jane Leonard	B Grade Runner-up
1980	Ann Walsh	U17 B & F
1981	Jacqui Hermann Christina Walsh Jane Leonard	U17 Runner-up Most Improved Open Most Improved
	Donna Jones Christina Walsh Kerry Britt Ellen Leonard Kelly Leonard Jacqui Hermann Ann Walsh Jeniene Walsh Jo Hermann	U14 B & F U14 Runner-up Most Improved Most Consistent U14 Best Team Player U17 B & F U17 Runner-up Open B & F Open Runner-up

	Leisa Hermann	Most Consistent
1983	Christina Walsh Donna Jones Claire O'Halloran Ellen Leonard Jacqui Hermann Ann Walsh Leisa Hermann	U15 B & F U15 Runner-up Most Improved Most Consistent U18 B & F U18 Runner-up Open B & F
1984	Frances Murphy Christina Walsh Ellen Leonard Jacqui Hermann Leisa Hermann Maree Lenaghan	U15 B & F U18 B & F U18 Runner-up Open B & F Open Runner-up Most Consistent
1985	Christine Lenaghan Rosanne Sheehan Nicole Britt Christina Walsh Claire O'Halloran Jo Hermann Leisa Hermann	U15 B & F Most Improved Most Consistent U18 B & F U18 Runner-up Open B & F Open Runner-up
1986	Nicole Britt Christine Lenaghan Joan Walsh Narelle Sheehan Christina Walsh Michelle Hermann Maree Lenaghan Tania Britt	U15 B & F U15 Runner-up Most Improved Most Consistent Open B & F Open Runner-up Most Consistent Most Improved
1987	Katrina Sheehan Christine Lenaghan Rachael Britt Nicole Britt Joan Walsh Sharon Howard Christina Walsh Maree Lenaghan	U15 B & F U15 Runner-up Most Consistent U17 B & F U18 Runner-up Most Consistent Open B & F Open Runner-up
1988	Christine Lenaghan Katrina Sheehan Rachael Britt Maree Lenaghan Christina Walsh Tania Britt	U15 B & F U15 Runner-up Most Consistent Open B & F Open Runner-up Most Consistent
1989	Christine Lenaghan Rachael Britt Jayne Howard	U15 B & F U15 Runner-up Most Consistent

	Christina Walsh	Open B & F
1990	Christine Lenaghan Katrina Mullane Maree Lenaghan Christina Walsh Tania Britt	U18 B & F U18 Runner-up Open B & F Open Runner-up Most Consistent
1991	Maree Lenaghan Tania Britt	Open B & F Open Runner-up
1992	Kylea Bridges Bianca Kierl Shona Gladman Sally Knights Maree Dodd Katrina Mullane	U17 B & F U17 Runner-up Most Consistent Open B & F Open Runner-up Most Consistent
1993	Kylea Bridges Sarah Barby Rachel Danity Maree Dodd Natalie Carter Katrina Mullane	U17 B & F U17 Runner-up Most Consistent Open B & F Open Runner-up Most Consistent
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1994	Tanya Kemp Tania Britt	Open B & F Open B & F Runner Up Reserves B & F Reserves B & F Runner Up
1995	Tanya Kemp	Open B & F Open B & F Runner Up Reserves B & F Reserves B & F Runner Up
1996	Tanya Kemp Sarsha Wilkins	Open B & F Open B & F Runner Up Reserves B & F Reserves B & F Runner Up
1997	Natalie Howard Tania Lund Tanya Kemp  Felicity McKay Melina Prendergast Paige Cahir	Senior B & F Senior B & F Runner up Reserves B & F Reserves B & F Runner Up U17 B & F U17 B & F Runner Up U15 B & F U15 B & F Runner Up
1998	Natalie Howard	Senior B & F

	Felicity McKay Melina Prendergast	Senior B & F Runner up Reserves B & F Reserves B & F Runner Up U17 B & F U17 B & F Runner Up U15 B & F U15 B & F Runner Up
1999	Tania Britt Tanya Kemp	Senior B & F Senior B & F Runner up Reserves B & F Reserves B & F Runner Up U17 B & F U17 B & F Runner Up U15 B & F U15 B & F Runner Up U13 B & F U13 B & F Runner Up
2000	Michelle Keating  Tanya Kemp	Senior B & F Senior B & F Runner Up Reserves B & F Reserves B & F Runner Up
2001	Tanya Kemp Tania Britt Sarah Barby Sally Whelan Candice Pearce Melissa McKay	Senior B & F Senior B & F Runner Up Reserves B & F Reserves B & F Runner Up U17 B & F U17 B & F Runner Up
2002	Sally Whelan  Sarah Young	Senior B & F Senior B & F Runner Up Reserves B & F Reserves B & F Runner Up U17 B & F U17 B & F Runner Up U 15 B & F U 15 B & F Runner Up
2003	Felicity McKay  Michelle Keating	Senior B & F Senior B & F Runner Up Reserve B & F Reserves B & F Runner Up U17 B & F U17 B & F Runner Up U15 B & F U15 B & F Runner Up

2004	Felicity McKay Danielle Shortal Bianca Slater Kellie Richards  Elizabeth Carson	Senior B & F Senior B & F Runner Up Reserve B & F Reserves B & F Runner Up U17 B & F U17 B & F Runner Up U15 B & F U15 B & F Runner Up
2005	Candice Pearce Sarah Bucknall Melissa Mahar Bek Dummett Elizabeth Carson Jessira Perovic Karla Leoncini Stefanie Wilson Bianca Leonard Bianca Leoncini	Senior B & F Senior B & F Runner Up Reserve B & F Reserves B & F Runner Up U17 B & F U17 B & F Runner Up U15 B & F U15 B & F Runner Up U13 B & F U13 B & F Runner Up
2006	Leesa Wall Candice Pearce Melissa Mahar Kellie Richards/Anna McLoughlan Karla Leoncini / Stefanie Wilson Kirsty Elford Hannah Meade Hannah Murphy Bianca Leonard Bianca Leoncini	Senior B & F Senior B & F Runner Up Reserves B & F Reserves B & F Runner Up U17 B & F U17 B & F Runner Up U15 B & F U15 B & F Runner Up U13 B & F U13 B & F Runner Up
2007	Johanna Dash Candice Pearce/Leesa Wall Felicity Cheeseman Kirsten Phyland Karla Leoncini Kirsty Elford Tegan Boadle Hannah Meade Bianca Leoncini Bianca Leonard	Senior B & F Senior B & F Runner Up Reserves B & F Reserves B & F Runner Up U17 B & F U17 B & F Runner Up U15 B & F U15 B & F Runner Up U13 B & F U13 B & F Runner Up
2008	Candice Pearce Johanna Dash Kirsten Phyland Felicity Cheeseman Anthea Stevens Kate Hughes Shannon Breust	Senior B & F Senior B & F Runner Up Reserves B & F Reserves B & F Runner Up U17 B & F U17 B & F Runner Up U15 B & F

	Lauren Mullane Bianca Leonard Teghan Henderson	U15 B & F Runner Up U13 B & F U13 B & F Runner Up
2009	Kate McLeod Leesa Wall Kirsten Phyland Felicity Cheeseman	Senior B & F Senior B & F Runner Up Reserves B & F Reserves B & F Runner Up U17 B & F U17 B & F Runner Up U15 B & F U15 B & F Runner Up U13 B & F U13 B & F Runner Up
2010	Candice Pearce Johanna Dash Rachael Kennedy	Senior B & F Senior B & F Runner Up Reserves B & F U17 B & F U17 B & F Runner Up U15 B & F U15 B & F Runner Up U13 B & F U13 B & F Runner Up
2011	Olivia Hobbs Leesa Battistello Rachael Kennedy Brooke McEldrew Victoria Ramsdale Elise Van Ooi	A Grade B & F A Grade B & F Runner Up B Grade B & F B Grade B & F Runner Up C Grade B & F C Grade B & F Runner Up U17 B & F U17 B & F Runner Up U15 B & F U15 B & F Runner Up U13 B & F U13 B & F Runner Up
2012	Candice Pearce	A Grade B & F A Grade B & F Runner Up B Grade B & F B Grade B & F Runner Up C Grade B & F C Grade B & F Runner Up U17 B & F U17 B & F Runner Up U15 B & F U15 B & F Runner Up U13 B & F U13 B & F Runner Up

2013

Kirsten Phyland

A Grade B & F  
A Grade B & F Runner Up  
B Grade B & F  
B Grade B & F Runner Up  
C Grade B & F  
C Grade B & F Runner Up  
U17 B & F  
U17 B & F Runner Up  
U15 B & F  
U15 B & F Runner Up  
U13 B & F  
U13 B & F Runner Up

## **DUNNSTOWN NETBALL CLUB – Executives:**

1997

Executive	Maree Dodd
U15 Coach	Kate Britt & Sarsha Wilkins

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1999

President	Natalie Howard
Secretary	Lyndel O'Callaghan
Treasurer	Sonia Bickley

2000

President	Natalie Howard
Secretary	Michelle Walsh
Treasurer	Sonia Bickley
Junior Coach	Sarsha Wilkins

2001

President:	Lee Van Der Veer
Secretary	Andrea Moran
Treasurer	Sonia Bickley
Open Captain	Sonia Bickley
Reserves Captain	Andrea Moran
U17 Coach	Kate Britt

2002

President:	Karen Slater
Secretary:	Andrea Moran
Treasurer:	Sonia Bickley
Junior President:	Melissa McKay
Under 17's Coach:	Sally Whelan
Under 15's Coach:	Sally Whelan

2003

President:	Karen Slater
Secretary:	Andrea Moran
Treasurer:	Sonia Bickley
Junior President:	Melissa McKay
Open /Reserve Coach:	Anne Cheeseman
Under 17's Coach:	Sally Whelan
Under 15's Coach:	Andrea Moran

2004

President: Maria Clarke  
Secretary: Sally McKay  
Treasurer: Karen Cahir  
Senior Coach: Sally McKay  
Under 17's Coach: Anne Cheeseman  
Under 15's Coach: Paige Cahir

2005

President: Maria Cahir  
Secretary: Lisa Moran  
Treasurer: Karen Cahir  
Open Coach: Maria Cahir  
Reserves Coach: Karen Cahir  
Under 17's Coach: Bianca Slater/Melissa McKay  
Under 15's Coach: Melissa Leonard  
Under 13's Coach: Natasha Leoncini/Kirsty Elford

2006

President: Ingrid Klien  
Secretary: Mel Maher  
Treasurer: Felicity McKay  
Open Coach: Maria Cahir  
Reserves Coach: Sadie Bucknall  
Under 13 Coach: Tash Leonard and Kirsty Elford  
Under 15 Coach: Katrina Maurer  
Under 17 Coach: Anne Cheeseman

2007

President: Ingrid Klien  
Secretary: Ainslee Edmonston  
Treasurer: Felicity McKay  
Open Coach: Maria Cahir & Leesa Wall  
Reserves Coach: Anne Cheeseman Reserves  
Under 17 Coach: Mellissa Leonard & Kellie Cheeseman  
Under 15 Coach: Sarah Maybury  
Under 13 Coach: Tash Leonard & Liz Carson

2008

Executive: Sonia Bickley  
Secretary: Ainslee Edmonston  
Treasurer: Paige Cahir  
Open Coaches: Leesa Wall  
Reserves Coach: Anne Cheeseman  
Under 17 Coach: Saray Rigney & Kirsten Phyland  
Under 15 Coach: Sarah Maybury  
Under 13 Coach: Candice Pearce & Jamie Auchettl

2009

President: Andrea Moran  
Secretary: Paige Cahir  
Treasurer: Felicity Cheeseman  
A Grade Coach: Leesa Wall & Georgia Cann  
B Grade Coach: Anne Cheeseman  
C Grade Coaches: Andrea Moran & Paige Cahir  
Under 17 Coach: Lara Di Vito & Kirsten Phyland  
Under 15 Coach: Kasey Griffiths  
Under 13 Coach: Fran Peterkin/Jenny Leonard

#### 2010

President: Andrea Moran  
Secretary: Jenny Leonard  
Treasurer: Kylee Breust  
A Grade Coaches: Leesa Wall & Georgia Cann  
B Grade Coach: Sarah Smith  
C Grade Coach: Rachael Kennedy  
Under 17: Kasey Griffiths  
Under 15: Elise Van Ooi & Victoria Ramsdale  
Under 13: Fran Peterkin & Sophie Bethune

#### 2011

President: Kylee Breust  
Secretary: Lara Di Vito  
Treasurer: Georgia Cann  
A Grade Coaches: Leesa Wall & Georgia Cann  
B Grade Coach: Gerogia Cann  
C Grade Coach: Kellie Cheeseman  
Under 17 Coach: Elise Van Ooi & Victoria Ramsdale  
Under 15 Coach: Kerrin Boddington  
Under 13 Coach: Jamie Leonard & Shannon Bruest

#### 2012

President: Jenny Leonard  
Secretary: Cate Murphy  
Treasurer: Kerryn Boddington  
A Grade Coaches: Leesa Battistello & Georgia Cann  
B Grade Coach: Kelly Aggett  
C Grade Coach: Steph Jones  
Under 17: Jenny Leonard  
Under 15: Sally McKay  
Under 13: Jamie Leonard & Shannon Bruest

#### 2013

President: Trish White  
Secretary: Fran Peterkin  
Treasurer: Kerryn Boddington  
A Grade Coaches: Leesa Battistello  
B Grade Coach: Kellie Aggett  
C Grade Coach: Maddy O'Bree

Under 17 Craig Walker  
Under 15 Sally McKay  
Under 13 Taylah Walker & Teghan Henderson

2014

President Trish White  
Secretary Fran Peterkin  
Treasurer Kerryn Boddington  
A Grade Coach Kate Charleston & Lisa Battistello & Johanna Dash  
B Grade Coach Kellie Aggett  
C Grade Coach Maddy Williams  
Under 17 Craig Walker  
Under 15 Nicole Chammings  
Under 13 Taylah Walker & Teghan Henderson

## 1948 BASKETBALL TEAM



Frances Squire (Capt), Jean Squire, Anne Linahan, Maureen Leonard, Pat Greene (VC), Marie Britt, M Flynn, Kath Leonard, Lorna Murphy

## 1952 BASKETBALL PREMIERS



Standing: Kath Leonard,....., Barbara Murphy, ....., Ellen Murphy,

Seated:....., Pat Greene, Eileen Walsh.

## 1960'S BASKETBALL TEAM



Back: Cath Lenaghan, Denise Boak, Patricia Lenaghan, Jo Lenaghan.  
Front: Phyllis Walsh, Margaret Lenaghan, Helen Walsh, Maurita Lenaghan.

## 1973 BASKETBALL PREMIERS



L to R: Chris O'Halloran, Deb Begbie, Kerrie Belcher, Ina Quinlan, Robyn Belcher, Colleen Clark,  
Jenny Britt, Susan Murphy.

## Dunnstown 1993 NETBALL TEAM



Back: Tracey Morris, ... Maree Dodd, ....., Natalie Carter  
Front: ..., Katrina Mullane, Lisa O'Loughlin.

## Dunnstown 1993 Junior Netball Team



Back: Vanessa Lawrence, Kylea Bridges, Rachael Dainty, Shona Gladman  
Middle: Dridget D'Arcy, Shona Dodd, Rebecca Munro

Front: Kate Britt, Sarah Barby

**Dunnstown Netball Club 1994  
Centenary Team – Open Grade**

**Dunnstown Netball Club 1994  
Centenary Team – U16**

## Dunnstown Netball Girls 2007



Back: Paige Cahir, Regina Walsh, Melina Prendergast

Front: Simone Conroy, Monique Walsh, Felicity McKay, Bec Aston, Kara Simpson

## Dunnstown Netball Club U17 Premiers 2002



Photo "The Courier"

Back: Jenna Cowie, Stacey Berry, Sarah Young, Candice Pearce, Danielle Breust, Sally Whelan

(Coach), Sarah Barrett & Carly Perovic  
Front: Karen Slater (Ass. Coach) Bianca Slater, Melissa McKay

## **Dunnstown Netball U17 Premiers 2006**



*Photo "The Courier"*

Back: Claire Britt, Karla Leoncini, Natasha Leonard, Rachel Leoncini, Stephanie Jones  
Front: Stefanie Wilson, Elizabeth Carson, Jessira Perovic, Kirsty Elford

## **Dunnstown Netball Club Reserve Grade Premiers 2007**



*Photo "The Courier"*

Back: Sarah Rigney, Sonia Bickley, Kirsten Phyland, Jamie Auchettl, Ainsley Edmondson, Claire Britt & Coach Anne Cheeseman  
Front: Kellie Cheeseman, Bec Dummett, Kylee Bruest and Felicity Cheeseman  
**Dunstons Netball Club A Grade**



Back: Lisa Moran, Candice Pearce, Sarah Bicknell,  
Middle: Bianca Slater, Maria Clarke, Amy McElgunn, Felicity McKay  
Front: Sally Whelan

## Dunnstown Netball Club Reserves Premiers 2008



Back: Kirsten Phyland, Felicity Cheeseman, Bek Dummett, Nikita Lowe , Lara DiVito, Sarah Rigney, Sarah Maybury, Anne Cheeseman (Coach)  
Front: Kellie Cheeseman, Ainsley Edmondson and Jamie Auchettl

## Dunstons Netball Premiers A Grade 2010



Back: Kate Charleson, Georgia Cann, Candice Pearce, Maria Cahir, Sadie Smith, Hannah McElgunn Front: Johanna Dash, Leesa Wall & Kirsty Thompson

## League Netball Best & Fairest



2001 Reserves Best & Fairest  
Sally Whelan



Above : 2007 League Best & Fairest  
Leesa Wall

Left: 2008 League Reserve Grade Best & Fairest  
Kirsten Phyland

Below: Senior League Best & Fairest 2008  
Johanna Dash Runner-up to Amanda Clarke



PLAYERS LIST OF NAMES

Abrams, Alan  
Adams, Steve  
Albouret, A  
Alexander, J  
Allen, P  
Anderson, Tom  
Andrews, E  
Antonio, Andrew  
Antonio, Barry  
Antonio, Kevin  
Antonio, Mick  
Anwyl, David  
Armstrong, Brett  
Armstrong, D  
Armstrong, J  
Armstrong, Paul  
Armstrong,(1909  
Armstrong,(1913  
Atkins, George  
Atkins, Paul  
Auchttl, Barry  
Auchttl, Colin  
Auchttl, John  
Auchttl, Peter  
Auchttl, Peter  
Bailey, Chris  
Bailey, Colin  
Bailey, John  
Bailey, Martin  
Balderson, A  
Baldwinson, Ken  
Baldwinson,Andrew  
Barbetti, Brendon  
Barby, Michael  
Barnett, Dennis  
Barry, Ian  
Barry, Steven  
Batchelor,Craig  
Bawden, Brendon  
Bawden, G  
Beames, Graeme  
Bedgood, Adrian  
Bedgood, Phillip  
Bedgood, Tim  
Beechie, Mick  
Begbie, Bill  
Begbie, Jamie  
Begbie, John  
Begbie, Kane  
Begbie, R  
Begbie, Shaun  
Begbie, Stephen  
Bennett, G  
Bennett, J

Bennetts, J  
Benson, R  
Berry, Lincoln  
Bilney, Colin  
Binder, Barry  
Blake,  
Blaw, Stephen  
Blaw, Stephen  
Blood,(1925)  
Boadle, Tony  
Boak, D  
Boak, John  
Bogart, John  
Bogert, P  
Boland, Geoff  
Booth,  
Bourke, Paddy  
Box, John  
Brady, Ben  
Brady, Danny  
Brady, Jim  
Brady, Luke  
Brandenburg, Chris  
Brandenburg, Paul  
Brandenburg, Tim  
Breen, (1913)  
Breen, Stan  
Brennan, D  
Brennan, H  
Brewer, P  
Bridges, Arthur  
Bridges, Bill  
Bridges, Brendon  
Bridges, Gary  
Bridges, Luke  
Bridges, Lyle  
Bridges, Peter  
Briers, Mick  
Brind, (1909)  
Briody, Brendan  
Briody, Darryl  
Briody, Jamie  
Briody, Tony  
Britt, (1913)  
Britt, Adrian  
Britt, Anthony  
Britt, Basil  
Britt, Brendan  
Britt, Brian  
Britt, Craig  
Britt, Damien  
Britt, Danny  
Britt, Darren  
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Britt, Dean  
Britt, Dean  
Britt, Des  
Britt, Frank  
Britt, Gerard  
Britt, Glen  
Britt, Graeme  
Britt, J  
Britt, Jason  
Britt, Jim  
Britt, John  
Britt, John  
Britt, Karl  
Britt, Kevin  
Britt, Mark  
Britt, Maurice  
Britt, Mervyn  
Britt, Michael  
Britt, Owen  
Britt, Paul  
Britt, Peter  
Britt, Phillip  
Britt, Robert  
Britt, Roy  
Britt, Shaun  
Britt, Simon  
Britt, Tim  
Britt, Tom  
Britt, Travis  
Britt, Warren  
Brogden, Glen  
Brogden, Paul  
Brogden, Phillip  
Brooks, Earl  
Brooks, Glen  
Brudenall, Jim  
Buckland, Bob  
Burfat,  
Burge, F  
Burke, Andrew  
Burke, Chris  
Burke, Shane  
Burns, Darren  
Burns,(1913)  
Burton, John  
Butler, Shane  
Butson, Graham  
Cahir, (1894)  
Cahir, Gerard  
Cahir, Ian  
Cahir, Jaye  
Cahir, Mathew  
Cahir, Nathan  
Cahir, Rhys

Calder, Dean  
Calder, T  
Caldwell, I  
Calway, (1913)  
Cantwell, (1925)  
Card, David  
Card, John  
Carey,  
Carey, Neil  
Carr, Alex  
Carson, Kelvin  
Cartledge, Craig  
Cgrovic, C  
Cham, Bolac  
Cheeseman, Alistair  
Chisholm, Noel  
Christie, Brendon  
Clapperton, (1909)  
Clark, (1909)  
Clark, Darryl  
Clark, Graeme  
Clark, Mick  
Clark, Paul  
Clarke, (1894)  
Clayton, D  
Cleary, Brett  
Cluff, S  
Cockerill, Phil  
Cocking, Noel  
Cocking, Ron  
Cole, Adam  
Cole, Andrew  
Cole, Shane  
Commons, Brendon  
Connell, Allan  
Connellan, P  
Cook, Russell  
Coombs, D  
Cosgriff, Anthony  
Cosgriff, Brendon  
Cosgriff, Danny  
Cosgriff, Greg  
Cosgriff, John  
Costello, R  
Costigan, Tony  
Coyle, Tim  
Cox, Bill  
Cranage, Anthony  
Crawford,  
Crowe, Damian  
Crowe,(1913)  
Cuddy, Dallas  
Cummings,(1925)  
Cummins, Patsy

Cummins, Tony  
Cunning, Ron  
Cunningham, Kevin  
Curran, Craig  
Curtain, B (1935)  
Curtain, C (1935)  
Dalton, Neil  
Daniels, Barry  
Davis, Aaron  
Daws, Wayne  
Dawson  
Day, Alex  
Day, S  
Dean, (1913)  
Dean, Murray  
Dejong, Scott  
Denahi, A  
DenOuden, John  
Diamond,(1894)  
Dignan, Brendan  
Dignan, David  
Dignan, Paul  
Djordjevic, A  
Djordjevic, Craig  
Dobbyn,  
Dobbyn, Glen  
Dobbyn, John  
Dobbyn, Noel  
Dodd, Brendan  
Dodd, Frank  
Dodd, Jason  
Dodd, Mick  
Dodd, Paul  
Dodd, Peter  
Dodd, Shane  
Donnelan, (1894)  
Donnellan, (1913)  
Donohue, F  
Donovan, Danny  
Donovan, Gary  
Donovan, Kerrin  
Donovan, Peter  
Dorrington, (1913)  
Douglas, Darren  
Duffy, Leigh  
Duffy, Maurice  
Duffy, Phillip  
Duggan, Sean  
Duke, (1894)  
Dummett, Shawne  
Dummett, Wally  
Duncan, L  
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