

THE HISTORY OF THE
**WILLIAMSTOWN CYMS
FOOTBALL CLUB**



**Providing 130 Years of Community
Football in Williamstown**

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A History of Williamstown CYMS

Prologue:

The information and photos included have been researched from the records and memorabilia available and the memories and recollections of past and present members in an attempt to capture some of the people, Players and events that have been a part of this football club since 1886. Apologies are offered for those not included.

The photos illustrate the successes, events and changes that have occurred over the life of the club, and although locations and dress styles evolve, the warmth and character of the people haven't changed since the clubs beginning.

This club has played a significant historical role in the development of community activities and with bringing people together in academic, drama, sporting and social pursuits since the settlement of Williamstown. The fact that it is still contributing to the life of Williamstown after many other clubs have disbanded over the years is a tribute to the management, the members, and particularly the character of people that have become involved with the club.

There is no doubt in the current regimes strategy for the future that there will be another edition of this history written in another 50 or 100 years.

In writing this history a special dedication is acknowledged to the late **Anthony (Tony) Williamson** (Club Secretary 60's, 70's and early 80's) who collected and stored Club memorabilia and whose long term wish was to write a history of the Club. In fulfilling this wish brothers **John and Dan Henry**, who both joined the Club in 1970, set about retrieving and collecting data and memorabilia items for the purpose of transcribing the history of the Williamstown CYMS Football Club.

Their extensive work has resulted in the following presentation of the football club's history since its inception in 1886. In putting this together thanks must also go to the following members whose contributions were greatly appreciated in producing background information which has been included in this book. These contributors to the information which follows are:-

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History of Williamstown Catholic Young Men's Society (CYMS) Football Club

Established 1886

Where it all started

Despite the erratic start to football in Williamstown, by the early 1880's the town had assembled several teams (trades and workshop teams as well as major clubs), with games creating a packed scene that swelled the possibilities for transforming healthy rivalry into uncontrolled hostility.

"I could not make out who were victorious a spectator complained after a wild contest between the Williamstown Football club and Battery United, with men and youths rushing at one another rather than the ball".

By 1886, football had achieved the status of a national game, an outcome not universally applauded. It was the Williamstown Advertiser who noted, *"The game is becoming year by year more debasing, kicking an inflated piece of corksikin between a pair of poles"*. While the Williamstown Chronicle responded saying *"football was regarded not only as body-building, but a patriotic duty"*.

In 1873, the annual Grand Catholic Picnic and Fete for Williamstown and suburbs was held offering races, football, bands, sideshows etc. And although ceasing for a number of years it was revived in 1880, and by the mid 1880's, 4000 people swarmed onto the reserve for sports and other activities.

Taking part in these activities from 1886 onwards was the Williamstown Catholic Young Men's Society (CYMS), however the church philosophy in Australia was less interested in cultural uplift than in the role of education in controlling the passions, as the archbishop made clear when opening the new Catholic school in November 1887.

What transpired is that although acknowledging their loyalties to the church in Rome, these catholic young men were as concerned and passionate with Irish subjects as the Scots were with their Celtic heritage.

At a CYMS meeting a toast to one of the most important people in 19th century Ireland - Charles Stewart Parnell (leader of the Irish Parliamentary Party), was as noisy and clamorous as if it had come from Irish soil.

The parish priest at this time was Father Walshe, who addressed the meeting having recently returned from a visit to Ireland. With his encouragement the CYMS established a football team in 1886 and in true Irish spirit established themselves as worthy combatants not to be taken lightly.

So who are the CYMS?

The CYMS was originally established in Ireland, and a Victorian Branch was formed in 1849. The Williamstown CYMS was subsequently formed by the local parish community with the intent of creating an organisation that offered an atmosphere of friendship and provided an opportunity for members to pursue their interests, and this well before it decided to enter a football side in the local competition.

Higher Education – the C.Y.M.S. factor

(An extract from book by Williamstown parishioner Cliff Gibson – St Mary's 150 Years of Education)

After leaving school the opportunity to continue learning was provided by an organisation for young men; its aims were to promote the spiritual, intellectual and social welfare of its members. In May 1886 the Williamstown Branch of that organisation, the Catholic Young Men's Society (C.Y.M.S.) was formed by John Seymour, Edward Pearce and a small band of enthusiasts at St Mary's.

One very elderly gentleman of the 'village' many years later said that the C.Y.M.S. was formed "to keep those Catholic kids from roaming the streets at night."

Be that as it may, the C.Y.M.S. meetings were held every Monday night and conducted in accordance with the rules of parliamentary debate. Subjects covered during 1888 were:

- Readings from various Authors; Trial by Jury; Essays by Members; Mimic Parliament; Musical evening; Debate on Temperance; Conundrums; Debate on Smoking; Miscellaneous Items; Draught Tournament; Lecture; Impromptu Speeches; Debate on Home Rule.

The great J.J. Liston honed his renowned debating and oratorical skills at those C.Y.M.S. 'nights of learning'.

A regular feature in Williamstown for many years was the Catholic Sports Days conducted by the C.Y.M.S. and held every Easter Monday in the Gardens' Reserve (Fearon).

These days were well patronised by the community who were all passionate about getting involved in sporting contests.

The following was the programme for Easter Monday 1887 on which day it was reported that some 2000 people attended.

WILLIAMSTOWN CATHOLIC SPORTS,

WILL BE HELD ON

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 11TH, 1887

IN THE

GARDENS' RESERVE
PROGRAMME OF SPORTS

FIRST EVENT TO START AT 12.30 SHARP.

STARTER - MR J.T. HERNAN

JUDGES - MESSRS E.J. PIERCE, J. CONROY,
AND J.S. SEYMOUR.

COMMITTEE - MESSRS E.J. PIERCE, J.T. HERNAN, D.J. DARCY, J.S. SEYMOUR, J.
CONROY, J. MAGNER, W.J. JONES, E.P. JONES.

NO.1. - BOYS' RACE, UNDER 16 YEARS, 100
YARDS. 1ST, 15s; 2ND, 5s. ENTRANCE, 6d.

2. - GIRLS' RACE, UNDER 12 YEARS, 75 YARDS.
1ST, 10s; 2ND, 5s. ENTRANCE 6d.

3. - MAIDEN RACE, 100 YARDS. 1ST, 30s;
2ND, 10s. ENTRANCE 2s.

4. - HANDICAP FLAT RACE, 150 YARDS.
1ST, £3 10s; 2ND, 30s. ENTRANCE, 2s 6d.

5. - SIAMESE RACE, 100 YARDS. 1ST, 15s;
2ND, 5s. ENTRANCE, 1s.

6. - HANDICAP FLAT RACE, 300 YARDS.
1ST, £3; 2ND, 30s; 3RD, 5s. ENTRANCE, 2s 6d.

7. - RUNNING HOP, STEP, AND JUMP. 1ST
15s. ENTRANCE, 1s.

8. - HANDICAP FLAT RACE, 440 YARDS. 1ST, £3 15s;
2ND, £1 15s; 3RD, 10s. ENTRANCE, 2s 6d.

9. - WILLIAMSTOWN C.Y.M. SOCIETY'S HANDICAP, 150 YARDS. 1ST, 30s; 2ND, 15s;
3RD, 5s. ENTRANCE, 2s.

10. - HALF-MILE. 1ST, £2 10s; 2ND, £1. ENTRANCE, 2s 6d.

11. - LASCARS' RACE, 100 YARDS. 1ST, 5s. ENTRANCE FREE.

12. - TUG OF WAR, MARRIED V. SINGLE. 1ST, 50s. ENTRANCE, 1s.

13. - MILE RACE. 1ST, £4; 2ND, £1 10s;
3RD, 10s. ENTRANCE, 2s 6d.

14. - CONSOLATION STAKES, 250 YARDS. 1ST,
30s; 2ND, 15s. ENTRANCE, 2s.

FIVE TO START FOR EACH EVENT OR NO RACE.

ENTRIES RECEIVED FOR THE HANDICAP RACES,

150, 300, 440, HALF-MILE, AND MILE RACES ON OR BEFORE 9 P.M. ON MONDAY
EVENING, MARCH 28TH, AT HENRY'S CUSTOM HOUSE HOTEL, NEL-SON PLACE, ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY OF SPORTS COMMITTEE.

ALL OTHER ENTRIES RECEIVED ON THE GROUND.

HANDICAPS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOCAL PAPERS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND.
COMPETITORS FOR THE HANDICAP RACES TO SEND IN PERFORMANCES FOR THE LAST TWO
YEARS, AND COLORS.

E.P. JONES,
SECRETARY SPORTS COMMITTEE.

From The Beginning

Since its formation, the organisation has at different periods also been involved in many other activities including theatrical performance, playing euchre competitively, debating, basketball, cricket, athletics and table tennis and has always kept a healthy relationship amongst its members through the holding of social events such as camps, picnics, dinner dances and annual balls.

However, the sports of football and cricket have remained the mainstays and are still actively pursued competitively by the Club today. From the early memorabilia items and newspaper articles available it is clear that CYMS Members became involved in all the activities that the Club participated in.

Cricket

Whilst not a football item but a memorabilia item of note from the period 1902-1903 is a copy of the CYMS Cricket Association Matting competition match fixture which shows the Williamstown CYMS as one of the competing teams.

At that time Williamstown were playing against teams from across all the inner Melbourne suburbs with the family name of Brennan mentioned as being involved with the Cricket Club, the Cricket Competition Executive and also being actively involved in an official capacity with the Football Club during the same period.

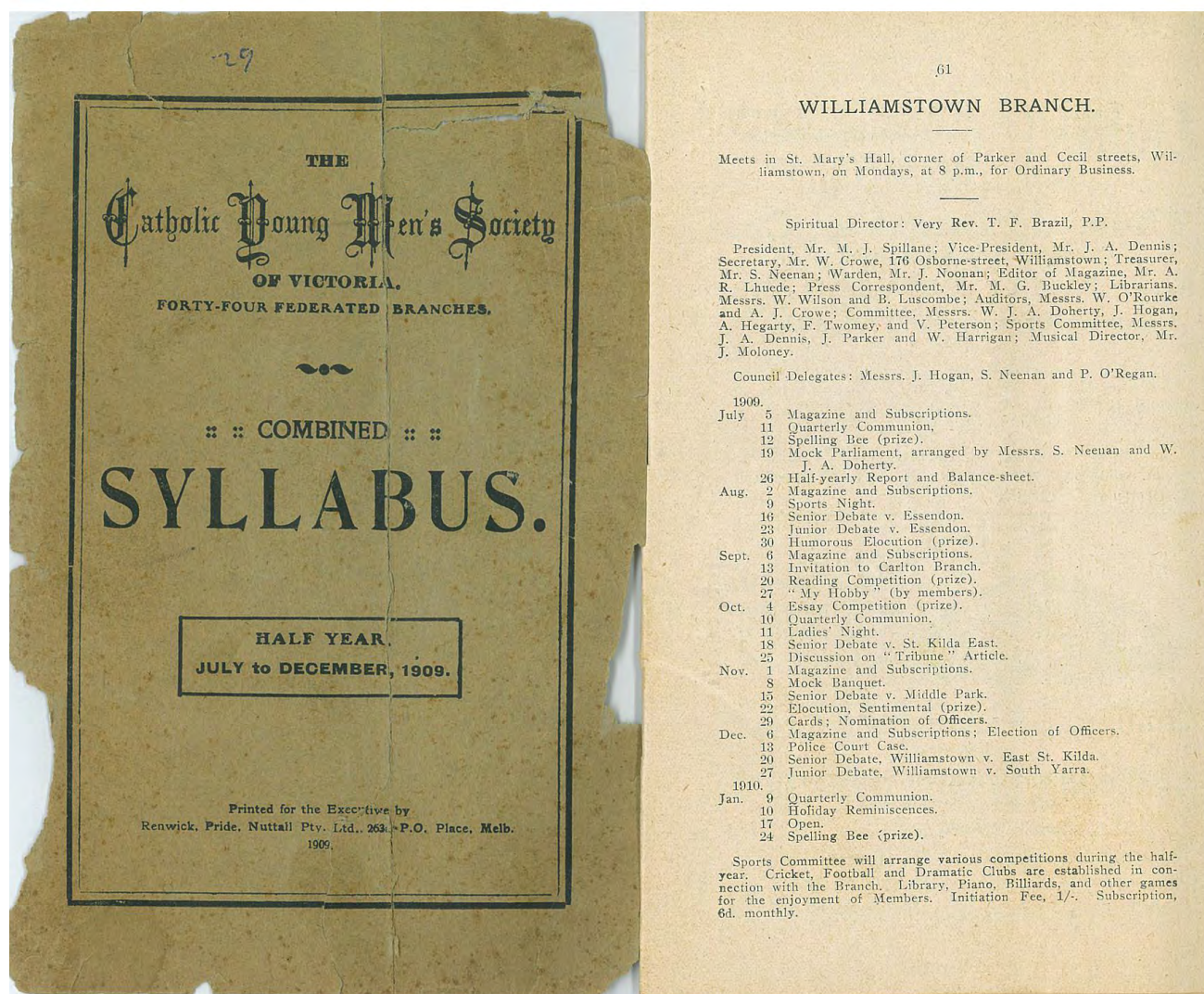
The actual dates on which Cricket evolved at the Williamstown CYMS is not clear but it would appear that the Club's origins certainly may have been established by St Mary's parishioners as the names of those involved at both St Mary's and with the CYMS are a constant reference throughout newspaper articles and memorabilia items available from that period.

In an article in the Williamstown Chronicle newspaper dated Saturday 1 October 1898 reference is made to the holding of the AGM of the St Mary's CC with Mr P J Gubbins, Vice President in the Chair and Cr JJ Liston being elected as President.

These names together with others appointed as office bearers and officials at that time, being names such as Fitzpatrick, Neenan, Ward, Burke, McNamara, Murphy and Dennis, are names which continue to reappear in an official capacity at the CY's Football Club throughout the early decades of the Club's existence in particular the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Syllabus 1909

In the early years the society produced a half-yearly Syllabus of program events for all the Branches to follow which included details of the Office Bearers for each branch. An extract of the 1909 Syllabus for the July to December period is shown below.



The 1909 Syllabus highlighted the Branch's success in Cricket during this period. Page 19 reported on the Inter-Branch Competitions showing the Branches that had finished First and Second in these Competitions between 1903 and 1909.

The Competitions where results were listed included Athletics, football, Cricket, Senior Debate and junior Debate. With active and strong Debating competitions in the early days being the training ground for a successful political career.

During this period the Williamstown Branch is recorded as finishing First in the Cricket competition in the years 1903-4; 1907-8; and 1908-9 - the Runners-Up in those years being listed as North Melbourne in 1903-4 & 1907-8 and South Yarra in 1908-9.

Theatrical Pursuits

It could be argued that its long standing involvement in community activities is a key factor in the Club's development and its survival as a community institution. As such it is necessary to acknowledge involvements in some of these other pursuits, as although this book is about the Club's football history, it is expected that some members and players would have involved themselves with the other activities of the Club, including drama, competitive euchre game nights and, in those days without the attraction of TV and Radio to pass away the evenings, gatherings and entertainment programmes were held at the St Mary's School which included as an example activities such as presentations depicting a pictorial view of Ireland with guest singers and poetry readings accompanying the programme. Chronicle articles of 27 August and 15 October 1898 recording these successful events. J Dennis being involved with the CYMS Euchre Team and P Gubbins hosting the 'Night in Ireland' on behalf of the CYMS.

To provide some insight into some of these past activities a couple of examples of the successes achieved through the theatrical activities of the Williamstown CYMS are illustrated below. And just maybe someone reading this will recognise the names of family, or someone else's relatives.

The diversified interests of members were apparent through the formation of the CYMS Dramatic Club. It is not known how long the Dramatic Club was in existence; however several newspaper articles from the Williamstown Chronicle have critiqued their performances and are summarised below.

1. The Chronicle dated 23 September 1893 reported on the performance of "The Shaughraun" (an Irish play/musical) by the CYMS Dramatic Club at the Mechanics Hall.

Extract from the newspaper article as follows:-

The writer of the article noted that the first time he had seen this play enacted was at the Theatre Royal in Dublin in 1860, so he had fond memories waiting to be reignited.

The critique noted that the performance was more than creditable, with special mentions for Mr. Curtain (Stage Manager), M.J. Fitzpatrick (Theatre Secretary), Mr. Armstrong (Scenic Artist), Mr. A. Paine who provided the costumes, and Mr. E. Kirkby of Nelson Place who illuminated the various scenes with limelight which created a very pretty effect.

The cast for the show included:-

Mr. M. J. Madden, Mr. J. Wall, Miss M. Ryan, Miss P. Bruton, Miss M. Woodlands, Miss F. Grime, Miss Tyrell, Mr. J.J. Liston, Mr. P. J. Gubbins, Mr. J. Pick, Mr. Quigley, Mr. A. Harrigan, together with keeners, peasants, and soldiers.

The article noted that one drawback to the show was that the Mechanics Hall lacked proper ventilation. With the windows closed the stifling heat meant the 600 people packed into the Hall soon became quite uncomfortable. However the performance was worth enduring the discomfort, with the song by Miss Woodlands pathetically rendered (as required) which resulted in a standing ovation, and Miss Tyrell's song also well received.

All in all the show was well executed and the audience showed their appreciation by the vociferous applause that followed.

The article writer mentioned that he was struck by the style of stage kissing, with none of your “sham smacks”, this was genuine lip to lip full blown smooching and alas did he wish to be young again (“twould be wonderful, dat it would indeed”).

2. The Chronicle dated 18 March 1911 reported on the staging of “The Shamrock and Rose”, held in the Mechanics Hall.

Extract from the newspaper article as follows:-

“A romantic drama of Irish life during the rebellion of 1798, Shamrock and Rose was interestingly submitted at the Mechanics Hall by Williamstown CYMS. Father Brazil and his curate were present.

The show was well received by an enthusiastic audience, and highlights included the performance of a capable and cool Mr. J. Noolan, and Miss E. Kerity’s singing of ‘The Wearing of the Green’ being encored. Other cast members praised for the performances included, Mr. W. Harrigan, Shaun Carey, Miss J. Doherty, Mr. H. O’Neill, Mr. W. Doherty, Mr. A Crowe, Miss L. McCart and Mr. H. Mackay.

3. The Chronicle dated 9 August 1913 reported on the staging of “A Millionaire’s Daughter” at the Empress Pavilion.

Extract from the newspaper article as follows:-

“The **Empress Pavilion** was crowded to the doors on the occasion of the presentation of the sensational drama ‘A Millionaires Daughter’. The proceeds were devoted to St. Mary’s Bazaar, the fund benefiting to the extent of 35 Pounds.

The drama was under the direction of Mr. H. Luscombe, who also played a key character in the play. A particular item that delighted the audience was a song by Mr H. Mackay called St. Mary’s Bazaar, which he sang to the tune of the San Francisco Fair and which brought down the house in raptures.

Another performance of note was that of Mr. F. Twomey, a gentleman of 6ft. 3ins. who entertained the house with his portrayal of a really zealous police officer. Other cast members included Miss L. McCart, Miss M. Thomas, Miss M. Hillman, Mr. A.J. Crowe, Mr. B. Luscombe, Mr. A.V. Hegarty, Mr. V. Rain, Mr. J. Spillane, and Mr. W. Harrigan.

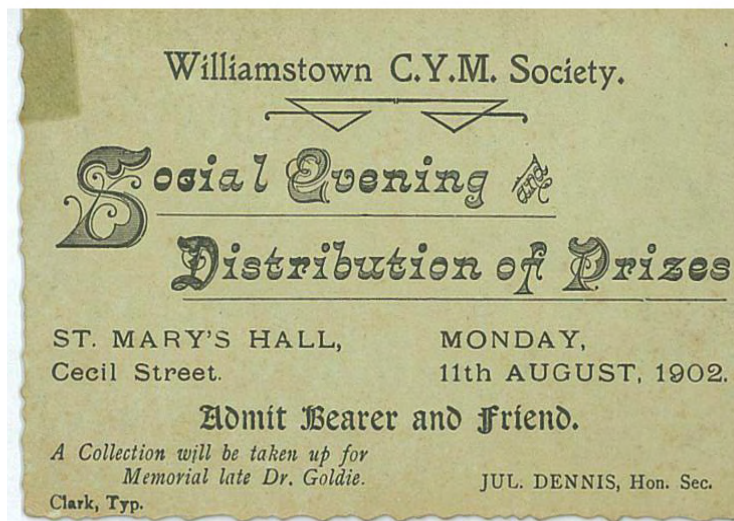
The show was a delight and lived up to the standard of productions by Williamstown CYMS.

Of interest is the location of the **Empress Pavilion**, the original being built in 1907 by Mr Edwin Gaunt (owner of the Alfred Woollen Mills) at 12 Garden Street Williamstown on the site of the now Italian Social Club which is located opposite the rear of the CYMS Change-rooms.

The Pavilion was a large building containing novelty rides, a roller skating rink, an ice-cream stall and a stage. Gaunt soon passed the building on to a new owner who established an open-air picture palace in conjunction with the Pavilion.

Social Activities

The following memorabilia of social events and photos taken in the early years depict the life and times of the Club through its social events when community activities provided both connection and entertainment during an era when enjoyment and fun were not obtained from movies, radio and TV.



Williamstown CYMS Camping Trip circa 1908



CYMS Camping Trip

Back Row: Unknown, Unknown, Dick O'Rourke, Unknown, Unknown, Jim Neenan, Tim Neenan, Unknown.

Middle Row: Unknown, Billy Wilson, Unknown, Unknown, Councillor Jack Dennis.

Front Row: Jack Doherty, Henry Mackie, Unknown, Unknown, Unknown, John Christensen, William (Bill) Doherty.

Williamstown CYMS Picnics 1923 & 1931



Williamstown CYMS Ball - Mechanics Institute 1925



Williamstown CYMS Dance – Esplanade Hall 1926



The Football Club

Since the establishment of the Football Club in 1886, the club has won **14** Senior Grade Premierships which were achieved in the following years - **1898, 1928, 1955, 1956, 1961, 1962, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1977, 1984, 2008, 2009 & 2014**. With **5** Reserve Grade Premierships also being successfully achieved in the years **1970, 2000, 2008, 2009 & 2016** and a Premier “C” Grade thirds premiership in 2017.

In addition, the Club has made the Senior Grand Final on **10** other occasions with records showing that this was achieved in **1903, 1939, 1940, 1954, 1971, 1990, 1991, 1996, 2000, and 2001**. Unfortunately the Club had to settle for being Runners-Up even though they were very successful football periods for the Club.

The home of the football club is located at the Fearon Reserve, Osborne Street Williamstown as reflected in the following photo. In the early days it was referred to as the Gardens Reserve.



Writing the story of a sporting Club's history, especially one covering 130years, is either as easy or as difficult as the amount of information that has either been formally documented along the way, or that is remembered by surviving members. As such the early years in the Club's history are scant, but nevertheless the information gathered will illustrate some of the people and events that form part of this story.

The following sections hope to provide some recognition of the contributions played by those participating in the Football activities of the Club, including players, committees, and the non-playing helpers that every Club needs and is grateful for their involvement. The Williamstown CYMS Football Club has lasted as long as it has because it has been blessed with a wealth of the type of people you want around a Club – community minded workers.

Period 1886 – 1930

Whilst it has been difficult to derive archival documents and commentary to illustrate the Club's early history, particularly its football activities, the research of old newspaper articles, which mainly constitute match day results, some memorabilia items and stories from old club stalwarts are the main source of record that has at least confirmed the names of long term Members, Officials and Players, the Club's successes and ongoing community and social activities during its long history. However, these articles and stories are also sparse covering the period of the first 68 years. Nevertheless, these are important as they reflect the people that administered the Club and the Players that played in the various eras over the years, and who were part of building the ongoing longevity that now exists.

The following information is therefore presented in the manner in which it has been researched. So it is hoped that you enjoy some of the history that has made this great Club what it is today, a bigger and stronger organisation than most of the older brigade would ever have envisaged.

The Early Years

From records gleaned from newspaper articles and memorabilia membership tickets which have provided a record of the Season's Match Fixture, Competition Teams and Club Office-Bearers, information on the opposing teams the CY's competed against and a history of those involved with the Club over extended periods has been able to be extracted and produce a genealogical overview of the early life of the football club.

Also, discussions with older Club Members, Players and Officials has assisted in embellishing the history of the past and been able to provide some enlightening stories which capture moments and events throughout the period.

Between 1911 and 1930 some of the names which appear include the Dennis family members and Cr J.J. Liston with each continuing with their involvement over many decades. J Dennis being President in 1911 and Cr JJ Dennis a Vice president in 1929 along with JJ (Jack) Liston for a similar period. It should also be noted that the B&F trophy for the VFA/VFL is also named after Cr JJ Liston who was a very prominent person of the day and actively involved in supporting sporting Clubs and community activities. A study of these records attached will enable the reader to capture this trend which depicts the early indications of the Williamstown CYMS as a family based club. A review of the Life membership listings (Appendix 2) shows the names of Liston and Fearon as being bestowed with this high order of recognition from the Club in its formative years.

Year 1904

Ref: Independent (Footscray), 2 April 1904

The annual meeting of the Williamstown CYMS Football Club was held in St. Monica's Schoolroom, with the President H. Newell in the chair. The secretary's report for the previous season highlighted that the club were runners-up in the grand final, and the club was in a good position financially. The following office bearers were elected for the coming year.

President – H. Newell;

Treasurer – J. Henry;
Honorary Secretaries – M. Barry and T. McKay;
Club Delegate – L. McKay;
Committee - J. Cassidy, F. and W. Muller, J. Delahey, J. Barry.

Year 1909

Ref: Williamstown Chronicle, 3 July 1909

The game between Williamstown and **Footscray** CYMS clubs played at the garden reserve on 26th June resulted in a win for Williamstown.

The final score was:-	Williamstown CYMS	7-15-57
	Footscray	1- 7-13

Goals: P. Moloney 2, J. Moloney, J. Parker, A. Craine, W. Craine, J. Marr.

Best: All players contributed to a good victory.

On next Saturday the 10th July Williamstown journey to **Greensborough**.

The above reference to the Club playing at the Garden Reserve was due to the oval's location along-side the Williamstown Botanical Gardens and at that time the oval had not been named after Capt. Fearon.

Year 1911

A record of the match fixture for Season 1911 (below) shows the Home and Away Football Season commencing on May 6 and concluding on 12 August with Finals matches to follow on 19 & 26 August. A shorter Season back then as there was only eight teams and 14 rounds of football prior to the finals.

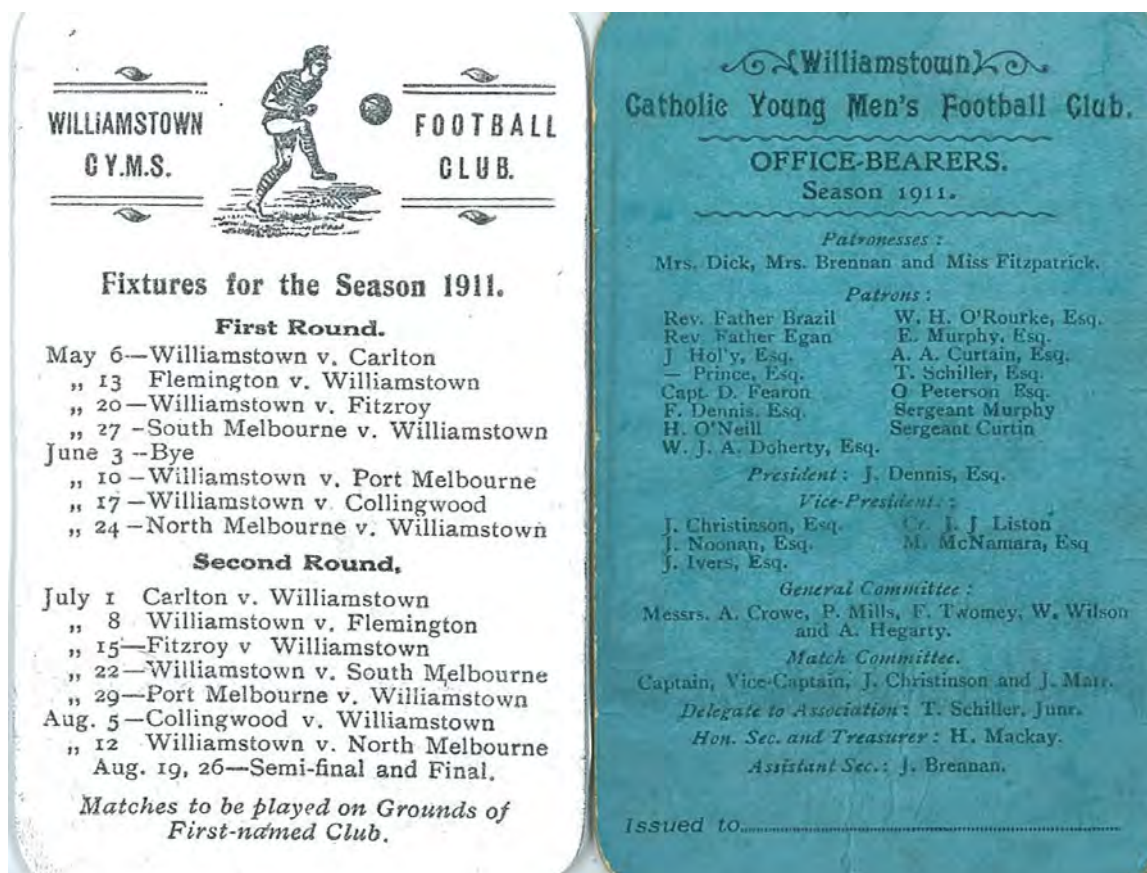
In those days teams mainly existed in inner suburbs of Melbourne and the fixture indicates that the Williamstown CYMS played in an eight team competition against 7 other teams from **Carlton, Flemington, Fitzroy, South Melbourne, Port Melbourne, Collingwood and North Melbourne**.

The Club President in 1911 was J Dennis Esq. and there were also 5 Vice Presidents which included Cr J.J Liston. Five Committee Members were also elected to the General Committee. The Match committee of the day was made up of the Captain, Vice-Captain, J. Christison (VP) and J Marr.

Back then the Club was also supported by Patrons who were also recognised as Office-Bearers of the Club. Of note amongst those listed are the local parish Priests Rev's Brazil and Egan, Capt. D Fearon and Sergeants Murphy and Curtin from the local Constabulary. This was also one of the early indications of the involvement of women down at the Club with Miss Fitzpatrick being also recognised in the Office-Bearer list as a Patron. A copy of the Fixture is attached below as a permanent record.

No record of match results can be found to determine how Williamstown performed during the 1911 season.

From the records available for 1909 and 1911 it is clear that the Club played against different teams in perhaps a two tiered competition and as such the Club may either have moved grades following a successful year or perhaps as a result of other competing teams moving between grades.



Year 1914

Ref: Williamstown Advertiser, 30 May 1914

At the invitation of Williamstown CYMS, 30 members of the Geelong branch visited the town on last Saturday. A football match was played at the Gardens Reserve and the visitors proved victorious, winning by 10 points.

The final scores were:- Geelong CYMS 3-10-28
 Williamstown CYMS 2- 6-18

Best: Twomey, Crowe, Wilson and Abberton. L. Hegarty (taken to hospital with cut knee)

After the match the visitors were entertained at a dinner at the Yacht Club Hotel, when the President, N. Mills, heartily welcomed the visitors, and hoped that the good feeling existing between the two branches would be long continued, and these visits become more frequent. The captain of Williamstown CYMS (Wilson) supported the president's comments, and said the best team had won on the day.

The President of Geelong (Mr. Alday), responded by acknowledging this was the first time they had beaten Williamstown. The umpire, P. Mills, also spoke at the event and said that as he had been abused by both teams he was satisfied that he must have umpired a good game.

The visitors were then invited to the CYMS Assembly at the Temperance Hall where some 70 couples were present to greet the teams. After an enjoyable day most of the visitors left on the special football train for home, whilst others were the guests of local members for the weekend.

Year 1916 – The War Years

Ref: Williamstown Chronicle, 18 March 1916.

There was a good attendance at a general meeting of the Williamstown CYMS, with chairman N. Mills presiding. One of the main topics was the election of representatives to attend a meeting of the Football League to discuss whether a football competition should be held in 1916, given the issues associated with the war efforts. Mr. J. White and Mr. J. McAuliffe were elected to attend.

In other outcomes, Mr. L. Harty tendered his resignation as secretary, press correspondent and editor of the magazine due to other commitments. Mr. L. King was elected secretary, Mr. N. Fitzpatrick was elected press correspondent, and Father Gellie was unanimously chosen as editor of the magazine.

CYMS Members Enlisted for active service

A special mention was included in the minutes acknowledging services rendered by ***Mr. W. Booth, who goes into armed services camp that week, and Father Gellie wished the lad a safe return.***

Ref: Williamstown Chronicle, 6 May 1916.

At a Williamstown CYMS club meeting presided over by president Mr. F. Murphy on 1st May, Mr. L. King reported that ***21 club members had enlisted for active service.***

Ref: Port Melbourne Standard, 1 July 1916

In a match held at the Port Oval between Port Melbourne CYMS and Williamstown CYMS, the 'Town men never looked like winners. By three quarter time, not a single point had been scored at the western end against the strong wind. But although Port was kicking against the breeze in the last quarter, they led at three quarter time by 5-13 to 1-4.

An encounter between a player and a soldier spectator on the Inglis street side was brief but lively, and provided an exciting interlude.

Overrunning the visitors, Port pressed hard against the wind and scored 2 points.

The final scores were:- Port Melbourne CYMS 6-15-51
 Williamstown CYMS 1- 6-12

Best: J. McAuliffe, Morgan and J. Fitzgerald.

During the game McAuffile fell and landed heavily. A first aid man in attendance examined McAuliffe and determined one of his ribs had been broken, and he was conveyed to hospital for treatment.

An Early team photo.



Circa (early 20th century) – dress code places it between 1900 and 1920.

The Twenties

The 1920's was a period of consolidation for the Club following the war years. It needed to get itself re-established and football focussed as it was keen to taste premiership success and build some consistency and professionalism around the Club.

As the decade progressed it is clear that all steps were taken to change the Club's football direction and the luring and signing of John Martin to the coaching position in 1924 and 1928 was paramount in this turnaround. He had come from the professional VFL and VFA ranks so was able to bring a new focus on training and tactical game plan to the team. The result of course speaks for itself with the Club being undefeated Premiers in 1928 under his leadership.

The twenties was a lively period and many of the inner Melbourne teams were established with Players that grew up in pretty tough conditions and often played the game pretty hard and on their terms. Intimidation was not uncommon and rivalries built up between areas with a win at all cost regardless of the cost mentality.

A Brutal game:

A story recounted to Frank Jones by his Uncle, Jack Doig relates an event at the Fearon in the twenties where Willy was intimidated by the visiting team from West Melbourne CYMS.

West Melbourne at that time was renowned for their enthusiastic approach to the game and in particular to winning at all cost. In modern football this level of commitment would be commonly referred to as thuggery.

The scene that unfolded centred round the final home and away match for the year with a place in the finals up for grabs for the winner, with the loser to hang up their boots for the year.

In those days teams used to come together in one large group to the game generally in the back of an old furniture van. As the event unfolded the Opposition furniture van pulled up under the Cypress Trees in Osborne Street and the team and supporters got out.

One of the supporters apparently got out with a hand saw, climbed up one of the trees, sawed off a couple of limbs and then proceeded to cut them into handy weapon sized lengths which he then distributed to his cronies.

As the game progressed they roamed the boundary line wearing their badges of rank and with that managed to convince both Williamstown Players and Spectators alike, through intimidation, of their resolve. After an interesting but subdued game – guess what? – West Melbourne won and progressed to the finals.

This was not a style of football that the CY's were accustomed to and neither one which they condoned as they were about fostering a strong community and team spirit approach. A trait that continues to exist today at the Club and also throughout its long and successful history.

1922 - CYMS Football Team – Game played at Surrey Hills



The team below is believed to be circa 1923 to 1926 as familiar faces appear from 1922 onward.

4th in back row is J Doig – others unknown.



1924 – The season that John Martin first coached the CY's



Back row: Unknown, Unknown, Unknown, Unknown, J Doig, Unknown, J Lee.

3rd Row: Unknown, A Rennie, All others unknown

2nd Row: Unknown, J Curtain (Pres), W Rennie (Capt), J Martin (Coach), Unknown.

Front Row: All Unknown

Year 1928

This year saw the club go through the season undefeated and ultimately winning the Premiership.

Coach John Martin, after coaching the club in 1924, was appointed captain/coach of VFA Williamstown in 1925/1926 (having previously played with VFA Williamstown and Footscray from 1917-1923. John was recruited back to the club in 1928 as non-playing coach taking the team to a premiership. John was made a Life Member in 1929 and was again the senior coach in 1947 after the team was re-assembled after the end of WW11.

The football results for each game and also the finals are detailed in Appendix 5 to this document, along with the Premiership Team photo and other personnel, and photos of the coach, captain and vice-captain. The Grand Final was played at Yarraville oval against Essendon on September 8, 1928.

The final score was Williamstown CYMS	15-12-102
Essendon	11- 6 - 72

The 1928 team has been spoken of as one the most exciting and talented teams in the club's history.

Several players from this team have been included in the Team of the Century for the period 1923-1962, which is no mean feat given the club won premierships in 1955, 1956, 1961, & 1962, and was runner up on other occasions during this period.

Players from this team that went on to higher standard were Tommy Gubbins (Vice captain) who played 17 games with VFL Essendon during 1930 & 1931; Sam Elliott went on to play with VFL Melbourne; and Jim Ward continued his career with VFA Williamstown.

It was no surprise that Williamstown held dominance over Essendon as in a game played earlier in the year the team inflicted a more substantial defeat on the opposition with the papers reporting as follows:

A newspaper article for the Essendon game played during 1928 is as follows:

Williamstown met Essendon on Gardens Reserve (The Fearon) and the large crowd was treated to a fine exhibition. Although Essendon were ahead at quarter time, the locals took control and held a six goal lead at half time. T. Quinn's marking was a feature. Essendon did better in the third quarter, but in the final term Williamstown were playing with fine system (taught to them by Coach John Martin) and ran out winners by 7 goals.

Williamstown CYMS	14-10-84
Essendon	7 - 8-50

Goals: Quinn 4, Daly 3, Ward 2, Kenny 1, Elliott 1, Reidy 1, McInerney 1, Doig 1.

Best: T. Quinn, Captain Sam Elliott was inspirational.



JACK DOIG 1928

JOHN FRANCIS DOIG BORN 1906 WILLIAMSTOWN
DIED 1972 WILLIAMSTOWN

At the annual meeting the contribution of President Mr. J.J. Roberts and popular Secretary Mr. J.W. Roberts was acknowledged as outstanding (see photo below). J.W. Roberts has held the secretarial position in all sporting clubs connected with the Williamstown CYMS, and he considered winning a football premiership was the ultimate reward for his long time efforts.

At the meeting credit was bestowed on the untiring work of Coach John Martin Snr in moulding the team to achieve the most coveted honour of a premiership. His services were given in an honorary capacity, and he was presented with a suitable memento of the occasion.

Mr Gunn, head trainer, also received a presentation in recognition of his attention to the players and advice provided during the

season.

The photo opposite is of Premiership Player Jack Doig who played through the twenties and early thirties and whose family had strong ties with the CY's over many decades.

Premiership Cake made by Mrs Anderson and presented to the Club Captain Sam Elliot by Mr & Mrs Anderson.

Elliot later lost his life in tragic circumstances off Williamstown Beach.





Mr. J. J. Roberts, President, and Mr. J. W. Roberts, Secretary, and "The Roberts Cup," won by T. Gubbins (vice-captain).

Year 1929

The following article relates to ground improvement issues which the Club had presented to the Williamstown City Council back in March 1929. As is the case today it was obviously also difficult back then to get any Council budget allocation for ground improvements.

Ref:- Williamstown Chronicle, 30 March 1929.

'At a meeting of the Williamstown Council, representatives of various sporting clubs attended to discuss the allocation and use of recreational reserves. Mr Roberts and Mr Rennie represented the Williamstown CYMS Football Club.

A request was put to the council for the improvement of Gardens Reserve, stating that the reserve required levelling up and a fence erected on the Esplanade side so as to prevent the sand from being blown onto the portion used for football and cricket.

The council Garden Committee recommended that as no money had been provided on the estimates, the question of erecting a fence along the Esplanade be postponed. The committee also noted that if the CYMS Football Club is prepared to provide an additional flagpole, the council will erect same. However the council declined to prepare and maintain cricket wickets as this was the responsibility of the sporting club.

The Committee also recommended that the St. Andrew's and CYMS Football clubs, along with the Lacrosse Club, be granted the use of the Gardens Reserve for the coming season, subject to dates and matches being arranged to the mutual satisfaction of all parties.'

A New Season

In the aftermath of the premiership success in 1928, the Club kicked off Season 1929

OFFICE-BEARERS: Season 1929.		FIXTURES. 61	
President—Mr. J. J. Roberts.		April 27—Balaclava	(home)
Vice-Presidents—		May 4—Bye	
Cr. J. J. Dennis, Cr. J. J. Liston,		" 11—West Melb.	(home)
T. Boyd, F. Dennis, W. Crowe,		" 18—Camberwell	(away)
J. Seymour, A. Gunn.		" 25—Sth. Yarra	(home)
Patrons—		June 1—Essendon	(away)
Miss Fitzpatrick, D. Carmody, A.		" 15—Thornbury	(home)
Cleak, F. Finnegan, F. Fitzsim-		" 22—Northcote	(away)
mons, P. Gubbins, H. Miller, S.		" 29—Ascot Vale	(away)
Pilling, J. Reidy, M. Shean,		July 6—Balaclava	(away)
D. Spurling.		" 13—Bye	
General Committee—		" 20—West Melb.	(away)
H. Hernan (chairman), T. Gub-		" 27—Camberwell	(home)
bins, J. Hogan, L. McInerney,		Aug. 3—Sth. Yarra	(away)
A. Moloney.		" 10—Essendon	(home)
Hon. Asst. Secretary—T. Vaughan		" 17—Thornbury	(away)
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer—		" 24—Northcote	(home)
J. G. Bevis, 173 Cecil Street,		" 31—Ascot Vale	(home)
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invigorated for further success but with some changes to the team with Players moving on. In those days, the Season kicked off in May and only went through until the end of August. A report of the first game of the season is recorded below.

The Club was still led in 1929 by President JJ Roberts and would play against opposition teams from Balaclava, West Melbourne, Camberwell, South Yarra, Essendon, Thornbury, Northcote and Ascot Vale.

Ref:- Williamstown Chronicle, 18 May 1929.

Last Saturday Williamstown CYMS played their first competition match against West Melbourne. Immediately after the bounce CY's Gubbins was deliberately punched and was carried off the field with a cut lip and slight concussion. By sheer force CYMS carried the ball towards goal, where Seymour, picking up smartly, hoisted first goal.

Seymour, McKay, McInerney and Boardman were hard working players on the forward line, while Dorgan, Bevis, Walsh and Gubbins (having returned to the game) were tireless in defence.

Ward in the centre was filling the position with credit, while Doig was playing his usual heady game.

18 May 1929:

Final Scores:-	Williamstown CYMS	11-7-73
	West Melbourne	3-5-23

Goals: Seymour 5, Daly 2, Shade, Vaughan, McInerney, Ward.

Best:- Tommy Seymour, the diminutive rover and forward was easily best on ground. Shade, Dorgan, Boardman, Walsh, McInerney, Doig, Bevis and Ward excelled.

Ref:- Williamstown Chronicle, 6 July 1929

Last Saturday Williamstown CYMS met Ascot vale at their ground. The game was extra fast, the ball flashing from end to end rapidly. Boardman was playing a capital game on the backline, while Gubbins was responsible for some bright flashes. Rover Seymour was causing a lot of trouble to the opposition, and Kenny posted a goal from a free. McCarthy the stalwart follower was as fast as the small men, and although marking well his shot for goal was astray. Hogan earned applause for his fast wing work, whilst Hindle and Bevis were dominating the ruck.

By three quarter time the scores were even, and the spectators were on their toes with excitement at the opening of the final quarter. The last quarter was all Williamstown and they stamped their victory on the game convincingly in the end.

6 July 1929:

Final Scores:-	Williamstown CYMS	11- 6-66
	Ascot	6-13-49

Goals: Daly 6, Seymour 2, McInerney, Kenny.

Best: Boardman, Daly, Walsh, Dorgan, Young, Seymour, Reidy, Ambrose and Hogan.

1929 Football Team



The Club finished 3rd on the ladder in 1929

Rear: ----,----,----, J Doig, ----,----, L Hindle, ----, F Bevis, ----, Dorgan

Middle: ---, H Dorgan, ---, C Walsh, ----, J J Roberts (Pres), L McInerney, A Rennie.

Front: T Vaughan, ----, ----, M Kenny, T Seymour, ----, ----, ----.

Period 1930 – 1954

The Thirties

The 1930's was another period of stabilisation and team building for the Club with it just missing out on premiership success in 1939.

In researching the history of the Club across the period of the twenties and the thirties what is noticeable is the regularity of the appearance of local Williamstown family names which have a continuing association as **Players** with the CY's across many decades and on into later years.

Names which fall into this category and stand out include Rennie, Doig, Ward, McNerney, Daly, Kenny, Gubbins, Hindle, Seymour, Walsh, Bevis, Dorgan, Reidy, Ambrose, Vaughan, Spurling, Tweedly, McGuire, Hynes, O'Dea, Griffin, Handsford, Murphy, O'Brien and Michael to name just a few.

Also, Familiar names continued to pop up in Club Leadership positions with J. A. Dennis holding down the position of President in both 1932 and 1933 and J. J. Liston still acting in a Vice President's role.

This period was the first evidence of the Season starting earlier than mid-May with a commencement date of 30 April in 1932 and 29 April in 1933 with games running right through until the end of August before finals which were completed in early September. The football fixtures for 1932 and 1933 shown below provide an insight into this period.

Opposition Teams in **1932** included:

Preston, Northcote, Cathedral, Fairfield, South Yarra, Ascot Vale, Port Melbourne, Flemington, and Carlton; and

In **1933** matches were competed against:

South Melbourne, Glen Iris, North Brunswick, Fairfield, South Yarra, Northcote, Flemington, Ascot Vale and Clifton Hill.

It is believed that there were different Divisions in existence back then with a promotion and relegation system in place. This is evidenced by the fact that the Club played against 4 different teams between 1932 and 1933.

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Messrs. F. Dennis, J. J. Liston, D. Spurling, E. Boyd, P. McIntyre, M. Spillane, J. Seymour, J. W. Roberts, J. Christison.

Patrons:

Messrs. E. Grieve, W. Gadd, G. Fraser, J. Merritt, C. Lehane, D. Carmody, R. Crewes, Mrs. Finegan, Mrs. Elliott, Miss Maher, Miss Fitzgerald.

General Committee:

Messrs. F. McCarthy (chairman), J. Hogan, J. Bevis, J. Andrew, L. McInerney, T. Seymour, W. Seymour, F. Hernan.

Delegates:

F. J. Case, J. Fogarty, F. Neenan.

Hon. Treasurer: J. Andrew.**Hon. Secretary:** F. J. Case, 38 Osborne St., Williamstown. Phone Wmstn. 126.**FIXTURES.**

April	30—Preston v. Wmstn.
May	7—Wmstn. v. Northcote 14—Cathedral v. Wmstn. 21—Wmstn. v. Fairfield 28—Sth. Yarra v. Wmstn.
June	4—Wmstn. v. Ascot Vale 11—Port Melb. v. Wmstn. 18—Wmstn. v. Flemington 25—Carlton v. Wmstn.
July	2—Wmstn. v. Preston 9—Northcote v. Wmstn. 16—Wmstn. v. Cathedral 23—Fairfield v. Wmstn. 30—Wmstn. v. Sth. Yarra
Aug.	6—Ascot Vale v. Wmstn. 13—Wmstn. v. Port Melb. 20—Flemington v. Wmstn. 27—Wmstn. Carlton

Matches played on ground of first-named Club.

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MEMBER'S TICKET

SEASON
1932**OFFICE-BEARERS :****President:** Mr. J. A. Dennis.**Vice-Presidents:**

Messrs. J. J. Liston, F. Dennis, D. Spurling, J. Merritt, E. Boyd, P. McIntyre, M. Spillane, J. Seymour, J. Christison, J. W. Roberts, E. Grieve, C. Foster.

Patrons:

G. Fraser, W. Gadd, C. Lehane, R. Crewes, R. Barry, T. Doult, Mrs. Elliot, Miss Maher, Miss Fitzpatrick.

General Committee:

Messrs. F. Case (chairman), J. Hogan, T. Seymour, J. O'Dea, F. McMahon, F. Neenan, J. Doherty, F. McCarthy.

Delegates:

F. Hernan, F. Case, J. Doherty.

Hon. Treasurer: J. Andrew.**Hon. Secretary:** F. Hernan, 37 Yarra St., North Williamstown.**FIXTURES.**

April	29—Wmstn. v. Sth. Melb.
May	6—Glen Iris v. Wmstn. 13—Wmstn. v. N. Brunswk. 20—Fairfield v. Wmstn. 27—Wmstn. v. Sth. Yarra.
June	3—Wmstn. v. Northcote 10—Flemington v. Wmstn. 17—Ascot Vale v. Wmstn. 24—Wmstn. v. Clifton Hill
July	1—Sth. Melb. v. Wmstn. 8—Wmstn. v. Glen Iris 15—N. Brunswk. v. Wmstn. 22—Wmstn. v. Fairfield 29—Sth. Yarra v. Wmstn.
Aug.	5—Northcote v. Wmstn. 12—Wmstn. v. Flemington 19—Wmstn. v. Ascot Vale 26—Clifton Hill v. Wmstn.

Matches played on ground of first-named Club.

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MEMBER'S TICKET

SEASON
1933

The following photos are of teams from the early to mid-1930.



Standing: C Michael, E Joy Snr, M Hynes, J Walsh, A Hodges, G Elliot, F Neenan, L Hindle, I Walsh, T Hynes, J Ward, W Daniher.

Centre: Unknown, N Michael, F Dorgan, T Vaughan, G Taffe, F Case, J Hernan, P Reidy, H Hansford, T Gleeson.

Front: W Seymour, D Katz, T Seymour, E Joy Jnr, J Taffe, J Currie, L Foster.

The Players and Club Officials represented in this photo appear across many of the photos from this period and ultimately the surnames of Hynes, Neenan, Walsh, Ward, Dorgan, Vaughan, Hernan, Seymour, Joy and Foster became household Williamstown CYMS names in the ensuing years. This strong family tradition is highlighted throughout the Club's history.

Specifically from this photo it is worth noting the journey of the family name of Joy with E Joy Snr being the trainer in 1934 and his son as mascot in that year. Travelling the journey to 2014, E Joy Jnr's Grand-son Ryan represented the Club as a Premiership Player in 2014 and Ryan's mother Terry-Ann became a member of the Committee. In a further connection Ryan's Uncle and Terry-Ann's brother David White represented the Club in the 1980's & 90's and was a member of the inaugural Club's 1983 Under 19 team which was the forerunner to the Club being accepted into the VAFA in 1984.



Rear: ,, M Hynes, E McGuire, H Handsford, J Doig,, Walsh, J O'Dea, T Hynes, C Michael

Middle: ,,, M Kenny,,,

Front: A Morrison,,,,,



Year 1936 – Golden Jubilee – 50 Years Strong

Ref:- Williamstown Chronicle 29 August 1936.

Williamstown CYMS Football Club held a function to celebrate its golden jubilee year in the nature of a ball. Held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday night there was a very large attendance, conspicuous amongst them were some of the pioneer members with their wives and families. Visitors from outer suburbs together with former residents of this city all made for a wonderful gathering and celebration.

1938 Team



Rear: ----, ----, T Vaughan, ----, K Spurling, J O'Dea, L Hindle, ----, ----, M Hynes, H Handsford.

Middle: E McGuire, ----, A Morrison, R Barry, M Kenny, E Mc Gurrie (Pres), ----, J Rudd (Coach), ----,

Front: ----, ----, K Tweedly, ----, ----, ----, W Walsh

Year 1939

The Club were runners-up in the grand final this year. Against Collingwood at the Fearon Reserve the club registered their third win in a row. A fine day provided the avenue for a fast free flowing game, and with Boyd and Healey dominant in attack the CY's were far too talented and pacey for their opposition. O'Brien and Walsh were lively all day providing constant drive and becoming a headache for their opponents. The team was in a rebuilding phase following some disappointing years, and as the coach highlighted after the game, all goes well for the future.

The final scores:- Williamstown CYMS 19-18-132
 Collingwood 7- 8- 50

Goals: Boyd 5, Healey 4, Walsh 2, O'Brien 2, Spurling, Hynes, Michael, Kenny.

Best: O'Brien, Walsh, Healey.

A key reason for making the finals this year was a strong attendance at training under the capable tuition of J. Rudd. The committee acknowledged the contribution of players, officials and team support personnel at the presentation night, with the President offering a confident outlook for the club's future.

A photo of the Grand Final team is shown below. The picture has been taken in front of the Botanical gardens fence which ran along the boundary separating the Fearon Reserve Oval from the gardens.

1939 Grand Final Runners-Up Team



Rear: T Vaughan, unknown, J Hynes, unknown, K Spurling, J O'Dea, Unknown

Middle: A Morrison, unknown, E McGuire, R Barry, unknown, Payne, unknown, T Murphy

Front: J Dowling, K Tweedly, Unknown, W Walsh

The Forties

Whilst carrying the improved success of the 1939 season onto into the forties the Club unfortunately still managed to get pipped at the post in Season 1940 when they again were runners up in the grand Final. This was to be the Club's last appearance as a team as the Competition, like most other competitions around Melbourne disbanded during the war years with games not recommencing until 1946.

The team strength in 1940 was boosted through the recruitment of Keith O'Brien (Bruce's father) from the State Bank of Victoria's VAFA 'A' Grade team where he played in 1939. In 1940 the VAFA competition was disbanded due to WW11 and so Keith, who used to train with the CY's on Tuesday nights and State Bank out at the Brighton Beach Oval on Thursday, crossed over half way through the season to join the CY's 1940 team and play off in the Grand Final.

Three weeks after the grand final Keith, like many others joined the army and was dispatched to fight in New Guinea. In the photo below Keith O'Brien is eighth from the left in the back row.

The Guernsey in the forties was Navy Blue in colour with a large yellow hoop around the girth. As the war drew on, the navy dye became increasingly harder to obtain and the colour lightened to a softer blue which eventually transformed into the royal blue which is still used today.

Year 1940 - CY's go down in Grand Final

In a hard fought tussle against East Melbourne at the Maribyrnong ground, the CY's just failed in their bid to win another premiership their last success in 1928.

The club had recruited well after making the finals the previous year, and the confidence for the ultimate success was growing as the year progressed. 'Town battled with intensity and aggression against an opposition that proved just as rigid in it's desire for the ultimate victory. The CY's were gallant in defeat.

The final scores:-	East Melbourne	9-15-69
	Williamstown CYMS	8-12-60

Goals: V. Kearney 4, T. McMahon 2, F. Hynes, K. O'Brien

Best: E. Bevan, F. O'Brien, J. O'Dea, T. Murphy, F. Morris, V. Tyler.

Trophies for the three best players in the grand final were won by - E. Bevan, F. O'Brien, J. O'Dea.

The presentation night and dance were held at St.Mary's Hall on 24th September.

The football team sheet record of the 1940 B Grade Semi-final played against Thornbury is on the following page.

1940 Grand Final Runners-Up Team



Known names:

Rear: 7th from left – J Guildford; 8th Keith O'Brien
Third Row: 3rd from left – J Griffin; 4th J O'Dea; 7th V Murphy.
Second Row: 2nd from left – Kevin Spurling; 3rd J Rudd (Coach); 4th T McMahon (Capt), 6th E Michael; 7th R Case; 9th R Barry.
Front Row: 2nd from left – W Walsh; 3rd Tommy Murphy; 6th Kevin Tweedly.

It is assumed that other names from the photo appear on the Team Sheet below.

1940 Semi-Final Team

C.Y.M.S. Football Association
B Grade
Semi-Final
Williamst'n v. Thornbury
Saturday, August 31

**Keep this date free- TUES., SEPT. 17, Northcote
Town Hall. Admission: Adults 6d.; Child 3d.**

THORNBURY		WILLIAMSTOWN.	
1	F. FOX	2	E. MICHAEL (Vice-Captain)
2	J. DONNELLAN (Vice-Capt.)	3	K. SPURLING
3	E. FITZPATRICK	4	V. KEARNEY
4	B. FRICKER	5	V. TYLER
5	J. FOX	6	G. HEALY
6	J. MORTON	7	L. CLAPPERTON
7	D. SHOPPEE	8	J. GUILDFORD
8	J. LANCASTER	9	K. TWEEDLY
9	D. FRICKER	10	F. MURPHY
10	J. HOLLOWOOD	11	F. MORRIS
11	M. MARRIOTT	12	H. O'BRIEN
12	T. FORRISTAL	13	J. GRIFFIN
13	J. HINTON	14	E. BEVANS
14	B. SOWERSBY	15	J. DAVENPORT
15	B. PIDATO	16	J. SEXTON
16	K. MARTIN	17	B. BLAKE
17	K. FLINT	18	J. O'DEA
18	T. PARRY	19	D. PAYNE
19	S. MILLMAN	20	P. WALSH
20	J. WARDLE (Captain)	21	K. MILLER
21	T. WARDLE	22	W. WALSH
22	J. ALYWARD	23	J. McKNIGHT
23	J. JOHNSON	24	T. McMAHON (Captain)
24		25	K. O'BRIEN
25		26	F. HYNES

Colours—Royal blue, green and white stripes.

Umpires:

Field—W. Johnstone.

Boundary—W. Tyrell, H. Rowbottom.

Goal—E. McEvoy, D. Clifford.

Colours—Blue and gold.

The Night of the Year—Crazy Cabaret Kick-Up

See Your Football Delegate

V. McINERNEY (FU1333), W. M. DONALD (FU5992), Joint Secretaries.

Billiards Jim Firman

Proprietor

Halliday House (8 tables) Howey Place (rear Capitol)

Apollo Theatre (6 tables) Basement, 30 Bourke St.

146 Elizabeth Street (9 tables)

Opp. State Saving Bank

Conducted under Strictest Supervision

Special Arrangements For Branches Conducting Tournaments

(Private Room Available)

Snooker

Second World War

As many young men were enlisting for the war effort, the competition disbanded until 1946.

Year 1941

Ref:- The Argus (Melbourne), 23 May 1941

The Argus newspaper reported the following casualty of the war.

Corporal James J. Michael has been wounded in action. He is 29 years old. Born in Williamstown and attending St. Mary's School, he served for some years in the RANR. He was a clerk before he enlisted in an AIF Infantry Battalion.

James played football with the Williamstown CYMS in the late 1930's, and his brother Edward also played with the club during this period and was vice captain of the losing 1940 grand final team. Their mother lives in Williamstown.

Year 1943

Ref:- Williamstown Chronicle, 30 April 1943

Jack Guildford, a former Williamstown CYMS footballer has sent an SOS to the Editor of the Chronicle for footballs. He writes from his army battle station in the West that his Unit, containing many lads from Williamstown and surrounding district, is short of footballs.

At present they have only one ball between 200 hefty kickers. He writes that if a local club or sporting store has any footballs to spare (used is good), then the lads would be much appreciative.

Year 1946

This was the first completed season after the war years and with colour dyes and jumpers scarce and as can be seen in the 1946 and 1947 team photos below the Club wore a black Guernsey with a yellow V. It wasn't until the fifties that they changed to blue and gold hoops.

Photo of 1946 Team is shown on the next page:

Williamstown C.Y.M.S. Football Club

SEASON 1946



Back Row—W. WALSH J. BROSNAN G. MYERS L. FEATHERSTONE K. NEYLON G. HEALY
 Standing—S. BASSETT K. SPURLING H. O'BRIEN J. WALSH R. FEATHERSTONE
 Sitting—J. MARTIN (Coach) T. VAUGHAN (Capt.) R. BARRY (President) J. O'DEA (Vice-Capt.) J. GRIFFIN (Sec.)
 Front Row—T. MURPHY R. HANSEN D. PAYNE W. WILSON

Match Report:

A game report of 25 July 1947 shows that the Club had managed to pull together a strong and competitive team after the war. With the 1928 Undefeated Premiership Coach John Martin back in charge things looked promising. Also from the 1928 playing list Maurie Kenny is in the 1947 photo as a Player and Tom Vaughan Snr as an official.

Ref:- Williamstown Chronicle 25 July 1947.

Williamstown CYMS ran out easy winners at Essendon last Saturday. It was a good game in which marking and pace showed out on a wet day.

Final Scores:	Williamstown CYMS	13-17-95
	Essendon	4- 9-33

Goals: Liston 3, Hauser 2, Clancy 2, O'Dea, M. Kenny, W.Wilson, Hansen, Smith, Vaughan.

Best: Murphy, Wilson, Liston, Hansen, Morrison, Meyers and Hauser.

1947



Names as known for 1947 Team Photo are as follows:

Rear: V Murphy, J Hynes, ----, Griffin, H Handsford, W Walsh, L Hinds, W Wilson.

Third Row: T Vaughan, F Finn, ----, L Featherston, J O'Dea, R Giffin, K Neylon, G Myers, T Joy, A Morrison, D Payne.

Second Row: ----, ----, J Liston, T Murphy, J Martin (Coach), R Featherston, D McDonald, E Fogarty, R Barry.

Front Row: B Hauser, M Kenny T Handsford (Mascot), J McLeod, W Wilson

The strength of the 1947 team, which was re-built after the war, is highlighted through the playing career and football ability of Don McDonald. The McDonald family lived around the Newport area and Don McDonald (featured in the 2nd row above), after starting his career with and playing with the CY's in 1947, went onto to play with Williamstown in the VFA. His son, also Donald McDonald had a successful career with North Melbourne in the Eighties and his Grandson Luke also joined the Kangaroos under the Father – Son rule in 2014.

In continuing the family connection, which has been so prominent throughout the history of the Club, the 1947 team also highlights the Featherston brothers in Leo and Ray, whose family have a long association with the Club, and also the father –son combination of William Wilson Snr & Jnr who was known as Billy. William Snr (1887-1961), who is suited up on the right hand side of the back row was a staunch committee man for the CY's and became a life member of the Club in 1951. He lived at No.5 McLean Street and ran a local plumbing business. Billy Jnr, who was also strong in the sport of athletics, particularly hurdles, ended his playing days at the CY's after taking up a two year posting with his company in South Africa where he later settled and raised his family.

Year 1948 – Re-Union

Ref:- Williamstown Chronicle 10 December 1948.

In the Dockyard R.S. Hall in Aitken Street, Wednesday 5th December, the Williamstown CYMS revived its annual reunion, the first since before the war years. The occasion brought 150 guests including pioneer members, visitors and representatives of the CYMS Victorian Executive.

The toast to all was proposed by Mr J. Spillane, noting that the president and energetic committee must feel elated with the outstanding success of the function. The large attendance of past members, who outnumbered present day boys, was a high compliment to the organisers.

The speaker noted that although he wasn't up with the current activities of the Club, he was aware of the early and middle periods of the Club's history where they held their own in most competitions they were involved, be it football, cricket, debating, etc.

The evening was a resounding success, and brought people back to the Club who'd been absent for many years.

Year 1949 – CYMS Victorian Branch Centenary Celebrations

Ref:- Williamstown Chronicle 27 May 1949.

The centenary of the foundation of the Victorian Branch of the CYMS was celebrated in local parishes last Sunday. Originating in Ireland the society spread to England and then Australia. The aims of the society are centred in the spiritual, intellectual, social and physical welfare of members.

At a joint function of the Yarraville CYMS branch with Williamstown at St. Mary's Hall, a toast to the health of the Hierarchy and Clergy was drunk with great enthusiasm. Mr. J. Seymour, well in his eighties, is the only surviving foundation member of the Williamstown CYMS, and he spoke providing interestingly historical offerings on the phases of the Club's history.

He spoke of several members who had distinguished themselves in public life and brought much credibility to the administration and actions of the Williamstown CYMS. These included the late Mr. J.J. Liston, Cr. J. Dennis, Mr. J. Hannan (a highly placed Commonwealth Officer), Mr. L. Harty (member Licensing Court), and the late Messrs. A.Curtin, P. Gubbins and R. O'Halloran.

The celebrations continued for some time and with great-spirit and comradeship.

The Fifties

Year 1950 – Football Presentation Night

Ref:- Williamstown Chronicle 22 September 1950.

A large gathering assembled at the RSL Hall on Monday night for the annual CYMS Football presentation night. President J. Liston welcomed old members and visitors and then carried out the presentations with the able assistance of 'Judge' Barry, J. Seymour, G. Fraser and A. Morrison.

Hec Hansford presented a rocker chair to 'Judge' Barry, while E. Michael presented a gift to Miss Bella Morrison for her many services to the club.

In addition to the trophies mentioned last week, trophies were also presented to F. Alexander (goal kicking), B. O'Brien (best 1st year player), T. Herrick (most improved) and A. Morrison and J. Griffin received Life Membership Certificates. W. Walsh accepted the trophy won at the recent old versus present day players match, to which was attached a miniature pair of football boots.

Match Reports:

Ref:- Williamstown Chronicle, dated 14 July & 4 August 1950.

The following match reports provide details of games played by the Club in July and August 1950.

Williamstown CYMS battled hard all day and were gallant in defeat as they went down to Yarraville.

14 July 1950:

The Final Scores:	Yarraville	9-13-67
	Williamstown	8-16-64

Goals: R. Tweedly 3, Axelson 2, Lowry 2, Wilson.

Best: Myers, Wilson, Tweedly, Featherstone, Jim Gubbins.

Williamstown CYMS were too strong for their opponents all day and deserved their victory.

4 August 1950:

The Final Scores:	Williamstown	8-11-59
	West St.Kilda	3- 7-25

Goals: Joe Murphy 3, L. Tweedly, K. McDonald, Jim Gubbins, Jack Gubbins, F. Axelson.

Best: Murphy, Tweedly, Axelson, Jim Gubbins, O'Donnell.

Year 1954 – CY's Down in Grand Final

Ref:- Williamstown Chronicle 4 June 1954.

"Playing Burnley on the Fearon Reserve last Saturday Williamstown strengthened their hold on the top position with a resounding win. Ken Ward playing his first game for the year was dominant in the centre and provided many opportunities for the forwards.

Final Scores: Williamstown 14-12-96
Burnley 1- 4-10

Goals: Lee 7, Mcleod 2, Ward 2, Mouchemore, Murphy, McMahan.

Best: McMahan, Lee, Loton, McLeod, Herrick, D & K. Ward.

Ref:- Williamstown Chronicle 18 June 1954.

Playing at home Williamstown convincingly defeated West Brunswick by 105 points. Although the visitors held an advantage in weight, Town were yards faster to the ball. Larry Loton proved his value to the side as a utility player by kicking four goals when forced to play at centre half forward for the first time.

Goals: D. Ward 4, Loton 4, Bunting 2, Dey, Mouchemore, Costello, J. Kenny, Herrick, Warlond.

Best: D and K Ward, Larry Loton and John Kenny.

Ref:- Williamstown Chronicle 25 June 1954:-

Williamstown played at Pascoe Vale last Saturday, and suffered their second defeat for the season when they were defeated by a taller and more vigorous home side. Pascoe won clearly in the air and in the packs, but Town more than held their own on the few occasions when the play opened out a little. However the home side's accurate kicking for goal, and Town's inability to master the windy conditions were the commanding factors of the game. Although both sides had 17 shots at goal, the resultant scores are vastly different.

Final Score: Pascoe Vale 13- 4-82
Williamstown 2-15-27

Goals: Loton 2

Best: K.Ward, Loton, Finn, Hill.

Ref:- Williamstown Chronicle 20 August 1954:-

Williamstown did not play at their top in defeating West Brunswick. One prevalent fault this season has been inaccuracy in front of goal and with the finals two weeks ahead, it is causing concern. Ken Ward was moved to the centre two weeks ago to replace Jack Gubbins (injured), and he has been Town's best player both weeks. This Saturday is the last home and away game against Yarraville.

Final Score: Williamstown 9-15-69
West Brunswick 5- 4-34

Goals: Axelson 3, Lee, Bunting, Miles, J. Kenny, D. Ward, Hill.

Best:- K.Ward, Bunting, Lee, D. Ward, Murphy, Herrick.

Ref:- Williamstown Chronicle 10 September 1954 – Grand Final

Playing the grand final at Royal Park last Saturday, Williamstown went down by 20 points to a more experienced Pascoe Vale. The ground was much bigger than any member of the team had played on during the season, but again any chance Town may have had was thrown away by hurried and inaccurate kicking for goal.

10 September 1954:

Final Score:	Pascoe Vale	7- 9-51
	Williamstown	3-13-31

Goals: T. Dey, J. Kenny, D. Ward.

Best: J. Kenny, J. McLeod, J. McMahan, D. Ward.

Trophy winners for the season were as follows:-

Best & Fairest:	B.A. Herrick
Most Consistent:	D.Ward
Best First Year:	K. Ward
Best Utility:	L. Loton
Most Improved:	J. Kenny
Leading goalkicker:	B. Lee
Best Clubman:	F. Finn

The article offered congratulations to all players for helping to bring the team into the finals, the most successful season for a number of years.

The year 1954 was the year that Daryl Ward and his brother Ken joined the Club playing under their father's guidance (Wally Ward). Wally went on to become the Club's successful coach during the 1955/56 back-to-back premiership years.

Daryl was 16/17 years of age at the time he started playing for the CY's and instantly showed that he was an outstanding football prospect. After winning the Club's Best & Fairest Award in the Premiership year of 1955 he went down to play with Williamstown in the VFA where he continued his outstanding playing career.

He was later appointed as captain of the Williamstown VFA Team in the sixties.

Period 1955-69

During this period of the Club's history it won 4 premierships with 2 sets of back-to-back flags – 1955/56 & 1961/62.

The results of these matches are as follows with full match reports recorded in the appendix which are recorded in the latter pages of this book.

1955 - Williamstown 11 – 11 – 77 to South Yarra 4- 10 - 34

1956 - Williamstown 4 - 8 - 32 to Clifton Hill 4 – 6 - 30

1961 - Williamstown 12 – 11 – 83 to Coburg 8 – 9 – 57

1962 - Williamstown 10 – 9 – 69 to Thornbury 5 – 6 - 36

1955 – Premiership Year



Standing: F Finn, B Lee, G Bunting, B Arnott, M Kenny, J Kenny, D Ward, J McLeod, J Falloon, T Hill, L Loton.

Seated middle: L Liston, L Hinds, T Herrick (Capt), W Ward (Coach) B Barty.

Front: J Murphy, F Axelson, T Dey, Mc Mahen, J Gubbins, R Lamb, B Warlond, K Ward.

The Club also established an Under-18 team which competed in the Werribee District Football League. Best information indicates that the side was formed in 1958/59 under coach Neville (Dick) Harris.

Many of the young players were recruited from St. Mary's Parish Williamstown, under the guidance and encouragement of the Irish parish priest, Father Cassidy. Well known for his sideline urgings and waving of his umbrella, he let the players know if he felt they were not participating with enough vigour.

Players also came across from Newport YCW, and then the usual mates of mates ensured a strong competitive team was assembled.

So much so that the team played its way into the 1963 grand final of the combined Under 18 competition that was held as a pre curser to the night VFL Grand Final at South Melbourne.

The side was captained by Steve Rieger with Barry Moore as vice-captain, and although they made a valiant attempt they could not beat Spotswood in front of a large crowd. A copy of the Football Record for that event is held by the Club, and the full team as per that Record is as follows:-

Team List as shown in the VFL Football Record:-

Hynes, David Ward, M. Sinclair, P. Gulliver, A. Wheatley, G. Hynes, Damien Rieger, S. (Capt.) Dunn, W. Beanie, S. Campbell, R. Moulton, B. Ambrose, P.	Kelly, J. Moore, B. (V/Capt.) Dooley, W. Wylie, D. Vaughan, P. Hill, A. Hynes, W. (Bill) Zamykal, P. Hosemans, J. Hosemans, F. Gerkens, K. Page, W. Durdin, J.
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A couple of players from this team went on to play in the VFL and VFA, and several played in the Senior Premiership Teams of the early 1970's, including Steve Rieger, Barry Moore, Peter Zamykal, Mick Ward, Rob Campbell, Peter Vaughan. Damien Hynes went on to be captain/coach of the 1977 Seniors Premiership team.

During the 1950's and early 1960's the Club's senior teams were competing in the CYMS League, and won successive premierships in 1955/56 coached by Wal Ward and 1961/62 coached by Neil (Butch) Stern.

A Missed Opportunity – Lightning premiership

In some recollections from Frank Jones the fifties saw the CYMS Competition run a **Lightning Premiership** which was conducted at Kilmore. The competition was played with 12 minute quarters and with no time on.

In the Club's Premiership year of 1956 it was acknowledged that the team had a good chance of winning the Lightning premiership and as it panned out the final game saw them kicking with the aid of a gale in the final quarter chasing a small opposition lead. Frank Jones recalled that Jack Liston unfortunately, in his uncontrolled excitement, grabbed the ball at half forward and kicked it as hard as he could in the direction of goal.

The strong wind got hold of the ball and it landed in the fast flowing storm water drain which ran adjacent to the oval. By the time the ball was retrieved the siren had gone and Willy lost the game. All then adjourned to the Kilmore Pub for some soothing beverage to drown there disappointment. Whilst odd it would seem that no spare balls were made available at the Lightning Premiership games back in the fifties.

Representative Matches:

Back in the fifties the CYMS Competition also played **Representative Matches** against a South Australian CYMS Representative Squad.

In 1959 the annual Representative match was to be abandoned on account of Victoria being unable to pull together a team to travel across to Adelaide.

As Williamstown CYMS were going to South Australia for its end of year Football Trip the Victorian CYMS Executive made a recommendation and put a request to the Williamstown CYMS that the Club play the game in SA and represent the State of Victoria. The Club agreed and the game was arranged.

Even though the Willi lads were a bit worse for wear from the end of season trip social activities the South Australian Team weren't very talented and Williamstown dominated the game and had established a good lead well into the 3rd quarter. As it turned out a South Australian supporter who had been heckling the umpire all day, blaming him for South Australia's poor form got more vocal and caused the turning point in the game when he shouted "Umpy, you're blind you bastard, at least Ned Kelly had a horse!"

It would appear at that point in the game the Umpire either, took exception to the reflection on his health, his parentage or his suggested criminality but he got upset, threw the ball on the ground, ran across the ground, vaulted the fence and ran towards his tormentor. The tormentor then quite wisely and with his tale between his legs decamped over the terrace with the umpire in hot pursuit.

To this day the Club doesn't know how it ended up between the Umpire and his tormentor as the Umpire never returned to the game.

The overall result was that the game was abandoned with Williamstown declared the winner and both teams retiring to an early barbeque and convivial celebrations.

The Sixties:

In the 1960 Preliminary Final against Coburg, Frank Jones also reflected that although Williamstown had a handy lead into the 3rd Quarter the game changed completely following an incident where John Dey inadvertently backed into the Coburg Captain, John Cahill who suffered a serious facial injury and had to be replaced. As Cahill was one of Coburg's top Players one would have expected this to be an advantage for Williamstown but his replacement went to Centre Half Forward and played 'a blinder' kicking 5 goals and the result was that Willy went down by 10 points. Interestingly Coburg went down to West Brunswick in the Grand Final the following week and West Brunswick played its last game in the CYMS as it disbanded shortly after.

In search for records of the football club's activities during the 1950's & 1960's the club received copies of valuable newspaper cuttings that had been collected by one of the club's talented footballers/cricketers during this era, George Bunting. A copy of the 1960/1961 General Minute Book also provided a valuable resource for the collection of historical data.

All the articles received now form part of the historical records being collated for the football club, and which will be accessible for current and future generations.

This information has provided a record of the grand final performances and results for the premierships won in 1955, 1956, 1961 & 1962. Details of those games are outlined in Appendices 6, 7, 8 & 9 to this history document.

George Bunting was a prolific goal kicker especially when playing at full-forward and often kicked multiple goals, including 10 goals against North Essendon during the 1961 season, and 11 goals when defeating Essendon during the 1962 season.

The period 1954 to 1962 was a stabilising and yet successful period with a core of talented players remaining with the club. In the newspaper articles obtained for this period, those that appeared regularly in the best players include, Larry Loton, rovers Darryl Ward and John Kenny, Frank Finn, George Bunting, Arthur Hewitt, Jack Gubbins, Peter Kenny, Tony Herrick, Brian Foster, Michael O'Flynn, Frank Jones, as well as many others who contributed to the four premierships in eight years.

The club also had a very successful year in 1960, losing by eight points to Coburg in the preliminary final. Coach Arthur Hewitt was praised for his contribution getting the side to the finals, where the final scores were:

Coburg 6-11-47 to Williamstown 5-9-39.

Best players were F. Jones, J. Miller, B. Foster, J. McGuire, P. and J. Kenny.

However, revenge came in the following year with Williamstown defeating Coburg in the Grand Final re-play.

Whilst researching and pulling together the history of the Williamstown CYMS what became abundantly evident was a clear sense of family, loyalty and long term involvement and support from both Players and Officials. What also became clear is that this level of involvement from dedicated individuals provided the cornerstone for survival of the Club over such a long period. The evidence obtained shows that once individuals became involved with the Club they remained actively involved for lengthy periods which often stretched into decades.

The Premiership photos of the fifties and sixties provide evidence of many Players continuing to play through this entire period and the record of minutes from the 1960/1961 period reflecting an active involvement by Officials that spanned both the fifties and sixties and in some cases even on into the seventies.

A systematic picture of continuing support unfolding which confirmed why the Club was able to remain in existence through both good and tough times.

Some of the regular names taking on Committee responsibilities and leadership roles throughout this period included the following:

R Barry (pres 55/56), John Twomey (sec '56), Frank Finn, Kevin Rosser, Brian Arnott, John Hollowood, Dennis Vaughan, Brian McInerny, Neville (Dick) Harris, Leo McNamara, Arthur Hewitt (Pres '60 & '70), Brian Warlond, John Kenny, Ron Coster, Lawrence Hogan, Bobby Lamb, Barry Moore (Pres 67/68), Peter Zamykal, Brendan Vaughan, John Dey, Tim Dey, Fred Slater, Graeme Deagan, Leo Murphy, Tom Vaughan Snr (Pres '61), Kevin Featherston, Jim Bevis (Pres '62) and Jack Liston Jnr.

These members made strong contributions both on and off the field during this period of the Club's history and their names and children and other family members live on in the fabric of the Williamstown CYMS. They built and maintained a culture that still exists today.

Up until the seventies Committees were formed for periods of six to seven months. These independent committees, although with the constant of similar committee member representation across both sporting disciplines, separately covered the Football and Cricket Seasons and also had control over matters and activities associated with the Club's involvement in Basketball, Table-tennis and Debating (a popular activity of the period which provided competitive grounding and public speaking experience for budding politicians, Solicitors and those in high ranking government service).

Today the activities of Football and Cricket, which remain entrenched at the Club, are run by separate committees with completely different committee membership representation, and they generally continue to operate year round as the off season brings little respite from strategically having to plan for the next season.

Ladies Committees were also prominent back in this period and a minute of 2 May 1960 referenced the formal letter of advice on the appointment of the new Ladies Committee for the 1960 Football season being as follows:

President –	Miss E Deagan
Vice President –	Mrs L Bevis
Secretary -	Mrs J Hollowood
Ass. Secretary -	Mrs J Liston
Treasurer -	Mrs F Finn

This once again showed the connection between family involvement and Club representation which extended to also including a strong female link and participation which, from the records available, has been evident throughout the Club's long and successful history.

In addition, the list of Trophy winners for Season 1960 also reflects a lot of names of Players who were prominent during this period of the Club's success although the Team only finished a creditable 3rd in that year. Many of these also went on to take up leadership positions at the Club and played active roles at Committee level.

These included the following:

Senior B&F	– Brian Foster
Runner-Up	– Arthur Hewitt (Team Of Century (TOC) 1928 - 1962)
2 nd 18 B&F	– Fred Slater
Runner-up	– Joe Murphy
Best 1 st Year Player	– John Miller (TOC – 1928-1962)
Most Improved	- John Dey
Best Clubman	– Brian McInerny
Training Award	– Brian Arnott
Best all-round Sportsman	– Brian Warlond

Successes during this era continued the trend of brothers playing together for the Club, and included the Kenny brothers (Morrie, John & Peter), The Dey brothers (John & Tim), and the Ward Brothers Daryl & Garry – who both went on to play with Williamstown VFA teams, with Daryl not only becoming Captain of Williamstown but also named as Captain in their Team of the Century.

The Hynes family have also provided brothers playing during the previous period and also this period. Brothers Mick, Jim and Frank played in the late 1930's/40's.

Although two other brothers (Alf & Kevin) didn't play, Alf's sons Michael and Gavan played in the 1950's/60's, and Kevin's son David played in the 1960's. Also Frank's sons Bill & Damien played in this period, with Damien and other brother Francis also playing during the 1970's.

Some of the above mentioned players were named in the **CYMS Team of the Century (TOC)** covering the period up to the early 1960's.

The 1961 premiership success came in the **Club's 75 year**, with a celebratory function held at the Celtic Club in Queen Street, Melbourne and a Communion Breakfast at St Mary's Hall – a copy of the invitation is shown below.

CYMS Delegates meetings were regularly held at the Celtic Club in Melbourne.



1961 Blazer Badge





1962

Back: George Bunting, Kevin Featherston (Secretary)

Middle: E. Hancock, Tom Vaughan (Football President)

Front: R. Harrington, Brian Arnott (Treasurer)

With both Kevin Featherston and Tom Vaughan wearing the Blazer. A souvenir Blazer donated by Jim Bevis is held by the Club.

- MATCH REPORTS – May 1960 to July 1961

The match reports shown in **Appendix 22** depict the success of the Club in the early sixties and provide an indication to what was coming with the Club's success in winning back-to-back premierships in 1961/1962.

These match reports were extracted from the Minute Book of the Williamstown CYMS General and Committee meetings held between the 2nd May 1960 and the 10th July 1961.

From the construct of the minutes it is evident that at that time, in a regular segment of the weekly meetings of the committee, the entire Club's sporting match reports inclusive of Football, Cricket and Basketball were all reported on and recorded as an historic record of the Club's sporting results and achievements during that period.

Whilst complete results were not always found as having been recorded in the same manner at each meeting the results available do provide a picture of the CYMS Football competition during 1960 & 1961, the strength of the Club at that time, which Players were regularly named amongst the best and which ones kicked the most goals.

The results do provide supporting confirmation on those nominated and selected in the Club's Team of the Century selection process for the period 1928 to 1962.

Another very successful period in the history of the Club as it was not only able to win back to back premierships in 1961/62 but at the same time field an Under 18 Team from which squad many progressed onto careers at the Williamstown Football Club in the then VFA and many became long term Players and members at the CY's becoming major contributors through the successful seventies.

Some of the long standing and traditional Williamstown CYMS family names that appear regularly during this period and who all made an outstanding contribution to the Club as Players and administrators are listed below as follows:

Foster, Bunting, Murphy, Hewitt, Morgan, Kenny, Vaughan, Campbell, Rieger, Jones, Deagan,

McInerney, Lamb, Dey, Arnott, Zamykal, Slater, Warlond, Croft, Rosser, Loton, Fitzgibbon,

Miller, Harris, Dervan, Keating, Gleeson, Finn, Shields, Colvin, Hollowood, Hill, Falloon, Ellis,

Webb, Ambrose, Hancock, Jamieson.

The 1961 & 1962 Premiership match reports have been recorded separately in the **Annexures 9 & 10** and provide a summary of the Club's success on Grand Final day.

Photos below from 1963 finals series - Williamstown CYMS vs Coburg



In above Picture - **Frank Jones** No. 2, **John Kenny** on the right roving the tap



In above picture: - **Michael O'Flynn** kicking the ball with **Frank Jones** in background and **Kevin Rosser** on the right of Mick. The game was played on the ground located behind the Caulfield Technical College which is now used by Monash Gryphans in the VAFA.

1964 – 1969 - Transitional Period for the Club in that it left the CYMS Competition at the end of 1964 to join the Footscray District League from 1965 to 1968 and then returning to the CYMS

PLAYERS' ACCIDENT PROCEDURE

All players are covered by the Central and Club Accident Fund and in order to benefit from same the following must at all times be strictly adhered to:—

1. All cuts, scratches and bruises must be attended to during or after the game. Failure to do so could result in serious infection of the injured area.

2. If the injury is more serious, either doctors or hospital attention will be given.

3. It is YOUR responsibility to obtain an Accident Report Form from either the Football Secretary, Accident Fund Secretary or their assistants. This form is to be filled in and handed back to the above immediately.

4. In the event of serious injury causing time off from employment, it is necessary to obtain two (2) medical certificates—

- one for your place of employment;
- one for the Accident Fund Secretary.

The latter must be handed to the above officials no later than 2 days following the date of injury. If this is not done, no guarantee of financial assistance can be given.

5. All accounts, i.e., Doctors, Hospital, X-Rays, etc., must first be paid by the player and receipts for same must be handed to above officials prior to the last match of the season so that monies where applicable can be refunded.

NOTES

REMEMBER — All buses leave St. Mary's at 1 p.m.

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B. Warford (Pres.), B. Vaughan (Vice-President), F. Jones, A. Williamson, F. Axelson, B. Moore, G. Deagan, G. Wheatley, R. Harvey, J. Thompson.

Ladies' Committee

Mesdames Rieger (President), Liston, Shields, Vaughan, Hogan Finn and Dey.

First Eighteen

(FEARON RESERVE)

Captain: F. Jones
Vice-Captain: J. Dey.
Coach: F. Axelson.

Apr. 18: Brunswick Away
25: Coburg Home
May 2: Kensington Away
9: West Ivanhoe Home
16: Flemington Away
23: Thornbury Home
30: Coburg Away
June 6: Port Melb. Home
13: Ormond Home
20: Flemington Away
27: East Kew Away
July 4: Kensington Home
11: West Ivanhoe Away
18: Port Melb. Home
25: Ormond Away
Aug. 1: Brunswick Home
8: Thornbury Away
15: East Kew Home
22 S.F.
29 P.F.
5 G.F.

Second Eighteen

(HIGH STREET)

Capt. and Assist. Coach:
J. Thompson.
Vice-Captain: J. Page

Apr. 18: Bentleigh Home
25: Yarraville Away
May 2: Northcote Home
9: Black Rock Away
16: Elwood Home
23: North Essen. Away
30: Mentone Away
June 6: Ormond Home
13: Deepdene Away
20: Bentleigh Away
27: Yarraville Home
July 4: Northcote Away
11: Black Rock Home
18: Elwood Away
25: North Essen. Home
Aug. 1: Mentone Home
8: Ormond Away
15: Deepdene Home

Under 18 Sunday

Captain: S. Beani.
Vice-Captain: J. Page.
Coach: J. Kenny.

Apr. 12: Werribee Home
19: Werribee S. CP, Away,
26: Central Altona Home
May 3: Altona Home
10: Laverton Away
17: I.N.F. Home
24: Newport Away
31: Werribee Away
June 7: Werribee S. Home
14: Central Altona ... Away
21: Altona Away
28: Laverton Home
July 12: I.N.F. Away
19: Newport Home
26: Werribee Away
Aug. 2: Werribee S., CP, Away
9: Central Altona ... Home

competition in 1969. The 1964 fixture above shows that the club still fielded 3 teams during this period.

The Club's Best & Fairest Player in 1964 was Lenny Rosser with the Runner-up award going to Gavan Black. Both these players gave great service to the CY's and went on to represent the Club in its 1970 Premiership year.

At the end of the 1964 season the Club decided to apply for entry into the Footscray District Football League (FDL), one of the reasons being less travel to play games than required in the CYMS competition with sides spread around Melbourne and also with a strong team and many games being now forfeited in a weaker CYMS Competition it was felt that playing in the FDL would give the Club a stronger competitive base from which to attract new Players and keep its young group in-tact.

After joining the FDFL the team found the going much tougher than expected as at this time the FDL competition was very strong and the paying Clubs were able to attract the better players.

By 1968 the Club was struggling to field one senior team, and so the then president Barry Moore, well supported by committeemen Brian Arnott, Bobby Lamb and Tony Williamson decided the club's survival was at stake and thus sought release from the FDFL to apply to re-join the CYMS competition or risk the Club being disbanded.

During these difficult times it was also decided to withdraw the Under 18 team from competition, and it wasn't until the 1980's that another Under 19 Team was reformed. The Club subsequently gained a release from the FDFL and re-joined the CYMS competition in 1969. On the back of this move rebuilding the teams quickly got under way, and success was not to be far away.

In its first year back in the CYMS competition the club reached the preliminary final. After leading for three quarters 'Town were overrun by Elwood in the last 20 minutes of the game. It was thought the effort of having to win the previous 12 games just to make the finals took its toll on the players both physically and mentally.

Some of the Players that appear in the Best Players in the match reports of 1960 and 1961, particularly from the Under 18 squad of 1961, appear again as key Players in the 1969 A Grade team. These include the names of Robert Campbell (TOC), Steve Rieger (TOC), Dennis Vaughan (TOC) & Peter Vaughan and Peter Zamykal (TOC – Capt.)

The following provides a match report of the 1969 Preliminary Final game:

<u>Final Scores:</u>	Elwood	18-13-121
	Williamstown	14-12- 96

<u>Goals:</u>	R. Campbell 5, S. Rieger 2, P. Vaughan 2, D. Jones 2, W. Roszenweig 1, D. Vaughan 1, B. Norton 1.
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<u>Best:</u>	R. Borradaile, J. Zammit, R. Campbell, P. Zamykal, G. Black, D. Vaughan.
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Trophy Winners for 1969:-

Best & Fairest:-	David Jones (Team of Century (TOC) – '62-'83)
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2 nd . Best & Fairest:-	John Zammit
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Best Utility:-	Peter Zamykal (TOC - '62-'83)
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Most Determined:-	Barry Moore (TOC - '62-'83)
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Best in Finals:-	Richard Borradaile (TOC - '62-'83)
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Best Clubman:-	Anthony (Tony) Williamson
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A Team of the Century covering the period 1923 to 1962 and 1963 to 1983, including photo and player profiles is included at Appendix 17.

Period 1970-1984

Following an unsuccessful stint in the Footscray District League during the late 1960's, the club re-joined the CYMS competition with immediate success. Both the seniors and reserves were premiers in 1970, with seniors subsequently runners-up in 1971, and then the seniors again premiers in 1972 & 1973. Neville (Dick) Harris coached the teams to the 1970-71 successes, with Kevin Rosser taking control for the 1972-73 premiership years.

The 1970 Grand Final scores:-	Williamstown	15-22-112
	Flemington	10-11- 71

The 1971 Grand Final scores:-	West Ivanhoe	18-14-122
	Williamstown	11-13- 79

The 1972 Grand Finals scores:-	Williamstown	18. 9.117
	West Ivanhoe	11.15. 81

The 1973 Grand Final Scores	Williamstown	17.13.115
	South Melbourne	12.13. 85

The 1977 Grand Final Scores	Williamstown	17. 10.112
	Newport	7. 16. 58

1971 Grand Final Team Runners-Up

WILLIAMSTOWN C.Y.M.S. FOOTBALL CLUB
First Eighteen — Runners Up — Season 1971



Back Row: K. JOHNSON, P. FOSTER, D. JONES, C. FEATHERSTON, L. ROSSER, J. KENNY, J. HENRY, K. HALLEY.
Middle Row: E. NORTON (Trainer), A. WILLIAMSON (Sec.), R. FEATHERSTON (Patron), B. BLOTT, B. NORTON, W. COLLINDER, T. HYNES, A. BODDINGTON, J. STONEHOUSE, J. RO LLASON, D. HENRY, H. QUARRIER (Masseur), A. HEWITT (Pres.), J. KENNY (Runner).
Front Row: J. LEWER (B. Ump.), W. ROSENSZWEIG, N. HARRIS (Coach), S. RIEGER, P. ZAMYKAL (Capt.), D. WILKIE, E. CORFIELD (Com.), R. FEATHERSTON, J. SEDGEWAY (G. Ump.).
Absent: B. MOORE (V. Capt.), M. WARD, P. WEBB, K. FITZGIBBON (Trainer).

Tony Williamson

One of the Club's staunch Clubmen during this period was Tony Williamson who today has the Best Clubman Award named in his honour. Tony regularly walked the boundary on game day always anxious about the result and taking down copious notes for his weekly newsletter and game day reports for the local paper.

The Newsletter, which included a complete run down and commentary of both Seniors and Reserves match results together with upcoming Club functions and Committee meetings, was the first regular Club promotional and weekly information guide to be produced.

It was typed by Tony's Aunty, Nora Doig who lived in Rennie Street, Williamstown and was distributed before the game every Saturday during the Home & Away Season.

In the sixties and the seventies when it was quite common to be short of players to fill the Reserves Team Tony, who always carried around spare boots in the back of his station wagon, would recruit (round up) prospective Players from the local pub or the Williamstown Dockyards when the Navy Ships were in Dry Dock.

Being unregistered these recruits would play under another name plucked from the Club's registered players list. Names regularly used were Eddie Dudeck and Joe Borg who suffice to say without their knowledge went on to play many games. Fortunately, there is no indication that any of these fill in recruits ever got reported during these games which of course saved the Club any embarrassment at the tribunal. On a positive note the team never had to forfeit a game and some of the Navy boys could really play.

Early Sponsorship

In an early sign of Sponsorship support the Newsletter was sponsored back then by Ace Tyre & Front End Centre (Graeme Osborne), Karis TV, Loom Lighting (Eric Corfield), Williamstown Dry Cleaners and The Morning Star Hotel (Bill & Maureen Williams). The Hotel being the Club's popular watering hole and the pub venue where all team selections were posted on the notice board in the back room every Thursday night. Bill Williams loved football and was a strong supporter of the CY's in the local community. He was a great Player himself for VFL Team South Melbourne being recognised by that Club in its Team of The Century.

Other Highlights

Other highlights during this period included David Jones (a classy half-forward and leading goal kicker) winning three consecutive club best and fairest awards (1968, 69, 70), and in 1973 Robert Grima was not only club best and fairest and leading goal scorer, but also awarded the competition best and fairest. The following year Robert played a number of games with VFL club South Melbourne, in one game kicking 5 goals from full forward against Richmond at the MCG.

The 1970's were a particularly tumultuous period in the competition with a number of clubs departing and joining other leagues, whilst new clubs were becoming troublesome.

Those who played in this league in the 70's will most likely remember games against Flemington, Kensington & South Melbourne more for the fights and physical nature of the games. Games against these sides were very combatant with intense dislike for each other.

But like the hardened Irishmen that started this club in 1886, the CY's were led by a front row of protectors in the likes of Werner Rosenzweig, Jeff (chooka) Rollason, Mick Buckley, John Murphy and Dennis Wilkie, with a battalion of warriors at their backs. Needless to say we won the games and the battles. However with troublesome clubs causing mayhem the competitions demise was clearly inevitable and it was subsequently disbanded at the end of 1974.

The club joined the Western Suburban Football League (WRFL) in 1975, and following initial competitive years the Club searched for a new playing coach. With the closure of the Newport Centrals Football Club at the end of 1976, the CY's were able to lure it's coach (Damien Hynes) as playing coach in 1977.

With a number of valuable players from Newport Centrals also joining the club, success was again imminent and after finishing 4th on the ladder, the team went on to win the premiership, defeating Newport.

1977 – A Premiership Year:

The turning point for the Club in the 1977 Premiership year came on the 25th of June 1977 when the Club fronted up in an away game against the Charlie Menzies coached team at West Newport. Since joining the WRFL in 1975 the Club had not won against West Newport so the day was to present a major challenge. The Tony Williamson Match report which appeared in the Newsletter of 2 July 1977 read as follows:

“ Firsts Down Leading Team

After an appetising lunch and pre-match address at the rooms the team journeyed to West Newport for the game against the League Leaders. CYMS kicked to the northern goals which were favoured by a slight cross breeze. The ground, after having had 3 games played on it earlier in the day, was in a disgusting state. The muck and slush was actually up to the Players' ankles. 'Town were undeterred by these conditions and attacked from the first “throw up”. The ball was in our forward zone for most of the quarter with John Dickenson having the ball “on a string”. The inability of our Players to stand and steady in the mud when shooting for goal prevented us from registering a match winning score in this our best quarter.

1 st Quarter Scores;	CYMS	3 – 8 – 26
	West Newport	1 – 3 – 9

In the second quarter with Werner playing a grand game in the ruck and our small men being first to the ball CYMS soon had the ball forward for a major. The teamwork and backing up of our players in this quarter was excellent. The defence was outstanding in limiting the opposition to 1 goal with the wind.

2 nd Quarter Scores;	CYMS	6 – 10 – 46
	West Newport	2 – 6 – 18

The third quarter started with both sides determined to take the game. West Newport got an early score. "Town could not get the ball forward. The umpire was intent on moving in one direction only and for an experienced senior umpire some of his decisions could be said to be most strange. West Newport scored 3 goals and things looked black for 'Town. Peter Humphries playing brilliantly snapped from the boundary for a major and 'Town were back in it. Another goal and the quarter ended with the following scores.

3rd Quarter Scores; CYMS	8 – 13 – 61
West Newport	5 – 9 – 39

'Town went into the final quarter with a 22 point lead. John Henry had played an outstanding game, completely dominating the centre position. With his wingers and a winning ruck they drove the ball forward for major scores. Bob Barlow improving with every game turned many attacks. Ken Beer outclassed his opponent and Alan Elliott gave great drive from his flank. The defence was outstanding and they allowed no score for the quarter. Arthur Lee who handled the ball more than any other player continued to play the loose man game and got many kicks particularly in defence. The opposition attempted to "ruffle" our players but victory was more important than personal satisfaction and our boys refused to be "got in". The siren sounded to give CYMS a 42 point win and our first victory over West Newport.

Final Scores;	CYMS	11 – 15 – 81
	West Newport	5 – 9 – 39

In an outstanding team effort:

Best Players:

Arthur Lee, John Henry, Werner Rosenzweig, Damien Hynes, Paul Johnson, Robert Barlow, Ken Beer and Peter Humphries.

Goals:

Paul Johnson 2, Rennie Zammit 2, John Henry 2, Werner Rosenzweig 2, Arthur Lee, Peter Humphries and Colin Gardner 1 each.

Great credit to our boys who managed to overcome some bad decisions in the third term and fight back to take the initiative. Peter Humphries displayed great skill and courage to snap a difficult goal from the boundary and lead the fight back. Coach Damien Hynes plays a real Captain's game each week and provides much inspiration to his team mates.

It is vital for all of us to now realise that we can and will win the premiership if we apply ourselves not only during the game but at training on two nights per week."

The rest is history as Premiership success in 1977 went to The CY"s in an overwhelming victory against Newport in a game played at Chirnside Park, the Werribee VFA ground.

The photo below of that mud bath was taken by the late Lyn Fitzgibbon (Life Member). It shows Players **John Henry** on the left and **Rennie Zammit** on the right leaving the ground after the final siren.

The photo gives a pretty fair indication of what the conditions of the ground were like during that memorable win.



John Henry & Rennie Zammit - 1977

A Team of Brothers

It has been a common theme through the club's history where brothers play in the same team. The 1977 premiership side included 2 sets of brothers – John, Dan & Tim Henry, and Pat & Anthony Walsh, all valuable contributors to the clubs success that year.

Rosenzweig & Zammit

One of the most influential players for the club from the late 1960's to the late 1970's was ruckman Werner Rosenzweig. A 6ft. 4in. powerhouse, Werner was feared and yet admired by every opposition club in all competitions the club played in during that period. Rarely beaten in the ruck, his combination with speedy rover Rennie Zammit was legendary during this era, palming the ball into his hands whilst on the run. Both players were also prolific goal kickers, and important contributors to the successes in the 70's.

But successful years are often followed by leaner periods as players retire or move on to other clubs. The club was gradually finding it difficult to attract young players to the club, which was partly due to the slow deterioration of the Western Suburban League. The competition administration was having trouble maintaining not only a strong competition but also recruiting experienced umpires.

The Early Eighties

By the early 1980's it became evident that the competition had lost its way, and the club decided it was time to look elsewhere. See the report later on 'Into the 'Ammos' which was written by Club Historian Darren (smokey) Dawson. The slang term Ammos being an abbreviation for the Victorian Amateur Football Association.

In 1984 the club was accepted into the Victorian Amateur Football Association, a well-respected competition noted for its strong administration and game rule control. But the year was going badly with the club only winning 3 of the first 9 games. With player unrest generated toward the new coach appointed that year, the committee had a crisis meeting and decided to sack the coach.

Cloughy

President Dan Henry was able to lure **Graeme Clough** (a champion player with Williamstown VFA club during the 1950's-60's, and past coach of the CY's in the late 1960's), to take on the role for the remainder of the year. This resulted in the team winning 8 out of the next 9 for 11 wins, including the premiership. One of the reasons for the success this year was also being able to continue to field an Under 19 team, which was re-establishment in 1983, and in 1984 was coached by another champion Williamstown VFA player of the 1950's in **John Martin Jnr**.

John was a JJ Liston Trophy winner in the VFA and his father John Snr was coach of the CY's undefeated Premiership Team in 1928.

When it became evident that the Under 19's would just miss out on the finals, the club promoted four players from that team to the seniors for the final series, namely Tom Cannon, Tim Ferris, Paul McNamara and Danny Wade. All providing the spark needed to take the club to the premiership.

Alan (Oopy) Elliott

Other highlights of 1984 were Captain Alan Elliott not only winning the club leading goal scorer award, but also being crowned Competition Best and Fairest. An agile strong marking centre half forward, his consistency and match winning abilities illustrated why he is considered one of the best centre half forwards in the club's history.

John Henry

Another highlight in 1984 was mid-fielder John Henry playing his 250th game for the club, and also becoming the first player in the club's history to play in 5 senior premierships (1970, 1972, 1973, 1977 & 1984). Although never winning the coveted Best & Fairest award he was Runner-up on no less than five occasions and was clearly through that period a standout Player.

Coaches through the Period

Apart from the success of Damien Hynes and Graeme Clough, the period 1974 to 1983 saw the club appoint a number of coaches, including David Jones, Dennis Wilkie, Dan Henry and John Murphy. All took the club to the final series at various times.

Presidents and Secretaries

However on-field success is generally mirrored with off-field strength and this was certainly evident during this period. With strong leadership from a number of Presidents, including Arthur Hewitt, Frank Jones, Kevin Rosser, Kevin Thompson and Dan Henry, supported by hard working club Secretaries including Tony Williamson, Barry Grigg, Peter Buckley and Bruce O'Brien, the survival and continued longevity of the club was ensured.

The dedicated and diligent contributions of all these men over many years resulted in them all being awarded Life Membership of the club. Frank Jones could not speak more highly of the leadership and hard-working qualities of Secretary Barry Grigg during the seventies who tirelessly drove the Club forward and the efforts of Tony Williamson who today has an annual football award in his name.

At the 2006 club team of the century celebration dinner, the club selected three teams to reflect the various phases of the clubs history and also acknowledge the contributions of so many who have helped this club still be the strength it is today.

A Team of the Century for the period 1963 – 1983, including photo and player profiles is included at Appendix 17 to this document.

The Football Fixtures for the years 1972, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1978 and 1979 (see below) show all the Seniors and Reserves teams the Club played against in the early seventies in the CYMS competition and then from 1975 onward shows all its competitors in the Western Suburban Football League after its transfer across in 1975.



Membership and Committee Badge used throughout the seventies

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Mr. J. Rollason, Mr. J. Stonehouse,
Mr. P. Walsh.

Selection Committee:

K. Rosser, M. O'Flynn, D. Wilkie,
J. Kenny, W. Rosenzweig

Ladies Committee:

President— Mrs. P. Stonehouse
Secretary— Mrs. K. Norton
Treasurer— Mrs. C. Zamykal

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1972

SECOND EIGHTEEN

Captain Coach: M. O'FLYNN
(Gray Res.)

April 15—Sth. Melbourne	H
April 22—West Ivanhoe	A
April 29—Bentleigh	H
May 6—Mentone	H
May 13—Elwood	A
May 20—Kensington	A
May 27—Pt. Melbourne	H
June 3—Sth. Melbourne	A
June 10—Bye	
June 17—Bentleigh	A
June 24—Mentone	A
July 1—Elwood	H
July 8—Kensington	H
July 15—Pt. Melbourne	A
July 22—Sth. Melbourne	H
July 29—Bentleigh	A
Aug. 5—Mentone	H
Aug. 12—Elwood	A
Aug. 17—West Ivanhoe	H

FIRST EIGHTEEN

Coach: K. ROSSER
Captain: D. WILKIE
V. Captain: W. Rosenzweig
(Fearon Res.)

April 15—West Ivanhoe	A
April 22—Bentleigh	A
April 29—East Kew	H
May 6—Mentone	A
May 13—Elwood	H
May 20—Flemington	H
May 27—Nth. Essendon	A
June 3—West Ivanhoe	H
June 10—Bye	
June 17—East Kew	A
June 24—Mentone	H
July 1—Elwood	A
July 8—Flemington	A
July 15 Nth. Essendon	H
July 22—West Ivanhoe	A
July 29—Bentleigh	H
Aug. 5—Mentone	A
Aug. 12—Elwood	H
Aug. 19—Flemington	H

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Mr. P. Walsh, Mr. P. Zamykal.

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J. Kenny, W. Rosenzweig.

Players Representative:

Mr. R. Borradale

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1973

RESERVES

Captain Coach: J. WRIGHT		
April 14 — FLEMINGTON	*H	
April 28 — BENTLEIGH	A	
May 5 — MENTONE	*A	
May 12 — WEST IVANHOE	A	
May 19 — ELWOOD	H	
May 26 — MENTONE	*H	
June 9 — FLEMINGTON	A	
June 16 — ELWOOD	*A	
June 23 — BENTLEIGH	H	
June 30 — MENTONE	A	
July 7 — FLEMINGTON	*A	
July 14 — ELWOOD	A	
July 21 — MENTONE	*H	
July 28 — WEST IVANHOE	H	
August 4 — BENTLEIGH	*A	
August 11 — FLEMINGTON	*H	
August 18 — ELWOOD	*H	
August 25 — WEST IVANHOE	H	

* Possible Curtain Raiser Match

FIRST EIGHTEEN

Coach: K. ROSSER		
Captain: D. WILKIE		
V. Captain: W. ROSENZWEIG		
(Fearon Reserve)		
April 14 — PORT MELB		H
April 28 — KENSINGTON		H
May 5 — MENTONE		A
May 12 — STH. MELB		A
May 19 — BENTLEIGH		A
May 26 — WEST IVANHOE		H
June 9 — FLEMINGTON		H
June 16 — ELWOOD		H
June 23 — EAST KEW		A
June 30 — PORT MELB.		A
July 7 — STH. MELB.		H
July 14 — KENSINGTON		A
July 21 — MENTONE		H
July 28 — WEST IVANHOE		A
August 4 — BENTLEIGH		H
August 11 — FLEMINGTON		A
August 18 — ELWOOD		A
August 25 — EAST KEW		H

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1975

FIRST EIGHTEEN

(Coach, K. ROSSER)

(Captain, W. ROSENZWEIG)

Home Matches — Fearon Reserve,
 Saturday, 2.15 p.m.

April 12	LAVERTON	A
April 19	CENTRAL ALTONA	H
April 26	NEWPORT	A
May 3	WERRIBEE	H
May 10	ALTONA CITY	A
May 17	WILLTOWN UNITED	H
May 24	BROOKLYN	A
May 31	WEST NEWPORT	H
June 7	NEWPORT CENTRAL	A
June 14	Competition Bye	
June 21	PT. MELB. C.Y.M.S.	H
June 28	Bye	
July 5	LAVERTON	H
July 12	CENTRAL ALTONA	A
July 19	NEWPORT	H
July 26	WERRIBEE	A
Aug. 2	ALTONA CITY	H
Aug. 9	WILLTOWN UNITED	A
Aug. 16th	BROOKLYN	H

Finals at Werribee — August 23, 30,
 September 8, 15

SECOND EIGHTEEN

(Captain-Coach, PETER BUCKLEY)

Home Matches — Fearon Reserve,
 Sunday, 2.15 p.m.

April 13	NEWPORT	A
April 20	WERRIBEE	H
April 27	BROOKLYN	A
May 4	ALTONA CITY	H
May 11	MAIDSTONE	A
May 18	LAVERTON	H
May 25	STH. KINGSVILLE	A
June 1	CENTRAL ALTONA	H
June 8	WEST NEWPORT	A
June 15	Competition Bye	
June 22	SUNSHINE HEIGHTS	H
June 29	NEWPORT CENTRAL	H
July 6	NEWPORT	H
July 13	WERRIBEE	A
July 20	BROOKLYN	H
July 27	ALTONA CITY	A
Aug. 3	MAIDSTONE	H
Aug. 10	LAVERTON	A
Aug. 17	STH. KINGSVILLE	H

Finals—First and Second Semi-Finals,
 Aug. 24. Preliminary Final, Aug. 31.
 Grand Final, September 7

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FIXTURE 1977

SENIORS

Captain & Coach: Damien Hynes
Vice Captain: Rennie Zammit

April 16: W. NEWPORT H
April 23: BROOKLYN A
April 30: WERRIBEE A
May 7: NEWPORT H
May 14: Bye
May 21: CENTRAL ALTONA H
May 28: W/TOWN UNITED A
June 4: LAVERTON H
June 11: Bye
June 18: SUNS. HGTS. A
June 25: W. NEWPORT A
July 2: BROOKLYN H
July 9: WERRIBEE H
July 16: NEWPORT A
July 23: Bye
July 30: CENTRAL ALTONA A
Aug. 6: W/TOWN UNITED H
Aug. 13: LAVERTON A
Aug. 20: SUNS. HGTS. H

FINALS— Aug. 27, Sept. 3 & 10.
1st & 2nd Semi Finals, Aug. 27.

RESERVES

Coach: Kevin Rosser

April 16: W. NEWPORT H
April 23: H. CROSSING A
April 30: WERRIBEE A
May 7: NEWPORT H
May 14: FITZROY ROVERS A
May 21: CENTRAL ALTONA H
May 28: W/TOWN UNITED ... A
June 4: LAVERTON H
June 11: Bye
June 18: SUNS. HGTS. A
June 25: W. NEWPORT A
July 2: H. CROSSING H
July 9: WERRIBEE H
July 16: NEWPORT A
July 23: FITZROY ROVERS H
July 30: CENTRAL ALTONA A
Aug. 6: W/TOWN UNITED ... H
Aug. 13: LAVERTON A
Aug. 20: SUNS. HGTS. H

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FIXTURE 1978

SENIORS

Capt. & Coach: Damien Hynes
Vice Capt.: John Henry
Dep. Vice Capt.: Sid. Sildatke

April 8: W. United....H
April 15: Laverton....A
April 22: Suns. Hgts....H
April 29: Brooklyn....A
May 6: Newport....H
May 13: BYE
May 20: Werr. Cent....A
May 27: Cent. Altona....H
June 3: NO GAMES
June 10: W. Newport....A
June 17: H. Xing....H
June 24: Fitz. Rovers....A
July 1: W. United....A
July 8: Laverton....H
July 15: Suns. Hgts....A
July 22: Brooklyn....H
July 29: Newport....A
Aug. 5: BYE
Aug. 12: Werr. Cent....H
Aug. 19: Cent. Alt....A
Aug. 26: W. Newport....H
Finals: Sept. 2, 9, 16.

RESERVES

Capt. & Coach: Ian McGowan
Vice Capt.: Warren Burke

April 8: W. United....H
April 15: BYE
April 22: Suns. Hgts....H
April 29: Brooklyn....A
May 6: Newport....H
May 13: BYE
May 20: Werr. Cent....A
May 27: Cent. Altona....H
June 3: NO GAMES
June 10: W. Newport....A
June 17: H. Xing....H
June 24: Port Rovers....A
July 1: W. United....A
July 8: BYE
July 15: Suns. Hgts....A
July 22: Brooklyn....H
July 29: Newport....A
Aug. 5: BYE
Aug. 12: Werr. Cent....H
Aug. 19: Cent. Alt....A
Aug. 26: W. Newport....H
Finals: Sept. 2, 9, 16.

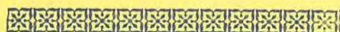
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G. Henderson, W. Burke, V. Nicoli,
R. Zammit.



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FIXTURE 1979

SENIORS:

Captain and Coach — John Murphy

April 21: Werribee—A
April 28: West Newport—H
May 5: H. Xing—A
May 12: Cent. Altona—H
May 19: Brooklyn—A
May 26: W. United—H
June 2: Laverton—A
June 9: Sun. Heights—H
June 16: NO GAMES
June 23: Newport—A
June 30: Fitz. Rovers—H
July 7:BYE
July 14: Werribee—H
July 21: West Newport—A
July 28: H. Xing—H
Aug. 4: Cent. Altona—A
Aug. 11: Brooklyn—H
Aug. 18: W. United—A
Aug. 25: Laverton—H

FINALS: Sept. 1, 8, 15.

RESERVES

Coach: Jim Forbes

April 21: Werribee—A
April 28: West Newport—H
May 5: H. Xing—A
May 12: Cent. Altona—H
May 19: Brooklyn—A
May 26: W. United—H
June 2: Laverton—A
June 9: Sun. Heights—H
June 16: NO GAMES
June 23: Newport—A
June 30: Fitz. Rovers—H
July 7: Port Rovers—A
July 14: Werribee—H
July 21: West Newport—A
July 28: H. Xing—H
Aug. 4: Cent. Altona—A
Aug. 11: Brooklyn—H
Aug. 18: W. United—A
Aug. 25: Laverton—H

FINALS: Sept. 1, 8, 15.

Period 1984 - 2014

Following the transition into the Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA) in 1984 the club was now venturing into an era where it could visualise the opportunity to grow and expand by attracting young players to the club.

The VAFA was seen as a well administered and controlled competition that protected the interests of clubs and players through the adherence to its rules and guidelines. At the time of our entry, the competition had six Divisions, namely A, B, D, E & F, and a one team only G Section. In 1984 the club entered in at Section F, and as outlined in the previous chapter were premiers in that Section. The competition operates in a manner that provides for the grand finalists of the lower divisions to be promoted up and the two bottom sides to be demoted. And so, following the premiership success in 1984, the Club was promoted to E Section in 1985. With the influx of new teams the VAFA subsequently changed D, E, F & G to D1, D2, D3 & D4, with a Club 18 as an extra Section to cover the overflow of players and then as the years evolved the VAFA again changed its competition structure to Premier A, B & C, and Divisions 1, 2, 3 & 4, Club18, and U/18's & U/19's.

The Club's move to the Amateurs in 1983/84 has been clearly vindicated as it has resulted in a successful 30 year period for the football club having competed in 8 grand finals, being premiers in 1984, 2008, 2009 and 2014, and runners-up in 1990, 1991, 1996, 2000, 2001. The results of those finals are as follows:-

1984 VAFA F Section Grand Final:	Williamstown Preston MBOB	19.10.124 11.17. 83
1990 VAFA F Section Grand Final:	Saint Mary's Williamstown CYMS	11.11.77 10. 7.67
1991 VAFA E Section Grand Final:	Mazenod OC Williamstown CYMS	15.10.100 9.14. 68
1996 VAFA E Section Grand Final:	Old Essendon Williamstown CYMS	14. 9 .93 12.12.84
2000 VAFA D3 Section Grand Final:	Power House Williamstown CYMS	12.13.85 7.12.54
2001 VAFA D2 Section Grand Final:	Mentone Amateurs Williamstown CYMS	12.18.90 9. 7. 61
2008 VAFA D3 Section Grand Final:	Williamstown CYMS Eltham	12.17.89 3.11.29
2008 VAFA D3 <u>Reserves</u> Grand Final	Williamstown CYMS UHSOB – VU	14.17.101 14. 8. 92
2009 VAFA D2 Section Grand Final:	Williamstown CYMS Peninsula	15. 9.99 9.18.72
2009 VAFA D2 <u>Reserves</u> Grand Final	Williamstown CYMS Peninsula	10. 2. 62 5.11.41
2014 VAFA D1 Section Grand Final	Williamstown CYMS Therry/Penola	16.14. 110 8. 6. 54
2016 VAFA Premier 'C' <u>Reserves</u> Grand Final	Williamstown CYMS Mazenod	10.10.70 8.14.62



1984 Photo of Paul Jukes and Paul McNamara dominating a marking contest with John Henry endeavouring to spoil from the side.

Back in 1984 the team wore yellow shorts when playing away from home.

Paul Jukes (in front) had strong hands and was a great defender for the Club at Centre Half Back.

Paul McNamara (at rear) had been elevated from the Under'19's for the last 4 games of the Home & Away season and fitted in well in the Back-Pocket minding the resting Ruckman.

Other Events of the period

There are numerous events that have transpired through this period that have brought ongoing success both on and off the football field, including numerous football coaches that have experienced the highs and lows of this challenging and difficult job. The 1984 premiership coach Graeme Clough experienced a difficult 1985 with the retirement of a number of the senior players from the '84 successful squad. Dowell Mitchell offered freshness in 1986 as did Rollo Goetz in 1987/88.

Talented ruckman Mark Cannon took over the helm in 1989, followed by champion centre half forward Alan Elliott. Alan had several successful stints as coach, 1991-1993, 1996/97, & 2008-2011 in which he coached the Club to 4 Grand Final appearances with back to back Premiership success in 2008/2009. Steven Weir coached in 1994/95, and Paul MacNamara in 1998. The Club recruited goal kicking full forward Darren Williams as playing coach for the 2000/01 seasons, and he led the team to grand finals in both years, only to be defeated in a high standard performance. After Darren Caddy took over for the 2002 Season it was then Dene MacLeod who took the helm for five years from 2003-2007.

What was most evident following the move to the VAFA was the influx of new Players. Following the Club's initial entry to the VAFA, many came via the two 5 year periods during which the Club fielded Under 19 Teams in the mid 80's and early to Mid-90's.

These teams provided a life blood to the Club and benefitted from being placed under the guidance of sound coaching from both John Martin and John Charles who both hailed from the ranks of higher grade Football.

The influence from their coaching stints at the Club not only turned young men into valuable footballers for the CY's but also into good clubmen. What became most satisfying and representative of the strong culture which was prevalent at the CY's was the length of time these young players stayed at the Club both as players, coaches and future administrators.

But like the earlier periods in the Club's history there have been ups and downs on the playing field. As mentioned the VAFA provides for teams to be promoted or relegated depending on whether they finish at the top or bottom of their Section. And as illustrated by the Grand Final appearance results previously, the Club has moved between Sections on a number of occasions. But in all instances the Club attacked the new-year with enthusiasm, freshened up the players and coach for new challengers ahead as they would be taking on different teams the following year. Whenever relegated it provided the coach an opportunity to regroup and also consider recruiting options.

The 100 + goals

The VAFA period also saw the emergence of the key goal scoring forward with Paul (Dog) McGowan, Peter Graham, Darren (Dumbo) Williams and Greg (Gregga) Burgess each successfully reaching the 100+ goal milestone. A newspaper report in the late eighties reported on McGowan kicking 23 Goals – a Club record. It was a game played against Old Eltham College. It read as follows:

'Williamstown CYMS Seniors finished the 1989 season off in fine style with a massive win over bottom side Eltham College. After a slow start against the breeze CY's moved into top gear and kept it up for the rest of the match. Spearhead **Paul McGowan** kicked a Club record **23 goals**. He was helped by an uncongested forward line and good delivery by running players. The CY's missed the finals by dropping two matches which should never have been lost. The Reserves had a bye but finished in second place and on the following Saturday would play Mazenod College in the 2nd Semi-final at Oval No.4 Albert Park from 11.45 am.'

Match reports

From a review of match reports (see Appendix 23) obtained from newspaper articles of the late eighties and early nineties the names of Players who regularly performed well and made a strong contribution to the success of the Club in both Senior and Reserve games during that era are listed as follows: **Alan Elliott, Andrew Featherston, Mark Cannon, Tom Cannon, Paul McGowan, Steve Calderwood, Alan Harry, Peter Van Dongen, Bernard and John Tuck, Darren Dawson, Brett Hann, Tim Ferris, Brett Mazouris, David Bubnic , Michael & Paul Dervan, Peter Graham, Guisseppi Doria and Tony Ryan**. It is also clear from these reports that the two most consistent and prolific goal scorers during this period were Paul McGowan in the Seniors and Darren Dawson in the Reserves.

Some of these names highlighting the continuance of the strong family connections across the decades, in particular, the Featherston's whose father is depicted in the 1961 photo shown earlier wearing the Club Blazer.

Images from the nineties



Alan Elliott giving his rousing three quarter time address in the 1991 losing Grand Final against Mazenod. Peter Graham standing with hands on hips next to Alan kicked 100 goals in this season.

Williamstown CYMS 9. 14. 68

Mazenod 15. 10. 100

Goals: Andrew Featherston 2, Gunn 2, M Cannon 2, T Cannon, Graham, Temby.

Best: Featherston, Temby, Gunn, Turnley, Macleod, Harry.

In the rooms before the final:



1991'E' Section Grand Final against Mazenod – The Banner did not define the result on the day.



WILLIAMSTOWN C.Y.M.S. 1994



ROW 5: Anthony Daniel, Robert Iskra, Greg Clerk, Mark Cannon, Peter Sadler, Damian Serong, Tony Carter, Tim Ferris, Sean Quinn.
 ROW 4: George Herbertson, Tom Cannon, Paul McNamara, Stephen Kennedy, Chris Hall, Andrew Bond, Gary Hampson, Dene Macleod, Michael O'Flynn.
 ROW 3: Paul Muscat, Anthony Langham, Adam Finch, Tom Gleeson, Nick Bond, Wayne Kewin, Rodney Scott, Shane McEachran, Murray Crawford.
 ROW 2: Joe Di Pietro, Wes Griffiths, Brett Mazouris, Brett Hann, Andrew Featherston, Mick Payne, Cameron McKenzie, David Elliott, Warren Payne, Richard Darmanin, Pepe Doria.
 FRONT: Mark Holmes (Team Manager), Lucille Corbett (Treasurer), Darren Dawson (President), Alan Harry (Captain), Steve Weir (Coach), Tony Ryan (Reserves Coach), Robert Evans (Vice Captain), Peter Buckley (Secretary), Angela Knibb (Head Trainer), Peter Culhane (Trainer).

WILLIAMSTOWN C.Y.M.S. 1996



ROW 5: Charles Singleton, Robert Iskra, Greg Reid, Tony Carter, David Bubnic, Luke Grochowski, Robert Evans, Anthony Daniel.
 ROW 4: Grant Singleton, Daniel Oldham, Scott Wuchatsch, Dene MacLeod, George Herbertson, David Lee, Richard Kurkowski, Aaron Thege, James McCutcheon, Damian Grigg.
 ROW 3: Andrew Petzierides, Greg Warren, Travis Beckwith, Luke Jamieson, Brendan Cocks, Grant Case, Bernie Tuck, Anthony Langham, Damon Grieve.
 ROW 2: Brett Wouda, Chris Trew, Wes Griffiths, Greg Burgess, David Wouda, Peter Culhane (Trainer), Luke Gray, Tony Ryan, Brett Hann, Chris Mathews.
 FRONT: Margaret Dawson (Treasurer), Jeff MacLeod (Chairman), Darren Dawson (President), Cameron McKenzie (Reserves Captain), Alan Harry (Senior Captain), Caine Bergin (Under 19 Captain), Anthony Cook (Senior Vice Captain), Peter Buckley (Under 19 Team Manager), Trisha Bloxham (Head Trainer).

Beyond 2000 - a Journey to the Premier Grades.

Whilst the journey into the VAFA was clearly the right move for the CY's the Club has not found it an easy ride as competition across the grades is fierce and progression through the grades is not a given. To have regular and sustained success the Club needed to expand its horizons and become a more professional unit both on and off the field. This journey started in 2000 with the appointment of Darren Williams (ex WAFL Player) as senior coach which began a change in focus and direction which began to bring success and a desire to continue to do better and improve the profile of the Club. By the mid-2000's the Committee had put in place a 5 year plan and set about making it happen. A re-focus and re-alignment with the Williamstown Juniors football Club was high priority as although the Club had developed some links there it was not at that point a complete marriage and the CY's needed to be able to manage and control the feed of Players from the under-age teams. A continuing influx of youth was the only way to sustain a successful model and this influx would need to come from the juniors. This period has welcomed in the next major transitional period for the Club and is the period where the focus on youth and connection to the under-age teams has come to the fore. A brief history of the events, changes and developments through this period is highlighted below.

2000-2002 – Breaking Through

At the end of this period a publication prepared by Simon Phemister with the assistance of Club stalwarts Greg Clerk, Angelo Kosmatos, Danny Oldham, Mark Cannon, Scott Wuchatsch and Nick Grant gave a synopsis of a period of change and success during which the Club were Runners-Up in the Seniors in both the 2000 and 2001 Seasons and Premiers in the Reserves in 2000 and Runners-up in 2001 highlighting the strong period of competitive performance.

It was the period when the Club was coached by Darren (Dumbo) Williams (2000 & 2001) and it was Williams that brought back and instilled a winning attitude at the Club with the spirit to match.



Photo 1.- Darren (Dumbo) Williams (2000 & 2001)

Photo 2. - Dumbo addressing the team – an injured Dene McLeod listening in.

Darren Williams was a strongly built full-forward/ ruckman who kicked over 100 goals to win the competition goal kicking award in the year 2000 and backed up his performance in subsequent years winning the Club B&F in both 2000 and 2001 with Brendon Cocks winning the B&F in 2002.

He was followed by Darren Caddy (2002) who had come from playing at coaching at Old Ivanhoe and North Old Boys at a higher VAFA level.

Through the reign of Williams and Caddy, Dene (Guru) Macleod lead the Club as Senior Captain for the 3 year period and played over 200 games with the Club. Dene developed as a strong leader over the 2000-2002 working closely with Dumbo to achieve the results of 2000 & 2001. Unfortunately Dene didn't get a taste of action in either GF appearance as a result of heart breaking season ending injuries.

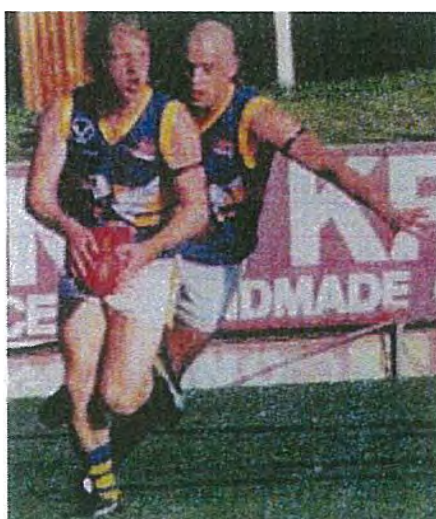
Dene continues to remain actively involved with the CY's playing a role as an assistant coach in the 2014 premiership victory.

B&F's

It was **Cocksey 3rd B&F** having also won the award in 1998 and 1999 and by doing so also joined the following esteemed group of CYMS Players who also achieved such notoriety.

- **David Jones** – (3) – 1968, '69 & '70;
- **Denis Wilkie** – (3) – 1971, '72 & '75 and
- **Mark (Birda) Cannon** – (4) – 1988, '90, '93 and '94.

Brendon Cocks and **Mark (Birda) Cannon** pictured below. Both have made outstanding contributions to the Club. Brendon as a hard running and courageous wingman and Birda as a Ruck and strong marking big man.



100 games for Cranna

This period also saw the 100 game milestone achieved by Club stalwart and favourite son Tony (Cranna) Carter whose special relationship at the Club now spans more than 20 years and to whom life membership was bestowed in 2013.



Under 19's

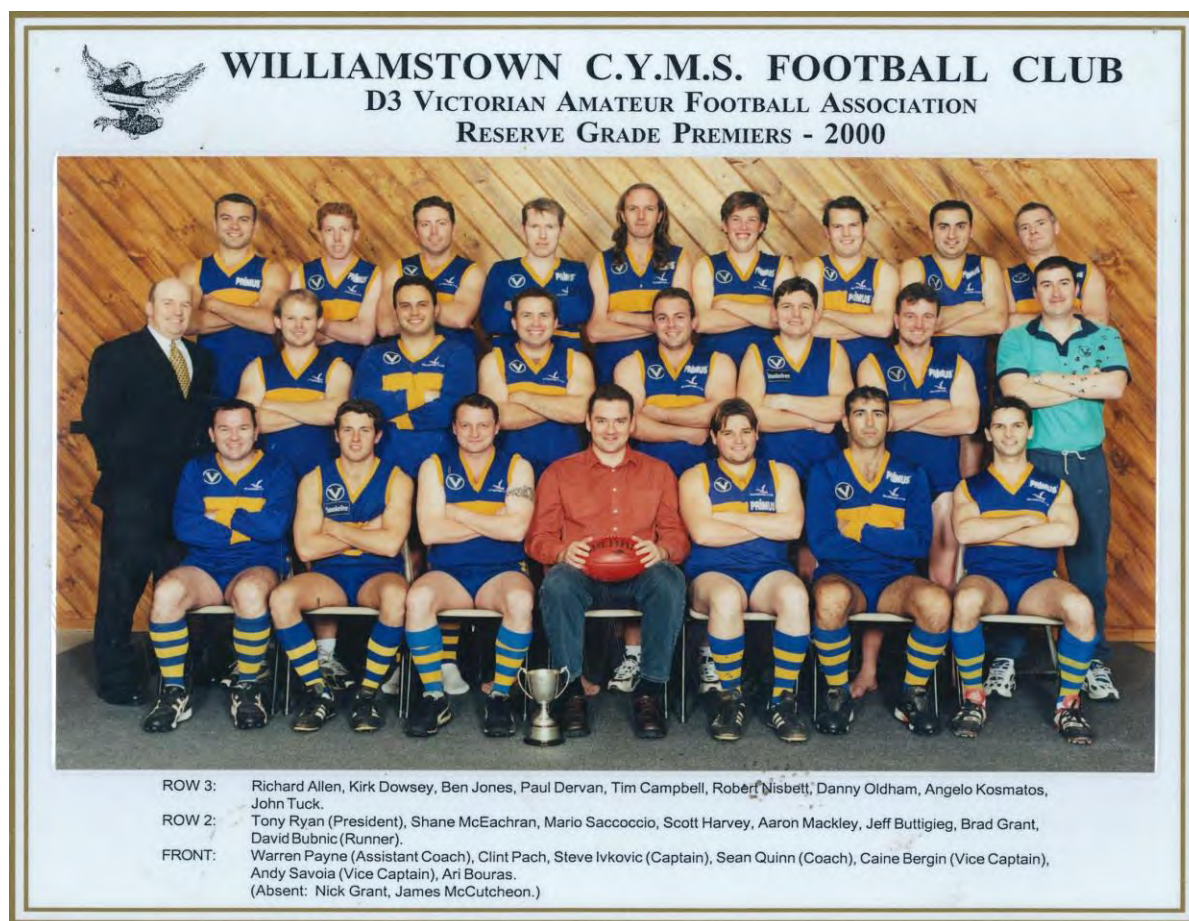
In addition, in 2002, a further Under 19's project was pulled together in conjunction with the Williamstown VFL side who were then aligned to Collingwood. The team was coached by former CY's grand Final Player Matt Imms with the assistance of Andrew Barnes. They pulled a crop of youngsters together and although it was a disappointing season they did the Blue and gold proud.

2000 & 2001 Finals Reports

2000

With the Club playing in D3 in Season **2000** an injury hit Williamstown, without the experience of Scott Wuchatsch and skipper Dene Macleod, faced an uphill battle in the 2000 final series. However, the leadership of Darren Williams and the super effort from his namesake in Darren (Daisy) Williams saw the Blue and Gold make the Grand Final. The team unfortunately went down in the final to Powerhouse by 31 points. The 2000 battle was against D3 archrivals Powerhouse. After finishing second in the regular season the CY's lost the first semi-final in a bruising affair despite some hard hitting and big marking from Brad Twist and Ross Hart. A week later the Players regrouped to take on Richmond centrals. In a tough contest the CY's prevailed with Ben Hynes and Brendon Cocks proving too good for their black and yellow opponents. This then set up another clash with Powerhouse in the GF. This game was much tighter than the 2nd semi and the running style of both teams ensured that every square inch of the Preston City Oval was utilised. Despite a super human performance by daisy Williams and his namesake, Coach 'Dumbo', Willi went down by a narrow margin.

Reserves also set the pace in the **2000** Season and were the team to beat in the finals series. As predicted they played off against Powerhouse in a Bruising and incredibly close



affair. A miraculous goal from Ben Jones nailed the Powerhouse coffin shut and handed Willi a much deserved flag. They had gone into the finals series as slight favourites ahead of Powerhouse. Clinton Pach and Danny Oldham ran wild in the final and Willi were rewarded with a much deserved premiership Flag. The photo below shows the team celebrating after receiving the Premiership Cup.



Reserve Players celebrating a well-deserved victory in Season 2000.

2001

In **2001** having been promoted to D2 the new boys shocked the amateur ranks by making the Grand Final. Whilst 2000 nemesis Powerhouse floundered and finished last the CY's powered on to yet another Grand Final appearance only to be defeated by the hot favourites Mentone Amateurs by 29 points. The finals script was similar to the 2000 season, with the CY's losing the 2nd Semi to the undefeated Mentone. This set up a clash with Salesian at Victoria Park. After enjoying a week of training at the Whitten Oval Willi ran all over their preliminary final counterparts. The win was ensured by some big tagging roles carried out by Brad Robinson, Simon Phemister and Scott Wuchatsch. In the final against Mentone Willi had to go without injured stars Tim Wheeler, Phil Thompson and skipper Dene 'Guru' Mcleod. Once again the CY's did their faithful proud and once again Brad Twist took to the air. Despite the efforts of all involved the CY's finished the bridesmaid yet again.

Second Semi-Final – 1 September 2001

Williamstown CYMS	7. 8. 50
Mentone	14. 10. 94

Goals: Darren Williams, 5

Best: Sadler, Grieve, Oldham, Cambridge, Saunders

Preliminary Final – 8 September 2001

Williamstown CYMS	13. 14. 92
Salesians	6. 11. 47

Goals: Williams 7, Wouda 3, Featherston, Twist, Matthews

Best: B Hynes, Cambridge, Hann, Mackley, Pach

Grand Final – 15 September 2001

Williamstown CYMS	9. 7. 61
Mentone	12. 18. 90

Goals: Williams 3, Wouda, Ferris, Twist, Barlow, Bartolo, Matthews

Best: Cocks, Manning, Munro, Featherston, Grieve, Holland

In **2001**, as in the Seniors', the CY **Reserves** were the surprise packet of the D2 Season. Not only did the boys unexpectedly make the finals but they pushed on to play off against Parkside in the Grand Final where they were Runners –up. After a fantastic first half by Julian Hynes and Mario Saccoccio the boys were pipped on the line by a team that was stacked with regular senior players.

Aboriginal Tour 2000 – An integration initiative

After spending twelve months working for the Western Australian Aboriginal Legal Service up in the Kimberly Region, **Tom Cannon**, a Williamstown CYMS 1984 Premiership Player, approached the Club with the idea of bringing aboriginal youngsters to play football with the Williamstown CYMS. He believed the youngsters would significantly benefit from spending a season playing football in Melbourne and that being able to immerse these young men in the integrative Club culture that he had grown up in at the CY's would provide them with a life experience beyond that available in their local district. The aim also being, and on all reports successfully achieved, was to offer an experience that the young aboriginal men could take back home to share with their families and friends.



Tom in the rooms after a game (centre).

In late June 2000, after seeking the aid of the CY's and local Williamstown Rotary Chapter, four young aboriginal boys arrived in Melbourne to play football for the CY's. Their flight had been donated by Rotary and for the next 8 weeks they were billeted at three houses in Williamstown. The project went well with many Club volunteers pitching in to offer support. In the end the young men became part of Club life and the Club became part of theirs with everyone gaining from the experience. On the football side the young men made a significant contribution with their silky skills regularly on display week after week. They each new how to play the game and the Club benefitted from their presence.

Early 2000's – Brendon Cocks and Steve Barlow in the forefront.



2005-2009 – D3 to D1 – The Willy Juniors & Oopy factor

The early signs of the benefits that the influx of youth would bring to the future success of the Club commenced back in 2005 and began to bare its first fruit in the 2008 premiership year. In the 2005 Season the Club had an influx of Players from the Williamstown Juniors Under 18 team. The Under 18 Team, which was then under the control of the Juniors', had been re-established in 2003 following a period since the late 90's when the Juniors were unable to field a team beyond the level of Under 16. Prior to this period Players were released on permit to other local Western Suburban Clubs following their Under 16 year and this left no youth coming through locally at the Under 18 level.

The long term benefits to the CY's from the Willy Juniors decision to re-establish this team are clearly evident today as back in 2005 the CY's were able to attract a new wave of feeder players which included the likes of Ben Gray, Cody McCracken, Bill Adamson, Michael Cini, Lawrence and Fletcher Henry, Michael Cavarra and Matthew Saltana who each went on to establish long term relationships with the Club with Ben Gray rising to become a Club Premiership Captain. This was the start of the Club's next transitional period of growth.

With these new initiatives the Club began to grow in strength from 2008 onwards where it became common place to have 80 + players at training. This resulted in the Club establishing a third team in the VAFA's Club'18 Competition which has continued to be a successful development tool for the Club in both keeping its older players at the Club and also providing the opportunity for younger players to get a start at open age football.

With more players came more competition for Senior Grade positions and this was then reflected in the quality of the Reserves teams which have also made the finals on several occasions, including premierships in 2000, 2008 and 2009.

2007 was the last year of 4 years of coaching by Dene Macleod and whilst the youth were beginning to come through the Club lacked sufficient senior players to maintain competitive momentum and had dropped back to Division 3. However, the Committee had already put a plan in place to return to the higher grades and this progression commenced with the appointed of Alan Elliott as Senior Coach in Season 2008.

Back to Back – 2008/2009

A four year relationship that resulted in back to back premierships in D3 in 2008 and D2 in 2009 saw the Club progress to D1 for Season 2010 (see GF reports at Appendix 15 & 16).

In 2008 the Club was blessed with great leadership through Captain Carson McNamara, Tim Wheeler, Ben, Julian and Tim Hynes, Craig Taylor, Sean McGuinness, Dave Lee, Will Cooper, Steve Barlow and Brendon Cox and under this leadership Alan Elliott was also able attract some new senior players which added depth to the team. These included Julian Hatfield, Luke Forrester, Jarrod Tranter and Brett Lethborg.

With a stronger senior squad for the 2008 season Alan was then able to mould the up and coming young players in James Wong, Alan's son Christian, Ben Gray, John Gallivan, Michael Cini, Matthew Lishman and Matthew Saltana into a cohesive unit which went on to defeat Eltham in the grand final out at Coburg.



Photo above showing Craig Taylor taking a speckkey over Eltham Players in the 2008 Grand Final - Michael Cini and Matthew Lishman (No. 7) also pictured.

2009

From the 2008 premiership squad only Dave Lee, Brendon Cox, Steve Barlow, Craig Taylor and Matthew Saltana did not front up again in 2009 and these Players were replaced by senior recruits in James Reid and Andrew McKay and up and coming juniors in Nick Walsh, Fin Adamson, Zac Reid and Callum Richards. The core strength of the squad remained in-tact and it was with the outstanding leadership shown throughout the finals series together with the gut running and determination of the younger players that saw the CY's triumphant in again bringing home the premiership cup by defeating Peninsula (Pirates) out at the Waverley ground.

2010-2014 – Building a ‘Premier Grade’ team

In the 5 year period from 2010 to 2014 the Club set about building a team for the Premier Grades with the inclusion of an Under 19 team in the VAFA in 2011 followed by an Under/ 18 team in 2013 after taking over responsibility for the Williamstown Juniors Under/ 18 Team by moving it away from the WRFL competition. The inaugural Under/19 coach Matthew Montebello was appointed to build the youthful squad and after two years building up a successful group was appointed by the Club to the Senior coaching position in Season 2013 with a responsibility to have control as Director of Coaching across the whole Club.

Matthew Montebello's appointment followed the one year coaching appointment in 2012 of ex Williamstown Player Ian Rickman who was forced to retire at the end of that season for business reasons.

The strength of numbers and improved Player quality was beginning to show as all teams across the Club were competing well. In **2013** the Senior Team finished in second place on the ladder to sustain the double chance but with some late injuries and unavailability of

Players departed the finals campaign in straight sets being defeated by the eventual premiers in Hampton Rovers in the 2nd Semi-Final and then Ormond in the Preliminary.

2014 – A Premiership Year

However the Club's progression plan was clearly in full swing and the 2014 Season came around with great enthusiasm. A new Guernsey with the adoption of the Williamstown sash strip and CYMS Logo together with the introduction of a white clash Guernsey which captured the traditional club blue and gold hoops were put in place thanks to the generous sponsorship of Club Stalwart and past Player Graeme Smith (Inver Engineering).

This coincided with a hunger for success to bridge the gap and go one better and get the Club up from the 'D1' division. From the outset it could be seen that all teams were going to be strong and compete well throughout the year.

By season's end the Senior Team had secured second spot on 14 wins, the Reserves had finished on top of the ladder, The Club 18 in second place, the Under 19's in second place and the Under 18 colts in 5th place.

The seniors were second only to Therry-Penola who had gone through the season undefeated. They had defeated the CY's early in the season out at Therry by 10 goals and later at home on the Fearon in the wet by 5 points so the lads had set themselves for the challenge to reverse the result in the finals which would be played on bigger and neutral grounds where the wide open spaces were to suit the CY's running players and game style.

Although doing the Club proud the finals results did not go our way in the Reserves (straight set losses), Club 18 (Runners-up) and Under/19' (straight set losses).

However, it certainly opened up for the Senior Team with a classic 6 goal win in the **Second Semi** which was played out at the Bill Lawry Oval in Northcote on Saturday 30th August 2014. The CY's dominated from start to finish shocking Therry in a classic display of contested finals football.

When the final siren sounded in the Second-Semi it was:

Williamstown CYMS	16 – 10 – 106
Therry Penola	10 – 10 – 70.

The **Best** players for the CY's noted as being:

Ryan Danaher, Tommy Johnstone, Ryan Chan, Nick Holdsworth, Sean McVernon and Tim Murphy

With **Goals** to:

Jack Gray 4, Matthew John 4, Ryan Chan 2, and singles to Jason Bencich, Cameron Oates, Dan Calman-Orr, Callam Richards, Tim Murphy and Luke Molan.

Progression to **Premier 'C'** had been achieved and the fruits of the Club's efforts to build a team capable of playing up in the premier grades had finally been reached and the Club had got over its first hurdle. It was then time to freshen up for the grand final in a fortnight.



Photo above shows The Players preparing themselves in a team meeting before the GF.

The **Grand Final** was played out at Visy Park on Sunday 14 September 2014 in bright sunny conditions on a beautiful spring day. The Club President John Tuck had done some fancy manoeuvring during the week to orchestrate the playing venue which had been originally set down to be played out at Garvie Oval, Parade College. The move was a master stroke as the wide open spaces of Princess Park was perfect for our young and fast running players.



Luke Molan out-marking three opponents

Whilst a separate report of the 2014 Grand final match against Therry can be read at Appendix 18 the result was amazing with premiership success being tasted in all its glory with the team putting on a dominant and clinical display of hard running and stoppage winning football to down Therry by 56 points.

The final score being:

Williamstown CYMS 16 – 14 – 110

Therry-Penola 8 - 6 - 54

After the presentation of the Cup and medals the members and players headed back to the social clubrooms at the Fearon to celebrate victory well into the night. It was standing room only in the rooms as a huge crowd of players and supporters attended the celebrations.



Celebrating the 2014 Premiership victory on the ground at Visy Park.



It's a Grand Old Flag – Singing the theme song in the rooms after the Premiership Victory with Club Stalwart Mick Buckley prominent in full voice.

2016 – A Premiership Year for the Reserves in Premier ‘C’

In only the Club's second year in VAFA Premier 'C' it's Reserve Grade Team under Coach Matthew Wynd was successful in winning the premiership after finishing in 3rd place after the completion of the home & away season.

This was an outstanding performance after the team had turned at the half way point of the season on 4 wins and 5 losses to go on and win 11 of its next 12 games to take out the flag.

After winning the 1st Semi-final against Ormond out at the Box Hill City Oval by 10 goals (14.10.94 to 4.11.35) the team fronted up against Old Caulfield Grammarians in the Preliminary on Saturday 10 September 2016 at the Sandringham Seaside Oval.

Although getting off to a good start with a 6 goal first quarter the lead was whittled back by Caulfield and the CY's only held a small lead by three quarter-time.

A see-sawing contest in the last saw Caulfield with a 5 point lead at the siren with Williamstown Player Ryan Danaher having taken a mark 45 metres out just before the siren sounded. Under enormous pressure he slotted through to give the CY's victory by one point.



The scoreboard tells the story of the day.



Singing the Club song after the Preliminary final victory.

Grand Final vs Mazenod - a report on the Grand final is tabled at [Appendix 19](#).

The Team pictured below on the day celebrating its well-deserved and hard fort victory.



Final Results being: **Williamstown CYMS** **10 – 10– 70** d **Mazenod** **8 – 14 – 62**

2017 – A Premiership Year for the Thirds in Premier ‘C’

In 2017, the Club was in its third year in Premier “C” and beginning to obtain a stronghold in the grade with the Senior team finishing 4th and making the finals for the 1st time, the Under 19 teams having strong competitive seasons and the Thirds being on the verge of premiership success.

After taking the Club to the Premier “C” Reserves premiership in 2016, Coach Matt Wynd took up the reins with the Club’s 3rd Senior Team and successfully reached the Grand Final. The final 4 being Williamstown CYMS, Caulfield Grammarians, West Brunswick and PEGS.

Wyndy had pulled together a strong squad to compete in Premier “C” Thirds by attracting 2014 Senior Premiership Players Steven Puhar, Luke Molan and Callum Richards out of retirement and also 2016 Reserves Premiership Players Ben Hynes, Lawrence Henry, Michael McLaughlin and Michael Cavarra into the squad.

After finishing the home and away season on top of the ladder with 13 wins (60 points), 1 loss, 2 forfeits and a percentage of 244.87 the 2nd Semi Final was played out at Croft Reserve, Blackshaws Rd North Altona at 9.20am on Saturday 19 August 2017.

On the morning of the game a mixture of sun, sleet rain and wind confronted the Players. The game commenced with both teams strong at the contest and Caulfield taking the advantage by scoring the first goal.

The CY’s then settled but couldn’t find the scoreboard kicking inaccurately and finishing the quarter with 7 behinds. The 2nd quarter saw the CY’s take control and pile on 5 goals and take a strong lead at half time.

The second half was dominated by the CY’s with their experienced players taking control of the game around the stoppages which resulted in regular forays into the forward half. The final result seeing the CY’s run out victors by 43 points and progress to the Grand Final.

Scores by Qrt:

	1 st Qrt	2 nd Qrt	3 rd Qrt	4 th Qrt
Williamstown CYMS	0-7-7	5-8-38	6-9-45	9-13-67
Caulfield Grammarians	1-1-7	1-2-24	3-6-24	3-6-24

Goal Kickers: C Terzoglou, L Cavarra, B Coyle, M Cavarra, C Galea, C Richards, M McLaughlin, S Puhar and C Fennel

Best Players: C Richards, S Puhar, L Cavarra, A Hobday, D Streets and L Molan.

Grand Final Day – 2 September 2017.

Having won the preliminary Final against West Brunswick the Grand Final became a re-match against Caulfield Grammarians.

The game was played on the 2nd September 2017 out at Sportscover Arena, the VAFA Headquarters in Elsternwick with a 9.20am kick-off.

With the wind favouring the scoreboard end of the ground Caulfield won the toss and started with the breeze in the 1st quarter. The CY's started well and were hard at the contested ball restricting Caulfield to only two behinds with the breeze whilst scoring 1 goal 1 behind against the wind. At the same in the 1st quarter Caulfield appeared to be advantaged by some very debatable umpiring decisions which interrupted the CY's attacking flow.

The second quarter was dominated by the CY's and they managed a further 3 goals 3 behinds to Caulfield's 1 goal 3 behinds making use of their opportunities by kicking long to the goal mouth to maximise their scoring potential. A late goal to Caulfield saw the CY's go into half-time with a 17 point lead.

With some light rain on half-time the wind picked up into the 3rdqtr with Caulfield maintaining dominance in its forward half for most of the quarter. With the CY's strong defensive pressure they were able to restrict Caulfield to 3 goals 3 behinds in the quarter whilst adding an early goal themselves taking a 2 point lead into the last.

Revved up by Coach Wynd at 3Qrt time the CY's took the early advantage of the breeze in the last and although Caulfield worked hard they only managed a further 3 behinds from inaccurate kicking with Willy adding a further 2 goals 3 behinds to their total to run out victors at the final siren by 14 points.

Great celebration and excitement followed with the Players and their families congregating on the oval for the post-match medal presentation. Once again the CY supporter base outnumbered the oppositions with a huge crowd in attendance to cheer on the lads. As the cameras clicked the Players sang the Club theme song with great gusto and all the family members joined in the celebrations.

Final scores quarter by quarter were:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Williamstown CYMS	1.1.7	4.4.28	5.4.34	7.7.49
Caulfield Grammarians	0.2.2	1.5.11	4.8.32	4.11.35

Goal kickers: J Farley 2, B Coyle 2, C Terzoglou, C Galea, B Hynes.

Best Players: S Puhar, L Molan, J Farley, C Richards, C Fennel, M McLaughlin.

The premiership players that represented the Club on the day included the following:

- J Farley (17), B Coyle (23), C Terzoglou (7), C Galea (29), B Hynes (19), M McLaughlin (24), C Fennel (1), C Richards(5), L Molan (22), S Puhar (28), D Streets (26), G Colreavy (4), L Cavarra (13), M Cavarra (11), M Busuttil (21) Capt., L Henry (18), C Solomon (69), J Munro (9), M Keating (8), M Tennant (15), L Mckenzie (16), A Hobday (25), T Humberstone (70) and M Porter (30).

Player Steven Puhar was awarded the grand final medal for best player on the ground.



Matt Wynd (Coach) and Mark Busuttil lifting the Premiership Cup



The 2017 "C" Grade Thirds Premiership Team celebrating victory.

Other Images from the Premier 'C' Thirds Premiership day.



Brothers Liam & Michael Cavarra.



The Final Score board.



Players gathering to sing the song and receive their medals.



Number 18 Lawrence Henry receiving his medal before the Cup Presentation. It was his 4th premiership with the Club. Also in Season 2017 player Ben Hynes became the 1st player to reach his 300th game milestone with the Club and also achieved his 3rd premiership.

Professional Image, Strong Culture and Community Focus

Beyond 2000 other initiatives have included the establishment of a "Coterie Group" managed by past player and coach Dene Macleod. The Group, which comprises over 100 members who are individual sponsors of the Club, arranges several functions a year to raise funds for the football club.

Although history shows that past Player events and reunions were held from time to time the importance and regularity of bringing past Players together and holding these events was brought to the forefront through the initiative shown by Club Life Member and past Player Bernie Tuck along with fellow past Players Anthony Langham, Guiseppi Doria and Andrew Featherston. These past Players resurrected this event in the late nineties such that it has become a regular popular fixture on the Club's annual social activity calendar.

The venture to the VAFA has also attracted local businesses as Club Sponsors, a very important source of funds. Fielding three senior teams and an under-age team is indeed costly. Continuing strong support through this period has been received from Gallivan & Magee (Insurance Brokers), Sweeney Real Estate and Peter Sadler Transport and more recently Total Steele and Inver Engineering with many additional partners which are highlighted in the Club's monthly Newsletter also coming on board to support the Club.

Over the years the Club has created a good relationship with the administration of the VAFA, and member Darren Dawson (also a Life Member, past player and past president) having been involved during this period writing weekly Match and game Reports for the VAFA Football Record.

The Club also initiated an "Umpires Appreciation Day" and each year invites representatives of the AFL Umpires Association and VAFA Umpires Association down to the club for lunch at a home game to acknowledge the role the umpires.

This initiative was instigated by Dene Macleod (Coterie Group Manager) with the support of Bill Deller (ex AFL umpire who joined the CYMS Committee and became Football General Manager). What the CY's started has now been adopted by the AFL as a regular event on its Football calendar, introducing a theme round across the AFL competition.

The Club has also developed a Website where football club information, match reports and other items are reported. (www.williamstowncym.com.au).

So it can be seen that the Club continues to look forward and develop new ideas and initiatives, and over this 30 year period there have been numerous other progressive events that have helped shape the club.

The decision to join the VAFA was clearly the right move as over the past 30 years since joining the VAFA the Club has achieved 4 Senior Premierships, 3 Reserve grade premierships and been runner-up at Senior level on 5 occasions.

These achievements have been more than creditable and with the Club stronger than ever today with solid leadership, 3 Open age teams, an Under 19's and an Under 18 team all competing strongly in the VAFA the anticipation going forward is that there will be many more successful years..

The past four premierships reports are recorded at appendices 15, 16, 17 & 18, and also at appendix 19 players selected for the Team of the Century are detailed.

A Reflection on the decision to enter the Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA) – (Ammos)

In looking back over the 30 years of the Club's time in the VAFA competition, it is clearly apparent that the move to this competition has been pivotal to the Club's growth and ongoing success and survival. Not only with the recruitment of new Players but also being able to attract strong off field leadership which have provided sound direction for the Club, none more so than during the more recent period of the Club's history under the presidency of Peter Welsh.

In reflecting on the significance of this initiative present day Club stalwart Darren "Smokie" Dawson took time out to talk to those Club officials that formed part of the member group responsible for the transition of the Club from the Western Suburban Football League to the VAFA and a record of this forms an important part in substantiating this historic event. His report on this unfolds as follows:

INTO THE "AMMOS" **THE MOVE WHICH SAVED THE CLUB**

Life Members Peter Buckley, Bruce O'Brien and Dan Henry were interviewed for this piece by fellow Life Member and Club historian Darren Dawson (in August 2012). The purpose and outcome of these interviews was to gain a picture of the Club's plight prior to its foray into the VAFA, the challenges in switching competitions and to understand the determination and courage of those involved in this transition in keeping the Club alive to build on its long history. This is narrated as follows:

"It is not drawing too long a bow to suggest that the Williamstown CYMS Football Club's very existence was secured by the club's decision to join the Victorian Amateur Football Association in the early 1980's.

The seeds of this move were sewn as far back as 1976, when the CYMS Football Association (CYMSFA) folded. The competition had experienced declining numbers since the Mid-60's, when even Williamstown CYMS departed for four seasons to play in the Footscray District League (FDL). However, the club struggled in this league, and found itself unable to compete with FDL clubs who were paying money to players. This would be a recurring theme in subsequent years. As such Williamstown CYMS re-entered the CYMSFA in 1969.

Buckley: "The CYMS comp folded as a result of a fight which occurred between South Melbourne and Kensington at Debney's Paddock. The police were called and fired a gun, and basically read the riot act. Those two sides were suspended, and we (WCYMS) were elevated into the final four. We were knocked out in the first semi, but the competition itself soon folded as a result of turbulence and falling away in numbers. It was an old comp, but no longer had significant administration. We had to find another competition. At the time, I wanted us to join the Amateurs, but it was felt that the travel would be a disincentive to the players, so we joined the West Suburban League (WSFL)."

O'Brien: "The WSFL welcomed us with open arms. Except for Williamstown United (our co-tenants at the Fearon), who were the only club who voted against us joining." It is

instructive that many of the clubs who made up the WSFL (Williamstown United, Newport East, West Newport, Central Altona etc) are no longer in existence. This being partly to do with the changing demographics of the Western Suburbs but also with the quest by Clubs to buy Players in which ultimately sent them broke. Initially the club was successful; winning the flag in 1977; but from that point on, the club's fortunes began to wane.

Buckley: "At the beginning of 1980 there were just total departures, including Coach John "Basher" Murphy. Dan Henry was appointed coach. It was a big year, because we opened the current social rooms in April. But early on, it got to the point where the likelihood of fielding one side, let alone two, was looking remote." After a mini-recruiting drive, including within the supermarkets of Williamstown, the club rustled up enough numbers to field a side. The team did not win a game -

"But we remained alive! And that was desperately important. However, it was starting to dawn on us that to remain viable we needed money. Because Newport, West Newport and the two Altona teams all paid money. We were relegated to the second division in 1981, and managed to make the preliminary final. But we were in the second division of a very secondary comp." Dan Henry made the initial application to join the VAFA at the end of 1982, having swapped roles to become president of the club.

O'Brien: "We were going nowhere, in a competition going nowhere. But there was a lot of angst; people were saying they did not want to be a part of a 'schoolboy' competition. The players were quite divided." Committee-man Kevin "Porky" Thompson was to become convinced only after a game against Newport East at Digman Reserve in which young centre half-forward Alan "Oopy" Elliott was being subjected to rough treatment. "That particular game turned opinions. It was a real catalyst."

The club's final season in the WSFL was in 1983. Many felt that the comp had become too violent. Indeed, the decision to join the VAFA was vindicated during that final season, after an ugly incident at West Newport in which Coach Dennis Twentyman was "questionably" flung into the fence and had his leg broken.

Buckley: "We just did not have the blokes with the bodies to withstand it, and nor could we afford to pay them. We were struggling to pay off the rooms."

Henry: "The WSFL clubs were trying to compete with the money in the FDL. It just was not something which could be sustained. Culturally, we have always tried to steer away from that." So in the end, it was a desire to differentiate the club from others in the Williamstown and Newport area which saw the Williamstown CYMS Football Club make the decision to enter the VAFA. "It was about going somewhere where we would fit the mould better." The CY's were not the only club to depart the WSFL at that time: Werribee Centrals absconded to the GDFL, and Port Colts left for the FDL.

However, gaining admission to the VAFA had not been a mere formality. Kevin Thompson and Dan Henry were the club representatives interviewed at VAFA headquarters as part of the application process. They were only mildly surprised to find that fellow Fearon Reserve tenants Williamstown United were being interviewed also.

Buckley: "By then, it was starting to become competitive to get into the Amateurs. But they said to us that if we could field an Under-19 side in the 1983 season, they would guarantee our inclusion in 1984."

The initial foray into the VAFA by the 1983 U/19 team was led by Coach Tom Zapadlo. Many of the players were recruited from the now defunct Altona North Brooklyn Youth Club (ANBY).

Henry: "We went and had a talk with ANBY, who were about to collapse, and ended up getting a list of players' names from them." That tough first season would be a pointer to the vastly different style of football the CYs would need to play if they were to be successful.

Buckley: "The standard of the competition caught everybody by surprise!"

O'Brien: "The first game was against Fawkner, and our boys got thrashed. The opposition played amateur football, we played western suburbs football, and it just didn't work."

Immediately noticeable at pre-season training in early '84 was the influx of new players. The club had not yet played a match in the VAFA, but already it was looking like the decision to change competitions had breathed new life into the club.

Buckley: "The immediate benefits were that the playing personnel improved, with new players such as Mark Dooley, the playing environment improved, and the standard was superior even though we were only in F Grade to begin with." All of a sudden, it was an attractive club again.

Henry: "If we had not made the move, we would not have survived."

Moving Forward

The calibre and leadership qualities of the men and women that have been attracted to this club since its establishment in 1886 have not waned.

Both on and off the playing field this Club grows and flourishes in the eyes of its members, the community, and the respect of others in the VAFA competition. There is little doubt that the next edition of the Club's History when written will be a highlight of the Club's continuing success.

Williamstown CYMS Family Connections

The history of Williamstown chronicles a beginning in the late 1830's, then known as William's Town. And like many settlements the early history is meagre.

By the late 1850's the town consisted of 3500 people (not including the floating population of seamen who often numbered half the tally of those on shore).

Community groups were soon established bringing families and single people together for both social and sporting activities, and as the years rolled by Williamstown was often known as the village by the sea. The formation of clubs that encouraged both men and women to become involved led to both creative and sporting endeavours as well as the beginning of new relationships and subsequently the growth in families.

When Williamstown CYMS established a football club in 1886 it created a new type of bonding among the men of the community as they stuck together on the arena of battle.

But the football games also attracted women to support the team and participate in organising dances and other social events. And so the relationships would commence.

This tradition has continued for 130 years as the attached schedule illustrates where fathers, sons, brothers, cousins, nephews have all played football for the club. However it is stressed that due to the lack of documented records for the first 60 years of the club's history, the names in the attachment are considered only a proportionate representation of what the total extent would have been of family involvements over its history. So apologies for those not included.

Moreover this club's strong family influence has over the years resulted in players marrying other player's sisters, and so the family connections are extended through marriage.

A couple of examples where a player has married the sister of another player include the following.

<u>Player</u>	wed	<u>Sister of Player</u>
L. Loton		J. Kenny
F. Jones		D. Morgan
B. Warlond		F. Finn
K. Dervan (Snr)		B. Arnott
D. Jones		S. Rieger
A. Boddington		R. Featherston
M. Buckley		P. Buckley (not related)
W. Dean		L. Loton (jnr).
P. Johnson		P. Buckley
M. Cannon		A. Featherston

There have no doubt been many more instances over the years, which illustrates why this club has readily been known as a family club.

Some examples from early records that appear to illustrate the family involvements from the start include:-

- D. Fearon and J. Fearon were made Life Members of the club in 1892 and 1894 respectively. As the Fearon family were honoured in the first batch of Life Memberships, it is most likely they were involved with the establishment of the football club in 1886.
- The committee of 1904 included M. & J. Barry, and F. & W. Muller
- Footballers in a game in 1909 included P. & J. Moloney and A. & W. Craine
- In 1928, the President was J.J. Roberts and the Secretary J. W. Roberts
- Tommy Gubbins played in the 1928 premiership team, and Jack & Jim Gubbins are in the history document with goals during a game in 1950. Also Jim Gubbins was part of the 1955 premiership team.

Appendix 1 depicts the Honour Board of Presidents which has resided over the Football Club from 1886 to 2013. Up until the 1950's this record of Presidents in nearly all the early years shows two names in each year as back then the Club had a President residing over Football and another residing over Cricket or CYMS Branch activities.

This list of Presidents provides its own history of Williamstown and the evolution of the CYMS Football Club with many common Williamstown family names appearing and reappearing throughout the decades as the CY's community expanded and Club loyalty, family traditions and a sense of belonging within the Williamstown community grew with each passing year and the Club's continuing successful operations.

The list of Presidents also providing evidence supporting the Club's long term survival with many of the residing Presidents having given their time for the Club over many years and in long stints in the chair whereby maintaining stability in both good and bad times ensuring the survival of the Club during its 130 years.

Presidential family connections are scattered throughout the Club's history with examples being that of the Jones and Bevis families.

Edwin (Ted) Jones was an active Club member in the twenties and resided as President of the Club in 1922. His son Frank (TOC – 28-62), a 1961/1962 Premiership Player and 1964 CYMS Competition B&F, resided as President from 1974 to 1978 and was in the chair when the Club successfully one over the Council for the building of the social Clubrooms. (With Frank having previously forged a successful football career at Williamstown in the VFA, achieving success as part of their 1956 Premiership Team). The Jones family link extending to other CY family members such as the J & S Doig (20's & 60's), Tony Williamson (60's & 70's) and Des Morgan (TOC-50's & 60's).

Jim Bevis, who was also an active member of the CY's in the twenties and thirties, became President in 1929 and later, his son Jim, who was active at the Club in the fifties and sixties became President in 1962.

It is clear from the club records that the on-going association of Williamstown families has been pivotal to the continuity and longevity of this club.

As the Club's history unfolds Williamstown families continue to have on-going connections with the Club through father-son contributions that span generations.

Past examples include,

- the Hynes family connections span 8 decades with Mick Hynes (the oldest of 10 boys) playing in the 1930's. Mick's brother Frank, who played in the 1940's, was the father of Damien and grandfather of current player Ben and Julian and Tim. (pictured below)
- Tom Vaughan played in the 1920's and 30's and his 4 sons, Dennis, Peter, Brendan and Tom Jnr played from the late 50's to the early 70's.
- Maurie Kenny also played in the 1920's, 30's & 40's and his 3 sons Morrie, John and Peter, played through the 50's and 60's. (pictured below)
- The three Henry brothers, John, Dan and Tim, played through the 1970's and 80's. Dan's three sons, Lawrence, Fletcher and Fraser have all played with the club, with the latter two continuing to have involvement. (pictured below)

Further legendary CY's family's, to name a few, whose participation in the club as players, coaches and administrators have spanned the generations are as follows;

Bevis, Ward, Loton, Martin, Dey, Rosser, Rieger, Featherston, Dervan, O'Brien, Grima, Buckley, Zammit, Walsh, Gallivan, Johnson, Elliott, Cini, Gray, Keating, Boddington, Tuck, Ryan, McGowan and Wilson.

Henry & Hynes Football Families



Front Left and front row:-
Dan Henry & sons Lawrence & Fletcher

Far Right and at Rear:-
Damien Hynes & sons Julian, Ben and Tim

Kenny Football Family



Maurie Kenny & sons John and Peter

In 2014

As a proven family and community club the father-son connection continues to flourish as strong today as ever and with that the Club is proud of the fact that the tradition continues today with several of its current day under 18 and under 19 players following in their father's footsteps.

The photos below show the father-son tradition continuing to flourish,

Clockwise starting from the left.

Bernie Tuck and son Ethan,

Wayne Deller and son Ben,

Ashley Zadel and father Ivan,

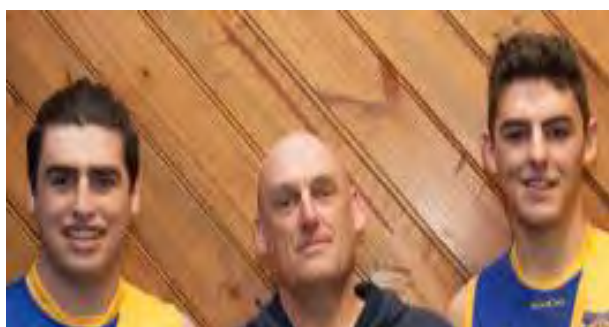
John Dawson, father Darren (Smokey) and brother Brendon.



Bernie & Ethan Tuck



Wayne & Ben Deller



John, Darren & Brendon Dawson



Ashley & Ivan Zadel

Williamstown CYMS Football Club

Family Connections

Names		Comments
Anderson	Carl Mark	Carl played in the 60's representing the Club in defence in the 1962 premiership and winning the Club B&F in 1964. His son Mark played with the Club through the Under 19's and Seniors in 1980 and 1990.
Boddington	Alan Ken Paul	Brothers Alan and Ken played in the early 1970's. Alan was a tall pacey wingman/forward who was part of the 1971 runners –up team and played in the 1972 premiership team. Ken was a dashing backman with a penetrating left foot kick.
Buckley	Peter Anthony Felicity Dominic	Peter joined the club in 1970, and although not gifted with the skills of other players, he was known for his aggression at the ball and his vigilant defence of his team mates. He has been involved with the administration of the club for over 40 years, and as past Secretary and President in 1988, his anointment as a Life Member was indeed appropriate. His brother Anthony (Tony) worked tirelessly as a boundary umpire for the club during the 1970's & 1980's. Their sister Felicity was a regular face working in the canteen on home games, and always keen on a social chat after the game over a cold beer. Felicity is a Life Member. Peter's son Dominic also was the club boundary umpire during the 1990's.
Buckley	Mark Michael Frank	Brothers Mark & Michael played during the early 1970's, with Mark playing in the 1970 Reserves Premiership and Michael part of the 1972 & 1973 premiership teams. Michael has been involved with the administration of the club for several decades, and is a Life Member. Frank spent time as a Committeeman in the 70's and 80's.
Cini	Gil Robert Michael Chris	Gil was a pacey rover/backpocket who played both seniors & reserve grade during the 1970/80's. His cousin Robert also played during this period. Gil's nephew Michael started playing in the late 2000's and was part of the 2008 & 2009 premierships teams. His other nephew Chris joined in 2012.

Dervan	Kevin Michael Kevin (jnr) Paul	Kevin played during the 1960's, and his three sons played, with Michael & Kevin (jnr) playing during the 1980's. Kevin (a goal kicking half forward) was a part of the 1984 premiership team, while Michael was always hard to catch when in full flight on the wing. Younger brother Paul played during the late 1980's & 1990's as a strong marking and defensive fullback, thwarting many attacks. Both Kevin and Paul have been involved with club administration and both are Life Members.
Dey	Tim John John (jnr)	Brothers Tim & John played during the 1950's and 1960's. Tim was part of the 1955 premiership team, and John played in the 1956 and 1970 premierships. John & Tim's nephew, John (jnr), son of Ivor Dey, played in the 1972 premiership team.
Elliott	Alan Christian	Alan joined the club in the late 1970's, and was captain of the 1984 premiership team, also winning the competition best & fairest that year. He played for many years winning the club's 1989 best & fairest award. Alan coached the club between 1990-93, 1996/97, and 2008 -2010, taking the side to four grand finals and premierships in 2008 & 2009. Alan is a Life Member. His son Christian joined the club during the mid-2000's, and was part of the 2008 & 2009 premiership teams, and like his father took sky scraper marks whilst kneeling on the opponents shoulders.
Featherston	Kevin Richard Chris Anthony Andrew	Kevin played with the club in the late 1940's early 1950's. He later continued in administrative roles with the club including being the Secretary during the 1961 premiership year. Two of Kevin's nephews, cousins Richard & Chris, joined the club in 1970, with Chris playing in the 1970 premiership team and was a member of the 1971 Runners Up Team. Richard played in the 1970 Reserves Premiership, the 1971 Runners Up side and the 1977 Senior Premiership team. He also took on many administrative roles with the club. Kevin's sons Andrew & Anthony both played, with Andrew playing over 200 games from 1986, including the Grand Finals of 1990, 1991, 2000, 2001, unfortunately the club being Runners Up in those years. Anthony also played many games during the 1990's.
Gallivan	Joe John Patrick	Joe played with the club during the late 1970's early 1980's. His sons John & Patrick joined the club in the mid 2000's, and John was part of the 2008 & 2009 Seniors premiership teams, while Patrick played in the Reserve Grade premiership teams also of 2008 & 2009.

Gray	David Ben	David played during the late 1970's and early 1980's. His son Ben joined the club in the mid 2000's, and as a strong marking tall defender or forward was part of the 2008, 2009 & 2014 premierships teams.
	Jack	Ben's brother Jack joined the club in 2013 and played in the 2014 Premiership Team.
Grigg	Barry	Barry joined the Committee in the Seventies and has remained actively involved with the Club for over 40 years. He held the position of Club Secretary on several occasions and also represented the Club on select Committees during the Centenary Year (1986), Team of the Century Selection (2006) and as VAFA Club Representative in the Nineties. He was one of the inaugural Shareholders and driving force behind the Club's Co-operative which was formed for the purpose of building the Social Clubrooms in 1980. He remains an active Coterie Member today.
	Damian	Damian, (Barry's son), represented the Club as a Senior Player in the Nineties becoming a Member of the 1996 Grand Final Team in the Club's loss to Old Essendon. Damian is still active around the Club today and has the responsibility of looking after the Centre Wicket area and pitch.
Grima	John Robert	John played in the 1955 and 1956 premierships teams, while his younger brother Robert joined the club to be part of the 1973 premiership, also winning the competition best & fairest award that year.
Henry	John	Brothers John & Dan joined the club in 1970. John played over 250 games and was part of the 1970, 1972, 1973, 1977, & 1984 premierships teams.
	Dan	Dan played in the 1970 Reserves Premiership, the 1972, 1973 & 1977 premierships, coached the club from 1981-1983, and was president from 1984-1987. He is also a Life Member and has been involved with the club for over 40 years.
	Tim	Younger brother Tim joined the club in the mid 1970's with all three brothers part of the 1977 premiership team. He also became involved with the administration of the club over many years, and was awarded Life Membership.
	Lawrence Fletcher	Dan's sons Lawrence & Fletcher joined the club in the mid 2000's with Lawrence playing in the 2008 Reserves Premiership team. Lawrence & Fletcher were also part of the 2009 Reserves Premiership team.
	Fraser	Younger brother Fraser joined his brothers at the CY's from Willy Juniors playing in the Reserves team in 2011.

Hynes	Mick	The Hynes family have provided a legacy of footballers than span eight decades.
	Terry	Mick Hynes (the oldest of 10 boys) played and was captain of the club in the late 1930's, and also coached.
	Judy	His son Terry started with the club in 1963 and was part of the 1970 premiership team and 1971 runners up side.
	Michael	Mick's daughter Judy married Eric Corfield who was an administrator and game day timekeeper for the club during the 1970's.
	Gavan	Mick's brother Alf didn't play, but his sons Michael (1954 to 1965) and Gavan (early to mid-1960's) both played.
	Jim	Another of Mick's brothers Jim also played in 1939.
	David	Another brother Kevin also didn't play but his son David played in the 1960's.
	Frank	Another brother Frank played in 1940, and his three sons Bill, Damien & Francis all played. Both Bill and Francis were deaf, but you would never know it as on the field there football skills and courage were outstanding. Both Bill and Damien were part of the 1963 U/18 Grand Final team, and although Damien pursued his interests elsewhere he returned to the club in the late 1970's as captain/coach of the 1977 premiership team, and was also coach of the 2008 & 2009 Reserves Premierships. Damien is a Life Member. Damien's three sons also played for the club.
	Bill	Ben started in 1998 and is still playing, having played over 200 games. He is also a Life Member of the club.
	Francis	The three brothers played in the 2008 premiership team, with Julian & Tim also part of the 2009 premiership (unfortunately Ben was unavailable).
Johnson	Paul	A talented strong marking ruckman, Paul played in the late 1970's and early 1980's and was part of the 1977 premiership team. He received the club best & fairest award in 1980.
	Philip	Paul's son Philip commenced playing with the club at the Senior Level in 2011 as an attacking defender.
Joy	Ted	Team Mascot in 1934 and played in 1946.
	Ryan	Grandson of Ted. Strong half forward goal sneak who represented Club in 2014 D1 Seniors Premiership and 2016 Premier C Reserves premiership.

Keating	Mark Steve Nicholas Michael	Brothers Mark and Steve played during the 1980's, playing both seniors and reserves. Mark's boys Nicholas and Michael have both been involved with Nicholas an official club umpire for Reserve & Club'18 games 2010-2012, and Michael playing football from 2009 onwards . The Keating's have a family connection with the Kenny's as Mark & Steve's father married Margaret Kenny, sister of football brothers Morrie, John & Peter.
Kenny	Maurie Morrie John Peter	Maurie played over 150 games including the 1928 Premiership Team, and was captain in 1937. His son's Morrie, John & Peter all played from the mid 1950's, all part of the 1955 premiership team. John also played in the 1956, 1961 & 1962 (as captain) premierships, with Peter also playing in the 1956 & 1961 premierships. John is a Life Member of the club. Morrie's boys Patrick & Paul although not playing football did play for the W'town CYMS cricket team.
Loton	Larry Larry (jnr)	Larry joined the club in the 1950's and was captain of the 1955 & 1956 premiership teams, as well as being part of the 1961 premiership. His son Larry (jnr) played with the club during the 1980's and was part of the 1984 premiership team. Larry Snr. married Dorothy Kenny, sister of football brothers Morrie, John & Peter.
Martin	John John (jnr) Damien	John initially coached the side as playing coach in 1925, then coached Williamstown VFA in 1926. He was lured back to the club as non-playing coach in 1928, taking the team to the Premiership. John also played with both Williamstown and Footscray between 1917-1927. John returned to coach the club again in 1947 and is a Life Member. His son John (jnr) also played with VFA Williamstown in the 1950's/60's, and joined the club as coach of the U'19 team in 1984. John's son Damien was the third member of the family to coach the club, coaching the Reserve Grade side in 1989 & 1990. His pedigree didn't let him down taking the side to the grand final in 1989, only to be defeated.
McGowan	Ian Paul	Ian was a goal kicking full forward who played reserve grade during the 1970's and early 1980's, and was in his 40's when he put away the boots. His son Paul followed in his footsteps playing in the late 1980's and 1990's as a full forward for the seniors and on several occasions kicked over 100 goals for the season.

O'Brien	Keith	<p>Keith joined the club in 1939 after playing in the VAFA, which shut down due to the war. Playing as a ruck rover he was part of the 1940 grand final team that lost by 9 points.</p> <p>His brother Kevin joined the club in the 1960's as a Trainer and contributed many valuable years.</p> <p>Keith's son Bruce played U/18's & U/19's for the club in the early 1960's, and also the Reserves during this period. During the late 1960's Bruce was conscripted to the Army via national service, serving in Vietnam. He returned to the club in 1979 as a committee member, and was a pivotal member of the Centenary Celebrations committee in 1986. He is a Life Member.</p> <p>His brother Denis also played in the early 1960's.</p> <p>Bruce's cousins, brothers Michael and Paul played for the club during the 1970's, with Michael part of the 1972 premiership team.</p>
	Kevin Bruce	
	Denis Michael Paul	
Rieger	Steve Mick	<p>Brothers Steve and Mick played during the 1960's. Steve was captain of the U'18 team that made the Grand Final of a combined competition that played before the VFL night grand final at South Melbourne in 1961. Steve also played in the 1970 Premiership team and the 1971 Runners-Up grand final side.</p>
Rosser	Kevin Len	<p>Kevin Rosser was part of the 1956, 1961 & 1962 premiership teams, and went on to coach the club to the 1972 & 1973 premierships, becoming president of the club in the late 1970's. He is also a Life Member.</p> <p>His cousin Len also played in the 1962 premiership with Kevin, and also part of the 1970 premiership team.</p>
Ryan	Anthony Robert	<p>Anthony (Tony) joined the club in the late 1980's and played for many years before taking on administrative roles. He was Chairman of the club between 1998 & 2000.</p> <p>His father Robert (Bob) worked as a goal umpire for many years before becoming the club's official timekeeper on game day all through the 2000's. Bob was made a Life Member of the club for his services over many years.</p>
Tuck	Bernie John	<p>Bernie joined the club in the early 1980's and played many games as a goal kicking half forward during that decade. He has also been involved in various administrative and other official roles with the club during the 1990's and 2000's, and has been a major force behind organising past players days at home games over the past two decades. He also kept up his fitness during the 2000's decade and was the club's official central umpire for Reserve games. Bernie was awarded Life Membership for his services to the Club.</p> <p>His younger brother John also played many games for the club during the 1990's, and like Bernie followed his</p>

		playing career with administrative roles. John has been appointed club Chairman for 2013.
Vaughan	Tom Dennis Peter Brendan Tom (jnr)	Tom played over 200 games and was part of the 1928 Premiership Team. He was President of the club during the 1961/62 premiership years. Toms' four sons all played during the 1960's, with Dennis part of the 1961/62 premierships, Tom (jnr) in the 1961 premiership team, Peter & Brendan part of the 1961 U/18 team, and with Peter also playing in the 1963 U/18 Grand Final and the 1970 Premiership Team.
Walsh	Pat Anthony Nick Miles	Brothers Pat & Anthony joined the club in the late 1970's, both playing in the 1977 premiership team. Their nephew Nick joined the club in the late 2000's, and was part of the 2009 premiership team. Pat's son Miles began playing in Reserves in the 2009/2010.
Ward	Jim Michael Peter	Jim was part of the 1928 premiership team, and played until the early 1930's. His son Michael was part of the 1963 U/18 Grand Final Team, and continued with the club playing in the 1970 & 1972 premierships, and the 1971 Runner Up team. Michael's brother Peter joined the club in the early 1970's and was part of the 1972 & 1973 premierships.
Ward	Wally Daryl Garry	Brothers Daryl and Garry played in the early-mid 1950's with Daryl part of the 1955 premiership team, which was coached by their father Wally. Both brothers went on to play many games with VFA Williamstown club, where Daryl became captain and also nominated captain of that clubs Team of the Century.
Wilson	Robert David	Brothers Robert & David played during the 1970's, both in the seniors and reserves over a number of years.
Zammit	Jim John Rennie	Brothers Jim & John joined the club in the late 1960's with Jim playing in the 1970 Reserves premiership and John part of the 1970 premiership. Their cousin Rennie joined the club in 1972 and was part of the premiership team that year, receiving the best 1 st year player award. Part of the 1973 premiership Rennie played for many years, later winning a club best & fairest. He was involved with club administration over many years and also coached the Reserves Team. Rennie is a Life Member.

Williamstown CYMS Social Venues

Most sporting organisations have a venue where players, members and supporters gather in social harmony. The nearest pub to the Fearon Reserve is the Morning Star Hotel, and this became the social home of the Club.



The Back Bar, as it was known, included club football photos on the walls, including premierships. On one of the walls was a notice board which on Thursday nights became the place where team selection sheets for the upcoming Saturday games were pinned. Following Thursday night training the selectors would gather to select the senior and reserve grade teams, whilst most players would go home for dinner then come back to the pub to see whether they got selected and for which team.

But it was the after game celebrations on a Saturday night where the Back Bar and Lounge Bar swelled with people and came alive with jovial chatter and music and song. The piano in the Lounge Bar was the centre of attention as the evening progressed and the singing soon enveloped the whole pub. During the 1960's and 1970's it was common to find John (Dougal) Dey at the piano and his brother Tim on violin beside him with a chorus of voices belting out familiar songs as the drinks continued to flow.

And for the more enthusiastic revellers it was often the walk home that became the most challenging.

By the late 1970's the Club envisioned having their own social club rooms on the Fearon Reserve, and so the process began to bring that dream to fruition.

Social Club Venue on the Fearon Reserve

The photo below shows the social club rooms in the foreground with the player change rooms alongside, and provides an aerial view of the location of the home ground of the club, and its proximity to the bay.



The Building of the Social Clubrooms

Up until the late 70's the Club's player change facilities and social clubrooms were one and same. The after match social facility consisted only of the wooden pavilion which stood on the western side of the Fearon Reserve just off Garden Street (since replaced by a modern brick changerooms).

It was a pavilion that consisted of 4 rooms which were shared in the winter months by the Williamstown CYMS Football Club who occupied the 2 rooms at the Osborne Street end of the pavilion and the Williamstown United Football Club (previously Williamstown Methodists) with occupancy of the Esplanade end of the pavilion.

Supporters would have to wait outside while the players showered and changed, which on cold wet winter days was not pleasant.

In the summer months the pavilion becoming the haven of the cricket clubs that shared the Fearon wickets at both ends of the reserve (CY's, Williamstown Imperials and Williamstown RSL).

Club social events were in those days always held off site at a local Hall, Hotel (the Club's drinking hole being the Morning Star Hotel) or a Members private home which were more the regular occurrence than the use of other venues.

Throughout the Club's long history there was always a desire to have built its own designated social facility/clubrooms and it wasn't until the late seventies that impetus grew around the Club to set a goal for obtaining Council approval for the building of a social clubroom on the Fearon Reserve.

This impetus was driven at the time by Dan Henry who through his employment had gained experience in the setting up and legal establishment of a Community Advancement Cooperative which as a legal entity was able to access funding for the building project via access to a government guaranteed loan.

The idea was then taken to the Council and supported by Members who each took up shares in the Williamstown CYMS Cooperative Limited. Once established this provided the catalyst for obtaining the required loan funds and Council Grant for the approval and ultimate building of the social clubrooms at a cost of \$55,000, 2/3rds of which was provided by the Club via a loan, member contributions and fundraising.

These stand on the Fearon Reserve and today are a proud achievement in the Club's history. Such clubroom's having been proudly adorned with club memorabilia and actively used by its Members since 1980. The Members who supported and were responsible for the success of the Cooperative venture and establishment of the social clubroom's have been recognized by their listing below.

Photo shows Frank Jones immediate past president, turning the first soil in 1979 at the commencement of the building of the Social Clubrooms which were opened in 1980. Old J B Smith's Woollen Mills are pictured in the background.



Williamstown CYMS Cooperative - Share Register 1978-1980

No.	Name	No.	Name	No.	Name
1	Terry Hynes	35	Ronald Morna	69	Timothy Henry
2	Kevin Thompson	36	Neville Harris	70	John Kenny
3	Barry Moore	37	Carl Anderson	71	Michael Currie
4	James Donald	38	Brian Langlands	72	Werner Rosenzweig
5	Brian Arnott	39	Ronald Sewell	73	Laurie Davies
6	William Williams	40	Damien Hynes	74	Vincent Delahunty
7	Edmund Haw	41	Alan Reitman	75	Michael O'Brien
8	Daniel Henry	42	Dick Featherston	76	Brian McInerney
9	Kevin Fitzgibbon	43	Ray Featherston	77	Robyn Burke
10	David Wilson	44	Tony Williamson	78	Robert Barlow
11	Robert Lamb	45	Brendan Vaughan	79	Frank Buckley
12	Peter Buckley	46	Nora Doig	80	Anthony Buckley
13	John Henry	47	John Shillingford	81	Lawrence Loton
14	Tony Williamson	48	Felicity Buckley	82	Leslie Hinds
15	Michael Buckley	49	Ian McGowan	83	Renald Zammit
16	Cecilia Buckley	50	Joe Minogue	84	Graeme Osborne
17	David Utber	51	Neville McGinness	85	Kevin Clark
18	Norman McCallum	52	Gavan Black	86	Gilbert Cini
19	Len Fitzpatrick	53	Phillip Soppitt	87	Timothy Dey
20	Timothy Henry	54	Ivor Dey	88	Marge Thompson
21	Anthony Buckley	55	Dick Cockerall	89	Maureen Williams
22	Barry Grigg	56	Peter Byrne	90	Mark Buckley
23	Mark Keating	57	James McVeigh	91	Brian Arnott
24	John Coffey	58	Derek Wright	92	Arthur Lee
25	Eric Corfield	59	Daniel Henry	93	Chris Cullinan
26	Kevin Rosser	60	John Henry	94	Thomas Zapadlo
27	Brendan Blott	61	Graeme Osborne	95	S. Payne
28	Jennifer Buckley	62	Vic Nicoli	96	Tony Hannaberry
29	Desmond Morgan	63	Michael Stewart	97	Mal Stone
30	Francis Jones	64	Geoffrey Barlow	98	Laurie Wilton
31	Jeffrey Dumbrell	65	Joseph Murphy	99	John Murphy
32	Warren Burke	66	Rupert Young	100	Harry Quarrier
33	John Hollowood	67	William Dean	101	James Drewitt
34	Kevin Featherston	68	Renald Zammit	102	Margaret Herrick

Williamstown CYMS Social Rooms Fearon Reserve





Club Stalwarts _Dan Henry and Geoff Van Wyngaarden chatting in the social rooms.

The Women of the Williamstown CYMS

Since the formation of the Williamstown CYMS women have been involved in many pursuits. This is evident with the Drama Club in the early 1900's, and extended into football and other sporting activities. And although there are scant records of the early period, it is noted that at the annual football award presentation night in September 1950 Miss Bella Morrison was presented with a gift for her many services to the Club.

It is presumed that in the early year's awards to women for their contributions would have been a regular occurrence, as the female members of the Club would have been involved in organising dances and other social functions to help raise funds to support the sporting activities. Picnics and Ladies days were also very popular as seen in early photos of the day. Miss Fitzpatrick is noted as a renowned Patron in 1911 and on into the twenties.

On game day female supporters include player's mothers, wives, girlfriends, sisters, friends of friends, or just local women enjoying being involved with the football club.

The game day canteen is a popular attraction offering food and beverages for sale. This was and still is a valuable contributor to club income, as well as being the social hub for each game. The number and names of women that have supported the club working in the canteen is too vast to mention. Suffice to say the cheerful smiles and light hearted disposition of these women has been welcomed by all in need of nourishment, especially for games where cold icy winds howl off the bay or sleet like rain would test the loyalty of any supporter. The contribution of these women has been rewarded over the years with the Best Clubman award, an award traditionally awarded to men for their devoted services to the club. Many of these women have also worked enthusiastically on social committees, and those awarded Best Clubman include Christine Zamykal, Kaye Norton, Lyn Fitzgibbon and Terri Hynes. Apologies for those not mentioned as records are incomplete.

An event which gave the guys a chance to enjoy a laugh was the women's social football match umpired by some of its own, as illustrated in the photo below.



Left to Right: Christine Zamykal, Lyn Fitzgibbon, Jan O'Flynn, Maureen Williams, Margaret Herrick.

For an organisation that lasts this long there is always going to be sadness along the way. Two female stalwarts of the 1960's & 1970's, namely Jan O'Flynn and Kaye Norton (whose husbands played for the Club), lost their battle with cancer leaving young children behind. But it illustrates the strength of a Club when its members rally around to support the families of lost ones in times of need. And this Club has demonstrated many times why it continues to attract men and women with its philosophy of ensuring that the members needs take precedent over all else.

Although the role of women in the Club has included participating on committees, from the mid 1980's their role expanded further into not only greater administrative responsibilities but also providing sports medicine support to players.

In the latter part of the 1980's Denise Blott (wife of Brendan who played in the 1972/73 premiership teams and also won the 1974 Club Best & Fairest Award), who was a professional sports masseuse practioner in Williamstown, offered her services on training nights providing treatment to players with muscle and soft tissue injuries. During the following decades other young women with sports medicine training have also provided similar medical assistance at training and on game day for injured players.

With respect to taking greater administrative roles with the football club, Gabrielle Kennedy was appointed Football Manager in the late 1990's, and Jenny Koscak-Sadler was Club President from 2005-2007. Lyn Fitzgibbon, Louise Davies and Felicity Buckley are Life Members and Marje Thompson, wife of Kevin also received the Best Clubman award in the seventies.

The influence and contribution of women in defining the Club's character and history has been and will continue to be pivotal to its success on and off the football field. The following photograph reflects the very early involvement of women in the Club with ladies days being a prominent feature.

Williamstown CYMS Healesville Camp 1908 - Ladies Day



THE TRANSITIONAL DECADES

1960's – 1980's

Apart from its other premierships successes our history shows that the Football Club experienced Premiership success in each of the 4 consecutive decades from the 1950's to the 1980's as follows:

CYMS Competition:

- Back to Back – Seniors 1955/1956
- Back to back – Seniors 1961/1962
- Double – A& B Grade 1970
- Back to Back – Seniors 1972/1973

Western Suburban Football League:

- Seniors 1977

Victorian Amateur Football Association:

- Seniors 1984

At the time of these successes it was evident that the Club had strong Club administrations which supported highly competitive teams but in addition, some of this success was also owed in part to Club decisions which involved transiting the Williamstown CYMS Football Teams into different competitions.

The point of the decision to move being, at that time, based on either the competitive playing circumstances of the day, the strength of the team during the decade or because transitional change during this period was needed to ensure the Club's survival. Therefore, in the best interests of its members the Committees of the day made decisions on 4 separate occasions to transfer the football teams into other Football Leagues. Those transfer decisions occurring twice in the 60's and once in both the 70's and 80's with each decision being followed shortly after by premierships successes.

Sixties

The mid-sixties saw the Club move into the Footscray District League (FDL) under Coach Graham Clough (who also returned and successfully coached the Club in its 1984 premiership Year);

A decision which was driven by:

- The Teams early 60's Premiership successes,
- An influx of Junior Players from the Under 18 Team which competed throughout the sixties in the Werribee and District Junior Football League and,
- The fact that the CYMS Competition had lost Teams crossing over to the YCW Competition thereby losing some of its competitive balance,
- Less travel to play games compared to the diverse suburban spread of teams in the CYMS competition.

By the late sixties, however, with teams in the FDL having the ability to attract stronger Players with the lure of match payments the Club made the decision to apply to return to the CYMS Competition for Season 1969 and beyond. In fact the club was faced with not having a team in any competition in 1969 as it could not field the requisite reserves in the

FDL and the FDL refused to clear it back to the CYMS. The committee led by President Barry Moore and well supported by Tony Williamson, Brian Arnott and Bobby Lamb, appealed to the FDL for a release and fortunately this occurred and the club rejoined the CYMS competition in 1969. This was a very lucky escape which enabled the ongoing viability of the club and it's amazing record of continuity.

Seventies

With an established mature squad and an influx of youth at the commencement of the 1970 Season the Club went on to taste Premiership success on 3 more occasions in the CYMS Competition (70, 72 & 73) before again being forced to consider its playing position in the mid 70's.

By 1974 the effect of a diminishing number of Teams together with attempts to boost the Competition via entry of a number of troublesome Teams the CYMS Competition began to flounder and eventually folded at the end of 1974.

For the 1975 Season the Club again made a decision to transfer to a local competition and subsequently had its application accepted by the Western Suburban Football League (WSFL) for entry for the 1975 Season. This was a competition which at that time boasted such teams as Newport, West Newport, Newport East, Newport Centrals, Altona Centrals, Altona City, Williamstown United, Werribee Centrals, Laverton, Brooklyn and South Kingsville of which only 3 of these Clubs remain in existence today. With moderate success in its initial venture in the WSFL the Club went in search of a playing coach to enhance its position for the 1977 Season.

Following this transition to the WSFL the successful appointment of Damien Hynes as Senior Playing Coach for the 1977 Season was the catalyst for another successful period at the Club in that Damien (whose Father, Uncles and Brothers had represented the Club in the 40's and 60's and who himself was a member of one of the Club's Under 18 squads in the 60's) was able to attract an influx of new blood into the Club as a result of his previous coaching stint at the now defunct Newport Centrals Football Club, which due to lack of Players ceased competition in the WSFL at the conclusion of the 1976 Season.

His appointment attracted a substantial number of the ex-Newport Centrals Players which culminated in adding depth and strength to the Club and which resulted in the Club achieving premiership success in 1977, its third year in the WSFL.

Of the squad members for 1977 Premiership Team the following ex Newport centrals Players tasted their 1st premiership success:

- Ken Beer (Full-Back)
- Sid Sildatke (Half Back Flank – Club B&F)
- Damien Hynes (Centre Half Back – Captain Coach)
- John Dickenson (Half Forward Flank)
- Paul Smith (Centre half Forward)
- Jeff Henderson (Rover)

Eighties

With the early eighties came another period of development and transition for the Club.

The Willy CYMS had been struggling to attract players into the WSFL, a League that was also beginning to struggle to maintain its identity with many Clubs folding from trying to compete for players financially with stronger Clubs in the more professional competitions, and as a result experienced financial pressures under the adverse effects of player payments which ultimately resulted in their inability to raise sufficient funds to keep players.

At the same time the changing demographics of the inner western suburbs was beginning to make it difficult for Clubs to put teams on the paddock.

Off the field, however, the Club was holding up administratively and with the support of its members successfully formed in the late seventies a Community Advancement Co-operative for the sole purpose of raising sufficient capital and loan funds under the Co-operative together with a grant from the Hobson's Bay Council on a 3 way funding basis which enabled the building of the social clubrooms down at the Fearon Reserve.

The success of the building project was achieved with the opening of the new rooms in 1980.

With the pending parlous state of the WSFL and the Clubs previous unsuccessful sojourn to the FDL in the mid-sixties it was decided by the Committee to pursue enquiries for entry into the Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA), a well renowned competition which was considered to be more suitable to the amateur values espoused by the Willy CYMS.

Following preliminary discussions with the VAFA the Association imposed a pre-requisite to this next transition phase which required that if the Club successfully entered an Under 19 Team in the VAFA for the 1983 Football Season then the VAFA would support an application from the Club for entering its Senior Teams in F Grade of the VAFA for Season 1984.

The Club fulfilled its commitment to the VAFA for Season 1983 and a photo of the inaugural Under 19 Team can be seen below.

As the Club's history shows the transition from the WSFL and subsequent entry of the Club's Senior Teams into the VAFA in 1984 brought immediate success with the club successfully becoming 1984 F Grade Premiers.

In the years following the Club was successfully able to continue to field an Under 19 Team in two separate occasions for periods of 5 years duration but unfortunately was unable to maintain a regular Team going forward into the late 90's and 2000's.

It wasn't until the Club began embracing links with the Williamstown Juniors Football Club that in Season 2011 the CY's were again able to establish an Under-Age Team in the VAFA which has expanded to both Under 18 and Under 19 in Season 2012.

Success of the Transitions

What was also evident throughout these transitional years was the strong administrative Leadership and decision making support shown by the Committees of the day together with the backing of the members.

In particular, the decisions to transfer teams to different competitions being lead and driven by dedicated and strong Club Presidents and Secretary's the likes of Barry Moore and Tony Williamson in the 60's, Frank Jones, Barry Grigg and Tony Williamson in the 70's and Kevin Thompson, Dan Henry, Peter Buckley and Bruce O'Brien in the 80's. Without this unwavering leadership the Club may not have successfully been able to make these transitions and been in the strong position it is today.

In researching and developing the Club's history what has been apparent is that in every period where the club has successfully entered under-age teams or been successful in attracting an influx of youth a sustained period of on field success has followed and the prospect of ongoing Club success and continued presence as a strong and competitive Club achieved. Below are photos of the Williamstown CYMS Under 18 Team from 1961 and the CYMS Inaugural Under 19 VAFA Team from 1983.

1961 Williamstown CYMS Under'18 Team



1983 CYMS Inaugural Under'19 Team (VAFA)



1983 – Williamstown CYMS U/19 Team (VAFA)

Back(L-R): J. O'Keefe (Trainer), D. Henry (Team Manager), I. Zadel, P. McGowan, P. Campagna, A. Zammit, C. Shields, P. Van Dongan, J. Mackovic, D. White, J. Delsasso, B. O'Brien (Boundary Umpire), P. Buckley (Time Keeper)

Middle: G Lérias, J. Sattout, R. Butterfield (Captain), T. Zapadlo (Coach), Z. Plictha, P. Szumski, P. Zahra, B. McCormack

Front: R. Forni, B. Leonard, B. Ryan, D. Clough, G. Mugavin, J. Dipietro, S. Calderwood

The number of Players from both these teams that went on to make substantial contributions for the Club at senior level is recorded below:

From the 1961 Under 18 Squad:

- Peter Zamykal – Captain - 1970 Premiership Team.
Captain - 1963-1983 Team of the Century.
- Alan Hill - 1970 Premiership Player
- Steve Rieger - 1970 Premiership Player
Centre Half Forward – 1963-1983 Team of the Century
- Peter Vaughan - 1970 Premiership Player
- Brendan Ellis - 1962 Premiership Player
- Robert Campbell - 1961 Under' 18 Captain
1962 Premiership Player
1970 Premiership Player
Member - 1963-1983 Team of the Century.
- Barry Moore - Vice Captain – 1970 Premiership Team
Centre Half Back – 1963-1983 Team of the Century
- Neville Harris - Coach of 1961 U/18 Premiership Team and coached seniors from 1969-1971, Premiers in 1970 and Runners-up in 1971.

From the 1983 & 1984 Under 19 Squads:

From the 1984 U/19 Team, four players were promoted to the Seniors late in the season and participated in the 1984 Seniors Premiership, as noted below.

- Steve Calderwood (1983) **Member 1984-2006 Team of the Century**
- Paul MacNamara (1984) 1984 Seniors Premiership Player
Member 1984-2006 Team of the Century
Coach of Seniors in 1998.
- Tom Cannon (1984) 1984 Seniors Premiership Player
- Tim Ferris (1984) 1984 Seniors Premiership Player
- Danny Wade (1984) 1984 Seniors Premiership Player.

Beyond the year 2000

A report later in this history book on 2000 and beyond details the next transition through the successful building of a relationship with the Williamstown Juniors Football Club and the established of both Under 18 and Under19 teams under the CY's banner playing in the VAFA.

Centenary Year 1986

In delving into the Club's past it has become clear from the material available why such a small community of likeminded people, who had a desire to come together in the name of sport, were able to not only establish the Club back in 1886 but also successfully continue its existence for what is currently over 125 years. And what's even more encouraging is that it is likely to go on existing, as hopefully envisaged by those who established the Club, in perpetuity.

In researching the data available what stood out was that from the very beginning and throughout the decades the Club was all about **people, purpose, community and pride**. Moreover there has been an inherent understanding amongst those appointed with the responsibility for administrating the Club over the years to make sure that the Club continued to breathe life, and that failure to carry on the work of their forbearers was not an option.

As the decades rolled on and the history of the Williamstown CYMS Football Club unfolded, those responsible for its success met each milestone with due celebration and always left an even stronger foundation for the next leaders. And the Club has demonstrated over each decade that it has forged onwards to the next milestone building success on the sporting arena as well as providing something for the community to either be involved in or enjoy celebrating its pursuits.

When the Club finally reached its 100th year in 1986, it continued the tradition of its forbearers who had celebrated the earlier milestones with great joy and enthusiasm for the way ahead. These included:-

- 1911 — 25 years
- 1936 - 50 years, Golden Jubilee celebrated with a Ball in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Williamstown
- 1961 – 75 years, with Jim Bevis as President.

The committee of the day had ensured that preparations were well under way for making the Centenary Year a special event in the history of the Club.

With the reaching of such a big milestone a separate committee was set up to concentrate on the planning and running of each celebratory event. This then enabled the General Committee of the day to focus on the business of running the sporting activities whereby leaving the special committee with uninterrupted carriage of the centenary celebrations.

The members of the special committee were as follows:-

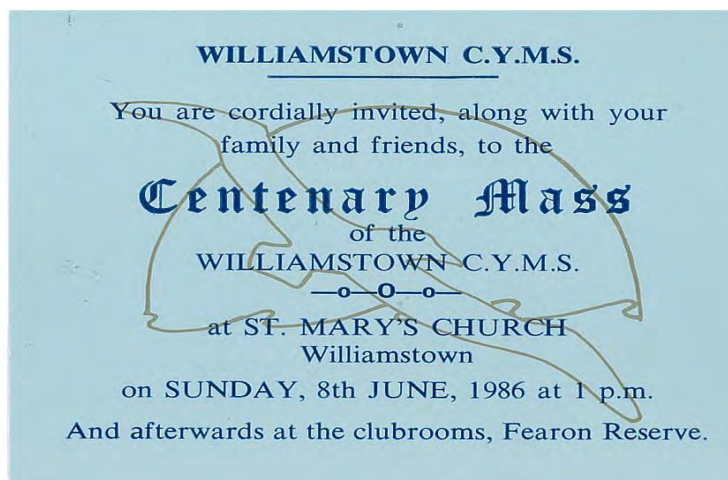
- Dan Henry - President 1984-1987
- Brian Warlond
- Bruce O'Brien, and
- Peter Buckley

At the same time general committee members Kevin Thompson, Michael Buckley and George Lerias were given the responsibility to manage the Club's daily operating affairs.

The year was a great success and well supported by members with large attendances and packed houses at each event.

These events included:-

- A Centenary Mass at St Mary's followed by brunch at the Fearon.



- A Past Players/Members day at the Fearon Reserve
- A Centenary Ball at the Williamstown Town Hall
- A Year-End Cocktail Dinner Dance at Talbot Receptions

The committee also organised the production of items of memorabilia for sale which were very popular amongst the members. These included a Centenary Port Wine, centenary monogrammed Stubby Holders and Beer Glasses, examples of which remain part of the Club's historical library.

In discussions with club officials and members who attended and presided over events in the Centenary Year when researching this chapter, it was with great pride that they related the events of 1986. All considered it a great honour to have been able to share in these historic celebrations, and all expressed the desire that those who participate in the bi-centenary celebrations in 2086 will look back on this record of events with the same pride and enthusiasm for the future as the people who ensured the Club reached it's first 100 years.

Memorabilia Item – Commemorative Stubby Holder



Appendix 1

Williamstown CYMS

Presidents

NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR
F. Price	1886	R.W.O'Donnel/F.Harden	1918
E. Pearce	1887	H. Ferguson/P.McMahon	1919
P. Brennan	1888	V. Rimington	1920
J. Pick / D. Hughes	1891	R.W.O'Donnel / F.White	1921
M. Madden / J. Liston	1892	E.Jones / J. Little	1922
A. Davis / J. Liston	1893	J. Elliott / D. Maloney	1923
P.J. Grubbins	1894	J. Curtain / J. Reidy	1924
M. Madden/W.McCaffrey	1896	J. Maloney / R.M. Young	1925
R. Frost / S. Mills	1897	S. Robinson	1926
C.A. Fox / T. Neenan	1898	S.Elliott / J. W. Roberts	1927
P.J. Doherty	1899	J.J. Roberts	1928
M. J. Roche	1900	J. G. Bevis	1929
R. O'Hallorans/T. Neenan	1903	C. T. Gleason / F. Doig	1930
R. O'Halloran	1904	A. Maloney	1931
R. O'Halloran	1905	F. McCarthy	1932
A. Curtain	1906	F. Case / J. Hogan	1933
J.A. Dennis / S. Neenan	1907	F. Hernan	1934
A. Mills	1908	T. Seymour / E. Michael	1935
M. Spillane	1909	R. Reid/ A. Hibbut	1936
J. Noonan / W.Wilson	1910	J. O'Dea / A. Morrison	1937
W. Crowe	1911	E. McGurrie / E. Payne	1938
A.W. Hegarty / W. Schillier	1912	J. Dowling / K. Spurling	1939
A. Mills / W. Wilson	1913	E. Michael / K. Tweedley	1940
N. Mills	1914	D. Payne / F. Hynes	1941
F. Murphy / I. Wilson	1915	Club Suspended due to World War 2	
F. Murphy / Rev. J Jellie	1916	J. O'Dea / J. Dowling	1946
Rev J. Jellie / W. O'Donnel	1917	W. Wilson	1947

NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR
R. Griffin	1948	D. Henry	1987
T. Wilson / B. Brittain	1949	P. Buckley	1988
B. Brittain / J. Liston	1950	D. Dawson	1989
B. Lee / J. Liston	1951	S. Kennedy	1990
B. Lee / T. Herrick	1952	D. Dawson	1991
T Dey / F Finn	1953	P. Burns / G. Lerias	1992
B. Arnott	1954	P. Vandongen	1993
J. Barry	1955	J. Macleod	1994
F. Finn	1956	J. Macleod	1995
T. Dey / F. Finn	1957	J. Macleod	1996
R. Lamb	1958	J. Macleod	1997
A. Hewitt	1959	A. Ryan	1998
A. Hewitt / D. Vaughan	1960	A. Ryan	1999
L. Logan / A. Hewitt	1961	A. Ryan	2000
A. Hewitt / J. Bevis	1962	P. Sadler	2001
N. Harris	1963	J. Macleod	2002
B. Warlond	1964	M. Mitvalski	2003
B. Moore	1967	M. Mitvalski	2004
B. Moore	1968	J. Sadler	2005
A. Hewitt	1969	J. Sadler	2006
A. Hewitt	1970	J. Sadler	2007
A. Hewitt	1971	P. Welsh	2008
A. Hewitt	1972	P. Welsh	2009
A. Hewitt	1973	P. Welsh	2010
F. Jones	1974	P. Welsh	2011
F. Jones	1975	P. Welsh	2012
F. Jones	1976	J. Tuck	2013
F. Jones	1977	J. Tuck	2014
F. Jones	1978	W. Deller	2015
K. Rosser	1979	W. Deller	2016
K. Rosser	1980	W. Deller	2017
K. Thompson	1981		
K. Thompson	1982		
K. Thompson	1983		
D. Henry	1984		
D. Henry	1985		
D. Henry	1986		

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Life Members

NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR
W.H. Croker	1890	P.L. Culhane	1989
R. Price	1891	R.J. Featherston	1989
D. Fearon	1892	C.G. Woodruff	1990
G.F.A. Jones	1893	W. Rosenzweig	1991
J. Pick	1893	M. Buckley	1992
C. Cullen	1894	A.G. Elliott	1993
J. Fearon	1894	P.T. Byrne	1994
J.J. Liston	1910	R.J. Davies	1994
J. S. Seymour	1911	T.G. Henry	1994
S.F. Mills	1912	B.W. Marr	1994
W.A. O'Rourke	1915	Mrs. L.L. Davies	1995
W. Rennie	1920	D.A. Dawson	1996
J. Martin	1928	B.L. Tuck	1997
M.J. Spillane	1931	P.J. Dervan	1998
T. Seymour	1934	A.L. Harry	1999
J. Griffen	1949	K.F. Marr	2000
A. Morrison	1949	M. Holmes	2000
W. Wilson	1951	K.A. Dervan	2001
J. Foley	1952	G.J. Clerk	2001
J.J. Liston (jnr)	1953	A.B. Ryan	2002
F.J. Finn	1955	D.J. Macleod	2003
L. Hinds	1955	F. Buckley	2004
B. A. Arnott	1960	R.A. Ryan	2004
A. Hewitt	1963	K.J. Featherston	2006
R.M. Lamb	1963	G.A.G. Mills	2007
N.A. Harris	1969	P.D. Burns	2009
T. Vaughan (Snr)	1970	M.C. Hernan	2009
S.A. Williamson	1971	A.J. Knight	2010
K.W. Rosser	1972	B. D. Hynes	2010
J.F. Kenny	1975	C. M. Bergin	2010
F.P. Jones	1976	R. Zammit	2011
K.J. Fitzgibbon	1979	B. O'Brien	2012
D.F. Henry	1984	D. Hynes	2012
K.J. Thompson	1984	P. Welsh	2013
B. Warlond	1984	A. Carter	2013
P.J. Buckley	1986	B. Cox	2014
Mrs. L.J. Fitzgibbon	1989	D. Oldham	2014

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Football Coaches

NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR
J. Martin	1924		
J. Martin	1925	D. Mitchell	1986
J. Martin	1928	R. Goetz	1987
J. Rudd	1929	R. Goetz	1988
J. Martin	1947	M. Cannon	1989
T. Murphy	1950	A. Elliott	1990
T. Murphy	1951	A. Elliott	1991
W. Ward	1955	A. Elliott	1992
W. Ward	1956	A. Elliott	1993
A. Hewitt	1960	S. Weir	1994
N. Stern	1961	S. Weir	1995
N. Stern	1962	A. Elliott	1996
F Axelson	1963	A. Elliott	1997
F. Axelson	1964	P. McNamara	1998
M. O'Flynn	1965	D. Marsh	1999
M. O'Flynn	1966	D. Williams	2000
G. Clough	1967	D. Williams	2001
G. Clough	1968	D. Caddy	2002
N. Harris	1969	D. Macleod	2003
N. Harris	1970	D. Macleod	2004
N. Harris	1971	D. Macleod	2005
K. Rosser	1972	D. Macleod	2006
K. Rosser	1973	D. Macleod	2007
D.Jones	1974	A. Elliott	2008
D. Jones	1975	A. Elliott	2009
D. Wilkie	1976	A. Elliott	2010
D. Hynes	1977	A. Elliott	2011
D. Hynes	1978	I. Rickman	2012
D. Hynes	1979	M. Montebello	2013
J. Murphy	1980	M. Montebello	2014
D. Henry	1981	M. Montebello	2015
D. Henry	1982	M Montebello	2016
D. Henry	1983	M Montebello	2017
J. Campbell / G. Clough	1984		
G. Clough	1985		

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Football Best & Fairest Player

NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR
B. A. Herrick	1954	M. Cannon	1990
D. Ward	1955	L. Turnley	1991
L Loton	1957	D. Temby	1992
A Hewitt	1958	M. Cannon	1993
A Hewitt	1959	A. Harry/ M. Cannon	1994
B Foster	1960	A. Cook	1995
B Foster	1961	A. Harry	1996
J. Murphy	1962	A. Thege	1997
P Colvin	1963	B. Cocks	1998
C Anderson	1964	B. Cocks	1999
L Rosser	1965	D. Williams	2000
P Zamykal	1966	D. Williams	2001
S Rieger	1967	B. Cocks	2002
D Jones	1968	D. Lee	2003
D. Jones	1969	J. McCutcheon	2004
D. Jones	1970	D. Grieve	2005
D. Wilkie	1971	C. Taylor	2006
D. Wilkie	1972	C. McNamara	2007
R. Grima	1973	J. Wong	2008
B. Blott	1974	B. Gray	2009
D. Wilkie	1975	C. Richards	2010
W. Rosenzweig	1976	W. Cooper	2011
S. Sildatke	1977	B. Gray	2012
D. Hynes	1978	S. Puhar	2013
R. Zammit	1979	L. Molan	2014
P. Johnson	1980	T. Johnstone	2015
J. Cook	1981	R. Ackerley	2016
D. Mitchell	1984	J Connolly	2017
S. Fletcher	1985		
J. Neenan	1986		
W. Deller	1987		
M. Cannon	1988		
A. Elliott	1989		



Competition Best & Fairest

Arthur Hewitt (CYMS)	– 1960
Frank Jones (CYMS)	– 1964
Robert Grima (CYMS)	– 1973
Alan Elliott (VAFA) - OJ Meehan Medal	– 1984
Mark Cannon (VAFA) - OJ Meehan Medal	- 1988
Aaron Thege (VAFA) - OJ Meehan Medal	- 1997
Darren Williams (VAFA) – P Hutchinson Medal	- 2002
Jack Gray (VAFA) – LS Pepper Medal	- 2014

Tom Cannon (VAFA) – Under 19's	- 1984
Nic Holdsworth (VAFA) – H Harisiou Medal (U19)	- 2012

The photo above was taken in the Club's Premiership year of 1984 out at the VAFA's Headquarters in Elsternwick Park.

It was the night of the VAFA Competition Best & Fairest Vote Count.

Winning Medals were presented to Alan Elliott (on the left) who won the "F" Grade OJ Meehan Medal and Tom Cannon (on the right) who won the Under'19's Medal.

Both Players represented the Club in the 1984 premiership success.

Premiership reports:

The following appendices present a report on each of the Club's premiership successes since 1928. No written record exists of the Club's 1898 success other than the photo record of the winning team below.

It is believed that this photo was taken in or around the Williamstown gardens.

The dress code certainly depicts the era with long pants, lace up jumpers, bow ties and turned-up collars.

Appendix 5

Williamstown CYMS Premiers 1898



Appendix 6

Williamstown CYMS **1928 Grand Final**

There was a very large crowd to see Williamstown and Essendon play for the premiership on the Yarraville ground. Both teams were strongly represented. Essendon had been defeated twice during the season, with Williamstown being undefeated.

At the commencement of play Williamstown quickly attacked and had a goal on the board within the first minute. Essendon, not to be denied, responded with a couple of goals of their own, and as anticipated the game had opened at a very fast pace. Essendon held a slight advantage at the end of the first quarter, the scores being Ess. 4-3-27 to W'town 3-7-25.

The second quarter saw Williamstown at their best, and by half time they had assumed the lead, scores being W'town 7-9-51 to Ess. 6-5-41.

After the interval both teams through themselves into the play, and hard knocks were given and taken. Essendon were playing the man and gave away numerous free kicks which Williamstown took advantage of. By three quarter time the lead had been extended, scores being W'town 10-11-71 to Ess. 8-6-54.

The last quarter was well contested, with both teams fighting hard. However it was Williamstown who took control of the game and came out comfortable victors.

<u>Final Score:</u>	Williamstown	15-12-102
	Essendon	11- 6- 72

Goals: Daly 5, Berrie 3, Shade 3, Quinn 1, Reidy 1, Kenny 1, Hindle 1.

Best: Gubbins, Elliott, Shade, McInerney, Hindle, Daly, Dorgan, Berrie, Quinn.

What is worth noting is the average age of the Players representing the Club in this 1928 premiership victory and the record kept and printed on each player's height and weight. At the average age of 20 ½ years it was an extremely young team that took the club to success with 18 of the players being 23 years and under. This was clearly a reflection of the experienced coaching, recruiting and tactical approach of coach John Martin who himself had started his football as a young man up at VFL Club Footscray in 1919 and later at Williamstown in the VFA.

Williamstown CYMS

1928 Premiership Team



WILLIAMSTOWN C.Y.M.S. FOOTBALL CLUB.

OFFICE-BEARERS.

President, Mr. J. J. Roberts; Vice-Presidents, Cr. J. J. Dennis, Messrs. W. Crowe, F. Dennis, T. Boyd, W. Rennie; Patrons, Miss Fitzpatrick, Cr. J. J. Liston, Messrs. J. Christison, D. Carmody, D. Spurling, T. Finnegan; J. Seymour; Committee, Messrs. S. Elliott, T. Gubbins, A. Rennie, H. Hernan, J. Bevis; Hon. Assistant Secretary, Mr. J. Doig; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. W. Roberts.

PERSONNEL OF TEAM.

With respective ages, height, weight and position in accompanying photograph:—

Back Row.—J. Elliott, assistant trainer; R. Young, 23 years, 5ft. 11in., 10st. 7lb.; T. Vaughan, 17 years, 5ft. 9in., 10st. 11lb.; J. Ward, 15 years, 5ft. 10½in., 11st. 3lb.; T. Quinn, 20 years, 6ft., 11st. 10lb.; L. Hindle, 20 years, 6ft., 11st. 7lb.; J. Reidy, 20 years, 6ft., 12st. 2lb.; J. Doig, 22 years, 6ft., 12st.; C. Walsh, 19 years, 5ft. 11½in., 11st.; A. Rennie, 23 years, 5ft. 10in., 12st.; A. Gunn, head trainer.

Centre Row.—L. Daly, 18 years, 5ft. 10in., 11st. 8lb.; L. McInerney, 25 years, 5ft. 10½in., 10st. 10lb.; J. W. Roberts, secretary; T. Gubbins (vice-captain), 21 years, 5ft. 10in., 11st. 4lb.; J. J. Roberts, president; S. Elliott (captain), 22 years, 5ft. 9in., 11st. 10lb.; J. Martin, coach; H. Auld, 21 years, 5ft. 7in., 9st. 5lb.; P. Burke, 20 years, 5ft. 10in., 12st.; F. Bevis, 25 years, 5ft. 10½in., 10st. 3lb.

Front Row.—H. Dorgan, 20 years, 5ft. 9in., 10st. 11lb.; J. Hogan, 24 years, 5ft. 4in., 10st. 10lb.; P. Reidy, 19 years, 5ft. 6in., 11st.; R. Berrie, 25 years, 5ft. 4in., 9st. 7lb.; M. Kenny, 19 years, 5ft. 4in., 9st. 10lb.; E. Shade, 15 years, 5ft. 7in., 11st. 7lb. Average age, 20½ years; height, 5ft. 9in., weight, 11st.

Umpires' selection for the Roberts Cup resulted as follows:—T. Gubbins, 7½ votes; T. Quinn, 3½; J. Doig, 1; L. McInerney, 1.

Leo Daly kicked 63 goals during the season.

Williamstown C.Y.M.S. are premiers for the first time in the history of the club.

Football Results 1928 Premiership Season

Williamstown C.Y.M.S. Football Club

SEASON 1928.

RECORD OF MATCHES

Date.	Team.	Where Played.	Scores.
April 21	Essendon	Essendon	11 17 9 7
.. 28	North Fitzroy	Williamstown	8 2 4 7
May 5	North Melbourne	North Melbourne	12 11 2 6
.. 12	Clifton Hill	Williamstown	10 7 1 9
.. 19	North Essendon	Williamstown	13 17 5 3
.. 26	Coburg	Coburg	6 11 6 5
June 2	Carlton	Williamstown	14 15 1 0
.. 9	Clifton Hill	Clifton Hill	9 10 7 5
.. 23	North Melbourne	Williamstown	23 26 0 3
.. 30	North Essendon	North Essendon	15 12 9 8
July 7	North Fitzroy	Williamstown	walk-over
.. 14	Clifton Hill	Clifton Hill	10 13 4 16
.. 21	Coburg	Coburg	9 12 9 8
.. 28	Carlton	Williamstown	17 18 1 1
Aug. 4	North Essendon	North Essendon	8 10 5 9
.. 11	Essendon	Williamstown	14 13 8 6

First Semi-Final.

Aug. 25—Balaclava .. Kew 7 15 5 7

Second Semi-Final.

Sept. 1—Clifton Hill .. Kew 6 19 5 6

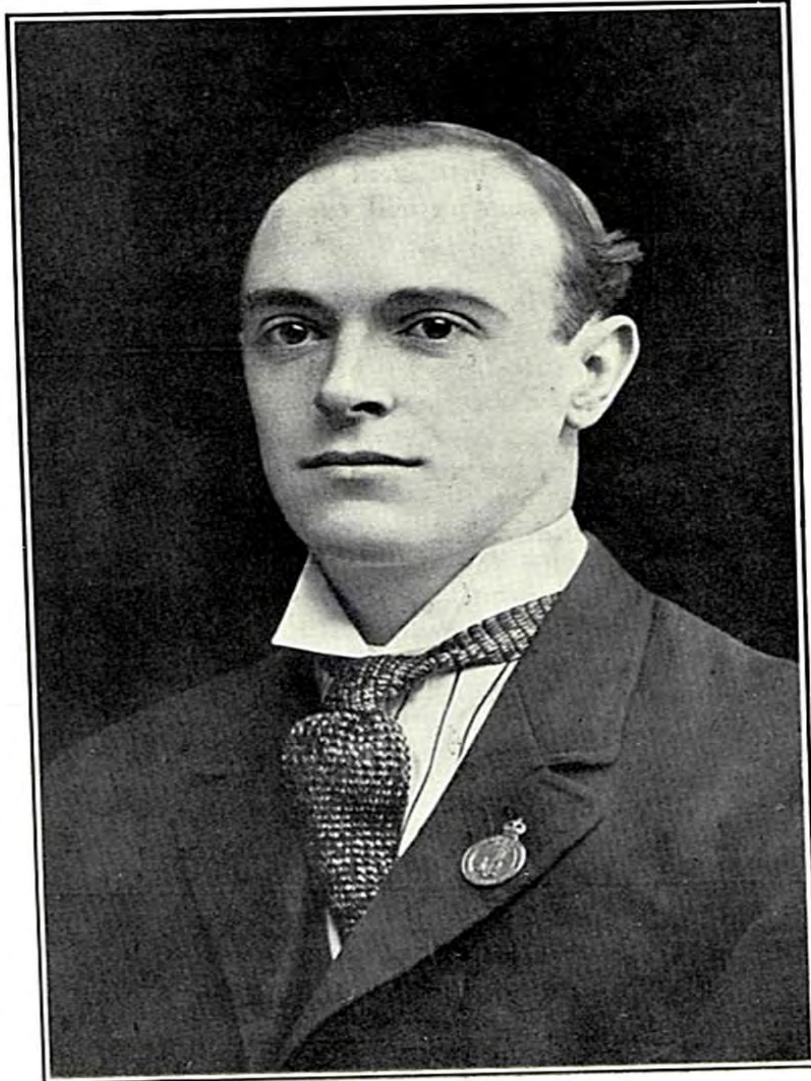
Final.

Sept. 8—Essendon .. Yarraville 15 12 11 6

Total Scores: For, 207-240. Against, 92-112.

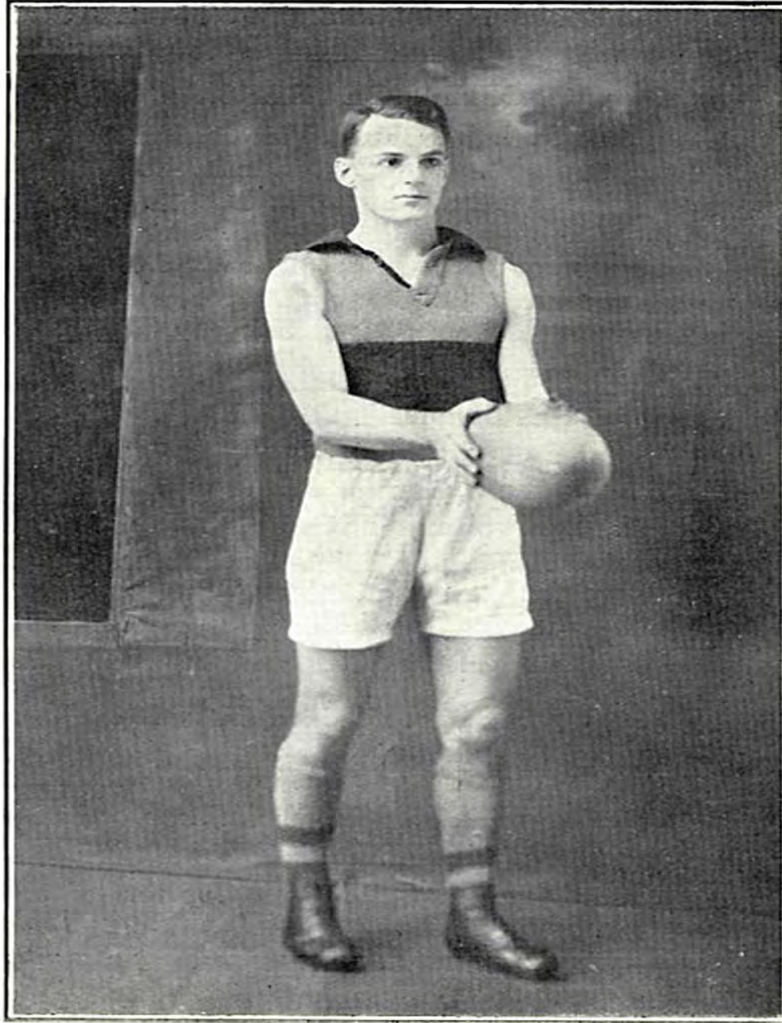
Williamstown are Undefeated Premiers

Football Coach
1928 Premiership Team
Football Coach
1928 Premiership Team



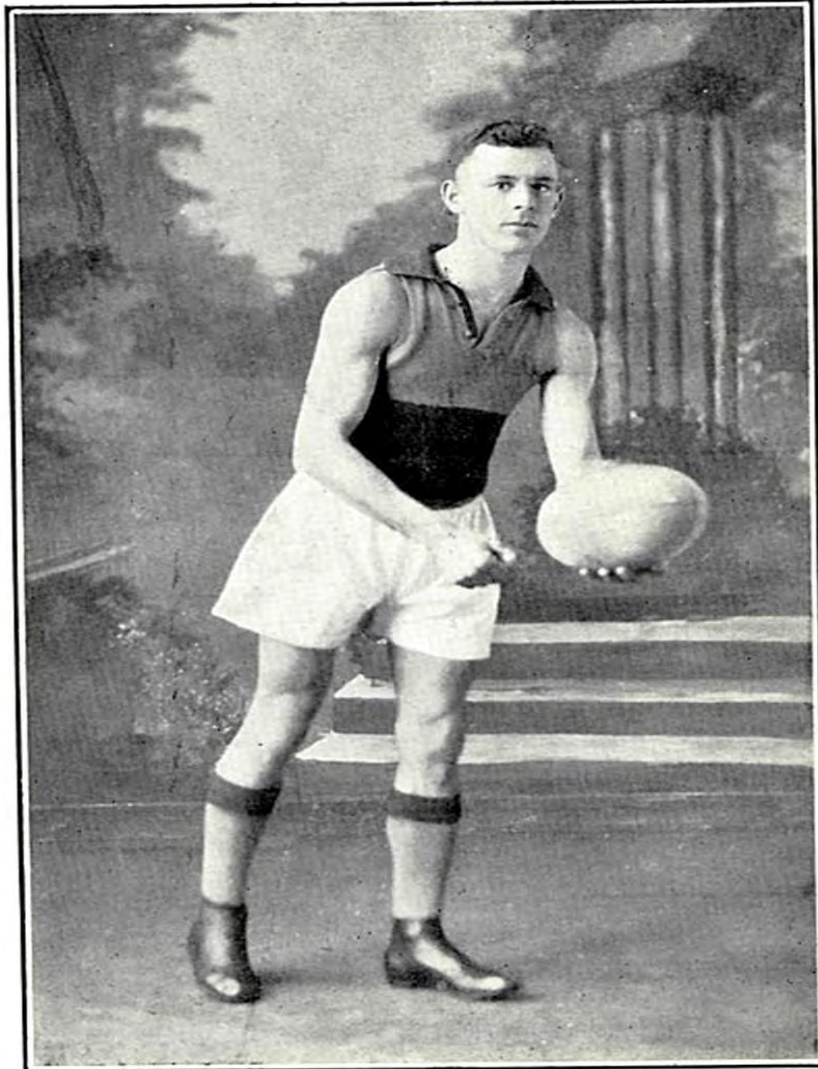
Mr. J. Martin (coach).

Football Captain
1928 Premiership Team
Football Captain
1928 Premiership Team



S. Elliott (captain).

1928 Premiership Vice Captain



T. Gubbins (vice-captain).

Tommy Gubbins was recruited by VFL club Essendon, playing 17 games in 1930/31.

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1928 Premiership
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Football Club



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Season 1928

J. J. ROBERTS, Pres.

J. W. ROBERTS, Sec.

Williamstown CYMS **1955 Grand Final**

The last time the club won a premiership was in 1928, so the momentum that had been building over recent years provided a positive mood that this year might be the turning point for success. And so it was to be.

In a brilliant grand final preview, Williamstown completely outclassed Moonee Ponds in the preliminary final, with final scores being:-

Williamstown	17-10-112
Moonee Ponds	4-10- 34

A newspaper article reported highlights of the game as follows:-

“Jim Pitt at fullback produced a brilliant brand of defensive football, marking and kicking spectacularly all day, and he was well supported by backpocket Alan McLeod. Frank Finn, a most consistent star of the side, once again proved too solid for the opposing rucks.

Terry Hill was also valuable in the ruck, whilst centreman Daryl Ward gave another brilliant display.

Overall clever teamwork and accurate passing to position on the dry Carter Oval aroused a quiet confidence among the players and supporters for next week’s game.”

The grand final was played against South Yarra, and having beaten them twice comfortably during the season, there was an air of confidence amongst the players.

A newspaper article reported highlights of the game as follows:-

“In a glorious display of football, Williamstown once again demonstrated its superior play to thrash South Yarra by 7 goals.

Terry Hill was rucking well, aiding rovers Morrie Kenny and brother John to create many opportunities for the forwards.

While forwards George Bunting and Alf Allaway were creating good opportunities, the backline completely demoralised their opponents, with Jim Pitt and Alan McCleod again combining well.

During the second half Daryl Ward had come into his own, well supported by wingmen Mick Berry and Garry Ward proving far too clever for their opponents. Brian Warlond, Frank Finn and Larry Loton were all sharing the ruck work with decisive effect.

Kicking against the wind in the last quarter, it was the determined half backline of Arnott, Murphy and Lamb that frustrated the South Yarra forward thrusts.

Final Scores:	Williamstown	11-11-77
	South Yarra	4-10-34

Best: As the whole team played so well, no best players were selected.

Goals: Lee 3, Hill 3, Bunting 3, Morrie & John Kenny 1.

Trophy Winners:-

Best & Fairest:	Daryl Ward
Most Consistent:	George Bunting
Best 1 st . Year:	Jim Pitt
Most Improved:	Terry Hill
Most Serviceable:	Frank Finn
Best in Finals:	Terry Hill

1955 Grand Final Team



‘This 1955 Premiership Team photo is taken in front of the old wooden Change-rooms and Pavilion which were situated on the Fearon Reserve on the same site where the new change-rooms are located today’.

Williamstown CYMS **1956 Grand Final**

After an outstanding year in 1955, there was an air of expectation that success was again possible with the majority of last year's team still together. And the supporters were not let down with a hard fought victory under the coaching of Wal Ward.

In a hard fought grand final preview, Williamstown defeated Thornbury in the preliminary final by 8 points. The final scores were Williamstown 8-9-57 defeated Thornbury 7-7-49.

A newspaper article reported highlights of the grand final as follows:-

"With both back lines hard pressed there was no early advantage gained by either side, but Thornbury gained the upper hand in the second quarter to lead by 11 points at half time.

Led by Tony Herrick and Frank Finn the team surged into attack to take the initiative away from their opponents to draw level at the last change. And, as it also happened during the season, Williamstown finished too strong to run out worthy winners. Best players were F.Finn, T. Herrick, J. Kenny, K. Rosser and J. Farrar."

And so, another grand final appearance loomed in consecutive years with a game against Clifton Hill, where the honours had been shared evenly during the year with both teams having won a game each.

A newspaper article reported highlights of the grand final as follows:-

"In a good display considering the poor conditions, Williamstown proved worthy winners of the coveted Olympic premiership.

Playing fast open football, Williamstown's Tony Herrick was creating many opportunities with his work in the centre, however a strong cross wind had the forwards finding goals hard to get. Frank Finn, Larry Loton and Garry Ward were proving to be an almost impassable half-back line, while Kevin Rosser was using his vigorous tactics in the back pocket to stop many forward moves by Clifton.

Williamstown had taken control of the rucks with Terry Hill, Brian Warland, Jack Farrar and Andy Murphy all winning well on the ball and also when resting in the pockets. Yet at half time Town was trailing by 2 points.

After the interval Bob Lamb sent a lovely pass to Joe Murphy and this fine play was capped off with the only goal kicked at the non-scoring end.

Peter and John Kenny were playing exceptionally well, while George Bunting was taken from centre half forward to aid the hard-pressed back line, and his presence was felt when he repeatedly repelled attacks. John Dey was coming into his own on a wing and showed patches of brilliant football, while John Shields and Mick Barry had their opponents striving hard to stop their good work on the half-forward line.

In the dying minutes of the game Tim Dey withstood a hard fought Clifton attack to leave Williamstown victorious by two points."

Final Scores: Williamstown 4-8-32
 Clifton Hill 4-6-30

Goals: J. Kenny 2, G. Bunting 1, M. Barry 1.

Best: An overall determined team effort.

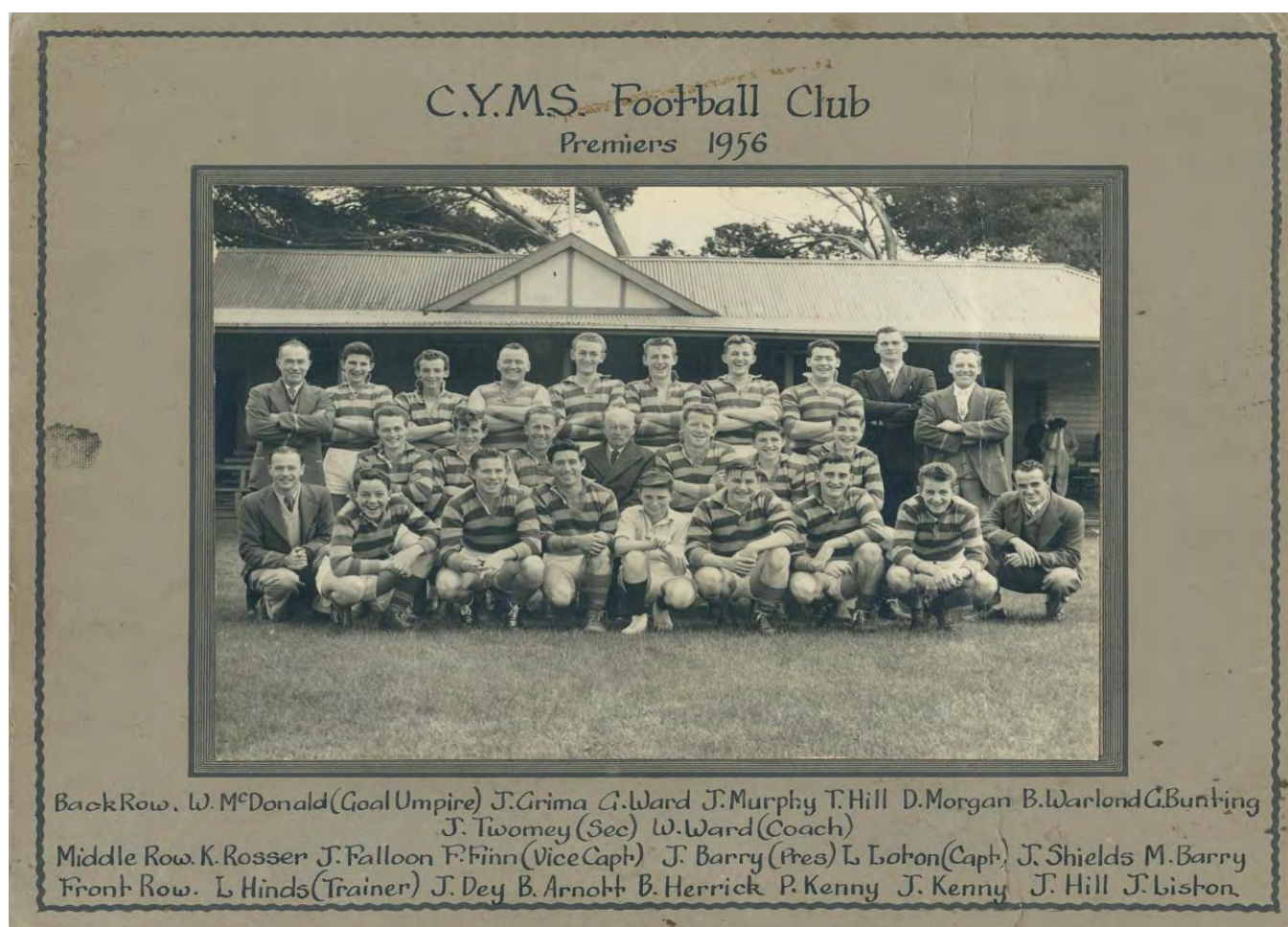


Photo taken in front of the old Fearon Reserve Pavilion and change-rooms.

Williamstown CYMS

1961 Grand Final

Following the disappointment of not making last year's grand final, the team was more determined than ever to go one better this year. Following an outstanding year, the grand final loomed as a real possibility, and the supporters were again celebrating victory. The Premiership was not however easily won as the first encounter ended in a draw and only achieved through an amazing break through goal kicked late in the game by John Murphy. This gave the team breathing space for the re-match the following week with the result recorded as follows.

A newspaper article reported the highlights of the game as follows:-

"John Kenny won the toss and Town had first use of a fairly strong breeze. In the perfect conditions Town soon had two goals on the board, but Coburg fought back for major. Town continued to attack but Coburg defenders repeatedly cleared the ball until Des Morgan, with a beautiful kick from the centre, bounced one through. Then John Murphy goaled on the bell to give Town a handy lead.

Town goaled through John Kenny early in the second term, but then Coburg's big men started to come into the game and four goals were added to make the scores even at half time.

Coburg came out after half time looking a very tired side, and Town ran all over them kicking six goals straight. Coburg had the ball on their forward line only once for the quarter and they goaled. At the last change Town led by 29 points.

The game was sealed early in the last quarter when George Bunting kicked truly. Coburg made a desperate effort to bridge the gap but time was against them and Town won by 26 points."

Final Scores:	Williamstown	12-11-83
	Coburg	8- 9-57

Best: L. Loton, J. Falloon, F. Slater, D. Morgan, F. Jones, J. Miller, T. Vaughan.

Goals: J. Kenny 3, J. Murphy 3, G. Bunting 2, D. Morgan 2, A. Hewitt 2, P. Kenny 2, R. Croft 1.

Special thanks go to Neil Stern for the time and effort he put in getting the boys fighting fit for the finals, to John Kenny our popular captain, and to Ron Coster our able Secretary.

1961 Premiership Team

WILLIAMSTOWN C.Y.M.S.
Premiers "A" Grade — Season 1961



Back Row (left to right): K. ROSSER, J. MILLER, T. VAUGHAN, Jnr, T. VAUGHAN, Snr. (Pres.), F. JONES, J. MURPHY, D. VAUGHAN.
 Centre Row: P. COLVIN, F. FINN, G. BUNTING, D. MORGAN, J. FALLOON, R. CROFT, J. AMBROSE, I. LOTON.
 Front Row: J. LISTON (Goal Ump), P. KENNY, B. FOSTER, J. KENNY (Capt.), N. STERN (Coach), A. HEWITT (V.-Capt.), F. SLATER, G. DEAGAN,
 B. ARNOTT (Treasurer).

1961 "B" Grade Team

WILLIAMSTOWN C.Y.M.S.
Premiers "A" Grade — Season 1961
"B" Grade Team



Back Row (left to right): J. FALLOON, S. DOIG, N. HARRIS, B. ELLIS, J. BEVIS, J. MURPHY.
 Centre Row: J. ANDREW, G. GLASSON, K. DERVAN, S. RIEGER, R. LAMB, A. HOGAN, K. FITZGIBBON, G. DEAGAN.
 Front Row: S. CORVA, B. ARNOTT, B. McTAGGART, T. DEY, L. ROSSER, K. WHEATLEY, J. ALEXANDER.
 Absent: B. WARLOND, J. FITZGERALD, D. BISSETT, G. BRENNAN, T. POWER, B. TWOMEY, B. REIDY.

EDWIN R. WARDEN (MW 1996)

Many of the players in this team contributed years of both sporting and administrative support for the club.

Neville Harris coached the U/18 1961 premiership team, and the 1963 U/18 runners up. He also coached the seniors from 1969-1971, including a premiership in 1970 and runners up in 1971.

Steve Rieger was a 16 year old in this team and was captain of the U/18 team that played in the 1963 grand final. He went on to play over 150 games for the club, including the 1970 premiership and 1971 runners up. He was selected as centre half forward for the Team of the Century.

Len Rosser was part of the 1962 senior's premiership team, and also playing over 150 games was part of the 1970 premiership team.

John Murphy was also part of the 1961 & 1962 senior premiership teams, and also the 1973 premiership side. He also coached the club in 1980.

Brendan Ellis was part of the 1962 premiership team.

Brian Arnott and Kevin Fitzgibbon were long serving stalwarts of the club involved in many administrative and official roles.

S Doig being the son of J Doig (a 1928 Premiership Player) and also a cousin to Frank Jones and Tony Williamson.

Williamstown CYMS **1962 Grand Final**

Following the success of last year, the club was looking forward to another successful year. One of the recruits for the year was a young teenager named Robert Campbell. A pacey and talented rover he excelled in many games during the year as a goal kicking rover, in one game against Northcote kicking 5 goals. The team was dominant throughout the year and in a hard fought and tight second semi-final were victors against a gallant West Preston. The final scores were Williamstown 6-11-47 to West Preston 5-7-37. Two goals by John Kenny (Capt) and another powerful performance again illustrated why he was skipper.

The pressure of playing in consecutive grand finals didn't weigh on the shoulders of the players, as they were confident of victory.

A newspaper article reported highlights of the game as follows:-

"Playing in blustery conditions, Williamstown CYMS once again proved their superiority in defeating Thornbury. Right from the first bounce Town set the pattern of play with their fast play-on football.

In attack John Murphy was the star and kept the forward line wide open. Town's centre line was once again its match winning line and held sway all day."

Final Scores:	Williamstown	10-9-69
	Thornbury	5-6-36

Best: J. Murphy, J. Miller, P. Colvin, J. Ambrose, F. Jones, B. Ellis.

Goals: J. Murphy 3, G. Bunting 3, B. Ellis 2, M. O'Flynn, R. Campbell.

As an indication of the strength and quality of the Players from the 1962 Team the B&F in the premiership year and the ensuing years were John Murphy (62), Peter Colvin (63), Carl Anderson (64) and Len Rosser (65).

As another example of Club family connections the Runner –up to B&F in 1962, Brendan Ellis, who kicked 2 goals and was listed in the best players in the Premiership victory, is the Nephew of the late Kevin Spurling who played with the Club in the late thirties and forties and in 1940 represented the Club in its Grand Final loss to East Melbourne. The Spurling family being strong supporters of the CY's during that period.

Trophy winners:-

Best & Fairest:	John Murphy
2 nd Best & Fairest:	Brendan Ellis
Most Consistent:	Len Rosser
Best 1 st . Year Player:	Robert Campbell
Most Improved player:	Terry Power
Best Clubman:	Neville Harris
Best Player in the Finals:	Dennis Vaughan

1962 Premiership Team

WILLIAMSTOWN C.Y.M.S. FOOTBALL CLUB PREMIERS A GRADE 1962



Back Row: J. LISTON (Goal Umpire), P. COLVIN, T. POWER, C. ANDERSON, B. ELLIS, F. JONES, J. AMBROSE, G. BUNTING
K. FEATHERSTON (Foot. Sec.)

Centre Row: L. MURPHY (Patron), L. ROSSER, D. MORGAN, J. MILLER, M. O'FLYNN, J. MURPHY, E. HANCOCK, T. VAUGHAN
(Foot. Pres.)

Front Row: J. BEVIS (Club Pres.), K. ROSSER, R. CROFTS, J. KENNY (Capt.), N. STERN (Coach), D. VAUGHAN (Vice Capt.)
R. CAMPBELL, R. HARRINGTON, B. ARNOTT (Treas.) Absent: P. WEBB

Williamstown CYMS 1970 Grand Final

Having being beaten in the preliminary final in 1969 the club was eager for a premiership, the last taste of victory being in 1962. With the majority of players from the previous year returning, the club was also boosted by an influx of new players, including Dennis Wilkie, brothers John & Dan Henry, Kevin Halley, Mark Buckley, Peter Buckley, Brendan Blott, Jeff Stonehouse, cousins Richard & Chris Featherston, and Alan Boddington. This led to having strong teams for both the Seniors' and Reserves, and culminating in two premierships.

The finals were played at J L Murphy Reserve, Williamstown Road, Port Melbourne, and whilst the Reserves were well on top of North Essendon all day and comfortable winners and the Seniors had a lightning start, it took the final quarter for the Seniors' to break clear of Flemington to record a resounding victory. With two sides in the final there was a large crowd cheering the lads to victory, and great celebrations afterwards. The Club's decision to return to the CYMS competition had been vindicated and its survival was again on track.

1970 Grand Final Team

Backs:-	Jeff. Rollason	Michael. Ward	Brian. Norton
Half Backs:-	Gavan. Black	Barry. Moore	Len. Rosser
Centres:-	Alan. Hill	Dennis. Wilkie	John. Zammit
Half Forwards:-	David. Jones	Steve. Rieger	Chris. Featherston
Forwards:-	John. Henry	Terry. Hynes	Peter. Vaughan
Rucks:-	Werner. Rosenzweig	Peter. Zamykal	Robert. Campbell
Interchange:-	John. Dey	Richard. Borradaile	

Final Scores for Seniors:-

	1 st Qrt	2 nd Qrt	3 rd Qrt	Final
Williamstown	7-8-50	9-14-68	10-16- 76	14-22-106
Flemington	0-2- 2	6- 5-41	10- 9- 69	10-11- 71

Goals: T. Hynes 4, J. Henry 3, D. Jones 2, R. Campbell 2, , S. Rieger 2, W. Rosenzweig & C. Featherstone 1.

Best: P Zamykal, D Rosenzweig, D Wilkie, J Campbell, D Jones, B Moore, with all players contributed to a great victory.

Final Scores for Reserves:-

	1 st Qrt	2 nd Qrt	3 rd Qrt	Final
Williamstown	0- 1- 1	6-3-39	10 -6- 66	13- 7- 85
North Essendon	2- 3-15	2-7-19	2-11-23	2-11-23

Goals: G. Bunting 4, C. Hill 3, Jim Zammit 2, A. Boddington 2, K. Halley 1, J. Stonehouse 1.

Best: C. Hill, G. Bunting, B. Blott, J. Stonehouse, Jim Zammit, N McGuinness, K. Halley.

The presentation for club awards was held at the Central Hotel Altona.
Press report from the **September 1970 Advocate** newspaper read as follows:

Headlines:

'WILLIAMSTOWN WINS DOUBLE CYMS FLAG'

Williamstown, with a magnificent first term in which they outclassed Flemington by scoring 7-8 to 2 behinds, took out the 1970n CYMS premiership.

The Williamstown Reserves, after a slow start, overran North Essendon reserves to take out the minor premiership and finish off a great season.

Seniors:

With little more than ten minutes of the first term gone a hailstorm struck, and Williamstown suddenly got stung into action, and racing the ball forward left Flemington bewildered repeatedly, while scoring four goals.

Although Flemington had the ball on their forward line frequently they were unable to break through for a major. The first quarter ended with Williamstown holding a match-winning 48-point advantage.

During the second quarter Flemington fought back strongly and started the hard task of bridging the gap. However Williamstown repulsed numerous Flemington attacks to retain a handy lead at the half-way mark of 27-points.

Flemington came out after the long break and quickly swung into attack. However Williamstown backline stood firm and turned Flemington out on numerous occasions.

After Flemington's great fight back during the second and third quarters the stage was set for a very close final term, but Williamstown suddenly burst back with two quick goals to go to a very handy lead even though Flemington continued to fight back.

Williamstown finally running out victors by 35-points.

Reserves:

The Reserves grand final opened with North Essendon faster and combining much better than Williamstown, who were very slow to get moving. North Essendon looked as if they were going to be very hard for Williamstown to counter.

However a complete reversal came over the game during the second term when Williamstown with five goals in as many minutes raced away from North Essendon and finished the first half with a lead of 20-points.

After the long interval, Williamstown who had overrun North Essendon in the second term, continued to dictate the pattern of play and steadily drew further ahead, whereas North Essendon, even though they tried hard, were no match for the strong Williamstown lineup.

The final quarter saw Williamstown continue to control the play and go on to take out the Reserve premiership by a large margin of 62-points.

Trophy Winners:-

Best & Fairest:-	David Jones (3 rd year in a row)
2nd. Best & Fairest:-	Dennis Wilkie
Best 1 st Year:-	John Henry
Most Consistent:-	Terry Hynes
Most Improved:-	Werner Roszenweig
Most Determined:-	Jeff Stonehouse
Best Clubman:-	Tony Williamson

A special award for years of service was presented to Jack Foley.

1970 Grand Final Team



1970 Grand Final Teams

A & B Grade Premiers

WILLIAMSTOWN C.Y.M.S. FOOTBALL CLUB

A and B GRADE PREMIERS 1970



Back Row: R. Campbell, A. Hill, L. Rosser, M. Ward, G. Black, B. Moore, P. Vaughan, P. Walsh, James Zammit, John Zammit, J. Henry.
 2nd Back Row: B. Vaughan, N. Harris (Coach), J. Foley, D. Henry, G. Knight, J. Kenny, M. Jamieson, G. Smith, R. Lamb, R. Croft, R. Caruana, P. Zamykal (A Grade Capt.)
 Middle Row: J. Liston, R. Guilford, B. Arnott (Treas.), D. Wilke, B. Norton, W. Dean, B. Blott, R. Featherston, A. Boddington, J. Stonehouse, A. Michalowsky, B. Ulmer, J. Sedgeway, A. Hewitt (Pres.), T. Vaughan, H. Quarrier, A. Williamson (Sec.).
 2nd Front Row: R. Ward, J. Vella, J. Lewer, Mrs. K. Norton, Mrs. C. Zamykal, J. Dey, T. Hynes, R. Borradaile, J. Rollason, S. Rieger, Mrs. J. Ward, Mrs. S. Rieger, D. Rieger, K. Fitzgibbon.
 Front Row: D. Jones, N. McGinness, K. Halley, K. Rosser (Asst. Coach), T. Henry, S. Hynes, A. Bunting, S. Hewitt, A. Lamb, G. Bunting, M. Buckley, P. Buckley.

Williamstown CYMS **1972 Grand Final**

After losing the 1971 grand-final to West Ivanhoe, the replay in the 1972 Season was expected to be just as tough. New players to the team this year that added more pace and strength included Rennie Zammit, Ken Johnson, Mick Buckley, Michael O'Brien, Peter Ward and John Dey.

The game was played at the Williamstown VFA oval in bright sunshine but with a strong breeze coming off the bay. Being a large ground it was to be to Williamstown's advantage with players like David Jones, Bill Dean, Ken Johnson, Rennie Zammit and Kevin Halley having speed to burn.

Coach Kevin Rosser had waved his magic wand early by starting players in different positions on the ground than their normal spots and this confused West Ivanhoe as their players with specific tasks didn't know who to pick up. In this confusion Williamstown got away quickly and with continuous attacks had a comfortable and match winning lead by quarter time. In the end it proved the difference as by the end of the first term the CY Players had resumed their normal positions and began to dominate the game.

Although windy conditions prevailed, our winning rucks and hard- working mid-fielders and rovers worked tirelessly against the wind to restrict the oppositions attacking efforts. As usual against West Ivanhoe there were plenty of physical clashes, but the strong backline held up well and shut down many forward thrusts with forceful and dashing attacks out of defence. In the end it was a comfortable victory.

Final Scores:-

Williamstown	18- 9-117
West Ivanhoe	11-15- 81

Goals: J. Dey 4, D. Jones 3, R. Zammit 2, A. Boddington 2, W. Rosenzweig 2, P. Zamykal 2, D. Wilkie 1, B. Norton 1, B. Moore 1.

Best: M. Ward, P. Zamykal, D. Wilkie, W. Rosenzweig, R. Zammit, B. Blott.

Trophy Winners:-

Best & Fairest:-	Dennis Wilkie
2 nd . Best & Fairest:-	Werner Rosenzweig
Best First Year:-	Rennie Zammit
Most Improved:-	Bill Dean
Most Consistent:-	Michael O'Brien
Best Clubmen:-	Christine Zamykal & Kaye Norton.

1972 Grand Final Team

WILLIAMSTOWN C.Y.M.S. FOOTBALL CLUB
PREMIERS 1st DIVISION 1972



BACK ROW: W. Dean, M. Buckley, J. Dey, K. O'Brien (Trainer), P. Ward, J. Henry, D. Henry.
MIDDLE ROW: N. Harris (V. Pres.), F. Jones (Ruck Coach), B. Blott, A. Boddington, M. O'Brien, B. Moore, M. Ward, P. Zamykal, B. Norton, K. Halley, E. Corfield (Com.), A. Williamson (Sec.)
FRONT ROW: K. Fitzgibbon (Trainer), J. Rollason, R. Zammit, D. Wilkie (Cpt.) K. Rosser (Coach), W. Rosenzweig (V. Cpt.), D. Jones, K. Johnson, A. Hewitt (Pres.)
FOREFRONT: T. Henry (Goal Ump.)

Grand Final Team:-

Backs:-	Mick. Buckley	Michael. Ward	Brian. Norton
Half Backs:-	Jeff. Rollason	Peter. Ward	Michael. O'Brien
Centres:-	Ken. Johnson	Dennis. Wilkie	William. Dean
Half Forwards:-	Dan. Henry	Alan. Boddington	David. Jones
Forwards:-	Kevin. Halley	John. Dey Jnr.	Peter. Zamykal
Rucks:-	Werner. Rosenzweig	John. Henry	Rennie. Zammit
Interchange:-	Brendon. Blott	Barry. Moore.	
Coach:-	Kevin. Rosser		

Williamstown CYMS 1973 Grand Final

Following an emphatic win in the 1972 Grand Final the challenge presented was to win back-to-back premierships, achieved twice previously in 1955/56 and 1961/62. All finals matches for season 1973 were played down at the Mordialloc VFA Oval, another big ground for the team to perform on.

A prized recruit was the signing of local boy Robert Grima, a goal-kicking centre-half forward. Recovering from a serious knee operation whilst playing with VFL side South Melbourne the previous year, Robert started training with the team as part of his recovery, and coach Kevin Rosser convinced him to play if secretary (the late) Tony Williamson could get a permit from South Melbourne. This was achieved.

The side performed strongly throughout the year only losing one game, finishing on top of the ladder with South Melbourne second, West Ivanhoe third and Mentone fourth.

The second semi-final against South Melbourne was played in miserable conditions with rain drizzling throughout the day. At the 30 minute mark of the final quarter Town clung to a slim lead but the now famous 42 minute last quarter allowed South Melbourne to retake the lead and win the contest. The first three quarters of the preliminary final against West Ivanhoe was a sluggish team performance, with only the heroic efforts of John "Basher" Murphy playing away from full forward as a ruck rover, keeping Town in the game. In the final quarter the team came to life with Grima dominating at centre-half forward opening up the way for Rennie Zammit and Dan Henry to kick crucial goals allowing Town to pull away for a comfortable but not convincing win.

The side announced at the Morning Star Hotel for the grand final read as follows:-

Backs:-	Mick. Buckley	Richard. Borradaile	Jeff. Stonehouse
Half-Backs:-	Jeff. Rollason	Robert. Grima	Brendon. Blott
Centres:-	William. Dean	John. Henry	Rennie. Zammit
Half-Forwards:-	Dan. Henry	Werner. Rosenzweig	David. Jones
Forwards:-	Peter. Ward	Brian. Norton	Kevin. Halley
Rucks:-	Peter. Zamykal	John. Murphy	Dennis. Wilkie
Interchange:-	John. Lewer	George. Mickalfe	

Significant moves made from the second semi-final side were R. Grima to centre-half back, J. Henry to centre, R. Zammit to the wing, D. Wilkie to rover, W. Rosenzweig to centre-half forward, and P. Zamykal to the ruck. The moves were designed to counter South Melbourne's strengths. Rennie Zammit's pace was required on the wing, the strength of Werner Rosenzweig at centre-half forward to counter the tactic of crowding out Robert Grima, the attacking and defensive skills of John Henry at centre allowing Dennis Wilkie a roving commission.

Coach Rosser pulled yet another ploy from his bag of tricks before the game. Former playing great and current ruck coach Frank Jones was called upon to say a few words to the boys before the game. The few words turned into a rousing speech as he called on the boys to look into his eyes as he spoke. Following a few words from Coach Rosser, the boys inspired by the words of Frank Jones ran down the race breathing fire.

From the opening bounce the team showed they meant business overcoming numerous attempts by South Melbourne to apply rough house tactics in an attempt to unsettle Town. But Town had its own enforcers and responded in kind demonstrating its own intentions about how this game would be played. By the end of the first quarter Town had a handy lead. Peter Zamykal was leaping like a mountain goat at the centre bounces, Grima was impassable at centre half back frustrating the hell out of South Melbourne who had stacked their defence which was calmly swatted away by big Werner.

The second quarter was more of the same with both Billy Dean and Rennie Zammit running from back pocket to forward pocket leaving the South Melbourne runners in their wake. Williamstown dominated the centre clearances thanks to the efforts of John Henry, Dennis Wilkie and Kevin Halley as they fed off the opportunities opened up by Peter Zamykal and John Murphy.

By half time Williamstown had a commanding lead, in effect the game was already won as South Melbourne were completely bewildered at the tactical moves which had cut off their lifelines. The third quarter saw Williamstown consolidating their lead and their dominance was so much Robert Grima was given a run in the forward line where he duly kicked a goal much to the chagrin of Rennie Zammit. Town closed the game out in the final quarter with Grima back at centre half back hauling down marks.

The final siren marked the start of rousing celebrations as the Willy boys walked proud off the ground ready to look Frank Jones and all their true believer supporters in the eye knowing they had come up with the goods meeting the challenge of back-to-back premierships. In the rooms the late Jeff "Chooka" Rollason gave a particularly masterful cheer leader performance as he led the boys in the famous Willy Chant. The celebrations continued well into the night at the traditional grand final night venue in the backyard of the Frank Zammit residence in Melbourne Road.

Grand Final Scores and Club Awards

Final Scores:- Williamstown CYMS 17-13-115
South Melbourne CYMS 12-13- 85

Best: A fine team effort with R. Grima, D. Henry, J. Henry, D. Wilkie, B. Blott and J. Murphy outstanding.

Goals: B. Norton 3, K. Halley 3, D. Wilkie 2, J. Murphy 2, D. Henry 2, P. Ward, R. Zammit, R. Grima, W. Rosenzweig, D. Jones.

Trophy Winners:-

Best & Fairest-	Robert Grima;
Second Best & Fairest-	Dennis Wilkie
Most Consistent-	Michael Buckley
Most Determined-	John Murphy
Best Clubmen-	Eric Caulfield
	Tony Williamson
Award for Services Rendered-	Kevin Thompson

Note:- Robert Grima also won the club top goal scorer award as well as the coveted Competition Best & Fairest. The following year Robert went back to play a number of games with VFL side South Melbourne, in one game kicking five goals at full forward against Richmond at the MCG.

1973 Grand Final Team

WILLIAMSTOWN C.Y.M.S. FOOTBALL CLUB

PREMIERS FIRST DIVISION, 1973



Back Row: K. FITZGIBBON (Trainer), K. THOMPSON (Social Secretary), R. FEATHERSTON (Patron), J. MURPHY, P. WARD, P. ZAMYKAL, J. STONEHOUSE, J. ROLLASON, B. NORTON, W. DEAN, J. HENRY, F. ZAMMIT (Patron), A. HEWITT (President), A. WILLIAMSON (Secretary).
 Middle Row: K. O'BRIEN (Trainer), T. HENRY (Goal Umpire), J. ZAMMIT, R. GRIMA, D. WILKIE (Captain), K. ROSSER (Coach), W. ROSENZWEIG (Vice-Capt.), M. BUCKLEY, G. MICALLEF, K. HALLEY, F. JONES (Vice-President).
 Front Row: D. HENRY, R. WENDT, B. BLOTT, S. HEWITT (Boundary Umpire), J. LEWER, R. BORRADALE, D. JONES.

Absent:- Rennie. Zammit

Williamstown CYMS **1977 Grand Final**

The club had joined the Western Suburban League a year earlier and were struggling as the players from the successful years of the early 70's retired. But the Club's fortunes were soon to be boosted with the appointment of Damien Hynes as playing coach for the 1977 season.

Damien was no stranger to the CY's, and was part of the 1963 U/18 Grand Final team that played Spotswood in a Grand Final as a curtain raiser to the VFL night grand final held at South Melbourne football ground.

Damien had been coach of Newport Centrals, but with their recent demise he was available and so the club was able to lure him as playing coach. And as luck would have it, he was able to convince a number of the players from the defunct Newport Centrals team to join the CY's. And so the road to success was looking much brighter. Those that joined the club included backmen Ken Beer and Sid Sildatke (who went on to win the club's Best & Fairest Award for the year), forwards John Dickenson and Paul Smith, rover Geoff Henderson, and utility player Alan Thompson.

Also recruited to the club this year was forward Peter Humphries, a talented goal kicker who grew up in Williamstown but had been playing football in the Victorian Country League competitions.

The year had its ups and downs, but the team scraped into 4th spot by the end of the home and away games. With the influx of new players it had taken a while for the side to mesh and understand each other's playing styles, a task that coach Damien Hynes put his teaching skills to good effect.

The preliminary final against West Newport was a vigorous affair, as games against them had come to be known. But the solid defence was pivotal to withstanding the barrage of forward thrusts by West, and it wasn't long before ruckmen Werner Rosenzweig and Paul Johnson were dominating and marking strongly around the ground and up forward while resting.

The pacey centreline of Arthur Lee, John Henry and Colin Gardner continually drove the ball forward providing John Dickenson & Paul Smith with plenty of goal scoring opportunities. But success often comes with disappointment, as classy rover Rennie Zammit had injured his shoulder and was to miss the Grand Final.

On grand final day, Coach Damien Hynes organised a players breakfast in the clubrooms at the Fearon Reserve, and arranged for a guest motivational speaker to address the players. This seemed to focus the players' attention on the task at hand later that day, and he also addressed the players prior to going onto the ground at Chirnside Park, the home ground of the Werribee VFA Team.

This seemed to inspire the players as they attacked the game with as much intensity as Newport who, in the home & away season had finished on top of the ladder.

The team for the grand final was as follows:-

Backs:	Dan. Henry	Ken. Beer	Anthony. Walsh
Half-Backs:	Sid. Sildatke	Damian. Hynes	Pat. Walsh
Centres:	Arthur. Lee	John. Henry	Colin. Gardiner
Half-Forwards:	John. Dickensen	Paul. Smith	Robert. Barlow
Forwards:	Peter. Humphries	Tim. Henry	Paul. Johnson
Rucks:	Werner. Rosenzweig	Richard. Featherston	James. Forbes
Interchange:	Geoff. Henderson	Peter. Vanderweert	

The combatant role of opposing playing coaches was evident with the often physical clashes between Damien Hynes playing at centre half back and opposed to Newport's coach Len Cuming. But Damien was well supported by a determined and talented backline that forged the road to victory with their relentless repelling of Newport attacks. Floating across the halfback line high marking Pat Walsh sent many penetrating left foot kicks into the forward line, and when the opposition got past him or the impassable Sid Sildatke, there was a defiant last line of defence in Dan Henry, Ken Beer and Anthony Walsh who were more than a match for their opponents and unyielding in fortitude and solidarity.

As was the case in the preliminary final it was again the pacey centreline of Arthur Lee, John Henry and Colin Gardiner and dominant ruck display from Werner Rosenzweig and Paul Johnson that ensured success was imminent, continually driving the ball forward placing the Newport defence under enormous pressure and providing many goal scoring opportunities for the forwards. John Dickenson kicking 4 goals from a half forward flank was again dominant in attack.

In a great overall team effort, the side saved its best performance of the year for the one that mattered, the Grand Final. Indeed a memorable victory in only the Club's second year in the Western Suburban Football League competition.

Included in the grand final side were two sets of brothers, continuing the trend of brothers playing for the club throughout its history. Backmen Pat & Anthony Walsh, and the Henry brothers John (centre) Dan (backman) & Tim (full forward) were all valuable contributors to the Grand Final success.

Final Scores:-

Williamstown CYMS	17-10-112
Newport	7-16- 58

Goals: W. Rosenzweig 7, J. Dickensen 4, T. Henry 2, P. Smith 2, P. Johnson 1, P. Humphries, .

Best: W. Rosenzweig, S. Sildatke, J. Henry, A. Lee, P. Johnson, P. Walsh, J. Dickensen, D. Hynes, P. Smith.

1977 Grand Final Photo

WILLIAMSTOWN C.Y.M.S. FOOTBALL CLUB — PREMIERS FIRST DIVISION, 1977
WESTERN SUBURBAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE



Back Row: K. FITZGIBBON (Head Trainer), J. FORBES, D. HENRY, K. BEER, R. BARLOW, E. KOWALSKI, C. GARDNER, B. WARLOND (Trainer).
Middle Row: E. HAW (Committee), P. SMITH, A. WALSH, P. WALSH, P. JOHNSON, W. ROSENZWEIG, R. FEATHERSTON, P. VAN DER WEERT, T. HENRY, G. HENDERSON, K. THOMPSON (Patron).
Front Row: E. CORFIELD (Committee), P. HUMPHRIES, J. DICKENSON, S. SILDATKE, F. JONES (President), D. HYNES (Capt. & Coach), B. GRIGG (Secretary), R. ZAMMIT (Vice Capt.), A. LEE, J. HENRY, K. ROSSER (Vice Pres.), P. BARLOW, (Boundary Umpire).

Williamstown CYMS

1984 Grand Final

By the early 1980's it became clear that the Western Suburban League competition had lost its way, and so the club decided it was time to look elsewhere and made enquiries about joining the Victorian Amateur Football Association.

In 1984 the club was accepted into the competition, a well-respected competition noted for its strong administration and game rule control. The club had recruited well with a mixture of experience and youth. Peter Moore joined the club following many years as fullback for Williamstown VFA side, and experienced half back flanker Dowell Mitchell came across from Sunshine VFA side to bolster the defence. Also adding youth to the club, talented ruck-rover Kevin Dervan joined the club after several years playing with VFL side South Melbourne Reserves.

The club had appointed a new coach for its venture into the VAFA (Jack Campbell), but unfortunately his coaching style and lack of game plan wasn't gelling with the players, and the club had only won 3 of the first 9 games at the half way mark of the season. Compounding the team's woes was the loss of talented wingman Steve Calderwood with a broken leg early in the season, devastating both for him and the club as he was one of the younger players destined to take the side to the grand final.

With player unrest toward the new coach causing much discontent within the ranks, the committee had a crisis meeting over the Queen's long weekend break in June and decided to sack the coach. President Dan Henry had the task of passing on the committee's decision to Jack and following some pre-decision ground work was able to lure Graeme Clough (Cloughy-a champion rover with Williamstown VFA club during the 1950's-60's, and past coach of the CY's in the late 1960's), to take on the coaching role for the remainder of the year. This resulted in the team winning 8 of the next 9 to finish on 11 wins for the season and in 4th place leading into the finals. One of the reasons for the success this year was also the establishment of an Under 19 team in 1983, which in the 1984 season was coached by another champion Williamstown VFA player of the 1950's in John Martin.

When it became evident that the Under 19's would just miss out on the finals, the club promoted four players from that team to the seniors for the final series, namely Tom Cannon, Tim Ferris, Paul McNamara and Danny Wade. All providing the youthful spark and required skill level needed to assist in taking the club to the premiership.

Following a physically demanding game against Brunswick in the first semi-final, the side went on to score a big win against Monash Blues in the preliminary final. And so the grand final which was played at Albert Park loomed against top side Preston Marist Brothers Old Boys (MBOB).

The team for the grand final was as follows:-

Backs:	John. Henry	Peter. Moore	Paul. McNamara
Half-Backs:	Dowell. Mitchell	Paul. Dukes	Gary. McQuinn
Centres:	Danny. Wade	Larry. Loton	Mark. Dooley
Half-Forwards:	Ian. Wilson	Alan. Elliott	Kevin. Dervan
Forwards:	Tim. Ferris	Steve. Fletcher	Geoff. Henderson
Rucks:	Colin. Dunlop	Tom. Cannon	Frank. Vanderpeet
Interchange:	Geoff. Hyland	Gary. Hancock	

The first quarter was all Preston and they leapt quickly to a four goal lead. But several steadying marks and solid defence work from fullback Peter Moore and some attacking moves from experienced backmen in John Henry, Dowell Mitchell and Paul Jukes soon turned the game in our favour.

Centreman Larry Loton was dominating the midfield and continually driving the ball forward. It wasn't long before high flying forwards Alan Elliott and Tom Cannon, along with bullocking full-forward Steve Fletcher, stamped their authority kicking goals to bring the CY's on even terms at half time.

Coach Graeme Clough gave the players a blast at half time challenging them to start running the ball at all costs, and it worked. Kicking against a strong breeze in the 3rd quarter the CY's skipped away to a 5 goal lead and although the match was a hard fought tussle to the end, the relentless pressure and drive from the backline eventually wore down the opposition forwards, and as the final quarter progressed it became evident that victory was in our sights.

The whole final series in 1984 was a credit to the team and the committee for the manner in which they recovered from what was a despairing start to the year to win the premiership in its first year in the VAFA.

Other highlights of 1984 were Captain Alan Elliott winning the leading goal scorer award and also crowned the Competition Best and Fairest. In the Under 19's Tom Cannon also won the Comp B&F. Alan was a pacey strong marking centre half forward and his consistency and match winning abilities illustrated why he is considered one of the best centre half forwards in the club's history. Another highlight was mid-fielder John Henry playing his 250th game for the club, and also becoming the first player in the club's history to play in 5 senior premierships (1970, 1972, 1973, 1977 and 1984).

Final Scores: Williamstown CYMS 19-10-124
Preston MBOB 11-17- 83

Goals: A. Elliott 5, S. Fletcher 4, T. Cannon 3, L. Loton 2, F. Vanderpeet 2, C. Dunlop, T. Ferris, K. Dervan.

Best: A. Elliott, D. Mitchell, L. Loton, J. Henry, F. Vanderpeet, S. Fletcher, P. Jukes, T. Cannon.

Best & Fairest: Dowell Mitchell **Runner-Up** Frank Vanderpeet

The experienced elders of the team - all 33 years old.

Peter Moore, Dowell Mitchell, John Henry



Grand Final Team 1984



Back Row:

G. Henderson, D. Mitchell, K. Dervan, G. Hyland, J. Henry, E. Van der Peet, I. Wilson, P. Jukes, L. Loton.

Second Back Row:

B. O'Brien (Secretary), S. Fletcher, T. Ferris, R. Sodomaco, C. Dunlop, T. Cannon, P. McNamara, P. Moore, G. Hancock, K. Thompson (Manager).

Second Front Row:

M. Geoghegan (Football Secretary), G. Doria, P. Buckley, A. Elliott (Captain), G. Clough (Coach), M. Dooley (Vice Captain), D. Henry (President), D. Wade, J. Neenan (Runner), B. Warland (Trainer).

Front Row:

Mascots: L. Featherston, C. Buckley, M. Featherston, D. Buckley, C. O'Brien, D. Geoghegan, E. Buckley,

Absent:

G. McQuinn.

What was apparent in 1984 was that the Club had a playing squad with the ability to succeed but for the first half of the season were playing rudderless and without any clear direction. It took Cloughy's clear direction and coaching prowess to pull the ship around and he was able to get the Players to unite and play as a team with proper structures and game plan. His ability to relate to and get the best out of the Players was mastery and under his leadership and coaching direction the Club was able to stage an amazing turnaround and experience premiership success.

Images of 1984 Grand Final



Photos above depict:

- Top Left:- Coach Graeme Clough, and left to right Mark Dooley, Paul McNamara, Dowell Mitchell and Peter Moore.
- Top Right:- Captain Alan Elliott, and Competition Best & Fairest 1984.
- Centre Left:- President Dan Henry and full forward Steve Fletcher lead the club song at after match celebrations with Bluey 'Pommie' Taylor on the left in the foreground.
- Centre Right:- Best & Fairest Dowell Mitchell (centre) celebrates with centreman John Henry (left), rover Frank Vanderpeet (right) and Richard Featherston (right rear) a 1977 premiership player. Long-time Clubman and CY Player Stuart Vines with his well-established beard is pictured behind Dowell in the background and Life Member Lyn Fitzgibbon is far left at the front of the picture.
- Bottom :- Premiership Team leaving the ground in celebrations after receiving the Cup:
- Players visible from left to right:
- Colin Dunlop, Geoff Hyland, Geoff Henderson, Gary Hancock, John Henry, Mark Dooley (VC), Alan Elliott (Capt), Ian Wilson, Peter Moore, Tom Cannon, Larry Loton, Garry McQuinn, Danny Wade, & Frank Van der Peet.

Appendix 16

Williamstown CYMS Football Club **2008 Grand Final**

The Willy CY's found themselves starting the VAFA 2008 D3 season with something to prove after being heartbreakingly relegated from D2 in 2007 by a fraction of a percentage point [one extra goal over the course of the season would have seen the Club avoid the big drop].

Regrouping under the guidance of CY's Legend Alan 'Oopy' Elliott, both the senior and reserves sides accepted the challenge and carried all before them in 2008 to both finish the season on top of the ladder with identical 16 – 2 win loss records .

Deservedly entering the finals series as Flag Favorites, Williamstown CYMS won promotion back to VAFA D2 by defeating 2nd placed Hawthorn [15-3] by 18 points [14.8 - 92 to 10.14 - 74] in the second semi-final in a very competitive and physical game played in frustratingly strong cross wind conditions at the Gillon Reserve, Brunswick.

Fourth placed Eltham after squeaking home from Power House by the narrowest of margins in the first semi-final, the following eased their way past a physically spent Hawthorn by a comfortable 42 points in the Preliminary Final to earn the right to have a crack at the CY's for the flag the following week.

In a close and exciting 2nd semi-final, the Williamstown CYMS Reserves side also won their way into the Grand Final with an exciting come from behind win against Eltham. Down by 9 points at three quarter time they fought on doggedly to seize the lead in the dying minutes, holding on for a 1 point victory.

And so it transpired, that for the competition's last Saturday in September the CY's faithful flocked to Coburg's City Oval in huge number to witness both the Senior and Reserves sides do battle for the coveted Premiership Flag.

The Reserves side set the standard in the early game, when despite conceding the first four goals of the match they gradually asserted control to win relatively comfortably over University High School- Victoria University 14.17.101 to 14.8.92.

In the main game, a large and vocal CY's following saw Eltham win the toss and kick to the wind favored Bell Street end of the ground.

After a nervous first five minutes by both sides, a physically determined Eltham settled first with a goal from their Captain-coach Jon Gerrard. In the face of some desperate CY's defensive pressure they failed to capitalize on a couple of other opportunities with inaccurate kicking for goal.

A heavy downpour of rain which swept the oval midway through the term saw David Lee kick Willy's first goal and this spurred the CY's into action all over the field. Steve Barlow quickly followed with our second and when Craig Taylor coolly converted his first for the day the CY's had skipped to a handy 11 point lead into the wind [3.1.19 to 1.2.8] which they were to hold until the first break.

At the beginning of the second quarter, with the rain continuing to fall Eltham showed that they were determined not to go down without a fight. They made all the initial running but were again inaccurate in front of goal, missing a couple of gettable scoring opportunities.

As was the case in the first quarter, the CYs met the challenge with an increase in intensity at the drop of the ball and when David Lee kicked his second against the run of play the CY's kicked into gear to begin to dominate the game. James Wong kicked his first for the day and, not long after taking the 'Mark of the Year' on the Member's wing, Craig Taylor quickly followed up with another.

Led by Ben Hynes, the CY's were well on top in defence and with Tim Hynes dominating his wing there was plenty of opportunities being created for the Williamstown forwards and it came as no surprise when the hard working Tim Wheeler chipped in with a decisive late goal to give the boys from the West a significant, if not match winning 29 point half time lead [7.4.46 to 2.5.17].

As is so often the case the third term shaped as the crucial stage of the game 'The Premiership Quarter' – Eltham needed to make full use of the breeze to have any chance of winning, whereas the CY's simply needed to break even on the scoreboard and they'd have the game all but sewn up.

With Captain Carson McNamara beginning to take control in the ruck and with the back six continuing to negate their immediate opponents, the CY's were able to keep an increasingly frustrated Eltham goal-less for the term. At the other end both David Lee and Craig Taylor each kicked their third goal of the game to take the CY's to a commanding 40 point three quarter time lead over their dispirited opponents [9.8.62 to 2.10.22].

With the sun coming out and on a drying surface Williamstown completely dominated the last term over a disappointing Eltham side. It was party time. With James Wong putting on an eye catching [if inaccurate] exhibition up forward the CY's skipped away with goals to Dave Lee [his fourth], Wong and Ben Gray. Three goals from more than a dozen shots on goal by the CY's forwards saved Eltham from complete humiliation as Williamstown cruised home winning by 60 points 12.17.89 to 3.11.29.

The final siren was greeted by a huge roar of appreciation from the Willy faithful – celebrations continued long and loud in the changing rooms and afterwards back at the Fearon Reserve social rooms – after 24 years the CY's had won another Flag:-

The Monkey was Off the Back!

Final Scores:-

Williamstown:	3.1	7.4	9.8	12.17.89
Eltham:	1.2	2.5	2.10	3.11.29

Goals: Lee 4, Taylor 3, Wong 2, Barlow, Gray, Wheeler

Best: B Hynes, T Hynes, Cocks, Tranter, McGuinness, Taylor, McNamara.

2008 Premiership Team



Back Row:

Dan Henry (Director of Football), Steve Barlow, James Wong, Julian Hatfield, Luke Forrester, Tim Wheeler, Ben Hynes, Dave Lee, Steve Calderwood (Assistant Coach).

Standing:

Ken West (Team Manager), Peter Welsh (Chairman), Paul Lishman (Goal Umpire), Tim Hynes, Brendan Cocks, Matt Sultana, Ben Gray, Will Cooper, Julian Hynes, Brett Lethborg, Dene Macleod, Andy Featherston (Runner), Robert Ryan (Time Keeper).

Front Row:

Mathew Lishman, Shaun McGuinness, Craig Taylor, John Gallivan, Alan Elliott (Coach), Carson McNamara (Captain), Jarrod Tranter, Christian Elliott, Michael Cini.

2008 Reserves Premiership Team

Williamstown C.Y.M.S Football Club *Premiers D2 Reserves – V.A.F.A – Season 2008*



Back Row: D. Williams, J. Willis, J. DiGrazia, T. Butson, C. McCracken, A. Carter, M. Brown, J. Holod, M. Tennant

Middle Row: P. Welsh (Chairman) K. West (Team Manager) C. Winks, B. Hinsley, J. Buttigieg, T. Bowers, L. Henry, P. Gallivan, N. Welsh, N. Knapman, A. Klewer, R. Ryan (Time Keeper)

Front Row: M. Busuttill, J. Munro, D. Oldham (Captain) D. Hynes (Coach) J. McCarthy (Assistant Coach) G. Burgess, D. Elias, (Absent K. Dowsey, D. Macleod)

As mentioned earlier in this Grand Final report it was the Reserves side which set the standard for the day in the early game, when despite conceding the first four goals of the match they gradually asserted control to inflict a relatively comfortable but close 9 point win over University High School-Victoria University (MHSOB-VU).

Final Results being:

Williamstown CYMS 14.17.101 to UHSOB-VU 14.8.92,

With Greg (Gregga) Burgess kicking his 100th goal for the Season in the Premiership win.

Williamstown CYMS Football Club 2009 Grand Final

Peninsula entered the 2009 VAFA Division 2 Finals Series as red hot favourites. Finishing the Home and Away season on top of the ladder, 10 points clear of the CY's in second place, the Pirates had swept all before them losing only two games. Peninsula looked the team to beat all season after having been relegated following the 2008 season, not because they finished in the bottom two, but rather as a disciplinary measure resulting from some financial operations irregularities.

They had the Association Best and Fairest winner in on-baller Stephen Barbour, and Runner-up James Coghlan, a dynamic small forward who had booted 72 goals to be runner-up in the League Goal Kicking Award.

The CY's on the other hand had won the Division 3 flag in 2008 and then made the finals first year back in Division 2, a meteoric rise. They knocked the Pirates off at the Fearon by 15 points to be one of the two teams that managed a win against them in Season 2009, but the Pirates comfortably won the return bout at home by 44 points.

The Second Semi was played at Central Reserve, Glen Waverley. It was a lack lustre affair early, Peninsula leading 1-4 to 1-1 at quarter time. The CY's kicked 4-2 to 2-4 in the second to take a hard fought 9 point lead into the long break.

The Pirates got on top in the third and booted 6 - 3 to the CY's 4 - 1 to take a 7 point lead. Kicking with the wind in the last the Pirates coasted to victory kicking another 6 while the CY's struggled to kick two giving Peninsula a comfortable 34 point win, 15-16-106 to 11-6-72, easing up. The result was what was pretty much generally expected. To rub salt in the wound, CY's champion full back Ben Hynes got done for striking Coghlan and copped two weeks.

The CY's duly won the Prelim against Therry and so the best two teams faced off in the big one at Central Reserve, Waverley. A huge contingent of CY's supporters had turned up, some old timers saying this was the biggest show of support for the CY's for many, many years.

The CY's had lost Ben Hynes on a dubious report which only added steam to Williamstown's resolve to turn the tables on Peninsula. James Reid, who had suffered with shin splints for most of the season and played mainly off the bench in short bursts, started up forward. Coach Alan Elliott said later, "we needed his defensive pressure across half forward. If we were to have a show, he had to stand up for us, and he did".

Kicking with a strong blustery wind, the CY's had the better of the first quarter. Using the wind to advantage, they booted 6 goals to open up a handy 26 point lead. The CY's won the second quarter as well, the defence working overtime with Andrew McKay having the better of Pirates Skipper Shaun Payze and the last line kept a tight rein on key forwards Coghlan and Rombotis. The CY's restricted Peninsula to four with the wind and booted 2 into it to lead by 12 points at half time, but injuries were starting to take their toll. Fin Adamson had done an ankle, Will Cooper dislocated his shoulder and Jules Hatfield had

damaged his ribs. The Interchange Bench was a revolving door for these three and Reid as Coach Elliott and his Brains Trust of Steve Calderwood and Dene Macleod tried their best to juggle the numbers.

Peninsula got on top in the third. Taking control and having most of the play they kicked 4 - 5 into the wind while holding the CY's to 4 straight. The CY's were giving it everything but the bigger and physically stronger Pirates were slowly but surely overpowering the CY's. The CY's were under siege late in the third when Will Cooper, after having his shoulder put back in for the second time, re-entered the fray and took a towering one handed mark (he couldn't raise the other arm) over the pack at centre half forward. His resultant goal lifted the spirits of not only his team mates, but the legion of CY's supporters as well. The CY's by 13 points at the final break, but the Pirates would come home hard with a 4 goal wind.

The supporters were happy. The over-riding sentiment was that the boys had been terrific, If we get done, well, the boys had had a red hot go. They had given everything they had, and had done us proud.

Coach Elliott wears his heart on his sleeve. What you see is what you get. Everyone knows how he is feeling. If he is feeling the pressure, it shows. As the players and a couple of hundred supporters arrived at the huddle, they were greeted by a smiling and relaxed coach. He asked supporters to move back, give the players some room. He told the players to sit down and relax. The three quarter time break passed without further-a-do. "Righto boys, on your feet - In close. Grab a jumper - Supporters, in close. Grab a jumper or a jacket". The coach was surrounded by a crush of players and supporters, arms around each other's shoulders, all in it together - Silence. The air was electric and becoming more so by the second. "We'll win this. They're gone. Defend to the outer wing and the dead pocket, keep it out there. And when we get it, RUN! Run and bounce, handball forward, run and run. Go out and win it." That was it - that was the message. - Silence. Some-one from the players' group yelled "C'mon boys, we can do this" and a huge cry went up from the players and the supporters. It was an emotional and inspirational moment that will live in the hearts of all who were part of it.

The message was simple and the players carried it out to the letter. They defended around the outer side boundary and bottled the Pirates up in the dead pocket. They ran the ball out of defence and into attack. Peninsula was forced to kick at goal from the dead pocket. They kicked behinds. The CY's ran and hand-balled forward and kicked a couple of goals. The pressure was mounting on the Pirates now and they missed a couple of difficult set shots, then they didn't chase CY's defenders running out of defence. The CY's had gained the momentum.

A pivotal sequence, Tim Wheeler, outnumbered three to one deep in attack tackled, smothered, tackled again and harassed the defenders to finally win a free kick after second, third and fourth efforts. Wheeler was spent physically and was slow to get up off the ground to take his kick, 25 metres out. Supporters reckoned he wouldn't make the distance but his wobbly flat punt just got over the outstretched hands of the defenders for a goal. The crowd went wild.

The CY's attacked again and when a series of handballs finished with Callum Richards running into an open goal and kicking it out of the park, and then running around the boundary fence high fiving the CY's faithful, it was all over. This was a moment to remember. The CY's had won a flag most thought they couldn't win.

Peninsula were without doubt the best team over the season but coach Elliott and the team found a way to win when it counted.

Surely this was Elliott's finest moment in a long and successful coaching career.

Ben Gray capped off an outstanding year by winning the AR Fellows Medal for Best on Ground in the Grand Final and also won the CY's Best and Fairest Award and was the CY's Leading Goal Kicker with 46 goals, which was an awesome performance given he played as a midfielder for much of the season.

Williamstown:	6.4	8.5	12. 5	15. 9. 99
Peninsula:	2.2	6.5	9.10	9. 18. 72

Best: B. Gray, S. McGuinness, T. Wheeler, J. Wong, J. Tranter, W. Cooper.

Goals: W. Cooper 3, B. Gray 2, C. Elliott 2, 1 each to; T. Wheeler, M. Cini, J. Wong, F. Adamson, B. Lethborg, J. Tranter, J. Reid, C. Richards.

INTERESTING FACTS:

A potent attack.

The CY's successfully developed a multi-pronged attack in 2009 with five players kicking more than 30 goals for the season; Ben Gray 46, Steve Barlow 43, Will Cooper 40, Zac Read 32 and Tim Wheeler 31. It was this awesome firepower that catapulted the CY's into the Grand Final in their first year back in Division 2.

This was a far cry from the one dimensional attack the CY's battled with (probably through necessity) in 2011 when only James Wong (65) and Josh Vanderloo (37) kicked over 30. Ben Gray was next best with 20 and he played much of the season in the midfield and in defence.

Gold Socks.

The CY's wore gold socks in this match. Peninsula v Williamstown matches are designated jumper clash matches in which the visiting team must wear an alternate jumper. As the CY's were second to qualify for the Grand Final, we were deemed to be the visitors. The club argued that a Grand Final was a game that was too important to the club for it not to wear its colours or its official jumper.

Robust debate took place for several days until finally a compromise was reached, the CY's agreeing to wear gold socks in lieu of their blue and gold hooped socks.

2009 Premiership Team



Back Row:

Nick Walsh, Julian Hatfield, Will Cooper, Finlay Adamson, Brett Lethborg, Luke Forrester, Tim Wheeler, Christian Elliott.

Standing:

Dan Henry (Director of Football), Paul Lishman (Goal Umpire), Ben Hynes, James Wong, Zac Read, Shaun McGuinness, Tim Hynes, Julian Hynes, Ben Gray, Callum Richards, Jarrod Tranter, Dene Macleod (Assistant Coach), Peter Welsh (Chairman), Robert Ryan (Time Keeper).

Front Row:

Mathew Lishman, John Gallivan, Michael Cini, Steve Calderwood (Assistant Coach), Alan Elliott (Coach), Carson McNamara (Captain), James Reid, Andrew McKay.

- *It is worth noting in the photo the wearing of the Gold Socks which became the compromise to having to wear the Clash Jumper.*

2009 Reserves Premiership Team

Williamstown C.Y.M.S Football Club *Premiers D2 Reserves — V.A.F.A — Season 2009*



Back Row: B. Hinsley, T. Carter, C. McCracken, L. Ryan, C. Winks, L. Henry, J. Munro

Middle Row: S. Barlow, W. McLaren, F. Henry, T. Bowers, B. McColl, J. DiGrazia, R. Ryan (Time Keeper)

Front Row: M. Busuttill, C. Mathews, G. Burgess (Captain) D. Hynes (Coach) J. McCarthy (Assistant Coach) J. Buttigieg, M. Johns, M. Carland
(Absent, N. Baskharon, B. Moore, M. Tennant, M. Sultana)

Since the appointment of Alan Elliott as Senior Coach in Season 2008 the Club had been able to build depth into its playing ranks such that the Reserves had also become a strong outfit going on to achieve back to back premierships in Seasons 2008 and 2009. The Reserves were under the coaching guidance of Club stalwart Damien Hynes (1977 premiership Captain/Coach) so had been in good hands over this period. Damien, being ably assisted by John McCarthy, made up a strong combination which proved worthy of the Club's back to back premiership success.

In the 2009 Grand Final the Reserves also came up against a hard and tough competitor in Peninsula who took the game right up to the CY's. It was a close contest throughout in windy conditions with Williamstown displaying amazing accuracy with the aid again of spearhead Gregga Burgess (5 goals). In all, the CY's had an edge over the Pirates who appeared to tire from their hard finals campaign.

Williamstown having secured the week off following its win in the second semi-final and looked the fresher team as the game progressed.

It was another great team effort from the lads who went on to record a memorable victory, a win which started an all-round bad day for the Peninsula Pirates.

Final Results being:

Williamstown CYMS 10 – 2 – 62

d Peninsula 5 – 11 - 41

Williamstown CYMS Football Club

2014 Grand Final

When Grand Final day arrived on Sunday 14 September 2014 the level of excitement around the Club was infectious. The anticipation of Premiership success had been building since the Teams triumphant 6 goal defeat over Therry Penola in the 2nd Semi-final which was played two weeks earlier on Saturday 30 August 2014 at the Bill Lawry Oval in Northcote.

As if it was made to order, on arrival at the ground Grand Final day had presented as a sunny twenty degree day with a slight breeze favouring the Legends Stand end of the ground. The Williamstown CYMS Players, Coaches, Support staff, Members and Die-hard Supporters descended in their masses on Visy Oval, Princess Park, Carlton to do battle once again against Therry in the 2014 D1 Grand Final.

Although tempered, confidence was high as the team was peaking at the right end of the season and with the dour efforts during the week of President John Tuck to successfully convince the hierarchy of the VAFA to switch the Grand Final Match from its original allocated venue of Garvie Oval, Parade College, Bundoora to Visy Park the CY's were very confident that the new venue, with its wide open spaces and pristine surface, would just be the ticket for our young team of running Players.

Thursday night selection saw no changes to the Team that brought home victory and promotion to Premier C Grade in the 2nd Semi –final and read as follows:

FB	Sean McVernon	Ryan Danaher	Phil Johnson
HB	Tim Murphy	Ben Gray	Finn Adamson
C	Ashley Heaver	Nick Holdsworth	Robbie Chan
HF	Cameron Oates	Kurt Scown	Jack Gray
FF	Chris Cini	Luke Molan	Matt John

Foll **Steve Puhar, Dan Calman-Orr, Tommy Johnstone**

I/C **Ryan Joy, Joel Hogarth, Callum Richards, Adam Bencich**

Emer **Russell Ackerley, Ben Coram, Jake McKenzie**

In the rooms prior to the match the atmosphere was electric and one could sense the lads were on a mission and up for the challenge. With Coach Montebello providing some final words of encouragement he then stirred up the Players' image of what it will be like to taste success on the Grand Final stage by producing from his bag one of the Club's previous Premiership Cups and exclaiming, 'It's yours for the taking guys'. The Players then entered the arena full of steam and driven to success.

The prediction at first bounce running true to form as the CY's began in blistering pace winning all the hard ball gets and contested possessions. With the CY's kicking with the aid of the slight breeze to the Legends Stand or Brunswick Rd end Therry were immediately on the back foot unable to withstand the CY's tackling pressure and hard running game such that by the end of the first quarter the CY's had raced away to a 5 goal lead kicking 6 goals to 1 in the quarter. In the ensuing quarters the CY's continued to apply constant pressure on Therry being able to maintain the 5 goal lead at half-time, extend it to 10 goals by three quarter time and then run out eventual victors with the result at final siren of a resounding 8 goals 8 behinds winning margin, the final scores being 16-14-110 to 8-6-54.

The following week's match day report from the VAFA Record of 19 September 2014, written by James Reid reported on the result as follows:

"Williamstown CYMS Reigns Supreme

Last year, Williamstown floundered under finals pressure and were knocked in straight sets. This year, the CY's dispatched previous disappointments and thrived in the heat of confrontation. Favourites they were not, but their output throughout the post-season campaign was far beyond that of any competitor. The CY's disposed of the highly touted, Therry Penola on two occasions, on the Grand stage at Visy Park and a fortnight prior in the semi-final. These two losses were the only losses Therry Penola suffered, clean sweeping the regular season. In the end however, the minor premiership is cheapened when the silver-ware escapes in the do-or-die moments. Williamstown proved deserved victor in these moments and rightfully held the Premiership cup aloft.

In their semi-final matchup, Williamstown burst out of the blocks with a 5.1 opening term. This time around the CY's drove home six majors and made the previous outing look second-rate with all round dominance. The 2014 Division 1 best and fairest, Jack Gray, kicked things off with the opening goal as the CY's limited Therry's possession and space, forcing them to play slow footy causing them to turnover repeatedly. Matt John delivered his first with a snap from 30m, causing alarm bells to ring in the Therry camp as John and Gray once again shredded through Therry's defence. Things got worse for the Lions as the CY's piled on three more unanswered goals until finally they responded with a Corey Bannister mark and goal, but the Williamstown-predominant crowd roared once more with a late Daniel Calman-Orr goal to end the quarter.

Facing a 30-point deficit Therry needed a quick resurgence, and Captain Jarrod Egglestone inspired that with repeated efforts and tackles, and had a significant influence on the early parts of the term. Michael Pell slotted an early goal for ||Therry as the Lions brought the match back into a contest. Although, this comeback didn't last, as they hadn't learnt and left Jack Gray unmanned. Three bounces and an unhurried kick from 40 out later, the most dangerous man on the field kicks his second and Therry's confidence is flattened once again. This unfamiliar territory of being on the brink of defeat, combined with poor decision-making had Therry erratically kicking to 2v1's and desperate for a spark to bridge the 33-point gap at the main change.

By halfway through the third the result was inevitable. Matt John drilled home two goals as the faithful at the respective ends showed sorrow and cheer according their team's fortunes. Therry's defence was struggling as Williamstown's players ran inside 50 unmarked but couldn't celebrate just yet as they missed repeatedly. The ball took a rare sortie to Therry's forward half as they went coast-to-coast from the kick-in and closing with Jarrod Bannister kicking his first. The CY's added another 4 goals to one by term's end

with Stephen Puhar joining the party with two of those to stretch the lead to game-high 62-points.

The dead-rubber last quarter saw Therry Penola climb off the canvass. Having kicked only 29-points in three quarters of football, the Lions did manage to win the fourth. However, the CY's had the premiership sealed in what was a commanding display. The boisterous Willy crowd lifted further as they closed in on glory, filling the stadium with song and dance after each CY's goal. John capped off his rout of a day and best on ground performance with his fifth goal while Jarrod and Corey Bannister's shadows, Ben Gray and Ryan Danaher bested the two throughout. Ashley Heaver closed the book on the 2014 Division 1 premiership with the final goal and a 56-point victory for Williamstown CYMS.

The emphatic win brings silverware back to Williamstown for the first time since 2009 and elevation to the Premier Grades for the first time in their history.

Division 1 Results:

Williamstown CYMS:	6.1	7.7	13.13	16.14	(110)
Therry Penola:	1.1	2.4	4.5	8.6	(54)

Best: M John, B Gray, R Danaher, T Johnstone, T Murphy, D Calman-Orr.

Goals: M John 5, S Puhar 3, J Gray 2, C Richards 2, L Molan 1, R Joy 1, R Chan 1, A Heaver 1."

After the siren came the presentation of the premiership medals and D1 Premiership Cup with the honour for making the presentations being bestowed on the CY's Director of Football Peter Welsh.

Just as they had flocked in their masses to the game the CY faithful packed the presentation area on the arena and cheered as every player's name was called out to receive his medallion. The crowd was a clear indication of how many had attended the game as the CY's clearly outnumbered the Therry faithful on the day.

A special mention must be afforded to the **Peanut Gallery** of loyal supporters and Players who gathered on mass and drove the atmosphere behind the CY's goals at each end of the ground. Their support reaching a crescendo in the final quarter with a belting rendition of the Club's theme song down at the city end of Visy Park – "It's a Grand Old Flag, It's a high flying Flag" which resulted in a massive cheer from supporters from all around the ground. The result was in the bag!!



The result was capped off in the report written by Damien Ractliffe in the Hobsons Bay Leader publication of Wednesday, September 17, 2014 where special mention was given to the efforts of the CY's Cheer Squad and comments on the result from coach Montebello were also recorded.

It read as follows:

“ CY's rise above – First-Quarter Goal Blitz Secures Flag for Williamstown

Williamstown CYMS capped a remarkable year with a 56-point victory against Therry Penola in the Victorian Amateur Football Association Division 1 grand final on Sunday.

A huge crowd assembled at Visy Park to watch the two best sides in the competition do battle, but it was the CY's cheer squad roaring loudest early as their side piled on six goals to one in the opening term.

The blitz set up the win, forcing the Lions to play catch-up, with any momentum swings quickly thwarted by defenders Ben Gray and Ryan Danaher, who had the task of stopping Lions duo Jarrod and Corey Bannister.

A six-goal-to-two third quarter gave the CY's a 62-point advantage by three-quarter time, as ruckman Steve Puhar pushed forward and made an impact.

He finished with three majors, but it was Matthew John providing most headaches, as he did in the semi-final a fortnight earlier. John finished with five goals in a best-on-ground display in the 16.14 (110) to 8.6 (54) victory.

Williamstown CYMS coach Matthew Montebello said last year's straight-sets finals exit provided a catalyst for this season's campaign.

“I know there was a moment last year when we got knocked out that Danaher sat looking at the scoreboard for about half an hour after the game” Montebello said. “We spoke about that yesterday.”

Therry Penola went through the regular season undefeated, but the CY's were comfortable flying under the radar, winning nine of their last 10 games heading into the finals.

Montebello said his team peaked at the right time.

"It's always the plan, with training workloads, to get as fit as we can be," he said.

The grand final appearance means the CY's move into Premier C for 2015.

"It's fantastic," Montebello said.

"It's one we've always wanted, to play in the premier divisions, but we wanted to win some silverware, too. But we played like a premier side (in the grand final), not a Division 1 side"

As is the challenge for most VAFA sides that gain promotion, the CY's focus will be on ensuring they hold their spot in the competition's higher ranks.

"I think you're always looking to add players to the side, it's part of natural progression," Montebello said.

"We're always after guys who can run. I told the boys it's very rarely the same team plays together the next year. But we have a really young side, so that makes a difference."

Special mention in this triumphant year must also go to Jack Gray who took out the Victorian Amateur Football Association Division 1 league best-and-fairest in the week leading up to the grand-final. Jack won the LS Pepper Medal with 22 votes polling 3 best-on-ground performances after Round 14. Jack's stellar season saw him kick 46 goals in 20 games which included six across the finals series. Jack follows a great family tradition at the CY's with his brother Ben captaining the premiership team and in doing so reached the milestone of becoming a Willy CYMS triple premiership player, and his father Dave representing the CY's in the late 70's and early eighties.

The team's strong and even competitive spirit was also recognised at the Club's Best-and-Fairest Award night with new 2014 recruit Luke Molan just pipping young Nick Holdsworth to win the 2014 B&F. Both players had a consistent and outstanding season and well deserved their awards. Luke's strength and versatility at both ends of the ground had a major impact on many of the Club's victories throughout the season with his strong marking and accurate kicking, whilst Nick was clearly the Club's hard ball clearance king at the centre bounce and stoppages around the ground.

Premierships can only be one by a champion team and in 2014 it was this quality that shone through in every player that represented the Club at senior level. The trend to youth once again proving it's true worth as just as it was in 1928 when the Club were undefeated premiers with a squad of 18 players under 23 and an average age of 20 ½ years the 2014 premiership team also fielded 16 players 23 and under. The message was as clear in 1928 as it was in 2014 – building a youthful team is clearly a recipe for success.

Some Grand Final action shots below showing the award winners Matthew John, Jack Gray and Luke Molan exerting their influence on the game.

Matt John. - 5 Goals and BOG. BOG Medal.

Jack Gray. - L.S. Pepper Medalist. Competition B & F Div 1,

Luke Molan. - Cap't J Fearon Medalist 2014.

Steve Puhar – Laying a tackle

Callum Richards – snapping a goal

Kurt Scown – taking screamer



Matt John in control in attack.



Jack Gray sprinting away from the pack.



Luke Molan flying above the pack.
Bannister



Steven Puhar laying a tackle on Jarrad
Bannister



Photo on left: Callum Richards snapping a sensational left foot goal in the first quarter



Photo on right - Kurt Scown marks strongly while Luke Molan is pressured from the contest.

Below - Ben Gray, Captain and Matthew Montebello, Senior Coach holding the 2014 Premiership Cup aloft.



2014 Premiership Team

Division 1 'Senior Grade'

Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA)



Back Row: (Players) Phil Johnson, Nick Holdsworth, Luke Molan, Finn Adamson, Steve Puhar, Kurt Scown, Tim Murphy, Sean Mc Vernon.

Middle Row Standing: (Officials) - Chris Matthews (trainer), Ben Kelly (assistant coach), Pat Walsh (Vice pres.), Matt Carlin (Stats), Paul Johnson (team manager), Peter Welsh (Pres.) – (Players) – Ryan Joy, Ryan Danaher, Callum Richards, Ash Heaver, Cam Oates, Joel Hogarth, Adam Bencich, - (Officials) – Michael Johnstone (assistant coach), Mick Buckley (Football manager), Dene Macleod (assistant coach), Robert (Bobby) Ryan (time-keeper), Naury Sibaei (trainer), Bill Deller (Club Manager).

Front Row Sitting: (Players) – Matt John, Dan Calman-Orr, Jack Gray, Matt Montebello (Coach), Ben Gray (Capt.), Tommy Johnstone, Robbie Chan, Chris Cini.

In front: (Children) – Jack Macleod, Charlie Macleod, Nate Kelly, Judd Kelly

Appendix 19

Williamstown CYMS Football Club 2016 Premier 'C' Reserve Grade Grand Final

Match Report:

The Grand Final was played out at Sportscover Arena, the VAFA Headquarters at Elsternwick Park on Saturday the 17th September 2016.

Despite a lot of rain during the week leading up to the game the day brought a sunny outlook albeit with a 5 goal breeze blowing to the scoreboard end of the ground. On game day Williamstown had a fantastic roll up from its supporters and clearly outnumbered Mazenod in the crowd by more than 3 to one. The peanut Gallery were in top form behind the goals barracking with great gusto and wit.

Although we didn't start well kicking with the breeze we held a slight lead at qrt-time 2.1.13 to 0.5.5. A strong performance from the CY's backline in the 2nd saw it withhold Mazenod attacks restricting their goal scoring whilst at the same time scoring 2 goals themselves against the wind. At half-time it was Williamstown 4.4.28 to Mazenod 2. 8.20.

The CY's came out full of running in the 3rd quarter making good use of the breeze to pile on 5 goals 6 behinds and restrict Mazenod to 1 goal 1 behind and carry a 6.1 lead into the last quarter. At 3 qrt-time it was Williamstown 9.10.64 to Mazenod 3.9.27.

However, with Mazenod kicking with the wind in the last the game was still in the balance and there to be won. When Williamstown kicked the first in the last it looked all over. However, Mazenod were not about to lie down piling on the next 5.5 only to finish 8 points down when the final siren sounded with victory going to the triumphant Williamstown for a deserved Premiership success. The Grand Final medal was awarded to No. 10 Zac Read for an outstanding performance. Milestone games were also achieved by Lawrence Henry for playing in his 3rd Reserve Grade Premiership (2008, 2009 & 2016) and also Matthew John, Ryan Danaher and Ryan Joy who each represented the Club in its 2014 Seniors D1 Premiership and Ben Hynes who represented the Club in its 2008 D3 Seniors Premiership.

Final Scores being:	Williamstown	10	10	70
	Mazenod	8	14	62

Since the appointment of Matthew Wynd as Reserves Coach in Season 2012 the Club had been able to build depth into its playing ranks by bringing in young players from the Under 19's and mixing them in with some experienced oldies. As a result the Reserves had started to become a strong outfit making the finals in 2014 in D1.

In its second year in Premier 'C' the 2016 year always looked promising from the outset but a slow start in the first 9 games turning at 4 wins and five losses it was going to be a tough call. Winning 11 out of their next 12 games including 3 finals it was a great team effort.

2016 Reserves Premiership Team

Premier C 'Reserve Grade'

Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA)



Back Row: George Daaboul, Michael Cavarra, Hayden Barnett, Lawrence Henry, Ben Hynes, Ryan Danaher, Michael McLaughlin, Nathan Bratby, Josh Micallef, Brad Carvalho.

Middle Row: Anthony Oates (Runner), Brent Hart (Team Manager), Tim Lonergan, Goal Umpire), Matthew Carland, Lewis Moore, Jeremy Venosta, Josh Newton, Michael Venosta, Nicholas Green, Andrew Thompson, Zac Read. Noury Sibaei (Trainer), Robert Ryan (Time Keeper).

Front Row: Matthew John, Mati Christakakis, Jack Gialamatzis, Matthew Wynd (Coach), Hamish Munro (Assistant Coach), James Neylon, Ryan Joy, Michael Michetti.

Best Players: M McLaughlin, Z Read, M Carland, N Bratby, J Venosta, M John.

Goal Kickers: M John 4, R Joy 2, M McLaughlin, Z Read, B Carvalho, J Venosta - 1 each.

Team as Selected:

<u>Backs:</u>	N Green	J Gialamatzis	H Barnett	
<u>Half backs:</u>	M Michetti	J Venosta	L Moore	
<u>Centres:</u>	M Cavarra	M McLaughlin	M John	
<u>Half Forwards:</u>	R Joy	R Danaher	B Carvalho	
<u>Forwards:</u>	M Christakakis	B Hynes	M Carland	
<u>Followers:</u>	M Venosta,	Z Read,	N Bratby	
<u>Interchange:</u>	L Henry,	J Newton,	J Neylon,	A Thompson
<u>Coach:</u>	M Wynd			



Co-Captains James Neylon & Jack Gialamatzis with Coach Matthew Wynd raise the Premiership Cup.



Final scoreboard tells the story at the 25.47 minute mark.

A Premiership Victory over Mazenod to the CY's.



Lawrence Henry receiving his Premiership Medal.



Club Stalwarts and great mates Michael Cavarra and Lawrence Henry celebrating their premiership success. Also in the photo is Coach Wynd congratulating Club Stalwart Ben Hynes.

Williamstown CYMS Football Club **Teams of the Century**

In 2006 the Committee decided that, as the club was celebrating 120 years of playing football, it was the right time to select a Team of the Century (TOC). Following numerous consultations with past and present players and members, it was agreed the contributions of many should be acknowledged by selecting **three** teams covering **three** distinct periods in the Club's playing history.

It was subsequently agreed that teams would be selected involving players who participated during the periods:

- 1923-1962 (the CYMS early years and 5 Premierships),
- 1963-1983 (CYMS, Footscray District & WSFL Competition years & 4 premierships), and
- 1984-2006 (the VAFA period, 1 Premiership and 5 times Runner-Up).



After setting a selection criteria and researching the Players from those years' three sub-committees were formed to review and make selections on each period and consultations and discussions undertaken. As a result between 50 and 100 players were nominated for each period from the agreed criteria. The criteria being established to differentiate between selected players and assist the Committees when it came to the final decision of who would make-up the teams.

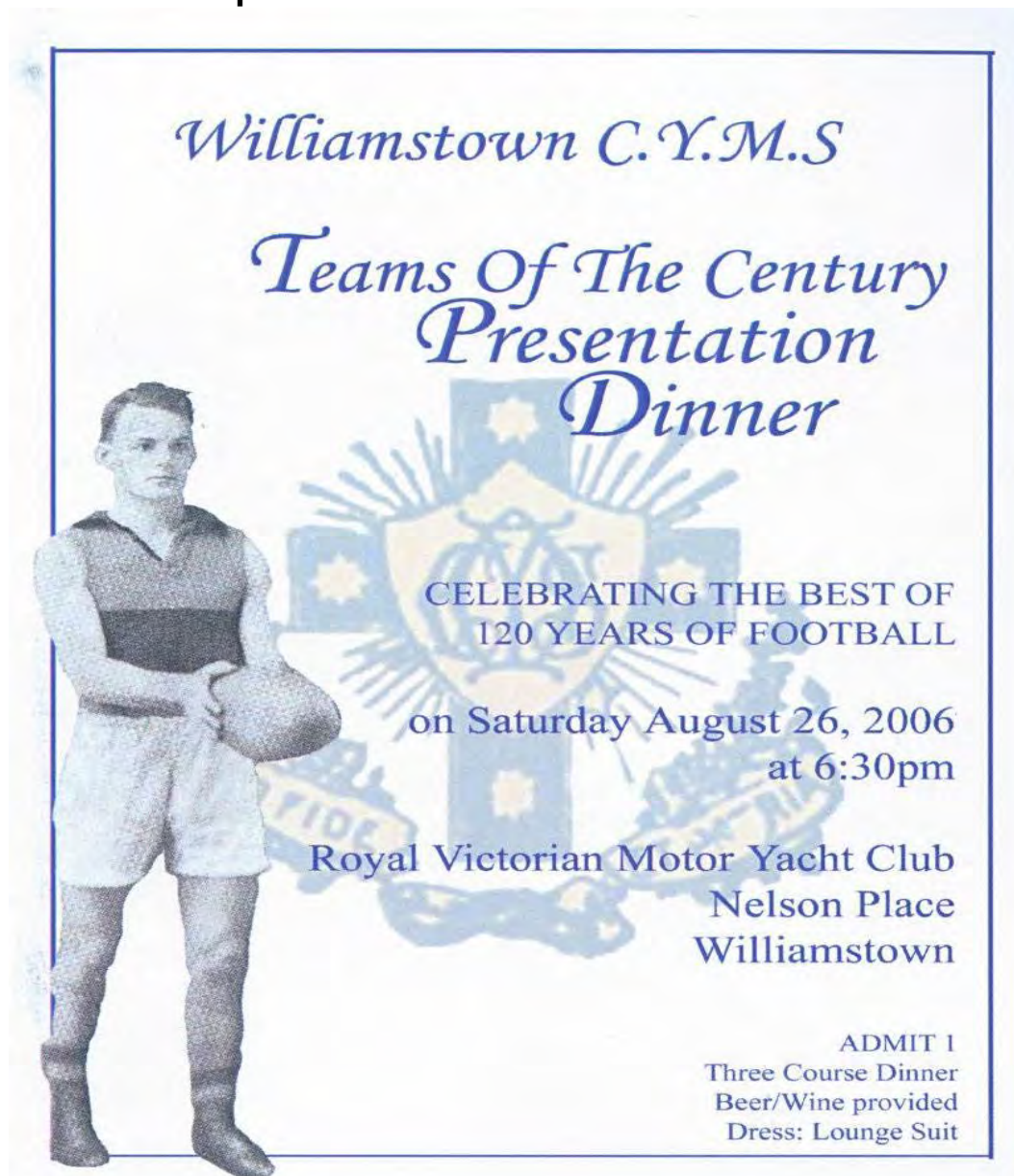
A formal function was held at the Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club, Nelson Place Williamstown on Saturday 26th August 2006 where the teams were announced. The President, Jenny Koscak-Sadler, welcomed everyone to the event highlighting the importance of the occasion in the club's history. She expressed the following on the significance of the event:

'A little bit of history is recorded every day in our lives, and this historic celebration will record the achievements of many who have made this club what it is today. Not only all those selected in the teams, but those nominated as well as all past and present players and members. The committee is proud to have sponsored this memorable event, and hope all those who have spent time in this club are also proud of its achievements and should feel confident that the great work done by others is continuing for generations to come'.

In addition to presenting the selected teams a special Life membership was also awarded on the night to lifetime CYMS member Kevin Featherston who was active around the Club as a Committeeman and Office bearer throughout the 50's, 60's & 70's. Kevin's sons, Anthony & Andrew also went on to play an active role as Players and committeeman throughout the 90's and 2000's upholding the family tradition and becoming part of a long line of Featherston's to represent the Williamstown CYMS. It was a proud night for the Featherston family and Kevin was stoked by the acknowledgment and recognition he received.

Invitation - 2006 Team of the Century Dinner

Special Invitation to the TOC Dinner



Team of the Century

Qualifiers / Nominations List

WILLIAMSTOWN CYMS FOOTBALL CLUB

Criteria: 1. Premiership player (1928, 1955, 1956, 1961, 1962, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1977 and 1984) 2. Club Best and Fairest 3. Competition Best & Fairest 4. Club Captain/Vice-Captain 5. 100 or more senior games 6. 100 or more goals in a season 7. Grand Final player (1924, 1939, 1940, 1971, 1990, 1991, 1996, 2000 and 2001) 8. Premiership coach/runner-up

TEAM OF THE CENTURY (1920-1962)

Players

Ambrose, John (1961-62)
Anderson, Carl (1962-63)
Arnott, Brian (1954-56)
Auld, Mick (1928)
Barry, Mick (1956)
Berrie, Robert (1928)
Bevan, Ted (1939-40)
Bevis, Frank (1928)
Bourke, Pat (1928)
Bunting, George (1954-70)
Campbell, Robert (1962-70)
Clapperton, Les (1939)
Colvin, Peter (1961-62)
Croft, Robert (1962-70)
Daly, Leo (1928)
Deagan, Graham (1961)
Dey, Gordon (1955)
Dey, Tim (1954-56)
Doig, Jim (1928)
Dorgan, Harry (1928)
Dowling, Jack (1937-39)
Elliott, Stewart (1928-30)

Ellis, Brendan (1962)
Falloon, Frank (1956-61)
Featherstone, A (1947-50)
Finn, Frank (1947-61)
Foster, Brian (1961)
Griffen, Jack (1940-47)
Grima, John (1955-56)
Grima, M (1955)
Gubbins, J (1955)
Gubbins, T (1928-30)
Guildford, Jack (1940)
Halloway, A (1955)
Hancock, E (1962-64)
Harrington, R (1962)
Healy, Gerald (1939-46)
Herrick, A (Tony) (1954-56)
Hewitt, Arthur (1961-66)
Hill, J (1956)
Hill, Terry (1954-56)
Hindle, Lou (1928-37)
Hogan, J (1928-30)
Hynes, Frank (1940-46)
Hynes, Jim (1937-39)

Hynes, Mick (1937)
Jones, Frank (1959-65)
Kearney, Vin (1937-40)
Kenny, John (1954-62)
Kenny, Maurie (1928-37)
Kenny, Peter (1955-61)
Lamb, Robert (1954-71)
Lee, B (1954-55)
Loton, Larry (1954-61)
Maguire, Edward (1937-39)
McInerney, Leo (1928-30)
McKnight, Jim (1940-46)
McLeod, S (1947-54)
McMahon, Tom (1939-40)
Meyers, J (1946-47)
Michael, Neda (1939-40)
Miller, John (1961-62)
Miller, Kevin (1940)
Morgan, Des (1956-62)
Morris, Frank (1937-40)
Morrison, Angus (1937-47)
Murphy, Joe (1954-56)
Murphy, John (1961-79)

Murphy, Tom (1940-47)
O'Brien, Hugh (1940-46)
O'Brien, Keith (1940)
O'Dea, Jack (1937-47)
O'Flynn, Mick (1962-70)
Payne, Des (1940-46)
Pitt, J (1955)
Power, Terry (1962)
Quinn, T (1928-30)
Reidy, Jack (1928)
Reidy Paddy (1928-40)
Rennie, Archie (1928)
Rosser, Kevin (1956-70)
Rosser, Len (1962-73)
Sexton, J (1940)
Shade, Ernie (1928-30)
Sheilds, J (1955-56)
Slater, F (1961)
Spurling, Kevin (1939-46)
Tweedley, Kevin (1935-40)
Tyler, Vin (1940)
Vaughan, Dennis (1961-65)

Vaughan, Tom Snr (1928-46)
Vaughan, Tom Jnr (1961)
Walsh, C (1928-30)
Walsh, Pat (1940-46)
Walsh, Vin (1940-46)
Walsh, W (Bill) (1937-46)
Ward, Daryl (1954-55)
Ward, Gary (1955-56)
Ward, Jim (1928-34)
Warland, Brian (1954-56)
Young, R (1928)

Coaches

Martin, John Snr (1928-47)
Rudd, Jim (1937-40)
Stern, Neil (1961-62)
Ward, Wally (1955-56)

TEAM OF THE CENTURY (1963-1983)

Players

Barlow, Robert (1976-83)
Beer, Ken (1977)
Black, Gavin (1968-70)
Blott, Brendon (1970-75)
Boddington, Alan (1972)
Borradaile, Richard (1970-76)
Buckley, Mick (1972-75)
Campbell, Robert (1961-70)
Collinder, Warren (1961-74)
Dean, William (1963-76)
Dey, John (1961-73)
Dey, John Jnr (1972)
Dickenson, John (1977)

Featherstone, Chris (1970-71)
Featherstone, Richard (1970-77)
Forbes, Jim (1975-79)
Foster, Paul (1971)
Gardner, Colin (1975-78)
Grima, Robert (1973)
Halley, K (1970-74)
Henderson, Geoff (1977-84)
Henry, Dan (1970-82)
Henry, John (1970-84)
Henry, Tim (1974-80)
Hill, Adam (1965-70)
Humphries, Peter (1977)

Hynes, Damien (1976-78)
Hynes, Terry (1965-70)
Johnson, Ken (1971)
Johnstone, Paul (1976-81)
Jones, David (1968-74)
Kenny, John Jnr (1968-71)
Kowalski, Eddy (1976-83)
Lee, Arthur (1976-79)
Lewer, John (1973-74)
Micaloff, George (1972-74)
Moore, Barry (1964-72)
Murphy, John (1961-79)
Norton Brian (1968-73)
O'Brien, Michael (1970-74)
O'Flynn, Michael (1962-70)

Rieger, Steve (1966-71)
Rollason, Jeff (1968-75)
Rosenzweig, Werner (1968-77)
Rosser, Len (1961-71)
Sildatke, Sid (1977)
Smith, Paul (1977)
Stonehouse, Geoff (1971-75)
Vanderweert, Peter (1975-80)
Vaughan, Peter (1965-70)
Walsh, Anthony (1977-78)
Walsh, Patrick (1977-79)
Ward, Michael (1966-72)
Ward, Peter (1972-75)

Webb, Peter (1971)
Wendt, Robert (1973-74)
Wilkie, Dennis (1970-75)
Zammit, John (1968-73)
Zammit, Rennie (1972-79)
Zamykal, Peter (1961-73)

Coaches

Harris, Neville (1968-71)
Hynes, Damien (1977-78)
Rosser, Kevin (1970-73)

TEAM OF THE CENTURY (1984-2006)

Players

Anderson, Mark (1990s-00s)
Barlow, Steve (2000s)
Bezzant, Nathan (1990s)
Bryan, Sheldon (1990s)
Butters, Wayne (1990s)
Calderwood, Steve (1980s-90s)
Cannon, Mark (1980s-90s)
Cannon, Tom (1980s-90s)
Case, Grant (1990s)
Cocks, Brendon (1990s-00s)
Cook, Anthony (1990s)
Daniel, Anthony (1990s)
Deller, Wayne (1980s)
Dervan, Kevin (1980s-90s)
Dervan, Michael (1980s-90s)
Dervan, Paul (1980s-00s)
Dooley, Mark (1980s)
Dunlop, Colin (1980s)
Elliott, Alan (1970s-90s)

Evans, Robert (1990s)
Featherston, Andrew (1980s-00s)
Ferris, Damien (1990s)
Ferris, Tim (1980s-90s)
Fletcher, Steve (1980s)
Gilmartin, Darren (1990s-00s)
Graham, Peter (1980s-90s)
Grieve, Damon (1990s-00s)
Griffiths, Wes (1990s)
Grigg, Damien (1990s)
Gunn, Ramon (Ray) (1990s)
Hancock, Gary (1980s)
Hann, Brett (1980s-90s)
Harry, Alan (1980s-90s)
Hart, Ross (2000s)
Henderson, Geoff (1970s-80s)
Henry, John (1970s-80s)
Herbertson, George (1990s)
Holland, Matthew (1990s-00s)
Hyland, Geoff (1980s-90s)

Hynes, Ben (2000s)
Imms, Matt (1990s-00s)
Iskra, Robert (1990s)
Jukes, Paul (1980s)
Kurkowski, Richard (1990s)
Langham, Anthony (1980s-90s)
Lee, David (1990s-00s)
Loton, Larry (1980s)
Macleod, Dene (1990s-00s)
Manning, Michael (1990s-00s)
Matthews, Chris (1990s-00s)
Mazouris, Brett (1980s-90s)
Mazzeo, Elio (1990s)
McCullagh, Ian (1990s)
McCutcheon, James (1990s-00s)
McGowan, Paul (1970s-80s)
McNamara, Paul (1980s-90s)
McQuinn, Gary (1980s)
Mitchell, Dowell (1980s)

Monkhorst, Leigh (1990s-00s)
Moora, Malcolm (1990s)
Moore, Peter (1980s)
Morgan, Andrew (1980s)
Munro, James (2000s)
Neenan, John (1970s-80s)
Phemister, Simon (1990s-00s)
Phillips, Wayne (1990s)
Robinson, Brad (1990s)
Sadler, Peter (1990s)
Singleton, Charles (1980s-90s)
Teagle, Ashley (1990s)
Thege, Aaron (1990s)
Temby, David (1990s)
Toby, Xavier (1990s-00s)
Tuck, John (1980s-90s)
Turnley, Larry (1990s)
Twist, Brad (1990s)

Van Der Peet, Frank (1980s)
Vincent, Paul (1990s)
Wade, Danny (1980s)
Weir, Steve (1990s)
Wheeler, Tim (2000s)
White, David (1980s-90s)
Williams, Darren (Daisy) (2000s)
Williams, Darren (Dumbo) (2000s)
Wilson, Ian (1980s)
Wouda, David (1990s-00s)
Wuscatsch, Scott (1990s-00s)
Zadel, Ivan (1980s-90s)

Coaches

Clough, Graeme (1960s-80s)
Elliott, Alan (1990s)
Williams, Darren (2000s)

Team of the Century 1923-1962



Player Profiles


Player	Profile
Tommy Murphy	Tommy was said to be an attacking player out of the backline with outstanding marking and kicking skills. He represented the club in the 1940 losing grand final team, and captained the club from 1947 until the early 1950's.
Tommy Vaughan	Tommy started with the club in 1928 and was part of the premiership victory that year. Playing over 200 games until 1946, when he was captain, he was recognised for his excellent ball handling skills and a fullback who attacked the ball with vigour and determination. After football he spent many years as a club administrator.
Jim Ward	Jim began with the club as a teenager in 1928 and was part of the premiership team that year. A strong mark and penetrating kick from defence, he continued playing until the early 1930's when he advanced his career with Williamstown in the VFA.

Frank Finn	Frank joined the club in 1947 and continued until 1961, playing over 200 games. A tough backman, he was considered one of the best team players the club had produced, playing a pivotal role in the 1955 (as captain), 1956 & 1961 premierships.
Larry Loton	Larry played with the club for eight years between 1954-1961. A strong mark and accurate kick, he was your consummate reliable defender, a coach's dream. Considered a great on-field leader, he was part of the successful 1955, 1956 (as captain) and 1961 premierships.
Peter Colvin	Playing across the half back line, Peter's physical strength saw him rarely beaten in a contest. A towering mark and booming kick, he was an integral part of the 1961 & 1962 premierships.
Sam Elliott	As captain of the club in the mid to late 1920's, Sam played across the centreline and as an on-baller. A talented player with superior skills, he played a major role in the 1928 premiership victory. He finished his career with Melbourne in the VFL.
Tommy Gubbins	Tommy played with the club during the 1920's, and was vice-captain of the 1928 premiership team. An skilful player with either foot, he won the umpires award in the 1928 premiership. He was recruited by Essendon in the VFL and played 17 games during 1930-1931.
Dennis Vaughan	Dennis joined the club in the early 1960's, and his pace, acrobatic marking and penetrating kicks were instrumental in the 1961 & 1962 (as vice-captain) premierships. He later went on to play with Yarraville in the VFA.
Michael O'Flynn	After starting his career in the VFA, Michael joined the club in 1962 and was an influential player in the premiership that year. He was recognised as a classy versatile player with the full range of skills and excellent ball control. He continued to play throughout the 1960's spending time as coach.
Arthur Hewitt	Arthur joined the club in the late 1950's and was vice captain in the 1961 premiership team. A strong mark and prodigious kick he was highly competitive at centre half forward. Winning the competition Best & Fairest Award, and coaching the club for several years, Arthur later served for many years as an administrator and President.
Vin Kearney	Playing with the club in the late 1930's, Vin was recognised as a talented half forward who won most contests and with a booming accurate kick he was dangerous around goals. He played in the losing grand finals of 1939 & 1940, and later took on administrative roles within the club.
George Bunting	Joining the club in the early 1950's, George's enthusiasm for the game saw him still competing in 1970. He played over 400 games with the club covering both seniors and reserves, which included the 1955, 1956, 1961 & 1962 premierships, and the Reserves premiership of 1970. A versatile strong marking player, he was deadly around goals and often kicked a bagful.

Leo Daley	Leo joined the club in the mid 1920's, and his goal kicking skills at full forward were most evident during the 1928 premiership year where he kicked 63 goals and 5 in the grand final. A quick player with outstanding foot skills and a towering mark made him a full backs nightmare.
Lou Hindle	Lou joined the club in the mid 1920's, Lou was a solid and hard-working ruckman. A strong mark his career spanned 10 years and over 200 games, and was pivotal with his performance in the 1928 premiership victory.
Frank Jones	Frank had achieved success playing with Williamstown in the VFA in the 1950's. He joined the club in the early 1960's and his outstanding ruck work dominated the outcome of the 1961 & 1962 premierships. Considered at the time one of the best tap ruckman to have played with the club, he won the competition Best & Fairest Award in 1963. He later led the club as President during the successful early 1970's, and was regularly seen at training providing personal ruck tuition.
John Murphy	John joined the club in the early 1960's as was recognised as an accomplished footballer whose fitness, determination and commitment to the contest made him a valuable attribution to the team. A strong mark and accurate left foot kick he was not shy of slotting goals if the moment presented. After advancing his career with Sunshine in the VFA, he returned to the club in the early 1970's. He played an integral role in the 1961, 1962 & 1973 premierships.
John Kenny	John joined the club in the mid 1950's, and immediately made a name for himself as a skilful and allusive rover who was an excellent reader of the game. His accurate kicking not only rarely missed targets, but also rarely missed goals when the opportunity came. A four time premiership player, he was instrumental in the 1955, 1956, 1961 & 1962 (as captain both years) premiership victories.
John Ambrose	John joined the club in the early 1960's playing fullback in the 1961 & 1962 premierships. With dashing speed and outstanding kicking and ball skills, he was always where the ball was and rarely beaten.
Carl Anderson	Carl joined the club in the early 1960's, and acknowledged as a strong, skilful and determined player with superb ball handling skills. His athleticism around the ground saw him dominate the ruck, and was inspirational in the 1962 premiership. He later advanced his career playing with South Melbourne Reserves in the VFL then Werribee in the VFA.
Tony Herrick	Tony joined the club as captain/coach in 1954 leading the club to the 1955 & 1956 premierships. A renowned fast and courageous onballer, he possessed excellent ball handling skills, winning both the club and competition Best & Fairest Awards.
Maurie Kenny	Maurie joined the club in the mid 1920's, playing over 150 games until the late 1930's, captaining the club in 1937.

	Recognised as a tough tireless rover, his competitiveness around the contest and great ball skills were a hazard to all opposition teams. Part of the 1928 premiership victory, his legacy lived on through his sons John & Peter, also part of this great team.
Peter Kenny	Peter joined the club in the mid 1950's, and was acknowledged as a tough, nuggety rover with excellent ball skills and long accurate kicking. Dangerous around goals, he was part of the 1955, 1956 & 1961 premierships.
John Miller	John joined the club in the late 1950's and was known as a straight ahead backman with exceptional pace and long penetrating kicks into the forward line. Used as a utility player when required, John was part of the 1961 & 1962 premierships.
Des Morgan	Des joined the club in the mid 1950's, and was quickly recognised as a defender with the determination that would bring tears to the coaches eyes. A strong mark and kick, he was part of the 1956, 1961 & 1962 premierships.
Paddy Reidy	Paddy joined the club in its 1928 premiership year and was part of that team. Playing over 200 games over 13 years, he was a solid and tough defender and was also part of the losing 1939 & 1940 grand finals.
John Martin (Coach)	John joined the club in 1928 taking the team to a premiership in his first year at the club. Recognised and accepted as a strong leader of men, he was a teacher and tactician of the game. He returned to the club after war service in 1947 to resume coaching.


Team of the Century 1963-1983




Williamstown C.Y.M.S


Team of the Century

1963-1983







Jeff Rollason Michael Ward



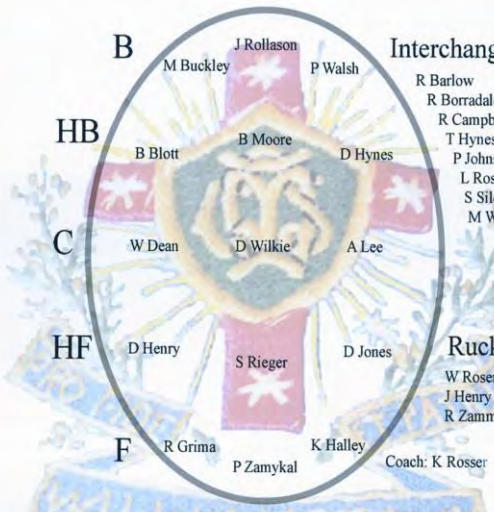
Barry Moore Dan Henry






Paul Johnson Sid Sildatke




Robert Campbell Bill Dean





Peter Zamykal (Captain) Kevin Rosser (Coach) Dennis Wilkie (Vice Captain)




Rennie Zammit Werner Rosenzweig Kevin Halley



John Henry Michael Buckley Brendon Blott



Pat Walsh Robert Barlow Richard Borradale



Len Rosser Terry Hynes Arthur Lee

Player Profiles

Player	Profile
Mick Buckley	Mick joined the club in 1972 from Footscray District League side Spotswood. An imposing back pocket player, his strong marking and great ball handling skills, coupled with his fearless confidence in his strength, saw him conquer his opponents in both the football and physical clashes. His penetrating kicks out of defence were prominent during the 1972 and 1973 premierships.
Jeff Rollason	Jeff joined the club from VFA Williamstown in the late 1960's. Although relatively short for a full back, he was a strong mark and a great reader of the game clearing the defence lines with raking left foot kicks. Dependable in every game he played, his contributions in the 1970, 1972 & 1973 premierships were indeed memorable.

Pat Walsh	Pat joined the club in the mid 1970's as a high marking backman. He was capable of soaring above or in front of packs to mark any incoming ball. Rarely beaten his many forward dashes out of defence were a constant thorn for opposition forwards, and his performance in the 1977 premiership reflected his usual contribution.
Brendan Blott	Brendan joined the club in 1970 and was part of the 1970 Reserves Premiership team. His talents as a dashing backman soon saw him playing in the seniors, where playing with great poise his contests on the ball were often poetry in motion. A strong mark and penetrating kick, Brendan won a Best & Fairest Award and was part of the 1972 & 1973 premierships.
Barry Moore	Barry's career with the club began in the early 1960's with the Under 18 team, and concluded in 1972. A solid marking backman he was always a constant winner of the contested ball, and his on-field leadership was recognized in his role as vice-captain of a premiership team. Barry played in the 1970 & 1972 premiership victories.
Damien Hynes	After playing in the Under 18 team of the early 1960's, Damien returned to the club as a playing coach in 1977. As a backman his every contest demonstrated his fearless approach to the game, indeed a tough but fair player. His anticipation, strong marking and regular forward thrusts saw him win a Best & Fairest Award, and lead the side to the 1977 premiership.
Arthur Lee	Arthur joined the club in the mid 1970's, where his sense of humour immediately asserted itself and he fitted in as if he'd known everyone for years. Although not big in stature, his ball skills and very accurate left foot passes saw him play a dominant role on the wing in the 1977 premiership.
Dennis Wilkie	Dennis joined the club from VFA Williamstown during 1970. A centreman described as a hard in-an-under ball magnet, he entered every contest with courage and toughness. Although around 5ft 6ins, he was a strong and reliable mark who travelled all parts of the ground hunting the ball. His outstanding talent and consistency saw him win three Best & Fairest Awards, and play in the 1970, 1972 & 1973 premierships. Captain of the 1973 successful team, Dennis was also player/coach in 1975.
Bill Dean	Bill joined the club as an Under 18 in the 1960's, and went on to play in the 1972 & 1973 premierships. Displaying the speed and penetrating kicking skills needed to be a dangerous attacking wingman, his forward dashes and accurate passes had the full forward smiling before the ball even arrived.
David Jones	David joined the club in the 1960's and soon demonstrated why his outstanding pace and clever ball handling skills saw him judged one of the most effective players in the club's history. Enjoying exceptional ability to swing games, it was not


	uncommon for him to kick 4 or 5 goals in a game from a half forward flank. David won three Best & Fairest Awards, played a pivotal role on the 1970, 1972 & 1973 premierships, and was captain/coach in 1974.
Steve Rieger	Joining the club in the early 1960's as part of the successful Under 18 Team, Steve represented the club for over ten years. As a goal kicking centre half forward he was a strong mark who could read the game exceptionally well, always eager to bring his fellow forwards into the game. He was captain of the 1963 Under 18 team that played in a grand final at VFL South Melbourne ground as a curtain raiser to the VFL night grand final, and went on to play in the 1970 premiership side and the 1971 grand final losing side.
Dan Henry	Dan joined the club in 1970, playing in the Reserves Premiership team as an 18 year old. Throughout his more than 200 games spanning thirteen years, he demonstrated his versatility playing as a goal kicking half forward or a solid defender. A competent reader of the game, and powerful kicking skills with either foot, he played an important role in the successful 1972, 1973 & 1977 premierships. As well as coaching the team from 1980 to 1982, as President in 1984 he led the club into their new era joining the Victorian Amateur Football Association.
Robert Grima	Robert joined the club in 1973 from VFL South Melbourne on loan as part of his rehabilitation following knee surgery. A towering mark and long accurate kick saw him win the leading goal kicking award, as well as the Club and Competition Best & Fairest Awards. His performances as a key forward or key backman were major contributors to the club winning the 1973 premiership, where he was chosen best on ground. The following year he returned to South Melbourne playing many games as a key forward before taking on coaching roles in Broken Hill.
Peter Zamykal	Peter began his career in 1961 as part of the successful Under 18 team. After a short stint with VFA Williamstown he returned to the club in the mid 1960's. A high marking forward with a leap that most high jumpers would envy, his versatility saw him play in the ruck, in defence or as a key forward regularly kicking goals. He was captain of the 1970 premiership team and also the 1971 runner up side, and was part of the 1972 premiership.
Kevin Halley	Kevin joined the club in 1970 and played in the Reserves premiership team. A pacey rover, his uncanny reading of the ball off the packs and his toughness and outstanding ball handling skills were attributes that were clearly prominent during the 1972 & 1973 premiership victories. With often acrobatic goal kicking skills, he was always keen to show how goals should be kicked.

Werner Rosenzweig	Werner joined the club in the late 1960's, and standing 6ft. 4ins. he soon developed a broad shouldered powerhouse frame that provided an imposing presence on the ground. A strong mark, his massive torpedo punts would reach the goals square from the centre of the ground. Dominating the ruck in all competitions the club participated in, he won a Best & Fairest Award, and was a pivotal part of the 1970, 1972, 1973 & 1977 premierships. Werner is judged as one of the most influential players in the club's history.
John Henry	John joined the club in 1970 and an impressive pre-season saw him in the senior side. His superlative playing skills were to see him play over 250 games for the club over a 15 year period. Playing mostly as a mid-fielder/onballer, he was an excellent mark for his size, which often saw him filling gaps in most key positions on the ground. A ever eager participant all around the ground his ball winning ability and superb reading of the game saw him runner-up in the Best & Fairest Awards on five occasions, and he became the first player in the club's history to play in five senior premierships, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1977 & 1984.
Rennie Zammit	Rennie joined the club from VFA Williamstown in 1972. a pacey rover, he was a prolific kick winner around the packs and possessed great ball handling ability. A regular goal kicker his snapshots from the pockets were almost mesmerising with their accuracy. A Best & Fairest winner with the club, Rennie was part of the 1972 & 1973 premierships, and unlucky to miss the 1977 success due to injury. He has played off and on with the club over several decades, and has been a coach of the Reserves team.
Robert Barlow	Robert joined the club in the mid 1970's and played with supreme courage and effort through to 1985. A strong mark and thumping left foot kick, his forthright approach to the contest saw him use his strength to advantage. Whether as ruck-rover or as a backman, his value as a team player had a huge impact on his game, and was clearly evident in the 1977 premiership victory.
Dick Borradaile	Dick joined the club in the late 1960's and played over 100 games at full back. A strong and imposing figure, he was uncompromising towards opponents and rarely beaten in contested marks. His relentless attack on the ball and memorable clearing dashes out of defence were completed with long penetrating kicks into the forward line. A most likeable character around the club, he played in the 1970, 1972 & 1973 premierships.
Robert Campbell	Robert joined the club in 1961 as captain of the Under 18 team. A clever and pacey rover, his ability to read the play and his supreme ball handling and kicking skills saw him play many outstanding games for the club, including the 1962 and 1970 premiership victories.

Terry Hynes	Terry joined the club from VFA Williamstown in the 1960's and played over 100 games with the club. Playing mostly at full forward or in the ruck, he was acknowledged for his great determination in contesting possession for the ball. A powerful mark and long accurate kick, his strength in the goal square had opponents just shaking their heads not knowing how to stop the juggernaut. Needless to say he made a huge impact as part of the 1970 premiership success.
Paul Johnson	Paul joined the club in the mid 1970's playing until 1981. His athleticism and outstanding ball handling skills saw him dominate marking and rucking contests with poise and panache. His influence around the ground impacted constantly on the outcomes of games, and his consistency in performance saw him win a club Best & Fairest Award, and be one of the best players in the 1977 premiership victory.
Len Rosser	Len joined the club in 1962 and was the youngest member of the premiership team for that year. Playing over 150 games with the club as a backman, he regularly pitted his strength in fearless attacks on the ball and saw opponents almost prepared to step out of his way as he charged through packs with only the forward line his target. A strong and reliable mark, he was part of the 1970 premiership team and the 1971 runner-up side.
Kevin Rosser (Coach)	Kevin joined the club in the early 1960's and was part of the 1961 & 1962 premierships. In 1970 he coached the Reserves to a premiership, and went on to coach the seniors to the 1972 & 1973 premierships. An astute tactician of the game, he made players train only as hard as himself "tough as nails they'd say". Kevin later spent several years as President of the club, and as a Life Member provided many years of support around the club, including as trainer where his pre-match rubdowns were almost as legendary as his post-match celebrations.

Team of the Century


1984 - 2006




Williamstown C.Y.M.S


Team of the Century

1984-2006







Damon Grieve




Anthony Cook




Dowell Mitchell




Ben Hynes




David Temby




Brendan Cocks




Steve Fletcher



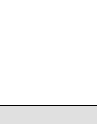
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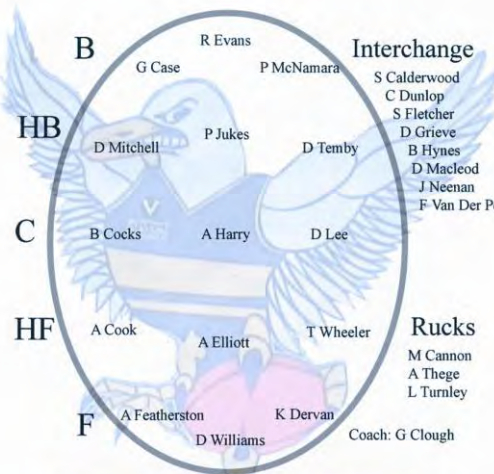
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Paul Jukes



Mark Cannon




HB
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Interchange
R Evans
G Case
P McNamara
S Calderwood
C Dunlop
S Fletcher
D Grieve
B Hynes
D Macleod
J Neenan
F Van Der Peet

Rucks
M Cannon
A Thege
L Turnley


Coach: G Clough




Grant Case




Robert Evans




Kevin Dervan




Darren Williams




Larry Turnley




Dene Macleod




Steve Calderwood




Frank Van Der Peet




John Neenan




Colin Dunlop



Alan Elliott
(Captain)



Graeme Clough
(Coach)



Alan Harry
(Vice Captain)

Player Profiles

Player	Profile
Grant Case	Playing 147 games between 1990-2001, Grant was not particularly remembered for his field kicking. Although "Spud" often fooled many an opponent with his photogenic appearance, he was undaunted whether confronted with the smallest or tallest of forwards as he approached them all the same way play'em close, hard and tough.
Robert Evans	Playing 94 games between 1991-1996, Robert was required every week to play on forwards much bigger and more skilled than he. An old-fashioned type defender he was also deceptively quick off the mark for his size, and opponents were made to earn every kick by "Mangy's" close checking.

Paul McNamara	Playing 177 games between 1984-1986, & 1990-1997, Paul went from playing in the Under 19 team throughout most of 1984 to being promoted to the seniors and participating in the 1984 Premiership team as a defender. He went on to become one of the most important players throughout the 1990's playing at centre half back.
Dowell Mitchell	Dowell joined the club in 1983 for VFA Sunshine. As solid as a rock in defence, he had both the build and the willingness to split packs, but also the deftest of touches when laying off hand-passes to create the play. Dowell was part of the 1984 premiership team, and also won the Best & Fairest Award in that year. He went on to coach the club in 1986.
Paul Jukes	Paul joined the club in 1984 and played for several years. A tower of strength in the key defensive post, "Jukesy" had a great pair of hands and was rarely beaten in a contested marking duel. A brilliant reader of the play, his ability to shut off the oppositions forward thrusts and continually redirect the play back to the club's advantage was a remarkable part of his game. His contribution towards 1984 premiership victory was memorable.
David Temby	Playing 79 games between 1987-1996, David was an attacking, running half-back flanker years before this type of player came into vogue. "Trumby" virtually played as a fifth on-baller, zoning off his opponents to create the play, and along the way winning the 1992 Best & Fairest Award.
Brendan Cocks	Playing 184 games between 1996-2006, although slightly built "Coxy" lacked nothing when it came to courage on the field, fearlessly putting his body on the line. Over ten seasons, he was nothing less than a champion of the club, winning three Best & Fairest Awards in 1998, 1999 & 2002.
Alan Harry	Playing 201 games between 1986-1997, Harry was captain of the club for an amazing nine seasons from 1989-1997. As centreman he led from the front going into packs and getting the ball. A consistent and skilled on-baller, he racked up possessions week-in week-out, culminating in Best & Fairest Awards in 1994 & 1996, whilst also being runner-up in the award on three other occasions.
David Lee	Playing 122 games between 1995-2005, Dave was probably more known as a forward, with his freakish abilities to take high marks and kick a bag of goals. His consistency in performance saw him win the Best & Fairest in 2003.
Anthony Cook	Playing 117 games between 1989-1992, and 1995-1998, Anthony captaining the club was the ultimate highlight in a brilliantly consistent and eye-catching career. A running ruck-rover, "Cooky" had the ability to "play tall" and punish the opposition on the scoreboard. His consistency was rewarded winning the 1995 Best & Fairest.

Alan Elliott	Playing 160 games between 1977-1987, and 1989-1992, Alan was an exciting highflying goalkicking forward. "Oopy" was captain of the 1984 premiership team, and also won the competition Best & Fairest Award in that year. In 1989 he showed his versatility by winning the club Best & Fairest Award playing at centre half back. A life member of the club, Alan also coached the club to grand finals in 1990, 1991 & 1996.
Tim Wheeler	Playing 78 games between 2001-2006, as a captain of the club Tim was a high-marking forward who played many excellent seasons as a key forward. His uncanny ability to manoeuvre around opponents and snap goals is now a trademark in what can be described as one of the great talents to have played with the club.
Andrew Featherston	Playing 215 games between 1986-1994, 1997, and 2000-2003, Andrew turned out for the club in 14 amazing seasons. "Chopper" was a fitness enthusiast, and as rover would run his opponents of their feet. Losing count of his possessions Andrew was in and around the packs from the first bounce to the final siren, and beware a coach who tried to take him from the ground for a spell. The most genuine team player, on and off the field.
Darren Williams	Playing 51 games between 2000-2002, 2004, Darren was a true colossus of the goal-square. "Dumbo" joined the club as playing coach, previously playing in the West Australian Football League. In 2000 he won the Best & Fairest Award and kicked 103 goals at full forward, again winning the Best & Fairest Award in 2001. Virtually unbeatable in a marking contest, his deadly goal-kicking ability is indeed legendary.
Kevin Dervan	Playing 58 games between 1984-1986, 1998, Kevin was a sublimely talented forward with the skills to match any player to represent the club. He was an integral part of the 1984 premiership team, and his feats included kicking thirteen goals in a game.
Mark Cannon	Playing 161 games between 1987-1997 and 2001-2003, in thirteen seasons the word "legendary" is a fitting description of the performances and contributions given by Mark. The quintessential ruckman playing a kick behind the play, "Birda" would take mark after mark across the half back line, as well as winning most ruck contests around the ground. His consistency was acknowledged by winning four Best & Fairest Awards, a competition Best & Fairest in 1988, as well as coaching the team in 1989.
Aaron Thege	Playing 38 games during 1996-1997, Aaron joined the club from Essendon Grammar to play Under 19's, but his talent saw him find his way into the seniors. Showing he could almost anything on the football field, "Thegey's" two years with club culminated in winning the club and competition Best & Fairest Awards in 1997.

Larry Turnley	Playing 46 games between 1991-1993, Larry was in the twilight of his career when he joined the club. A tough in close competitor, he had the ability to kick long and direct with either foot. Playing in the losing grand final in 1991, his contribution that year saw him win the Best & Fairest Award.
Frank Vanderpeet	Frank played with the club for eight years between 1982 – 1989. Generally known more as a defender, he had the ability to both take his opponent out of the game whilst launching plenty of attacks streaming up the ground. A consistent and versatile player, Frank was a match winner playing as rover in the 1984 premiership victory.
Steven Calderwood	Playing 121 games between 1983-1997 and 2001-2003, there was considered no more a fierce tackler in the club than Steve. Unfortunately his enthusiastic attack on the ball saw him become regularly injured. A deceptively strong mark overhead, Steve's explosive speed was a characteristic of his game whether as a tough defender or up forward kicking goals.
Colin Dunlop	Colin played with the club between 1980-1986 as a mobile ruckman who could run all day. An excellent tap ruckman and strong mark he was a rovers delight. Colin was instrumental in the 1984 premiership success.
Ben Hynes	Playing 152 games between 1998-2006, Ben was one of those fullbacks that most full forwards hate playing on. A niggly and close tagging player, he was uncompromising in his attack on the ball and it would be at your peril if you got in his way. A strong mark and powerful kick, he consistently turned back oncoming thrusts from the opposition.
Damon Grieve	Playing 133 games between 1995-2006, Damon is best described as a nuggety in-an-under onballer. His tenacity and consistency were rewarded by winning the Best & Fairest Award in 2005.
John Neenan	John played many games for the club during the 1980's, his career finishing in 1989. A dependable fullback, his consistency was rewarded by winning the Best & Fairest Award in 1986.
Dene Macleod	Playing 212 games between 1990-2002, Dean was a pacey and skilful wingman who played in five losing grand finals. A clever reader of the game, he was always able to put himself where the ball was heading, regularly able to support team mates in the heat of the battle. He coached the team for four seasons 2003-2006, and his off-field contributions saw him rewarded with Life Membership of the club, the youngest to be awarded such an honour.
Steve Fletcher	Playing 54 games between 1982-1986, "Fletch" played a pivotal role at full forward in the 1984 premiership victory. A strong mark and kick, his attack on the ball usually had opponents reeling on the ground should they impede his

	path. His consistency as both a forward or tough defender were rewarded by winning the Best & Fairest Award in 1985.
Graeme Clough (Coach)	Graeme will be best remembered for taking over the coaching position half way during the 1984 season where the team had won only 2 of the first 9 games, and moulding the side to go on and win the premiership that year. It was the first year the club had entered a new era, joining the Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA), where it now still remains. His straight forward no-nonsense manner belied the fact that he was a master tactician, and his wisdom and guidance set the club up for it's long term venture in the VAFA.

Williamstown CYMS Football Club

Players with 100 + Games

The club wishes to acknowledge those players that have been the backbone of its continued success and longevity. Unfortunately there are no records for the early years, but there is no doubt this club would not have survived without footballers being involved for many years. To those we have not included, we apologise. We salute you all.

Period	Player
1920's - 1940's	Tom Vaughan (150+)
	Maurie Kenny (150+)
	Lou Hindle
1950's - 1960's	Larry Loton (150+)
	John Kenny (150+)
	Peter Kenny (150+)
	George Bunting (200+)
	Kevin Rosser (200+)
	Len Rosser (150+)
	Dennis Vaughan (150+)
	Peter Vaughan (150+)
	John Dey (150+)
	Tim Dey
	Frank Finn
	Frank Jones
	Michael O'Flynn
	Des Morgan
	Brian Arnott
	Robert Lamb
Early 1960's - Mid 1980's	Robert Campbell (150+)
	Terry Hynes (150+)
	David Jones
	Steve Rieger (150+)
	Peter Zamykal (150+)
	Barry Moore (150+)
	Jeff Rollason
	Richard Borradaile
	Michael Ward
	Brian Norton
	Werner Roszenweig (150+)
	Dennis Wilkie
	John Henry (200+)
	Dan Henry (200+)
	Rennie Zammit (150+)
	Bill Dean
	Richard Featherston
	Geoff Henderson

Period	Player
Mid 1980's onwards	Grant Case Paul McNamara (150+) Brendan Cocks (218) Alan Harry (201) David Lee Anthony Cook Alan Elliott (150+) Andrew Featherston (215) Mark Cannon (150+) Steven Calderwood Ben Hynes (300+) Damon Grieve John Neenan Dene Macleod (212) Darren Dawson (211) Mathew Lishman Carson McNamara Paul Dervan (244) Danny Oldham (276)
Mid 1980's onwards	Geoff Serong (276) Geoff Hyland (206) Doria Pepi (201) David Bubnic (204) Brett Hann (267) Greg Burgess (257) David Wouda (222) Michael Manning (215) Jeffrey Buttigieg (221) Caine Bergin (223) Steve Barlow (202)

Appendix 22

Since 1898 there have been 219 Players represent the Williamstown CYMS at Senior Premiership level and of that number 63 Players have been successful in playing in more than one senior premiership with the Club.

93 Players have represented the Club in Reserve and Thirds Grade Premierships and 18 of these have been multiple premiership players. In addition, 16 of these also represented the Club at Senior Premiership level.

The following tables list all the Players who have achieved this milestone.

Williamstown CYMS Football Club **List of Multiple Senior Team - Premiership Players & Coaches**

No. of Premierships	Players Name	Premiership Years
5	John Henry	1970, 1972, 1973, 1977 & 1984
4	George Bunting	1955, 1956, 1961 & 1962
	John Kenny	1955, 1956, 1961 & 1962
	Werner Rosenzweig	1970, 1972, 1973 & 1977
3	Larry Loton	1955, 1956 & 1961
	Frank Finn	1955, 1956 & 1961
	Peter Kenny	1955, 1956 & 1961
	Kevin Rosser	1956, 1961 & 1962
	Des Morgan	1956, 1961 & 1962
	John Murphy	1961, 1962 & 1973
	Dennis Wilkie	1970, 1972 & 1973
	Brian Norton	1970, 1972 & 1973
	David Jones	1970, 1972 & 1973
	Jeff Rollason	1970, 1972 & 1973
	Peter Zamykal	1970, 1972 & 1973
	Dan Henry	1972, 1973 & 1977
	Ben Gray	2008, 2009 & 2014
2	Brian Arnott	1955 & 1956
	Brian Warlond	1955 & 1956
	Joe Murphy	1955 & 1956
	John Shields	1955 & 1956
	John Grima	1955 & 1956
	Garry Ward	1955 & 1956
	Terry Hill	1955 & 1956
	Mick Barry	1955 & 1956
	Jim Falloon	1956 & 1961
	John Dey	1956 & 1970
	Robert Croft	1961 & 1962

	Peter Colvin	1961 & 1962
	John Miller	1961 & 1962
2	Frank Jones	1961 & 1962
	Dennis Vaughan	1961 & 1962
	John Ambrose	1961 & 1962
	Tom Vaughan (Jnr)	1961 & 1962
	Robert Campbell	1962 & 1970
	Len Rosser	1962 & 1970
	Barry Moore	1970 & 1972
	Michael Ward	1970 & 1972
	Richard Borradaile	1970 & 1973
	Peter Ward	1972 & 1973
	William Dean	1972 & 1973
	Kevin Halley	1972 & 1973
	Peter Ward	1972 & 1973
	Mick Buckley	1972 & 1973
	Brendon Blott	1972 & 1973
	Geoff Henderson	1977 & 1984
	James Wong	2008 & 2009
	Jarrold Tranter	2008 & 2009
	Julian Hatfield	2008 & 2009
	Luke Forrester	2008 & 2009
	Tim Wheeler	2008 & 2009
	Tim Hynes	2008 & 2009
	Will Cooper	2008 & 2009
	Julian Hynes	2008 & 2009
	Brett Lethborg	2008 & 2009
	Matthew Lishman	2008 & 2009
	Shaun McGuinness	2008 & 2009
	John Gallivan	2008 & 2009
	Carson McNamara	2008 & 2009
	Christian Elliott	2008 & 2009
	Michael Cini	2008 & 2009
	Callum Richards	2009 & 2014
	Finn Adamson	2009 & 2014
No.	Premiership Coaches	Premiership Years
2	Wally Ward	1955 & 1956
	Neil Stern	1961 & 1962
	Kevin Rosser	1972 & 1973
	Alan Elliott	2008 & 2009

List of Senior Team Premiership Players & Coaches playing or coaching in one premiership year.

Premiership Year	Players Names
1928	Harold Auld; Frank Bevis; Pat Burke; Robert Berrie; Jim Doig; Harry Dorgan; Leo Daly; Sam Elliott; Tommy Gubbins; Lou Hindle; John Hogan; Maurie Kenny; Leo McInerney; Jim Reidy; Pat Reidy; Tom Quinn; Arch Rennie; Earnie Shade; Tom Vaughan; Charlie Walsh; Jim Ward; and Rob Young.
1955	Alf Allaway; Gordon Dey; Tim Dey; Jim Gubbins; Robert Lamb; Brendon Lee; Alan McLeod; Jim Pitt; and Daryl Ward.
1956	Tony Herrick; Andy Murphy; Jack Farrar and John Hill.
1961	Graeme Deagan; Brian Foster; Arthur Hewitt; and Fred Slater.
1962	Carl Anderson; Brendon Ellis; Earn Hancock; Richard Harrington; Michael O'Flynn; Terry Power; and Peter Webb.
1970	Gavan Black; Chris Featherston; Adam Hill; Peter Vaughan; and John Zammit.
1972	Alan Boddington; John Dey (Jnr); Ken Johnson; and Michael O'Brien.
1973	Robert Grima; John Lewer; George Mickallef; and Jeff Stonehouse.
1977	Robert Barlow; Ken Beer; John Dickenson; Richard Featherston; Jim Forbes; Colin Gardner; Tim Henry; Peter Humphries; Damien Hynes; Paul Johnson; Arthur Lee; Sid Sildatke; Paul Smith; Peter Vanderweert; Anthony Walsh and Patrick Walsh
1984	Tom Cannon; Kevin Dervan; Mark Dooley; Colin Dunlop; Alan Elliott; Steve Fletcher; Tim Ferris; Gary Hancock; Geoff Hyland; Paul Jukes; Larry Loton (Jnr); Paul McNamara; Dowell Mitchell; Peter Moore; Gary McQuinn; Frank Vanderpeet; Danny Wade; and Ian Wilson.

2008	Steve Barlow; Brendon Cocks; Ben Hynes; Dave Lee; Matthew Sultana; and Craig Taylor
2009	Andrew McKay; Zac Read; Jimmy Reid; and Nick Walsh.
2014	Adam Bencich; Robbie Chan; Chris Cini; Dan Calman-Orr; Ryan Danaher; Jack Gray; Ashley Heaver; Joel Hogarth; Nich Holdsworth; Matthew John; Tommy Johnstone; Ryan Joy; Philip Johnson; Sean McVernon; Luke Molan; Tim Murphy; Cameron Oates; Stephen Puhar; and Kurt Scown.
	Coaches Names
1898	Unknown
1928	John Martin
1970	Neville (Dick) Harris
1977	Damian Hynes
1984	Graeme Clough
2014	Matthew Montebello

List of Reserve Grade and Thirds Premiership Players & Coaches

- (S)- Denotes Player either previously played in or went on to play in Senior Premierships.
- ® - Denotes Player went on to play in multiple Reserves Grade Premierships.

1970	Peter Walsh; James Zammit; Dan Henry (S); Graeme Knight; John Kenny; Mick Jamieson; Graeme Smith; Robert Lamb (S); Robert Croft (S); Ray Caruana; William Dean (S); Brendon Blott (S); Richard Featherston (S); Alan Boddington (S); Jeff Stonehouse (S); Alan Mickalowski; Brian Ulmer; Neville McGuinness; Kevin Halley (S); Kevin Rosser (Coach); George Bunting (S); Mark Buckley and Peter Buckley.
2000	Richard Allen; Kirk Dowsey ®; Ben Jones; Paul Dervan; Tim Campbell; Robert Nisbett; Danny Oldham ®; Angelo Kosmatos; John Tuck; Shane McEachran; Mario Saccoccio; Scott Harvey; Aaron Mackley; Jeff Buttigieg ®; Brad Grant; Warren Payne; Clint Pach; Steve Ivkovic (Capt); Caine Bergin (VC); Andy Savoia (VC); Ari Bouras; Nick Grant; and James McCutcheon.
2008	Darren Williams; Jacob Willis; John DiGrazio ®; Tim Butson; Cody McCracken ®; Tony Carter; Matthew Brown; John Holod; Matthew Tennant ®; Chris Winks ®; Bradley Hinsley ®; Jeff Buttigieg ®; Tim Bowers ®; Lawrence Henry ®; Pat Gallivan; Nick Walsh (S); Nathan Knapman; Andrew Klewer; Mark Busuttil ®; James Munro ®; Greg Burgess ®; Danny Elias; Kirk Dowsey ®; and Duncan Macleod.
2009	Steve Barlow (S); Ben McColl; Chris Matthews; John DiGrazio ®; Cody McCracken ®; Tony Carter; Matthew Tennant ®; Chris Winks ®; Bradley Hinsley ®; Jeff Buttigieg ®; Tim Bowers ®; Lawrence Henry ®; Fletcher Henry; Mark Busuttil ®; James Munro ®; Greg Burgess ® (Capt); Lach Ryan; Matthew Carland; Matthew Sultana (S); Matthew Johns (S); Will McLaren; B Moore; and Nick Baskharan.
2016	Nick Green, Jack Giliamatis, Hayden Barnett, Michael Michetti, Jeremy Venosta, Luis Moore, Matthew John (S), Michael McLaughlin, Michael Cavarra, Ryan Joy (S), Ryan Danaher (S), Brad Carvalho, Matthew Christikakis, Ben Hynes (S), Matthew Carland, Michael Venosta, Zac Read, Nathan Bratby, Lawrence Henry (E - 3) (2008, 2009, & 2016.) , James Neylon, Josh Newton, Andrew Thompson.
2017	J Farley (17), B Coyle (23), C Terzoglou (7), C Galea (29), B Hynes (19) (3rd Club premiership), M McLaughlin (24) (2nd Club premiership), C Fennel (1), C Richards(5) (3rd Club premiership), L Molan (22) (2nd Club premiership), S Puhar (28) (2nd Club premiership), D Streets (26), G Colreavy (4), L Cavarra (13), M Cavarra (11) (2nd Club premiership), M Busuttil Capt. (21) (3rd Club premiership), L Henry (18) (4th Club premiership), C Solomon (69), J Munro (9) (3rd Club premiership), M Keating (8), M Tennant (15) (3rd Club premiership), L Mckenzie (16), A Hobday (25), T Humberstone (70) and M Porter (30).
Reserves Grade and Thirds Premierships - Coaches Names	
1970	Kevin Rosser
2000	Anthony Quinn
2008	Damian Hynes; & John McCarthy (Assist. Coach)
2009	Damian Hynes; & John McCarthy (Assist. Coach)
2016	Matthew Wynd; & Hamish Munro (Hammer) (Assist. Coach)
2017	(Thirds) - Matthew Wynd; & Hamish Munro (Hammer) (Assist. Coach)

Match report details from the period 1960 to 1961 are as follows:

1960

16 May 1960

A Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	6 . 9 . 45
Kensington	2 . 3 . 15

Goals: A Hewitt 2, G Bunting, B Foster, D Morgan & L McNamara.

Best: A Hewitt, L Loton, L McNamara, F Finn.

B Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	12 . 12 . 84
Ascot Vale	1 . 3 . 9

Goals: R Harris 5, K Dervan 3, N Harris 2, F Slater & L Shields.

Best: J Murphy, R Harris, F Slater, J. Miller, T Vaughan and P Kenny.

23 May 1960

A Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	3 . 10 . 28
West Brunswick	7 . 8 . 50

Goals: G Deagan, G Bunting, J Dey.

Best: A Hewitt, J Dey, B Foster, F Finn.

B Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	6 . 3 . 39
West Preston	8 . 16 . 64

Goals: T Vaughan, Keating, B Arnott, A Hewitt, R Harris, N Harris.

Best: Keating, N Harris, Gleeson, Thompson, R Harris, F Slater.

30 May 1960

A Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	8 . 6 . 54
Moonee Ponds	6 . 7 . 43

Goals: Not recorded.

Best: Not recorded.

30 May 1960 cont...

B Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	9 . 8 . 62
East Preston	5 . 1 . 31

Goals: N Harris 3, Murphy 3, G Deagan 2, P Kenny 1.

Best: Colvin, N Harris, T Vaughan.

6 June 1960

A Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	28 . 22 . 190
Essendon	5 . 1 . 31

Goals: G Bunting 6, A Hewitt 5, G Deagan 4, J Kenny 3, D Morgan 3, R Harris 2, K Dervan 2, L McNamara 1.

Best: J Kenny, G Bunting, A Hewitt.

B Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	10 . 4 . 64
Northcote	12 . 4 . 76

Goals: P Kenny 3, T Reidy 2, T Vaughan 2, N Harris 2, R Lamb 1.

Best: Not Recorded.

20 June 1960

A Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	13 . 10 . 88
Flemington	6 . 6 . 42

Goals: Not Recorded

Best: Not Recorded.

B Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	9 . 8 . 62
Moonee Ponds	4 . 8 . 32

Goals: Not Recorded.

Best: Not Recorded.

27 June 1960

A Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	12 . 20 . 92
Nth Essendon	4 . 3 . 27

Goals: K Dervan 3, D Vaughan 2, G Bunting 1, A Hewitt 1, J Kenny 1, D Morgan 1, R Harris 1, Shields 1, F Jones 1.

Best: D Morgan, J Kenny, J Miller, A Hewitt.

Report on Lightning premiership:

Williamstown were Runners-Up to St Mary's, Geelong.

4 July 1960 - Games Best & Goals not recorded

A Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	26 . 17 . 173
Kensington	5 . 6 . 36

B Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	4 . 12 . 36
Ascot vale	8 . 11 . 59

11 July 1960

A Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	14 . 10 . 94
Essendon	4 . 6 . 30

B Grade:

Williamstown CYMS
(Received a walk-over from Moonee Ponds)

25 July 1960

A Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	8 . 15 . 63 (lost)
Richmond	No score recorded

B Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	7 . 11 . 53
Ascot Vale	16 . 14 . 110

1 August 1960

A Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	13 . 19 . 97
Flemington	4 . 6 . 30

1 August 1960 cont....

B Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	5 . 6 . 36
East Preston	7 . 2 . 44.

15 August 1960

A Grade:

Williamstown CYMS
(Received a walk-over from Thornbury)

B Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	3 . 7 . 25
Brunswick	4 . 6 . 30.

Goals: O'Toole, Slater, Morgan

Best: McNamara, Morgan, O'Toole, T Vaughan

22 August 1960

A Grade:

Williamstown CYMS (Lost)
Moonee Ponds
(No Result Recorded)

B Grade: Bye

29 August 1960 - 1st Semi-Final

A Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	12 . 4 . 76
Moonee Ponds	7 . 9 . 51

B Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	9 . 4 . 58
Northcote	11 . 9 . 75.

5 September 1960 - Preliminary - Final

A Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	6 . 11 . 47
Coburg	7 . 13 . 55

Goals: P Kenny 2, J Kenny 1, G Bunting 1, A Hewitt 1, D Morgan 1.

Best: P Kenny, B Foster, McGuire, Miller.

1961

For this period the minutes began to include a report on the match results for games played by an Under '18 Team. A photo of this team can be found in the Chapter on the Transitional Decades.

24 April 1961

A Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	8 . 6 . 54
Coburg	9 . 3 . 62

Goals: G Deagan 3, A Hewitt 2, Slater 1, B Foster 1, J Kenny 1.

Best: J Miller, F Jones, A Hewitt, P Colvin.

B Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	1 . 2 . 8
Ascot Vale	4 . 13 . 37

Goals: Joe Murphy 1.

Best: J Murphy, K Fitzgibbon, P Zamykal, J Reidy.

Under 18's

Williamstown CYMS	3 . 1 . 19
Werribee	21 . 24 . 150

Goals: A Hill 2, P Zamykal 1.

Best: S Foster, K Stillman, A Hill, J Andrews, J Holland.

1 May 1961

A Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	13 . 15 . 93
West Preston	11 . 8 . 74

Goals: G Bunting 3, A Hewitt 3, Slater 3, D Vaughan 2, J Kenny 1 G Deagan 1.

Best: B Foster, F Jones, A Hewitt, G Bunting.

B Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	1 . 3 . 9
East Preston	11 . 12 . 78

Goals: J Hollowood 1.

Best: Joe Murphy, D Morgan, B Arnott, R Croft, D Basset, J Hollowood.

Under 18's

Williamstown CYMS	5 . 1 . 31
Altona	12 . 17 . 89

Goals: G Foster 3, M Jamieson 1, J Daw 1.

Best: B Moulton, G Foster, C Stillman, Waddy, C Foster, N Lambert.

8 May 1961

A Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	12 . 12 . 84
Kensington	7 . 5 . 47

Goals: G Bunting 5, J Murphy 3, A Hewitt 1, D Morgan 1, B Foster 1, J Kenny 1.

Best: B Foster, G Bunting, J Kenny, L Rosser, L Loton.

B Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	1 . 5 . 11
Northcote	17 . 21 . 141

Goals: J Hill 1.

Best: D Bissett, B Warlond, P Webb, Glasson

Under 18's

Williamstown CYMS	20 . 21 . 141
Laverton	1 . 0 . 6

Goals: P Zamykal 4, P Vaughan 4, S Rieger 4, R Campbell 4, Falloon 1, J Hill 1, C Stillman 1, J Hollowood 1.

Best: S Rieger, P Zamykal, P Vaughan, R Campbell, B Moulton, C Stillman.

15 May 1961

A Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	14 . 12 . 96
Essendon	9 . 6 . 60

Goals: J Kenny 4, J Murphy 3, J Slater 2, D Vaughan 2, A Hewitt 1, P Vaughan 1, G Bunting 1.**Best:** Not Recorded**B Grade:**

Williamstown CYMS	4 . 9 . 33
South Melbourne	9 . 11 . 65

Goals: J Miles 2, G Deagan 1, B McInerney 1.**Best:** D Bissett, P Colvin, R Lamb, T Dey**Under 18's**

Williamstown CYMS	4 . 3 . 27
Newport	18 . 8 . 108

Goals: R Campbell 1, S Rieger 1, Falloon 1, B Ellis 1.**Best:** B Ellis, P Zamykal, B Moulton.**29 May 1961****A Grade:**

Williamstown CYMS	24 . 23 . 167
North Essendon	6 . 5 . 41

Goals: G Bunting 10, F Slater 4, J Murphy 3, T Vaughan 2, A Hewitt 2, D Bissett 1, D Vaughan 1, Wheatley 1.**Best:** G Bunting, J Murphy, J Dey, F Slater, D Vaughan, F Jones, J Kenny.**B Grade:**

Williamstown CYMS	4 . 6 . 30
Northcote	11 . 19 . 85

Goals: G Deagan 3, Alexander 1.**Best:** F Finn, F Falloon, K Fitzgibbon, P Webb**5 June 1961****A Grade:**

Williamstown CYMS	12 . 8 . 80
West Brunswick	6 . 5 . 41

Goals: J Kenny 3, F Slater 2, G Bunting 2, R Croft 2, A Hewitt 1, D Vaughan 1, J Murphy 1, P Kenny.**Best:** J Kenny, J Ambrose, B Warland, J Dey..**B Grade:**

Williamstown CYMS	4 . 2 . 28
East Preston	11 . 12 . 78

Goals: J Miles 1, B Reidy 1, B McInerney 1, T Dey.**Best:** F Finn, Lyons, T Power, B McInerney.**5 June 1961 cont...****Under 18's**

Williamstown CYMS	2 . 3 . 15
Werribee	13 . 19 . 97

Goals: A Hill, R Campbell 1.**Best:** C Foster, S Rieger, M Jamieson, Lyons, R Campbell, Andrews.**12 June 1961****A Grade:**

Williamstown CYMS	12 . 12 . 84
Thornbury	7 . 9 . 51

Goals: G Bunting 7, J Kenny 3, R Croft 1, P Kenny 1.

Best: J Kenny, J Ambrose, T Power, F Finn, E Hancock, T Vaughan, J Murphy.

B Grade:

Williamstown CYMS 7 . 11 . 53

Brunswick 4 . 5 . 29

Goals: G Deagan 3, Hird 2, Merrett 1, Miles 1, B McInerney 1.

Best: R Lamb, F Falloon, B McInerney, Alexander.

Under 18's

Williamstown CYMS 3 . 3 . 21

Werribee 23 . 29 . 167

Goals: C Foster 2, Routley 1.

Best: P Zamykal, B Moulton, C Foster, Lyons, M Jamieson, Andrew.

19 June 1961

A Grade:

Williamstown CYMS 12 . 8 . 80

Moonee Ponds 3 . 16 . 34

Goals: P Kenny 3, G Bunting 3, J Murphy 3, J Kenny 1, A Hewitt 1, D Bissett 1, F Slater 1.

Best: J Kenny, B Foster, P Kenny, J Miller.

B Grade:

Williamstown CYMS 6 . 6 . 30

Yarraville 8 . 6 . 54

Goals: G Deagan 2, Fitzgerald 2, Alexander 1, B McInerney 1.

Best: P Colvin, F Falloon, Alexander,
P Webb, Fitzgerald.

26 June 1961

A Grade:

Williamstown CYMS 25 . 18 . 168

Kensington 5 . 3 . 33

Goals: G Bunting 12, T Vaughan 4, A Hewitt 3, J Kenny 2, D Vaughan 2, J Miller 1, P Kenny 1.

Best: T Vaughan, G Bunting, P Webb, P Kenny, A Hewitt, B Foster.

B Grade:

Williamstown CYMS 5 . 6 . 36

Northcote 12 . 11 . 83

Goals: R Lamb, G Deagan, C Corva, Alexander, Hollowood.

Best: L Rosser, F Falloon, Alexander, J Dey.

Under 18's

Williamstown CYMS 17 . 23 . 125

Laverton 2 . 0 . 12

Goals: R Campbell 5, W Collinder 3, C Foster 3, M Jamieson 3, W Collinder 3, A Hill 1, Routley 1, P Zamykal 1.

Best: P Zamykal, B Moulton, C Foster, B Ellis, W Collinder.

3 July 1961

A Grade:

Williamstown CYMS 11 . 12 . 78

Essendon 7 . 9 . 51

Goals: A Hewitt 4, J Kenny 3, G Bunting 2, J Bevis 2.

Best: J Kenny, F Finn, P Colvin, A Hewitt, D Vaughan, D Bissett..

B Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	9 . 12 . 66
South Melbourne	5 . 9 . 39

Goals: L Loton 5, Fitzgerald 1, Alexander 1, J Hollowood 1, J Murphy.

Best: D Morgan, L Loton, Fitzgerald, Toomey, K Rosser, B Warlond.

10 July 1961

A Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	5 . 8 . 38
Flemington	3 . 5 . 23

Goals: T Vaughan 1, A Hewitt 1, D Vaughan 1, Fitzgerald 1, P Kenny 1.

Best: P Kenny, F Ambrose, F Slater, P Colvin, D Vaughan.

B Grade:

Williamstown CYMS	6 . 12 . 48
Yarraville	2 . 5 . 17

Goals: Joe Murphy 2, C Corva, J Hollowood 1, Toomey 1, J Dey 1.

Best: D Morgan, G Deagan, J Murphy, C Corva, J Dey.

Under 18's

Williamstown CYMS	2 . 5 . 17
Newport	9 . 10 . 64

Goals: W Collinder 1, A Hill 1.

Best: Gulliver, P Zamykal, C Foster, Lyons.

Appendix 24

Newspaper articles of Match Reports from the late Eighties and early nineties.

‘Willi down to Saints’ – Williamstown CYMS played patches of good football on Saturday but did not put in the full 100 minutes and as a result went down to St Andrews. The Reserves lost by 3 points after a hard –fought encounter. There was little in the match all day and town were in attack on the final siren.

Seniors

Williamstown CYMS	10. 15. 75
St Andrews	13. 19. 97

Goals: McGowan 4, Tuck, Elliott, Darcy, Ferris, Mazouris, A Featherston.
Best: Elliott, Van Dongen, Andrew Featherston, Darcy, Smith, Calderwood.

Reserves

Williamstown CYMS	15. 14. 104
St Andrews	16. 11. 107

Goals: Dawson 4, Morelli 3, Hann, Anderson, Bubnic, Levins, Butterfield, McKenzie.
Best: Hann, Bubnic, Butterfield, Colquhoun, Anderson, Kennedy.

‘CY’s win easily’ – Williamstown CYMS seniors had a big win over Footscray Institute of Technology on Saturday. Footscray had honours for the first term but town town got into top gear in the second term with winning rucks and Van Dongen dominating at centre half forward. With more running players and a winning goal-to-goal line CY’s dominated the second half, kicking 15 goals to 4.

Seniors

Williamstown CYMS	17. 16. 178
Footscray ITOB	13. 12. 90

Goals: McGowan 6, Van Dongen 8, Anderson 5, Muscat 2, Darcy, McKenzie, Tuck, Harry , Hann, A Featherston.
Best: Van Dongen, Andrew Featherston, Cannon, Darcy Tuck, Anderson..

Reserves

Williamstown CYMS	24. 22. 166
Footscray ITOB	7. 2. 44

Goals: Dawson 13, Ferris 2, Meilak 2, Campagna, White, Lerias, Kennedy, Ryan,
Best: Dawson, Thomson, Bubnic, Hyland, Lugowski, Kennedy.

‘Williamstown CYMS had a great win on Saturday over 3rd side Old Carey to keep its final four hopes alive. All Willi players showed plenty of grit and determination and played in

front of their opponents. They through themselves on the ball with desperation and backed each other up all day.

Seniors

Williamstown CYMS	7. 6. 48
Old Carey	5. 2. 32

Goals: McGowan 3, A Featherston. Teagle, Cannon, Dervan
Best: Cannon, Harry, Andrew Featherston, Tuck, Goucher, Mazouris..

CYMS Reserves had a comfortable win.

Goals: Dawson 3, Chuck 2, Waddell, Morelli, Smith, Cetinich,
Best: Lerias, Waddell, Lugowski, Didgenova, Muscat.

‘ Williamstown CYMS won comfortably from bottom side Eltham in a poor-standard match. The bright spot was an excellent 10 goals by spearhead Paul (Dog) McGowan.

Seniors

Williamstown CYMS	27. 18. 180
Eltham	14. 7. 91

Goals: McGowan 10, Weidestein 5, Meilak, Elliott, Corfield 2 each, A Featherston. Anderson, Harry Hann, Tuck, Smith.
Best: McGowan, Featherston, Weidestein, Elliott, Harry, Meilak

‘ CY’s beat Old Boys’ – Williamstown CYMS managed to hold out a determined FIT who finished full of running on Saturday. FIT was on top in the first term but ‘Town gradually pegged them back and established a four-goal lead by half-time. The third quarter was all ‘Town and it led by seven goals at the final change. Footscray Institute came back strongly in the final quarter. ‘Town will need to show greater consistency if it is to be a serious finals prospect.

Seniors

Williamstown CYMS	18. 11. 119
Footscray ITOB	14. 9. 93

Goals: McGowan 6, Van Dongen 8, Anderson 5, Muscat 2, Darcy, McKenzie, Tuck, Harry , Hann, A Featherston.
Best: Van Dongen, Andrew Featherston, Cannon, Darcy Tuck, Anderson..

Reserves

Williamstown CYMS	20. 15. 135
Footscray ITOB	6. 5. 41

Goals: Dawson 8, Cetinich 4, Graham 3, Temby 2, Pa McGowan 2, Doria,
Best: Graham, Doria, Temby, Bubnic, Ryan, Smith.

‘ 2 CYMS teams beaten’ – Both Williamstown CYMS sides were defeated by St Andrews on Saturday on a ground that resembled a cow paddock. The senior side was in the game

up until the last 10 minutes but several quick goals by St Andrews sealed the match. 'Town had control of what was predominately a backman's game for the first half but after that St Andrew's strength told. Despite the loss Williamstown go into the four but will have to improve to stay there and be a finals force.

Seniors

Williamstown CYMS	8. 7. 55
St Andrews	11. 9. 75

Goals: McGowan 4, Anderson 2, Tuck, Harry, M Dervan. Van Dongen.
Best: Elliott, Calderwood, Cannon, Andrew Featherston, Harry, Anderson.

Reserves – the defeat was the reserves second for the year.

Williamstown CYMS	4. 2. 26
St Andrews	7. 13. 55

Goals: Dawson 2, Temby, Waddell.
Best: Doria, Ryan, Temby, Lugowski, Smith, Bubnic,

Past-Players Day

Next week's game is against ANZ Bank at the Fearon Reserve. A past-players lunch will be held between midday and the start of the seniors game. All past players are welcome.

'CY's reach top form' – Williamstown CYMS seniors played the best team football for the year to beat ANZ Bank on Saturday. Spearhead Paul (Dog) McGowan booted 11 goals. Town had too many running Players and backed each other up well for most of the match.

Seniors

Williamstown CYMS	24. 24. 168
ANZ Bank	16. 13. 109

Goals: McGowan 11, Van Dongen 4, Goucher 2, A Featherston 2, Muscat 2, Graham, Tuck, Harry.
Best: Elliott, Van Dongen, Andrew Featherston, Cook, McGowan, Buck.

Reserves

Williamstown CYMS	16. 7. 103
ANZ Bank	11. 2. 68

Goals: Dawson 6, Bubnic 3, Wallace 2, Morelli, Ryan, McKenzie, Gammone, Ian (Pa) McGowan..
Best: Wallace, Hann, Bubnic, Hyland, Gammone, Dawson.

'CY's keep final hopes alive' – Fourth-placed Williamstown CYMS won a hard –fought encounter against fifth team Commonwealth bank on Saturday and kept its finals hopes alive. Town started well and looked like establishing a big lead early but the opposition came back and Town had to fight hard all day to win the points. Willi finally got on top late in the final term.

Seniors

Williamstown CYMS	17. 13. 115
Commonwealth Bank	14. 8. 92

Goals: McGowan 4, Harry 3, Tuck, Mazouris 2 each, Dervan, Andrew Featherston, Calderwood, Cannon, Anderson.

Best: Cannon, Andrew Featherston, Elliott,, Harry, Tuck, Teagle.

Reserves

Williamstown CYMS	20.	15.	135
Commonwealth Bank	5.	4.	34

Goals: Temby 5, Dawson 4, Hann 3, Cook 3, Kennedy 2, Anthony Featherston 2.

Best: Cook, Temby, Ferris, Hann, Featherston, Muscat.

‘CY’s too strong’ – After a close first quarter when Waverley kicked their only three goals for the match Town proved too determined and had a comfortable win. Williamstown Players backed each other up and played in front of their opponents throwing themselves on the ball with desperation. Town’s backs played close and hard.

Seniors

Williamstown CYMS	10.	5.	65
Waverley	3.	2.	20

Goals: McGowan 2, Van Dongen 2, Hann, McKenzie , Andrew Featherston, , Cannon, Anderson, Campagna.

Best: Elliott, Cannon, Calderwood, Andrew Featherston, Tuck, Anderson.

Reserves

Williamstown CYMS	6.	4.	41
Waverley	2.	8.	20

Goals: Dawson 3, Gammone, Teagle, Wallace.

Best: White, Teagle, Thomson, Doria.

‘Oh, so easy!’ – Williamstown CYMS were too strong for ‘new boys’ Richmond Central, who lacked height and found it hard to adapt to the higher grade of football. Williamstown seniors soon got into gear and scored 15 goals in the last 20 minutes of the first quarter. The second quarter against the wind saw Town run the ball well and increase their lead to 20 goals at half-time and then finished off the game in fine style.

Seniors

Williamstown CYMS	30.	11.	202
Richmond Central	6.	9.	45

Goals: McGowan 10, Mazzeo 9, Elliott 2, Butters, Featherston, Harry, Cannon, Cook, Gunn, Deller, Tuck, Meilak..

Best: McGowan, Mazzeo, Elliott, Cannon, Butters, Featherston,.

Reserves

Williamstown CYMS	30.	16.	196
Richmond Central	3	3	21

Goals: Kennedy 9, Dervan 5, Quinn 5, Dawson 3, Morelli, Featherston, Hann, Serong 2 each,.

Best: Kennedy, Dervan, Zahra, Kewin, Finch, Morelli.

‘CY’s thrash Salesians’ – Williamstown CYMS came up against some stiff opposition in the first quarter but from then on controlled the match, keeping Salesian goalless for the last three quarters. Willi combined well and won all over the ground.

Seniors

Williamstown CYMS	19. 28. 142
Salesian Old Collegians	3. 6. 24

Goals: , Mazzeo 7, Cook 3, B Tuck, Meilak, 2 each, J Tuck, Featherston, Temby, McCullah, McGowan.
Best: Gunn, Harry, Deller, Cook, Dervan, Featherston.

Reserves

Williamstown CYMS	19. 11. 125
Salesian OC	1 2 8

Goals: , Dawson 4, Serong 4, De Bono 3, Barlow, Kewin 2 each, Zahra, Lugowski, McLeod, Zammit
Best: , Kewin, Zammit, McLeod, Waddell, Serong Langham.

Seniors return match against Eltham College.

Seniors

Williamstown CYMS	40. 25. 265
Eltham	7. 4. 46

Goals: **McGowan 23**, Dawson 5, Elliott 3, Graham, Hann 2 each, Cook, Doria..
Best: McGowan, Harry, Tuck, Elliott, Cannon, Featherston,

‘Not Tall enough’ – After being level at half –time Williamstown CYMS went down by more than six goals against a taller Old Carey. Willi had plenty of opportunities but kicked poorly for goal. Being forced to play with sixteen men for a period was vital in the result but CY’s could still have won the game if they had kicked the ball low.

Seniors

Williamstown CYMS	14. 18. 102
Old Carey	21. 13. 139

Goals: McGowan 6, Cook 3, Van Dongen 2, Harry, Van der Peet, Featherston.
Best: Harry, Cannon, Elliott, Featherston, McGowan, Cook....

Reserves

Williamstown CYMS	19 10. 134
Old Carey	6 3 39

Goals: Dawson 5, Mazouris 3, Teagle, Gammone, Cetinich 2 each, McKenzie, Bubnic, darcy, S Smith and G Smith
Best: Cetinich, Bubnic, Mazouris, Darcy, Teagle, Gammone.

Circa 1994

‘CY’s win well’ – Williamstown CYMS returned to the winning list with an impressive 21-point win over Old Ivanhoe last Saturday.

Seniors

Williamstown CYMS	17. 14. 116
Old Ivanhoe	14. 11. 95

Goals: Kurkowski 4, Bryan, Harry, T Cannon, Featherston, Griffiths 2 each, Weir, Langham, Adler.
Best: Harry, M Cannon, Langham, Featherston, McNamara, Kurkowski.,.

Reserves lost tough encounter

Williamstown CYMS	7. 11. 53
Old Ivanhoe	10 11 71

Goals: Dervan 4, O'Flynn, Darmanin, W Payne
Best: Iskra, M Payne, Dervan, Finch